

# Mr House vs Andrew Ryan

(Fallout vs Bioshock)





## Introduction

[Death Battle Wiz and Boomstick \(Official Theme Song from ...](#)

**Wiz:** Mr House, the leader of New Vegas from Fallout.

**Boomstick:** Andrew Ryan, the creator of Rapture from Bioshock.

**W:** Utopias are a dream that would never come to reality. The thought that mankind could construct the perfect city is quite frankly, ridiculous.

**B:** That is unless you are a stupid rich businessman who has got the insane ideas to make it happen. And throw in a 1950s aesthetic to boot. He's Wiz and I'm Boomstick!

**W:** And it's our job to analyse their weapons, armour and skill to find out who would win a DEATH BATTLE!

## Mr House has got spurs that Jingle Jangle Jingle!



▶ Viva Las Vegas (Instrumental Original) Elvis Presley

**W:** Robert House was born for greatness in the year 2020.

**B:** Yes, he was born 4 years ago but for some reason everything wasn't quarantined and instead it was the 1950s all over again.

**W:** You see in this alternate Earth, when the atomic bombs were dropped in Japan, America saw this as the next step for mankind. Using nuclear power as the prime energy source.

**B:** And for some reason this essentially froze time and kept the world in a constant 1950s. So the year 2020 for them ended

up looking like the Jetsons instead of our 2020 looking like Fallout. Wait...

## **Background**

-Real Name: Robert House

-Age: 261 years old

-Owner of RobCo Industry

-Nicknames: Ghost Man of Vegas, Not-At-Home

-Knows you don't own an air fryer

**W:** Robert lived a prosperous life with a few downsides. His parents were killed in an accident and his brother stole the inheritance for himself. Orphaned and alone, that didn't stop Robert from achieving greatness.

**B:** He was a technical genius! He graduated at the Commonwealth Institute of Technology and founded RobCo, an extremely profitable robotics company all at the age of 22, making him very very rich. BILLIONS rich.

**W:** If only I used my genius like that...

**B:** Snooze you lose. Anyway, he ended up purchasing the Lucky 38 Casino in Las Vegas. And then the big plot twist happened.

**W:** You see, while this alternate Earth mightn't look bad, there was plenty going on behind the scenes. Like the Great War which grew a fear amongst people of total nuclear warfare.

**B:** But don't worry cause Vault-Tec has got your back! The totally not shady corporation that you can absolutely trust as the final saving grace for humanity! They even have a cute little mascot to show you they're not the bad guys.

**W:** Vault-Tec partnered with the many billionaires of the world, including Robert, to sell these vaults because you see, vaults weren't built purely for protection. They were the perfect way for Vault-Tec to conduct illegal experiments without any questioning if the bombs were to go off.

**B:** And to ensure everything went according to plan, they dropped bombs all across the world. What good is conducting these experiments when everyone else is already dead? Whatever, since Robert was given time to prepare, he wanted to protect Las Vegas and see it become a beacon for the apocalypse.

**W:** To ensure this he implemented satellite links that disabled missiles and allowed Las Vegas to survive unscathed. And to live long enough for his efforts to pay off he had built a life support system that would allow his body to live for 200 years and connected his brain to a supercomputer to survive the nuclear fallout.

**B:** When the bombs dropped New Vegas was born and Mr House would be its leader.

*animated segment starts*

**W:** And lead New Vegas he would. With his robotic brilliance at his side he made Vegas the jewel he wished it to be. He quickly brought the city back to its former glory.

**B:** Casinos, strip clubs, bars, gambling, alcoholism, drug addiction, debt and regret...

**W:** Are you...okay?

**B:** Yeah it's just that...researching New Vegas has been difficult for me.

*Boomstick sighs and looks to the floor. Wiz slowly puts his arm onto his shoulder*

**W:** Ohh...uh well if you need any help overcoming any addictions, I'm here.

**B:** What are you talking about?

**W:** Uhhh your regret?

**B:** The regret wasn't about gambling or alcoholism Wiz, I embrace that shit. My regret was that I never got to show my skills as an Elvis Presely impersonator! Watch!

*Boomstick does a twirl and is suddenly sporting a sparkly coat and a pompadour wig*

**Boomstick with an Elvis voice:** Well uhh what'd ya think?

*Wiz lets out a large sigh as Boomstick begins posing like Elvis*

*animated segment ends*

**B:** Well on this New Vegas grand tour, have a look at all of these festivities. Throw your life away at the many casinos of the Strip. Feast your eyes on the entertainment of Freeside. Take your chances in Lucky 38. And of course the Vault 21 hotel where you could rest your head before going gambling once more!

**W:** And while it has been repurposed to be a hotel, this Vault is strong enough to withstand the nuclear apocalypse. So it is certainly a useful asset for a city like this.

**B:** But who cares about that nerdy stuff when there is Radio New Vegas hosted by the one, the only Mr New Vegas! And he just loves every single one of his listeners. Just like me to my viewers, wink.

**W:** And just like the real Vegas, the security is tight. Specifically through Mr House's Securitrons. Using his genius in robotics the Securitrons are certainly one of the most unique bots of the Wasteland.

**B:** With police faces and sirens oh my! These guys are armed with grenade launchers and 9mm submachine guns to perform acts of security indistinguishable from the real Vegas.

