# **The Planets - GDD**

https://colorum-the-chromamancer.itch.io/the-planets-demo

## **Game Overview:**

### **Story Summary:**

- Aliens called the **Palorans** have taken over Earth
- **8 Emperors**, named after the <u>Planets</u> in the Solar System (and Pluto) rule in a <u>Pseudo-Roman Society</u>
- Each of them controls a different <u>Area of the World</u>, and follows their own <u>personal Agenda</u>, transforming their areas to fit their needs
- Amongst humanity, a Rebellion arose, led by <u>Human Gladiator</u> Antares and noble <u>Paloran Archer</u> Sagittarius
- Both of them disagree in their <u>Methodology</u> and don't get along very well, however, as the story goes on, they learn to <u>trust</u> each other
- Together, the two take on the **Emperors**, learning more about their <u>motives</u> in the Process
- In the End, they find that one of <u>Earth's Leaders</u> before the takeover, **Tellus**, <u>sold</u> <u>Earth</u> to the intruders, <u>saving his Life and Position</u> as Leader

#### **Instructional Goals:**

- Make Moral Decisions and live with the Consequences!
- Learn to trust the People around you!

#### **Common Questions:**

- What is the game?
  - This is a <u>story-based 2D Action-Platformer</u> with <u>Hack n Slash</u> and <u>Run & Gun</u> Elements
  - It is based on the Gameplay Mega Man Games and the character-based
    Storytelling of Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance
- Why create this game?
  - As it is based on 2 Games/Game Series <u>I'm very fond of</u>, it has a lot of concepts I would like to toy around with
  - o It is also comparatively simple, so it shouldn't be too difficult to implement
- What do I control?
  - The Player controls either <u>Antares</u> or <u>Sagittarius</u>, and <u>through their actions</u>, have an <u>indirect influence</u> on the <u>Rebellion</u>
- What is the Main Focus?
  - The Main Focus is on Combat
  - The <u>secondary Focus</u> is on **Platforming** as <u>Primary Movement Tool</u>
  - The Story takes a bigger Focus as well

- What is different?
  - Through a higher Focus on Narrative, the player's actions are more impactful
  - There are <u>important choices</u> during the story, that <u>impact</u> the way the story unfolds
  - The game has a bigger focus on <u>Close Combat</u>, with more <u>flashy</u> attacks and movement options

#### **Feature Set:**

- Movement:
  - Walk
  - Jump + Wall Jump
  - Dash/Air Dash
  - Shield Dash (Antares)
  - Arrow Jump (Sagittarius)

#### Combat:

- Sword Combos (Antares)
- Arrow Shots (Sagittarius)
- Special Weapons
- Boss Weaknesses
- Special Weapons:
  - o Martian Spear: Strong Forward Charge, breaking some cracked walls
  - o Venusian Mirror: Mirror Shield that deflects projectiles
  - Mercurian Caduceus: Speed Boost that can be transformed into a Projectile, regaining energy when hitting
  - Jovian Bolt: Summons lightning that supercharges the player's Gear (temporary invincibility, deals contact Damage) and can power electrical devices
  - Saturnian Sickle: Freeze nearby enemies in time for a short time (Akin to Guilty Gear Roman Cancels)
  - o <u>Uranian Sky:</u> High Jump that reflects projectiles
  - Neptunian Trident: Summons wave that travel across the floor, which can extinguish Fire, or grow vines from saplings
  - <u>Plutonian Helm:</u> Turns the player intangible, which allows them to pass through grate walls

#### Misc.:

- Levels can be selected in <u>any order</u>
- Players can choose whether to <u>spare or kill</u> emperors, using a <u>thumb gesture</u> associated with <u>gladiatorial fights</u>

## **Game World:**

#### **Overview:**

- The World is essentially <u>Earth</u>, but thrown back into a mix of <u>Sci-Fi Alien Tech</u> and <u>Pseudo-Roman Society</u>
- Humans and Palorans live mostly in <u>Harmony</u> together, though a lot of people are upset with the <u>Inequality</u> caused by the **Emperors**

### **Key Locations:**

- Martian Colosseum: Giant Colosseum with nearby Military Training Facilities
- <u>Venusian Garden:</u> Exotic Garden, showcasing multiple alien lifeforms, as well as particularly well trimmed plants (Particularly Venus Fly Traps)
- <u>Mercurian Post Office:</u> Office building designed to manage all messaging and postal services in the Empire
- Jovian Palace: A large Palace built for Jupiter's pleasure
- Saturnian Clocktower: A high Clocktower, controlling most clocks on the planet
- <u>Uranian Observatory:</u> An Observatory filled with mysterious books and devices
- Neptunian Harbor: A military harbor, connected to a mysterious underwater base
- <u>Plutonian Scrapyard:</u> A subterranean Scrapyard of old Robots with flowing Rivers of molten Metal

# **Boss Weakness Chart:**

<u>Mars</u>	<u>Venus</u>	Mercury	<u>Jupiter</u>	<u>Saturn</u>	<u>Uranus</u>	<u>Neptune</u>	<u>Pluto</u>
Venus	Uranus	Mars	Neptune	Jupiter	Saturn	Pluto	Mercury
Mercury	Pluto		Venus				Jupiter

<u>Titan</u>	<u>Triton</u>	<u>Phobos</u>	<u>Deimos</u>
Jupiter	Mercury	Mars	Mars

# **Art Gallery:**

Character Sprites:

Antares Sprite: Sagittarius Sprite:



Title Screen:



Stage Select Screen:



# Special Weapons:

Mars: Pluto:



