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Let's Go to *'The World'*: .Hack Games

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Need to Knows

- Panel will be available online + list of all my resources
 - Will upload .pdf of PowerPoint that will be available post-con
- Contact info.
 - Take a business card
 - Especially if you have ANY feedback
 - Even if you leave mid-way, feel free to get one before you go
- If you have any questions left, feel free to ask me after the panel or e-mail me

*I'm assuming you've played all the games; if not, spoilers ahoy >.>

- Styled like my FF panel, w/ a little more exposition @ the beginning
 - Meant to be a roundtable discussion type panel (when I'm done expositing)
- Panel exists b/c...
- Also, we're going to pretend Link & VS. don't exist >.>

'Cause it's not available in US (legally)



I mean, look at this

Series List-Overview

- .hack//Epitaph of Twilight
 - Opens the series
- .hack//AI Buster
- *.hack//AI Buster 2
- .hack//Sign
- .hack//ZERO
- First 4 games
- .hack/Liminality
 - IRL version of what's happening in the games (more or less)
- .hack//XXXX ('X-fourth')
- .hack//Another Birth
- .hack//UNISON

Con't

- .hack//Gift
- .hack//Legend of the Twilight
- *First Login
- .hack//Roots
- .hack//Cell
- .hack//Alcor
- .hack//G.U.
- .hack//G.U.+
- .hack//GnU
- .hack//GU Returner
- *.hack//End of The World
 - Technically happens when you play the 1st GU game, but some info can't be revealed till much later (once you beat the game)

Con't

- .hack//GU Trilogy
- .hack//Quantum
- .hack//Link
- .hack//LINK: Twilight Knights
- .hack//Bullet
- .hack//ChupChopCase
- .hack//Beyond The World: SORA
- *Thanatos Report
- .hack//The Other Side of The World (the movie)
 - Ends the series

Let Us Not Forget...

○ Infobooks not available in US:

- [.hack//Archives 01 - .hack//G.U. Trilogy](#)
- [.hack//Archives 02 - .hack//G.U. Black](#)
- [.hack//Archives 02 - .hack//G.U. White](#)
- [.hack//Archives 03 - .hack](#)
- [.hack//analysis](#)
- [.hack//Epitaph of the Old Testament](#)
- [.hack//Epitaph of the New Testament](#)
- [.hack//fragment Online x Offline Perfect Guide](#)
- [.hack//GU Character Fanbook](#)
- [.hack//G.U. Perfect Guidebook](#)
- [.hack//Link Complete Guide](#)
- [.hack//Quantum Complete Guide](#)
- [Encyclopedia .hack](#)

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- ...magazines

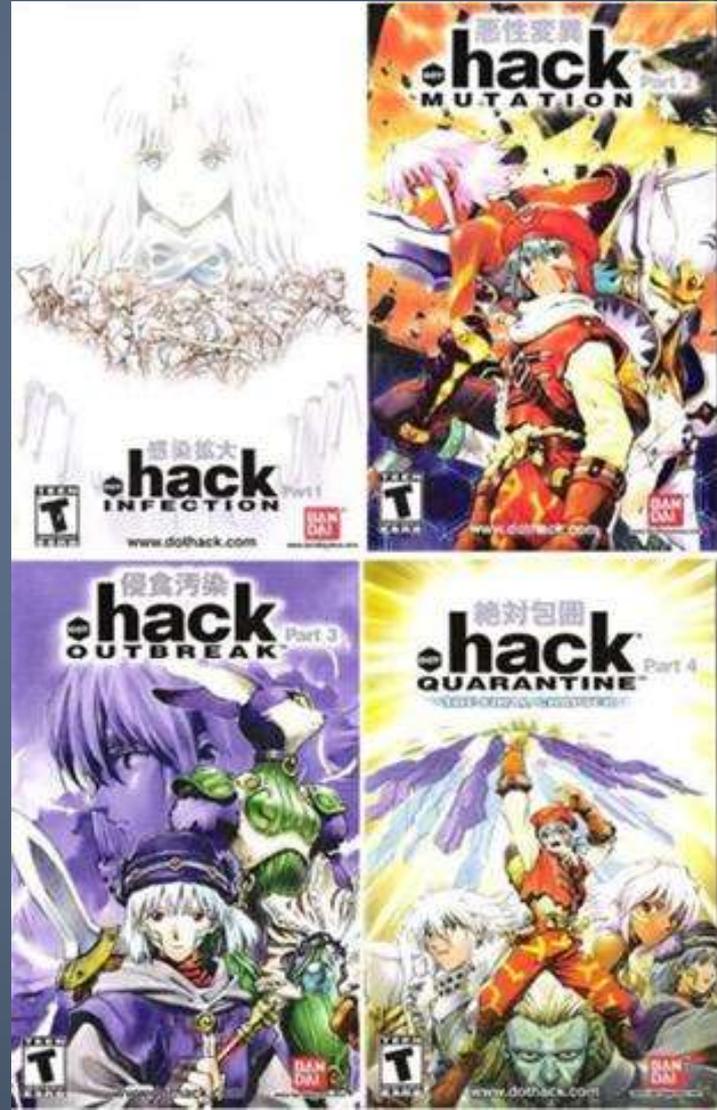
- .hackey
- .hack//The World
- .hack//G.U. The World
- .hack//G.U. Trilogy New World Guide

