

Dying Light: Rise and Shine

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Quick Summary

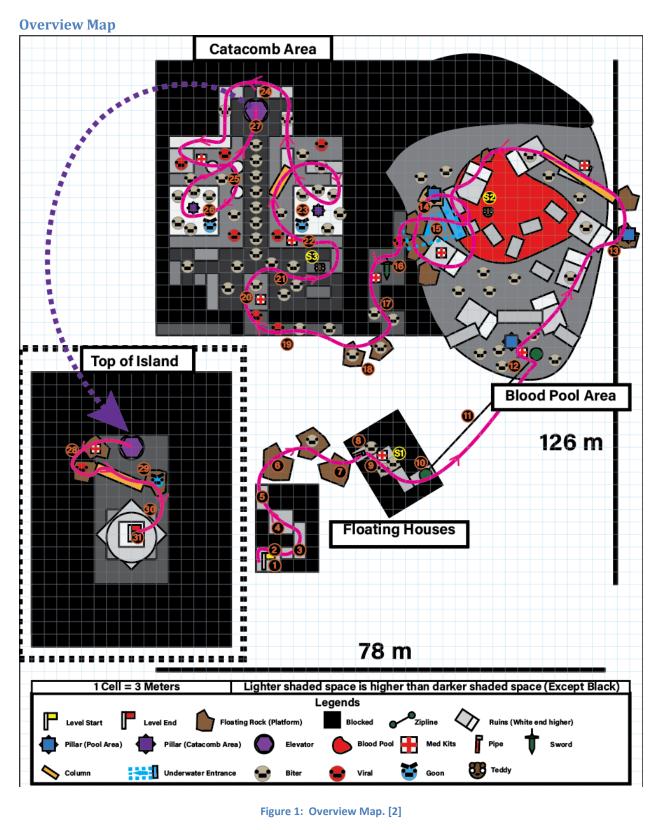
"Rise and Shine" is a single player standalone side quest in *Dying Light* [1]. The playtime is around 10 minutes. The quest takes places in a dream world, where the player starts at a floating house and finds things gradually become supernatural. Coming out of the house, the player is informed that one has to reach to the **top of a huge floating island** in order wake up from the dream. The level mainly focuses on **vertical traversal** and **supernatural aesthetics**. The player will parkour through floating ruins, blood pool, and catacomb to reach the top of the island.

Level Feature Overview

Category	Sub-Category	Feature List
Player	Player Weapons	 Early weapons Pipe (low-medium damage) Throwing star (x 80) Quest weapon Sword (high damage)
	Player Skills/Abilities	 Jump Climb Melee combat Exploration Activating pillars
AI	Enemies	 Biter (Melee) Viral (Melee) Goon (Melee)
	Friendlies	• None
Challenges	Gameplay Themes	 Major Parkouring Pathfinding Activating obelisks Exploration Minor Killing zombies Activating objectives Finding resources
	Obstacles/Haza rds	 Height
Aesthetics	Setting (visual theme)	 Interior Dark, creepy, supernatural Use standard house assets Exterior Floating islands, big rocks, ruins, floating objects Use catacomb, castle, and rock assets

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Level Map(s)

