

# Chapter V: Bad News and Bad News

**Boss Steve:** Alright, we're here, we need to find Light Steve.

**Alex:** I wonder if he's back at home.

**Steve:** I think I see him.

**Alex:** Yes, he's here!

**Steve:** Ummm, there's someone else behind that fat tree.

**Boss Steve:** Who is it?

**Steve:** Who is- I don't know, I just said I couldn't see! Here, take an invisibility potion.

*They walked up to the conversation, and it was Rainbow Steve! He was here! But even after the 3 minutes of their potion effects wore off, the 3 of them just stood there waiting to be seen.*

**Light Steve:** I'm telling you, I will never face Null!

**Rainbow Steve:** That's the thing, all you have to do is get into the amulet and this world will be safe, but still balanced.

**Light Steve:** Well are you 100% sure it's flawless?

**Rainbow Steve:** Boss Steve said it's 105% flawless.

**Light Steve:** ...That's not a real number. And that represents overconfidence.

**Rainbow Steve:** Well, overconfidence is just being overprepared.

**Light Steve:** And unnecessarily flooded with assumptions.

*8 minutes later...*

**Boss Steve:** I also use my ignorance as a way to not be recognized in aggressive contact.

**Light Steve:** Oh, Boss Steve, and Alex and Steve, welcome back.

**Rainbow Steve:** Wait, how long have you guys been standing there?

**Boss Steve:** 12 minutes.

**Rainbow Steve:** Well, it was my intention for it to take long for him to be persuaded.

**Light Steve:** Just FYI Boss Steve, if you came to convince me too about this necklace, it's not happening!

**Boss Steve:** Well, then statement 1 is not needed.

**Light Steve:** What else do you have?

**Boss Steve:** Statement 2 is... the Shadow Steve has multiplied, and is constructing a defense base... in the End.

**Light Steve:** WHAT!?! When did this start?

**Boss Steve:** Not sure, but an unfamiliar entrance on a mountain Northwest of Blastomeltius led me to a non-naturally generated portal the End, and that's when I noticed them constructing something HUGE.

**Light Steve:** Did you steal any blueprints? What is it for?

**Boss Steve:** I have no idea, but the protection level is rising FAST, they plan to build it so overpowered that not even Witherzilla could pass the defenses.

**Light Steve:** Not even a tyrant builder would construct a base like that simply to defend themselves, this is the defense of protecting a treasure. An extremely valuable treasure.

**Steve:** This whole base is a death vault?

**Alex:** Well they would certainly have to have some obscure passage in.

**Boss Steve:** No, they literally have extremely deadly defenses surrounding the entire base. Zero secret passageways.

**Light Steve:** A treasure this valuable would come from an alternate world.

**Steve:** So there are zero potential ways in?

**Shadow Steve:** There is... 1 way.

**Everyone else:** AHH!!!

**Boss Steve:** Shadow Steve? You can speak?

**Shadow Steve:** Yes, I hid my voice for years, but I have a message for you entrepreneurs.

**Steve:** Entrepreneurs? We're just figuring a solution!

**Rainbow Steve:** Are you the primary?

**Shadow Steve:** Yes. You can call me Shade.

**Boss Steve:** Okay, Shade I need you to get into this amulet.

**Shade:** Yeah, no. And, as I was saying, there is one way to access the focus of the base.

**Steve:** Is it protection IV diamond armor?

**Shade:** No. Not even with protection XXIV diamond armor.

**Alex:** Well, what is it?

**Shade:** Here is your hint.

**Boss Steve:** Hold up, why are you telling us how to pillage your base?

**Shade:** I'm fighting an illness. And I have to stay loyal to Null and Herobrine... it's my curse, but I will fight it as much as I can.

**Rainbow Steve:** Alright, what's our hint?

**Shade:** It's an item. Your hint is... Unrenewable since alteration 15w4-4a, made from only the purest precious treasure, shielding the skin and flesh of the purest nectar, only meaningful when given the purpose by one with the compatible purpose of perfection.

**Rainbow Steve:** Can I get a dictionary for that?

**Shade:** Unrenewable since alteration 15w4-4a, made from only the purest precious treasure, shielding the skin and flesh of the purest nectar, only meaningful when given the purpose by one with the compatible purpose of perfection.

