

# E7 - Appropriate Gear

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**[00:00] Gene**

*The Venus Project.*

**[00:03] Gene**

*An uncommonly grand plan spearheaded by  
the Planetary Development Administration*

**[00:09] Gene**

*to terraform Venus using the  
Visitors' superior technology.*

**[00:15] Gene**

*Currently, the Cloud Plant installed on Venus*

**[00:19] Gene**

*is transforming the components  
of its atmosphere*

**[00:23] Gene**

*to make it a habitable  
environment for organic life.*

**[00:33] Gene**

*Simultaneously, twelve man-made black  
holes are being used to control gravity*

**[00:39] Gene**

*to move Venus itself into  
the same orbital path as Earth.*

**[00:45] Gene**

*Many Neans are born here and  
employed by the terraforming industry.*

**[00:50] Gene**

*Who is in such dire need of new habitable  
space, and why go so far to obtain it?*

**[00:56] Gene**

*The true objective behind it  
has not been disclosed.*

**[02:40] Gene**

Come in.

**[02:43] Naomi**

Vice-Director Junghardt...

**[02:44] Naomi**

Ah, no, it's Former  
Vice-Director now, isn't it?

**[02:48] Naomi**

Ochrona is seeking the dissolution  
of Aletheia after learning

**[02:52] Naomi**

that you were secretly using  
a Proto-Neon for personal reasons.

**[02:55] Naomi**

Even I, the Divine Facilitator,  
can't overturn this decision.

**[03:00] Gene**

Ochrona has wanted the authority  
to deal directly with the Visitors,

**[03:04] Gene**

without going through Aletheia,  
for some time.

**[03:08] Gene**

And I gave them the perfect excuse.

**[03:11] Gene**

So? Was it you who leaked the information?

**[03:16] Gene**

You're special, and that's precisely  
why you were able to foresee the risks.

**[03:21] Naomi**

And that's why you chose me?

**[03:23] Gene**

I took you as my subordinate  
and assigned Rouge to you.

**[03:27] Gene**

And? What are you here to ask me?

**[03:29] Naomi**

Okay, then, I'll be honest.

**[03:31] Naomi**

I ran into that traveling carnival, too.

**[03:34] Naomi**

That "Puppetmaster" you were  
investigating in secret...

**[03:37] Naomi**

Just who is he?

**[03:40] Gene**

The investigation is still underway.

**[03:42] Gene**

I had an agent following him,

**[03:45] Gene**

but he lost his trail somewhere near Ceres.

**[03:47] Naomi**

Is he a Usurper?

**[03:49] Naomi**

Or a human who's working with them?

**[03:52] Naomi**

Maybe he made it look like  
he was meeting the Usurpers

**[03:55] Naomi**

at the inviolable line and then went this way?

**[03:58] Gene**

The Venus Project, eh?

**[04:00] Naomi**

Venus has the Black Reactor that can create  
the micro black hole he'd need for it.

**[04:06] Naomi**

On top of that, it's the biggest  
base of Nean manufacturing.

**[04:09] Gene**

If you're right, that complicates matters.

**[04:13] Naomi**

Looks like the gears are  
falling out of alignment.

**[04:16] Gene**

They'll need to be corrected  
before they're too far gone.

**[04:19] Naomi**

The Puppetmaster messed  
with Rouge's memories.

**[04:23] Naomi**

Come on. There's still more about her  
that you're hiding from us, isn't there?

**[04:28] Naomi**

In any case, now that her true  
identity has come to light,

**[04:32] Naomi**

Rouge Redstar will be transferred to Ochrona,

**[04:35] Naomi**

where she will be dealt with appropriately.

**[04:40] Gene**

"Dealt with appropriately"...

**[04:41] Gene**

You people do love that phrase.

**[04:44] Ash**

"Dealt with appropriately," my ass!

**[04:47] Ash**

They're taking me off  
Jung's murder investigation?!

