

# Chapter IX: That common part of epic western movies where the rail in the canyon blows up when the train approaches

*As in many epic western cowboy shows, the canyon railroad bridge explodes by dynamite and the train stops suddenly, inches from death by 1,000-foot drop... that's what Null means by "Old School".*

**Notch:** Alright, halfway up the Updrift.

**Boss Steve:** You're one of those old school parents; "Hey kids, we're gonna detour 5 freakin hours just to see the world's largest pile of dirt!!"

*Null had just come back to the Overworld. He set up a few resources near a cliff, and started aiming a bow in many directions one after the other.*

**Null:** Perfect aim! Right There! Now, time for the explosions!

**Shadow minion:** Do you need a ladder?

**Null:** I am a ladder!... That sounded better in my head.

*Null splattered his hands and feet in slime, and sprinted toward the immense bridge... to begin the climb of the century! With 155 bunches of TNT, he ascended to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up the bridge, then started placing the giant charges to shatter the bridge!*

**Null:** They say nothing in life is perfect, but I don't see how this could be better!

*Also, a super daredevil action, jumping off a 1275 meter-high bridge, down into the ocean cove.*

**Null:** Everything set! Now, perfect aim, perfect vision, and a perfect moment... to conduct a flaming arrow to that TNT and send them plummeting down to the water!

*Back in the Updrift...*

**Notch:** Well Herobrine, if you ensure that you will value the safety of the world, and will never be bound with evil ever again!... then we will forgive your sins.

**Herobrine:** I do agree with you Notch, I respect you!

**Rainbow Steve:** Family Reunion. How touching.

**Boss Steve:** We should come up with a team name! Like; the Heptagon, or the Superior 7, or the-

**Light Steve:** What if we don't do that, and we concentrate more on discontinuing the name of Endersshadow.

**Notch:** Agreed here. Oooo, 1100 meters, nearly to the top!

**Alex:** It's getting cold!

**Steve:** I'm getting nauseous from going in a spiral for a whole hour!

*Null was more ambition than just blowing up the bridge, he wanted to lay down some intense levels of boldness. How could he do that...?*

**Null:** What if!?!... What if I blew up the mountains? I mean I have the resources, I say I use it well. Let's do a little bit more damage!

*One button, aimed at the second mountain, and "whoops".*

**Null:** WHOAHOHOHOA!!!! Now THAT'S A CANNON!!!!

*20 TNT a second and the 2nd Gatekeeper Mountain Twin's foundation was decimated! And seconds later, a huge SNAP was heard, as the mountain broke from the bridge, and came crashing down to the ocean.*

***SPLASH!!!!***

*It smashed at least 200 squids, and 2 monuments and Null stood there... speechless.*

**Null:** THAT WAS UNSPEAKABLE!!

*It really was... and the second unspeakable will arrive soon, as the bridge falls to destruction!*

**Notch:** Only 40 meters from the top!

**Boss Steve:** About time.

*More like 40 meters from seeing the- nothing.*

**Notch:** Here we are!!

**Rainbow Steve:** What's that up ahead?

**Light Steve:** Bigger question, why isn't there anything up ahead?!

*1300 meters away...*

**Null:** Lights!... Out!

*Thock!*

**Alex:** Is it farther away and we can't see it?

*The bridge center blasted to shards, leaving the Heptad 34 meters before the edge!*

**Boss Steve:** Oh my God!!! The bridge just collapsed!

**Notch:** Does anyone have a bow and arrow?

**Rainbow Steve:** I have a bow, but it's chained to my belt.

**Notch:** Well then stand up! Now shoot that Redstone torch and the rails will turn off!

**Rainbow Steve:** I can't! I have no arrows!!

**Alex:** Arrow incoming!!

**Rainbow Steve:** ...Got one!!

**Steve:** Someone's shooting at us from down there!

**Notch:** Now, just focus your aim, and... pretend the torch is Boss Steve kissing your girlfriend!

**Rainbow Steve:** I'm the best bowman in the land, you didn't have to say that!

*Perfect impact, the torch shorted the rails, and the rails shut down.*

**Boss Steve:** Shut down faster!!!

*7 meters till' impact.*

**Boss Steve:** Hurry!!!!

*4, Aaaaand stopped.*

**Light Steve:** We're not dead!

*The second unspeakable has arrived!*

**Null:** Now for the next one.

***BOOM!!!***

**Null:** Timberrrr...

***KABAM!!!!***

*A single 16 meters of bridge and rail standing frail and alone, if even touched by a hair... it would collapse.*