**Steve:** Let's say I'm 5 years old, what do my toy building blocks make?

*Shadow Steve summoned a whirlwind of black dust, surrounding him, about to teleport him to the Shadow defense base.*

**Shade:** Oh and just concerning your ignorance, an oxygen-nanotube barrier restrains ender pearls from passing in, so don't expect to just zip in there.

*Disappearing in the black storm, Shadow Steve found a secret to auto-teleport, without e-pearls, command blocks, or any way of teleportation.*

**Boss Steve:** I'd like a dictionary to find some synonyms for those large words.

**Light Steve:** Wow, that was a lot.

*Meanwhile, back at the Temple of Titans...*

**Notch:** Null, when did you and my ignorant brother here meet?

**Herobrine:** We've been together for 6 years, plotting the ultimate plan against you.

**Null:** He said he needed someone obscure to help him, and I needed a sponsor to protect and stall for me while I adjusted the potions. It's a win-win.

**Herobrine:** So to dispute you, what entirely were you doing in the realms anyway?

**Notch:** I already said brother, I just wanted to talk with Light Steve. Nothing else!

**Herobrine:** Yes, I'm sure.

**Notch:** Why don't you want us going to the realms anyways?

**Herobrine:** Because! Your daft friend and your children are probably going to try to destroy Shadow Steve, and put everything out of sequence!

**Notch:** Herobrine, remember when my children invented the knockback stick preferably than using a sword to obstruct you? They know that overtake is never the answer, they are going to put everything in line, and fulfill a destiny not even I intended for them. They will banish Null once again, and then send you to the Infernal Oppression.

**Null:** I think you're underestimating me.

**Notch:** I've done that before, I'm not making that mistake again.

**Null:** I'm building something Notch, something that will tear you apart.

**Notch:** You 2 have already torn me apart. I was lucky that God could even bring me back after Herobrine stabbed me oh so long ago.

**Herobrine:** Like I said before Notch, your reaction will be priceless. We're going to cause so much chaos that you will be blinded from the real threats.

**Notch:** I've studied you for 20 years, Herobrine, you no longer exhaust me. But Null, you intrigue me, I want to learn more about you.

**Null:** You're already being torn apart by the chaos, I can sense it in your voice. You don't want to know what comes next, what I'm building...

**Notch:** What are you building Null?

**Null:** I'm building an inverse. I'm going to blow up everything.

**Herobrine:** That's not part of the plan.

**Notch:** What plan is this?

**Herobrine:** It's news to me.

*Notch senses lies...*

**Null:** My empire must outlast the explosion.

**Notch and Herobrine:** Explosion?

**Null:** Yes, I will end the indulgence for the Universe to fall to the corresponding way it was 15 billion years ago, pure emptiness!

**Notch:** You intend to blow up the entire Universe, and live in an impenetrable city floating in zero gravity... in empty space.

**Null:** Precisely, it's called Null's Hypothesis! Subtitle... the last Zero!

**Herobrine:** This was never part of the plan Null! We can't just erase history until the very beginning of time!

**Null:** It will commence! Even if I must kill you as well!

*Null ripped up the doors and left the Temple, he was not letting anything stop him. Herobrine felt betrayed because unless he could change Null's mind, or deal with Null's plans, he was near alone forever.*

*Back in the realms...*

**Boss Steve:** Unrenewable since alteration 15w4-4a, made from only the purest precious treasure, shielding the skin and flesh of the purest nectar, only meaningful when given the purpose by one with the compatible purpose of perfection..

**Light Steve:** They're some sort of ingredients, or checkpoints, or maybe tools.

**Alex:** We should get back to the Temple and try to crack this code, this could be the only way to stop the shadows and permanently banish Null.

**Steve:** I agree, three clues, three possibilities, three objectives. Let's figure it out!

**Rainbow Steve:** Hold up, do you guys think Null told the shadows to tell us this hint?

**Boss Steve:** ...I didn't think about that, I sure hope not.

**Light Steve:** If he didn't, then we mustn't leak a word of this quest! This is our only hope... to bring back peace.