# Chapter XIX: The Code Names

*After trekking back down to the coast and unleashing their ship from the warship, the Hexad made a solid plan for venturing into an indescribable place.*

**Notch:** We've gotta be careful down there, if we go too far in one direction, at the border of the RV it just turns into space, which is of course, inevitable.

**Alex:** How are we supposed to get down there?

**Notch:** Herobrine has broken plenty of bedrock, and there are a couple of little holes.

**Boss Steve:** But, why would a Rune that represents birth and renewal be locked in such a godforsaken expanse?

**Light Steve:** That's a good question, you've actually implemented a genuine inquiry for once.

**Boss Steve:** Neh Neneh.

**Steve:** I remember reading, or dream reading rather, about the Red Void being an experiment for a... greenhouse?

**Notch:** And that is what leads you to believe the Life Rune has a basis to be down there... also, that greenhouse was orange.

**Light Steve:** It's down there because somebody actually managed to drop it down the only hole in the Nether from the entire West side of the Infernal Oppression!

**Boss Steve:** Don't start lookin' at me!

**Light Steve:** I know, I was referring to the IDIOT who acts like he has no bones in his fingers!!

**Boss Steve:** I said don't look at me!!

**Light Steve:** Dan!!  I'm talking about Dan!!

**Boss Steve:** That's right!!  I remember Dan!!  He sat on a table and set the chairs!

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**Alex:** Who's Dan?

**Light Steve:** This idiot who has a completely ludicrous sense of humor. One time, he burned down a village, and when we came to him asking him what the hell he was doing, he replied: "Wait, was that an idiom or a metaphor?"

*He demonstrates "confused pose".*

**Boss Steve:** He did just about nothing right. One time he installed a fireplace in a submarine.

**Steve:** That doesn't sound too stupid.

**Boss Steve:** It was a confidential nuclear weapons conveyor.

**Steve:** Ohhh.

**Notch:** I'm sensing that Dan's mistake is not your issue.

**Light Steve:** Of course it's the issue!

**Boss Steve:** No it isn't.

**Light Steve:** No it isn't.

**Alex:** How is it not?

**Light Steve:** Dan was a very cheerful friend, but he kind of got kidnapped by these maniacs from a empire called "Zunotta".

**Notch:** And you're upset about that because he knew something?

**Boss Steve:** Well I mean he was kind of nice. He complimented my shoe size.

**Light Steve:** Yeah and, he gave me a nickname. Bright Sight but bitter as Sprite.

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**Boss Steve:** Who are we kidding he was a piece of crap.

**Light Steve:** He couldn't even spell our names.

**Steve:** It's not that hard to learn, I already memorized Bright Sight but bitter as Sprite.

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**Light Steve:** Actually, when we lived underground during the Herobrine apocalypse, we all had code names.  Since, basically nobody outside of us could be trusted.

**Steve:** Were they really cool nicknames?  Like Agent P, or Mr. Bean?

**Light Steve:** No.  Between all 15 of us.  There was *deep inhale* Don, Ron, John, Shaun, Quan, Vaughn, Oberon, Megatron, Leprechaun, Mr. Pecan, Mastodon, Mr. Octagon, Mr. Mow-the-Front-Lawn, and Universal Geological Phenomenon. *deep inhale*

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**Steve:** Yeah those are WAY better.

**Rainbow Steve:** Only 500 blocks away!

*CRUNCH!!!*

**Rainbow Steve:** Not implicating the island we just corroded.

*Once the team anchored on the mainland, they constructed a Nether portal, then located the cavern to lead to the RV.*

**Notch:** Alright, one by one, once we get down we'll use the Optifine telescope, and hopefully the Rune hasn't drifted out of the pool.

**Boss Steve:** Pool?

**Notch:** Well how would else you describe a large expanse that acts as space, but is habitable?

**Alex:** That's a really good point.

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**Boss Steve:** A vesicle?

**Notch:** I know what you wanted to say, but thank you for using a better word regardless of if you know the definition of it or not.

*One by one, they climbed down the ladder, past the lava, and came to the crater.*

**Notch:** This is one of the things that Herobrine does when he's a little dismantled upstairs.

**Boss Steve:** This is one of the things that I do when my parents tell me to take out the trash by the time they get home but I forget and then I hear the door creaking open.

