

## Chapter II: The New Enemy

*Steve was causing Alex's brain to explode with news as they walked up the stairs to the Temple of Titans.*

**Alex:** So we've got him.

**Steve:** I mean, it's obviously not going to be this easy, but if we strike tomorrow, or even tonight, we can try to ruin his plan, and maybe even capture him!

**Alex:** ...And he said that Herobrine is actually stalling until this "plan" is done?

**Steve:** He is, so we cannot tell him!

**Alex:** Right, because then we're doomed.

**Steve:** You think we should tell dad?

**Alex:** Maybe, but then again, he said we are going to need evidence to analyze before we jump to any suspects.

**Steve:** Your call, should we tell him not?

**Alex:** I think we may have to keep this a secret for a while.

**Steve:** Alright. And hey, come with me tomorrow, I'm going back to settle the score.

**Alex:** Steve. Is that necessary, do you even know what he can do?

**Steve:** Don't worry, just bring a sword, a shield, and your stone camo suit.

*The INFECTER told Steve to tell Notch: the shadows are coming. And that was something that was non-obvious, so Steve was sure that would be fine.*

**Notch:** The shadows are coming?

**Steve:** That's the message I heard.

**Notch:** Who told you this?

**Steve:** I don't know their name, or their status, but I had a strong feeling that this individual was telling me something important.

**Notch:** Well Steve, I will go tonight to the library, and I'll check the scrolls to see if I can find anything about "shadows".

**Steve:** Thanks dad.

**Notch:** What is that?

**Steve:** What is what?

**Notch:** That photo?

**Steve:** Oh that's-

**Notch:** ...Where are you in here.

**Steve:** \*Sigh\* I found the INFECTER.

**Notch:** You foun-!! \*Clears through\* You found him?

**Steve:** Yes, he's only about 5 kilometers northwest of here.

**Notch:** And- what- did- did he say anything to you?

**Steve:** He was the one who gave me the shadows message.

**Notch:** Was- was he doing anything.

**Steve:** Um, brewing or something... something elaborate.

**Notch:** Steve.

**Steve:** What?

**Notch:** Do not, say, a word. To Herobrine.

**Alex:** Wait... you know?

**Notch:** Know what?

**Alex:** ...Nothing, continue.

**Notch:** Bloodlust may not be out of Herobrine, the intense procedure we did is only a theory. If Herobrine is covering up something, we don't want him to be on our level of awareness and preparation.

**Steve:** Well that's just it, isn't it.

**Notch:** What?

**Steve:** Quote on quote... "Tell your uncle Herobrine, "my friend, the plan is finally complete"".

**Notch:** Oh m- I knew it, okay, be silent.

**Alex:** You got it.

**Herobrine:** Hey guys.

**Together:** Heyyyyyy.

**Herobrine:** Alright. Anyone need me to brew anything for them?

**Alex and Steve:** No.

**Notch:** Nothing for me. What are you making?

**Herobrine:** Just a potion of fire resistance.

**Steve:** ...Why?

**Herobrine:** Well I was going to go to the Nether to get some Nether brick to add to the walls.

**Notch:** That's great. Good luck.

*As if.*

**Steve:** Dad, do you mind if Alex and I go outside past sunset?

**Notch:** Please be my guest. Whatever you find out, straight back to me.

**Steve:** You got it.

*Steve knew Herobrine wasn't going to the Nether, he and Alex followed Herobrine PAST the Nether portal, and over to the cliff where he first fell.*

**Steve:** That's it right there..

**Alex:** Steve he's not going to jump off the cliff.

**Steve:** Yes, he is. Now zip up.

*They zipped up their stone camo suits and watched Herobrine prepare dive into the ground... well more so through it.*

**Herobrine:** Alright, let's see our progress.

*Herobrine jumped into the holo-stone.*

**Steve:** Alright Alex, 2 minutes, then we follow.

*...They jumped into the hole after Herobrine.*

**Steve:** At the end of the hall there's a loose piece of obsidian, that's the door.

*After Herobrine entered, they followed, then stealthily entered the cavern where the INFECTER was brewing.*

**Herobrine:** So, how is the potion coming?

**Creature:** Great, just needed that dragon's breath.

**Herobrine:** Here you are.

**Creature:** Thanks, now put on this mask, the potion may or may not spread poison fumes.

**Herobrine:** ...Alright. 3, 2, 1, go.

**Steve:** Cover your mouth.

*Steve drew more images of the INFECTER and Herobrine, he was full of evidence.*

**The INFECTER:** I should mention, I told Steve of this.

**Herobrine:** What?! Why would you do that?

**The INFECTER:** He discovered the cavern, I just warned him.

**Herobrine:** Listen, if this gets out, then my brother will come for us!

**The INFECTER:** Hey, the entire plan is in this bottle, we could just start now!

**Herobrine:** We must! If our luck is low, then Notch could have an entire army coming for us right now!

**Alex:** Take one last picture.

**The INFECTER:** Here goes!

*The cloaked creature threw the potion onto a dark pedestal and watched the particles swirl around to create the infection origin.*

**Steve:** This is insane.

**The INFECTER:** Get behind the wall!

*...KAPSHEWWWW!!*

**Alex:** What... the heck... is that?

*A dark creature stood on the pedestal looking around, its body dark gray, its face barely able to see texture, its eyes seemingly staring into the hearts of everyone.*

**Creature:** Welcome to the main world, shadow.

**Steve:** Shadow?

*The INFECTER seemed to speak in a silent language, and understood the shadow's thoughts.*

**The INFECTER:** I have been betrayed by this world. Infect all you can see!

*Suddenly Steve and Alex jumped from the wall and held up crossbows.*

**Steve:** Whatever you just did! Press control Z!

**The INFECTER:** Steve! Didn't I say not come back here?

**Steve:** Actually no, you didn't say that.

**The INFECTER:** This is not even the final fate, Steve. There's so much in store for you.

**Alex:** What is that thing?

**Creature:** That's the shadow, my little experiment of Bloodlust on the grounds!

**Steve:** What do you have left for us? We're not messing with this anymore.

**Herobrine:** You should have just let fate carry your story, but now you're caught up in a place where you don't want to be.

**The INFECTER:** Exactly, and now you have to fight this battle because you messed with something you didn't understand.

**Alex:** Okay Infector! You send that monster back to where it came from, and you confess your crimes! Or else we'll put an arrow in your skull.

*He removes his cloak.*

**The INFECTER:** I quadruple, dog, dare you.

**Steve:** What are you?

**The INFECTER:** I'm everything from your nightmares times 10. And stop calling me the INFECTER. My name, is Null.