**W:** While the original model isn't all that impressive it was eventually upgraded. More on that later.

## **Weapons**

-Energy Weapons

-Plasma Rifles

-Gun Runners arsenal: Grenade Machine Guns, Gatling Lasers, Incinerators, etc

-Smuggled fist, melee and pistol weapons

**B:** And security needs to be strong for all of the groups within New Vegas. Like Elvis knock offs that I never got to join. A hair gel gang run by the King.

**W:** The Van Graffs are vendors that sell heavy duty fire power. Mostly pre war energy weapons that can disintegrate or liquify people on the spot.

**B:** The Followers have tons of medical supplies. The Gun Runners have plenty of well, guns. And they are all in Vegas cause Mr House perfected his dream of creating an oasis.

**W:** Hence why the New California Republic or NCR have also set up operations in New Vegas. While House and the NCR aren't on good terms, when push comes to shove, the NCR can't have New Vegas fall into the hands of anyone else but themselves. Like Caesar's Legion, a brutal band of warriors that enslave or murder damn near everyone they meet.

**B:** And the NCR are a powerful group. There are dozens on the streets of New Vegas, though a little tipsy. Their influence in the Mojave is strong. They could even contend with the Brotherhood of Steel which are an extremely powerful group of Power Armour wearing knights of the Wasteland.

**W:** And their rangers are certainly some of the best in the business.

**B:** But who gives a shit about all of these groups. Where's the money, the drink, the casinos? You know, Vegas!

**W:** Cough up 2,000 caps and you can get immediate access.

**B:** 2,000 caps! I go to Vegas to lose money. Why the hell would I pay to get in there! This is bullshit.

**W:** While the casinos are certainly fancy it does show clear problems in Mr House's city. Again the NCR aren't fans of the man upstairs and neither is a majority of the groups within.

Hell, half the city is left to waste with people starving or dying on the streets. It is certainly a city where only the rich survive. Hence why Benny, one of House's employees, would betray him.

**B:** You see, before the bombs fell and House was preparing his master plan, he needed a device called the Platinum Chip.

**W:** This Platinum Chip is exactly what he needed to upgrade his Securitrans. However it was lost when he failed to receive it before the bombs fell. Decades later and it was eventually found by Victor, another Securitron under House's control.

**B:** They hired six couriers in an attempt to get the chip to Vegas. And the sixth Courier who held the chip was intercepted by Benny who stole the chip and shot the Courier in the face. Ain't that a kick in the head.

**W:** But this wasn't the end of this Courier's life. They somehow survived the bullet to the brain and with a vengeance they looked for Benny.

**B:** And nine times out of ten Benny is doomed. Except the one that chooses to sleep with him. Aww make love not war guys!

**W:** This Courier was exactly what the Mojave needed. A powerful person that would deliver the plot macguffin to the faction they choose to aid. However since we look at characters at their best, that means the Courier would aid Mr House. And eventually deliver that Chip.

**B:** And with that Chip, House upgraded his Securitrans from a police force into an army. Upgrading their weaponry to missile launchers and gatling lasers. And with the upgraded bots and the Courier, House would certainly become the strongest force in the Mojave.

## **Troops**

-Securitrans Mk I and II

-NCR

-Kings



-Van Graffs

-Chairmen

-Omertas

-White Glove Society

-The Courier

**W:** The Courier is exceptional, all thanks to many SPECIAL traits. They have strength to carry 400 lbs. Precision to achieve 95% accuracy. Endurance to withstand attacks from Mini Nukes which have power equal to .15 tons of TNT. Charisma to have high chances to talk their way out of conflicts. Intelligence to hack into computers and improve medical supplies. Agility to dodge gunfire. And luck to improve well, luck.

**B:** An extremely useful trait in Vegas! And they also have plenty of strong weapons. Like Fat Mans that fire Mini Nukes, Gatling Lasers that mow down everyone with beams of energy, Proton Axes that are straight up plasma and so so many more. But most importantly they've got a big iron on their hip.

**W:** And with a Pip Boy they gain access to the Vault-Tec Assisted Targeting System or VATS. This vastly improves their accuracy and even allows them to perceive time slower than everyone else.

**B:** Yeah the Courier is one powerful ally to have. And Mr House knew it, using them to infiltrate the Brotherhood of Steel and blow up their base in the Mojave and defeat the Boomers who had powerful artillery weapons.

## **Feats**

-Defeated the Legion and NCR on the same day

-Infiltrated the Brotherhood of Steel's base and caused it to self destruct

-Have access to explosives that are equal to .15 tons of TNT

-New Vegas has been the jewel of the Mojave for decades with little competition

-Many characters have wall level strength

-Many can survive a harsh amount of punishment

-Would win the Battle of Hoover Dam

**W:** While House certainly became a powerful leader, he is far from perfect. While Securitrons are a deadly threat, they are susceptible to hacking, such as Yes Man hacked by Benny and programmed to devise a plan to take Vegas.

**B:** And House himself might be intimidating on screen but behind the curtains...to put it nicely he has seen better days.

**W:** To be fair despite how he might look, he isn't totally defenceless. Afterall he is bunkered down underneath the Lucky 38 Casino. Getting to him would certainly be challenging.

**B:** And we can't stress this enough but the groups within New Vegas hate Mr House. He only has control over Securitrons while the groups work entirely for themselves.

**W:** But no matter what. Mr House would defend the city he revived. His own snow globe, that he could only be proud of. When exploring the Mojave Wasteland, keep a keen eye out for a tower that touches the sky because New Vegas will be there, just beyond the horizon.