**[04:50] Ash**

I know what this is about!  
He's being pressured to—

**[04:52] Noid**

There are several cases  
that serve as precedent

**[04:54] Noid**

for how the submission  
of falsified documents

**[04:57] Noid**

and unauthorized investigation is punished.

**[04:59] Noid**

This is absolutely the proper,  
appropriate method.

**[05:01] Ash**

Whose side are you on, anyway?

**[05:04] Noid**

Yours, of course.

**[05:08] Noid**

So where are you going now?

**[05:09] Ash**

To Aletheia!

**[05:11] Ash**

They say they've got the  
red suspect in custody.

**[05:13] Ash**

I can't just stay quiet about this!

**[05:15] Ash**

We're not just gears in the big machine!

**[05:18] Noid**

Was Rouge Redstar really the red suspect?

**[05:22] Ash**

Yeah. I saw it with my  
own eyes. I'm positive.

**[05:25] Noid**

But Aletheia is currently under  
Ochrona's administration.

**[05:28] Noid**

I can't imagine they would help.

**[05:31] Noid**

It's no longer our responsibility, anyway.

**[05:33] Ash**

Who gives a shit? We're busting in head-on!

**[05:36] Ash**

It'll all work out once we get there.

**[05:40] Noid**

Not a well thought-out plan.

**[05:41] Ash**

Just gotta nitpick every  
little thing, don't ya?

**[05:44] Ash**

This is why I hate Neans.

**[05:53] Rouge**

I think I need Nectar more  
than chocolate right now.

**[05:58] Kahn**

This incident violates article 5  
of the Use of Artificial Life Code.

**[06:03] Kahn**

It's been determined that Gene Junghardt  
made the decision on his own.

**[06:07] Kahn**

As the head of Aletheia, your executive  
liability will come under question,

**[06:12] Kahn**

and because Aletheia does not  
have investigative authority,

**[06:14] Kahn**

this is a clear abuse of power, as well.

**[06:17] Chau**

I am aware of that.

**[06:19] Chau**

And what does Ochrona  
intend to do with Aletheia?

**[06:23] Kahn**

The recommendation to dissolve  
Aletheia has already been escalated

**[06:26] Kahn**

to the Artificial Life Welfare  
and Ethics Committee.

**[06:28] Kahn**

Of course, that means you will be  
relieved of your position, as well,

**[06:32] Kahn**

Chief Chau.

**[06:33] Naomi**

I'm sorry to say it, but...

**[06:35] Naomi**

escalations to the committee are not accepted  
without the Divine Facilitator's approval.

**[06:39] Kahn**

B-But...

**[06:40] Naomi**

Only the Divine Facilitator

has the right of approval.

**[06:44] Naomi**

In other words, it's all mine.

**[06:47] Naomi**

You're Herman Heyward, executive managing director of the Panacea Corporation, yes?

**[06:52] Naomi**

What are you, a civilian, doing here?

**[06:55] Kahn**

To seek cooperation on the matter of the Proto-Neon in question, Rouge Redstar.

**[07:00] Herman**

Apparently, she can deform into combat mode, just like the Immortals.

**[07:06] Herman**

What did they call it again?

**[07:08] Kahn**

I think it was...

**[07:09] Naomi**

Code name: Metal Rouge. So?

**[07:13] Herman**

She is an extremely precious sample,

**[07:15] Herman**

so our corporation would love to take her apart and thoroughly examine her.

**[07:20] Herman**

We will then assume the responsibility of her disposal.

**[07:24] Chau**

Rouge Redstar currently falls under Aletheia's supervision.

**[07:28] Chau**

Until you go through the formal procedure, we cannot give her to you.

**[07:32] Herman**

Supervision? You must take this quite lightly.

**[07:35] Herman**

An organization that violated the Code shouldn't have the right

**[07:38] Herman**

to shelter a dangerous thing like her!

**[07:41] Naomi**

Whether she's dangerous or not is for me, the Divine Facilitator, to decide.

**[07:45] Naomi**

Not you.

**[07:47] Herman**

You can only say that  
because you didn't see it!

