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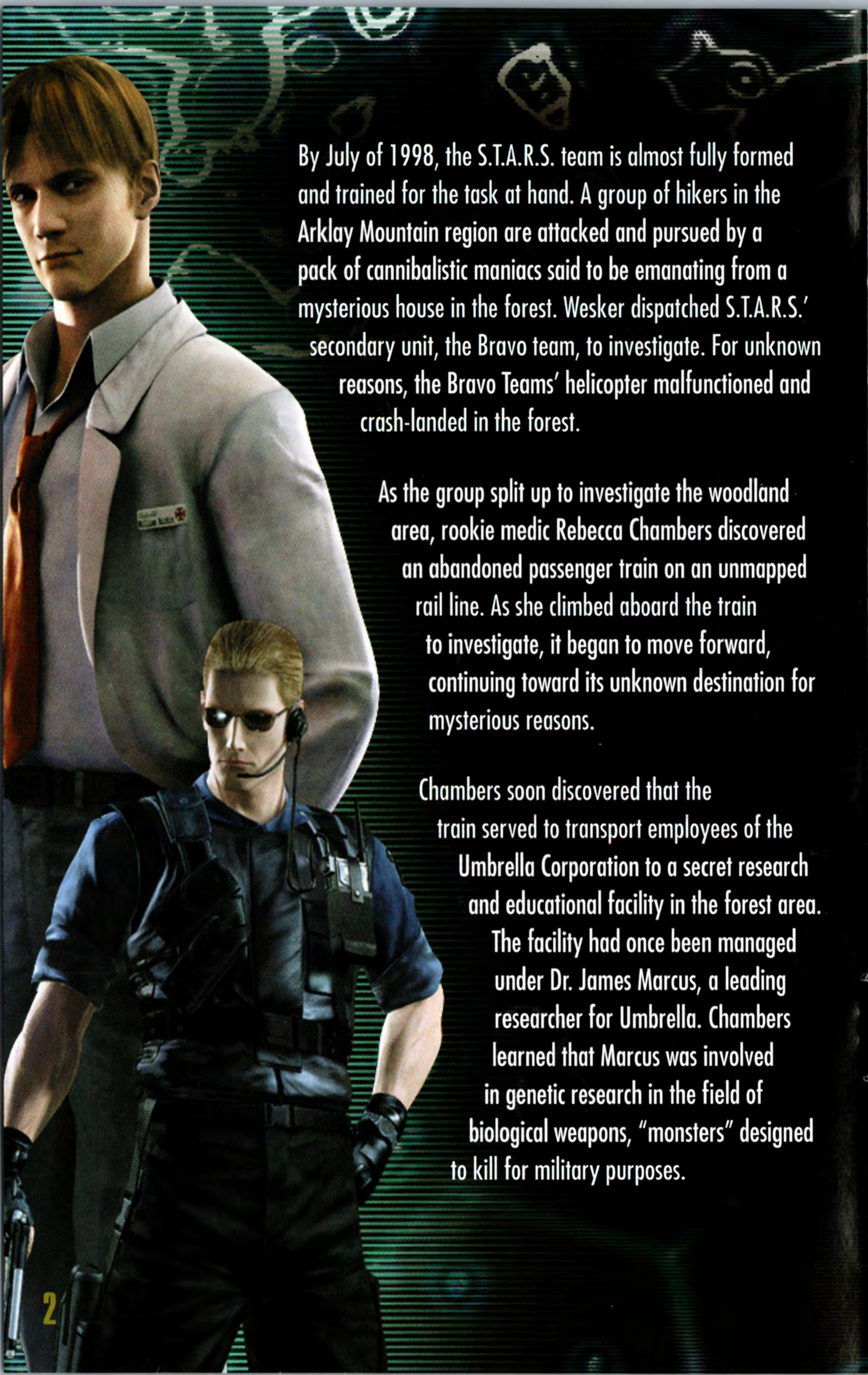
A Summarized History of
the *Resident Evil* Series

The Omen

A string of bizarre murders and attacks occurring in the Arklay Mountain region surrounding Raccoon City causes Police Chief Brian Irons to form a special task force assigned to investigate these incidents. Albert Wesker leads the Special Tactics and Rescue Service (S.T.A.R.S.) unit with recruiting assistance provided by long-time S.T.A.R.S. member, Barry Burton. Together, the two men hired recruits from all over America and brought them to Raccoon City.



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By July of 1998, the S.T.A.R.S. team is almost fully formed and trained for the task at hand. A group of hikers in the Arklay Mountain region are attacked and pursued by a pack of cannibalistic maniacs said to be emanating from a mysterious house in the forest. Wesker dispatched S.T.A.R.S.' secondary unit, the Bravo team, to investigate. For unknown reasons, the Bravo Teams' helicopter malfunctioned and crash-landed in the forest.

As the group split up to investigate the woodland area, rookie medic Rebecca Chambers discovered an abandoned passenger train on an unmapped rail line. As she climbed aboard the train to investigate, it began to move forward, continuing toward its unknown destination for mysterious reasons.

Chambers soon discovered that the train served to transport employees of the Umbrella Corporation to a secret research and educational facility in the forest area. The facility had once been managed under Dr. James Marcus, a leading researcher for Umbrella. Chambers learned that Marcus was involved in genetic research in the field of biological weapons, "monsters" designed to kill for military purposes.

His main experiment involved the cultivation of mutant leeches. An unknown individual used the leeches to attack the train and spread the T-Virus, a man-made virus that mutated life forms in small doses, but turned ordinary humans into zombies.

After crashing into the Umbrella training facility, Rebecca searched for an escape route with the help of escaped military convict Billy Coen. Together, the two discovered that the person who had caused the T-Virus outbreak in the forest area was none other than Dr. Marcus himself, betrayed and murdered by two of his proteges within the Umbrella Corporation and then mutated into a giant leech-like creature. Rebecca and Billy worked together to stop Dr. Marcus and escape from the massive underground facility alive. In the morning, Rebecca and Coen went their separate ways. Rebecca headed for a nearby mansion to try and catch up to the Bravo Team...





