

Great Plague of YE 08

The Great Plague affected baseline [humans](#) and [Elysians](#). The genetically enhanced [Geshrin](#) were immune to the plague.

For many years, the plague's origin was thought to be Elysia, but in [YE 29](#), it was revealed that the plague was a biological weapon created by [PNUgen Corporation](#). It is speculated that the real motive behind the plague was elimination of humans who refused to change to PNUgen-produced Geshrin bodies via [Soul Transfer](#) technology, giving the corporation a monopoly on a whole species and thus able to control the [Yamatai Star Empire](#).

In response to the revelations, the [Star Army of Yamatai](#) attacked and destroyed PNUgen facilities and the government dissolved the corporation permanently.

Operation of the Plague

The Great Plague was a sophisticated biological weapon that activated telepathic capabilities in humans. Once a victim was infected, looking at another person caused the virus to select that person as a target for the infection to spread to via telepathic attack. When the people made eye contact, the infection silently spread.

The infected showed no symptoms and they were all on a synchronized timer so that five years after the virus was initially released in [YE 03](#), once almost everyone on [Yamatai \(Planet\)](#) was infected, it killed them all at once. This also means there are no carriers left and the plague wiped itself out.

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