

# Chapter XVIII: Phoning the Faces of Evil

*The Fruit of the Winter Sapling was thrown through the Nether at 700 kilometers an hour, smashing through walls, busting through caves, with help from the Righteousness Rune and Energy Rune, the sword had enough momentum to travel 150,000 miles before slowing down. However, even at this rate, they still would only make it about halfway there, and the C-MOAE might have found a way out by then.*

**Herobrine:** What do you think happens if we step off this grid?

**Null:** Well this is the space between dimensions. It's the naturally occurring loophole.

**Lary:** Why does it exist?

*\*Slap\**

**Lary:** Okay, I know I deserve that, but why do you feel the need to do it?

**Null:** See that's the thing, I didn't touch you just now. Atoms can't come in contact with each other completely, the same case here, if the dimensions on either side of this grid were to touch...

**Herobrine:** Yes?

**Null:** Well I don't actually know, cause it wouldn't make any sense.

**Lary:** ...Oh yeah, but a space grid with a supposed atmosphere that separates 2 dimensions makes complete science logic.

**Null:** It's the space between spaces, of course it makes sense in some way.

*Lary split himself in half.*

**Lary:** Does THIS make sense? Or THIS? Or maybe this!

*2:12:45*

**Notch:** Shade I'm sorry, there's nothing we could think of.

**Shade:** No it's not your fault, I should have known better than to curse my creator, now I have a ticking time bomb engraved in my chest.

**Light Alex:** Maybe it won't kill you, maybe it'll send you back into the Rune of Darkness like Dreadlord did before.

**Shade:** Well I don't want that to happen, you kids are gonna need all the help you can get to stop Dreadlord and eventually take down the C-MOAE. My time isn't up just yet, but they'll come to us once this hits zero.

**Alex:** What if we just don't say their names?

**Shade:** No, they'll sense the timer regardless, but I mean maybe if someone distracted them I get a few extra sec...onds...

**Notch:** ...What? Is something wrong?

**Shade:** I think something is definitely going on within the A-MOAE.

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

**Shade:** Why would Darkness change the subject to why I don't have the Rune of Darkness?

Ho-ly crap!

**Steve:** Ah, see without those words, this wouldn't be an ultimate realization, it'd be a dictionary fact.

*Flashback to the first mention of STIDRELM.*

**God Existence:** *Illumination; the Rune empowered by virtuous action, Darkness; the Rune empowered by evil action.*

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**Shade:** That's why Bloodlust wants the Runes eradicated, every evil action Herobrine Null and Entity 303 make, it fuels the Rune of Darkness, that's why Bloodlust isn't powerful enough to take physical form!

**Everyone else:** Oh, my, god!

**Shade:** Bloodlust must have whispered something to Darkness before they came to us, I mean Darkness would have been mad regardless about me losing the Rune.

**Notch:** Well there you go, we need to keep that Rune in a safe place.

**Shade:** Exactly, alright guys my time will be up soon, but please don't mourn, you can save the pure part of me as long the Rune of Darkness is kept safe and secure.

**Notch:** ...You can count on us for sure, I just wish there was an easier way.

**Shade:** ...

**Notch:** Don't you agree?

**Shade:** Oh my god, I know how to get to Dreadlord!

**Light Steve:** How?

**Shade:** I conjure the Matrix of All Evil!

*Everyone else's eyes grew large.*

**Shade:** Darkness... \*6 seconds\* Death... \*6 seconds\* Bloodlust!

**Steve:** You do realize they're probably gonna stop your clock right?

**Shade:** No, we're gonna jump in. Now move aside then slide in.

*The crack in the air once again opened, then the 3 sins emerged from the hole, and using the Rune of Righteousness, they decreased their opaqueness, now the A-MOAE would perceive them as oil paintings that... Well, weren't there. And indeed, they slipped in no problem. The sins couldn't find anything, so they reentered the void and closed the crack. Now why would Shade ask them to do that?*

**Wally:** Don't you want to give that Rune to Bloodlust and shatter it?

**Dreadlord:** You know you're right, they aren't even gonna get here in the next week. Thank you, I'm gonna do that!

**Dreadlord:** I conjure the Matrix of All Evil! Darkness... *\*6 seconds\** Death... *\*6 seconds\**

Bloodlust.

