

Virtual Crafter-3-ality

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The finale to Lunar's Virtual Story

Summary

Lunar and Sammi have been invited to an unveiling event from Mojang after their performance at a science fair. They and their friends take a trip to the event, only to find out that the town has a problem with the new generation of self-driving cars there. They meet the manager of Mojang to discuss the situation and the company that is providing the parts for their new creation. Even more so, the AI world is involved once again. Together, they must find out who is behind all of the evil schemes, and find out the true origins of Lunar's story.

Book Information

The final book of the trilogy has arrived. And yes it does have some content taken from outside and it might have some spelling or grammar mistakes (Deal with it). It is the longest book in the series and has lots of friends' names in it so congrats for being part of it. I hope it is worthy of being a good last story to the trilogy. Thanks to everyone who has actually been reading it or reading it with us in the group sessions. It blows my mind that around one year later I'd have a trilogy based on Lunar complete. And thank you to Sammi especially. I got a lot of plot ideas and opinions from her and this story wouldn't have been as epic without her.

Without any more delay, it is time to find out how Lunar's story will end.

Chapter I (Lunar's POV): Have a Drink

"Pass the Silver Nitrate," said Sammi.

We were in her laboratory developing our entries for the National Innovation Contest Eclipse. Otherwise known as "N.I.C.E."

"So you think that this will work?" I asked.

"Yeah I mean, who wouldn't want an easy way to carry around water. For drinking and other purposes too," she said.

Sammi's Water Blobs are supposed to be portable and affordable, all while providing a person with fresh high quality water. Since we chose the option of being in a group, we have to provide a second entry. I have been working on a device that can create clear ice, and shape it to use for drinks. Most bartenders would agree that freezing water to make clear ice and then molding it afterwards is a lengthy process. This would reduce the amount of time it takes and have it as an option at home instead of going to the bar. Aside from fresh drinks our main goal is to reduce the total amount of plastic and garbage being used to make drinks to make a huge impact on the environment.

"Alright Lunar, let's test them out," said Sammi.

I turned on my ice machine and put a cup under. After filling it up with one of Sammi's Water Blobs, I pressed the start button and it started getting to work. Almost instantly after, we had 2 cups with 1 perfectly cut clear ice cube. I put some Nestea in them and we enjoyed our refreshments.

"Damn, these are good. I don't know why but these ice cubes are so satisfying to look at," she said.

"It is pretty cool. Get it? Haha," I asked.

"You're not funny," said Sammi, "Anyways, do you think our entry will be enough to win the N.I.C.E.?"

"Well there was a reason we had to complete an audition before being able to participate, but just think about it. We saved a whole AI filled world and we both already created things before this. Some are better than others," I said.

"I suppose so. Well you know that the winners supposedly get a shit ton of media coverage right?" she asked.

"Yeah I was aware of that. If we win they'll want to mass produce our creations," I said.

The N.I.C.E. was set to start in 2 hours. These people really made it in the early morning. I wish the rest of my friends could come but they were all asleep.

"Is Mack going to be there?" I asked.

"She couldn't make it. She has to work on some school assignment or something," she said.

"Fair enough," I replied.

I was still shocked to learn that Sammi was not just an engineer, but a chemist as well. Her lab was hidden the last time we were over to blow up the train in her backyard. I guess she didn't want people to see the experiments she was conducting. I wish I could tell you guys

about it but I cannot legally say it without her permission. Nothing illegal of course though. We finished our drinks and packed our creations.

“Oh, I forgot to mention that the judges there are really into life changing inventions, so try not to mention your previous creations, otherwise they’ll be constantly bugging you,” said Sammi.

I took note of what she said. I didn’t need to get into more legal trouble for potential world destruction. I threw away the Super Merge blueprints plenty of months ago. Noone could ever rebuild it but me, not that I want to. It is better off not existing. We got on a bus and started heading over to our school where the contest is taking place.

Chapter II (Lunar’s POV): Time for some N.I.C.E

We were one of the first ones to arrive. This was good, because now we could choose any table we wanted in the room. I picked a spot right next to a vending machine. Yes I am a hungry guy. I took out some coins and got myself a nice bag of Lays Chips. Sammi got one as well.

We put up a nice little display with a description of our project and put the ice cube maker and the water blobs for people to see. People would occasionally come around to look and we would offer them a drink. It instantly became popular and our booth just became a mini Starbucks. Thank god I prepared jugs of soda. Eventually it was our turn to be judged so the crowd cleared out while the judge came up.

“So, what do you guys have in store for us today?” asked the judge.

“Well as part of our project, I have made this clear ice cube dispenser, and my friend Sammi made water blobs,” I said.

“Yeah, our goal is to make an easy way for people to make their own drinks at home and eliminate plastic waste around the world. They are also affordable and portable,” said Sammi.

He looked impressed.

“Do you mind if I have a taste?” he asked.

We gave him a cup of the water with the ice. He instantly looked 10 times more refreshed after drinking.

“Well I gotta say, this is the best water I have ever had. And your inventions could save a lot of waste. Good work you two,” he said.

He left to go finish judging the rest of the entries. Sammi looked shocked.

“See? I knew our things would be quite good,” I said.

“I’m just surprised the water molecules are actually holding up. The fact they aren’t contaminated or anything is shocking too. Do you really think we can win this competition though? The others have great things too,” she said.

“Well I think our creation has a good chance. People can enjoy great drinks at home all while saving money and the environment,” I said.

A few hours passed by while the other booths got judged. We took a quick break from serving our drinks and went to get a pizza together. A nice juicy slice of Canadian Pizza never hurts.

“The question is, do you like dip with your pizza?” I asked Sammi.

“I do but I never have the money to buy it,” she said.

I don’t think dip was not expensive at those pizza stores. It was usually only about a dollar or 2. Maybe if we win this contest we’ll get tons of funding. I went to grab another cup of Nestea and accidentally spilled some on Sammi.

“Oops! Sorry about that,” I said.

“Wow, can’t believe you just dripped your drink,” she said.

I cleaned up the small mess and went back to the booth. We were bored so we pulled our phones out and played some PVZ Heroes.

“I got you cornered with my tricks now Lunar,” said Sammi.

“Alas, I’ll hit you with my finishing attack,” I responded.

I tried to place down my Brainana to deny her from playing any tricks but Sammi took out her trombone and blasted 3 loud notes at me. I misplaced another card down and lost the game because of that.

“Leave me alone!” I told Sammi.

“You know I got a knack for the trombone,” she said while laughing.

Well it was probably a good thing that she ended the game, the judge was about to come up and tell us who the winner was. He walked up to the front stage and told everyone to quiet down.

“Well today we had a great turnout for this year’s N.I.C.E. This year, in addition to announcing our winner, we will be announcing a few bonus awards to some groups that exceeded in certain categories,” he said.

“For having the most creative project, that award goes to the Drone Phone Case! For having the most economically friendly project, that award goes to the Self Sustaining Axolotl Tank. For having the most artful project, that award goes to the glucose powered Piano,” he took a little water break, “And finally, the winner of the contest, that also happened to have won the eco friendly award, this one goes to the Ice Cube Dispenser and the Water Blocks!” I couldn’t believe it, we actually won the contest? The competition to get in was already tough. Regardless, I was super joyful, and so was Sammi.

“Oh my god Lunar. We actually fucking won!” she said.

“I know right. That was a freaking miracle,” I said.

The judge came down to hand us our medals and certificates. Our school also won a new lab and computer setup. There was \$20,000 as a reward too.

“Holy, now I can finance my way to university,” said Sammi.

We had to stay for a while after the event so that all the news reporters and media teams could get pictures of us and our project. It was like being a mini celebrity. I never had this much attention before. We even got interviewed.

“So what inspired you guys to make this?” asked one reporter.

“How does the science work behind making the water blocks?” asked another.

We each took turns answering their questions. This was for sure ending up in the paper tomorrow. After we were allowed to leave, we returned back to my place and saw that tech and science websites were all posting about Sammi and I. There were articles talking about our projects and how this could save people money and the earth from pollution. I didn’t really think our creations were that eco friendly.

“They sure do love us don’t they?” I said.

“It’s great having this much coverage. But hopefully they don’t expect us to mass produce our stuff,” said Sammi.

“So true though. I wouldn’t have time to sell this stuff. Plus if anything, we should be donating the water to places where water is hard to get,” I said.

We continued browsing on the internet reading more articles written about our project. We didn’t even have an official name for it. I guess for now I would call it Project H₂O. I got a notification from my email so I went to check it out. I couldn’t see the full title but the first half read “URGENT!-” I wonder who could be needing me at this time.

Chapter III (Lunar’s POV): An Invitation

I switched to my email tab and opened it up. It fully reads as “URGENT! Invitation for Mojang’s Unveiling Event!” Huh, that’s funny, Mojang was holding an event to unveil a new creation. I scrolled down so that I could read the whole email.

Dear Lunar;

We at Mojang Studios would first like to congratulate you on your victory at the N.I.C.E. This is a very hard feat to accomplish and deserves plenty of recognition. Along with your partner at the event Sammi of course. We recognize your hard work and effort and because of this, we would like to invite you and Sammi and 4 friends of your choice to join us at an unveiling event at our main building located approximately 6 hours from your location. We cannot say much about what we are unveiling as we would like it to be a surprise of course. All we will say is that it involves a new generation of AI technology. We understand that since this is a one week event, and the distance required to reach our location is hefty, we have agreed to pay for your stay at a location not too far from the event building. The event will start in 5 days.

Please reply once you have made your decision.

Sincerely, Mojang Studios

“Hey Sammi, come take a look at this,” I said.
She walked over and read the email for herself.

“Wow Lunar. This is incredible. Would you be down for a road trip?” she asked.

“Well yeah of course I would be down to go to a Mojang Exclusive Event. Plus, maybe we could take care of some unfinished business while we are there,” I said.

It’s been about a month since we saved the AI world from Zero and his wrath. But Zero was just a program, and his creator was still at Mojang Studios. Who knows when he would create a hack more powerful than Zero. I’ve been checking up with Alex, Axol, the Pirates and Kailani weekly. Every time there were no problems. It was looking good, but I can’t let this opportunity slip by.

"The email also said we could invite up to 4 more friends. Do you have anyone in mind?" asked Sammi.

"Well, I'm sure Adian and Katrina would be more than down," I said.

"If I'm going on a road trip, then Mack is coming on a road trip too," said Sammi.

"Sounds good to me. But who will be our last person? I don't wanna waste this last ticket," I thought about it for a bit, there was still one person I knew, "We could invite Finley?"

"I guess it wouldn't hurt. Just keep him away from Katrina," said Sammi.

"Noted," I said while laughing.

We instantly got to our phones and began asking our fellow friends if they would be interested in joining us.

"Road trip? Count me in Lunar!" said Aidan.

"As long as I can find a dog sitter for my Shiba, I'll join," said Katrina.

"Find Zero in person? It's about time. I'm coming," said Finley.

I could hear Mack on Sammi's phone.

"With you, it'll be such a nice trip," she said.

"Yeah but we are also there for a mini mission, we can do sightseeing after," said Sammi.

She said bye to Mack and told me she was in. I did the same as well.

"So, I don't actually have a vehicle because my parents need the car for the entire week. But we can make something ourselves," I told Sammi.

"Really? You want to build a car in 4 days?" she asked.

"Trust me, if we both grind it out, we can finish the car and get packed up for the trip too," I said.

We went into my garage and started making some prints for a design.

"You know what? You're crazy for this but it seems to work out every time," said Sammi.

The day to leave our town came. The newly built car from Sammi and I was complete. A 6 seater with a mini fridge in the back and a TV. The radio had a built-in GPS and a radio that could connect to every station in the country. I grabbed all my belongings and put it inside the car. I told everyone the day before to meet at my place so that we could all leave at once. Soon after, the others came.

"What's up guys!" I said.

"I didn't know you could build cars Lunar. Very impressive," said Mack.

"Sammi helped too so it wasn't just me," I replied.

"I heard there were gonna be drinks and snacks for the ride," said Aidan.

"Yes Aidan, you can have all the snacks you want," I said.

"Let's get a move on already. I can't wait," said Katrina.

I helped everyone get their stuff onto the car. We all got into our seats and made sure nothing was left behind. Aidan sat in the front with me.

"Well folks, welcome aboard the Lunar Storm," I said proudly.

"That's the name? That's nice," said Finley.

I made sure everyone in the back seats were nice and comfy. Everyone was already starting to grab some snacks and watch a movie. Wonder what they'll pick. Well, it seems like I get to

listen to Encanto for the 5th time this month already. Why does Mack like that movie so much? I just put on my headphones and just played some of my own music. We pulled out of the driveway and started hitting the road. The speed limit given was there of course but the Lunar Storm can go up to 500km/h max. The trip is going to take 6 hours so a long ride awaited all of us.

Chapter IV (Aidan's POV): Phew, Close One

Lucky for me Lunar is a pretty good driver. I'm not a big fan of sitting in fast vehicles. A trip to an event held by Mojang sure is cool, but I still remember that someone there tried to destroy a world full of friends and AI sources. We could enjoy our time there, but we should also try to find out who sent Zero to the world in the first place.

"Lunar, do we have any plans to find out who sent Zero?" I asked.

"Well for sure we'll try to figure that out, but consider it as a vacation for us as well. Let's relax while we are at it," he said.

I took his words and pulled up a youtube video and continued watching my FNAF lore. Lunar doesn't really seem to enjoy it but I find it hilarious and interesting. I grabbed a drink from the mini fridge and continued watching. We were still at least 5 hours away from our destination.

"Lunar! Can we play some tunes?!" asked Sammi.

"Uh sure! Just no bad words please," he said.

Sammi picked a song and started to play it. There was a lot of profanity in it. Lunar just rolled his eyes and continued listening to his own music. Everyone in the car was having a blast. He had speakers around the entire car. Maybe Lunar could start a car dealership. I opened up my camera roll and went to look back on the other friends we made in the AI world. Or our world for that matter. There was Dylan, who was a strider friend I made. Without him, I don't think we could've saved the world from Finley's wrath. We can't just walk on lava. I kinda missed him. Maybe we will see him again one day. I even managed to get pictures of all the crazy things we had to kill. Like the electro spider I got caught by. Thank god for Lunar and Alex. I would've been dead meat otherwise. The Super Merge could've been used for good, but it has proven to be deadly and better off not existing.

