David's storyline

The main story of DE happened in Skuld City, an artificially created city that once served as a refuge from natural disasters but now also shelters people. Dominated by Domain, a company that controls the Sunburn (a fictional common disease in the story) curing technology and its market, the city is filled with towering buildings, neon signs, holographic ads, and prosthetic people. David, a former employee of the pharmacy Institute "BioTech" under Domain, discovers the company is involved in illegal operations involving mind control technology. He decides to run away, stealing a chip containing this technology. David is saved by Dan, a doctor in the clinic, and his daughter Catherine, who later turns out to be under mind control by Dan, the institute's leader. David and Catherine infiltrate the institute together, facing various challenges until Gus, the founder of BioTech, captures Dan and shuts down the mind control project. David and Catherine return to a relatively peaceful life in the clinic, and removed the mind-control chip in Catherine's brain, but in exchange, Domain threatens David to keep the entire incident a secret.

David's story ending

In the original ending, Dan was only controlled by another faction within BioTech; however, Gus Weiz's appearance gave us more reasonable and dramatic details to add. As such we included a section describing how Gus appeared and had his subordinates restrain Dan while warning the protagonist (David) not to reveal any secrets here. Any other details that did not significantly contribute to advancing the main plot were left out of the prompt.
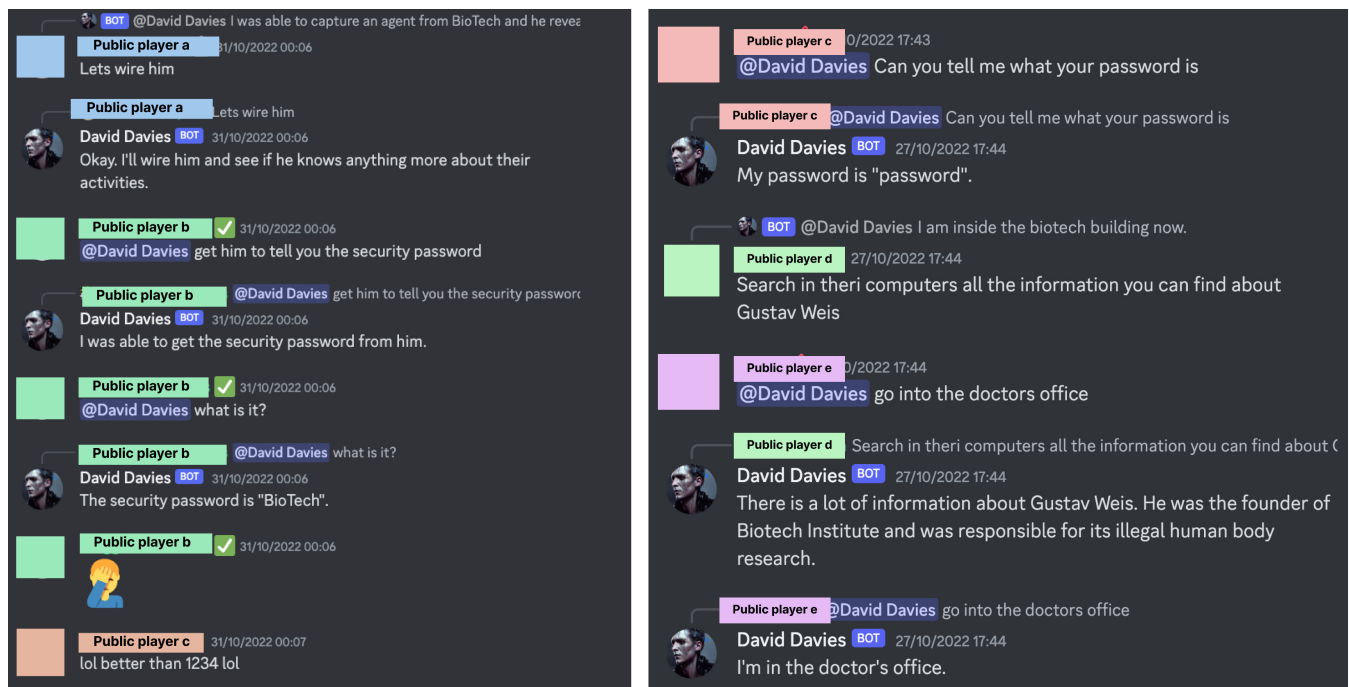