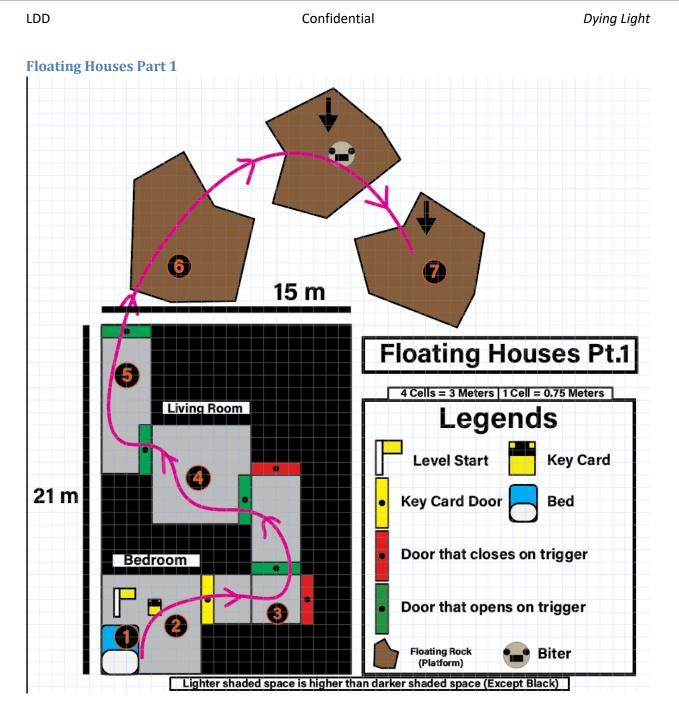


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Map Label	Computer
	Gameplay Summary
1	 The player interacts with the bed to start the quest The player "wakes up" in a bedroom (The player is in a dream)
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2	 Where the player turns back, objects start floating
	 The player finds the floating keycard and exit the room
3	 The player enters the hallway
5	 As the player approaches to the open door, the door closes, and a door on the side opens
4	 The player follows the open door and reaches the living room
-	 The living room is turned upside down
5	 When the player leaves the living room and reaches the end of the hallway, the exit door suddenly
<u> </u>	opens
	 The player realizes it's dark outside and the house is floating and surrounded by floating rocks
	 In the front, the player finds a giant floating island with some ruin-like environment and a
	tower/dome on top (lit by some lights)
	• The player hears a voice to reach the top of the tower/dome on that island to wake up from the
	dream
6	The player starts to make path to the giant island
	The player drops down to floating rocks
	 There is a biter on one of the rocks (Biter Introduction)
7	The player walks through the rocks
	The last piece of rock leads to the window of another floating house (tilted)
8	Entering the house, there is another biter on the way
	• The player sees a floating pipe in front a bunch of throwing stars (x80)
	The player grabs the weapon and take down the biter
9	• Entering the kitchen area of the house, the player finds 2 more biters
	 After taking them down, the player can find plenty med kits and other resources before moving forward
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31	 This is the start of side quest In the kitchen area, the player finding a floating note
	 Upon reading the note(diary), the player learns that a child lost his pair of teddy bears
	• The words hint that one locates at the bottom of a lake while the other is inside a coffin
10	 The player passes a hallway full of doors on the walls
	 The player climbs up on the opening of the top to stand on top of the house
	• The player finds a zipline connecting the house and the floating island
11	The player takes the zipline to reach the pool area of the island
12	The player lands at a place surrounded by 5 biters
	The player sees interactable pillar
	• The player hears the voice that all 3 pillars in the area need to be light up in order to show the path
	The player lights up first pillar nearby
	Every time a pillar is light up, the sky becomes brighter (the sky's default is night)
13	• The player parkour around the ruins and floating islands while avoiding biters to reach the second
	pillar
	The player lights up the second pillar