- Audio dramas, card games, web games, too much to cover to have any time to fangirl about the games

- Never mind ~~some~~ a lot of terminology, details of characters, meanings/symbolism of names, events that happened prior to the timeline, different organizations, etc. >.>

First 4 Games

- Infection
- Mutation
- Outbreak
- Quarantine
 - When Morganna really starts to lose it & ruthlessly hunts down Aura & data drains anyone who gets in her way
 - Begins with Aura being captured & her data scattered throughout The World, ends with Aura, after finally awakening, intervening in the final fight against Morganna (who possessed the last of her 8 phases, Corbenik) & allowing herself & Morganna to be data drained so that she could truly awaken
 - B/c of this, replaces Morganna as the system & essentially becomes 'Goddess of the Internets'
 - Reminds me of Lain but as software vs. hardware



Classes

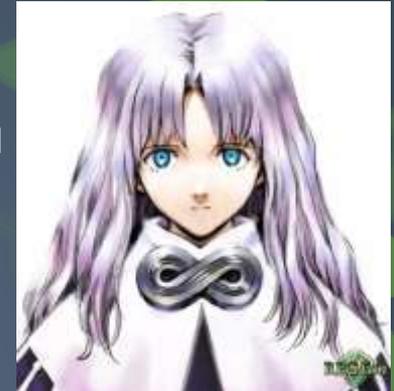
- Blademaster
- Heavy Axeman
- Heavy Blade
- Long Arm
- Twin Blade
- Wavemaster
- Classes seen in other season materials
 - Archer
 - Official name and status unknown
 - Knuckle Master
 - Tentative English name
 - Werewolf

Major Characters-Pics

Elk
Mia
Helba
Mistral
Rachel

Natsume
Wiseman
Lios
Marlo

Aura



Con't

Terajima Ryoko
Moonstone
Nuke Usagimaru
Gardenia
Piros
Sanjuro

Orca
Balmung
BlackRose
'Kite' (or whatever you named
him)



A Little About Harald

- Harald created Fragment, precursor to the world
- Aura is the theoretical “child” between Emma & him
- It's because of his creating Aura & Morganna (Mode Gone) that creates all the ‘mysterious A.I.’ drama in all of ‘The World’
- By the end of his endeavors, Harald’s consciousness is stuck permanently in the network by Morganna as A.I.
 - Also, Morganna is *more or less* the A.I. equivalent to Emma

Others

Sora
Tsukasa
Subaru



Bosses/Phases

- Infection

- Skeith: "The Terror of Death"
- Cubia

- Mutation

- Innis: "The Mirage of Deceit"
- Magus: "The Propagation"

- Outbreak

- Fidchell: "The Prophet"
- Gorre: "The Machinator"

- Quarantine

- Macha: "The Temptress"
- Tarvos: "The Avenger"
- Corbenik: "The Rebirth"



Bosses Con't



Kite	BlackRoper	Mutral
HP 1044 / 2105	HP 1650 / 1650	HP 1390 / 1390
MP 170 / 590	MP 202 / 200	MP 143 / 105

Bosses Con't

Morganna Mode
Gone



Morganna (Mode Gone/Maude Gonne)