**Null:** Maybe I should leave them that space.

*An enderman took a piece of the bridge... rip*

**Null:** Oh I didn't mean for that.

*They began falling...*

**Herobrine:** This is Null's doing!!

**Notch:** Okay! Everyone! Like we practiced before, angle yourselves, and fly forward.

*As they flew over to the rest of the rail, they grabbed hold of a few minecarts and aerodynamically angled themselves to survive landing on the surface of the tracks.*

**Notch:** Alright guys! ...Here it comes!!

*Bam!! Perfect mount... "it's as if it was scripted".*

**Light Steve:** My whole life flashed faster than lightning! I spend WAY too much time meditating.

**Steve:** NULL!!! THIS ISN'T OVER!!!!

**Null:** I KNOW!!! JUST KEEP GOING!!!!

**Alex:** He's playing games!

**Notch:** He's a genius Alex. He's got every single ace in the deck up his sleeve.

*Sailing wasn't that bad, the river was thankfully fast, and the water was exceptionally refreshing and cool.*

**Alex:** I mean it's a lot better now!

**Notch:** Don't worry team, we are only a few hundred yards from the tree.

**Herobrine:** Lookout!!

*\*Branch\* A few hundred yards later...*

**Notch:** Welcome to the jungle!

**Steve:** I hate the jungle, the creepers always have the high end of the stick here!

*The spreading of 2 bushes... unveiled a glorious tree, huge, with many branches, a very thick trunk, surrounded by pools of refreshing pure water.*

**Boss Steve:** Wow, that's enlightenment!

**Rainbow Steve:** It makes me feel like there is hope in the world!

**Notch:** That's not it.

**Alex:** What?

**Herobrine:** Yeah, that's not the tree.

**Steve:** I'm pretty sure there aren't any other trees like this one!

**Notch:** There's not, but that's not it.

**Alex:** Well then where is it?

Notch uprooted a bush to the right and revealed a tiny, neglected tree, like one that holds a single lantern. It had some leaves, but not many. And it was given a small scrap of sunlight through the big jungle trees.

**Steve:** That? Is the Divine Enlightenment Tree?

**Notch:** Indeed it is. It looks so comfortable.

**Alex:** Is it... dead?

**Notch:** She might be thirsty.

**Steve:** How can you tell it's a she? I mean- oh I see.

**Herobrine:** Does she have any apples?

**Notch:** Do you have any apples?

**Steve:** Really?

**\*Whispering wind\*:** No.

**Alex:** What was that?!

**Light Steve:** The tree itself doesn't vocalize, only the whispering winds around her give you keys.

**Boss Steve:** Keys? To what? Chests? Or doors? Or chest doors?

**Light Steve:** To solutions.

**Rainbow Steve:** Can she not just possess an apple then we can accept it and go?

**Notch:** She does not GROW fruit, she guides us to it.

**Boss Steve:** Enough sensei talk!! Where are the apples?!

*Suddenly the noon sun blinked into the moon. It was night, and storms rolled in flooding everything.*

**Steve:** Uh, what just happened to... time?

*On the shadow of one particularly dark tree, two white things appeared.*

**(No doubt) Null:** Curiosity KILLS!!

*Lightning flashed from the sky and came down to the surface, at a continuous strike. Like Steve suspected, a creeper came out from behind a tree and walked into the lightning, and due to lightning overdose, it exploded on contact... and disintegrated the tree!*

**Notch:** NO!!!

*But luckily somehow, an apple came from the white objects' area, and the white objects closed up and disappeared, once the moon came out from behind the tree, there was nothing there...*

**Alex:** What's happening?

**Notch:** The tree... it's gone.

**Herobrine:** An apple. This was Null's plan? Destroy the tree, and give us the solution!

**Notch:** Why would he want to destroy the tree though?

**Herobrine:** Null must have been afraid the tree would tell us why he is helping us.

**Notch:** Why is this man so confusing? Ever since he was just-

**Herobrine:** Null's misleading, Null's misled my comprehension of the plan for this base. There is something we haven't apprehended, why did they build this super ultra base just for us to raid it? Why are we getting the solutions from them? He's preparing something. I feel that staying and fighting officially would be better. As if we are those who have values and lose them while trying to gain more.

**Light Steve:** Okay, I don't even understand you now! What's the point?

**Herobrine:** He's making sure we progress to one place as we outrange something he aspires. In other words; Null is directing us TO something, and directing us AWAY from something!