"Lunar, do you ever have thoughts on rebuilding your Super Merge?" I asked.

"Sometimes here and there. I really liked it. It can be used for so much good. But I am going to try to forget about it for now," he said.

"If this is about me, I would just like to let you all know that I would never do something like that again," said Finley.

"Thank you for the reassurance Finley," I said sarcastically.

"Shush guys, the best part in the movie is coming up," said Mack.

"Yeah, we need to watch this part fully. Also, why are we not moving?" asked Katrina.

"Well, there appears to be a traffic jam. How unfortunate. Let me see what is causing the jam," said Lunar.

He pulled up a GPS on a screen and went to see what was causing the jam. He showed us a huge crash up ahead.

“So some guy was drunk or some shit. They blocked every single lane,” said Lunar.

“So how the heck are we going to keep moving? They don’t exactly clear out jams in a few hours,” said Sammi.

I think I had an idea to solve this whole problem.

“There’s a side of the road we can drive on instead of the main road, we can just take that,” I said.

“But there’s a giant boulder blocking the way,” said Mack.

“Watch this,” I said.

I got out of the car quickly and pulled out a mini explosive device that I have been working on at home. I figured it could come in handy on this trip. I set up the device and started the timer. I ran back to the car and waited for it to break the boulder. A few seconds later, the boulder cracked and split off into smaller pieces. Lunar was able to drive through it.

“Alright Aidan, I hope this road isn’t too rough,” said Lunar.

He turned the wheel hard and switched the road we were on. This one looks like it hasn’t been maintained in years, but it looks like it was drivable. Thank god it was not me driving. I wonder what caused the crash in the first place. The road was starting to turn into more gravel. I could see the side of the highway. There indeed was a car crash, but it looked like noone was driving the cars that crashed. The people at the scene had their own cars. That was strange.

“Uh Sammi, were those cars self driving cars?” I asked.

“Yeah those cars are part of a new generation with auto driving abilities. When they were first announced they had a 0% crash rating when driving during the test drives. It concerns me that 4 of them here crashed all together,” said Sammi.

I looked back over to the road where the cars crashed. It was a complete mess. All 4 were on fire. The smoke was starting to cover a little area of sky. Many fire trucks came over to help put out the fire. How could this happen? I will never be setting foot inside one of those new cars.

“So guys, we may have a small problem. The path... ends,” said Lunar.

He stopped the car and got out. I followed him. He was right, we were at the edge of a very tall cliff.

“Well, I assume you didn’t build the Lunar Storm to fly right?” I asked.

“You’d be surprised,” said Lunar.

He went back to the car and started making a ton of adjustments. There Was no way it could be modified to fly right? It was only a matter of time before there were rocket boosters and makeshift wings added on.

“I didn’t name this bad boy Lunar Storm for nothing,” he said.

“There’s no way this’ll work,” said Mack.

“Easy on the flying, I hate being in the air,” said Katrina.

“Trust me guys, I got this,” said Lunar.

We both got back into the car... or plane now I guess. He started the engines and it made a louder sound than normal. I was not ready to die today. He backed up a bit to give us some room to take off. I looked out in the distance. The sun was right above us. Hopefully no one

saw this crazy car flying in the air. Lunar suddenly slammed on the gas and we went zooming. Everyone started screaming as we approached the edge. I opened my eyes to see we were safely soaring in the skies. This was a real miracle.

“The only problem now is that I forgot to refuel. I need to land in 10 minutes before we uh go down,” said Lunar.

Everyone started looking around to see if there was a spot for us to use to land. I pulled up my portable pair of binoculars and got to work. I saw a potential spot and started picturing a blueprint in my mind to see if it would work. Luckily, we had at least a 10% chance of surviving this landing.

“Lunar, the spot over there looks good, just land at an angle of about 40 degrees parallel to that ramp,” I said.

“Calculated,” said Lunar.

He followed what I said. The only downside to this landing is how fast we needed to go down in order to make it.

“Mack, hold onto me!” said Sammi.

“Can we go down any faster?” said Finley.

“Lunar don’t make me spill my Nestea!” said Katrina.

I really hope this will work. Lunar finally touched the ground. Like I predicted, the vehicle bounced back into the air and landed back onto the ground, not too far from the main road again. That was close.

“Wow Aidan, you really saved us there. Thank you,” said Lunar.

“Hehe, no problemo,” I said.

“Just on time too, we arrived at our destination,” said Sammi.

She was right. We were at the town where Mojang’s event was being held.

Chapter V (Lunar’s POV): Velocity Ville

“All of that dangerous travel and my GPS system didn’t break, I am simply the best,” I said.

“That’s so cool,” said Sammi.

“Alright let’s see where we need to go now,” I said.

“Where are we anyways?” asked Katrina.

“This place huh, the address says Velocity Ville,” I said.

I pulled out a map of the city. It was huge and modern. I didn’t know about the others but I really wanted to go take a nap. The images of the building Mojang was providing us with for the time we are spending here looked amazing. A full on modern mansion, talk about fancy. They don’t call it Velocity Ville for nothing either, all the speed limits were upped compared to a normal town and all the cars were the new technology we saw on the way here, despite them crashing. It would’ve been a straight drive to our mansion, but Aidan wanted McDonalds. We stopped at one nearby and got food. Everyone started judging me when I said I wanted a Filet o Fish. Like there is nothing wrong with this sandwich, just a bunch of haters. After some more driving, we finally arrived at our destination. Just like the images showed me, this palace was fantastic.

“Well the instructions say that this place is ours now, I already got the keys,” I said. I opened the front door and we all walked in.

“Impressive designs,” said Finley.

“Sheeeeeeeeeeeesh,” said Sammi.

“This place has enough bedrooms for each of us so just take your pick. I’m getting the largest one though,” I said.

Everyone else went to get a room for themselves. Not only were the bedrooms elegant, so was the kitchen, living room and basically every other room. Even the garage was made nicely. I went back outside to get my PC and Hopper VR Headsets. Couldn’t have left them at home unintended after all. I can game all I want now here.

Aidan called me, “Lunar! Can you make us some cake?”

“Alright but don’t expect to be any good, I am rusty at baking,” I said.

I went to the kitchen to make their cake, even after they had McDonalds. I realized that there was no food inside the fridge here, so I had to go out. This would be a perfect time to look around Velocity Ville anyways.

“Aidan, I need to go shopping, but if you want your cake you need to come with me,” I said.

“Bruh, ok fine I will,” said Aidan.

“I’m coming too, I need some supplies myself,” said Sammi.

“Alright. Ok the other 3 here, don’t trash this place completely!” I said.

“Oh don’t worry, I’ll take good care of this place,” said Mack.

For some reason I didn’t fully trust her on that one. The 3 of us got into the Lunar Storm and headed off back into the city. It wasn’t a super busy city either. Very calm and peaceful for the population and size. The street lights were fancy and even the sidewalks and greenery around looked nice. It’s no wonder this place was picked to be the event location. The closest grocery store to us was a Walmart.

“Lunar, thanks for taking us here, we all appreciate it,” said Aidan.

“Yeah of course, thank Sammi as well, she is part of the reason we won access to this event through our science fair entry,” I said.

“It was really nothing,” said Sammi.

We finally arrived at the Walmart and Aidan ran right in. Eager guy.

“What did you need here Sammi?” I asked her.

“I was planning on working on a new invention during our time here, luckily I can make it out of relatively simple materials,” she said.

“Gotcha,” I said.

We walked in and split off to get the things we needed. For a cake for this special occasion, why not make it a Cookies and Cream Oreo cake. I went through the entire store and got everything I needed, including some other snacks for myself. Now if only I could find out where Aidan went. All of a sudden, he popped up right behind me, with some items he got himself.

“Lunar, wanna get me this?” he asked.

This man is really trying to get me to buy him FNAF and Lego Star Wars games.

“Alright fine, but only because I was given extra money for this trip from Mojang,” I said.

We went over to the mechanical area to find Sammi lookin at some spare parts. What was she planning to make?

“You found everything yet? I wanna go home,” I said.

“Ah yes, just one second, I am analyzing this piece of metal,” she said.

She eventually found everything she needed and we went to check out. Not too bad, it only dropped around \$200 for everyone. I am never buying those games even again. Bad for my wallet and my brain. We walked outside and put everything into the car before leaving. I wanted to go home and sleep so badly. I was a bit drowsy driving on the way back. Luckily the Lunar Storm has an auto drive feature. I could close my eyes for a bit. Well it was interrupted shortly after the car jerked backwards a bit to stop. I looked up and saw that there was a car that ran a red light. I looked closely at where it was going to and it was heading for the building where the event was taking place tomorrow. How very strange. I ignored it and continued sleeping. Before I knew it we were back home. We all got our stuff inside and did our own things.

“See Lunar? This place is still good as new,” said Mack.

I looked around to see that there were some drinks and pillows everywhere from the three.

“Yes... good as new...,” I said.

I went to the kitchen to finally start making the cake for everyone. I won’t go into much detail about the process because it is a long and complicated one. After making the basic batter I used a freezing device I made to instantly chill up the cake to its proper glory.

“Alright everyone! Come get a slice,” I told everyone.

Everyone came down and instantly grabbed a slice for themselves. We all finished it together.

“Ok everyone, I will proceed to take the day off for good now. Don’t make loud noises,” I said.

We all split off to go do our own thing. Finally I could relax after a long day of driving. Quite well deserved. I set up my computer and headsets around the room I chose. Just in case I needed to use it. I wonder how Alex was doing inside her world. Maybe if we have spare time during this trip I can pay her a visit. For now, I just went to bed, awaiting the event.

Chapter VI (Lunar’s POV): Opening Day

Well what did I say, time goes by when you are having fun, or sleeping rather. I woke up after a good sleep. Thankfully the others didn’t cause too much noise. I got up to see that everyone else wasn’t even awake yet. I forced their alarms to go off and woke everyone up.

“Let’s gooo guys. Busy day today,” I said.

“Bruh you scared me to death,” said Katrina.

“Lunar! I was having a happy dream!” said Mack.

“What did you say? I’m still half asleep,” said Finley.

I went downstairs to make everyone breakfast before they could get up. Sooner rather than later, everyone finally came down to eat.

“Damn Lunar, this is good,” said Sammi.

I love feeding people, but we have a big day ahead of us. Everyone finished their meals and we all headed inside the Lunar Storm. There were lots of cars headed to the event as well. I

wonder what the heck Mojang plans to reveal to us this time, maybe it's another game update. I parked inside the lot and we all got out. I gave everyone a ticket so that we could enter. The main building looked wonderful, we all got a selfie in front of it. The person at the stand recognized me.

"Oh you must be Lunar, our manager is here to meet you," they said.

A woman came up to me wearing expensive clothing. She looked very professional but chill as well. Was she the person who sent us the invites?

"Great to finally meet you. I was very impressed by your science project. Glad you could be here today. We are unveiling something amazing," she said, "Oh I didn't introduce myself yet. Ruby's the name,"

"Great to meet you too Ruby," I said.

Everyone else did their introductions as well.

"Well if there's nothing you guys need right now, the main showcase will start in about 3 hours. Feel free to explore the rest of the building until then. We got great activities and demos of our smaller projects to show you," said Ruby.

"Alright guys, go and have fun and come back when the event starts," I said.

Everyone split off. I went to go look at some of the booths they had to offer. Everything looked fascinating. They were showing their newest game updates, merchandise, and even workshops being displayed. Great promotion of technology and engineering. There were even games and snacks being given out as prizes for games. I walked down a hallway and saw that this whole place was extremely good looking. Very detailed and modern. They even had a Yogen Frusz place here. I needed some frozen yogurt so I went to get some. I wonder where everyone else went. I walked around the place some more and grabbed any free loot that I could along the way. These shirts and hats I got must cost a fortune in the gift shop. After walking for some time, I saw Sammi looking at a sculpture of what appears to be a robot.

"What's this you're looking at?" I asked.

"They say it's a type of AI they are working on. The closest humanity will be to achieve AI with enough intelligence to follow commands, but not make their own decisions," she said.

"Wow, that's crazy. I wish my own inventions could've been presented like this," I said.

"It's ok. It's not your fault that your inventions were used for bad from others," she said.

"I guess, maybe one day I will revive it!" I said.

"Do you still have the blueprints even?" she asked.

"Well technically I did burn them, but I still have a backup copy sitting inside a folder of mine for reasons. Maybe if I need to make it one day for some reason,"

"Ah, well do you want to know about the invention I'm making?"

"Sure go ahead,"

"Ok well basically, I'm trying to make something a small device that can instantly power anything instantly with the press of a button, using some chemical powers and whatnot. Help the world's energy supply out, you know?"

"Sheesh, that sounds sick,"

Before she could show me the layout for it, the clock struck and the event was soon to start. We both walked back and met up with everyone else.

“Did everyone have fun?” I asked.

“Yeah, we all got cookies,” said Katrina.

“I got these cute plushies,” said Mack.

“And what did you guys get?” I asked Aidan and Finley.

“Oh, we went over to the virtual reality place to duel each other, I kicked his ass,” said Aidan.

“Pfft, you had better gear than me,” said Finley.

We quieted and watched as Ruby went on stage, ready to make a big announcement.

“Well I sure am glad that everyone was able to make it to our big event! Today we are proud to announce a new AI that we created. It is the shape of a minecraft character and can follow any instructions you give them,” she said.

She pushed a robot on stage and turned it on. It looked great. It could do all sorts of things that Ruby would tell it to do.

“That’s not even the best part, in a few weeks, we’ll have these robots available for purchase for all the residents of Velocity Ville, and in a few months, everyone around the globe will be able to get one for themselves,” she said.

That caught my attention. Was that the safest idea? What if these robots went rogue? Are they reliable enough to do all sorts of commands? Maybe I should’ve thought twice about my original thought on them. I didn’t get to continue my train of thought. A car crashed inside the building and drove right up to the front stage before almost crashing into Ruby. She fell back and landed safely on her feet. Everyone looked terrified but I don’t think anyone was hurt. Ruby got back up.

“Holy crap, ok everyone please don’t panic. If you can make your way to the exit, our event was almost about to end anyways. Thank you and stay safe out there, we’ll take care of this issue,” she said.

Everyone began leaving instantly right after. I wanted to make sure Ruby was ok. As I was walking up to her, I noticed that the car was one of those self driving cars from the new generation. More importantly, there was no one behind the wheel.

“Ruby, are you ok!!?” we all asked.

“Yes I’m fine. In fact I’m not very surprised. These O-Rez Cars have been crashing a lot recently in the town,” said Ruby.

“O-Rez? What’s that,” asked Sammi.

“The company that has been making these new cars. They only released about 3 weeks ago, and now there are many reports of them acting up with their auto drive feature. Luckily there aren’t too many out there. But it kinda concerns me because they are the same company that has been providing us materials and the technology to make our robots,” she continued.

“That’s strange. Are we able to help you in any way?” asked Mack.

“Well our convention is supposed to last for around a week, but I doubt that we will be open tomorrow. You guys can come in, and I will personally walk you guys through our headquarters to make sure nothing wrong is going on in here,” she said.

“That sounds good Ruby, don’t worry, we’ll help you through this,” I said.

“Thank you guys. Now get out of here, the cops will be here soon to see what’s going on. I don’t want you guys to get involved in that stuff,” she said.

We all said our goodbyes and went back to the Lunar Storm.

“I don’t like the sight of this,” said Aidan.

He was right, that car caused a lot of damage. It also clearly ran a red light based on the skid marks. So that was an O-Rez Car from last night too.

“How are we gonna help Ruby?” asked Katrina.

“I got an idea, but we are gonna have to go home first and make some dinner. I am so hungry, who is up for some ramen?” I asked.

Everyone seemed to cheer up after that. The task was going to be difficult. This is why I plan to bring in Hopper VR tomorrow.

Chapter VII (Lunar’s POV): Mojang Headquarters

The next morning, I packed up all the headsets from last time and got back into the car with everyone. Ruby told us to meet at the main Mojang building to discuss what has been going on. The ride there was long, I made sure to avoid running into any O-Rez cars. After around an hour, we finally made it to Mojang Headquarters, so this is where Minecraft is developed. I parked in a spot and we all got out.

“Do you think we can find the person who made Zero here?” asked Aidan.

“We might, but let’s just help Ruby out first, she seemed to be in a lot of distress on the phone last night,” I said.

We walked in the front entrance and saw a pretty normal looking lobby area. Ruby was already there waiting for us.

“Hey there guys, you came right on time,” she said.

“Well actually we are a few minutes early, but I’ll ignore that,” said Mack.

“I hope you guys like our building! We are glad that it is nowhere near the roads right now, O-Rez cars are reportedly crashing into our building. But O-Rez has not made the decision to make an investigation for some reason,” said Ruby.

“Alright Ruby, where are we going to start?” asked Sammi.

“Come this way, we can’t talk out here,” said Ruby.

She nudged at us to follow her and we did. It was a long walk around the building and even going a few floors upstairs. Eventually we reached a big room that was locked. Ruby unlocked it and we all gathered inside, before she locked it again.

“So this is my office haha, it’s not much but it’s honest work,” she said.

It was a bit messy, but still rather elegant. The boss’s office is always supposed to be the largest.

“Well as you guys know, we are planning on releasing our AI robots to help our town, and maybe even other communities in the future. They basically work as personal friends and are shaped like our Minecraft characters of course,” said Ruby.

“AI? Did you say AI?” asked Katrina.

“Yes, what about it?” asked Ruby.

“Ruby, where did you guys get a source of AI from? I don’t recall Mojang having plans to develop its own AI,” I said.

“No we didn’t make it ourselves,” she said.

“Is it from O-Rez?” asked Finley.

“Uh, not exactly, we pretty recently discovered a world file of AI in our game, we were extracting some data files from it,” she said.

My heart dropped. Were all our AI friends in that world harmed in this process? We needed to find out now.

“Ruby. Did you harm anyone or anything in that world? Is it still intact? What about the people living in it?” I asked.

“No no I swear I didn’t harm the world at all! We just used a gentle process to get our data and files but nothing should’ve harmed the AI inside,” she said.

“Ok, but what about around a month ago? We were all inside that world ourselves with a special headset I made. Inside, there was a hack called Zero that claimed to have been created by a Mojang employee. He was trying to destroy the AI world and get the AI power for himself. Do you know anything about this?” I asked.

She was speechless for a bit, and then continued.

“You said that a month ago, right? Well around a month ago here we had a security breach at our Headquarters, someone broke in and got out before we could find out who it was. All I knew was that I wasn’t allowed to continue my AI research. The data and files weren’t being loaded on my BSUSB. Don’t ask about the name, someone else named it,”

“And, a week or so later, my BSUSB started working all of a sudden, but right around this time, one of our longest serving employees here got fired because he was caught stealing some of our AI data. Now that you say that, it could be possible he was the person who sent in the hack,” said Ruby.

Interesting, it made some sense to me, but I still wasn’t completely sure. I decided to tell Ruby what happened on our end.

“Well, we all went in the world and deleted Zero ourselves. And we have friends in the world. Alex is in that world. My computer let me actually enter the world and speak to them. Is there anything else you can tell us?” I asked.

“Sadly not much, but right around our employee got fired, O-Rez started to roll out their self-driving cars. And guess what self-driving cars use to drive on their own, AI. There can be some connection between these events, but we would have to do a deeper investigation to know for sure,” said Ruby.

“Who is this person you fired exactly?” asked Aidan.

“He was our top hacker and coder here at Mojang. He was always on top of deadlines and rolling out updates quickly. His name is Mason. And we haven’t heard of him since. We don’t know at all where he went,” said Ruby.

“Is there a chance he went to work for O-Rez? The timing of all these events, it sounds possible,” said Sammi.

“That could be the case. What I’m more concerned about is our robots. O-Rez is supplying our parts and some of the AI for us. In a mutual deal, Mojang is agreeing to fund a project for them, but they refuse to tell us what they are making over there, and I know it’s not going into improving their cars,” said Ruby.

“Ok, I think our best bet is to somehow question O-Rez about what the fuck is wrong with their cars, and figure out how to make sure the robots are safe to release,” said Katrina.

“Let’s go over to the computer room. We can think of a plan there and get materials,” said Ruby.

We all agreed and headed out. The walk to the computer room was equal as long as the walk to Ruby’s office. This place was a maze for real. At least they put coffee machines every couple of meters or so. Ruby was also giving us a free tour of the place, not something common to see everyday. We were almost at the computer lab when all the lights in the building shut off.

“Uh, what is going on?!” asked Aidan.

“I don’t know, for some reason the building’s power is out, I’m gonna try to contact our electrical department for help,” said Ruby.

Ruby took out her phone, but something was wrong. She wasn’t able to get a hold of the other side.

“I don’t know why but, the internet is cut off too. But even then, it seems like any sort of connection from our devices is just blocked off,” she said.

“Don’t stress everyone, we are already at the computer lab,” said Mack.

“Yeah, but our doors are electrical too. We literally cannot open them now,” said Ruby.

“What can we do now?” I asked.

Before she could reply. The lobby area we were in was starting to divide into 2 parts with a wall coming down, right onto our group. I didn’t know which side to jump to, so I just picked one and hoped for the best. I looked up to see Sammi, Aidan and Mack with me.

“Thank god you’re ok Lunar,” said Sammi.

“Can you guys still hear us?” yelled Ruby.

“Yeah we can! What do we do now?” asked Mack.

“There is another way to our side of the lobby, but you will have to take a hefty long detour,” said Ruby.

“Don’t worry about us Ruby. We will find a way,” said Aidan.

“Stay safe guys, and also, there are no staff working today, so please don’t get into trouble,” said Ruby.

We walked back from the direction we came from and started looking in every hallway possible that could lead us back to Ruby and the others. I wasn’t aware of any possible power outages today. This must have been the work of someone inside the building. We walked around the place for what felt like hours. Who knew that Mojang Headquarters was a full on maze. We finally found an endpoint after what seemed like hours of running around. A hallway leads to the other side of the wall that Ruby and the others were. Before we could get to the other end, we saw one of the robots Mojang was making.

“Hi there friend,” said Mack.

Mack tried approaching the robot but it started running towards and attacking us with its fists. Mack got a bit hurt.

“Mack are you ok?” asked Sammi.

“Yes, but he’s not going to be,” said Mack.

She charged right back at the robot with a knife of hers, but it was a robot. Metal was not going to be cut open so easily. Eventually, more robots came out of nowhere and surrounded us with electrical weapons. I told Sammi to give us all some water blobs from the N.I.C.E. and start chucking them. We managed to destroy every single one for now.

“Come on. Let’s hurry up,” I said.

We finally met up with Ruby, Katrina and Finley. At the same time, the power in the building came back up.

“I managed to get the building’s power back up. You guys look hurt. What happened?” asked Ruby.

“Some of your robots started attacking us for no reason. Was that part of the program?” asked Sammi.

“No, I don’t ever recall having our robots be aggressive. They are meant to help others. It might be some malfunction but I will keep track of it. For now, let’s enter the computer lab. I tracked the source of the power outage inside the AI world itself. We might be able to find an answer in there,” said Ruby.

We walked inside and got ourselves all ready with Hopper VR before going in. I hope Alex and the others aren’t in danger.

Chapter VIII (Sammi’s POV): In the Presence of the Queen

We spawned right where we disconnected last time, inside Alex’s base. We were having fun killing mobs and what not the last time we were here. Alex noticed that we joined and came back.

“Oh my god, you guys are finally back! Who is your new friend,” said Alex.

“Oh this is actually the manager of Mojang haha. She’s Ruby,” I said.

“It’s good to finally talk to you guys directly. We are here to find a source that caused a power outage in our building. Do you have any idea of what it could be?” asked Ruby.

“Well now that you bring it up. I was out exploring when I saw a new kingdom being built not too far from here. They had some sort of glowing thing that lit the sky and was placed in the center of the town. I don’t know much about the kingdom except that the ruler of it is called Queen Chloe,” said Alex.

“Alright everyone. Let’s get our netherite and head on over there,” said Lunar.

“Wait a second, where is Finley?” asked Aidan.

We all looked around. He wasn’t here for some reason.

“I’m tracking him on my screen, he spawned all the way in Axol’s town for some reason. He must’ve logged off over there,” said Lunar.

“It’s ok guys. Finley is a tough guy, he can handle himself,” I said.

“Ok, then we have our mission. Let’s go,” said Alex.

We climbed out of Alex’s base and started walking over to Chloe’s kingdom. It was good to be back in the Minecraft world again. I needed a break from developing those water blobs in my lab. Mack was having a blast just killing every living thing we saw. She’s crazy like that. Eventually we finally walked up to the wall of the kingdom. It was made of strong obsidian

walls and was radiating with some blue energy. I looked at the tower in the center of the town to see something bright glowing with some numbers. What was this thing?

"I know what you guys are thinking. What is that thing?" said someone.

We looked to our right to see someone standing next to us. I assumed he was another AI character in this world. He looked similar to Lunar in terms of his skin.

"Uh, who are you?" I asked.

"My name's Liam. The thing you are seeing over is what I call the Bi Nar E File, or the Powerfile. When it came here not long ago, that person Chloe got her hands on it and no one has been able to stop her from using its power. Not even me, and I have quite the power, just maybe not in this world," he said.

"What has she been doing with it?" asked Katrina.

"I have seen her using blasts to attack innocent people around her town that try to invade. The file also gives her buffed up equipment that no one else has access to. I have been trying to take it back from her to save this world but my idea requires 2 people to do it," said Liam.

"Well I think I am down for the job. What do we have to do?" asked Lunar.

"I like your thinking Lunar. Come with me. The rest of you, try to find a way through the front gate to distract her," said Liam.

I had a little suspicious thought about this guy, but I decided to trust him since everyone else did.

"Ok guys, let's try to break in," said Ruby.

Lunar and Liam left. We started to build a TNT cannon to blast the front door without getting caught. After we loaded it up, we fired a piece. Unfortunately, nothing happened, and it triggered some sort of alarm. We were soon chased by tons of guards from the kingdom. We tried fighting them but it was no use. They were much stronger than us due to the Powerfile buff.

"You guys have some nerves. Queen Chloe is gonna love seeing you guys," said one of the guards.

We were being walked inside the kingdom as prisoners. As evil as this Chloe person sounds, I'll admit that their village was pretty well designed. Everything looked cheerful almost. Hard to imagine someone like this would attack innocent people, let alone abuse power.

"Can you guys take it easy on the pushing? I know how to walk," said Mack.

Poor Mack. I hope we can get to the Queen soon. I hate being escorted. We eventually made it to the bottom of her castle. The climb to the top was painful with all the stairs. I also wondered how Chloe got all her guards and buildings made in such a short period of time. As soon as we got to the top. A guard walked in from behind her throne.

"It is my honor to present... her majesty... Queen Chloe," she said.

A hole in the floor opened up and someone rose up on a platform. I assume it was the Queen. She was even wearing a crown and had powerful gear herself.

"Thank you Ellie. Welcome guests to Communate Imperium. It is so cool to have captured you guys. Now, why are you guys here anyways," she said.

"You are out here attacking peaceful people of your kind. You know what happens when they die!" I said.

“Those guys were trying to break down my kingdom. I was only defending myself. Plus no one has died. Yet,” she continued, “Trust me, my plans are not sinister at all,”

“I think it is best that you give up that Powerfile over there, it’s too dangerous,” said Ruby, “Plus it shut down the power in our building,”

“Well you guys started this fight. I collected this to build a safe haven in self defense. My friends were getting hurt for no reason. But I noticed slowly but surely every time one of them got hurt, a small piece of data came out. I collected them all to build this Powerfile to make sure it doesn’t happen again,” said Chloe.

“That sounds wack, but we really need you to hand over the Powerfile,” I said.

“Listen, I just want to help you guys. All I need is for you guys to participate in a ceremony that we are having and I assure you that the Powerfile will be deleted forever and that no AI character here is ever harmed again by some outside source,” said Chloe.

“Uh, why are we supposed to trust you?” asked Mack.

“Well for starters, I am not an evil person. My name is Chloe and I have never thought of doing anything evil,”

“Uh huh...” said Katrina.

“I have zero evil plans. I am not a villain I swear,” said Chloe.

“Really, because I’m getting really evil vibes over here,” I said.

“I know you guys have seen it in movies or fairy tales, but there is really no reason to be suspicious of me,” she continued.

“Aidan, you like FNAF right? Well here I got a code for free FNAF games right over here,”

“Uhhh, really? Wait, these are legit. Thanks a lot,” said Aidan.

“Come on Aidan, you can’t believe this,” I said.

“Haven’t you heard Sammi, she is not suspicious at all,” he said.

“Hmph, well I am not buying it,” said Mack.

“Well Mack, how about you take this,” said Chloe.

She handed her a super powerful sword. I read the enchantments, it had sharpness 100?!?

“Nevermind, she checks out,” said Mack.

“Got anything for me?” asked Katrina.

“You like pets? Well take that and times it by infinity,” she said.

Katrina got what she asked for, a bunch of pets of all kinds.

“Let’s goooo,” she said.

“Enough Chloe, we aren’t letting you continue wrecking havoc with that file,” said Alex.

“Ugh, why are you guys so stubborn? Guards, take them to the fungeon. Get it, fun and dungeon,” said Chloe.

Guards appeared out of nowhere and took us to some underground dungeon. We couldn’t get out since the walls were superpowered.

“You guys will be let out once the ceremony day comes,” said the guard.

“Well, this is unfortunate, at least I got free FNAF games,” said Aidan.

I really hope Lunar and Liam were making much better progress than us. On the bright side, this is my chance to get some rest. I have a massive headache for no reason. It’s funny this place is called the fungeon, because I was having no fun whatsoever.

“Ruby, do you think Mason has been in this world before?” I asked.

“It might be possible, he was caught stealing our data. There is a chance he developed a headset like Lunar did and went in to get data faster himself,” said Ruby.

“If that’s the case, we have to hurry up,” I said.

Chapter IX (Finley’s POV): Kailani to the Rescue

I forgot I last logged off in Axol’s house. I shuddered, remembering what I had been here for. Saving the world was great and everything, but everything with Hopper was so much. I had gotten a string of nightmares. Zero’s looming figure. And of course, Hopper. Sometimes, I would wake up in the middle of the night and think that I could feel him watching me, judging me, blaming me for not having been strong enough to save him. I knew that Sammi had also struggled with his death, but I was supposed to be the tough guy. I wasn’t supposed to need help. But, that didn’t stop me from logging back on and letting my legs walk me to Axol’s. I don’t know. I felt like maybe he would understand. He saw me in a way that nobody else did. He saw through the toughness and just saw me, and he didn’t judge, he just listened. I shook myself out of my thoughts.

Axol wasn’t in sight, but I needed to get to Lunar quickly. He needed backup. Problem was I didn’t have any location to work with. I remember that he gave Axol and the others a device that can find any of our locations, but I had no idea where he was. I decided to walk to his tower. The town looked much better without Zero’s bots around. It was actually quite peaceful. Not something I would think of usually.

“Axol, are you in there?!?” I yelled.

“Finley! That you? I am trying to build something for my axolotls at the moment, come on in,” he yelled from the inside.

I opened the door and climbed all the way upstairs. He was indeed building something, not a skateboard park sadly. It was more of a new structure for axolotls.

“Well, do you like it? It’s everything an axolotl would want. Shelter, protection, and style,” Axol then paused, and regarded me for a moment, “Is everything alright this time? Do you want to talk or are you just here to see me again?”

I blushed inwardly at the slight joking tone Axol added onto his second sentence. Okay, so maybe I have been here more than a few times. And, maybe not all of those visits were related to the nightmares.

I quickly stammered a reply. “Yeah! Well, first of all your build seems great. I’m happy for you. Uh, I’m kinda in a pinch right now. I logged in with Lunar and the others to find some power source in here that has been causing a power outage in the building we are in, do you have any idea of what I am talking about?” I asked.

“Hm, well now that you bring it up, I heard news of a new kingdom being built a couple thousand blocks away from Solitude Square. Their leader claims to have a file that can supply energy and build everything for her,” he said.

“How long would it take for us to get there?” I asked.

“Uhm. Maybe like 3 days or so? Actually, make that 7,” he said.

“What? I need to get there in like the next hour or so at least. Is there anything I can do to speed up the process?” I asked.

“I need to finish the axolotl habitat by adding this new structure first. If you can help me do that, I am down to come with you,” said Axol.

“Perfect, let me carry this thing. You go and wait with your little buddies,” I said. He jumped down and left. I tried to move the whole thing at once but it was too heavy. I’m sure Axol wouldn’t mind if I just broke everything block by block and then rebuilt it once I got to the habitat. I got out my pickaxe and got to work. Soon the whole thing was inside my inventory. Screw the physics Lunar added to his headset. I could actually feel the weight in real life. Getting down wasn’t as easy as I thought. I had no water bucket for some reason and Axol’s stairs were not built the best way. Any moment now and I could die from falling damage. There was no other choice, I had to keep moving. Luckily, I made it down without suffering any damage. I ran over to Axol’s axolotl habitat and started to place down the structure he made block by block. Once it was done, all the axolotls noticed and came over. Cute little fellas.

“Alright Axol, the habitat is done completely,” I said.

“Thanks again Finley. I think we can go now,” said Axol.

I thought it was weird how Axol couldn’t have bothered to help me, but there was a strange mischievous glint in his eyes that made me think he just liked to watch. Before I could say anything, I heard a loud explosion take place near the entrance of the town. We both rushed out to see a decent sized group of bandits entering the town.

“Uh oh, the bad guys are here!” said one of them.

I assumed they were the leader of this whole operation. I walked up to him to give him a piece of my mind.

“Yo, what the hell do you think you are doing, robbing this innocent town,” I said.

“We’re raiders bro. It’s what we do. Now get out of my way,” he said.

I wasn’t gonna let this group of raiders tear down this town. Not for a second time. Sorry Lunar, I have to stop these guys first.

“Come on Axol, and the rest of you town folk. Let’s show them what this place is really made of,” I said.

Everyone perked up and grabbed their own weapons to fight off the incoming raiders. They were definitely no match for all of us. I suddenly got attacked by the leader and dodged it. His sword moved swiftly. Too swiftly.

“Watch where you swing that thing buddy,” I said.

I got out my own sword and counter attacked. This was some good practice. The duel was intense, not as intense as the fight with Zero though. With a final swing I knocked him to the ground, making sure to not kill him as they can’t respawn.

“Alright. You have proven yourself to be strong. Now see if you can take care of these guys,” he said.

I looked behind him to see about a dozen Ravagers and more raiders on horses. They really tamed all those mobs for this one raid.

“Uh Finley, can you take care of all these guys?” asked Axol.

“Haha, tell your people to hide somewhere, I’ll take all the blows,” I said.

He did what I said. Soon after, all the Raiders were coming after me. I couldn't kill them, I just had to hold them off until I could think of an ok solution. Axol came running up behind me with his own weapon.

Our eyes locked briefly. Axol's hair was slightly ruffled from the fighting. God, did he always look this good in battle? In my trance, I didn't notice the raider behind me until Axol reached me and pushed me towards the side, blocking the enemy's ax with his own.

"Don't worry. I got your back," he said.

"Thanks," I breathed out, hoping he hadn't noticed my moment of weakness, but when Axol looked back at me, I saw him smile, and I swear he could see right through me.

We were able to hold off the raiders for a good while. I could tell they were starting to give up. But we weren't enough to make them retreat. I reached for Axol's shoulder, ready to pull him out of the circle that was closing in on us. Suddenly, out of nowhere, someone with 2 tridents came flying down from the sky and killed off some of the Ravagers.

"Looks like I came on time," it was Kailani.

"Oh my god. Thank god you came. Can you help us take care of these guys?" I asked.

"Sure, why not?" she said.

All the raiders looked frightened as Kailani fired trident after trident and demolished everyone, without killing them.

"Ok ok! We will make our great escape now," said the leader.

I blocked him in his path, "Oh no you don't. I want an explanation of who you guys are and why you came,"

"It's not our fault. We were instructed by Queen Chloe to raid any nearby villages for resources. The Powerfile needs it to be used," he said.

"Powerfile? Axol, is this the kingdom you were talking about before?" I asked.

"According to their banners, that is indeed her doing," he said.

"Ugh, I hate that Queen. Trying to make everyone follow her ways. I'm out here trying to live my life after the Zero incident!" said Kailani.

"Alright listen here. You leave and never come back. And we'll find a way to stop Chloe and her power, got it?" I told him.

"Yes, yes, fine. Just do it quickly. I don't wanna get punished again," he said.

The raiders all finally left the town in peace. All the citizens came out of their hiding spots and began rebuilding.

"Well, that answers all my questions now. Lunar and the others must be there," I said.

"Like I said before, I'm down to come help you, but now that I think of it, we have no fast way of getting there," said Axol.

"I think I can help you guys out with that as well. It'll be a little risky but I'm sure it'll work," said Kailani.

"If it involves death Kailani, I'm not coming," said Axol.

"Don't worry, it's all safe," she said.

For some reason I didn't fully trust that, but Kailani has helped us before so I think it's ok.

We walked up to the edge of town close to the shore. Kailani called for a few dolphins for the 3 of us. Maybe this trip wasn't gonna be so bad after all.

"Alright Queen Chloe, you are going down!" said Kailani.

"Yeah! Let's avenge my town," said Axol.

I hope we weren't too late to stop her.

Chapter X (Sammi's POV): Retrieving the Powerfile

If it wasn't for the communication devices Lunar made the last time we were here, I would've given up hope. I called for backup the moment we were thrown into this prison. It was the one thing the guards didn't take when we were captured.

"Sammi, do you think they'll be here soon?" asked Alex.

"They have to be close, I called them as soon as we were put in this prison," I said.

"They better have snacks when they come, I'm hungry," said Aidan.

I knew they were coming, there must be some delay or something. I sat down and started to snooze when a large blast hit the wall. It didn't break, but it was severely damaged. I looked through a broken hole to see that they came. Finally.

"Hope you guys are comfy in there," said Via.

"Thank god you guys came," I said.

"Move out of the way, I'm loading up our biggest explosive," she said.

Everyone moved to the back of the room and waited for the cannon to fire. The blast hit the wall and completely tore it down. Via moved her ship up to our room.

"Hop aboard mateys," she said.

"Alright, we got to make our way back to Chloe's throne room. That's where the Powerfile is. Via, can you take us there?" I asked.

"Sure thing, let's just get through and get out of her waters. It's full of defenses," said Via.

We started to sail back towards the main water. I looked back to see we weren't alone. There were guardians and boats from Chloe coming towards us.

"Um, I think we are being chased," said Aidan.

"Well I'm glad you think so because otherwise I'd recommend you visit an eye doctor" said Via.

"Don't worry. We got firepower," said Ruby.

She handed us all some bows and arrows. We went to the back of the ship and started shooting down any incoming boats. We were actually doing a pretty good job too.

"Hold the line for now, we are almost out of here," said Via.

We continued firing at the incoming boats, but I could tell more were coming, and we were about to be outnumbered. Some appeared right in front and stopped us in our tracks. They were getting ready to fire at us.

"I hope you have a backup plan Sammi," said Ruby.

I didn't have one, until a plan came for us. A mighty fine trident flew in and sank a ship on its own. There was no way. I looked in the direction it came from to see Finley, Axol and Kailani coming our way. They came up on the ship.

"Looks like we found you guys right on time," said Finley.

"Yeah, perfect timing. Now can you help us destroy all these dang ships. They are scratching the paint I put on not too long ago," said Via.

"Good thing I brought some of my own Axolotls," said Axol.

He placed loads into the waters and they started to wreak havoc on Chloe's forces. The remaining ships fled out of fear of Kailani's tridents.

"I think we got this place pretty secure now. How about we all go and confront Chloe ourselves once and for all," said Kailani.

We all agreed and headed right for the entrance again. Instead of being captured, we busted through the front gates with Kailani's tridents and started running for the castle. I didn't think anything could stop us at the moment. It was like storming Zero's crystal all over again. But we had more experience and power this time. This shouldn't take long. We climbed our way through the castle pushing away any guard that tried to stop us. Eventually we made it to the throne room. The Powerfile was just a couple blocks away from us. Chloe didn't seem to be in the room so we made a run for it. Right before we could grab it, the Powerfile was lifted upwards and then disappeared. We all looked confused before realizing Chloe was in the room after all, just with an invisibility potion. She drank some milk and revealed herself.

"I'm so glad you guys decided to come here yourselves, now the ceremony can truly happen," she said.

She took apart a piece of the file and infused it with her armor and sword. A little platform rose up from the middle of the room with a little device on it. The more I looked at it, I soon realized that it was my One Ray that I used to try to defeat Zero.

"Chloe! How did you get my One Ray?!" I asked.

"Oh this thing over here? I found it on the ground one day. It is exactly what I need to finish my plans," she said.

"We have to stop her," said Alex.

Everyone headed for her, but she was too strong. Not herself but the Powerfile powering her up. Not even Kailani could make a dent through her armor. I made a run for the One Ray and grabbed it before she could get me.

"Hey! Hand that back!" yelled Chloe.

"It's not yours. I built this! What were you even planning to do with it?" I asked.

"With the Powerfile, I was going to make it do what it was supposed to do. Neutralize the power of any AI in this world," she said.

It brought back memories. My ray wasn't strong enough to stop Zero. And someone died because of that.

"Well you shouldn't be tampering with it regardless. We are going to stop whatever you plan to do," said Alex.

