

# Chapter XV: Free, Free Free Free

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

*They were testing out "Potion of Speed".*

**Null:** What happened?

**Lary:** Which one of you am I talking to?

**Null:** Which one of you said that?

**Herobrine:** I'm talking to whoever's on my left. No wait, my right!

**Lary:** Wait, which of you 4 just said that?

*Down in the Nether, 10 kilometers from the sacred RICC shrine...*

**Steve:** "Danger: Insurmountable Nether Territory; Do NOT Cross!"

**Dreadlord:** You're 100 percent certain that the shrine is on the other side.

**Alex:** Yes I'm certain, somebody made a YouTube video about it.

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**Light Alex:** Why in the world would somebody build a wooden bridge in the Underworld??

**Notch:** It's to test you.

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**Steve:** Look at these carvings.

**Light Steve:** "What is your name?" "What is your expedition?" "What is your favorite color?"

**Light Alex:** Why would somebody carve that?

**Notch:** That I'm not sure of.

**Dreadlord:** This is a "1 at a time situation" isn't it?

**Notch:** That would ensure we stay alive.

**Alex:** I'll go first. ...I'm the lightest.

**Notch:** Alright. Take it slow.

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**Alex:** It's pretty solid.

**Dreadlord:** How many boards do you think are gonna break?

**Notch:** Shut up.

**Steve:** At least 3.

*\*Snap\**

**Steve:** Oh my god it was my fault. I said it.

**Alex:** All good, that one was already cracked!

*About 5 minutes later...*

**Alex:** Nice prediction Steve!

**Notch:** How wobbly is it?!

**Alex:** Not very wobbly, but it's very stretchy!

**Notch:** Alright Steve, you're up.

*One by one, a whole 20 minutes later...*

**Light Steve:** That was absolutely terrifying.

**Notch:** Alright Mr. Lord, get across!

**Dreadlord:** Do you think we have to answer these questions?!

**Notch:** No you don't have to answer them, just start making your way over!

**Dreadlord:** Hold on, there's an unbound brick here!

**Steve:** You mean like a button?!

**Dreadlord:** Yeah! Hold on this might help us!

*He pressed it, then the first question that was carved in the block below lit up green.*

**Dreadlord:** The first question lit up!

**Light Alex:** You mean the carving?!

**Dreadlord:** Yeah! “What is your name?!” Dreadlord!

*The next one lit up.*

**Dreadlord:** “What is my expedition?!” To access the RICC shrine!

*The last one lit up.*

**Dreadlord:** “What is my favorite color?!”

**Light Steve:** How is this helping us?

**Dreadlord:** Probably red. Wait actually-

*He was suddenly propelled off the ledge and into the crevasse below.*

**Light Steve:** Woah!

*Light Steve threw the FotWS with a chain attached to catch him.*

**Dreadlord:** Oh my god!! Okay, nevermind, it doesn’t help us at all!!

*He climbed back up...*

**Notch:** A valuable lesson is to be learned.

**Dreadlord:** Don’t answer questions that light up on a brick wall.

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**Notch:** Actually, I don’t think there is a valuable lesson to be learned.

*They continued forth toward the supposed site where the RICC was settled into.*

**Light Steve:** Here we are.

**Dreadlord:** RICC National Monument. Day pass: Free. Two Day pass: Double Free. Senior Citizen Discount available online. Download the RICC National Park app to get a bird’s eye view of the entire park. Annual Pass: Free if you can spell “Green”. Cost to use RICC: 8 Runes.

**Steve:** That’s some pretty good advertisement. How much do you think that app is?

**Alex:** It's probably free if you can spell "yellow".

**Notch:** Where would we pay?

**Light Alex:** Well they probably built a wooden pay window.

**Notch:** I guess we can just go in.

*They walked down the arrow-guided path toward the monument.*

**Light Steve:** This RICC is one of the only RICCs in this sector of the Universe, it was built by the Universal philosophers only moments after the dimension was created.

**Dreadlord:** Fascinating.

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**Alex:** With the consolidated potential energy of the other Runes inside the targeted Rune, the Rune will be capable of harnessing power equivalent to one-eighth of the potential of the famous power force known as CGI.

**Steve:** That makes sense, because all 8 Runes together are equivalent to every aspect of the Universe.

**Notch:** Does that mean we could supercharge all 8 of them and harness Infinity?

**Dreadlord:** Maybe.

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**Light Alex:** RICC National Park was founded by Sir Tenley and his comrade Devin Iddly.

**Alex:** ...Interesting.

*RICC National Monument: 1.5 Km, elsewhere, Bloodlust had made no progress...*

**Herobrine:** \*Gulp\* I just stepped on a beetle!

**All 3:** \*LMAO\*

*They laughed for at least 4 minutes.*

**Lary:** \*Catching Breath\* ...I stepped on a spider!

**All 3:** \*LMAO\*

*Another 5 minutes. And apparently, to answer Steve's question, "Potion of Speed" IS a very reliable source.*

**Notch:** Oh my God, is that it?

**Dreadlord:** That's it.

**Alex:** I thought it would be more technical, it kinda just looks like... Stonehenge.

**Dreadlord:** That thing is the most powerful apparatus in any dimension, now let's go stick some rocks in it.

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**Notch:** Wow.

**Light Steve:** You think maybe we should read the instruction manual?

**Dreadlord:** That's a good idea.

*He popped the center pedestal hatch open and grabbed the instruction manual.*

**Dreadlord:** Set aside the Rune you intend to intensify, then place the remaining 7 Runes in the surrounding pedestals. Be sure to place each Rune into the pedestal correspondent to the symbol on the Rune.

**Notch:** We want to get Shade out first, so let's use Darkness.

**Dreadlord:** Place the Rune onto the support of the central pedestal, then activate the mechanism.

**Steve:** Alright it's up there.

**Light Alex:** What does it mean by "activate"?

**Dreadlord:** Umm, oh here.

**Alex:** Oh good.

*Hotwiring a sacred shrine. \*Zap\* \*Zap\* \*Turning on!\**

**Dreadlord:** Alright, here goes.

**Notch:** Excellent.

**Dreadlord:** Oh wait hold up, it's not plugged in.

*Finally, it started up.*

**Notch:** Wait turn it off!

*\*Click\**

**Dreadlord:** What's wrong?

**Notch:** We almost forgot to plug the Time Rune in.

**Dreadlord:** Oh, that would've been bad.

*All the Runes were plugged into the machine.*

**Notch:** Alright, I think we're good.

**Dreadlord:** Great.

*\*Click\**

**Light Alex:** God this better work.

*The wires glowed with a rainbow of colors, and the Darkness Rune began to become vibrant...*

*The symbol had an enchanting glow of animated color. Then a small- just kidding, huge shockwave came off the Rune, the other Runes were quite dim. Suddenly the RICC spoke...*

**RICC:** Remember the other Runes will only regain their full potential once the energized Rune has expelled its power. Thank you and please take your receipt.

**Alex:** ...What do you know, free.

**Steve:** So I guess we can't supercharge them all at once.

**Dreadlord:** Yeah... Well let's get Shade out quick, then we can charge up Righteousness.

**Notch:** Right, um... ...release thy living potential within!

*It worked! Yay!*

**Shade:** ...That was cool!