## Would You Kindly, have a look at Andrew Ryan?



▶ 1956 HITS ARCHIVE: Song For A Summer Night - Mitch Miller

**B:** Beyond the ocean, a lighthouse can be found. With no land in sight it gives off some really ominous vibes.

**W:** Within is a bathysphere, which would descend depths fathom by fathom. Until a city could be seen resting on the ocean floor.

**B:** This city was Rapture. How did it get here? I'll tell you, no gods or kings placed it here, only man. And that man is Andrew Ryan.

### **Background**

-Real Name: Andrei Rianofski, changed to Andrew Ryan

-Age: 53 years old

-Alias: White King, Great Orion, Papa Ryan

-Loves golf

-Hates parasites

**W:** Born in the 1917s...in Russia. Perhaps not the greatest time and place to be alive. He lived under Bolshevik rule and it was in these early years of life where he grew his own personal philosophy.

**B:** 'Everything good about the modern world was created by great individuals striving to make their own way. Any time "Parasites" gained control of such a world, they ruined it'. Ah I think I get it. Ryan shares the common hatred of those kids in class that steal your jokes and everyone gives them the credit. assholes...

**W:** Sure. He eventually fled from Russia to America where he struck gold. Or rather oil on his private property. He managed to get filthy rich and eventually became one of the wealthiest men in America. But Ryan wasn't happy with the popular ideologies of the time such as Socialism. He grew to hate needing to give up what he earned.

**B:** Such as when the government tried to seize his private forest (yeah he's that rich) and his response was to burn it to the ground. FUCK YOU BAMBI I'VE GOT POINTS TO PROVE!

**W:** And when mankind built the atomic bomb, he was done. How could the parasites be left with weapons of mass destruction that would be used to take and take. So he thought of a new plan. Something that would never be taken away.

**B:** And so Ryan used all his fortune to build Rapture. But wait I can hear you saying, how could he build a city thousands of feet under the sea in the 1940s? Don't think about it.

**W:** It is a marvel of science that kept the parasites away and let Ryan live in a city he controlled, a city where his ideology was the only one that mattered.

**B:** And enjoy the great commodities! Have your face resculptured by Dr Steinman, seek entertainment at Fort Frolic and marvel at the beautiful ocean life surrounding you as you pass through long hallways. Surrounded by darkness and the unknown of the ocean. That is not terrifying at all.

**W:** It saw huge growth in the mid 1940s and was even the area that led to many scientific discoveries. One of which being ADAM.

**B:** With ADAM, Rapture was capable of developing a new drug called Plasmids. Which is the coolest shit ever that changes one's DNA to grant super powers!

*animated segment starts*

*Wiz is holding a vial of EVE in his hand*

**W:** Plasmids are fascinating. Powered by another substance called EVE. Get it, like Adam and Eve?

*Boomstick grabs the vial*

**B:** Yeah who cares it grants super powers! Give it to me!

**W:** NO DON'T!!!

*Boomstick injects the EVE into his arm*

**B:** What are you screaming for? I've learned my lesson after last ti-oooh oh ohhhh...what's happening?

**W:** That was just a prop. Filled with glow stick juice.

*Boomstick has a droopy expression on his face as his veins glow blue*

**B:** Yep. I'm gonna need to take a breather righ-

*Boomstick falls flat onto the floor before finishing his sentence*

*animated segment ends*

**W:** Get up the juice is staining the floor.

**B:** Ehh...where were we? Oh right, PLASMIDS!

## **Plasmids**

- Electro Bolt
- Incinerate
- Winter Blast
- Telekinesis
- Security Command
- Hypnotise
- Decoy
- Insect Swarm
- Cyclone Trap
- Scout
- Gravity Well

**W:** Plasmids grant the users great power. They gain the ability to fire the elements like fire, ice and lightning from their hands, hack into machinery and use telekinesis just to name a few.

**B:** It can also unleash hornets onto people just in case you wanted to be the biggest prick of all time.

**W:** You might be wondering, why did Ryan allow easy access to super powers to everyone in Rapture? Well, hubris. He could do it so he just did it.

**B:** Don't worry, people weren't always zapping each other. They also had smuggled in weapons in this confined city made 50% of glass surrounded by the entire ocean. What's the worst that could happen?

## **Weapons**

- Revolvers
- Shotguns

-Submachine Guns

-Grenade Launchers

-Crossbows

-Chemical Throwers

**W:** Plasmids require ADAM. But when the people of Rapture want that kind of power, it gets to their head.

**B:** So to better the control, Ryan had little girls rounded up, genetically altered with alien looking things and guarded by gigantic scuba suits. Wait what.

**W:** These were Little Sisters, made to harvest ADAM. And to ensure their safety they were guarded by Big Daddies. People in large suits of armour that were conditioned into protecting them like a father.

**B:** There are the classic Big Daddies called Bouncers that are equipped with massive drills for hands that they use to effortlessly tear people to shreds. The Rosies are equipped with a rivet gun and leave mines on the floor. The Rumbler has an RPG and Lancers have an Ion Laser.

**W:** But the greatest Big Daddy is Subject Delta. A Big Daddy with a vengeance. Not only is it equipped with more weapons such as a machine gun, grenade launcher, shotgun and spear rifle. It also has access to the power of Plasmids. And the extremely useful Hack Tool which does exactly what you think it does.

**B:** As cool as it looks, that armour must be as uncomfortable as hell. They are people in there, imagine having the constant urge to scratch your balls. Or everywhere for that matter.

**W:** Uncomfortable but effective. Big Daddy armour is strong enough to endure grenade explosives and withstand attacks from characters like the Big Sister who could effortlessly rip through steel doors.