**[07:51] Herman**

If you saw the hole she put  
in Sarah's chest, you would—

**[07:54] Naomi**

By "Sarah," you mean Sarah Fitzgerald,

**[07:57] Naomi**

a.k.a. Purgatory Viola,  
one of the Immortals, correct?

**[08:01] Naomi**

Do you have some deeper connection with her?

**[08:07] Naomi**

Please take your leave now.

**[08:33] StaffA**

She's about to run out of Nectar.

**[08:36] StaffB**

Should we give her some,  
or ask the brass first?

**[08:40] StaffA**

Hey! What's going on? Look into it!

**[08:42] StaffB**

R-Right!

**[09:12] Jill**

Come on, we're leaving.

**[09:15] Rouge**

Huh? You look like Jill.

**[09:17] Rouge**

Am I hallucinating?

**[09:18] Jill**

*I am* Jill.

**[09:20] Rouge**

How'd you get here?

**[09:22] Jill**

A Nean friend of mine set it up.

**[09:25] Rouge**

The real Jill is friends with a Nean?

**[09:28] Jill**

Well, I'm a Nean myself, after all.

**[09:31] Rouge**

Jill... the Nean?

**[09:35] Jill**

You like chocolate, right? Want some?

**[09:39] Jill**

You had a chance to escape.

**[09:42] Jill**

Why did you just let them imprison you?

**[09:49] Jill**

This way.

**[09:51] Rouge**

Who are you, really?

**[10:00] Rouge**

Where are we?

**[10:02] Rouge**

What is this?

**[10:03] Jill**

This is where they take Neans who are determined to be dangerous.

**[10:08] Jill**

Some are dismantled, and others...

**[10:12] Jill**

They all look perfectly intact, don't they?

**[10:16] Jill**

Humans who commit crimes are put on trial,

**[10:19] Jill**

but we are simply disposed of, with no say in the matter.

**[10:23] Jill**

When all we did was try to live freely.

**[10:26] Rouge**

Are you one of the Immortal Nine?

**[10:31] Jill**

Mm, I like that look.

**[10:33] Rouge**

Why did you save me?

**[10:35] Jill**

Because I need you.

**[10:37] Jill**

We Alters are fighting to free the Neans.

**[10:41] Rouge**

Free us?

**[10:43] Jill**

From the Asimov Code, from Nectar...

**[10:46] Jill**

From the humans' binding spell.

**[10:48] Jill**

What did I tell you?

**[10:50] Jill**

You have to choose freedom for yourself.

**[10:52] Rouge**

The Asimov Code can't be removed.

**[10:55] Rouge**

Freeing Neans isn't—

**[10:56] Jill**

It is possible.

**[10:58] Jill**

*You can do it.*

**[11:00] Rouge**

Huh?

**[11:01] Jill**

You poor thing.

**[11:02] Jill**

Gene didn't tell you anything about yourself, did he?

**[11:07] Rouge**

What Gene...

**[11:08] Rouge**

What my brother told me was...

**[11:10] Jill**

Your brother, Gene Junghardt, was relieved of his duty as vice-director of Aletheia.

**[11:16] Jill**

You and your brother are both just gears within the organization.

**[11:20] Jill**

When a gear falls out of alignment, it's replaced with a new one

**[11:24] Jill**

and discarded.

**[11:25] Jill**

So...

**[11:31] Chau**

The imprisoned Proto-Neon has escaped?

**[11:34] Naomi**

Fenrir unit, apprehend the escaping Rouge Redstar.

**[11:40] Naomi**

It's a dog of war that's loyal to me.

**[11:47] Ash**

Here goes nothing.

**[11:50] Noid**

You got nothing, all right.

**[11:55] AI**

*Warning. Warning.*

**[11:56] AI**

*Intruder at gate 7B.*

**[11:58] AI**

*Security personnel, deploy at once.*

**[12:01] AI**

*Repeat. Repeat.*

**[12:03] AI**

*Warning. Warning.*

**[12:05] AI**

*Intruder at gate 7B.*

**[12:05] Guard Nean**

This way!