I started to turn on my One Ray and fired it at Chloe. She jumped back a bit, but still wasn't neutralized fully.

"We need to get rid of the Powerfile, but it's all the way up there," I said.

Chloe got up slowly and started to explain herself.

"Listen guys. I was only going to use it to help out my town. These guys were all helpless. I needed a safe haven for them. Yes I had ordered raids to happen but we needed the materials. And the outsiders weren't willing to listen. I promised I wasn't even from the start and I'm not right now," she said.

"Give us one good reason why we should trust you," said Ruby.

Before she could finish, the same guard from before entered the room.

"Chloe!" she said.

“Ellie, you came for me?” Chloe sounded confused.
She ran up to her.

“Of course I did. Why would I let you die?” she asked.

“Thank you buddy,” she said.

“She was never planning to harm anyone with the file. Truth be told it got into her head I noticed. I wanted to intervene but I wasn’t strong enough to do anything myself. But you guys came and were able to calm her down. So let me be her alibi and tell you she is not the bad guy here,” said Ellie.

“Really, I didn’t know the Powerfile could do something like that. We were told that she was using it purely for evil by some guy called Liam,” I said.

“Oh no. Did you say Liam? We must get Chloe out of here right now!” said Ellie.

“Wait what? What do you mean?” asked Mack.

Before he could explain, 2 people from the roof came crashing in. Lunar fell down next to us. But Liam was heading for the Powerfile.

“Lunar! What’s happening?!” I asked.

“Hes... stop him before he gets to the file,” Lunar said weakly.

Everyone tried to get him but he was too quick. He jumped up to the file and absorbed it all for himself.

“There we go. About time I got the file order that was sent to me,” said Liam.

“Liam? What are you doing? I thought you were trying to stop the file?” I asked.

“Oh, I didn’t introduce myself yet actually, I hated using that disguise,” he switched his skin and username. It was the same as Lunar’s, “Don’t call me Liam, The name’s Lunar,” he said.

I couldn’t believe it. His skin and username were the exact same as Lunar’s. But how?! I looked at the Lunar I knew.

“Lunar!? Who is this guy?” I asked.

“Apparently, it’s my future self. And he’s gone rogue clearly,” he said.

“I do really have to thank you guys for helping me get the file. Do you know how long it’s been held in Chloe’s castle? Mason really doesn’t know how to send my file shipments does he,” said the other Lunar.

“Mason!? He works for you!?” asked Ruby.

“Well of course! Why do you think he was stealing data from you guys anyways? I wish I could stay but I need to go now,” he said.

I pulled out my One Ray and tried zapping him with it, hoping that Chloe restored its power. It did nothing.

“Aw, I’m sorry Sammi. Do you not remember? Your ray only works on full AI characters. Maybe I’ll see you guys on the other side eh?” he said.

After he said that, he logged off. Everyone rushed over to Lunar’s side to make sure he was ok.

“You ok buddy?” asked Alex.

“Yeah I’m fine. He played me so hard. I believed all his lies this whole time. It was weird because while I was with him, I felt strange. Something felt off but I chose to ignore it. I only found out at the last minute what his real identity was and when I tried to fight him, I just didn’t have the power,” he said.

“We need to get back to the real world. Wait, why can’t we log out?” asked Aidan.

“That’s what I wanted to say next, the second we entered this world it turned out he disabled our ability to log out,” said Lunar.

“How are we going to get out now?!” asked Mack.

Chloe started to get up.

“I think I can help you guys out with that,” she said.

Chapter XI (Lunar’s POV): The Eldritch Being Returns

I got up to see what she had to say.

“I had a backup plan in case the Powerfile ever got stolen. In the nether somewhere far away, I stashed a few pieces of the file. It doesn’t have a lot of energy. But I know how to use its power for you guys to restore your log out button,” she said.

“Sounds alright, but are you ok?” I asked.

“Yes I’m fine. I was kinda corrupted with power so I don’t blame you all for attacking me, but that other Lunar guy has bad intentions. Just look at my town now,” she said. We all looked outside to see Chloe’s town in shambles. Without the Powerfile, all the buildings and crops started to rot away.

“I’m so sorry Chloe. We’ll get those pieces of the file back for you and us. Where is it located?” asked Sammi.

“Here, take this map. It’ll lead you right to it. I need to stay here to make sure my friends and people are alright,” she said.

We started to walk away until she called us back.

“Sorry, I forgot to mention, that map is for the nether,” said Chloe.

She mined a few blocks at the back of her throne room to reveal a nether portal. So this is where we have to go now.

“Good luck out there guys,” she said.

We all said goodbye to her and jumped through the portal.

“Ah Axol, Kailani and Via. Good to see you guys again. Thanks for helping out my friends while I was with that guy,” I said.

“All part of the job,” they said.

We started walking along the path the map said. It was going to be a long walk. I looked back to see all our new friends chatting with each other. Glad to see everyone at least somewhat happy. Aidan came up to me.

“Lunar, I don’t expect an answer, but is that guy really your future self?” asked Aidan.

“He sounded serious. And I felt strange the whole time. I think we’ll have to call it true. It could’ve been me from a future time who traveled to our dimension. Except he is evil in that world,” I said.

It sounded all far fetched but what other explanation was there? We continued walking through this forbidden land of hell. I needed time to myself to think about who this Lunar guy was. Why did he come here and what did he want with me? He is definitely in the real world right now plotting his next move. What did he want with the Powerfile too? We came across a huge pool of lava, and the only way to continue was through it.

“Uh, Alex, Via Axol and Kailani, got any fire resistance potions?” I asked.

“Sorry Lunar, I was built for water only,” said Kailani.

The others didn’t have potions either. Aidan got up and blew through some kind of whistle. What was he up to? Before long, a strider came up out of nowhere.

“Dylan! I knew you were still in the nether somewhere buddy. Glad to see you came to your real world alive after that mess,” he said.

I couldn’t believe it. His pet strider was still here.

“Don’t worry guys. I can help us get across this lava,” said Aidan.

He said something to Dylan. A while after, striders all across the lava pool came to us. There was enough for each of us to ride on.

“Please don’t make me fall in,” said Alex.

“Don’t worry Alex, I trust Dylan and his pals. Alright buddy, let’s go!” said Aidan.

Everyone held on as the striders quickly walked across the pool. We were approaching the end of the map soon. I really wanted to eat something after this journey. It has been about 3 hours since we entered this world. I thought it was smooth sailing until a bunch of ghastriders and pigmen riding striders and magma cubes came up to stop us.

“Everyone! Get ready to shoot down these mobs!” I yelled.

We all readied our bows and projectiles and began firing. We were almost at land again. I didn’t notice but a ghastrider fireball headed for me was deflected. I looked and saw Aidan who deflected it for me.

“Thanks Aidan. You are now eligible for free FNAF games on me,” I said.

“Nah don’t worry, I got free codes for free FNAF games anyways,” he said.

“What? From who?!” I asked.

“Uh don’t worry about it,” he said.

We finally arrived at the otherside. We got off and said bye to the striders for now.

“Alright, this little structure up ahead should be where the small pieces of the Powerfile should be,” I said.

We walked up to the small castle. It looked like it was attacked before. Turned into a little home almost. Did someone make a home here?

“Um guys. What the hell is that thing?” asked Via.

We looked up and saw something I never thought I’d see again. It was a merge of an Ender Dragon, Wither and Enderman. We fought Finley in a form like this before, but this one seems to be a creature of its own.

“Oh hey. That was me 6 months ago,” said Finley.

“Lunar! How did this thing come back to life?!?” asked Alex.

“There’s a chance that some of the pixels we unmerged gathered here and recreated some of the things the Super Merge made. It must’ve combined to form back into this creature again,” I said.

The dragon was as strong as I remembered. It jumped down from the top of the castle and began shooting its dragon skull bombs at us again.

“Here we go again,” said Aidan.

Since it was in game this time, we should be able to just kill it with our weapons and not the Super Merge.

“Just keep attacking it guys, it has to die eventually,” said Axol.

I didn't notice that this dragon had new moves. Now it could teleport as well and give us blindness. This was going to be one hell of a fight. I had to think of a plan quickly. This thing was going to kill us before we could kill it. I sneaked my way behind it and got behind its back. I took a piece of TNT and fired it up behind its back. It was so distracted with everyone else that it didn't notice it go off. It blew up and knocked it right into the lava before sinking to the bottom.

"Alright guys! Let's get the file pieces and get the fuck out of here," I said. I grabbed the file pieces and hopped on the striders with everyone else. Dylan and the other striders started walking across the lava as fast as they could. I looked back and saw the dragon now swimming in the lava pool with us. It was going to eat up all these poor striders.

"Looks like he's not done with us yet. Does anyone have anything that can stop it!?!?" I asked everyone.

Sammi pulled out a device I haven't seen in a long time. She fired up the One Ray and zapped the dragon. It stopped in its tracks and completely disintegrated right after. Everyone looked shocked.

"So that's what the true power of my Ray is," said Sammi.

"For real, that thing was a true AI creature of this world. It stood no chance against your weapon," I said.

We made it back to the otherside. Aidan said goodbye and thank you to Dylan again before we left him. After making it back to the overworld. We handed over the file pieces to Chloe.

"Great guys, now watch this," she said.

She put a piece on a platform and then crushed it immediately. I noticed that our logout buttons would work now.

"That Evil Lunar guy disabled your buttons, so I broke a piece of the file that was keeping you guys here. Unfortunately, that means that my people here have to move now. There is no restoring this area anymore," said Chloe.

"I'm really sorry again Chloe. Don't worry, once we stop Evil Lunar, we'll add an update to your world and help restore your town again," said Ruby.

"I really appreciate it, Ruby. Now go save your own world now," said Chloe.

"Thanks all your Minecraft people again, we'll see you guys again eventually," I said. Alex, Axol, Via and Kailani all said their goodbyes as we logged out and returned back to the real world. Ruby got up and ran across the hallway where we first came from.

"I knew it," she said.

She tossed down the Robot that had attacked me, Sammi, Aidan and Mack. Inside the opened panel was the circuit that caused it to attack us. It had an O-Rez logo on it.

Chapter XII (Lunar's POV): Breaking into O-Rez Industries

The next morning arrived, and we had business to deal with. Everyone hopped back into the Lunar Storm and we drove off back to Mojang Headquarters to see Ruby again, now we have a better idea of what's going on. We met up with her back in her office room.

"Alright guys, here's the deal. It's most likely that O-Rez is behind our problems. There's too much evidence, the cars crashing into our associates, the logo with the corrupt

robot. We don't know what exactly they are up to, except that they are trying to destroy our company somehow," said Ruby.

"The plan is simple, we just need to break into O-Rez," I said.

"I'm with you Lunar, but I checked the area and they have a pretty fortified security system. Only way in is by one of their custom made Big Rig Trucks. On the other hand though, most of their generic service employees are just robots with no real AI. We could easily fool the guy at the gate as long as we have a truck of theirs," said Ruby.

"How can we get a truck from them? We literally have no way of stealing one," said Sammi.

Everyone started brainstorming ways to get our hands on one. Their security is tough so brute force won't work. Suddenly, I got an idea.

"I got it guys. We can transform the Lunar Storm into a truck. I mean we already kinda turned it into a plane. A truck shouldn't be that much different," I said.

"Hm, that can work. Alright Lunar, let's drive down to the event building, I got a place with materials and weapons we can use for the break in," said Ruby.

Everyone got back into the car and I drove off to the event building. I couldn't believe my eyes when we got there. There were O-Rez cars just full on ramming into the place.

"Oh uh. They know what's up," said Ruby.

"What do you mean?" asked Aidan.

"They are directing all their cars straight to my stash of resources. We have to defend it from them," said Ruby.

"What weapons do we have on us right now?" asked Aidan.

I went into the trunk and pulled out a bunch of the ice cube machines I made for the science fair.

"Don't worry guys. The ice cube machine also can be used for the offensive," I said. I pushed a button and it transformed into a rifle with ice cube ammo.

"You never fail to surprise me," said Finley.

I gave everyone a ice cube rifle and we hid behind some cover to shoot down any car that came in. You might be wondering how an ice cube destroys a whole car, well these ice cubes also turned into little explosives. With some chemicals in the background, and with heat, they combust into a small explosion. Lethal for any car if it enters their engine. We shot down the last of the few cars trying to break in.

"Phew. Let's get actual weapons now," said Ruby.

She opened the locked door to the room and brought out some basic self defense weapons, including a small ray that can neutralize robots.

"Alright, and here are the large parts to transform the Lunar Storm," said Ruby.

"Ok guys, time to get busy," I said.

We brought the car inside the main building and started to get to work. It was a bit of a complicated process. First we had to cut off the back half of the car and get a huge container to attach instead. We had to replace all of the wheels and attach a new front to the truck. Once the main frame of the truck was built, we had to paint it in order to make it look like a real O-Rez truck. Finally, after an entire day of working, the truck was ready to go. We spent the night at the event building before heading off in the morning.

We woke up and started up the truck, surprisingly, it actually turned on. Sammi and I sat in the front to deal with the front gate and everyone else hid inside the back part of the truck. We drove up into the line of other trucks trying to enter the company building. It was more of a factory if anything. The entire line had scanners to make sure the right vehicle was entering its building. We finally got to the front of the line where there was a robot that was checking to see if we were allowed to enter.

“O-Rez ID please,” they said in a robotic voice.

“I have a drive-on,” said Sammi.

“Who are you here to see?” they said.

“I’m here to see... your mom,” said Sammi.

I was never so confused or disappointed in Sammi before then at this moment right here. She was lucky, as the robot fell for it.

“Is that first name your and last name mom or-,” they were cut off when sammi threw a water blob at them and destroyed them.

“Haha,” she said.

She pulled out more water blobs and tried throwing them at the button that would open the gate. She kept missing for some reason.

“Boom,” missed.

“Wazam,” missed.

“Kabloom,” missed.

“Pow,” missed.

“Wam,” missed.

“Kachow,” missed.

Finally she threw one that landed right next to it and touched it ever so slightly, opening the gate.

“First try!” she said.