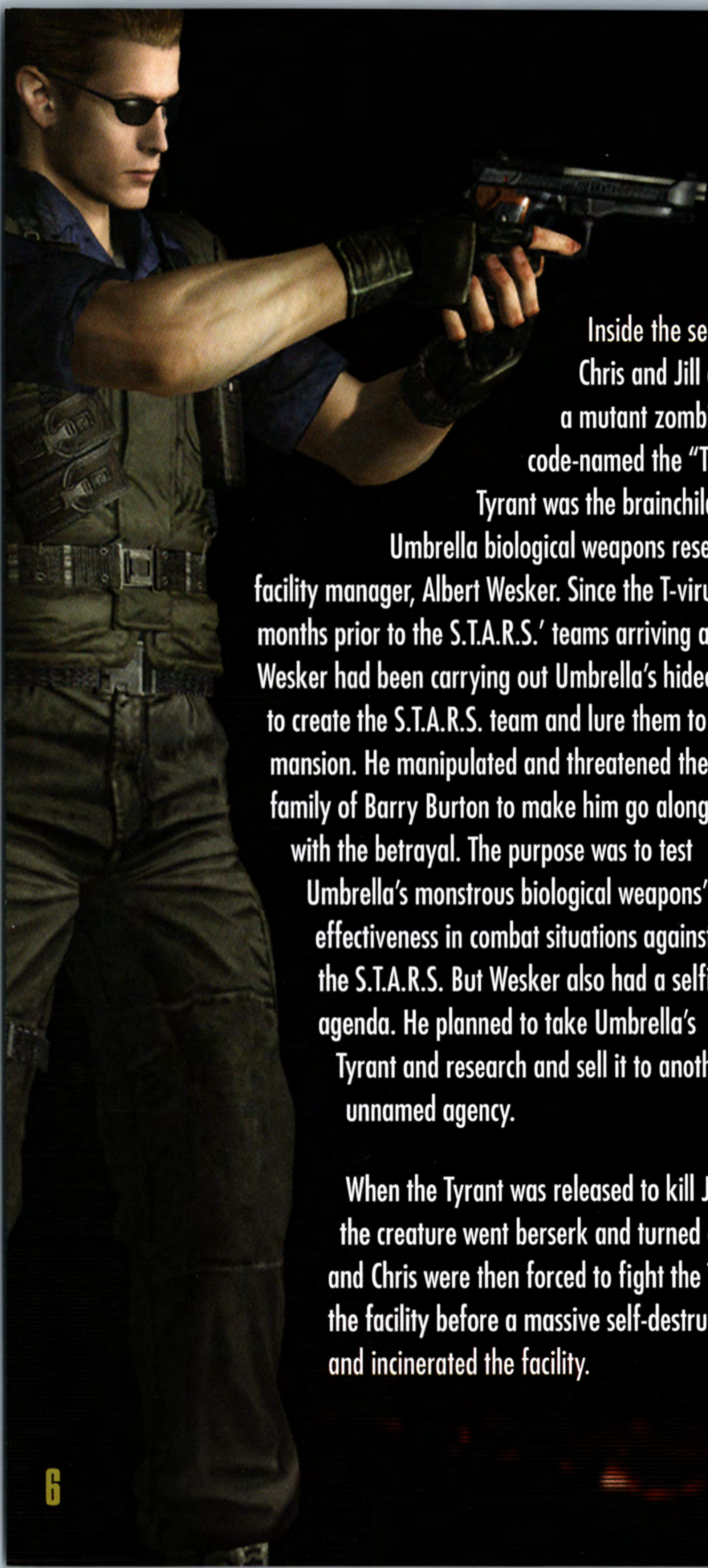
The Mansion Incident

Twenty four hours after the Bravo Team's helicopter disappeared in the Arklay Mountain forest region, team captain Albert Wesker dispatched S.T.A.R.S.' Alpha Team to search for the missing Bravo. The S.T.A.R.S. landed via a second helicopter in the forest area and spread out to search. Immediately they discovered Bravo's crashed helicopter, and the desiccated remains of the pilot. Continuing to search, Alpha Team was attacked by strange, zombie-like dogs and forced to find refuge inside the confines of a mysterious mansion. Wesker ordered the group to split up and search the mansion for signs of Bravo Team.

S.T.A.R.S. team members Chris Redfield and Jill Valentine soon discovered the corpses of their Bravo mates, reanimated and returned to zombie life. The mansion was previously a secret research facility of the Umbrella pharmaceutical and cosmetics corporation, geared toward the study of biological weapons. After the outbreak of the T-virus within the facility, the former staff and animals became zombies. Forced to fight off their former comrades, the mansion's zombie staff and the many mutated experimental subjects within the mansion, Chris and Jill discovered a secret laboratory hidden under the estate. With the aid of Rebecca Chambers and Barry Burton, Jill and Chris entered the hidden lab.



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Inside the secret laboratory, Chris and Jill discovered a mutant zombie soldier code-named the "Tyrant". The

Tyrant was the brainchild of the former Umbrella biological weapons researcher and facility manager, Albert Wesker. Since the T-virus outbreak three months prior to the S.T.A.R.S.' teams arriving at the mansion, Wesker had been carrying out Umbrella's hideous plans to create the S.T.A.R.S. team and lure them to the mansion. He manipulated and threatened the family of Barry Burton to make him go along with the betrayal. The purpose was to test Umbrella's monstrous biological weapons' effectiveness in combat situations against the S.T.A.R.S. But Wesker also had a selfish agenda. He planned to take Umbrella's Tyrant and research and sell it to another unnamed agency.

When the Tyrant was released to kill Jill and Chris, the creature went berserk and turned on Wesker. Jill and Chris were then forced to fight the Tyrant and flee the facility before a massive self-destruct device went off and incinerated the facility.



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Outbreak

In the months following the so-called "mansion incident", the surviving S.T.A.R.S. team members attempted to appeal to the press and the public. However, all agencies found their story preposterous, and the whole affair was swept under the rug by the local bureaucracy. The power and influence of the Umbrella Corporation on the Raccoon City community reached too far. Discouraged, Chris Redfield left Raccoon City to search for more evidence against Umbrella at other facilities in Europe. However, isolated incidents of zombie attacks and other mutations continued.

As summer transformed into fall, incidents of violence and zombie infection continued to mount and escalate inside the city limits. Then, quite suddenly, on a warm September evening in 1998, the town was overrun by a horde of zombies. Victims quickly rose and joined the growing ranks of the undead. The infection spread so quickly that the local law enforcement was overwhelmed and eradicated. Umbrella even dispatched its own tactical squad to try and contain the situation. The Umbrella Biohazardous Countermeasures Squad (U.B.C.S.) led by Nicholai Ginovaef was quickly surrounded and murdered.

Jill Valentine found herself forced from her residence and compelled to fight for survival while looking for an escape route from the city. Making her way through the undead hordes to the supposed safety of the R.P.D. precinct building, she encountered wounded S.T.A.R.S. comrade Brad Vickers and a mysterious, hulking monster dispatched by Umbrella to hunt down and murder the remaining S.T.A.R.S. members. Fleeing from the "Nemesis", Jill runs into surviving members of the Umbrella's U.B.C.S. team. Begrudgingly, she agreed to "join the enemy" and work with Umbrella's mercenaries to find a way out of the city. With their help, Jill managed to activate and ride a trolley toward the edge of town. However, interference from the Nemesis caused the trolley to crash into the old clock tower. In a brutal confrontation against the monster, Jill was infected by a mutant virus and forced into a semi-coma that lasted for the next two to three days.

