

Virtual Craftality

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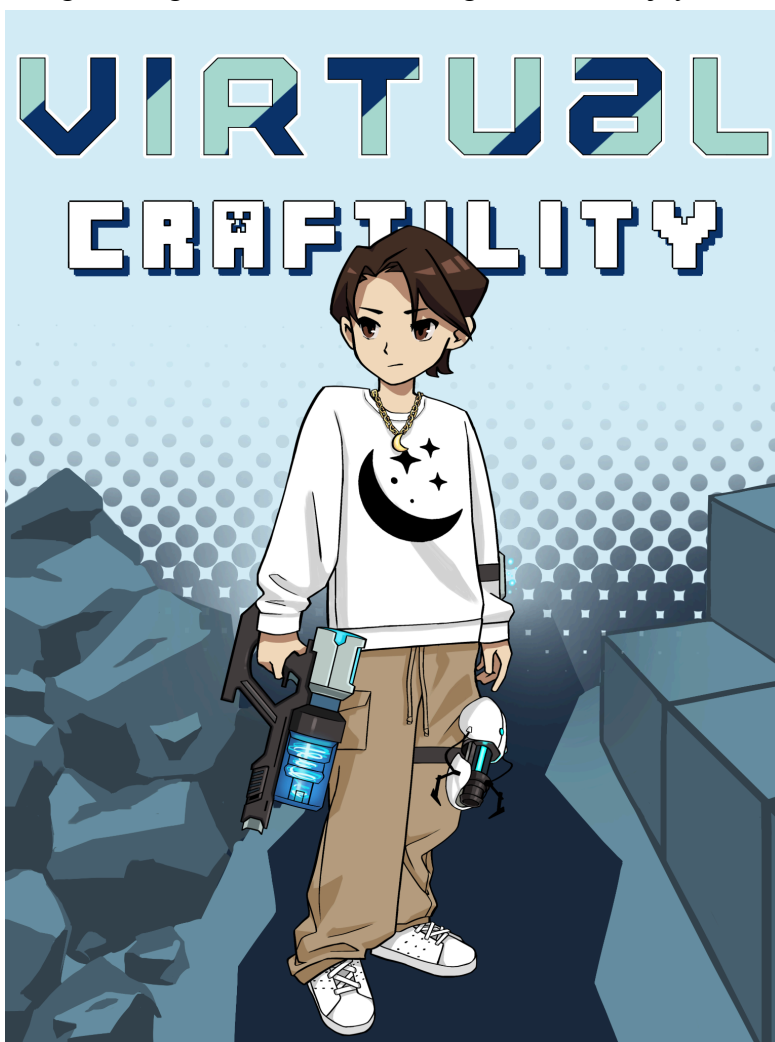
The Introduction to the beloved engineer, Lunar

Summary

Lunar, an engineer, invents a device called the Super Merge which can take 2 items and combine them into one with new powers. His Merge malfunctions by a prank from Finley and his gang, which ends up zapping his PC and releasing the world Minecraft into the real world and creating a dangerous vortex. Lunar teams up with his friend Aidan to stop the vortex, but Finley has other ideas with it and his Super Merge.

Book Information

There are a total of 15 chapters in this story. I specified each one whose point of view it is being told in (It is mostly from the main character Lunar most of the time) I did take some ideas from Nintendo and some Minecraft Adventure maps to create this story so thanks to them. I can't guarantee that it's free from any spelling or grammar mistakes. I'm too lazy to go through and edit it all. Now go read and enjoy it!



Chapter I (Lunar's POV): School is Rough

"Today has been so freaking brutal for me," I said, walking from my last class. The day had just ended and I was on my way towards the exit.

"You ok there buddy?" my friend Aidan asked, "You seem pretty worn out right now"

"I'm fine, I just need some time to forget about everything that happened," I replied.

Getting a week break from school is good, but not when teachers give all the tests/projects due on the day before. It makes the day stressful and nerve wracking. Especially the sciences and language courses. Lots of Memorising and writing required. All depends on how generous your teacher is anyways.

"Let's just wait here until everyone else leaves, I'm gonna double check that I got all my stuff before we leave for the break," he suggested.

"Yeah we can do that, I'll do the same as well," I said.