**B:** And those guys weren't the only security, Rapture has plenty of machine gun turrets and drones to just kill anyone dicking around I guess. But no matter how many Bouncers and fire power were around, Rapture would decline.

**W:** Rapture was a beacon for creative artists and scientists, but it created a very heavy class system. That is when Frank Fontaine, the fishery owner and local smuggler of goods built a home for the poor within Rapture. He gained mass popularity, enough to rival Ryan himself. Mix that with the people of Rapture seeing flaws in Ryan's ideology and things spiralled.

**B:** With this Ryan was forced to make laws that broke his ideology and proved its incompetence.

**W:** Hundreds of people were imprisoned and the people started forming their own groups to rebel and combat Ryan's rule. This eventually caused a fully fledged Civil War. On New Year's Eve 1958, Rapture had fallen.

**B:** And in the fallout, heh, well...things were not great whatsoever. Everyone was killing each other and they were all trapped thousands of feet below the sea. A perfect breeding pot of pure crazy bringing out the worst in people.

**W:** And these people are all that remains of Rapture. They are Splicers, deformed and genetically modified. They are dependent on ADAM to even survive. And there are some varieties.

**B:** Thuggish and Leadheads are the most basic variants. They've got some melee weapons and firearms but they're generally easy to take down. The good 'ol 1 2 combo with a wrench is enough to knock em dead.

**W:** Nitro toss grenades. Spiders crawl across walls and ceilings using heated up hook claws. Brutes are typical brute enemies in a video game that can casually toss around grand pianos. And the Houdini variants have full control over Plasmids. They can toss balls of flame and even teleport.

## **Troops**

- Splicers
- Thuggish



- Leadhead
- Nitro
- Spider
- Brute
- Houdini
  
- Machinery
  - Turrets
  - Drones
  - Security Cameras
  
- Big Daddies
  - Bouncer
  - Rosie
  - Lancer
  - Rumblers
  
- Subject Delta
  
- Jack

**B:** While Ryan himself can't exactly control these guys he could still push them in the right direction. Hell maybe he could control them given a certain character could.

**W:** You see, before Rapture fell, Ryan made love with an exotic dancer and impregnated her. Fontaine offered to take her embryo in exchange for money. With the help of some other people, they turned this baby into a sleeper agent. Someone that would 'activate' after hearing specific words. All in the hopes to overthrow Ryan. This baby's name was Jack.

**B:** And Jack would coincidentally be flight 815ed into Rapture. When he entered the sad state Rapture has become he was immediately activated by Fontaine to go after Ryan. And he did.

**W:** But at this point Ryan caught onto Fontaine's plan and could similarly control Jack with the three simple words. Would You Kindly. And Jack is one strong warrior to have on your side.

**B:** He has got access to all Plasmids. And has plenty of weapons like revolvers, crossbows, wrenches and a camera.

**W:** He is so great that he would eventually defeat Fontaine who both betrayed Jack and was juiced up by so much ADAM that he-

**B:** HE LOOKS LIKE A ROIDED UP OSCAR AWARD WHAT THE FUCK IS THAT!

**W:** But this happened far later than what I'll explain now. You see, Ryan never used Jack to turn on Fontaine or anything. Ryan was a defeated man at this point. He lost his ideology, his people and was set to lose his city. So he proved one last time that he was the one in control. By getting Jack to beat him to death and obey.

**B:** Ryan won't be growing teeth after that one. . .get it like grow teeth and you know the golf club-

**W:** You ruin everything.

**B:** Hehe, yeah.

**W:** But while Ryan may have died, Rapture certainly proves to hold the test of time.

## **Feats**

-Many characters scale to Brute Splicers and the Big Sister who could slice through steel doors.

-They can also dodge bullets

-Many abilities can ignore durability

-Telekinesis can lift and throw 550 lbs Big Daddies

-There are plenty of geniuses that are masters at genetics or engineering.

-Splicers defeated a military ship

**W:** In the end, Jack had the choice to either save the Little Sisters or take control of Rapture for himself. With the latter he managed to be a threat to the United States military by controlling the Splicers. They even managed to get their hands on some nuclear weaponry, which would certainly doom us

all. This goes to prove just how powerful Rapture and the man who built it were.

**B:** Wait what the hell is up with the city in the sky-


## Pre Fight



**W:** All right the combatants are set, we've run the data through all possibilities!

**B:** IT'S TIME FOR A DEATH BATTLE!

## FIGHT

 Radio New Vegas - Blue Moon (Frank Sinatra)

The fight opens on the streets of New Vegas. Residents are fleeing deeper into the city as NCR Soldiers are running towards the main gates. As the camera pans out revealing New Vegas in its entirety alongside the constant sound of gunfire until it reaches a NCR Ranger that pulls out a rifle. He fires down the line as the camera pans out again, following the

bullet before it hits a man in a rabbit mask in the face, dropping him dead.

Outside the gates of New Vegas, Splicers emerge from bathyspheres appearing from the ocean which has risen to the level of New Vegas. Spider Splicers move fast, tearing apart Kings with ease. More NCR Troops emerge at the top of the Vegas wall to rain down bullets. Nitro and Leadheads counterfire upwards, slowly deteriorating the wall.



