

# Chapter IV: Some Motivation Required

**Everyone:** HUUUURGH!!

*They were attempting to pull the cell's iron bars down, but of course, it was kinda tough.*

**Jonas:** You guys know there's a pickaxe on the wall right there?

**Herobrine:** If you know my brother, he likes to start his mornings off with boiled eggs, crunchy pork chops, and he spends 25 minutes reading the nutrition facts on the bottled water!

**Notch:** Mass producers are quite inconvenient.

**Herobrine:** And what's your job again, Creator Almighty?

*Crack. Snap! Bang!!*

**Jonas:** Oh yes! More than 6 square meters! Something else to look at besides obsidian!

**Notch:** Welcome back to the open world.

**Jonas:** Does anyone have something to eat. All that was in there was a dozen cans of cheese!

**Herobrine:** We're getting out of here first, and we're going to get to a place to reestablish our supplies.

**Jonas:** There's a village about 5,000 blocks away, we can go there.

**Notch:** Well then let's get out of this monster of a-

*RUUMMMMMM...*

**Jonas:** There's not been that kind of rumble for 40 years, not since... oh no.

*CRUMBLE!!*

**Null:** RUN!!!

*Lava springing from the walls, destroying the exhibits, and flooding room, suddenly the ceiling busted open and came down, making space for more!*

**Notch:** There's the door, go go GO!!

**Herobrine:** The door shut! How do we get out?

**Notch:** Think of being an ironsmith!

**Herobrine:** A what? Woah!

*As the Ultimate Battering Ram, Herobrine busted down the door, and they escaped the deadly volcano just in time. The sky was dark, and ash flew through the air. Then an earthquake-*

*GRUMMMM...*

**Notch:** Oh my god.

**Null:** Earthquake!!

**Notch:** The volcano is speaking to me.

**Alex:** No it's not! The tectonic plates are speaking to you! They're telling you to get the hell out of this war zone!!

**Notch:** The volcano is dying.

**Steve:** Well at least it's gonna go on a magical waterslide to go see all its volcano family.

**Notch:** It's going to explode!!

**Null:** Didn't you say it already does!?

**Notch:** Everyone run! This is an act of Xiroxemous!

*4 kilometers away, they stopped running and turned around to see the volcano flooding itself.*

**Steve:** Is it not gonna blow?

**Notch:** It is! Now get behind the wall!

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**Alex:** I think it's just having a heavy day.

**Notch:** Boom.

# ***BOOM!!!***

**Herobrine:** HOLY MATRIX OF ALL EVIL!!!

*The sky turned burnt red and gray, smoke, ash, and fireballs, gemstones, and beakers came crashing down all around.*

**Notch:** Doomsday is here, the curse has come.

**Null:** What curse?

**Notch:** Light Steve spoke that the day the world's most powerful thing in existence... the ultimate volcano... aka Magmyzodon falls to cause extinction, Doomsday will come, the sky will fall, and there will be nothing remaining but scarred trees and grass, and black sands surrounding the darkest of blue waters ever known.

**Null:** But volcanoes can't go extinct.

**Notch:** Not it, us.

**Null:** What?

**Notch:** Magmyzodon was the source of 52% of all diamonds and 68% of all emeralds.

Blastomeltius contributes less than 13%!

**Null:** I suppose that is extinction.

**Notch:** Though, the shaft will seal, the Red Void will be protected again.

**Herobrine:** You know, that doesn't sound like a big enough issue to mess around with, Jonas and I have made the educated decision to walk to the village that by the way is within sight range. C'mon Jonas, there are other issues to handle.

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**Steve:** Issues. You have issues.

*So they walked forth to the village, still looking up at the burning, gray sky. There was a strange misconception here, Magmyzodon had been a sturdy powerful mountain for almost 700 years, what could interrupt this monster? All they knew really was, Dreadlord was not the main issue, he was only a peasant compared to a god of Impossible power, the great “Philosopher of Defiance”, had just committed a monumental murder!*

**Jonas:** Welcome to the village.

**Herobrine:** Let's start building. Anyone have some gold pillars?

**Notch:** Get a grip, we can't always have a god's temple.

**Null:** Actually, maybe we can. Let him stay here and build the castle, then we can go back to Magmyzodon, and get some clues to what might have happened.

**Notch:** Perfect, I'm in!

**Alex:** Sounds great.

**Steve:** We'll need some buckets of water.

**Herobrine:** Wait, I'm not a professional architect. I figured you could blink a castle into existence.

**Notch:** In about 5 hours, it'll be sundown and monster-mania, and since you have considered Magmyzodon “not a big enough issue”, it's clear you aren't willing to go back there, you wanted to rush down here. We'll be back in about 4 hours, and we hope to see your ambition to travel to a 10-star hotel become a source of effort to build at least a 2 and a half star hotel.

