

Chapter XVII: That Might Have Just Been the Stupidest Idea I've Ever Had!

Darkness: Indistinguishable clarity; the precedent conjurers have recurrently summoned All Evil. As declared previously, your presence will be discontinued within the moment.

Shade: Listen up Darkness, I am a segment of you, and I deserve to know what the hell you and your comrades were doing screwing around with the Rune of Illumination!

Darkness: What aspiration are you implying?

Shade: Right.

Notch: ...You know Shade, I've never had more questions in my time than right now. So let me just sum up all of them. What in the hell is going on?

Shade: Okay, I'm rather confused about how you haven't figured it out, but, I'll give you the benefit of the truth. ...That's a little wrong.

Notch: Are you a fraction of Darkness?

Shade: Yes, the "West patrolling knight of the square table" if you will.

Light Steve: Shade this quest is getting way too complicated, is this the big idea?

Shade: I just said. There's really not many factors to think about.

Steve: So basically... We have a moderate to severe degree of anxiety.

Shade: That's- that's quite a high possibility, but the idea is... what the heck are we even having this conversation for?? It's one point! My God, it's like asking why the Titanic sank, then asking if these other 4 hundred things could have been wrong with the ship!

Alex: So, you're really just-?

Shade: Yes! I am the tail of the lizard that got ripped off but kept going!

Darkness: ...Minion, redefine your aspiration!

Shade: To Darkness, I ask you again, why-?

Light Alex: I thought this was directed to all three of them?

Shade: Well they can't sense each other.

Notch: To what degree?

Shade: Okay, we're going back to 30 seconds ago, there's one point! None of the 3 of them can touch, taste, speak to dead people, or smell! ...They only have the senses to hear and see, and they can only hear concrete organisms. Then seeing us... we look like oil paintings drawn with shovels.

Notch: ...So, you can ask them why the Rune of Illumination engraved their title in the ground?

Shade: ...Exactly, could I ask why the Rune of Illumination engraved your title in the ground, sir Poltergeist of Caliginosity?

Darkness: This material, I am impotent of conceiving a recollection.

Shade: You didn't do this?

Darkness: Negative.

Alex: Okay, it's the leader of the Matrix of All Evil, it's clearly lying to us.

Shade: They're incapable of lying. They may be ultra supremely evil, but they are pure and just.

Light Steve: I think the 3 of them completely obliterate the good definition of pure and just.

Darkness: Minion. You have disparaged the virtuous and incorruptible superiority of your purpose, your presence will be revoked within 24 geologic hours.

Shade: Wait what?!

Darkness: Redeem your purpose; 24. Geologic hours.

Darkness' zodiac carved a digital clock set at 24 hours, which began to tick down second by second, and with that, the sins retired into the void and the crack sealed. Perhaps that was a bad idea.

Shade: That might have just been the stupidest idea I've ever had...

Steve: Well hey, now we always know what time it is.

Shade: No, THIS is how we know what time it is, THIS is my death warrant, and it verifies in 23 hours, 59 minutes, and 33 seconds.

Notch: What did it mean by... the big words?

Shade: Dreadlord took the Rune of Darkness, and now they perceive it as "disregard for a supremely powerful Universal artifact".

Light Alex: So you have to get it back in less than a day!

Shade: Exactly, luckily, that Rune is a part of me, and I can sense when we're getting close to it, but I can't pinpoint it.

Light Steve: Okay, well he couldn't break that Rune without this, and there's nothing else in the dimension with the force to do such either.

Notch: He would have gone somewhere secluded, somewhere where he could figure out how else to destroy it.

Alex: He would find someone who's had the time to study the Runes.

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Shade: You! Scientist!

Scientist 24K9M: Oh no no no!

Shade: Bloodlust wanted the Runes destroyed, but it didn't know prior about the Fruit of the Winter Sapling, who studied the alternate vulnerabilities of the Runes?

Scientist 24K9M: ...Uh, that that that... That I, I...

Shade: Could could you you talk talk faster faster please please.

Scientist 24K9M: There was a man with a black robe, he studied the Runes, but after trying to steal one, the C-MOAE imprisoned him.

Shade: How long ago?