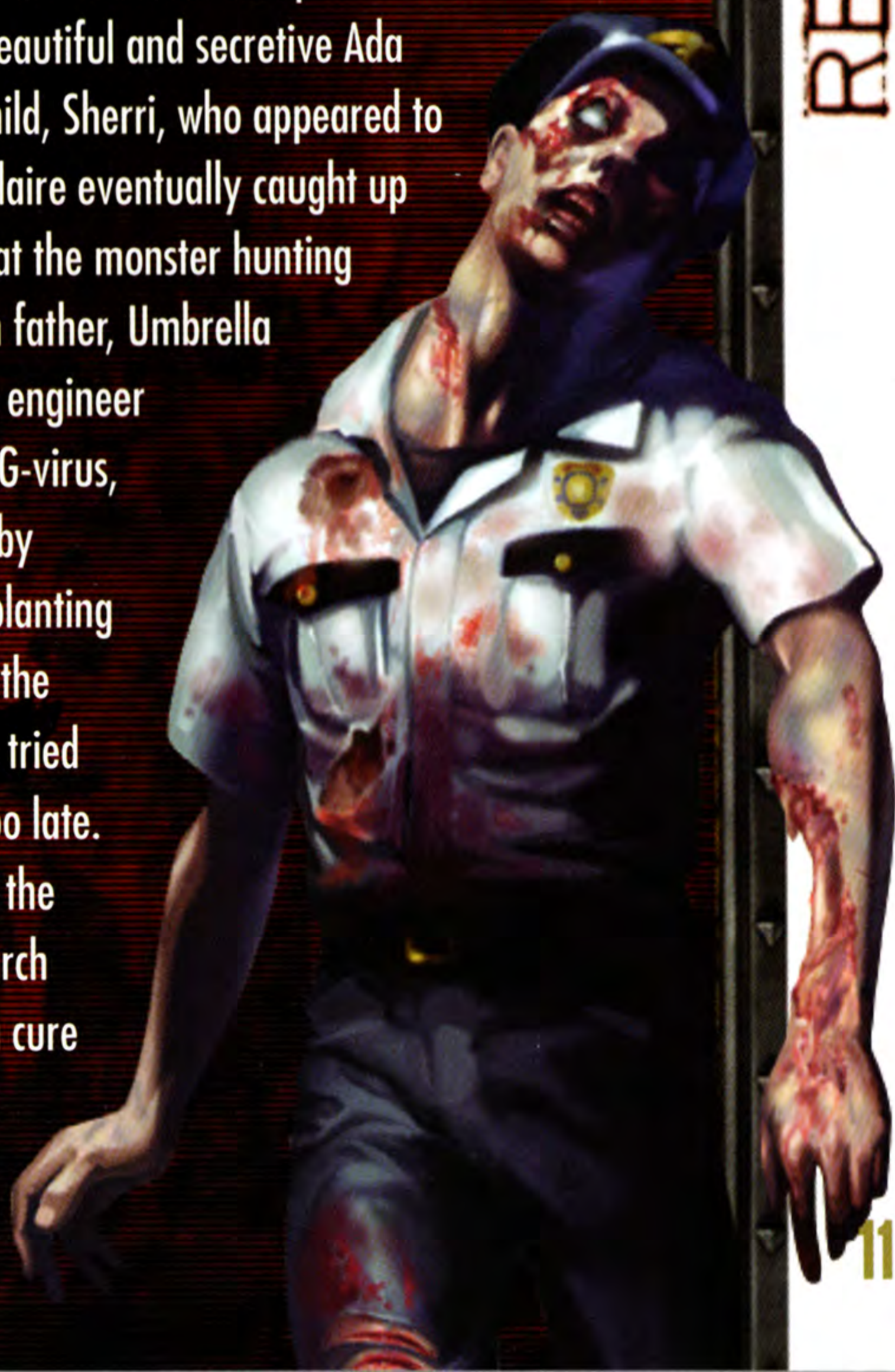


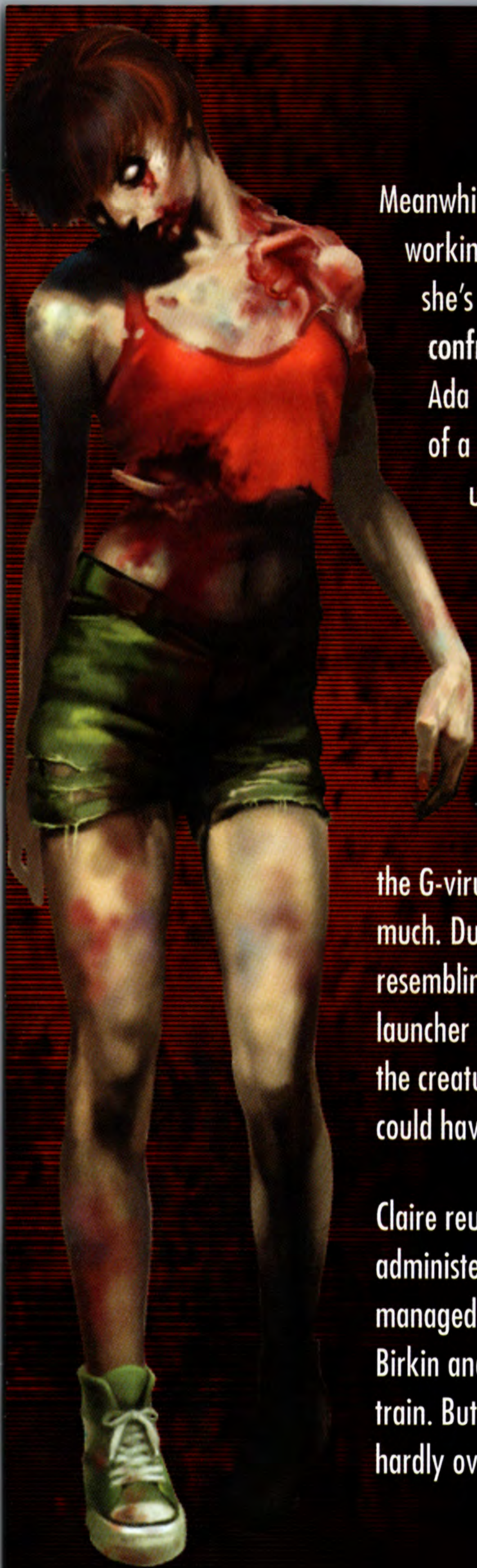


Youth Triumphs Over Evil

Hearing the strange stories circulated by the national media regarding Raccoon City and the strange occurrences there, college student Claire Redfield became concerned for the safety of her older brother Chris. Leaving school, she traveled to Raccoon City to search for him. Meanwhile, police academy graduate Leon S. Kennedy arrived in Raccoon City for his first assignment. The two were immediately swept into the outbreak situation in Raccoon City, and bumped into each other while fleeing from the zombies flooding the city streets. Following a severe auto accident, the two arrived at the R.P.D. precinct building. They agreed to split up and search for an escape route from the dangerous precinct house and the city.

