

Chapter VII: The Strangest Legends

The villagers nearby decided the most ingenious way to remove the shuttle from the surrounding gravel and dirt would be to TNT the asphalt away, and let the shuttle sit in an exposed hole.

Meanwhile, Alex and Steve sat inside their almost-finished house, thinking about breakfast, and how there were so many great items there could be instead of just bread and pie... again.

Steve: So our father, he was murdered by our uncle, his brother, and now he's coming out of hiding to hunt us?

Alex: And he has a legend behind him, just like the rulers of the world.

Farmer: Hey!

Steve: What do you need?

Farmer: You can't let anyone know I'm telling you this!

Alex: What? Do you have secret knowledge?

Farmer: Oh you bet!

Steve: ...You all knew the truth!

Farmer: I know, I know, but this proves everything!

Alex: A book?

Farmer: This book is what is keeping you under your uncle's control! Read it and find the weakness!

And he left...

Steve: Oh gosh it's dusty, *Blow*

Alex: "The Totem of Z"?

Steve: *Throat clearing* The great legendary king of a far planet, by the name of Zagrm, controlled a planet of nothing but insane monstrous spirits. His kingdom was only about 50 square miles, and the population was only approximately 3,000. But, even the smallest kingdom would be haunted every night 3 minutes past the witching hour. So every night at 3:03 a.m., the 3 gods of all evil would send dangerous spirits down to haunt his kingdom. What in the world is this? ...Until one day at 11:26 p.m., the local miners brought back a book and a large flask, so he sent them to the sorcerer. 1:03 a.m., the sorcerer realized that the element was a strange material meant to be hardened into a metal, but when one of the miners smelled it, they were knocked into sleep, so the sorcerer had an idea. 1:58 a.m., the blacksmith used his powerful metal cooler to harden the element into a symbol of a Z, in honor of king Zagrm. 2:20 a.m., the blacksmith tested it on all the miners, it worked like a bat to head each time, so he sent it to Zagrm and told him to go to the highest tower in the kingdom. 3:01 a.m., a massive hole opened in the sky, and the world of evil began pouring down on the kingdom. But at the moment the clock struck 3:03 a.m., the Totem of Z glew greatly held up to the light of the moon, and it sent all the spirits, and even the gateway to the Matrix of All Evil, into an eternal pause of dream. The next day, Zagrm put the totem into a book, and ordered it to be launched into space so nobody could ever contain the power. His kingdom was at peace, but “Pandora’s book” was said to have gone just a bit too far... *And he turned the back cover over to find an indent of the letter Z, as if something fit there.*

Steve: What kind of gibberish was that?

Alex: So it made it here, and it’s been stolen?

Steve: Whoever our uncle is, he has it, and we’re sleeping!

Alex: That’s what everyone meant by wake up!

Suddenly lightning began to strike the ground to form a figure.

Steve: I think we solved the puzzle.

The lightning ceased. An odd figure stood about 40 meters from them. Flaming grass released too much smoke for them to see who it was yet.

Figure: Good work, Alex and Steve. You've solved the puzzle.

Alex: Are you checkpoint one?

Figure: I'm known by many names. As for now, you're making great progress.

Steve: Do you have anything for us?

Figure: I have much for you... But you will not learn what it is until you wake up.

Alex: I'm getting the sense that this guy's evil. And how do we wake up?

Figure: ...Chaos.

The fire and smoke dispersed, but there was nothing there...

Alex: ...It's a test.

Steve: A test?

Alex: We're being tested on can we defeat Guardian Moon, I guess.

Steve: But who, why is this weirdo- whatever doing this, why is- is HE our uncle?

Alex: No there's no way, that can't be how it works.

Steve: Okay so we- what? Just kill him and that?

Alex: We can try.

Steve: I feel like this is definitely just a distraction, like who would want us to change the past, and what has this guy even thought about the future changes??

Alex: We gotta get some clues, let's go start up the shuttle, and see what's up with Guardian Moon.

So they did, but as they approached the crater, there were small particles forming and jumping around.

Steve: What are those?

Alex: Hey! Is someone invisible?

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Steve: Guess not.

Alex: Wait, oh my god!!

Almost invisible breeze-like essence came from both of them, and colliding with the particles, they created colored mini objects- and they solidified into the form of a person!

Steve: ...What the Nether just happened?

Alex: Who are you? And, why did you... like-?

Person: Hey guys! Nice to meet you after a small 6-month delay. I supposed now was the best time to be born.

Alex: Wait, who are you?

Person: I'm your creation, mother and father.

Steve: Wait WHAT???

Person: What's my name gonna be?

Alex: Oh my gosh you're the next! Come together and continue the bloodline! You're our son!!

Steve: No way!! It's true!!

Alex: Which means Guardian Moon was telling the truth...

Person: And my name will be...?

Steve: Umm... I don't know, Sam?

Sam: Well then, I hear we have a world to save. And I know it's complex.

Steve: It- Very, we have been under a cursed spell from your... great uncle, and he is supposedly trying to hunt us down.

Sam: Gee, well then, let's figure this out.

Alex: Umm, hold on, did someone tell you what was happening?

Sam: Just assume I know exactly what's going on.

Alex: ...How old are you?