

Xenosaga character profiles

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Dr. Dmitri Yuriev (a.k.a. 'Nigredo's shadow')

Former Galaxy Federation Parliament Member and donor of the genes used in URTVs like Jr. and Gaignun. Quite influential during his time in parliament, he retains many connections within the Federation to this day. Though said to have died prior to the Miltian Conflict, he stepped back onto the public stage at the time of the Ormus-caused space-time anomaly in Miltian space. An ambitious man, and a schemer.

He operates a private research facility, the Yuriev Institute. After his awakening, he takes control of the Salvator faction in parliament as well as military forces and moves to secure the Zohar. He was the Galaxy Federation's first Salvator, and a test subject in a living matter transportation experiment conducted in the earliest days of the U.M.N. At that time he made contact with U-DO during the experiment and was contaminated. His own consciousness melted into the Collective Unconscious, and he saw a vision where the universe would breakdown before long. That vision was an unbearable fear for him and the terror he felt at the time resulted in trauma which later motivated him to assemble the URTVs in the hope of obliterating U-DO entirely. Using the special powers he developed as a result of his contact with U-DO, he projected his consciousness into the body of URTV survivor Gaignun Kukai and gripped the reins of the Zohar Project.

* Enneagram Type

According to Enneagram personality classification, Yuriev is classified as a type 3 (driven / efficient / conveniently principled / adaptable). Type 3 are people of tremendous drive, ambition, and belief in themselves. They are, above all, goal-oriented. They get a particular objective in their sights and then actively engage in activities that will bring them closer to whatever they seek. For Dmitri, this objective is to get rid of his fear of U-DO, something he pursues tirelessly. To achieve his goals, he is highly adaptable, able to change course when necessary and have done so several times. It is impossible to eliminate U-DO, who is an existence of the upper domain, and Yuriev from the start, never had any intention of eliminating U-DO. He didn't think it could even be done. But as a type 3, trying different approaches to the problem until he found a method that seemed the most effective was the result of a natural talent.

Being accumulating, concerned with his own being above all else, and an intense workaholic, Dmitri Yuriev exhibit the traits of a Self-Preservation variant type 3, and his lack of empathy for anyone else suggests a Social-last stacking. This sub-type of type 3, given names such as "The Workaholic" and "Security," has the most difficulty contacting feelings and can begin to see all of their relationships in terms of functional roles, transactions, task lists, and how well they and the people in their lives are fulfilling these roles. And so, Dmitri tends to only recognize his URTV "children" in the form of "success" or "failures." The Self-Pres 3 keeps working, because they feel anxious when they stop, thus they prefer long hours of work. While type 3s are generally concerned with Success, in the case of Self-Preservation 3 it doesn't necessarily mean being the leader or center of attention; the person they are trying to compete with and please, are themselves. Vanity is projected in an overconfident image.

Psychology of the one who wishes to become God

The one who tried to position himself above God in Judeo-Christian mythos was Satan. In the Garden of Eden he deceived Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit by taking on the form of a snake. Yuriev is referred to as "a snake hiding in the grass" in *Xenosaga: Pied Piper*, and his ambition to place himself above U-DO, who is God, gives symbolic meaning to his character who placed the number 666 on Rubedo - the 'Red Dragon'. In that sense, Satan, or 'Lucifer' (the brightest star), could be considered something of an Ennea-type 3 archetype. Six is the heart point of type 3, so behind the efficient and composed veneer of a type 3 lies a very frightened child. Shy, timid, self-doubting and insecure, this soul child experiences the world as a hostile and malevolent place. Others appear threatening, sometimes to the point that he may develop paranoia that they are out to get him, and no matter how many achievements he has accomplished and how much outer success he has created, he still experiences himself deep down as one of the weaklings in the struggle for survival. In fact, all of a type 3s efforts at attainment can be seen as a reaction to his fearful soul child - an attempt to overcome and counter this part of himself. This explains why no amount of success is ever enough for him - perhaps not even if he becomes a super-human existence.

Prison of Fear

Yuriev was terrified of U-DO, and sought to conquer his fear. By transplanting his consciousness, Yuriev transcended real-number domain death. However, he still could not shake the fear of U-DO, and in order to conquer that fear, he must shift to the upper domain. That's how Yuriev thought. That very fear was the vision of the annihilation of all existence, and, shocked by its directness, Yuriev became terrified by the ultimate negation of existence. It is the fear that if the human frame cannot be transcended, there will be no escape, and the world would only be a prison of fear in anticipation of annihilation and nonexistence.

Notes:

Yuriev was created by Soraya Saga.
Yuriev is voiced by [Osamu Saka](#) (JP ver) and [Keith Szarabajka](#) (NA ver).
Origin of the name is unknown.

Archived discussion and forum posts:

- [If Yuriev had succeeded...](#)
- [Dmitri Yuriev.](#)

Quotes:

RELATED CHARACTERS



Stein (Xenogears)

Apart from sharing some facial similarities, hair-color, and wearing glasses up until their final appearance (Yuriev has glasses in *Pied Piper* from what I can tell), they both have the same Enneagram personality type - including instinctual stacking. Both characters end up fusing with their 'Gear', and Yuriev/Omega Metempsychosis' Divine wrath shall smite the sinner who bears the seal' attack sounds very Stein-ish. However, since we never saw Dmitri Yuriev's original body and Stein doesn't have a voice actor, it is difficult to determine if this link was intentional or not. I do believe Osamu Saka, who did the voice for Dmitri Yuriev, would have been a good fit for Stein.

MIRRORED CHARACTERS



Grahf (Xenogears)

Although there is no relation between the two characters, they are both capable of transferring their own mind to others due to having come into contact with a wave-type existence. Both are 'major antagonists' who each express an extreme and destructive solution to the main theme in their respective story arc. Both characters are in part allusions to the Devil.



Miang Hawwa (Xenogears)

Miang and Yuriev are mirrored as major players in the story, who mysteriously "awakens" in one of the protagonists allied friends. Both characters have manipulated the government in the past and the present, and Yuriev's private forces look very similar to Zebalim's *Special Military Corps* that Miang controlled. Both characters were responsible for more deaths than can possibly be accounted for.

"Give your commander a message for me. I'm not going to die. Not now, not ever."

"If, in fact, God cannot be destroyed, then we shall be the ones to become gods ourselves."

"You are the one who doesn't understand, Rubedo. Fear drives evolution. Human beings have used their intelligence to conquer their fears and to obtain power."