**[12:07] AI**

*Security personnel, deploy at once.*

**[12:09] AI**

*Repeat. Repeat.*

**[12:12] AI**

*Warning. Warning.*

**[12:14] AI**

*Intruder at gate 7B.*

**[12:16] AI**

*Security personnel, deploy at once.*

**[12:26] Jill**

Sorry.

**[12:27] Guard Nean**

It's fine..

**[12:29] Guard Nean**

This was my... I made my own...

**[12:35] Jill**

Neans must not harm humans—

**[12:38] Jill**

or, through inaction,  
allow humans to come to harm.

**[12:43] Jill**

Yes...

**[12:45] Jill**

This is death by Asimov Code.

**[12:49] Jill**

This is what their creators—

**[12:52] Jill**

what the humans gave to us.

**[12:55] Jill**

Makes me want to puke.

**[12:58] Jill**

The creators who gave us this sin,  
the humans, must be punished!

**[13:08] Jill**

I prioritized you over  
retrieving my friend's id.

**[13:13] Jill**

I guess I was naïve.

**[13:21] Jill**

I wondered what was coming.

**[13:22] Jill**

You're just cyborg mercenaries.

**[13:25] Jill**

Get over yourselves!

**[13:28] Naomi**

Rouge!

**[13:32] Rouge**

Naomi!

**[13:35] Rouge**

Why?!

**[13:38] Ash**

There she is!

**[13:39] Ash**

See? I told you! She's—

**[13:49] Jill**

Rouge.

**[13:51] Jill**

Why do you think we have to serve humans

**[13:53] Jill**

when we have this much power?

**[14:03] Naomi**

Flash Silvia!

**[14:09] Silvia**

If you won't join me,

**[14:11] Silvia**

I'll just destroy you!

**[14:44] Naomi**

Double-Headed Aerkos, too?

**[14:47] Aerkos**

Come on, turtle! Let's move!

**[15:09] Fenrir**

Target lost.

**[15:10] Fenrir**

*Verify at once.*

**[15:11] Fenrir**

Roger.

**[15:11] Fenrir**

*Treat the wounded.*

**[15:12] Naomi**

The gears are out of alignment.

**[15:19] Rouge**

You're also one of the Immortal Nine,  
a Proto-Neon, aren't you?

**[15:22] Rouge**

So why...

**[15:23] Ash**

All right, don't move!

**[15:26] Ash**

Damn it, first a red one, then a black one,

**[15:29] Ash**

then a silver one showed up.

**[15:31] Ash**

And what now? An orange one?

**[15:37] Ash**

A kid? You gotta be kidding me!

**[15:39] Noid**

Collating the data...

**[15:41] Noid**

I saw this one on the passenger list  
of the ferry we took from Mars.

**[15:45] Rouge**

Are you Aes? Are you really Aes?

**[15:48] Alice**

You wanna get your eyes gouged out?

**[15:50] Rouge**

Huh? Alice?!

**[15:52] Alice**

Aes was such a happy-go-lucky idiot  
to make me help you.

**[15:57] Alice**

You're just a stray cat,  
tossed out like an old rag.

**[16:00] Alice**

I don't see how you can help... us...

**[16:05] Aes**

I'm so sorry Alice was rude to you!

**[16:08] Rouge**

Alice is Aes, and Aes is Alice?!

**[16:11] Aes**

Uh... That's not exactly right...

**[16:11] Noid**

It's similar to the switching of personas  
in dissociative identity disorder.

**[16:15] Ash**

Dumb that down for me.

**[16:17] Noid**

Multiple personalities.

**[16:19] Ash**

Ah.

**[16:25] Gene**

Rouge's secret...

**[16:29] AI**

*Some data in the Junghardt house security  
backup file appears to be missing.*

**[16:34] Gene**

The Jung house?

**[16:35] Gene**

Display surveillance camera history.

