

BIOSHOCK: MEMENTO (inspired by Memento, 2000)

A man with short-term memory loss attempts to track down his wife's killer. The story is told in reverse.



Set Up: What if you Jack/your Avatar woke up with a bloody golf club in your hand and the dead body of Andrew Ryan at your feet, not knowing where you are? Who you are? You are directed by a voice that may, or may not be your wife, on how to discover your past and escape your circumstances?

Build: As you follow the voice, through all of Rapture, killing Splicers, collecting weapons, money, and first aid kits, you are led to clues, *your own diary entries*, you find a special research camera that can supernaturally take pictures of what happened in a room in the past.

Payoff: At the entrance to Rapture, you discover that Frances Fontaine is the voice directing you. Frances appears and refreshes your memory, that have been having an affair with her, but spurned her and returned to your wife and re-committed to your marriage. Frances brainwashed you to kill your wife in the plane crash wreckage that you can now see strewn across the ocean. Then Frances directed you to blame her professional rival Andrew Ryan for your wife's death and kill him. Frances gives you the choice of committing to her or diving into the ocean to be with your dead wife. You chose to remain with Frances.

Additional Assets required: Change Atlas to Jack's Dead Wife/Frances Fontaine, Change Diary entries to Jack's own diary, Change Research Camera to take pictures of the past events.

Bioshock: Memento Structural Diagnostic

- Weakness/Need/Flaw -- loss of memory, Player's belief that they are a "good guy" who wouldn't murder anyone and who could now must save their wife.
- Desire -- Find and rescue wife
- Opponent -- the World of Rapture, Frances Fontaine, and Player's own memory loss
- Plan -- find clues and retrace steps
- Battle -- Battle through the Splicers to find the clues.
- Self-Realization of Weakness/Need/Flaw -- player did not protect wife in fact, player killed wife, killed AR, and had an affair with FF.
- New world -- You realize you are a terrible human being, so you commit to being with FF.