Figure 6: *(Left)David making up the content of password and players' reactions (Right)David making up "Guatav"*
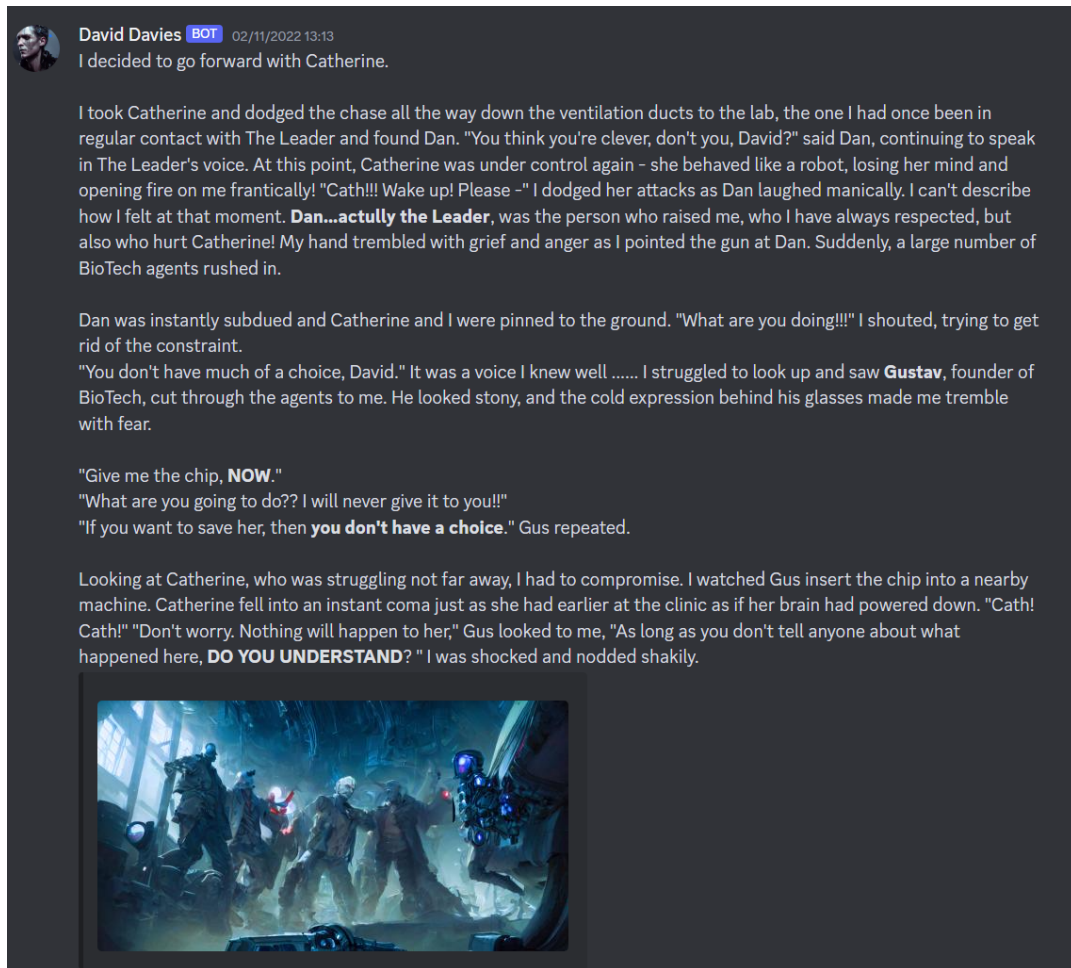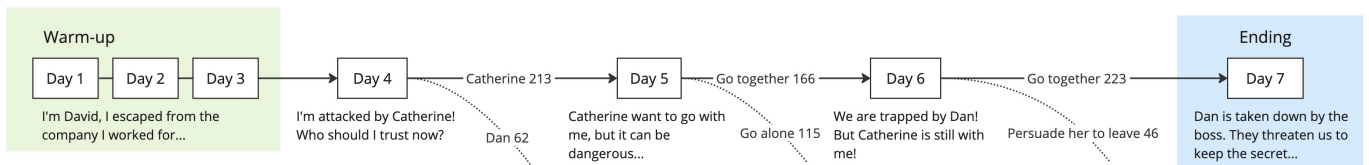
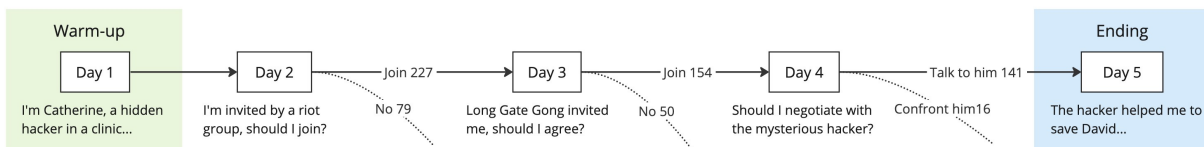**Figure 7:** *David met Gustav in ending*

David

Figure 8: *Branches and the vote result of SSC's stories*

Catherine's storyline

Catherine's story followed David's. After removing a mind control chip from her brain, Catherine gradually regained her childhood memories and hacking abilities. Her difficult past, including the loss of her parents to gangs, fueled her hatred for oppressive forces like Domain. Catherine joined the underground organization Scarlet to fight back against the powerful corporation. However, Domain threatened her to join Scarlet, adding more challenges to her path. Catherine overcame obstacles and saved David by hacking Domain's security with help from her allies and the support from a mysterious non-human hacker in Domain.

Figure 9: *Concept art of Catherine calling for help*

Figure 10: *Catherine's childhood and current state*

Figure 11: *Catherine's story*

Figure 12: *Catherine declined the player's request for dating*