

# Valkyria Chronicles: A Love Story, A War, & Snipers

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- Contact info./handouts
  - Take a business card/handout before you leave
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  - Just raise your hand
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  - E-mail, blog, con feedback session, con FB page, etc.
- Don't hesitate to come up to me after the panel to talk

# Con't

- Experimental panel, so forgive the rough edges
- Not covering extra, DL, classmate missions
  - Too many freakin' missions (@.@)
  - ZOMG the amount of missions in VC2
- *Spoilers abound*

# Order of Events

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# Valkyria Chronicles



# Basic Overview

- Set place in—it's basically WWII but instead of Jews it's Darcsens
- Also, VC universe they have this mystical does-everything blue magitek-like stone called Ragnite >.>

# Classes

- Scout
- Shocktrooper
- Lancer
- Engineer
- Sniper

# Playable Characters





# Main Villains



# Missions/Chapters



- Chapter 00/1
  - Introduced to main characters Welkin & Alicia & upon clearing yourself as *not* being a spy sent by the Imperials are nearly gunned down by the Imperial troops
  - Defend Bruhl against the encroaching Imperials
    - Spoiler alert! Hope you don't like windmills @.@
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  - Need to push back the Imperial army which is practically knocking on your door



### ○ 3

- Meet Irene Keller, the narrator & writer of the story you're playing through ^.^
- Get a better introduction to the present political, educational, whatever situation
- Meet Eleanor Varrot, so bada\$\$ she doesn't have to fight
- Hey Faldio....*Faldio* >.<\*
- Meet the techies
- *Hey Isara! Best adoptive sis evar*
  - Besides Nanako (P4)
- Meet fat b\*stard Georg von Damon; he's fat, he's cowardly, & he's a b\*stard
- Gotta capture the West Bank from the Imperials



## ○ 4

### ○ G.D. Darcsens >.<\*

- That's how everyone else reacts, I personally have no problems with Darcsens, please don't complain to con staff I'm racist against Darcsens

- i.e., "fantasy Jews"

- Welkin's gotta earn the respect of Squad 7 (which apparently consist of 2 ppl. with the way the cutscenes work)

- Sometimes you gotta drive your tank through the lake if you wanna get things done

- Now behind enemy lines, time to kick some Imperial a\$\$!

- Also, now's definitely the time to start using those snipers

- 'cause those ragnite bombs

- Yo', Imperials, you just got BRIDGED!



## ○ 5

- Meet the team mascot, a Porcavian piglett
  - Literally, a pig that *looks* like it can fly ~.~
- Time for the counter-offensive
- Oh, hai VC main villains ^.^
- Yay, the woods, this look like a relatively easy—*OH KAMI-SAMA, Jaeger DX*
- Tanks in the front, troops in the back



## ○ 6

- Yay! The desert—sandstorms -\_-
- Gonna maneuver my shocktrooper over \*click\*...G.D. land mines, EVERY TIME!
- O, hai Selvaria & Maxi ^.^



## ○ 7

- Say what now? It was really the Valkyrurs all along & *not* the Darcsens?
- Why can Alicia open this—*B/C SHE'S A VALKYRIA!*
  - Christ, it's obvious ~.~
- Faldio...what you scheming..?
- Casual convos...*with the leader of the enemy force x.x*
  - *LET'S GET THE F\*\*K OUTTA HERE, GUYS!?*
- Selvaria, don't kill us, bro-sis
- Hopefully this battle won't be too—*HOLY GOD THAT'S A HUGE TANK @.@*
  - *Every Lancer deploy NOW!*
- Oh, kami-sama, *please* let me survive thi—Oh, God...O God, no, no, not the Witch B\*tch, *Noooooooooo D,X*
  - Well, f\*\*k X/
  - Pray & run, pray & run
  - Medic, get that sexy a\$\$ over here
- Cutscene: Selvaria deflects a tank shell...b/c f\*\*k you, that's why
  - Queen of bada\$\$es



## 8

- Yay! Bonding moments w/ Largo & the Darcse—I mean, Isara^.^;
- Gonna make our way b—*Welkin! Alicia! No!*
  - Time to limp your way back to rendezvous w/ the rest of your Squad in the cover of night
- Save an enemy soldier
  - Thank God you did b/c you were cornered by enemy units in the morning, but you helped their comrade so you're spared, YAY!
- Rendezvous w/ your Squad & kick all kinds of a\$\$ before your Squad is wiped out by the enemy units