“You need to enter the range more. I thought you play with 1000 fps now?” I said.

“Shush,” she said.

We followed the line of trucks in front of us and parked right next to the others. Once more trucks parked around us and the drivers inside left, we decided to get out as well and let the others in the back out too. There was a sidewalk that led to a door. This one is only able to be opened with the use of a key card, which we didn’t have. I saw a vent next too far away and decided to use the RC car I built to drive inside. I activated it and started driving the car inside the vent. My remote controller gave us all a live camera viewing so we could see what the car was seeing. I drove past some dead rodents and was able to break into some sort of office room.

“Look over there Lunar, a switch,” said Ruby.

I turned the car around and made it press down on the switch. The door we were waiting for opened up. We all walked in and collected the RC car again. Thank god no one was around us while this was all happening.

“Quick guys, this way,” said Ruby.

We followed her into a room that had spare uniforms.

“Put this stuff on, it’ll make it look like we work here,” she said, “I know some of the major rooms in this place since Mojang signed the deal with O-Rez for them to supply our robot parts,”

“If Mason is working here, I know where the main office room is, but we’ll have to disable a security system first,” Ruby continued.

“Where is it?” I asked.

She led us through the hallways. It looked pretty normal at first, until I realized that every employee here was a robot. There were no humans working here at all. Good thing too, these disguises were able to fool robots but probably not actual humans. Eventually we arrived at the security room which was blocked by another locked door. I looked inside through a peephole to see that the whole floor was covered with lasers. There was no way my RC car was gonna be driving on that floor without getting caught.

“I got a RC Chopper, we can use that,” said Aidan.

He put it down and let it fly in the vents. We saw that it made its way into the room and was able to fly over all the lasers. He found a similar button from before and hit it. The door and the lasers inside were disabled.

“Some security system,” said Finley.

“Perfect, now we just have to disable more security,” said Ruby.

We walked inside and the Computer inside started talking to us like it had some AI in it.

“Hello user. I am the Computer,” it said.

“Holy, that is so cool,” I said.

I started typing some commands and hoped they worked.

“Please disable the shield systems for the main office,” I said.

The Computer started to process it.

“Beginning process... There are no movies in your area with that title,” it said.

“What!?!?” I yelled.

“This Computer is rigged,” said Sammi.

“Disable the shields,” I said again.

“Searching for buffets near you,” it said.

“Oh my god you are undermining me!” I said.

“Which line would you like me to underline,” it said.

“Argh move over, let me try,” said Sammi.

“Disable the shielding systems of the industry or your mom gets it,” she said.

“Request Acknowledged, disabling shields,” the Computer finally said.

“What!? How does that work?” I said.

“Alright we are good to go guys! Follow me,” said Ruby.

We followed her yet again out of the security room and headed over to the main office room. The door wasn’t a locked one so we simply busted right in. We saw a man sitting at a table in front of us and turned around.

“Ruby!? Why are you here? How did you know where I switched jobs?!” they asked.

“That’s not important right now. What is important is that you tell us why you are targeting my company Mason,” she said.

Oh so this is the guy who was fired.

“I’m just following what my boss says ok. He is a very stubborn guy,” said Mason.

“Well why are your cars going rogue?!” asked Sammi.

“Look, I don't even know about that. I've been trying to figure it out myself but my boss just wants me to keep sending him more files,” he said.

“So you sent a file to the Minecraft AI world?!” asked Ruby.

“Yeah that was a bit of a mistake. It was too strong and I selected the only location strong enough to handle it,” he said.

“And what about the USB you gave me? You rigged that too to help yourself didn't you?” asked Ruby.

“It was never going to help you at Mojang Ruby. A BS, USB. Hello!!?!? I just needed to grab what I desired,” said Mason.

We started to walk up to him to get whatever he was working on, but we were stopped by an ambush of robots that appeared in the room.

“Oppsies, looks like you guys weren't ready for that one,” he said.

“Bro let us go, you can't be abusing AI like this,” I said.

“It's funny you talk about AI Lunar, you have destroyed the only thing I had to steal it,” he said.

“What do you mean?” I asked.

“Well I don't know why my boss named the company after this, but maybe it has something to do with our name,” he said.

I thought about it for a while. What is O-Rez? It took me a while before realizing what it was spelt backwards.

“You created Zero!?!?” I asked him.

“Yep, and he was about to get every last bit of data from that world and delete it before someone stopped it. Which I learned was you,” said Mason.

“Anyhow, it's perfect timing that you guys came because I was ordered to get you guys for my boss, he gets upset whenever I don't do what he says,” he continued.

“I don't get it, who is your boss?” I asked.

Mason chuckled, “It's you,”

Chapter XIII (Lunar's POV): O-Rez's Real Intentions

I looked confused as the door behind us opened and someone walked in. I couldn't believe it. They were me. Was this my future self I met from the AI world. He looked exactly like me, and for some reason my head started to hurt just thinking about who he was, even though he was me. He walked past us and walked right up to Mason.

“Great work capturing them,” he said.

“Thanks boss,” said Mason.

The other Lunar turned around and looked at us.

“You guys can call me Lunar,” he said.

“What? We already know a Lunar, and he's right there,” said Sammi.

“Pfft, he's not even the original Lunar. Whatever, you guys call me whatever you want. I got something cool to show you all,” he said with a smirk.

He walked to a wall of the room and it opened up for him. He pulled out a huge looking invention. It looked oddly similar to my Super Merge when I had it still. He then pulled out a real Super Merge that was the exact one I made.

“Remember this Lunar?” he said.

“How did you get your hands on a Super Merge!? I destroyed those blueprints months ago,” I asked.

“I’m you. I have my own blueprints,” he said.

“The main attraction here is this beauty here,” he said pointing to the thing he pulled out. It was huge.

“What is this thing?!” asked Ruby.

“Oh, just my modified Super Merge. Call it a weapon if you want. The blasts that come out of it are just pure gold,” said Evil Lunar.

“So that’s your plan? To take over our world with this thing?” asked Aidan.

“Well what fun is taking over when you are the only one doing it,” said Evil Lunar. He took off the glove on his hand. I nearly fainted. It was made of machinery. He pointed it towards a spot in the room and shot out a blast that opened up a dimension rift portal or something. A piece of rock came flying out.

“I don’t just come from the future. The Mojang in that world is ready to merge itself with yours,” he said.

“There’s no way you have technology to open rifts, that’s something out of a science movie!” said Sammi.

“I mean, the proof is right in front of you,” he said.

“Once the worlds are merged, the global empire will be unstoppable. Thanks to the Super Merge I made of course,” he continued.

“What do you mean you made it, I made it first,” I said.

“Really? Then how come I’ve had the Super Merge weapon in development for years now?” he asked.

I didn’t get it. He made the merge first?

“You look confused Lunar, which is new. Let me put it this way. I was running an experiment in my world when an accident happened, which had a part of me break off in a soul. The rift I opened to this world was open at the time and you went in it. I couldn’t have you do whatever so I turned you into a human,” he explained.

“I’m... you are not a human?” I asked.

“Are you kidding?! I’m a fresh new AI. But you are human which kinda sucks for you,” he said.

It was so much to grasp on. Other worlds and AI? What was going on?

“Well the point was to showcase the weapon before I use it. I should be getting on my way now,” he said.

“Not so fast,” said Ruby.

She pressed a button behind her back which disabled the robots that were keeping us down.

“Everyone, get the weapon!” she yelled.

We all made a run for the weapon. Evil Lunar and Mason tried to stand in our way but we knocked them right out the way. I went ahead and tried to disable it while my friends kept Evil Lunar busy. I took out a piece of explosive that Aidan gave me on the way here. I put it

on the ground next to the weapon and detonated it. The weapon fell through the ground and started crashing down to the bottom floor. Before I knew it, the whole place was starting to crumble.

“We have to get out of here!” I told everyone.

We left Evil Lunar and Mason behind and started running downstairs to make it out of the building before the weapon hit the ground. It was a near death chase but we made it out of the building right before it crashed. The dust cleared out and O-Rez Industries was taken out. I saw a figure climb out of the rubble. It was Evil Lunar and he was still alive.

“My poor weapon, luckily that was just one of the dozens I made,” he said with a smile.

“Robots, get them,” he continued.

We looked around and saw the robots Mojang made coming around us. It was the same kind that attacked us in Mojang Headquarters. They were much stronger and powerful than the ones O-Rez were using.

“I’m sorry Lunar, but my plans must go forward,” he looked at Mason on the side, “As for you Mason, I’m afraid I’m going to have to leave you here to die with the others,”

“Wait, I’m sorry, what?” asked Mason.

“It’s not personal Mason. Sometimes you have to get odd to get even you know?” said Evil Lunar.

After saying that, Evil Lunar opened a rift and walked right in. The Mojang robots had us put in place with a bomb attached on me that was going to detonate soon.

“Lunar, you’ll think of something right? Like you always do?” asked Sammi.

“Didn’t you hear him, Sammi. I’m not the original Lunar. I’m just a fragment of him. I’m nobody,” I said sadly.

“Hey don’t say that about yourself, you got great things about you,” said Aidan.

“Yeah you can kick ass and stop world takeovers,” said Mack.

“I didn’t come here just to see you give up,” said Finley.

“Huh, yeah maybe you guys are right,” I said.

“Ruby, I hope it’s not too late for me to change my ways,” said Mason.

He broke free of the robot keeping him down and threw something that temporarily disabled the others.

“I can’t break the cage around us, but those robots aren’t keeping us down anymore,” said Mason.

The bomb ticking on me was going to blow up soon. I had to think of something quick. I looked at an edge and saw a river flowing downstream. The bomb attached to me will deactivate and disable the cage if it is exposed to water.

“Hey guys, I need you to do just one thing for me ok?” I asked.

“Lunar, what are you doing?” asked Sammi.

I walked over to the edge and broke my way out of the cage. The jump down to the river was tall, but it has to be done. I looked back at my friends.

“See you guys later,” I said.

I jumped down into the river. I could see them watching me. I hit the water and everything I wanted happened. The bomb was disabled and they were free. Now to see if I live through the next 30 minutes.

Chapter XIV (Aidan's POV): Battle for Velocity Ville

It can't be. My first friend in life sacrificed himself for us.

"He, he saved us all," said Ruby.

"How could he, he didn't have to do that," said Sammi.

"He will be remembered," said Finley.

Everyone seemed sad after that. I was too. I didn't know if he was going to live after that jump. I could only hope for the best.

"I hate to be that guy, but Evil Lunar plans to take out Velocity Ville first. He has plans to release robots from every inch of town and take over the main event building you guys were having the event at," said Mason.

"Well what can we do?" I asked.

"Only one thing we can do. Get every weapon you got and prepare to start kicking some robot ass," said Mason.

We were still sad about Lunar, but we know what needs to be now. Lunar would not want us sobbing over him for too long. We gathered anything that remained and started making our way back to town. Unfortunately Mason was right. The whole place was being destroyed by Evil Lunar's army of armed robots. There was not a single civilian in sight.

"Come on guys, bash through any enemy you see. We need to get to the event building quickly," said Ruby.

We did as we said. The robots were stronger than before but Mason handed us some technology that allowed us to neutralize them. We were able to get through tons of them.

"Why are there so many robots anyways Ruby? How many did Mojang make?" asked Mason.

"Uh we have a factory that makes them not too far from here," said Ruby.

"Ah well just as I suspected, Evil Lunar activated the AI in the parts he was sending you guys. They work for him now," said Mason.

"I have no idea why I decided to do that deal with you guys in the first place. Why did you have to do me like that Mason? You were our best employee here at Mojang," said Ruby.

"I'm sorry Ruby. The thought of having AI power got to my head. It was the only thing I wanted. I made Zero in an attempt to get more of it for myself, and to get rid of it for Mojang. After you fired me I saw O-Rez hiring and accepted because they had the same goal as I did, to get AI power. I only learned about who Lunar was so recently," he said.

"Yeah well, you sure screwed us over. I'm glad to have you on our side again though," said Ruby.

A touching moment in the heart of combat. We finally made our way to the event building. The robots were already there. We had to break in.

"Oh yeah. The reason they are there in the first place is to get something I put in there for Evil Lunar. It'll allow him to open a stash of resources for him to take over the city. We have to stop them," said Mason.

Everyone charged in and started neutralizing as many robots as possible. We were making some good progress.

“You guys hold them off, I just need to be able to destroy what I made,” said Mason. He started to make his way through the hallways. We followed behind him. The whole place was a mess. I hope everyone was at home safe.

“Finally, I put it right here,” said Mason. He picked up a box and tried to destroy it. Before he could, Evil Lunar teleported out of nowhere through a rift and grabbed it for himself.

“Aw, too slow,” he said.

“Hey, hand that back!” said Sammi.

“Sorry guys, I kinda need this for world domination. Thank you again Mason for it,” said Evil Lunar.

“What even is that thing?!” asked Ruby.

“It allows him to power up his rift powers to open rifts to bring entire planets through,” said Mason.

“Exactly what I need to bring over my base to my new home here,” he said.

“Now, robots, take them in,” he continued.

He opened more rifts and brought in more robots to attack us. We fought as hard as we could, but they ended up trapping us in the same cage as before.

“Well since you guys are so desperate to see, you can have a front row view of my plans,” said Evil Lunar.

He opened a rift and brought the entire cage through. It felt strange going through it. The power here felt weird. The rift opened on the other side and we were at another large building.

“It can’t be,” said Ruby.

“You guessed right Ruby. Your own factory has been producing my army this whole time. If you look down, my takeover will begin in the next 24 hours,” he said.

I looked to see thousands of robots armed ready to go. I also saw that he had more copies of the Super Merge weapon we destroyed back at O-Rez Industries. It looked like he wasn’t lying about that. He placed down the cage on top of what seemed to be a tank. I could see his robot army preparing for a huge takeover. Each tank had a weapon of its own. In the far distance at the back of the fleet, I could see the largest weapon sitting on his tank.

“So, does anyone have any ideas?” asked Ruby.

“I got nothing,” said Mack.

“Lunar would know what to do,” said Sammi.

“Yeah but guys. We aren’t Lunar,” I said.