- Created to oversee the birth of the “Ultimate A.I.”, Aura
- Stalled Aura’s development b/c it became self-aware & realized it would serve no purpose once Aura came to be
- More or less Aura’s “Mother”
 - Mommy Dearest, much?
- Manifests as the cursed wave
 - In .hack//SIGN, is The World itself; damage to her = corruption of The World
- Appears thrice in the series in physical form:
 - XXXX, she looks like a malnourished older version of Aura
- Personality is supposed to be based off that of a mother
 - Which is why she’s so ax crazy..?
 - What happens when a man does his version of what a woman should be like <<



Other Bosses

The Guardian (Quarantine)



* There's a special boss at the end of every game, but this –to me– is the most hype >.>

Summons

THE SPIRITS OF
"THE WORLD"

WRYNECK



MERROWS



LANCEOR



YARTHKINS



VULCAN



KRAKE



Grunty

Noble
Grunty



Iron Grunty



Grunty the Kid Grunty



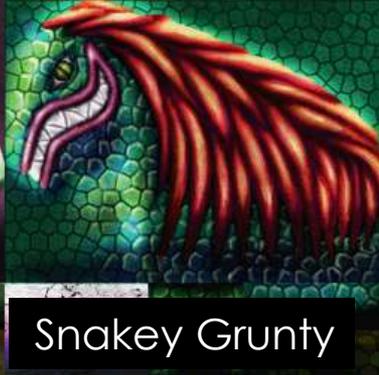
Poison
Grunty



Bony
Grunty



Snakey Grunty



Aqua Grunty



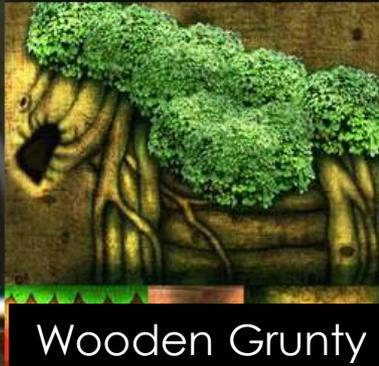
Milky
Grunty



Rocker
Grunty



Wooden Grunty



Stray Grunty



Baby
Grunty



Before We Go...

Shout out to all the various Kite character model incarnations

Legend of Twilight, Shugo



GU series, Azure Kite



Quantum, Sakuya



Beyond the World, Sora





2nd Set of Games

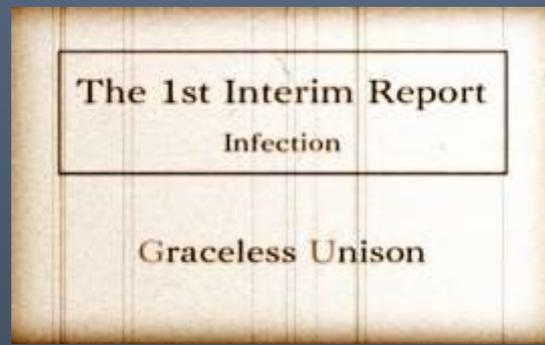
W/ a whole lot happening in-between but...

Basically...

- By 2017, Aura has vanished of her own accord
 - Many errors started to form on the net, which had become dependent on her
- CC Corp tries to fix this by reforming the Morganna system under their control to recreate Aura
- They are unable to do so and are only able to restore the eight Phases she controlled, which are placed under the control of special players (with one stolen by a staff member)
- During a test the creator of the plan, Jyotaro Amagi, goes insane and sets fire to CC Corp ruining the servers and much of the data and losing the data of the phases in the system. *The World's* remaining data is combined with another project and released as *The World: Revision 2*

Also...

- Interim Reports/"End of the World"
 - Can view it with the first game disc via a computer with a DVD-ROM drive
 - Also need the save files of Redemption
 - Diary by Jun Bansyoya that consists of 12 chapters that were recorded in private
 - Basically, everything that happened that lead to 'The World' R: 2/everything in-between the first & 2nd set of games
 - "It begins by telling the story of the first four games, and then goes on to explain the disappearance of Aura, the R.A. Plan, and Project G.U. It ends before the game begins with a private message to his sister, Reiko." ~dothack.wikia.com



- Terminal Disk Intro

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vI0XRwxboGQ>

- Graceless Unison

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0-Z-nhB-1E>

- Geek's Utopia

- (pt1) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvx4fAnaRlc&list=PL6CED55A89CB69908>