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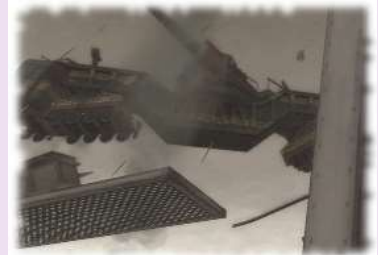
- O, hai, Sabe– Queen!
  - Of course, she’s a puppet, but at least she gets a pretty dress ^.^;
- Also, you meet the other bad guys who you never play against but are traitors nonetheless
  - One of which will be a BG villain in VC2
- Also, perfect time for a “Save the Princess” type mission
  - Shoot the s\*\*t out that radiator...w/ foot soldiers only, no Lancers!
- Also, WGS empowering of the Princess





## ○ 10

- Time to take down General Gregor
- Guess it's also time for a freakin' *Death Camp*
  - Which means it's time to liberate the Darcsens of Fouzen
  - Of course, Largo & Rosie start losing their racism even more at the sight of the suffering Darcsens
- Also, meet Steve Blu—I mean, your Darcsen contact, Zaka
  - & soon-to-be your 2<sup>nd</sup> tank command
- 1<sup>st</sup> part, sneak in
  - Watch out for those snipers; at least you have train cars
- 2<sup>nd</sup> part: MOTHERF\*\*\*\*\*G TRAAAAAIIIIINNNNNNNN!!!
  - *Woo woo*—it will rain death from above for the duration of the mission
    - & *your task is to blow that mofo up (the bridge it's on)*



## ○ 11

- Smoke grenades!
  - Where the art of VC is at its best
- Hey! Everyone's starting to get along, Darcens &...citizens(?) alike, guess it's time for some tragedy
- This mission's essentially like storming the Beaches of Normandy
- Don't care about the rest, one of the best sis' ever dies, & I was legitimately pissed for the rest of the game X/

## ○ 12

- Faldio...*what you planning???*
- Time to retake Bruhl, for Isara!



## ○ 13

- Damon being the fat b\*stard he is, time for a suicide mission...*against mofo Selvaria DX*
- Mission: get to the other side of the battlefield & take their camp before Selvaria gets to your base camp, killin' yo' dudes
- Also, Alicia is sniped...by freakin' Faldio, I knew it you b\*stard
  - Can't ever trust the pretty ones -\_-



## ○ 14

- Surprise, surprise...Alicia's a Valkyria, well no sh—*Holy jeebus that's an awesome V on V fight @.@*
- Alicia practically nearly defeats Selvaria
- 1<sup>st</sup> part: stay the f\*\*\*k out of Alicia's way
- 2<sup>nd</sup> part: lolz, jk, that was a trap! Now we come at you *from behind*, if you know what I mean >.<
  - & from all sides for that matter, stupid heavy tanks >.>



## ○ 15

- Maxi's pretty much like "Hey, I know you tried your best & still lost & your still awesome at everything else, but I'm gonna need you to go on a suicide mission for me now, m'kay?"
- Selvaria: ! Really!? *Really?* I'd give anything from you, *anything for you* [if you know what I'm saying] & you're gonna send me awa—fine, *fine*
  - Confirmation that Max has to be gay or asexual to not want to keep those massive mammaries around ~.~
  - The point in the game I absolutely couldn't stand Max
    - I wouldn't send you to your death, Selvy Baby, *come to me @.@*
- 1<sup>st</sup> part: Break through the enemy defense & send a train 'o dynamite @ 'em
- 2<sup>nd</sup> part: Final battle w/ Selvaria, Lady of War
  - Which is obscenely difficult
  - I used the "throw Alicia at her" tactic
- Upon success, goodbye, Selvaria
  - *Literally* went away in a (blue) blaze of glory that took out the FB Damon & a good portion of your forces along w/ her
    - Thank kami-sama she waited long enough for your Squad to escape x.x



## ○ 16

- Taking advantage of the massive casualties & distraction Selvaria's death caused, Max storms on Randgriz w/ an even *bigger* tank (compensating much) & is on his way to steal the spire (Valkof) for his ridic gigantic laser canon thing & pimp off (@.@)
- This mission? You get the f\*\*k away from that tank & pray to every kami that your plan to trap it in the canyon works
  - Spoiler alert: it doesn't X/
- So, of course, Alicia decides to suicide it like Selvaria but is stopped by Welkin, allowing the Marmota a window of opportunity to escape (but still manages to heavily damage one of the sides)
  - Also, why the f\*\*k does Alicia think her power "makes her a monster"??? You have now officially achieved the most coveted valkyrie b\*tch status most female warriors hope to acquire, basque in its glory, why don't you!?
    - If it sticks out, hammer it down ~.~ (can't be different I s'pose...*for no good reason*)
    - Or they could have let her do that, 'cause that sure as heck would have made things easier ~.~