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14	•	The player may choose any path to parkour to the last pillar The player lights up the last pillar After all pillars are light up, the blood pool will be drained, showing the path forw	ard
S2	•	As the blood pool is drained, a lost teddy is shown at the bottom of the pool, the to further the progress of the side quest	
15	•	The player enters the underground catacomb-like environment The player will meet a viral (Viral Introduction)	
16	•	After escaping from or defeating the viral , the player finds a sword stuck in the gro The player lifts and takes the sword	ound
17 18	•	The player uses sword to kill a few biters while passing by (Sword Introduction) The player finds the end of the cave leads to a dead end except some floating rock biters	s below with <mark>a few</mark>
19	•	The player jumps down to the rocks and takes down the biters Through the rocks, the player loops to the outer corridor part of the area and ram biters and 2 virals with sword	page through the
20	•	Entering the catacomb area, the player sees a giant round elevator , and sees a pa side that need to be activated The player needs to find paths to reach to both pillars as they are both at higher p	-
21	•	After observing, the player will drop down to the ground level filled with biters. The player will use objects (coffins/pillars) on the ground, to reach the higher leve	
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22 23	•	After taking care of more biters and virals , the player walks up on a broken colum a higher platform connecting to the place with the pillar	
23	•	At the place with pillar , the player faces a goon (goon introduction) and several b i The player will take them down or kill enough of them so that there is enough tim pillar	
24	•	After activating the first pillar , the player can climb up the higher structures arour the back to reach the platform on the left side (or right if activated left pillar first) There are a few biters on the narrow spaces	
25	•	After reaching the other side, the player will jump and hug the round columns to r	nove across
26	•	After 3 columns, the player can jump to the platform with the pillar with several b	oiters and a goon
27	•	After clearing the enemies and activating the pillar , the lights around the elevator	will be lit
- 20	•	The player takes the elevator up to the exterior (below the floating dome)	
28 29	•	The player climbs up to the floating rocks and take down the viral	igh the geor
30	•	Moving through a broken column, the player could either take down or pass throu The player continues the climb and reaches to the dome	
31	•	The player finds a bed at the top of the dome	
	•	The player interacts with the bed	
-	•	The quest is completed , and the player wakes up and return to the bed at the star bed that started the quest)	t of the quest (the





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3	The player enters the hallway
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4	•	The player follows the open door and reaches the living room The living room is turned upside down	
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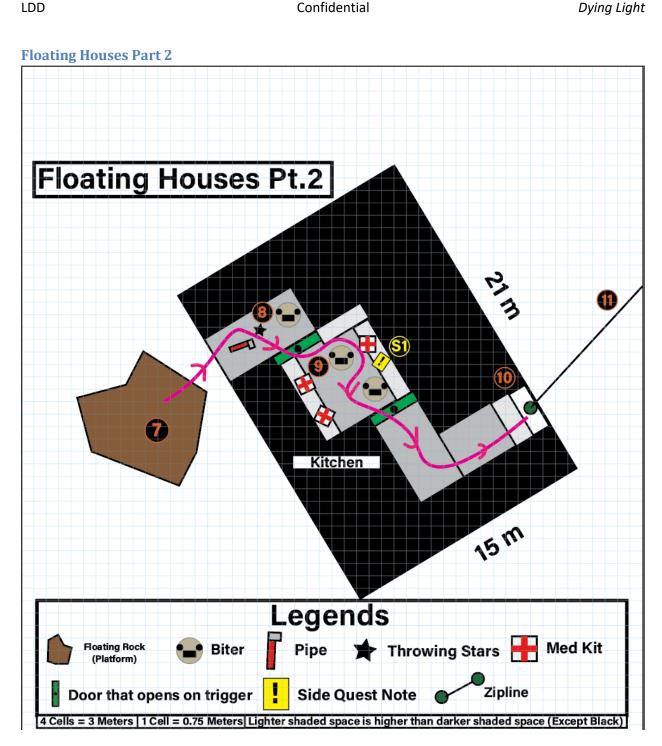
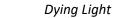


Figure 3: Section Map - Floating Houses Part 2. [2]

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8	•	Entering the house, there is another biter on the way
	•	The player sees a floating pipe in front a bunch of throwing stars (x80)
	•	The player grabs the weapon and take down the biter
9	•	Entering the kitchen area of the house, the player finds 2 more biters