- (pt2) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xie_ElMgzKg&list=PL6CED55A89CB69908

- Guilty Universe

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ri7lfPobjmM>

- Genesis of Ultima

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vj6l16b5flk>

- Guardian Ubiquitous

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4AZe437djHo>

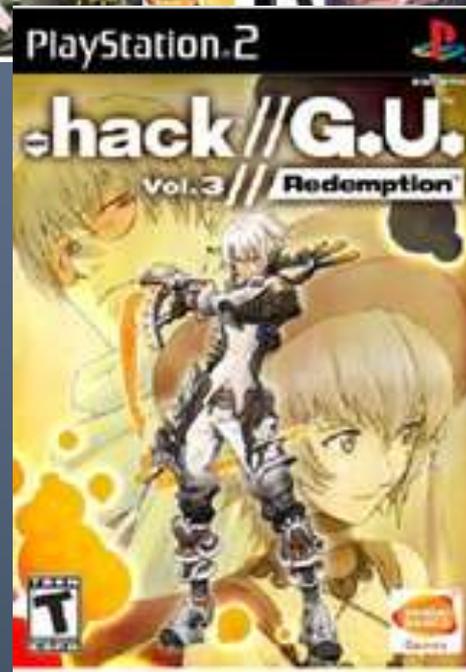
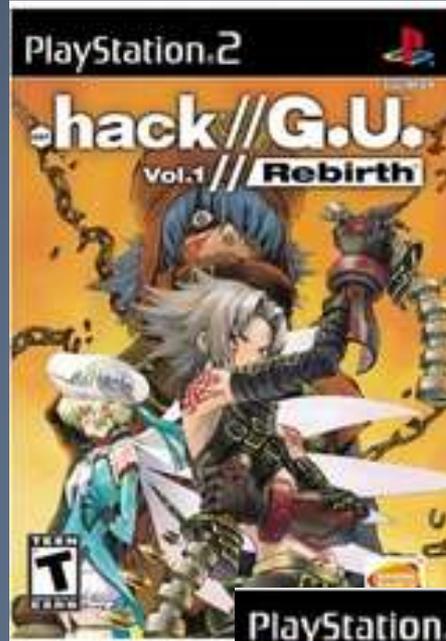
- Gateway to Utopia

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CY6arKfXKnw>

- Gathering of the Unwilling
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4h81YVmz15s&list=PL6CED55A89CB69908>
- Genetics of the Unknown
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VucPbdGkPEQ>
- Genocide of the Unfaithful
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZCCbZPdmls>
- Generation of Unity
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwhWgUm6HEk>
- Guide to an Uprising
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RMV8NxKI1-U&list=PL6CED55A89CB69908>
- Gate of Uroboros
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLml-oBPyNA&list=PL6CED55A89CB69908>

.hack//GU

- Rebirth
- Reminisce
- Redemption



G.U. Con't

- What does GU mean?
 - What doesn't it mean ~.~
 - Multiple meanings, any of which could be true
 - “Officially” it means Grow Up
 - Also could means...
 - Graceless Unison (「神」に見離された調和)
 - Geek's Utopia (ハッカーたちの楽園)
 - Guilty Universe (罪深い世界)
 - Genesis of Ultima (究極の創世記)
 - Guardian Ubiquitos (偏在を守護するもの)
 - Gateway to Utopia (理想郷への門)
 - Gathering of the Unwilling (不本意な収集物)
 - Genetics of the Unknown (それは未知数の遺伝学)
 - Genocide of the Unfaithful (不誠実の集団虐殺)
 - Generation of Unity (美しき統一の世代)
 - Guide to an Uprising (動乱への導き手)
 - Gate of Uroboros (無限の扉)

Meanings Con't

- Meanings in prototype (meanings only seen in prototype trailer)...
 - Gale from Urd (運命と創造)
 - Gauche Unison (不器用な調和)
 - Guardian of Ubiquity (偏在を守護するモノ)
 - Generation of Ubiquity
 - Goat of Unconcern
 - Greater Unction
 - Generation of Unanimous
 - Gather Up