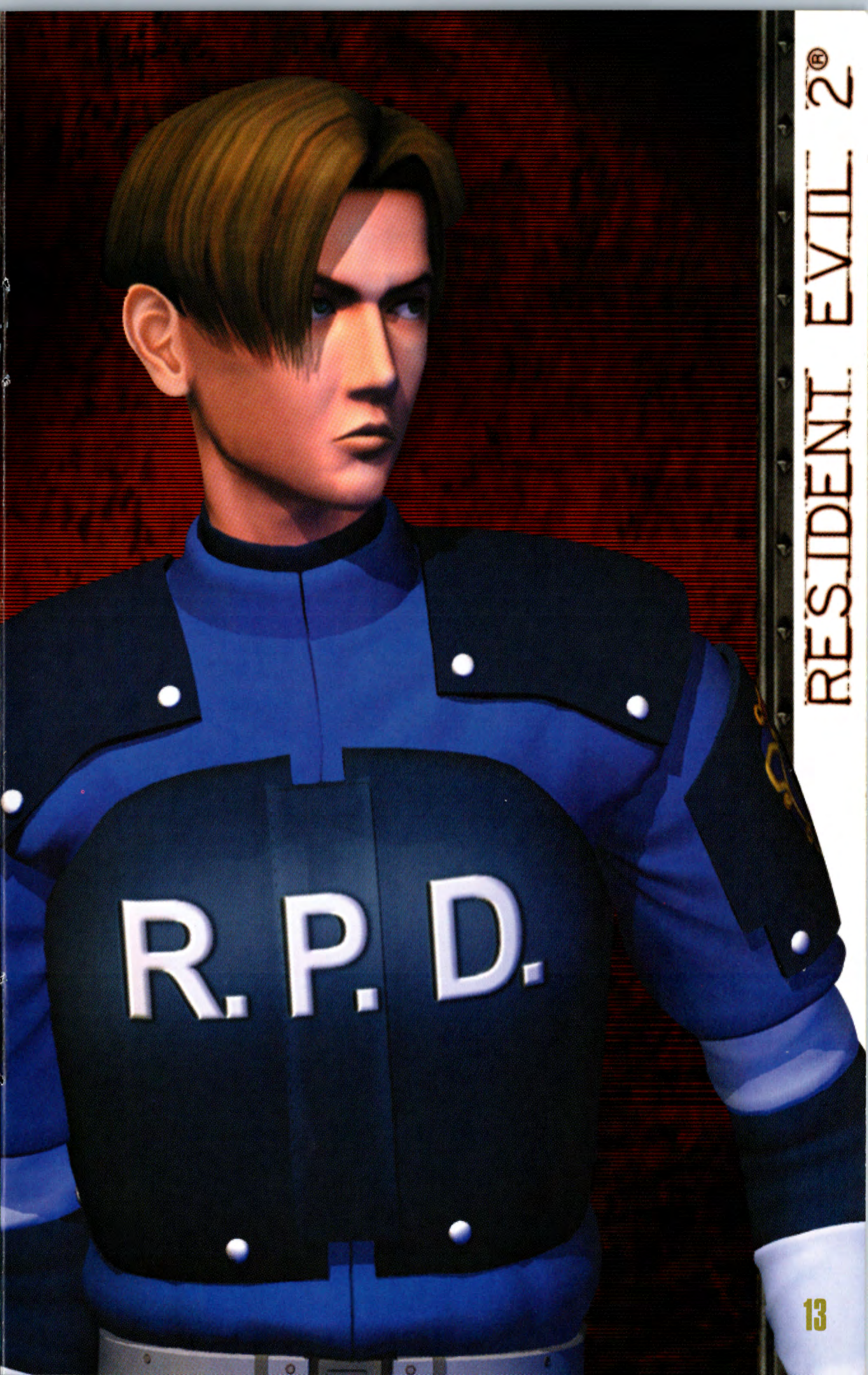
Searching independently, Claire encountered the police precinct's insane and sadistic administrator, Chief Irons, while Leon was enraptured with and continually left behind by the beautiful and secretive Ada Wong. Both encountered a young child, Sherri, who appeared to be fleeing from a horrific mutant. Claire eventually caught up with Sherri's mother and learned that the monster hunting the child is none other than her own father, Umbrella lead scientist and biological weapon engineer William Birkin. Mutated by his own G-virus, Birkin sought to spread the G-virus by capturing his own daughter and implanting her with an embryo, as specified in the genetic coding of the G-virus. Claire tried to find Sherri in time, but arrived too late. Claire carried the infected child into the heart of Birkin's underground research laboratory in the hopes of finding a cure for the girl before the virus spread.





Meanwhile, Leon learned that Ada was actually an agent working for one of Umbrella's competitors and that she's looking for a sample of Birkin's G-virus. In a confrontation with Sherri's mother, Anette Birkin, Ada Wong was wounded and thrown over the side of a suspension bridge high over a deep shaft in the underground lab. She professed her love for Leon before forcing him to let her drop to certain death. While Claire worked to create the vaccine for Sherri, Leon attempted to secure safe passage out of the facility via an Umbrella emergency escape train within the facility. While powering up the device, Leon encountered one of Umbrella's Tyrants, dispatched to reclaim the G-virus and silence anyone who knew too much. During the confrontation, a shadowy figure resembling Ada appeared and threw a rocket launcher to Leon. Leon used the weapon to kill the creature, and was left wondering if Ada could have possibly survived her fatal injuries.

Claire reunited with Leon, and together they administered the G-virus vaccine to Sherri. They managed to fight off the continually mutating Birkin and escape the city on Umbrella's subway train. But their troubles with Umbrella were hardly over.