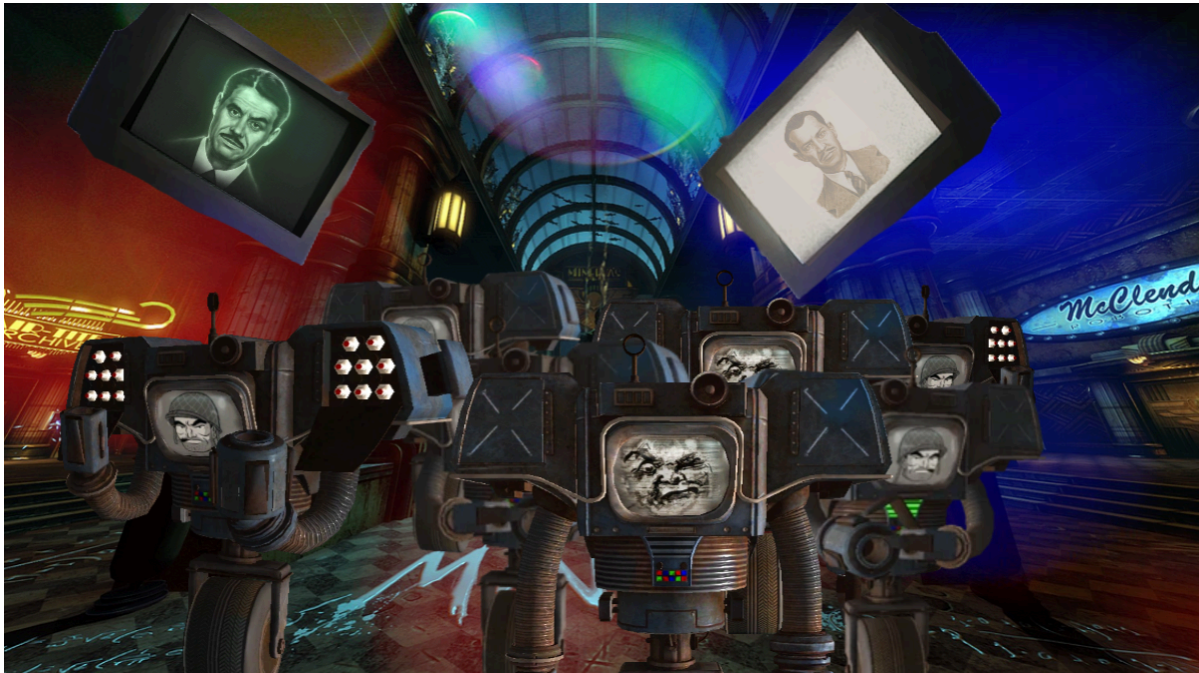
Another man, far from the battlefield arms himself with a missile launcher and fires it straight into the ocean. It flies deeper and deeper before crashing into an underwater building. More gunfire can be heard as the battle rages on within this submerged city.

[YouTube](#) Bioshock Soundtrack: 02 Welcome to Rapture

Within, many Securitrons are trekking through the tunnels of Rapture. As they enter a large main hall, they are greeted by a barrage of bullets from turrets and drones. The Securitrons dispatch them with ease using explosives. As they head deeper into Rapture, the many television screens around the room turn on. And the green face of Mr House appears on each and everyone of them.

**House:** Greetings, People of Rapture! Stop resisting this take over. Believe you me, I mean no ill intent. Hand over the city and no harm would be used against you.

When House finishes, many of his television screens switch channels to the face of Andrew Ryan.



**H:** Ah, Andrew Ryan. Come to confirm your surrender?

**Ryan:** Surrender? Oh please why would I ever surrender my city to the likes of you?

**H:** With my expertise I can make Rapture flourish, more than its entire lifespan. A safe haven, free from the war and survival of the Wasteland. The perfect snow globe..

**R:** Just like what you did to the great city of Las Vegas? You stole the ideas of others and made them your own. You see yourself as a saviour, a creator, a leader. I see you as a thief, a pirate, a parasite. Leeching off of others great ideas!

**H:** I have created a democracy. A shining light in a desolate wasteland. Why do you resist? Your city was crumbling around you before I came about. Accept this change and see it thrive to greater heights.

**R:** Why do you do this Mr House? Money? I do this, FOR POWER!

As he finishes Houdinis appear and fires balls of flame and bolts of electricity at the Securitrons. When the Securitrons counter the Houdinis onslaught, they simply teleport away. They reappear on the surface alongside Brute Splicers. They effortlessly tear through the forces on the surface.

[▶ Fallout New Vegas Main Battle Music](#)

Atop the wall an NCR soldier speaks out to a ranger.

**Soldier:** The fuck we even fighting these dudes for! I thought we don't like House!

**Ranger:** We don't know what happens when Mr House falls. We don't know who this threat is. Whatever happens, we can't let New Vegas fall, not to this scum!

The ranger successfully kills a Brute with a shot to the head. Van Graffs' mercenaries also show up with energy and plasma weapons which are capable of disintegrating and liquifying some of the Houdinis.

Back down in the ocean, the Securitrons adequately defend themselves from the Houdinis.

**H:** The power of ADAM is quite fascinating. I will be seizing it also.

**R:** Parasite...

The Securitrons scour Rapture in search of ADAM. Finally a Securitron strolls across a Little Sister. The Little Sister backs into a corner in pure fear and cries out.

**Little Sister:** Mr Bubbles! Help me Mr B!

[▶ Bioshock 2 big sister battle theme](#)

As the Securitron raises its gatling laser arm a loud roar can be heard from the end of a dark corridor. From there, many red lights turn on. The Securitron fires its laser at the lights as they begin moving closer at a rapid speed. It charges into

the Securitron, impaling it with a drill and rips it into two, screaming as it does so.