I started going through my bag, making sure that I collected all my personal belongings, devices, school work, when all of a sudden I get shoved over by Finley, the worst person I've ever met not just in school, but also life in general.

"Looking for something nerd?", he taunted.

"Knock it off will you, it's the last day, just let him be in peace," Aidan defended me.

"Alright, you know what? Fine, I will leave you guys be, I got plans myself. But, before I go my buddies Grayson and Jayson have a little "surprise" for you two," he claimed. "Boys! Show em' what you have in store,"

"Yeah we got it right here in this box," they said while laughing a bit. They handed it over to me calmly. Almost too calmly for my liking. I was starting to think that this whole "surprise" was a little bit sus.

"Um... thank you?" I said with some concern.

"Yes it was our very pleasure, now if you excuse us, we got some plans to do while school is out for the week. Later nerds," they left quickly and disappeared far away.

"Well the whole situation was rather unexpected," said Aidan, "Let's just get back to your house shall we? I've been dying to play some games,"

We left school property and made our way to my house. It's been awhile since I've played games with Aidan. School is always giving you work to do non stop. Rarely had spare time to even just sit back and watch memes and youtube. I would be lucky if I was able to do just 1 or 2 hours of drumming for fun on the weekends. Maybe all this work will pay off for after high school passes. I'm called the engineer of the group I hang out with usually, making stuff that can be useful or useless. Universities are changing. Marks won't matter so much in the future compared to life skills, hobbies and other cool things you do in life. What can I say? School is Rough.

"So anything you're going to be doing during this break?" asked Aidan.

"Eh, I don't have too much interesting going on really other than gaming and watching memes all day," I replied.

"Who knows, maybe something crazy will happen during our week," he said.

Yeah, something crazy. Maybe something crazy will happen during the week. I unlocked the front door and we walked inside.

Chapter II (Lunar's POV): Introducing, the Super Merge

We entered my house. There are boxes, papers and other debris everywhere around due to my latest project. It was to the point where it was almost impossible to walk around.

"When the heck was the last time you cleaned your house man?" asked Aidan.

"Look, I know things look rather messy but I promise you it's for a good reason!" I reasoned. "The mess can be cleaned up later. I have a very special project to show you before we start to play,"

"Alright fair enough," he said, "But can you make us something to eat? I am freaking hungry after that walk home,"

"Yeah sure, as the cook I agree. Pick your favorite," I showed him inside my fridge and let him pick whatever he wanted to have. We ended up making pasta and meatballs. A bit much to call a snack but we did end up finishing it.

"You never disappoint me with your cooking huh Lunar?. Tastes fresh as per usual." he complimented as he ate the last bite of food.

"Thanks, I'm always improving and practicing," I said, "Let's go downstairs now. I got something cool to show you before we play,"

We headed downstairs and passed all the junk everywhere. Maybe I should take some time to clean up the place. It's making life harder than it already is.

I started to say, "Alright so I do believe that I placed my latest invention right about-"

I was interrupted by the sound of my PC turning on out of nowhere and opening Minecraft.

"Jesus," Aidan said, "Is your PC magical or something? Seems like it knew when to power itself on,"

"I think there's something strange with it," I said. "I've had a very special encounter with it in the past that I'll tell you about,"

I explained that my PC once sucked me inside of it while I was running Minecraft. I was stuck inside the Minecraft world and had to beat the game in order to get out. While inside I met a new friend named Alex. She was apparently just a normal NPC from the game but had a personality unlike the others. She helped me get back home safely, and haven't talked to her since. This all happened about a month ago.

"Damn, seems too weird to be true," he said in disbelief.

"I'll agree with you it is rather weird, but I tell you that it did really happen and that I was inside my computer. Moral of the story, my PC can do crazy things. Maybe I did something to it, I did build it myself from scratch after all. Anyways about the new invention..."

I called it the Super Merge. A device that you use by wearing on your head, it's basically just some high tech ski goggles with revolutionary power. Once activated, it can take 2 or more objects and combine them to create something completely new, while keeping the traits of the original objects! However, this kind of power cannot be misused, otherwise the results will be lethal.

“Let us test it out,” I said. I placed a spare lamp I had and a flower next to each other and activated the Super Merge. “SUCCESS!” I yelled. It was successfully able to combine the 2 together and create a flower shaped lamp.