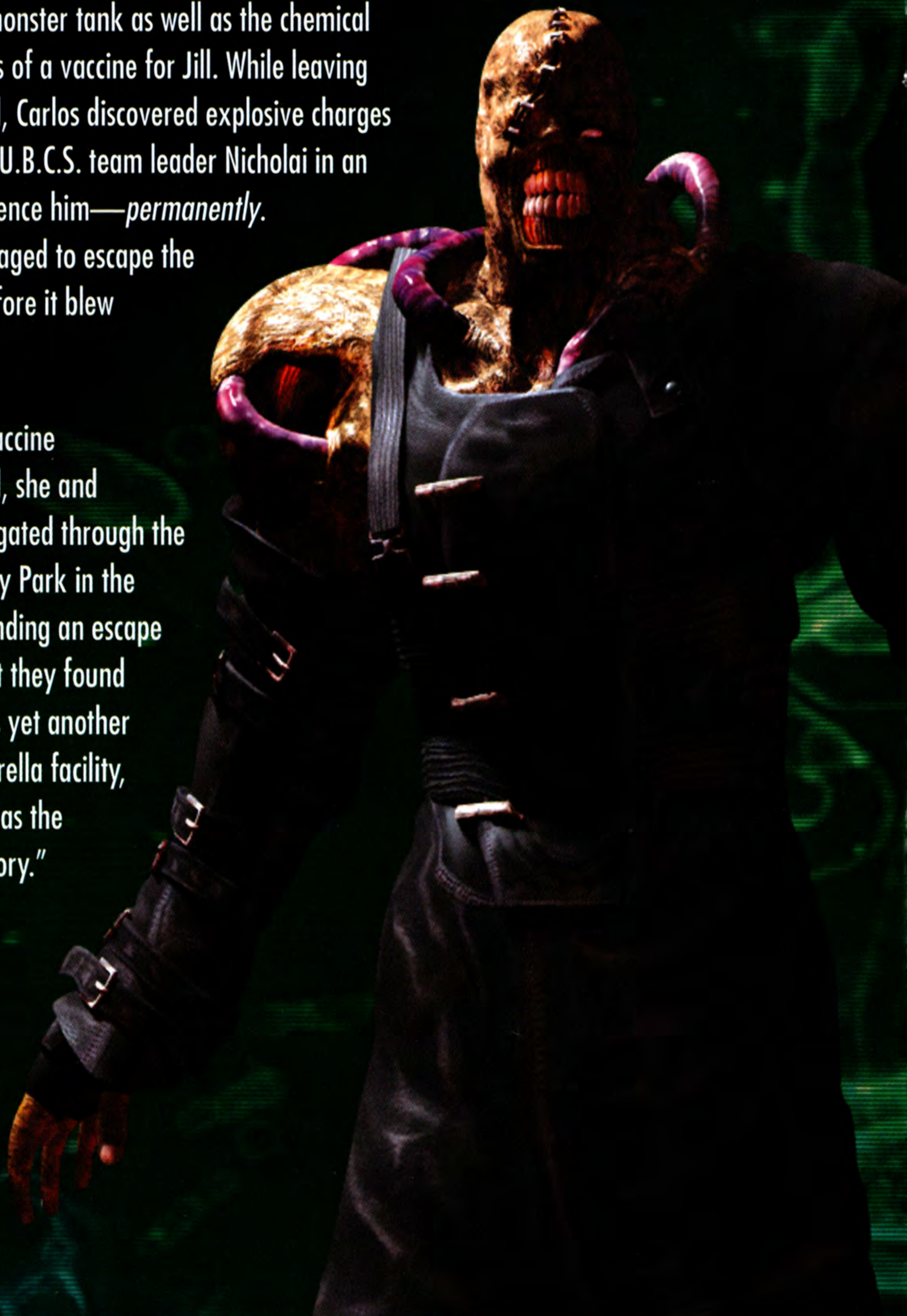
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The Last Escape

Some time later, U.B.C.S. mercenary Carlos Riviera decided to leave a wounded and infected Jill Valentine to go search for help. In the nearby Raccoon City Hospital, he found a secret Umbrella monster tank as well as the chemical components of a vaccine for Jill. While leaving the hospital, Carlos discovered explosive charges planted by U.B.C.S. team leader Nicholai in an effort to silence him—*permanently*.

Carlos managed to escape the hospital before it blew sky high.

After the vaccine restored Jill, she and Carlos navigated through the Raccoon City Park in the hopes of finding an escape route. What they found instead was yet another secret Umbrella facility, referred to as the "Dead Factory."



This was a place where Umbrella disposed of biological waste and failed "guinea pigs" - meaning human test subjects. As the infection spread at the mansion facility, the Dead Factory became unable to process the bodies of infected test subjects effectively. Virulent subjects escaped the facility and spread infection to the town, causing the outbreak.

While navigating through this smelly death hole, Jill learned that the government resorted to nuclear sterilization to contain the Raccoon City problem. As a missile headed for Raccoon City, she and Carlos dashed for a helicopter parked just outside the facility only to find the malicious Nicholai at the wheel. Forced to fight Nicholai, Jill shot down the chopper and destroyed her only means of escape. Luckily, another helicopter appeared out of the blue, piloted by none other than comrade Barry Burton. However, Jill was forced to face the Nemesis one last time before running to the chopper. The heroes managed to escape just as the nuclear missile decimated Raccoon City.