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- Mission: take down Jaeger in order to get past the blockade in hopes of taking back the capital



## ○ 18

- Faldio breaks out
- In Maxi news: he pimps into the throne room, kills the other d\*uchey noble, confronts the princess (BTW, she's a Darcsen + attempts to kill him [too bad it doesn't work]), is like "whatever, I do what I want!", forces her to marry him (for political reasons), installs the Valkof to the Marmota, & then pimps out to defeat the Gallian army once & for all
- Then: he nearly blows you away w/ the Valkof (Squads 4 & 5 were annihilated) &, of course, now it's your turn to beat that tank & its commander for a final battle on top the felled dreadnaught
- Finally, you fight Maxi pads in a kinda easy final fight
  - Who is ultimately felled by Faldio in a "redemption = death" move
    - Also, plane XD
- Roll final cutscenes & credits





# Historical Tidbits: VC

- Setting = WWII
- Forced labor camps/death camps
  - For the fantasy Jews
- Darcsens = Jews
  - Fantasy Jews being blamed for everything
  - *Genocide*
- Maximillian = Adolf Hitler
- Gallians = Nazis/Germans (more or less)
  - More or less
- Some of the events correlating to real life WWII events
  - Ch. 11 = storming the beaches of Normandy on D-Day (more or less)
  - Mission to liberate Darcsens of Fouzen = Red Army liberating Jews of Auschwitz
- Weaponry
  - Especially tanks
  - & Selvaria's gun
- Crazy occult aspect
  - Commented on more-so for VC2

# Gripes: VC

- Kid approach to the mofo Holocaust & WWII in general
- Super obvious set-up for love story btwn. Alicia/Welkin
- Mortar class
  - After leveling Lancer class to certain point
- Wish more characters that join your militia were given screen time *initially*
  - i.e., DL content doesn't count
- Lackluster final boss battle
- Relative black/white btwn. your side & the Gallians
  - Your clearly the good guys w/ the Gallians clearly the bad side
  - Save 1 or 2 instances

- Relatively light-hearted racism
- Most of the game it seems the enemy has far superior weaponry vs. your crap (which I believe is the case in-universe)
  - i.e., their snipers will headshot you 7/10 while your snipers will hit *anything* 5/10 (assuming you're shooting long distance)
- Too much micro-managing of weapon upgrades
- Too many major characters w/ little to no depth
  - Jaeger, Selvari—all the main villains, Faldio, Varrot, etc.
  - Encyclopedia entries don't count
- Unnecessary fanservice
  - Selvaria's such a bada\$\$, do you seriously need to focus on her A\$\$ets???

# Valkyria Chronicles 2



# Basic Overview

- Set two years after the events of Valkyria Chronicles, the story revolves around a civil war within the small European nation of Gallia. A rebel group made up of dissatisfied aristocrats and like-minded soldiers and citizens calling themselves the Gallian Revolutionary Army rises up in arms in order to wage an ethnic cleansing campaign against Gallians of Darcsen descent
  - *Taken from VC Wikia*

# Classes



# Playable Characters





# Main Villains



# Lesser Extent



# Missions/Chapters

## ○ January

- Meet your (annoying) protag, Avan, as found by Travis Willng—I mean, Hubert Brixham & your spirited to Lanseal Military Academy
  - Of course, after a brief skirmish w/ the GRA (Gallian Revolutionary Army)/tutorial battle
- Meet Class G, class of misfits & racism
  - They put *all* the Darcsens in class G...b/c the Academy is racist ~.~
- Meet your BFF Cosette & Crispin Freem—I mean, Zeri ^.^;
- Meet Booby Bomb B\*tch, Juliana
- Meet Kir—I mean, Randy & the rest of your classmates w/ their varied personalities
- Nothing but training missions & liberating Arlem



## ○ February

### ○ O, hai Alicia & Welkin

- Alicia, despite the ending of the 1<sup>st</sup> game, is pregnant w/ her 1<sup>st</sup> child at least

### ○ Qualifying rounds for the Laevatein Cup are beginning

### ○ O, hai, Jarde, best bird character EVAR

### ○ O, hai small child & scientist lady



## ○ March

- Introduction of main villains
- O, hai Liam O'Br—I mean, Baldren ^.^;
- See that the Ambassador is still alive & well doing stuff
- VIP Escort
  - Spoilers: it's the queen, now she's trying to be more useful
  - O, hai Baldren again X/
- O, hai, Dir—Oh, kami-sama, save me @.@
- Thanks for the save, Aliasse (this game's Valkyria)



