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This week Andres & Rob take a long look at the big news for the week. We cover the Bastet Ana event, Hero rebalances on PTR Jan. 7th, 2019, and talk all about the new Armor in the game.

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News:

- [BASTET Ana event!](#)
 - [NEW Bastet Written Lore segment](#)
 - Jan. 8 - 21
 - Win 9 total games for all in-game rewards: Icon, Victory Pose, Skin
 - 2, 4, and 6 hour viewing twitch drops for select streamers for 5 total sprays
 - FRAN & Emongg doing streams for the new Bastet Event
 - [Jeff Kaplan appeared on the streams!](#)

Armor & PTR:

- [PTR Changes Link Jan. 7, 2019](#)
- [Known Issues list updated to 1.32](#)
- [Armor Explained by OW Central](#)
- [CompOW Subreddit post from ClumsyLi](#)
- Armor now reduces damage differently
 - -3 dmg per "tick" of dmg now on PTR

- -5 dmg per “tick” of dmg previously
- Also, this change means that anything 6 dmg and below per dmg source will be half. Before the threshold before dmg was halved was 10 (because of the -5)
- So the calculations reduce dmg done to Armor targets by half, until the dmg exceeds 6. This is most noticeable on units with machine guns and shotguns using many shots in quick succession or lots of pellets spreading in a single shot.
- Brigitte - Rally - Duration of the effect down to 30 sec.
- DVa - Defense Matrix - Cooldown between uses increased from 1 sec to 2 sec.
- Reaper - Shotgun/Passive - Lifesteal increased from 30% to 50% of dmg dealt.(edited)
 - [Lifesteal Gif example](#)
- [New Killfeed updates](#)

iTunes Reviews: (3)

- Jan. 3 - AudioDirectory (USA) **Great Overwatch strategy Discussion**
 - Every overwatch podcast I find seems to focus on professional play but this one spends nearly all of its time on improving your personal game which I love. Pro level is fine but at least for me I don't care about roster changes and team issues, i just want to know strategies and ability breakdowns and so on so pro only matters to me in what they're doing tactically. Love the show and how active the community is. Great chemistry in hosts and knowledgeable guests.
- Jan. 4 - Phil G 1991 (Ireland) **Great Show**
- Jan. 9 - Bbrink68 (USA) **Beast Overwatch Podcast**

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