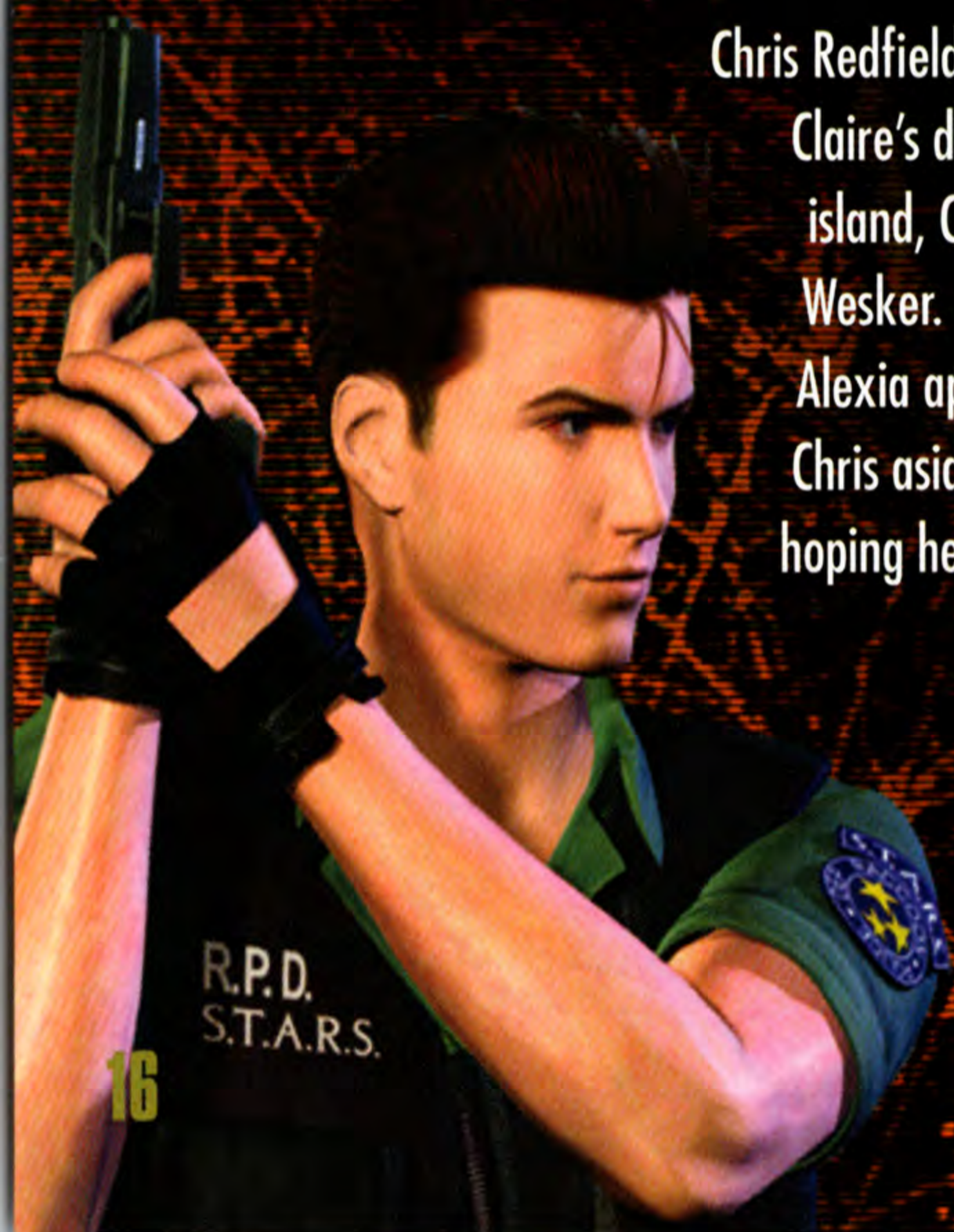
Fateful Reunion

Months after the destruction of Raccoon City, Claire Redfield was captured and imprisoned on an island while looking for clues to her brother Chris' whereabouts. Chris' archrival, Albert Wesker, attacked the island and the resulting destruction freed Claire and caused an outbreak of the T-virus.

Claire sent an email to Leon Kennedy asking him to get in touch with Chris while she continued to look for an escape and soon encountered Wesker. Death not only failed to slow Wesker down, but also made him something more than human. Employed now by an agency working against Umbrella, Wesker sought to obtain a sample of a virus created by Alexia Ashford who supposedly died in a lab accident years ago.

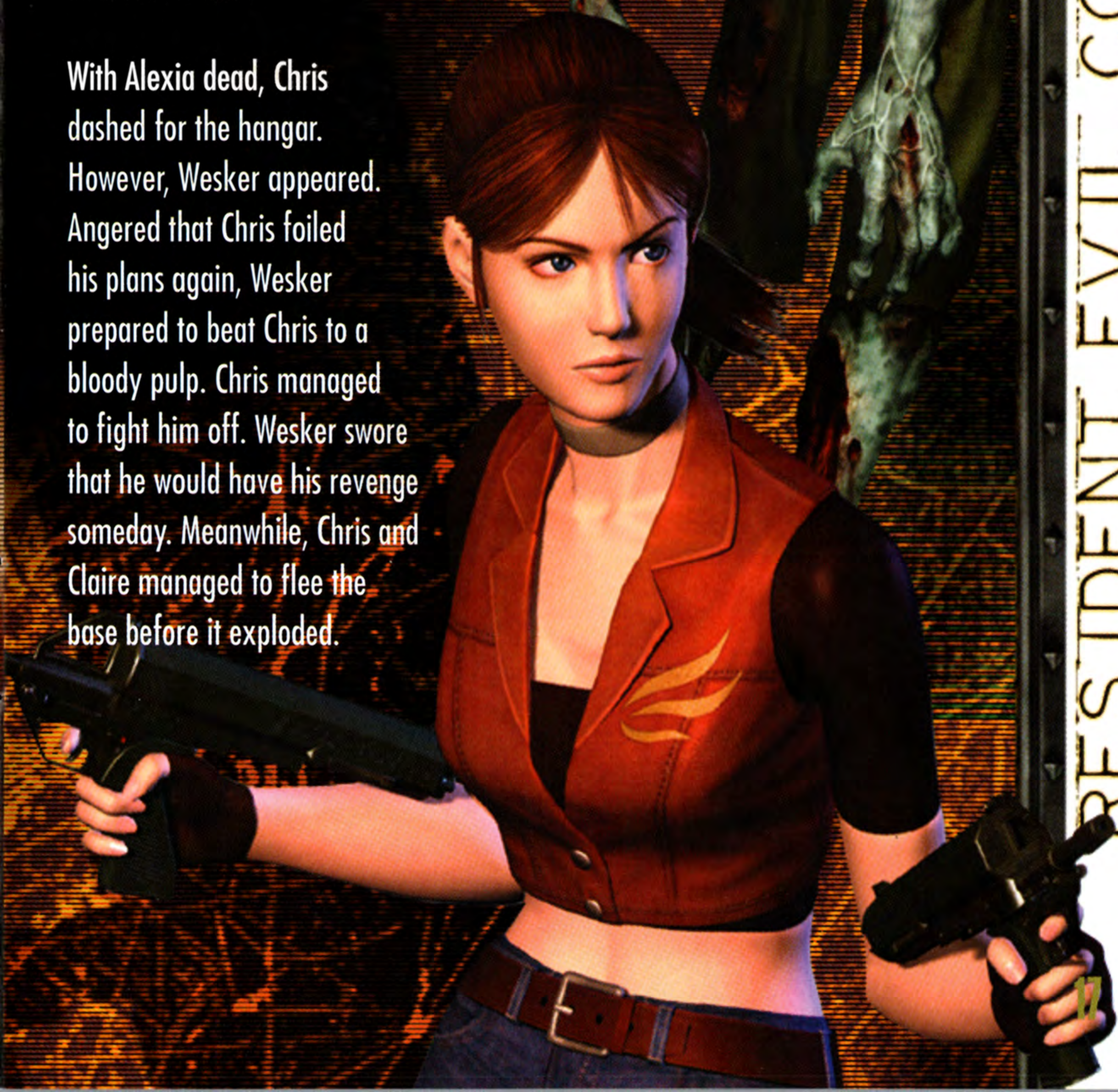
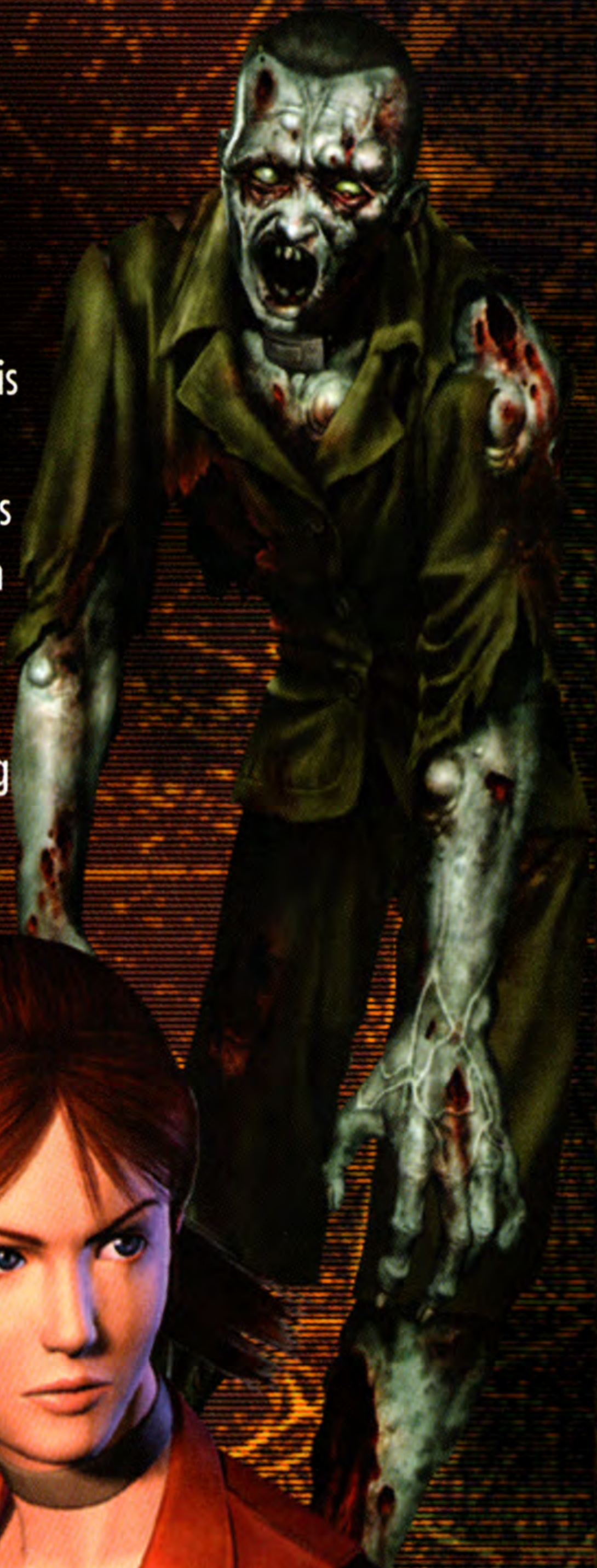
Claire found a means of escaping the island and the clutches of the cruel Alfred Ashford. As Claire flew off the island, Alfred took control of her plane by remote and forced a crash landing in the Antarctic. After a final showdown with Alfred, Claire managed to escape the facility. However, this was Alexia Ashford's lab, where she had placed herself in suspended hibernation years ago to allow her body to adjust to her own T-Veronica virus. Awakened from hibernation to find her brother dead, Alexia exacted a horrible revenge against Claire.

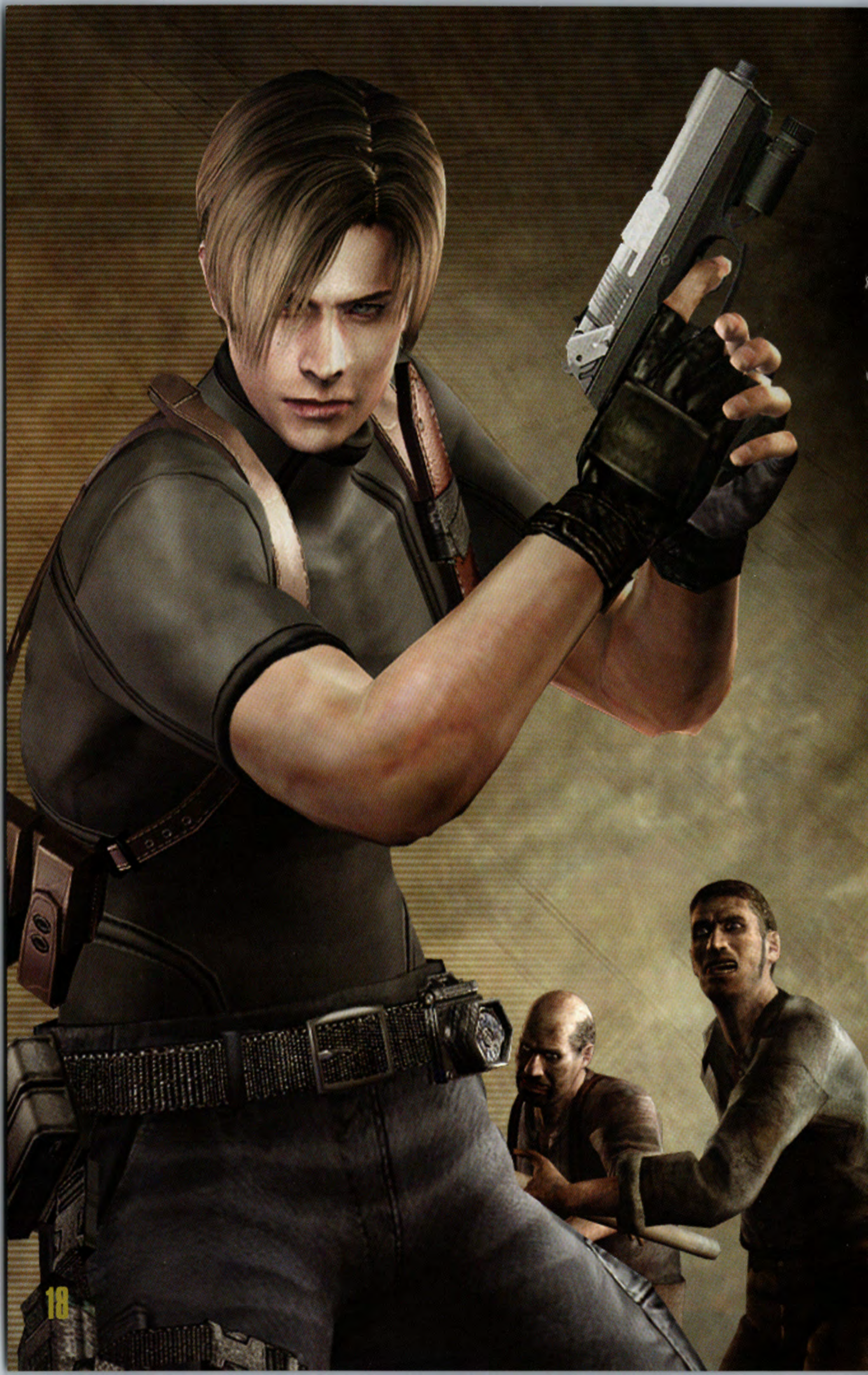
Chris Redfield arrived at the prison facility having received Claire's distress signal. While preparing to fly off the island, Chris encountered his super-human nemesis, Wesker. As he proceeded to pummel Chris to death, Alexia appeared on a nearby monitor. Wesker cast Chris aside and left for the Antarctic. Chris followed hoping he was not too late.