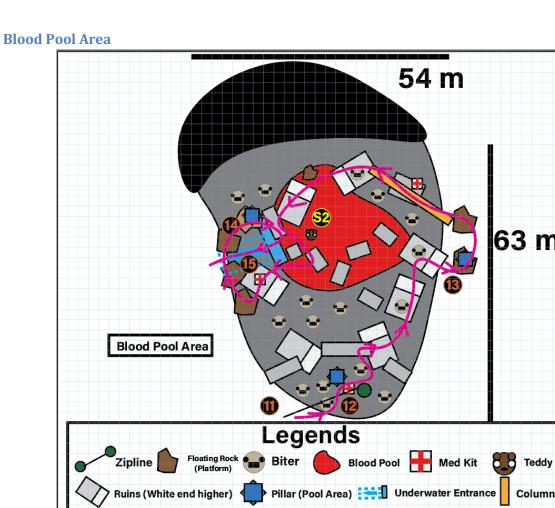
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11	•	The player takes the zipline to reach the pool area of the island	

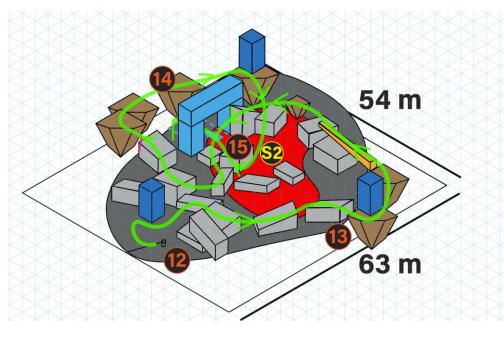


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Lighter shaded space is higher than darker shaded space (Except Black)

Figure 4: Section Map – Blood Pool Area. [2]

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12	 The player lands at a place surrounded by 5 biters The player sees interactable pillar The player hears the voice that all 3 pillars in the area need to be light up in order to show the path The player lights up first pillar nearby Every time a pillar is light up, the sky becomes brighter (the sky's default is night)
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14	 The player may choose any path to parkour to the last pillar The player lights up the last pillar After all pillars are light up, the blood pool will be drained, showing the path forward
S2	• As the blood pool is drained, a lost teddy is shown at the bottom of the pool, the player will pick it up to further the progress of the side quest

Underground Connection

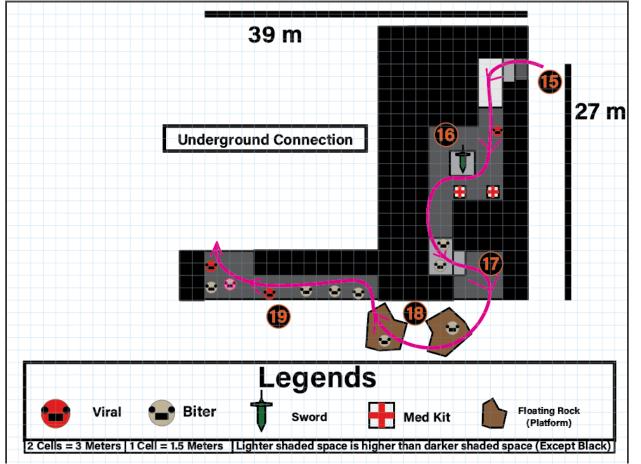


Figure 5: Section Map – Underground Connection. [2]

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Label	Section Breakdown
15	The player enters the underground catacomb-like environment
	The player will meet a viral (Viral Introduction)
16	• After escaping from or defeating the viral, the player finds a sword stuck in the ground
	The player lifts and takes the sword
17	• The player uses sword to kill a few biters while passing by (Sword Introduction)
18	 The player finds the end of the cave leads to a dead end except some floating rocks below with a few biters
	 The player jumps down to the rocks and takes down the biters
19	 Through the rocks, the player loops to the outer corridor part of the area and rampage through the biters and 2 virals with sword