The Securitrons take aim but are immediately dismantled by Rosies and Rumlbers opening fire. Lancers appear and effortlessly vaporise some of the bots. The Securitrons continue to hold their own with superior numbers and do manage to kill a couple of Big Daddies.

**H:** Your society of monsters is certainly impressive Mr Ryan, but I have something you could never have...influence.

As smoke lays on the battlefield from the destruction of bots and behemoths, a silhouetted figure can be seen from the smoke. It tosses a couple of grenades that kill Big Daddies and sends them flying upwards. A Bouncer sees the silhouette and charges straight towards it. Suddenly time slows as a green overlay appears over the screen. From the smoke a bullet is fired in slow motion that hits the charging Bouncer's leg, blowing it to pieces. When time and the screen return to normal the Bouncer crashes to the floor at the foot of the figure.

▶ Main Title - Fallout: New Vegas

They step out from the smoke sporting NCR Ranger gear and a revolver in hand.



**H:** Find Andrew Ryan. We kill him and this mess is over.

The Courier embarks out to find Ryan with the remaining Securitrons fending off the other enemies.

**R:** *scoff* ehh fine. I didn't want to say it, but would you kindly kill these intruders!

**H:** Who are you talking to?

As the Courier delves deeper into Rapture, they are struck with three crossbow arrows to the chest. The Courier uses VATS to shoot their aggressor off of the balcony they stood upon before ducking to cover. They stick a stimpack into their chest to heal before being surrounded by the buzzing of hornets. In remembrance of those god awful Cazadors they get up and run from the approaching hornets. A familiar man in a white sweater opens fire with a submachine gun. Courier's response is to throw a stick of dynamite to their feet, blowing them backwards.

Jack recovers from the attack and gets up quick as the smoke clears. The Courier leaps from the smoke with the Shishkebab in hand and slices open Jack's chest. Jack's response is to shock the Courier with Electro Bolt and proceed to whack them in the face with a wrench. Jack unholsters his shotgun but



drops it after Courier fires another revolver round at their arm.



He takes out the Chemical Thrower filled with liquid nitrogen as Courier takes out their Flamer. They fire at each other creating a clash between the fire and ice. Using Cyclone Trap, Jack summons a mini tornado under the Courier's feet, making them lose their step and fall to the floor as Jack continues to fire the chilling mist at them. The Courier sticks a Med-X needle into their leg before freezing solid.

Jack takes a deep breath before pulling out a revolver and shooting the Courier in the head. The Courier falls to the floor with blood coming from their noggin. As Jack walks away a loud shot echoes through Rapture. Jack falls dead with a bullet hole piercing his heart. The Courier lived through the shot to the head and has broken through their frosty cloak. They stick another stimpack into their leg as a Securitron strolls up with Mr House's face placed upon the screen.

**H:** Are you ready to find Ryan? We can finish this right now.

The Courier nods and they both go forth together to the fiery entrance of Hephaestus. Time passes as they reach Rapture's Central Control. They blow down the door and enter a large empty area with a glass window on the other side, peering at a man, playing golf.



▶ Bioshock - The Ocean On His Shoulders - Main Theme

**H:** Your city is being destroyed as we speak and you are in here...playing golf? Glad to see you've got your priorities straight Mr Ryan.

**R:** And where are you Mr House? Hiding within your tower as your life support is barely keeping you alive. You can't enjoy the simple pleasures such as golf can you Mr House?

The Courier and House look at each other as Ryan pots a ball.

**R:** Tell me, are you a man, or a slave?

**H:** Now what kind of questi-

**R:** I wasn't speaking to you Mr House.

He lifts his golf club and points it at the Courier.

**R:** You. Are you a man, or a slave? A man chooses, a slave obeys. Are you choosing to aid Mr House or are you obeying him. Listening to his every word and being his puppet? Do you have any control over YOUR actions?


The Courier stares back at House. House grunts and aims his weapons at Ryan.

**R:** Kill me and this entire city will crumble to dust Mr House. I am the only one that can stop the self destruction.

**H:** You would allow your city to fall instead of giving it to me?

**R:** Of course! Why should a parasite such as yourself have anything that is mine?

House lowers his weapons awaiting Courier's response to the question. As they speak with Ryan, more tension appears on the surface.

 [Fallout 3 Soundtrack - Main Theme](#)

The Splicers numbers have vastly dropped. NCR soldiers and VanGraffs have successfully stopped the invasion at the gate with only a few wranglers appearing from the ocean here and there. However their attention is immediately reawakened when one more bathysphere floats to the surface. From it, Subject Delta emerges. They open fire at his thick armour to no avail. So he simply kills them all with his rivet gun and Incinerate. He approaches the gate of New Vegas and with a Winter Blast, freezes it solid and smashes through it with his drill. He stares at the Lucky 38 Casino before trekking to the Strip.



Back in Rapture House gasps.

**H:** Courier! We have an intruder in New Vegas! If we don't stop them we could end up trapped and submerged under this city!

The Courier looks at House and back at Ryan. They slowly walk out before breaking into a sprint back to Vegas.

**H:** How dare you try and use my own people against me!

House blows down the door into Ryan's room and greets him face to screen. Ryan simply continues to play golf.

**H:** What do you hope to achieve? Your city is as good as gone. You and your ideology drove it to the ground!

**R:** My ideology grants freedom-

**H:** Your ideology lacks authority! I kept New Vegas afloat for so long because I was there to lead it and make rules. You fear what I am. A presence that is willing to take when it is justified...

