

# Chapter XIV: The Imperfect Storm

**Notch:** Continue straight for 4 miles, then 2 degrees east!

**Rainbow Steve:** Aye, captain!

*The distance to the Cali coast was about 2400 miles, at the ship's speed, they'd arrive in 87 and a half hours. The only question was, will Null be back and ready in just 3 and a half days?*

**Notch:** Thankfully, there are none of those vicious guardians in these waters, we should have a peaceful journey there.

**Herobrine:** No, but here, they do have sharks that can smell blood from miles away, squid that will actually kill you, and don't even get me started on jellyfish!

**Light Steve:** Right, also the waters in our dimension are always level, but here, they can range as waves, in a dangerous storm, they can engulf the ship, taking us down to... What did they call it, a locker?

**Herobrine:** Something like that, and maybe gravy?

**Alex:** Yeah, and the water here is filled with salt, which is a real pain in the eyes.

**Steve:** So yeah dad, I'd say our oceans are a lot safer.

**Notch:** Well, that's the real core of the thornbush.

**Rainbow Steve:** Captain, incoming ship about 600 meters off!

**Notch:** Another ship??

**Rainbow Steve:** Yes, it's, it's... HUGE!!

**Notch:** Aw man, it's the military!

*An aircraft carrier ship, FAR larger than their ship, was approaching, about to sail right by them!*

**Herobrine:** Hide!! We can't let them recognize us!

**Deckhand (with megaphone):** Hello to the left, do you need a lift?

**Notch:** Shhh, we can't let them know, shout behind something.

**Herobrine:** Uhh, we have a severe sickness, it's an epidemic, you mustn't stay here!!

**Deckhand:** We have vaccines on board, let us help you!

**Herobrine:** We have poison on board! And precarious bombs!

**Deckhand:** ...Stop your ship at once! Nuclear weapon shipment is illegal!

**Herobrine:** I should have left it at pandemic.

**Light Steve:** Notch, what do we do?

**Notch:** You ever seen Speed? Double it.

**Rainbow Steve:** FULL SPEED AHEAD!!!

**Deckhand:** They're leaving! Tell the captain to turn around!!

**Notch:** Alex! Set up the front sail! Steve! The back! Light Steve! Oars! Boss Steve! Load the cannons-- could be necessary! Herobrine! Eye on their proximity! And as for me, Rainbow Steve, when I give you the cue, hard right! Everyone go go go! Give it your all! The whole 9 meters!

**Steve:** Measures perfect!

**Rainbow Steve:** Aye!

*Everyone got on their tasks to make the ship go far faster, but as an old pirate ship, it could never compare to the speed of modern-day warships!*

**Herobrine:** 100 meters!

**Notch:** Steady!

**Herobrine:** ...60 meters!!

**Notch:** Steady!!!

**Herobrine:** 30 meters!!

**Notch:** NOW!! HARD RIGHT!! HARD RIGHT!! FIRE THAT CANNON!!!

*BOOM!! BOOM!! BOOM!!*

**Notch:** Go! Hurry up!

*The carrier slowed and nudged the sailing ship, the Heptad grabbed a hold of the anchor and climbed in through its pipe.*

**Deckhand:** They're on our ship! Search their entire ship, we'll find them. \*Static sounds\* All units report to the cargo hold we have suspicious people who have boarded us, find them at once, they are basically... pirates.

*The Heptad split up, they hid in random places throughout the ship, after 10 minutes they all met up on deck and hid under a few boxes.*

**Boss Steve:** What if we take over the ship?

**Notch:** Don't you dare, that is entirely out of the question.

**Steve:** Um. Herobrine?

**Herobrine:** What's wrong?

**Steve:** Your shadow is... idiosyncratic.

**Herobrine:** You know what that means??

**Alex:** He's right, your shadow is... broken?

*Herobrine's dark shadow was shaking in an unfamiliar way, which he wasn't doing.*

**Herobrine:** Maybe it's just my natural dark aura?

*Nope, because his "aura" slapped him in the leg!*

**Boss Steve:** Not aura, not aura!

**Herobrine:** Oh, look who it is...

*The shadow collapsed! Spinning in a black cylinder, the shadow formed into a floating ghost-ish black creature with two white eyes.*

**Herobrine:** Null.

**Null:** The last time I was in close proximity with the U.S. government I was shot in the chest and left to die, it seems like we're not so different after all.

**Steve:** You're dead! We're entirely different.

**Null:** I was called out into the midst of the ocean by someone that goes by Guardian Moon, he said he had some "cool gadgets" and important information.

*Alex and Steve look at each other.*

**Notch:** Null. I think you ought to tell us what evoked all this?

**Null:** Well, this guy had sent me a note in Morse code, which I'm fluent in, haha, and he said that he had something to psychologically persuade-

**Steve:** No. Okay. What happened to you? Why did you come to us?

**Null:** ...Now? You're kind of in a high-pressure situation here.

**Steve:** ...Why did you come to us?

**Null:** Well, you're in for a treat, I just happen to have my legacy right here. Do you want Dictionary Mode or Legendary Mode?