## ○ April

- Liberating Darcsens once again
- But guess who shows up? Baldren >.<
  - G.D., if you don't kill him, it makes the whole thing that much harder
  - Also, cold mountains
- Lolz, you lost to a group of (mostly) children =^.^=
- Zeri looks over the landscape pensively...
- Awarded by the Queen



## ○ May

- Juliana & Zeri, such a good couple ^.^
- Laevatein Semifinals
- Cosette, u so messy >.<





## ○ June

- Avan says “f\*\*k the rules, I’m goin’ AWOL!” to fight in the upcoming battle in Yuell
  - Also, Zeri gets punched in the face
- 2 parter mission to take back Yuell & force back the enemy, which is in enemy territory
  - 1: have Avan or Cosette rendezvous at the highlighted area
  - 2: take the base, watch out for Audrey & her air strikes
- Also, find out Cosy’s deftly afraid of blood, so she can’t see the color red
- Of course, for his feats, Avan gets sent to the brig for a week
  - Which is better than the expulsion/being dishonorably discharged he should have got



## ○ July

### ○ EVERYBODY'S IN BATHING SUITS!

- *Time for some ~~pointless~~ necessary fanservice >.<*

- *Oh, Zeri & Juliana, best bods evar (@.@)*

- Aliasse encounters a pool for the 1<sup>st</sup> time

### ○ Laevatein Cup Finals!

- Of course, Class G wins & Juliana's class blames her for losing

- Gets some reassurance from Zeri

- Also, when she stops being such a monumental b\*\*\*h (for the most part)

- Can now assign a 2<sup>nd</sup> leader during combat

- Time to get prepared for the school play re-enacting Operation Cloudburst





## ○ August

- When s\*\*t starts getting real, Lanseal's attacked & it's your job, Class G, to defend it
- Dirk is the one heading the assault against your Academy
- Most/all of classes A & B were killed
- Juliana tries her best to defend the Academy against Dirk using the new artificial Valkyrur unit armor the good Doctor has made but unfortunately dies due to the stress
  - So freakin' sad, especially since Juliana finally came out to Zeri about her true feelings
- Headmaster, after losing the plans *again*, offs himself



## ○ September

- Bye Father Gassenarl, your sunglasses will be missed
  - Incidentally, Baldren's the new head hauncho...b/c f\*\*k Darcsens (@.@)
- The Good Doctor/Avan almost shoot each other
  - She relinquishes her test subject, officially making Aliasse your new classmate ^.^;
  - Had to talk her out of her...revealing uniform into a more conservative one
- You show her off to Alicia & Welkin
- Time for some canyon crawling @ Roendahl & taking it back
- Also, you'll be encountering Audrey yet again
- Oh, & the Queen is captured...'cause yeah ~.~



## ○ October

- Cave dwelling & liberating Doerfein (ragnite mine)
  - ...& Baldren X/
  - Pro tip: pincer attack w/ snipers
- Ragnite bombs!
- Cosette gets over her colorblindness...'cause it works that way  
>.>
  - & she diffuses a bomb...'cause raisins



## ○ November

- F\*\*k your Aqueducts!
- GRA starting to do some serious pulling back of forces
- See Audrey again...for the last time
- Another one of those pincer missions
- Nearly lose Zeri b/c of a quasi-suicide mission
  - But he's voiced by Crispin Freeman, so he'll be fine ^.^



## ○ December

### ○ I'M ON A M\*\*\*\*\*F\*\*\*\*\* BOAT!!!

○ But you don't \*\*\*\* a mermaid >.>

○ Baldren setting sail for a brighter tomorrow (& escape prosecution, build up forces elsewhere, the usual “live to see another day” b.s.)

○ 3 part battle

○ Final battle w/ & the truth about Dirk

○ Spoiler 'lert: it's your bro

○ & he was conscious *the whole time*

○ Gotta stop the boat turret from blasting you to high heaven

○ Artificial Valkyrur Baldren, final boss

○ So broken...great thing for snipers & armored techs -^.^-

○ Of course, the captain goes down w/ the ship, roll credits!