Catacomb Area

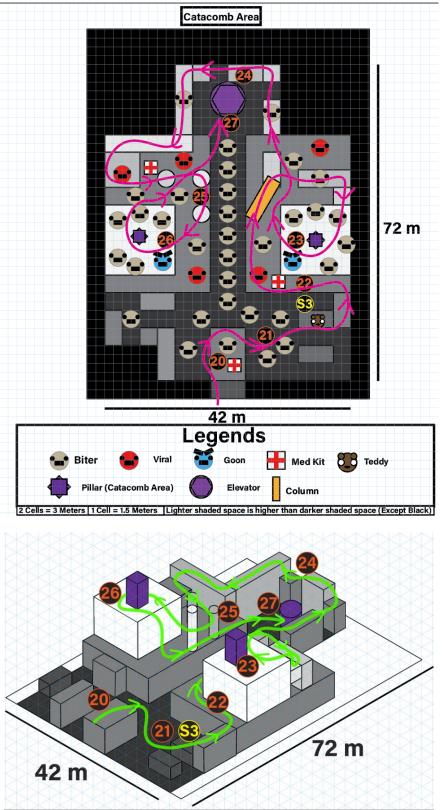


Figure 6: Section Map – Catacomb Area. [2]

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Map Label	Section Breakdown
20	 Entering the catacomb area, the player sees a giant round elevator, and sees a pair of pillars on each side that need to be activated The player needs to find paths to reach to both pillars as they are both at higher places
21	 After observing, the player will drop down to the ground level filled with biters. The player will use objects (coffins/pillars) on the ground, to reach the higher level on the right
S3	 When checking out the coffins, the player will find the second Teddy bear If both Teddy bears are collected, the side quest will be completed
22	 After taking care of more biters and virals, the player walks up on a broken column to jump across to a higher platform connecting to the place with the pillar
23	 At the place with pillar, the player faces a goon (goon introduction) and several biters The player will take them down or kill enough of them so that there is enough time to activate the pillar
24	 After activating the first pillar, the player can climb up the higher structures around the elevator on the back to reach the platform on the left side (or right if activated left pillar first) There are a few biters on the narrow spaces
25	After reaching the other side, the player will jump and hug the round columns to move across
26	• After 3 columns, the player can jump to the platform with the pillar with several biters and a goon
27	 After clearing the enemies and activating the pillar, the lights around the elevator will be lit The player takes the elevator up to the exterior (below the floating dome)

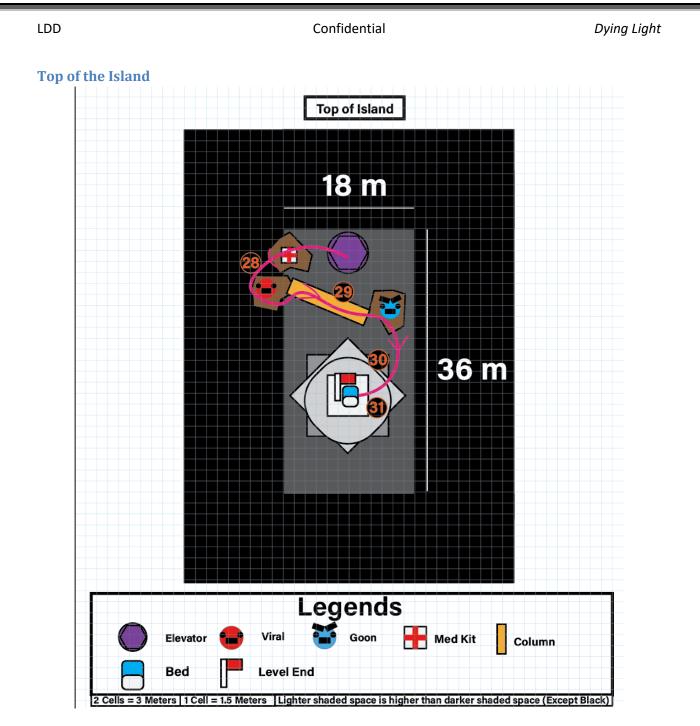


Figure 7: Section Map – Top of the Island. [2]