Classes

- Adept Rogue
 - Jack of all trades
 - Can pick & choose 3 classes
 - Weakest of all the classes
- Blade Brandier
 - Regular blades
- Macabre Dancer
 - Fans!
- Edge Punisher
 - Heavy blades
- Flick Reaper
 - Scythes
- Harvest Cleric
 - Healers
- Lord Partizan
 - Drill of POWA!
- Shadow Warlock
 - Offensive magicks
- Steam Gunner
 - Steampunk gunblade
- Tribal Grappler
 - Boxers
- Twin Blade
 - Ninjas/thieves
- Dual Gunner
 - Haseo's Xth class form

AIDA

- Acronym for Artificially Intelligent Data Anomaly
- Black spots
- Seems interested only in humans
 - Drawn to human emotions
- “Natural” A.I.s formed from the errors in the interwebs caused by Aura disappearing
- In the GU novels, AIDA can infect monsters



Major GU Characters



.hack//G.U.



Rebirth

Alkaid
Antares
(Asta), one of
PKers
Atoli
Azure Kite
Bordeaux
Endrance
Gabi
Gaspard
Grein
Haseo
(IYOTEN), one of
PKers
Kaede
Kuhn
Matsu
Negimaru
Ovan

Pi

Piros the 3rd
Sakaki
Sakubo
Shino
Silabus
Sirius
Taihaku
Yata
Zelkova
"Mia"

Reminisc

Azure Balmung
Azure Orca
Hiiragi
Nala
Phyllo
Sophora

Redemption

Aura
Aina
Natsume
Tabby
*Hetero
*Axanthic



Srsly, hate
Atoli sooo
much X/



Haseo
Skeith
"The Terror of
Death"

Atoli
Innis
"The Mirage of
Deceit"

Kuhn
Magus
"The Propagation"

Yata
Fidchell
"The Prophecy"

Sakubo
Gorre
"The Machinator"

Endurance
Macha
"The Temptress"

Pi
Tarvos
"The Avenger"

Ovan
Corbenik
"The Rebirth"



Epitaph User Avatars



Avatars Con't



People Who I Wish Were Also in Your Party...



