

## **The Dollhouse: Story Plan**

**General premise:** The player plays as the character (Anna) who is trapped in a dollhouse resembling their house by her little sister (Flora). Flora has trapped Anna in the dollhouse because she feels that she has been abandoned by Anna due to their now distant relationship. Slowly realizing she is trapped, Anna searches for an exit by descending from floor to floor after waking up in the attic.

**Storytelling device:** There will be a memento along with a diary entry written by Flora describing the memory behind each memento in each room. In the early rooms, the devices will portray a loving relationship between the sisters but as the player progresses, the devices will show the degradation of their relationship and Flora's desperation to connect with her sister again. Dialogue boxes will also be used to show the characters' feelings and thoughts.

### **Description of each room & storytelling devices:**

LEVEL 0 (Attic):

- Tutorial - Intro ("Go explore the house")

LEVEL 1 (Toy room):

- Memento: Large stuffed pig Anna got Flora for her birthday.
- Diary: (April 21, 2010) - "It's my 7th birthday today! I can't believe my sister got me my favorite stuffed animal! He's so big and cute. I love him so much!! I'm gonna name him Pork Belly since that's my sister's favorite food. I love you, Pork Belly <3"

LEVEL 2 (Kitchen):

- Memento: Cupcakes Anna helped Flora make for her school bake sale.
- Diary: (Sept 15, 2011) - "My sister helped me bake a chocolate cupcake for my school's bake sale. We sold so many of them and even my friend's said they loved them! My sister liked them too, maybe I'll make her some for her birthday."

LEVEL 3 (Bathroom):

- Memento: hair brush from when Anna did Flora's hair for their relative's wedding.
- Diary: (Feb 18, 2012) - "Mom told us we needed to look pretty for Auntie's wedding so my sister helped me with my hair. She made me look so pretty! I should learn how to braid so I can help her too."

LEVEL 4 (Living room):

- Memento: tv remote with the memory of Flora watching TV but Anna comes in and switches channels without asking her

- Diary: (Aug 27, 2012) - "I spent some time with my sister today. I was watching SpongeBob on the TV but I guess she wanted to watch something different. I wish she had asked me before switching channels. But it's ok, I just want to spend time with her."

#### LEVEL 5 (Garage):

- Memento: Bike with the memory of Flora tagging along with Anna when she was riding her bike.
- Diary: (Nov 01, 2012) - "Anna was going out to ride her bike today so I rushed to go with her. I fell down and scraped my knee but she didn't notice and left me behind. I wish I was better at biking. I wish I could ride next to her."

#### LEVEL 6 (Garden):

- Memento: flower (lilac? Which means family) -> memory of Flora trying to put it in Anna's hair but Anna got annoyed.
- Diary: (June 11, 2013) - "A pretty lilac bloomed in the garden today! I read in class that it meant "family". I tried to put it in Anna's hair but she shooed me away and left. Maybe the flower wasn't pretty enough... I should find out what flower she likes."

#### LEVEL 7 (Study room):

- Memento: cup of tea -> Flora brought Anna tea voluntarily and left it on the desk for her. Anna accidentally knocked it over and it spilled onto the PC, and told their parents that Flora was at fault since she brought the cup there.
- Diary: (Oct 14, 2013) - "I gave my sister some tea to drink while she was studying but she accidentally spilled it on the computer. When Mom & Dad came home, she told them it was my fault. They got really mad and now I'm grounded. I just wanted to do something nice for her..."

#### LEVEL 8 (Little sister's room):

- Memento: dirty/crumpled drawing of the 2 of them that Flora made that is inside the trash can because Anna threw it out
- Diary: (Nov 26, 2013) - "I found the drawing I gave my sister in the trash today. I wanted to show how much I love her but maybe she didn't like it. I wish she would play with me more..."