# Historical Tidbits: VC2

- Weaponry
  - Especially tanks
- Occult aspect
  - The Yggdist religion
    - Worships Valkyria
    - The occult aspect of Nazism is based off Norse mythology
      - Aryan race = Valkyria

# Gripes: VC2

- Way more laid-back...*too* laid back ~.~
  - Civil wars are still relatively heart wrenching, violent, & the like >.>
- Certain classes past certain levels are OP
  - Fencer, Elt. Sniper, Mortarier, etc.
  - Sniper somewhat makes sense
- Fairly shallow villains
  - Esp. Baldren which is a shame
- Freakin' last minute love confession by Julianna >.>
- Takes a while for s\*\*t to get real
- Really easy boss battles
  - Slight exception w/ Baldren
- Easy game mechanic exploit (for cheaters)
  - Hint: when you target, the enemy *immediately* stops firing (fix from VC)

- I can deal w/ Avan but his laugh needs to die -\_-
  - Along w/ his stupidity
- Ace units on the enemy side were kinda pointless
  - Opposed to VC
- Lose the prettiness of graphics due to being on the PSP X/
  - For example: when doing smoke bombs
- Again, unnecessary fanservice
  - Really, WTF is there a 'beach episode'???

# Constant Reminders

- Panel available on my blog (link on handouts)
- I have business cards & other handouts upfront
  - Feel free to take one before you go
- E-mail me feedback/critiques, complaints, flaming, more historical correlations, & pics/vids
  - [The.codarl.ii@gmail.com](mailto:The.codarl.ii@gmail.com)

# Valkyria Chronicles 3



# Basic Overview

- Squad of Misfits & delinquents all sent to this squad, Squad 422 “The Nameless” as punishment for various acts of insubordination & the like to carry out a secret mission; assassinate Maximillian.
- Take place during the 1<sup>st</sup> game

# Playable Characters





# Also, Options



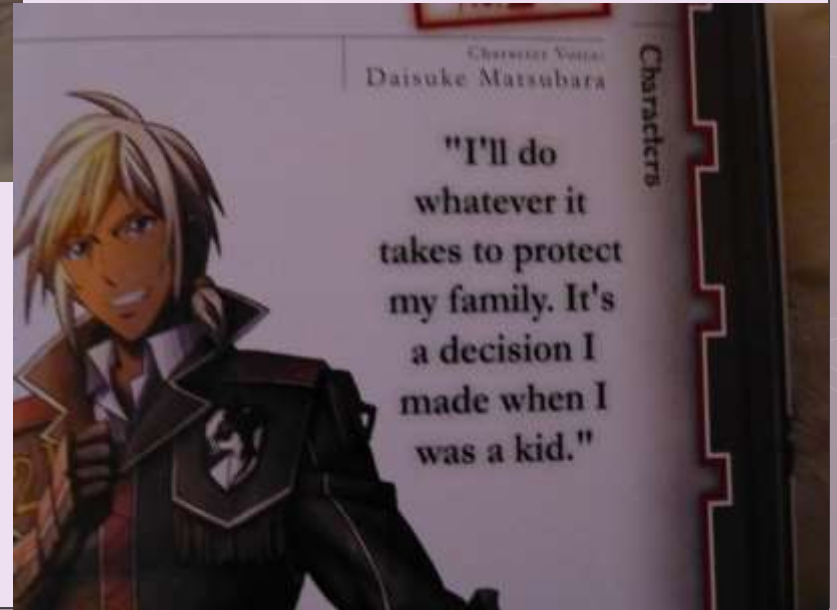
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# Main Villains



## Other Info.



# Historical Tidbits: VC3

- Basically, Operation Valkyrie Conspiracy plan to assassinate Hitler during WWII
  - Like that plan, secret group has to carry out
  - Also, it fails
- Weaponry
  - Especially tanks

# Other Panels

- *Final Fantasy: Love It or Hate It, They Still Have All Your \$\$\$*
  - *Friday, 12:30PM - 2PM, Panel 1*
- *Figures to the Max!*
  - *Friday, 5PM - 6PM, Panel 4*
- ~~*Valkyria Chronicles: A Love Story, A War & Some Snipers*~~
  - ~~*Friday, 6PM - 7:30PM, Panel 3*~~
- *Defaming the Sacred: Critical Looks at Popular & Classic Anime*
  - *Friday, 9PM - 10:30PM, Panel 4*

# Con't

- Bleach: Shunpou Edition
  - Saturday, 12AM - 1AM, Cosplay Track Room
- Yaoi & Bara Tropes & Trends 3 - Bigger, Longer and Harder, MOTTO!!
  - Saturday, 1:30AM - 2:30AM, Cosplay Track Room
- How to Become a Quality Panelist
  - Sunday, 12PM - 1PM, Panel 1
- Let's Go to "The World": A Panel About the .hack// Games
  - Sunday, 2PM - 3:30PM, Panel 3

# Thanks for Coming~!

*You best be @ some of my other panels \*w\**