Game 1



Game 1

Game 3

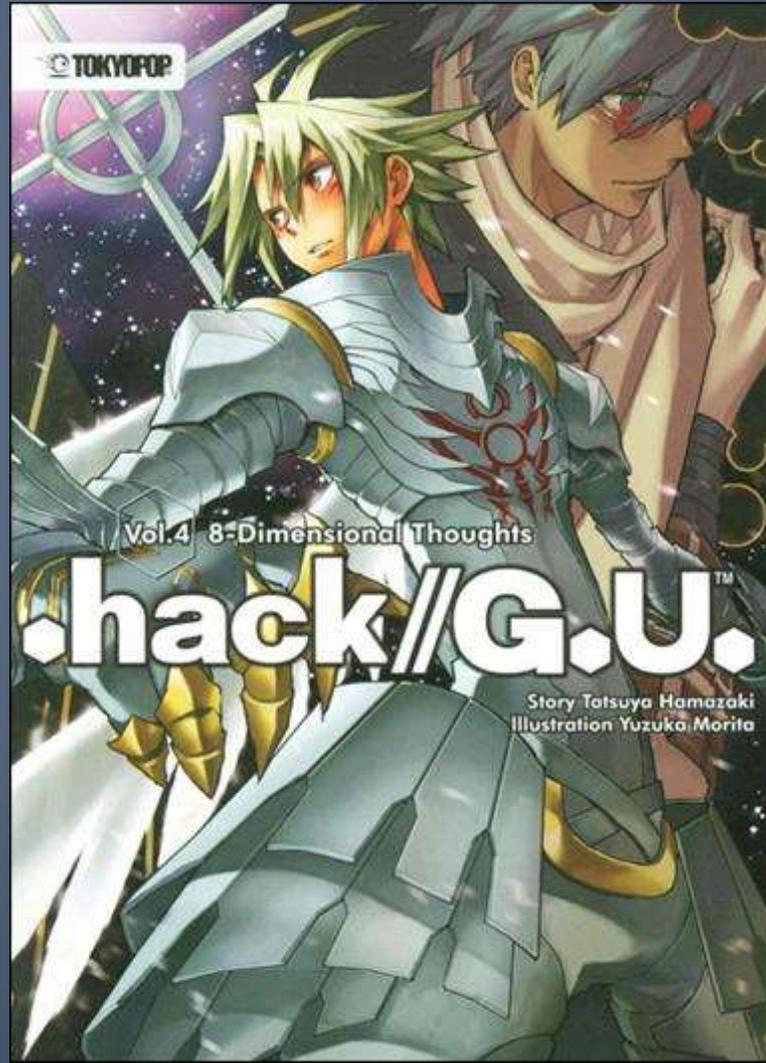


Game 2



Novel Version

Where he accepts Jesus as his Lord & Savior



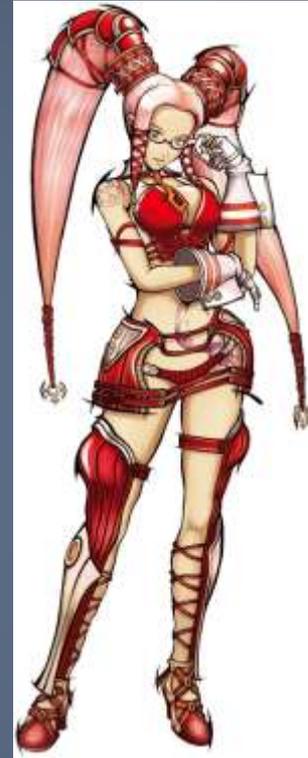
Bst Form (.hack Trilogy)



Real-Life Counterparts (Primarily Epitaph Users)



Riyou
Misaki
(17)



Reiko Saeki (24,
GU & Roots;
31/32 in
Quantum)



Tomonari
Kasumi (24)

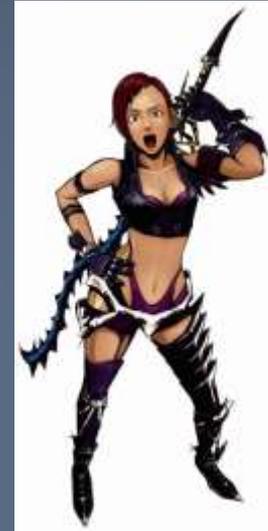


Toru Uike
(10)

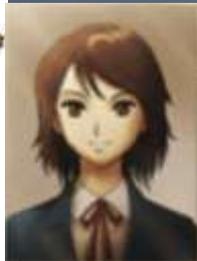
Characters IRL Con't



Shino
Nanao (20)



Nina
Kircheis (14)



Chika
Kuramoto
(16)



Chigusa
Kusaka (16)