**Notch:** Null just tell us, I'm not even fully aware of what happened either.

**Rainbow Steve:** Yeah. What provoked you to become such a menace?

**Null:** Legendary mode it is. \*Clears throat\* I am a shadow ghost. It is a burden, it is a grade... dependent on my sins. *Back in the late 2000s, I was a normal human of Earth, but I had a severe disability of self-control. I had been fired, hunted by the government for robbery, and lost my best friend, who died in a car crash. I'd come across a gang of "pillagers", that's a term you might know. Hackers that taught me how to pillage the internet. I figured, leave everyone alone,*

*I don't need them, and they don't need me! I figured to seek infiltration in Minecraft due to the fact that Herobrine was accepted as evil A.I. But not before the police showed up, busted in the room, and made a decision to arrest everyone, but me.*

**Steve:** They let you go?

**Null:** They shot me. ...*I guess I had been too evil overall, but I didn't stop. Clearly, I wasn't accepted into Heaven, but neither Hell, I wasn't sure why. So continued what I started; a lost soul, shadow ghost, as a dead infiltrator, finding my way into Minecraft, and beginning one of the most ambitious projects in history.* That's been my life so far, and if nobody cares, then what's the point of having them around, when I could live in infinite peace...

**Herobrine:** You know, I know exactly how that feels, I learned to accept my family and friends in a way even after I tried to destroy the world, you can too.

**Null:** I have no family, and no friends, who am I supposed to accept?

**Notch:** We can accept you for who you are, everyone makes mistakes, I mean sure you've been absolutely evil, but we know you can change.

**Null:** Wow, you guys have quite the honorary code, really. The fact that you respect me after what I've done. I feel I could learn, and maybe be good. No. I couldn't! I have a quest and I shall finish what I-

*CCCCRACK!!!*

**Null:** Well, once I get a chance!

*Just like that he disappeared into the world, a black, raging storm was upon them, with some hundred-footers on the way!*

**Guardian Moon:** That oughta stop that son of a-!

*Moon didn't realize that Null wasn't the only one in that part of the ocean, he caught his friends in a trap meant for the enemy! "Imperfection used"*

*The devastating hit destroyed the deck and knocked the End Rod off the tower. Containing 45 strikes of the lightning worth of electricity all added up- that'd kill anyone 30 times! With the exception of...*

**Notch:** HEROBRINE WAIT!!!!

*Herobrine.*

**Herobrine:** AAAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRGHHHHH!!!!!!!

*After 15 minutes, the storm had passed over. All was steady, but poor Herobrine was now lost, with 40 billion volts worth of electricity inside him, he didn't know what to do, because...*

**Light Steve:** Herobrine, are you okay?

**Herobrine:** I-

**Notch:** He could be in lost shock.

**Herobrine:** Where-

**Steve:** He's not dead at least.

**Notch:** Hold on.

**Herobrine:** What's going on?

**Boss Steve:** Well, the storm had passed over, and after you snatched the End Rod, you absorbed all that lightning, and then everything went silent for about 10 minutes.

**Herobrine:** Who... who are you?

**Boss Steve:** What are you talking about, it's me, Boss Steve, your friend.

**Herobrine:** What?

**Light Steve:** Oh no, electric-shock amnesia.

**Notch:** What?

**Light Steve:** Over-electrocution can blow neural-circuitry.

**Rainbow Steve:** Wait guys! Look!!

**Alex:** The coast!

**Steve:** We've made it!!

**Boss Steve:** Wait but how did we... how did we make it so quick? It was supposed to be 87 hours, not 87 minutes.

**Notch:** Guys what are we going to do about Herobrine? What if this is permanent?

**Light Steve:** We take him to Notch, the real Notch, he could be able to fix him!

**Notch:** I feel that just you guys should go, I should look after Herobrine.

**Alex:** No dad. We will fix Herobrine, we will defeat Null, we WILL restore peace, but the only way to do that is to find Notch!

*10 seconds later...*

**Notch:** Very well, but we need-

**Rainbow Steve:** Uhh guys, sorry for interrupting, but did anyone realize that we're like, up on the beach.

*They deboarded the ship and walked out onto the beach, but had a big problem.*

**Light Steve:** Guys the island we were on had only a population of about 200,000, this place has about 4 million people, and we're still in hiding technically, it was literally impossible to hide from one ship in the sea. I mean I brainwashed them, but still.

**Herobrine:** What's going on here?

**Notch:** Listen, I just need you to do what we do, can you handle that?

**Herobrine:** Okay.

**Notch:** Alright guys, Light Steve is right. How are we supposed to disguise ourselves?

**All:** Hmmm.

**Steve:** Oooh, I've got an idea.