**[16:57] Gregory**

*Here's the information you requested.*

**[17:00] Gregory**

*It appears Rouge Redstar  
has escaped Aletheia.*

**[17:04] Gene**

I see.

**[17:06] Gregory**

*What will you do now?*

**[17:08] Gene**

Correct the alignment  
of the gears, of course.

**[17:38] Noid**

Stare.

**[17:41] Ash**

If there's something you wanna say, say it.

**[17:43] Noid**

When you said you would smoke less often...

**[17:45] Ash**

By that, I meant "don't say anything"!

**[17:50] Rouge**

You're one of the Immortal Nine.

**[17:53] Rouge**

Why did you help me?

**[17:56] Aes**

We've been running from Silvia  
and the others all along.

**[17:59] Aes**

Alice is brilliant,

**[18:01] Aes**

so she's able to get all the information  
and supplies we need to live.

**[18:05] Aes**

It's thanks to Alice  
that we've stayed alive this long.

**[18:09] Aes**

It was Alice who found out that the  
other Immortals were being killed, too.

**[18:15] Aes**

That's how we found out about you  
and why we approached you.

**[18:19] Alice**

Which I was against, by the way.

**[18:22] Rouge**

What do you want me to do?

**[18:25] Aes**

We aren't like the other Immortals.

**[18:28] Aes**

We just want to live normal lives.

**[18:31] Aes**

Rouge, why do you have to kill us?

**[18:35] Rouge**

It's my job.

**[18:37] Aes**

So you'll kill anyone, no matter who,  
just because you were ordered to?

**[18:40] Rouge**

Gene said they're dangerous.

**[18:43] Aes**

We aren't dangerous!

**[18:46] Alice**

She's an assassin who  
isn't capable of thinking.

**[18:48] Alice**

You won't get through to her.

**[18:50] Rouge**

Aes is fine, but Alice seems like a bad guy.

**[18:54] Alice**

True. I'm not a weakling like Aes.

**[18:59] Alice**

You've really never questioned  
anything you were ordered to do?

**[19:03] Rouge**

Gene wouldn't order me to do anything wrong.

**[19:07] Alice**

You keep talking about Gene.

**[19:09] Alice**

How do you know he's not wrong?

**[19:13] Aes**

What do *you* think, personally?

**[19:18] Rouge**

Are you good guys or bad guys?

**[19:21] Aes**

Are you a good guy for trying to kill us?

**[19:25] Rouge**

I...

**[19:27] Alice**

That settles it. You're a bad guy.

**[19:30] Rouge**

I am not! I'm good!

**[19:32] Alice**

So people who try to kill us are good guys?

**[19:36] Alice**

To us, you're definitely the bad guy, Rouge.

**[19:41] Alice**

Figure it out, Aes.

We were stupid to turn to her.

**[19:49] Ash**

Hey...

**[19:52] Alice**

Later, so-called "good guy."

**[19:57] Ash**

You really suck at dealing with people, huh?

**[20:03] Ash**

I get it.

**[20:05] Ash**

So you're saying the Immortal Nine  
killed Roy Junghardt?

**[20:10] Rouge**

That's what Gene said.

**[20:14] Ash**

We investigators on Jung's murder case

**[20:18] Ash**

have been pursuing you as the "red suspect"  
based on this footage.

**[20:24] Rouge**

That's not me.

**[20:25] Noid**

It may have been the shape-shifting  
Nean that was on the ferry.

**[20:29] Rouge**

Yeah! Giallon! It's him!

**[20:32] Rouge**

He even said that he killed him!

**[20:34] Ash**

But what was the Immortal  
Nine's reason for killing him?

**[20:40] Rouge**

I already killed Giallon...

**[20:42] Noid**

The dead tell no tales, I suppose.

**[21:06] Giallon**

I thought I was done for...

**[21:11] Grauphon**

If only you *had* died.

**[21:15] Giallon**

Long time no see,

**[21:16] Giallon**

Grauphon.  
**[21:18] Giallon**

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