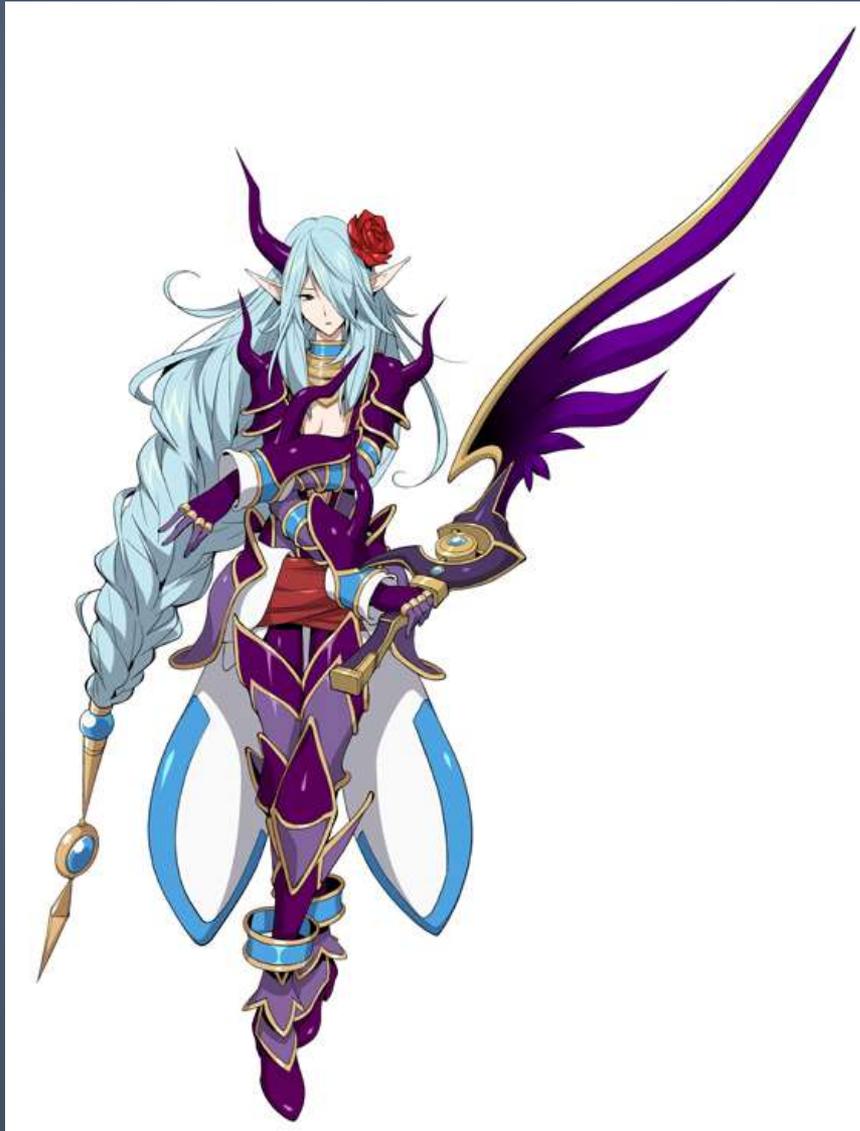
Characters IRL Con't



Kaoru
Ichinose
(20)



Endrance's Xth Form from Link



Characters IRL Con't

Nanase,
.hack//Alcor



Yuasa
(15/16)



- No images for
 - Ovan
 - Saku(bo)
 - Yata
 - Antares

.hack//GU: Redemption 'Boss Rush'



Sakaki/AIDA
infected Sakaki
(Sakaki Zenith)



Ovan/(actual)Tri-
Edge



Final Boss... 'Cause Raisins >.>

Cubia



They see me rollin' ...



...they be hatin'

Motto Grunties!

Gao Grunty, Kestrel @ Home

Mecha
Grunty



Wise
Grunty,
Raven
@
Home

King
Grunty,
Icolo @
Home

Melo
Grunty,
Moon
Tree @
Home

Death Grunty, Canard @
Home

BTWs, OTP

Since I don't like
Atoli or Shino -_-



OK, OK, Link Characters (Xth Forms)



Also: Playable Characters for Vs. Game

- Kite
- BlackRose
- Tsukasa
- Haseo
- Skeith (Supporting)
- Ovan
- Corbenik (Supporting)
- Sakuya
- Hermit (Supporting)
- 9/Unknown
- Sora
- Balder (Supporting)
- Gondo (Supporting)



9 a.k.a. Tokio

Extra Factoids

- Liminality DVDs
 - Click directional buttons on certain menus, reveals hidden character bios
- Hidden relationship meter for 1st 4 .hack games
- Motto guns!
 - Fight enough Dopplegangers
- [Iridium Based](#)
 - .hack inspired MMORPG w/ Bandai's backing; Indie games

Group Talk Time!

- Raise your hand to respond
 - To keep chaos at a minimum
- Don't railroad others mid-statement
 - Let ppl. finish talking; you're not the only one w/ opinions
- Let's all be adults; disagree respectfully
 - Don't start fan rage World War II

Handouts & Junk

- Help yourself to my business cards & handouts with appropriate links
 - Includes links to my blog, my e-mail address, & list of resources
- If you have any questions, comments, feedback, etc., contact me however
 - My blog, e-mail, comment on a relating blog post, smoke signals, carrier pigeons, whatever tickles your fancy
- If you really enjoyed this panel, would super appreciate if you mention so at the feedback session or on the forums post-con
 - It's not like I care or anything >.>
 - Again, super experimental, all feedback appreciated

Other Panels

- ~~● *Cosplay Smarter: Ways to Save on Your Cosplay & Other General Tips*~~
 - ~~● *Workshop, Fri 1:30-3pm*~~
- ~~● *Let's Go to 'The World': A Panel About the .Hack Games*~~
 - ~~● *Panel 2, Sat 9:00-10am*~~
- *Figures to the Max!*
 - *Panel 4, Sun 9:30-11am*



THE CAT IS A LIE

Yes, I went there.

Thanks for Coming~!

Hope you had a great con ^.^