“I guess all we can do now is hope for the absolute best,” said Sammi.

I still had hope. There was a small chance that Lunar was still alive. I believe in that guy.

Chapter XV (Lunar’s POV): Lunar Finds Out the Truth

My head still felt dizzy after what felt like hours of being in that cold river. I opened my eyes and saw myself sitting inside a small room. I was on a bed and it seemed like someone had been taking care of me. I got up sore and walked outside of the room. It led straight outside next to a river. I guessed it was the same river that I jumped in to see my

friends. I pulled out the bomb from behind me to see that it was no longer working. Now I can rest assured that my friends were still alive. Now the question is how am I gonna get back to them?

“Took you a while to wake up,” said a voice behind me.

I turned around and saw a man standing behind me just outside of the room I came out of.

“Did you save me?” I asked.

“I guess so. I can’t let a creation of mine get destroyed,” he said.

At that moment, my head started to hurt and visions came up. I saw rifts opening and then me landing in an area that looked similar to where I was standing right now.

“Ow, what is happening?” I asked.

“Lunar calm down. Nothing is happening. Just some trauma you have maybe,” they said.

“Who are you?” I asked.

“I guess I should introduce myself for once. I’m Max,” he said.

“Oh well nice to meet you Max, but I need to save my friends, Evil Lunar probably has them captured or something by now, or worse!” I exclaimed.

I tried to run back upstream but for some reason I couldn’t move very well. It wasn’t even because I was injured, my head just wouldn’t let me.

“Lunar you need to chill for a second. The visions are going to get to you,” said Max.

“I don’t get it Max. What is going on?!” I asked.

“Come inside. You are going to have to process a lot,” he said.

I followed him inside the little house. He pulled up some cookies and hot chocolate for us at a table.

“Do you live here?” I asked.

“Yeah this is basically my home now. I’ve been here a while now,” he said.

“Alright Max. What is the deal?” I asked.

“This is going to sound outrageous. You know that Evil Lunar is AI right? Well the truth is.. you are too,” said Max.

I almost couldn’t comprehend what he said for a moment. There was no way. I eat food and get hurt like anybody else. I have a human brain.

“There’s no way,” I said.

“It’s true. He is from the future and from another world similar to this one. I come from his planet too,” he continued.

“A lab accident occurred one day when I was making Evil Lunar. He was supposed to be part of an energy project. When the accident happened, a part of him broke off and traveled through a rift that opened up in the process. He went rogue and started destroying the lab. My fellow scientists and I had no choice but to run and hide. Otherwise we were screwed, we were facing genocide. After a while, I saw that he too had gone through the rift, and I knew that I had to chase after him. The rift brought me to where we are sitting right now. I didn’t want to cause any damage to this world, but the part that broke off was a fresh piece of AI that wanted to be born. So I did some modifications and turned it into a human. That piece is you Lunar,” he explained.

“What. Are you saying that you basically created me?!” I asked.

“Yes. And so you know I’m not making any of this up. Here is the rift maker I have,” he pulled out a device that looked like the one Evil Lunar used to create his personal rifts. Now I know he wasn’t lying. I can’t believe it though. All my life was a lie. This man put me into school, gave me fake parents. I was never born biologically. This was all so much to take in.

“My rift maker broke since, leaving me stranded here. I didn’t want to interfere with this world. So I let you loose to live a life and I stayed behind here living in the deep corner of this town,” said Max.

“What about Evil Lunar? Why did he come here? What does he want?” I asked.

“Well recently I traced rifts in the area, which means he is here now. When he went rogue, his only goal was to destroy you and your friends due to commands from someone else from my world,” he said.

“Why does he want to kill me though? I don’t get it,” I asked.

“Because Lunar, you are the only one who can stop his plans,” he said.

“The Super Merge you created, I tracked it down. Evil Lunar got the blueprints since you guys are still slightly connected. His demise will be your Super Merge of a beefed up level. But you are the only engineer in both worlds right now that can build it,” he continued.

“So you are saying I have to rebuild my Super Merge and upgrade it as well?” I asked.

“Exactly,” said Max.

I’m not human it turns out. This was truly something I couldn’t predict. No wonder some of the things I did seemed unhuman.

“So now what? How can we stop Evil Lunar? He’s going to unleash her army anytime soon,” I asked.

“You must go make your Super Merge again,” he said.

“But how? I destroyed the blueprints ages ago. I can’t get them anymore,” I said.

“Remember Lunar. You are an AI now. I made you human so that you wouldn’t interfere with this world. But it’s clear that we must undo the change,” said Max.

“If I can get you to revert to your AI self, you can access the blueprints in your history,” he continued.

“How can we do it?” I asked.

“You are going to have to remember. Stand outside the hut and see if you can remember anything from day 1. I’ll be waiting inside,” he said.

I walked back outside. It was slightly stormy. I don’t get how standing outside will help me remember. I closed my eyes and sat down on a rock. Another vision came. I was falling inside the rift but with more detail. I stood up and saw the river. Max was behind and picked me up. I opened my eyes and saw a small spark on my hands forming.

“Max! What is this?” I asked.

“It is working. Keep going Lunar,” he said.

I went back to what I was doing. Taking a trip down memory lane. Just like he said, I started to remember how I got here and how he sent me to my hometown and turned me human. It felt incredible almost. Every memory I unlocked I seemed to unlock an AI part of me. My brain started processing things faster. I could see more into the distance. My walking was way faster. I opened my eyes one final time and I had some sort of analyzing system built

into me. Calculations were happening in front of my face. I was a human computer at this point. Max stepped outside.

“Perfect. I think you are back to your AI self,” said Max.

“Wow. I feel powerful! Oh my god. I remember how to make the Super Merge now,” I said.

“That’s great, now go and make it. Before Evil Lunar can do harm,” he said.

“I will. But what about you? Are you coming with me?” I asked.

“I’m sorry Lunar. I don’t think I have the power to. Even though I’ve seen the atrocities, the only thing stronger than fear is curiosity. Besides, it’s safer here,” he said.

“Well of course it’s safer here. Thank you for everything though, really,” I said.

“Of course Lunar. It’s so wholesome to see how far you’ve come now. I didn’t tell you this but there was a part of you that was AI the whole time, and I could see what you saw the entire time. Your science fair, stopping Finley and Zero, and all your friends. All grown up now huh. Anyways, go stop that menace once and for all. I need a power nap now,” he said.

Max went back to sleep inside his hut. I guess he wasn’t coming for this trip after all. I couldn’t think about it much. I had to get back to work. Evil Lunar needs to be stopped.

Chapter XVI (Lunar’s POV): Reviving the Super Merge

I made my way back upstream all the way to where I first jumped off. Like I suspected, no one was there. In fact, the entire O-Rez building was just gone. I saw that in the near distance that Velocity Ville was under attack. I started running as fast as I could back to the mansion that we were living in. All my materials were in there. I made it onto one of the main roads to see tons of robots running all over the place. I had no weapons on me and they were all coming right for me. I saw in my mind a bunch of ways to get around them. I punched one with my fist and stole one of the weapons they were using. My brain quickly calculated a way for me to modify it into a small laser gun and allowed me to use it against the robots. I loved my new powers. I could jump extra high and take damage that a human would cry in pain from. Eventually I made my way back to the mansion. I walked inside to see that it was overrun with robots as well.

“You guys better get out of here before some killing happens,” I said.

They continued what they were doing. I had no choice but to pull out my ray and start zapping all of the robots. After killing all of them, I made my way into my room and started grabbing all of the materials I would need to make my Super Merge. My brain was working as fast as I could. A project that took me over 3 weeks only needed a few hours. It felt great. I tested it out on some objects and it was successful. I took it over to my workbench and started adding upgrades that would allow me to use it as a weapon. After a few modifications and thanks to my AI self now, I tested it against the wall and it made a huge blast.

“Sorry wall,” I said.

I ran back outside with my new modified Super Merge. I saw that the event building was still there so I went to investigate. Along the way, I zapped more items with the Super Merge to help me out. Some more weapons and a fresh vehicle to help me get across the town. I

wonder what my friends would think of me once I tell them who I really was. Would I still be friends with them? What would I do with my life now? Those are all questions that have to wait. I have more ass to kick.

Chapter XVII (Lunar's POV): Entering the Forbidden Lands

I made my way back to the event building for the final time. Nothing was there when I got there. The whole building was gone. Only the floor remained. Who could have done such a thing? I tried to scavenge the area to see if there were any survivors. I looked at the ground and saw a pair of glasses. Those were the same ones Katrina wears. Evil Lunar must've gotten them before I could arrive. I was about to leave when my brain noticed an opening in the floor. Something I couldn't notice before. It led me to a handle. I opened it and it was a place underground in the event building. The ladder went down into some dungeon area.

"How did you find us?" said a voice.

"Huh? Who is that?" I asked.

I saw 2 people sitting inside separate prison cells in the underground area.

"Never thought someone would be able to find us. We've been here for quite some time,"

I was going to ask for their names when my brain calculated it all for me. They are Mojang Developers with the names Julian and Airic.

"Julian and Airic huh. How did you guys get here?" I asked.

"What, how did you know our names?" asked Julian.

"This is going to sound wack but I am actually AI. A part of Evil Lunar actually. Point is I'm here to stop him," I said.

"Well if that's the case, we were put by him. He came in and shut the door," said Airic.

"Why did he do that?" I asked.

"Well, ever since Mason got fired, we were both known to be the best developers at Mojang. I guess he just wanted to make sure we couldn't do anything to stop him," said Julian.

"Well your time of hiding is over now," I opened the prison doors and let them out.

"You guys can come help me stop him now," I said.

They didn't move for some reason.

"Um, are you guys coming?" I asked.

"Sorry Lunar. We both decided it's better if we stay here," said Airic.

"What do you mean by that? Don't you want to save our world?" I asked.

"I hate to say it but, he has too much power. We can try but we'll just be crushed by him and his forces," said Julian.

"But you guys are some of the world's best developers on the planet right now. And you are refusing to use your power?!" I asked.

They didn't say anything. Airic took the door I broke and put it back in place.

“Alright. If you guys don’t want to help me then so be it. You guys can just sit here and think about your choice,” I said.

“Well at the very least, can you tell me where he is right now?” I asked.

“Yeah I guess we can. He’s at our factory. The one where we make our robots. The address is right here,” said Airic.

“Thanks for that at least,” I said.

I left them to hide in their little prison cells. Shit had to be done. I climbed out and started driving all the way to the factory. It took about 30 minutes. Luckily there were no signs of major activity outside the factory. Evil Lunar must still be plotting his next move. I used my Super Merge to build a small elevator and get me up to the roof of the factory. There was a vent that I used some of my AI skills to open up. I feel like a real superhero right now. I jumped inside and landed on a platform. It was very noisy inside, tons of robots were being made. I heard the sound of Evil Lunar talking.

“Come on Robots, let’s speed it up! I want this fleet to leave in 2 hours,” he said.

That was not a good sign. I used my new night vision to navigate my way down to a lower floor of the factory. It was getting busy. I looked down and saw a huge line of tanks lining up to the entrance of the factory. I wanted to blow something up right now but I couldn’t give away my location. I walked and was cut off by a bridge that was pulled in. I saw a control panel on the other side. I remember Max telling me about a power that I could possibly have. I concentrated really hard and tried to take control of the panel. At some point I think it worked, because I was able to make it activate the bridge and let me cross. That was sick. If I survive this, I will be trying this more often. Finally I got close enough to the fleet where they couldn’t see me but I could see them. Everything looked ok until I saw Evil Lunar walking towards the front of the fleet.

“Everyone comfy up there?” he asked.

I looked at the front tank to see all my friends bundled up inside a cage at the front. I needed to save them quickly.

Chapter XVIII (Lunar’s POV): Evil Lunar’s Robot Brigade

“Hey over here you clown!” I yelled.

He instantly looked up at me.

“Oh you survived the fall didn’t you. How was Max? I haven’t seen that fool in ages,” said Evil Lunar.

“Max is doing just fine. And I got my powers back. I know the truth,” I said.

“Isn’t that lovely. Well while you were remembering shit, my army here is ready to go,” he said.

I looked around and saw that each tank had a Super Merge weapon attached. With the amount of ammunition and robots he has, Evil Lunar could easily take over this world.

“Well sorry buddy, I can’t let that happen,” I said.

“We’ll see about that. Begin the operation,” he said to a robot.

The factory door began to open and the Brigade started to move slowly. I can’t let them leave the building. I made myself a landing pad with the Super Merge and jumped all the way

down. His robot army came after me but my new weapons were able to take them all on. I switched the Super Merge to kill mode and started straight up obliterating them with data blasts. I slowly made my way to the front of the brigade and fired a blast that freed all my friends. I handed them all the weapons I had.

“Glad to see you alive Lunar!” said Sammi.

“I thought you died buddy,” said Aidan.

“Alright ass kicking time is now,” said Ruby.

We fought our way to the back of the fleet where Evil Lunar was sitting with the main Super Merge weapon. He held off from firing it and just came down to fight us with his own Super Merge.

“You fool! I cut off your memory of your AI self. How did you remember it?” he asked.

“That’s the thing Lunar, I just needed to see the place I came from again,” I said. He tried going in for a larger blast but I deflected it right back at him. He took the blow and went back to his tank to repair his weapon.

“Are you guys doing ok over there?” I yelled over to the others.

“Yep all good here,” said Finley.

“I’m having the time of my life,” said Mack. She still scares me.

We could hold off the robots but their fleet was still moving forward. I was thinking of ways to stop it when 2 people out of nowhere came down and started helping us take out the robots.

“No way. Julian and Airic you guys came?!?” I asked.

“Yessir,” said Julian.

“But why or how did you guys-” I started to ask.

“Your friend there is quite persuasive,” said Airic.

We looked to the front of the brigade and saw a path of robots being cleared. The man of the hour showed up in the end.

“Max! You came for us,” I exclaimed.

“Quick, we have to stop his brigade from leaving the factory. Use the Super Merge,” he said.