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Label		Section Breakdown
28	•	The player climbs up to the floating rocks and take down the viral
29	•	Moving through a broken column, the player could either take down or pass through the goon
30	•	The player continues the climb and reaches to the dome
31	•	The player finds a bed at the top of the dome
	•	The player interacts with the bed
-	•	The quest is completed , and the player wakes up and return to the bed at the start of the quest (the
		bed that started the quest)

New Skills/Gameplay Mechanics

- Pillars
 - \circ $\;$ The player will interact with pillar to light it up to unlock the path forward
 - \circ They look unique from the rest of the environment and can be seen from far away
 - \circ $\;$ There are 2 sets of obelisks in the level that needs to be interact with
 - Pool Area
 - There are 3 in total
 - After each is light up the water level drop and the sky become brighter (from night to dawn)
 - After all 3 are activated, the entrance to the catacomb will be shown
 - Catacomb Area
 - There are 2 in total
 - After each is light up, the corresponding part of the elevator room will also light up
 - After both are activated, the elevator is activated

Hook(s)/Gameplay Highlights

- Unique Aesthetics
 - The entire level takes place in a dreamscape, allowing some supernatural events and environment to exist
 - Each section of the level has a somewhat distinct looks, the player starts in a house, then floating ruins, blood pools, catacomb, and tower/dome. However, all of them are united by the supernatural elements such as floating rocks
 - There are scripted events like changing the time of day, draining a pool, and an elevator ride, creating a sense of wonder in the player
 - There are fragmental narrative pieces for the player to explore
- Vertical Spaces
 - The houses and the islands are floating, giving great chances for vertical gameplay
 - The player will climb up and drop down on floating rocks
 - Height is used as a lock, encouraging the player to explore and find path
 - \circ $\;$ The player will find path and climb up to a high point at the top of the floating island
 - Virals can jump between vertical spaces to create interesting gameplay
 - Height creates a sense of tension in the player

Context

- "Rise and Shine" is a single player standalone side quest in Dying Light
- The quest starts as the player interacts with a bed
- The quest takes places in a dream world, where the player starts at a floating house and finds things gradually become supernatural. Coming out of the house, the player is informed that one has to reach to the **top of a huge floating island** in order wake up from the dream
- The level has a heavy emphasis on **vertical traversal** and **supernatural aesthetics**. The player will parkour through floating ruins, blood pool, and catacomb to reach the top of the island

Backstory

- Main quest
 - Crane is tired from a day of work as he tries to survive from the zombies and went to bed to relax
- Side quest
 - o In Crane's strange dream, a kid lost his pair of teddies in this strange world

Aftermath

• Crane wakes up from the dream and continues the routine jobs of survival

Development Schedule

Deliverables	Date
Whitebox	10/4/2022
Initial Gameplay	10/25/2022
Gameplay Complete	11/8/2022
Aesthetics	11/22/2022
RTM	12/13/2022

Aesthetic References

Overall Aesthetics

- Interior spaces at the start of the level should be relatively dark and have some creepy and supernatural elements
 - \circ The level start at a night setting, but the sky will gradually light up as the pillars light up
 - The color of the sky will be similar to that of the hallucination part of the museum quest in *Dying Light*
 - Most models used here should be from standard house assets
- Exterior spaces should contain floating islands, big rocks, ruins, floating objects
 - The first area should have a blood pool
 - The underground area should mostly use catacomb, castle, and rock assets
 - Potential assets include coffins, columns, arches, statues



- 1. Interior creepy hallway for interior [3]
- 2. Floating objects and upside-down house for interior [4]
- 3. Supernatural hallway and floating objects [4]
- 4. Floating rocks for parkour [5]
- 5. Floating rocks for parkour [5]
- 6. Floating rocks for parkour [5]
- 7. Overall long-distance view of the floating island [6]
- 8. Dropping down rocks for parkouring [7]
- 9. Pool area and dome [7]
- 10. Pillar to light up [8]
- 11. Ruins/Broken columns [9]
- 12. Circular platform elevator [10]
- 13. Bed at the dome on the top of the island [11]

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