Scientist 24K9M: About 2 months ago.

Notch: Where?

Scientist 24K9M: The Infernal Oppression.

Shade: ...Excuse me?

Notch, Alex, and Steve: Oh my God.

Light Alex: What, where is that?

Steve: We read about it in the dream, it's been vacant for more than 240 years.

Alex: Yes, it has only one cell, meant for the greatest villains.

Notch: Right, and it's in the exact center of the Nether.

Light Steve: We can't get to the center of the Nether in less than a day!

Light Alex: Well we gotta try. Maybe some of these will help.

Shade: Wait a minute, where did you send the C-MOAE?

Notch: ...Completely off the grid.

Except on the grid...

Null: Y equals... 0.5 X... minus 2.

Herobrine: Do something useful!

Lary: What can we do that's useful?? Our situation is quite uncoordinated!

Herobrine: Can't we call for some supplies?

Null: Of course we can, you want delivery or takeout?

Lary: What we need is for someone to get the Space Rune from another dimension, and pull us out like they did for Notch.

Herobrine: Excellent idea, we just have to call someone. Do you have a spare cell tower in your inventory?

Traveling with the Space Rune was not working very efficiently.

Shade: We're not gonna make it, just leave me and go get it back yourselves.

Light Steve: No, cause then the whole dimension will collapse.

Shade: You can bring me back once you get it.

Light Alex: No, it would collapse within 12 hours once you're gone.

Shade: Well then, what else could help us?

The ice slide from the Matter Rune melted instantly. The boost of stamina from the Energy Rune didn't last due to the heat. Time doesn't exist in the Nether, so they couldn't use the Time Rune.

The light from the Illumination Rune only helped them through the caves, changing the purity of the Nether wouldn't help, so the Righteousness Rune was a dud solution, how about Life?

Notch: If you are about to try and bring the ground beneath us to life and build horses out of it, I might have to ground you.

Steve: It was an idea.

Shade: He's right, the Life Rune doesn't give something a soul and a source of intelligence, the Life Rune enhances the prospering of life, or you could add longevity, you can't do any Frankenstein experiments, but you could adjust the cell configuration without a threat.

Alex: Couldn't we do that with Matter?

Shade: That would threaten your life.

Steve: Change the configuration. We could shapeshift!

Light Alex: Now you're thinking with the power of the Universe!

They all became ocelots, now they could run almost 65 km/h. But that still certainly wasn't enough.

Herobrine: I will say though, it was kind of fun to relive those adventures.

Null: Yeah, it was a lot of fun to have that kind of... immature maturity.

Lary: Are you guys being sentimental?

Herobrine: Oh God you're right! Oh!

Null: Oh geez! Now THAT felt terrible.

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Shade: Alright screw it! It's not gonna work. We're more than 30,000 kilometers from that prison, there's no way we're making it.

Light Steve: Dreadlord made it.

Shade: He couldn't have! The Rune of Darkness can't relocate objects!

Notch: He's right, we would have caught up to him!

Shade: Well then how is he so far ahead??

The Infernal Oppression...

Dreadlord: Alright sir, I had to set my respawn point here and kill myself, so I only have one more life left, I need your help.

Wally the Illusionist: You want to know how to break the Rune, huh?

Dreadlord: Exactly, how else besides that sword?

Wally: The only other thing in this dimension that could break the Rune is the Universal power of Congregated Generic Infinity.

Dreadlord: Well I can't summon that alone!

Wally: No, you'd have to supercharge all 8 of them, but they lose all their potential energy until the stimulated Rune is used.

Dreadlord: So the only way to destroy it, I'd have to leave the dimension and find some other weapon with the power to shatter it?

Wally: Those are the rules.

Dreadlord: *Sigh*...Well I can't take the Fruit of the Winter Sapling, I may be a son of Bloodlust, but I don't have the speed and agility.

Wally: Why don't you camp here, they would have figured out by now that I may know something, they're probably running at the base of their toes to get here-

Nope, they're sitting around thinking.

Shade: There's no way to get there! We would literally need a nuclear-powered spacecraft to get there in 21 hours!

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Light Steve: How about a much more consolidated spacecraft?

Huh?