*Now that was a terrible mistake. Sure enough, the crack opened, the sins emerged, but before Dreadlord could hand the Rune over, the FotWS sword came flying through the crack, and once again, he was stabbed in the head. But originally Herobrine threw a diamond sword, a bedrock zeptotube sword went right through him.*

**Bloodlust:** What has materialized within this moment?

*The 6 stowaways ran down the stairs of the Infernal Oppression, grabbed the Rune, the sword, and hid behind a natural pillar until the sins receded.*

**Steve:** Oh my god, it smelled like the newest of all cars in there!

**Light Alex:** How did you know that Dreadlord would summon them?

**Shade:** I felt it, I can see partially through the eyes of all the evil beings I've served, I just need them to do a little stabbing or killing, or summoning of sins.

**Light Steve:** Now that I think about it, was that his last life?

**Shade:** No he had three, I think he still has one more.

*Nope.*

**Wally:** I don't think I've ever seen so much escalation within 12 and a half seconds.

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**Alex:** Perfect, we got em' all back!

**Notch:** Why is the timer still going??

**Shade:** No worries, just...

*Absorption!*

**Light Alex:** What is...?

**Steve:** He probably just has to go in there and press control R.

*Emerge!*

**Shade:** ...Done! Timer's off!

**Notch:** Shade I'm so sorry you had to live with that stress.

**Shade:** Don't worry, there was never a possible outcome that didn't involve a "saved at the last second" moment.

**Steve:** Yeah, and now you don't have a big, red, ugly clock on your chest.

**Shade:** Yeah, exactly.

**Steve:** Yeah, I used to think that only women could spark that much of a rush from the midway point.

*Oh, that makes me laugh, haha.*

**Lary:** Okay, I've got it.

**Herobrine:** Oh my God, what is it?

**Lary:** Conjure Bloodlust and the Matrix.

**Null:** ...That actually might work, I mean they can supposedly be summoned anywhere.

**Lary:** Right, and if this place... actually... makes sense, then there should be no issue, we can jump into the abyss, and then open it back up in the real world.

**Herobrine:** But, who would conjure them once we're inside.

**Lary:** I'll screw with something. I'll... I'll carve it in a rock, somehow, I'll tell them.

**Null:** Oh, but what if we get there and they send us right back?

**Lary:** I'll screw with as many gadgets as needed, but we're gettin' back on top.

**Null:** At this point I'll even take the middle.

**Lary:** Yeah, but, we're getting back on top.

**Null:** Right, yeah that's, right.

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**Light Steve:** That was way easier than it should have been.

**Notch:** Hey, work smart, not hard.

*The RICC was fixed thanks to a little flick of the Time Rune, and the ground was restored. The chance to terminate Bloodlust was restored and in progress...*

**Alex:** To reset your RICC, insert paper clip slash thumbtack into the small incision, then simultaneously press the larger reset button and hold both for 5 seconds.

**Steve:** What the heck is a thumbtack?

**Light Steve:** It's a tack the size of your thumb. Obviously.

**Notch:** Don't worry, I got the sword in as a replacement.

*The apparatus began to extract and direct the energy from the other 7 Runes into the Righteousness Rune, which theoretically, would be enough to make Bloodlust impure and unjust.*  
*"Just say not real"!*

**Shade:** Could somebody build this thing an umbrella so it doesn't get crushed again?

**Steve:** What's an umbrella?

**Shade:** It's supposed to be a mobile roof that protects you from God's all-powerful watering can.

**Notch:** I don't think it'll be long.

**Light Alex:** Oh my god.

**Shade:** What?

**Light Alex:** Take that one off real quick, I know what to do!