As House continues to speak the sound is muffled out as Ryan grows angrier and angrier. Using his golf club he whacks the robot in the screen, causing a crack to appear over House's face.

**R:** I will not be talked down to by a parasite such as yourself!

**H:** You fail to see reason Mr Ryan.

As they continue to debate with each other, Delta has finally come to the Lucky 38. He had just killed the casino families of the Strip and now only House was left. As he enters the casino he is met by a barrage of explosives from Victor standing guard. Using Security Command he hacks into Victor returning him to a more friendly face.

**Victor:** Well howdy par-partner! We-welcome to the Lucky 38!

Delta enters the lift and heads straight for the top floor. When he reaches the top he stands before a large screen. House, realising his presence, leaves his debate with Ryan behind as he leaves his bot control to speak to his visitor.

**R:** Finally.

Ryan grabs a speaker and screams into it.


**R:** Now is the time. Take control of the robots. We will march to New Vegas ourselves!

Houdinis appear and surround the remaining Securitrans. With Security Command, they turn the Securitrans against House and set forth to exit Rapture. Back on the surface, House speaks to Delta.

**H:** Welcome honoured guest, to the Lucky 38 casinooooooooooooo-

Mr House's face begins to go static as Delta uses his Hack Tool in an attempt to destroy House.

**H:** Sa-sa-save me-eeeeeee Co-courier!

 **Fallout: New Vegas Battle of Hoover Dam Theme Extended**

As Delta continues to hack into the computer, the Courier sneaks up behind them with a Stealth Boy and stabs them with a dagger in the back. Delta resists the attack and whacks the

Courier backwards. He then arms himself with his machine gun and fires at the Courier who runs to the side, firing a laser rifle as they do so.

But eventually Delta fires a load of bullets into the Courier, staggering them. With an opening Delta shoots a spear into the Courier's shoulder pinning them to a wall. Finally they blast them with a ball of flame, creating a large explosion.

Delta once again tries to hack into the computer but the Courier is resilient. They emerge from the smoke donning Power Armour and using a sniper rifle, knocks Delta away from the computer. They get up close using a Power Fist and proceed to punch Delta multiple times over. He counters with an electric bolt, shocking the Courier and giving Delta the chance to use his drill in an attempt to pierce the thick armour. When it fails to work he simply pushes Courier into the next room.



Using a grenade launcher, Delta keeps his foe at bay. Courier arms themselves with a Gatling Laser and fires sporadically at the Big Daddy. The constant fire pins Delta to a wall and with quick thinking, launches multiple proximity mines to the floor, none of which hit Courier. However with a well placed Gravity Well, all the mines and the Courier were forcefully pushed together, creating a large explosion and knocking the Courier backwards. Then using the Ion Laser, Delta slowly begins to deteriorate the Courier's armour. In a last ditch

effort, they pull out a Fat Man and fire a Mini Nuke at him. As the missile travels through the sky it comes to a sudden stop. Delta has caught it using Telekinesis. He tosses right back to sender causing a large blast that shatters glass and forcefully pushes Delta against a wall.

Delta gets right back up and back to House once more. But before even getting the chance to use the Hack Tool, five shots bounce off his head as the Courier returns with a limp. Having enough of their shit, Delta simply impales them with his drill and sticks them into the computer before revving it up. The Courier's blood is splattered all across the room. But before they could die, they held their big iron right up to the glass opening off Delta's helmet and fired their last bullet in the round. Delta's hand disconnects from the drill as he stumbles backwards with blood pouring from the helmet. He falls to the floor, finally defeated.


The Courier attempts one last time to use a stimpack but there was no recovery from that. They drop the stimpack to the floor and die at the top of Lucky 38.

Back at Rapture, Ryan watches as House's Securitron screen fades to black.

**R:** Finally, I have won!

The remaining Splicers and hacked Securitrons make way for the bathyspheres to get to New Vegas. But...

**BANG**

 Frank Sinatra - Somewhere Beyond The Sea

The bathyspheres blow up in their faces. The sound could be heard echoing through the halls of Rapture. Ryan jumped in fright at the sound of it. Multiple more detonations could be heard all across Rapture. Ryan turns to his own bathysphere which blows up in his face. The force of the explosion sends him crashing through his window and straight into the wall of his other room. Water begins pouring in and Ryan is left seated against the wall, shards of glass and shrapnel piercing his chest.

Above him a large TV screen is turned on with House's face planted on it.

**R:** W-what!

**H:** How incredibly disappointing Mr Ryan. I made an offer and you just had to refuse. So fine, I'll leave you here, with your city. All escape routes gone. And...

An alarm can be heard all throughout Rapture. House had activated the city's self-destruct.

**R:** W-why? You said yourself you wanted to take my city. Take my ADAM. Why the change of mind? Was this a choice you made, Mr House? Or are you just obeying something or someone? All to kill me I presume. You're no man, you're just another slave.

**H:** No Mr Ryan, quite simply I do not need your city or your ADAM. Look at where it got you. Dead, by my hand. Your city, your power, it is nothing to me.

There is silence as the water rises to Ryan's chest, bloodying the water around him. He is gasping for air as he slowly dies.

**H:** Goodbye Andrew Ryan.

With that the city erupts into flame as it is blown up by House. As the city is surrounded by a white light its ripples can be felt at the surface. When the explosion dissipates, Rapture is no more. Only New Vegas is left standing.