Chris eventually found Claire, but Alexia found them as well. After a violent showdown between Wesker and Alexia, Chris was left to fight the mutated woman. Chris managed to secure an escape route, but was forced to activate a self-destruct mechanism in the process. Just as Chris and Claire were about to flee, Alexia returned and attacked Claire. Chris managed to distract Alexia long enough for Claire to escape, staying behind to defeat Alexia.

With Alexia dead, Chris dashed for the hangar. However, Wesker appeared. Angered that Chris foiled his plans again, Wesker prepared to beat Chris to a bloody pulp. Chris managed to fight him off. Wesker swore that he would have his revenge someday. Meanwhile, Chris and Claire managed to flee the base before it exploded.





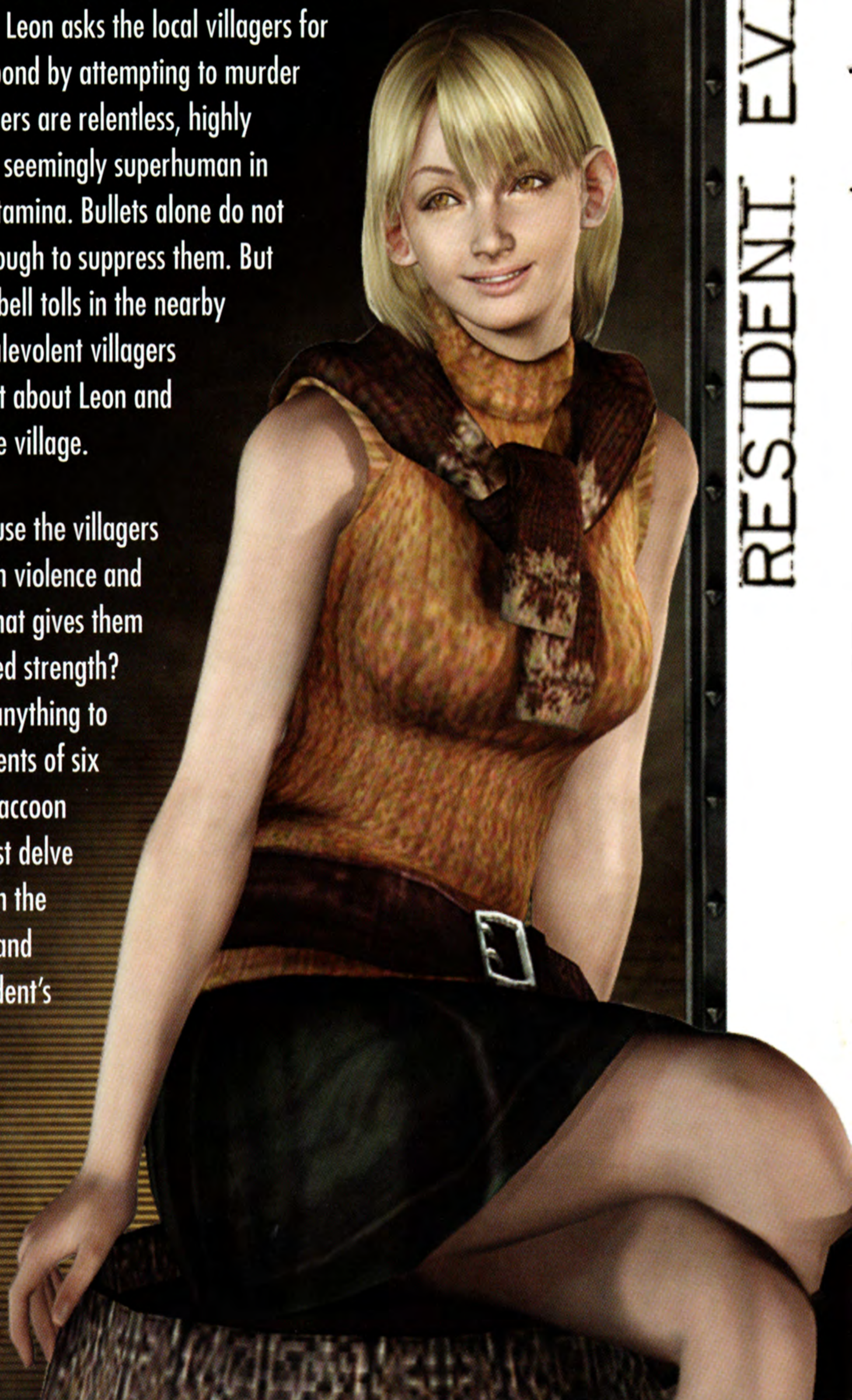
Horror Transcends...

For six years since the destruction of Raccoon City, Leon Kennedy has worked in a top-secret organization, administrated directly by the Office of the President of the United States. When crazed fanatics kidnap the President's daughter, Ashley Graham, Leon is assigned to find and rescue the First Daughter.



Fragmented clues lead Leon to a small village in Europe, seemingly unaffiliated with the kidnapers in any way. But when Leon asks the local villagers for help, they respond by attempting to murder him. The villagers are relentless, highly organized and seemingly superhuman in strength and stamina. Bullets alone do not seem to be enough to suppress them. But when a single bell tolls in the nearby church, the malevolent villagers instantly forget about Leon and head out of the village.

What could cause the villagers to act with such violence and cruelty, and what gives them such augmented strength? Could it have anything to do with the events of six years ago in Raccoon City? Leon must delve deeper to learn the horrible truth and save the President's daughter.





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