**Jonas:** I'll stay with him... I've had enough of Magmyzodon for... ever.

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**Steve:** Herobrine just doesn't want to focus on the important stuff.

**Notch:** I know Steve, it's like he's faking himself.

**Null:** Herobrine is the most feared person in Minecraft History, part of that may be regarding his extreme grumpiness.

**Alex:** That or the fact that he's the worst builder in history and is put to work at creeper-proof base construction.

**Light Steve:** Always trust a basic, the supposedly worst builders... may surprise you.

**Notch:** Light Steve, what are you doing here? And how did you get to us like that?

**Light Steve:** I hear the great volcano Mount Magmyzodon had collapsed by some sort of supernatural power.

**Notch:** Well, it's sure great to see you! You'll be a big help, at least if you're staying.

**Light Steve:** I am staying, except I have no idea what you guys are doing this far from the homelands.

**Alex:** ...Remember? We're going to the Far Lands.

**Steve:** -To catch Dreadlord!

**Notch:** There you go.

**Light Steve:** Oh, I kind of thought you were kidding.

**Notch:** Why would you think that?

**Light Steve:** Because Dreadlord is an extremely ambitious and bloodthirsty individual who has eyes on you right now.

**Null:** He's not bloodthirsty; ambitious, I'll give you that. One time he said he wanted to commit mass genocide upon vegetarians, he considers them "unrighteousness".

**Light Steve:** That, for once in history, in an incorrect opinion. And also, I'm afraid he is acting very bloodthirsty and evil.

**Null:** I assure you he isn't.

**Light Steve:** When did you last see him?

**Null:** Like 7 months ago.

**Light Steve:** Well, I saw him yesterday.

**Steve:** What?!?

**Light Steve:** He was only like 40 kilometers North of here, I did a few spy games on him, and I saw him with the Energy Rune.

**Notch:** Okay there's so much going on but go back. He has eyes on us?

**Light Steve:** Alex and Steve, remember? The Slaughter, the Plague, and the Contingent Alteration?

**Alex:** Yes.

**Steve:** Of course.

**Light Steve:** The Philosopher of Defiance is called Entity 303.

*Dun dun dun*

**Alex:** ...What kind of name is that?

**Light Steve:** He's a glitch, he's an A.I. gone wrong.

**Steve:** Okay well that's not very... amazing.

**Light Steve:** You can't catch him, he's like a ghost that can travel at the speed of light. His primary talent is fire-wielding.

**Notch:** As in, for instance, create a storm of fireballs?

**Light Steve:** Certainly.

**Notch:** Okay then. We know what we're dealing with, I kind of wish we didn't.

*Back at the village...*

**Herobrine:** Do you think the guys are calling me out right now.

**Jonas:** Of course not, they're testing you.

**Herobrine:** Testing me?

**Jonas:** Look, everyone just has their own way. You, well you clearly just get tired of being Herobrine the Titan of Destruction, and that's fine, but in a time like this, your friends need you, and they wanted you to do something outside your comfort zone.

**Herobrine:** I've never built a house bigger than... well, an outhouse. I mean, aside from the times I made a fireball launcher to invade a city, or when I engineered a piston robot, or maybe a time I programmed 30 command blocks to activate a-

**Jonas:** -Sounds like you're pretty good with Redstone.

**Herobrine:** Really? Cause that wasn't much.

**Jonas:** Listen man, everyone has a talent, but everyone also has a secret talent. You may be known for destruction, but your secret talent would come in handy here.

**Herobrine:** You really think so?

**Jonas:** Sure! Now just start with maybe a foundation, remember, they aren't agents looking for a new House Beautiful showing.

**Herobrine:** I don't have very many blocks.

**Jonas:** There's a quarry right over there.

*Herobrine's power sparked, a little motivation goes a long way, I can't say the same for Steve.*

**Steve:** You want me to jump into that crater??

**Notch:** It won't be that bad, there should just be a button on the side of that block of granite, then the water dispensers should fire away and solidify the lava.

**Steve:** Why can we just throw water down there now, isn't there a pond about 100 blocks away?

**Alex:** The explosion obsidian-ified that.

**Steve:** Well I not just gonna jump down there and...

*Null suddenly pulled out a bow.*

**Steve:** ...It would be like 1,000 degrees!

**Null:** Got it.

**Alex:** Wait what?

**Light Steve:** He hit a perfect shot.

**Notch:** Oh nice job!

**Light Steve:** ...On the intruder disposal.

**Notch:** What is that?

*The ground collapsed beneath them and they fell down a hole as the button label suggested.*

**Everyone:** AHHHHHH!!!

*BAM!!!*

**Steve:** I knew there was a better way!

**Null:** There's a door.