**K.O.**

 [Fallout 4 Main Theme](#)

**B:** Ahh shit I was betting on Rapture. Now I have to cancel my reservation at the Poseidon Plaza.

**W:** This battle was insanely close and has so many small factors that truly make this a difficult conclusion.

**B:** Yeah like, if they fist fought each other Ryan would have stomped. Seriously what is a corpse on life support gonna do?



**W:** While obviously not a traditional fight, it would be better to view this battle as a game of chess instead of boxing. House and Ryan are the defenceless Kings that would lose the game if they die. Hence why they rely on their other units to help them. Let's start by looking at their pawns.

**B:** Between the Splicers and gangs of New Vegas, it might seem obvious. Splicers have actual powers and Brutes are far more powerful than everyone in Vegas.

**W:** But the residents of Vegas have the edge. Firstly in training. Many people of the Wasteland are killers and fight to survive. While the same can be said about Splicers, they don't quite have the same formal training as the mercs or trained NCR soldiers of Vegas. While Houdinis are certainly powerful, they're glass canons, any good bullet would put them down. And Brutes are strong but no different than the deadlier creatures of the Wasteland like Super Mutants or Deathclaws.

**B:** Now let's talk bishops, castles and horsey pieces. Securitrons and Big Daddies are really strong. They could both easily decimate the others pawns with ease. But in terms of raw fire power, Securitrons held the edge.

**W:** Big Daddies had plenty of strong weapons like missile launchers and laser weapons. However this is spread across Big Daddy types, none of them can use them all at once. Meanwhile those weapons I just mentioned are all equipped on the MkII Securitrons. Not to mention there is a greater quantity of them and House has greater control over them than Ryan has with Big Daddies.

**B:** Though the Bouncer variants might have had the advantages up close, they would need to get there first and Securitrons are built on fighting people at a range, they simply wouldn't get the chance.

**W:** And now their Queen or Queens in Ryan's case. The Courier vs Jack and Subject Delta. This was vastly more difficult to consider.

**B:** Jack and Delta both have plenty of powerful weapons but it was unlikely they could keep the Courier down. Their weaponry

is far weaker than everything in the Wasteland. Neither of them are rocking .15 tons of TNT in a bomb the size of a football.

**W:** And while Plasmids are powerful, they can only do so much. Energy attacks? Courier has resistances to those. Mind control? Is only temporary within Bioshock. Their Plasmids can only grant openings which neither Jack nor Delta could capitalise on because of their weaker weaponry. And while they are both physically stronger than Courier, it wouldn't matter much when Courier has the speed and stealth to keep their distance.

**B:** So that's it then. House's pieces were stronger than Ryan's so he wins.

**W:** Not exactly, Ryan did have a couple of advantages. For one location. New Vegas isn't invincible, it is possible for other large groups to become solid threats to it. Meanwhile Rapture is located 6,700 feet below the ground . Successfully invading that would be difficult.

**B:** The only opening is through the lighthouse which would be risky. Though Securitrons don't need to breathe and wouldn't have as much of an issue getting into Rapture through alternate means under water. Like using the smuggler hideout Fontaine has.

**W:** Speaking of Securitrons, they are susceptible to hacking. We've seen them hacked before by the likes of Benny so the Hack Tools and Security Command would mean they could be turned against House.

**B:** And as we said, they are a powerful force. But not any more powerful than the Courier who could take out dozens of these guys with no sweat. Or simply use their own hacking skill to revert the changes.

**W:** And while House does have one big flaw as a leader in that he doesn't have much control over his troops and some like Benny have betrayed him, the same could be said about Ryan who has the same problems of control and betrayal with the likes of Fontaine.

**B:** But wait, Rapture was strong enough to get their hands on nuclear weapons, couldn't they use those to destroy New Vegas?

**W:** While Ryan was dead at the point they got the weapons, it might be an interesting hypothetical to argue. And simply, they couldn't do anything with them. The satellite atop the Lucky 38 was built specifically to ensure Vegas would be safe from missile strikes.

**B:** And even if it didn't work, the nuke wouldn't kill House buried deep under his casino and even his troops could survive in Vault 21. You know, the place built to survive nuclear warfare. No matter what, giving nuclear weapons to Ryan wouldn't change anything.

**W:** And House has a number of distinct advantages of his own. House is hundreds of years older and has been running New Vegas longer than Andrew Ryan has been alive. And he earned his wealth through his brilliant mind while Ryan lucked out.

**B:** And he is clearly a greater leader with this experience and smarts given he kept New Vegas standing for decades and has actually commanded in wars like the Battle for Hoover Dam. Rapture fell after just a couple of years and Ryan has never been the lead in wars. Jack has fought the US military which is impressive but no different from the NCR battling the Brotherhood of Steel.

## **Results**

### **Mr House:**

- +Army has more quantity and quality
- +Faster and more durable
- +Experience for both leader and troops
- +Smarter
- +Vastly superior weaponry
- +New Vegas thrived for decades
- =Lack of control over majority of forces
- New Vegas is out in the open and prone to attacks
- Securitrons are prone to hacking

### **Andrew Ryan:**

- +Greater area under water
- +Plasmids
- +Physically stronger army

=Lack of control over majority of forces  
-Army is overall weaker  
-Less experience on all fronts  
-Rapture failed after years

**W:** So in the end Mr House's forces simply outnumbered and outgunned Andrew Ryan. New Vegas would stand to live another day, while Rapture would be left destroyed on the ocean floor.

**B:** Ryan was certainly bioSHOCKED at his Fallout!

**W:** The winner is Mr House, it always is.