We did what he said and got down to business. I created a huge blockade by combining tons of substances together to block the door. The tanks hit the blockade and were instantly stopped in their tracks.

“We need to get to his weapon now, everyone follow me,” said Max.

We ran with him to the back of the brigade where the weapon was.

“Yo, who is that guy Lunar?” asked Aidan.

“Uh long story but I’m not actually human and he’s my creator in a way,” I replied.

“Wow you got some explaining to do after Lunar,” said Sammi.

It was a long fight but we kept on going until we reached the final tank. We were about to take out the cannon when Evil Lunar popped back up and readied the weapon.

“Lunar look out!” yelled Sammi.

She pushed me out of the direct hit of the weapon right before it blasted. It knocked all of us right to the front of the factory and destroyed the blockade I made. The last thing I remember was us landing all over the place.

I woke up and saw Evil Lunar's brigade slowly moving out of the factory into the parking lot. My friends were scattered all over the place, too tired to move. I got up and walked to Sammi. She was hurt badly but still alive. Mack came over as well.

"Sammi! Stop doing stupid shit like that ever again!" she yelled.

Sammi woke up a little, "Mack... how about I stop doing your mom,"

I could tell Mack wanted to kill Sammi but she held off. I rolled my eyes and looked back at Evil Lunar, his tank was now in the front along with others that were equipped with the Super Merge weapons. I knew what had to be done. I walked a distance not too far right in front of him and closed my eyes to think deeply. If I was really an AI, with enough concentration I'd be able to get a hold of these data blasts and deflect them. Evil Lunar took this as a sign of self-sacrifice.

"Very well then. Ready up the weapon," said Evil Lunar.

A robot on one of the tanks got ready to fire it up. I kept concentrating as hard as I could. My life depended on the next few minutes. I heard the sound of the cannon firing and the blast approaching. Slowly, I got closer to success. My body seemed ready to take on a blast. I opened my eyes and saw the blast coming right for me. I reached for it with my hands without harm and threw it behind me. It landed and didn't cause too much damage to the road. Everyone around me was shocked, even Max and Evil Lunar. He looked at another robot and instructed it to keep firing. The same process repeated. A blast would come and I would manage to grasp it and then throw it somewhere else. Eventually after the 10th or 12th blast I would be able to control it more and launch it back to the tanks. I hit one of them and Evil Lunar seemed a bit scared. Every tank that fired I was able to destroy it by throwing the blast back at them. I made direct eye contact at him and signaled that the next one would be coming for him. He took it as a challenge and fired the Super Merge on his tank to the highest level possible. I admit it was much larger than the others. I grabbed it but it started to push me back. I started spinning around in circles just trying to keep it under control. Eventually after a minute of tackling the blast, I got a hold of it and fired it straight back at Evil Lunar's weapon. He didn't move and just tanked the blast behind the weapon.

After the smoke cleared out. I saw the aftermath of the blast. It destroyed all the robots he had created and split the weapon in half. I hopped on the tank and saw him on the floor, trying to see what happened.

"How... how did you do it?" he asked.

"Well you know you just have your hands ready and a firm grip," I said.

"No, not that you lunatic. How did you get your powers back? How did you grow to be so strong? You were just a part of me," he said.

"Well the thing is Lunar, I just grew up as a human and got strong that way. Your past and path is dangerous right now. But you can change your ways and do the right thing like I did. It's all up to what you chose to do," I said.

"Yes, if that is true, then I chose THIS!" he said.

He picked up a sharp piece of wood on the tank and tried to stab me with it. I dodged it and countered with a piece of wood I found too. We kept dueling on the tank when I noticed the weapon I destroyed starting to fall back down. I ran out of the way and jumped onto the ground. For some reason Evil Lunar didn't follow and just stood there while it fell on him. The tank exploded into flames after.

“Well I guess even I can’t beat me,” I said.

My friends around me got their strength back and came up to celebrate my victory.

“Nice job kicking his ass Lunar,” said Finley.

“That was so cool,” said Sammi.

“I’m proud of you,” said Max.

I looked at Julian and Airic, “Thanks for coming guys,”

“No worries, it was the least we could do,” said Airic.

We continued talking and I explained to everyone who I really was. Max helped as well.

“Does this mean you’re leaving us?” asked Aidan.

“No, I still plan to return home with you guys. I guess that I just won’t go to school anymore or live life like you all, but I’ll still have fun with you guys,” I said.

Everyone seemed to cheer up after that. We were about to leave when someone was coming out of the flames from the tank. It was Evil Lunar and he was still alive.

Chapter XIX (Lunar’s POV): Approaching the Roche Limit

“Well Lunar, you may have stopped my plans, but none of that matters right now. All I need now is to see you perish,” he said in a threatening tone.

He hovered up high into the sky and pulled out another Super Merge device. He used it to start opening up a huge rift. It kept on growing and growing until I saw a planet on the other side of the rift.

“What is he doing?!” asked Ruby.

“He’s opening a rift back to my world. We are going to approach the Roche Limit at this rate,” said Max.

“Huh? What do you mean by that?” asked Finley.

“As our planets come closer together, the gravity from both celestial bodies will be strong enough to rip each other apart. Basically he’s trying to kill off our worlds,” said Max. He was right, I looked around and saw trees and other cars and debris slowly floating up towards the rift.

“Well we gotta do something right? Lunar do you have any ideas?” asked Mack.

I looked around and saw the Lunar Storm fall down right next to us. A small rocket and fire cracker also landed. I knew what I had to do. I turned on the Super Merge and combined all 3 of them together to make a Big Rig Truck that had extra power from the rocket and weaponry from the fire crackers.

“Sheesh, it looks great,” said Aidan.

“Alright Max, hop on in. We’ll take care of this. Everyone stay safe down there,” I said.

I went to the front with Max. I turned on the engine and started to drive, using the floating roads and debris as a way to make my way up to Evil Lunar. With enough power, I should be able to collide into him. The drive there wasn’t as safe as I thought, debris came flying from the skies as well and nearly crushed the truck twice. Evil Lunar saw us and opened more rifts to send more debris at us. Max opened his window and used his own rift maker to absorb the pieces of debris before they could hit us.

“Max, since when did you get your rift maker back?!” I asked.

“Oh I picked it up after the fight you had with him. It was actually mine before he stole it,” said Max.

I continued driving and eventually found a ramp that would be high enough to launch the truck right at him. I slammed the gas at full force and headed right for him. He countered by making a shield with what I assumed to be his AI powers, it was impenetrable. After a few minutes of fighting his shield, the truck landed back onto a piece of floating debris. I got out and saw that the other world was starting to consume ours, and I assume the same was happening on the other side. Max came out of the truck.

“Lunar, there’s only one way to break that shield of his. You’re going to have to fire with your own Super Merge and blast it right open. Only the other piece of the corrupt AI can do it,” he said.

“I know, I’ll do my best,” I said.

I took out my modified Super Merge and readied up the power on it. The ray turned on and I started firing blasts at his shield. It took some serious damage but he started to counter my ray with a ray of his own. His blast was slowly starting to overpower mine.

“Max! Got anything that can help me?!” I asked.

He grabbed my normal Super Merge and merged my ray with some dynamite he had in his bag. The Merge powered up and now was able to match Evil Lunar’s power.

“Oh you little piece of shit,” said Evil Lunar.

He also merged his ray with an explosive to power his ray up as well. I knew the fight would keep on going like this before we could save our worlds.

“Max, merge the truck with the ray,” I said.

“Are you sure about this Lunar?” he asked.

I nodded. He took out the Super Merge and started combining the already modified truck with my ray. It grew in size and fired a much more powerful blast than before. I saw into Evil Lunar’s eyes. He had no way to beat my firepower now. A few seconds later, he was completely disintegrated. I watched as my other part disappeared into thin air. The rift opening stopped and the debris we were standing on fell back to the ground. It crashed but Max and I hid safely inside the truck once again. The rest of my friends came over.

“You finally did it this time, Lunar!” said Aidan.

“I’m proud of you again,” said Sammi.

“You’re one tough guy,” said Finley.

“Thanks guys,” I said.

“Uh I don’t mean to be a downer, but Evil Lunar’s rift is still wide open and still making our planets come closer,” said Max.

I looked up and saw he was right, our worlds were still coming closer.

“Can you use your rift maker to close it?” asked Ruby.

“I can’t, it’d just kill me before it could be closed. Only someone with enough inner strength could do it,” said Max.

I didn’t get it. Was this the end for us all? I thought about it for a bit before realizing what needed to be done. I took Max’s rift maker and used the Super Merge to merge it with me. I had the rift maker infused to my body now.

“Lunar? What are you doing?” asked Max.

“Saving our worlds,” I said.

I looked back at everyone.

“Hey guys, thanks for the adventure,” I said sadly.

Before anyone could stop me, I hovered up to where Evil Lunar first opened the rift and used the rift maker to begin closing it. Max was right, it was taking a lot of energy inside me to close it, but I knew that my AI self and the rift maker could handle it. It had to be done, even if it took everything I got inside of me. After fighting the portal some more, the rift finally closed and I landed back down to the ground. The skies cleared up to reveal a nice sunny day. I opened my eyes and saw I was still alive. Max walked up to me.

“You are an idiot. But you are also a hero,” he said.

“Thanks, hehe,” I said.

I got up slowly and saw everyone running towards me, thanking the gods I was still alive. I knew I had some good friends.

Chapter XX (Lunar’s POV): A Lunar Eclipse

I really felt bad for Velocity Ville and Mojang after all the commotion. We had to help rebuild parts of the city and Mojang got into some legal issues for not checking the software properly before the robots were made. Max had to quickly leave to his world again before more interference between the rifts were made. Afterwards, Finley approached me.

“Hey, Lunar, just want to say, it was really awesome what you did back there. And again, I’m sorry for causing you so much trouble before.” For once, Finley sounded sincere, which threw me off, but I quickly recovered and smiled back at him.

“Don’t worry about it, Finley. Your help has definitely made up for everything. You’re a good guy.”

Finley nodded in appreciation, and after a brief moment of hesitation, he wrapped his arms around me and pulled me into a hug. I gave him a few pats on the back in return. When he pulled away, he said, “By the way, Lunar, could you lend me one of your Hopper VR headsets for a moment? There’s somebody I need to go see.”

“Alright,” I replied, handing him a spare and pointing him to the nearest PC. “Good luck.” With that, Finley walked off.

The rest of us got to relax back at the mansion the entire time while it was all happening. We got some more food and just enjoyed whatever the rest of the city had to offer for us. Luckily my friends were still cool with who I really was, and I’m glad I’m ok with that too. Life may be weirder without school or being established as a real person but I’m glad I got that experience while I could. The new powers I had made me a real superhero. Scientists would ask to study me and I’d help with basic crimes that happened around my hometown. Of course I still talked to the friends I made along the way. In fact we have even more fun now because of my Super Merge which is now fully safe for use. On another bright side, Ruby managed to update the AI world and helped out Chloe and her town, we went back in to check it out. She was standing inside her room with the town rebuilt and more items added.

“Oh my god, you guys did it!” said Chloe.

“We sure did. I hope you guys like the update to your world. There are now automatic backups to prevent any of you guys from dying forever,” said Ruby.

I walked up to Alex to tell her the truth.

“Alex, while I was up there, I learned that I’m also an AI creation. Maybe not from this world but from another source, just thought you should know,” I said.

“Oh my god, that’s so cool. I can teach you so many tricks that I know as an AI,” she said.

“Haha, thanks Alex,” I said.

“Alright guys, who is down for some action?” asked Chloe.

She went to her balcony and fired off tons of fireworks in celebration of the updates. I was glad to finally help the people in here live a happy normal life. There was no more worry of dying now. Everything was splendid.

“Well that sure was a jump wasn’t it?” I said to everyone.

“Jump? I jumped your mom last night,” said Sammi.

Everyone stood in silence for a bit before we all started to chase her down out of the castle. Some people never change, which is good sometimes. Life is going to be different now but I’m all ready for it.

Epilogue (Finley’s POV): A Guy Worth Fighting For

I was back in the nether. Alex, Via, and Kailani had long since left, but nearby, I saw a figure sitting on a pile of nether bricks, an enchanted fishing rod thrown out into the lava.

“Hey,” I said, approaching him.

Axol turned around, a huge grin on his face, “Hey! Look who’s back. So, is everything okay, or—”

“We won. I’m just here to see you again.”

Axol laughed and wrapped his arms around me in celebration, “I knew you guys could do it! Wait ‘till Kailani hears about this. She’s going to owe me 5 emeralds.” I frowned, but before I could comment, Axol released me and said, “Come on. I’ve been waiting in the nether for way too long and it gets hot out here, you know?”

I laughed and let him take my hand and lead me through a portal back to his town. I was greeted by the other citizens, who thanked me and offered to repair my armor, which I happily accepted. As Axol led me back to his house, I retold everything that had happened with Lunar, evil Lunar, and the two timelines.

I was resting on the floor of his bedroom, leaning my back against his bed, when I had finished my story. Axol, on the other hand, was on top of his bed, with his head hanging off the edge so that it was right beside mine.

“That sounds intense. I’m glad you guys all made it,” said Axol. “I wonder how I’m going to react to seeing Lunar next time, now that he’s an AI and all.”

“Well, even though he’s part code, he’s still got the heart of a human. In my experience, all AIs do.”

“Even me?”

I turned my head and stared at Axol. Axol, who seemed to hear me like nobody else did, who saw the weakest parts of me and liked me anyways, who was patient, and kind, and caring, and brave, and somebody who learned from his mistakes.

“Especially you.”

I was holding my breath for what felt like an eternity when he finally closed the small distance between us and kissed me. And in that moment, I kissed him back, like I had never been afraid. I ran my fingers through his hair and pulled him closer.

Perhaps this was new, and different, and perhaps nobody would understand, but we were both here now, and my feelings for Axol were more real than anything outside this world. When he pulled back and looked back and forth between my eyes, I knew he felt the same.

“Will you stay for a while?” asked Axol.

In response, I got up off the floor and climbed on top of him. With my outside body forgotten, my lips found his once more, and against his skin I whispered, “As long as you want.”