

The Worlds of Sunset Overdrive

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WHAT ABOUT TRAVERSAL?





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∞ exploration

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∞ scavenging∞ not combat



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🕺 not combat

🕺 puzzle focus

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INTERNAL GAME JAM!



TRAVERSAL 2.0 *⊠* crouch ⊠ jump *∞ vault* <mark>⊠ shimmy</mark> 🛛 climb





 \boxtimes crouch \boxtimes

🕺 jump

🛛 grind

bounce

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🕺 vault 🛛 🖄 wall-run

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🕺 shimmy

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- 🛛 jump
- 🛛 vault
- 🛛 shimmy
- 🛛 climb
- 🛛 glide
- 🛛 slide

- grind
- wall-run
 - poleswing
- 🕺 wall-jump
 - corner climb jetpacks?







WORLD#1: GREENHGHT

Why change cities?

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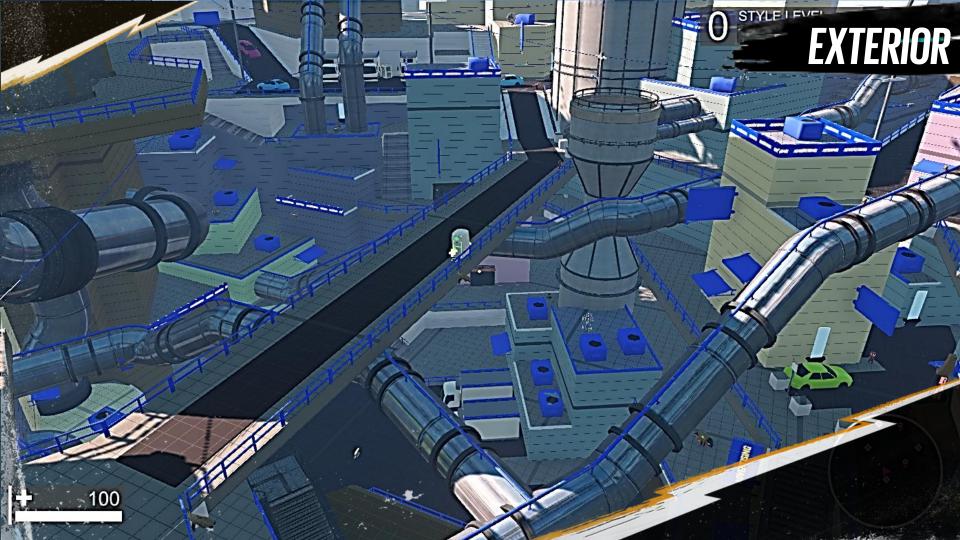
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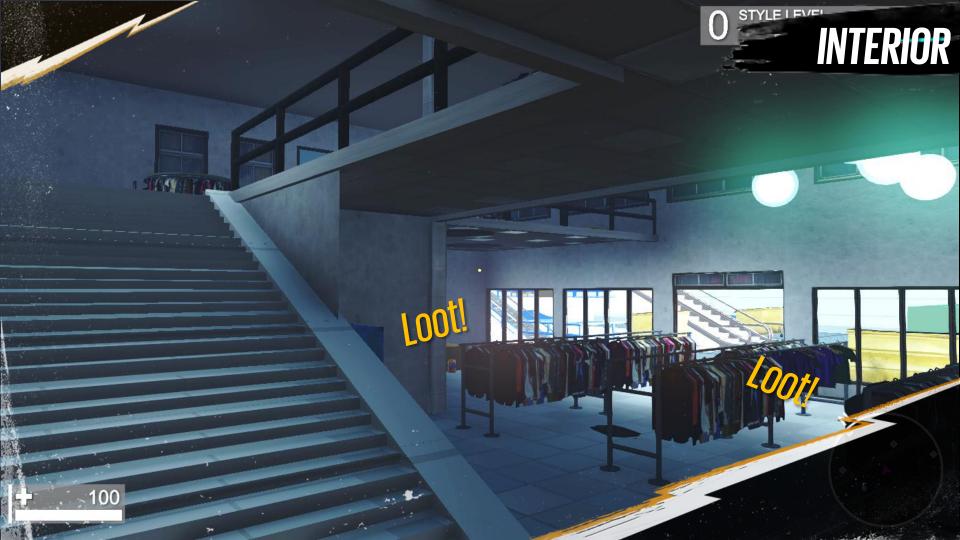


WORLD #2-RAZORCITY

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WHAT WENT WRONG?

WHAT WENT WRONG? [©] Interiors





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[∞]Linear Spaces

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WHAT WENT WRONG?

[∞]Interiors

∞ Linear Spaces & Traversal Puzzles ∞ Mission "dead zones"



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GREENLIGHT CITY

SUNSET CITY