**Notch:** ...Do you see anything?

**Steve:** No.  Wait!  No, that's a TNT block.  Weird.  Wait!  No, that's the same TNT block.

**Notch:** Okay let someone else-

**Steve:** Wait!  Oh never mind.

**Alex:** Same TNT block?

**Steve:** No, it looked like an interdimensional machine labeled "Shadow Duplicator".

**Alex:** Oh, wait what!?!

**Light Steve:** Did you just say interdimensional duplicator?

**Steve:** No, interdimensional machine, it was labeled "Shadow Duplicator".

**Light Steve:** THAT'S IT!!!

**Boss Steve:** I think you have an overclocked microphone in your mouth.

**Light Steve:** Null knew exactly where the Life Rune was!  He built a mechanism that conceives a creature that embodies the antithesis of life, so the Rune is inside it!

**Notch:** You think that the Rune is INSIDE of that giant calculator??

**Light Steve:** Well how else would Null be able to-?

*Suddenly, a ghast shot a fireball right down the cave.*

**Notch:** Jump!

*Once they fell below the last layer of bedrock, they began to float.*

**Rainbow Steve:** This is freaking weird!

**Boss Steve:** I guess "pool" is the most explicit way you can describe this.

**Steve:** Well then let's swim to that computer!  We have a question for it to process.

**Notch:** We're gonna destroy it.

**Steve:** Fine then we'll... delete its software.

**Alex:** I'd prefer to nuke it.

**Steve:** We'll... use that TNT block I saw earlier.

**Light Steve:** That's a good plan.

**Alex:** No, we can't do that.

**Notch:** Why not?

**Alex:** When Steve and I were trapped in our dream, our space ship- the Minecraft Spacecraft. We crashed that thing into mountains, hustled it through caves, and basically put it through an entire circus of havoc, and it barely dented. This is also interdimensional, why would it be any different?

**Light Steve:** Ohhh, that's right!

**Notch:** What about?

**Light Steve:** Objects that are unable to change their foundational unit structure through interdimensional travel are essentially... special. If they can't be shifted, they can't be divided.

**Alex:** So how do we break it?

**Light Steve:** Well, we can't just take it back to Earth and break- ...Huh, it certainly is a marvelous week for vacuums.

**Rainbow Steve:** What do you mean?

**Light Steve:** Well see, those unshiftable objects also have extremely... confused foundational units. If they enter into a vacuum, they would divide... or rather, they would ultimately shatter!

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**Notch:** Space!

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**Boss Steve:** Push it all the way into space??  You saw how quickly we slowed down!

**Steve:** We still have this thing!

*The Space Rune.*

**Alex:** Can it create a big enough vacuum?

**Notch:** Down here, unquestionably.

**Boss Steve:** Do it.

**Light Steve:** This could also be very bad, you just said it could create an unimaginable vacuum.

**Notch:** I said it could unquestionably create one.

**Light Steve:** See, you don't know how intense it could be.

**Steve:** It's melting!!

**Light Steve:** You did it?!

**Steve:** Don't yell at me!  You may be hundreds of years older than me but I'm the original!

**Notch:** ...Oh my gosh, it's literally blending!

**Rainbow Steve:** ...Look look look!  I see a segment of the Rune!

**Steve:** And to think, Null's thick-witted slaves will all vanish in a few seconds.

**Light Steve:** Stop!!

*The machine was almost ineffective, it beeped and flashed the word "critical".*

**Steve:** Why did you do that?  It was almost done!

**Light Steve:** It could kill Shade!

**Alex:** The original?

**Light Steve:** Literally the whole world could collapse!

**Steve:** Oh my geez!  All this about balance and peace, well you know what, nobody ever won a war without putting the entire Universe in jeopardy!  That's how all these lessons are taught!

And if you don't realize, that machine is already severely endangering a whole 'nother

dimension!  And I will blow the living Nether out of that oversized calculator regardless of what satisfaction comes from-!!

*BeepBeepBEEPBEEP BOOM!!!*

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

*As Shade led the duplicate shadows into more land... every single duplicate disappeared in an instant!  Shade fell to the ground...*

**Null:** Oh my god.  They found it.

*And the Life Rune sat floating.*

**Steve:** Our world, our origins, our secrets.

**Light Steve:** Shade may be gone.

**Steve:** Look!  This machine is only designed to process the elemental design of Shade and replicate it.  Yes, we might never see evil and danger and... nighttime again, but if we are protecting the Universe and all its dimensions from an evil genius and his 1200 disciples of doom, then we are doing exactly what the Universe compels us to!

**Notch:** Quite the audacious declaration, Steve.

**Boss Steve:** There's a-  sharp piece of glass.

**Rainbow Steve:** Um, okay.

**Boss Steve:** There's a note, and that glass was fortunately declined.

**Rainbow Steve:** *Trade with God for Time.  Ransom equals Bloodlust elemental code.   ...Clean out the refrigerator.*

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**Notch:** Let's go.

**Steve:** Where?

**Notch:** Null's cavern, NOW!!