“There's no way!” exclaimed Aidan. “This has got to be the world’s best new invention. It would be able to solve so many problems in our world,”

“There is great potential here,” I said, “Once I get this thing approved by top scientists around the world, I’ll use it for good, solving any problem that may happen around the globe!”

“Speaking of problems,” Aidan started, “I believe we have one right here in your bag,”

He pointed at my bag with the “surprise” box that Finley and his crew left us with back at the school. I put down the Super Merge next to my PC and took out the box from my bag. I slowly opened it and all of a sudden, I got jumpscared from a pie that launched right out from the box. The pie flew out and landed onto the Super Merge. I tried to clean it off but it was malfunctioning, and started zapping stuff all over the room! All my junk was being combined together into random objects. I aimed it away but then accidentally zapped my PC, a weather globe, and a portal frame that I have been working on for months. A huge explosion happened. Me and Aidan were launched backwards as we saw the Super Merge creating one of the most powerful and odd devices I’ve ever seen. What came out was my PC, but super sized and what looked like an entrance way.

“What the heck just happened!?!?” said Aidan nervously.

“I have no clue, I’ll examine it,” I said.

I went towards this new creation that I will call the Grand PC and looked around it for some sort of clue. I saw a button and then pushed it. Suddenly, a bunch of things started coming out from that entrance way into the outside world from my windows. I got a quick look and there was stuff from Minecraft coming out into my world. Me and Aidan took cover and watched as the Grand PC kept spitting out block after block, mob after mob and item after item. After about 20 minutes of waiting, the Grand PC stopped spitting out stuff, it also looked very broken and shut down.

“So...” Aidan began to speak, “What in the world just happened!?!?”

“I- I don’t even know myself,” I said confusedly.

We both heard a light groan come from across the room. Me and Aidan looked at each other in shock.

“Um, is there anyone there!” I yelled.

A tall and blocky figure popped up from underneath a pile of my junk and Minecraft stuff. I started to recognize who it was.

“Alex, is that you?” I asked. The person came out from under the pile.

“Lunar, I knew it was you. Who else would have inventions crazy enough to cause something like this,” said Alex. I was right.

We both ran up to each other and talked for a while about how our lives have been going. I quickly introduced Aidan and Alex told us what happened. She was building a new house when a huge portal opened from the sky and started to suck everything from the Minecraft world into it. She was trapped within the mess and then woke up from under the pile from my house.

“Well, looks like my Grand PC ain't working anymore,” I said, “And I don't know how the heck we are going to fix it! Aidan, analysis!”

A loud sound knocked from outside my house.

“I say we go check out what is happening outside, that is where all the Minecraft stuff went after it came out from the PC,” suggested Aidan.

The 3 of us came upstairs and went outside from the front door, making sure to bring the Super Merge with us. There were large furniture items, cars and more being tossed around and headed into a direction. I looked in that direction and saw a huge blueish and pixelated vortex hovering above the school.

“Great Barrier Reef!” I exclaimed, “What in tarnation is that thing?!?”

“I don't know Lunar, your guess is as good as mine,” said Aidan.

“In any case, I think our best bet into fixing your PC over there, is by heading over to that vortex,” said Alex, “Here, take these swords and this food. I don't know how much Minecraft Items will work in your world but it will be worth a shot into whatever danger lies ahead,” She handed me and Aidan a diamond sword, shield and some steak.

“HMMMMM, the steak doesn't taste the best, but it does get my energy up!” said Aidan.

“Alright then, let's move out in that case!” I said.

The 3 of us started our journey towards the school. Whatever happened in the last hour or so was crazy. I met up with an old friend from another universe, and now here we are, about to travel towards a dangerous storm. All I can say is that shit just got real.

Chapter III (Lunar's POV): A Familiar Foe

The trip there was not easy at all. Normally walking to school each morning is easy, but not when there is basically a hurricane happening outside. A hurricane with no rain that is. Wind levels were hitting about a consistent 50km/h outside, and trying to get there was almost as tough as creating my Super Merge in the first place. We all nearly got hurt by some tree that fell right next to us. Any closer and we would've probably all died. I don't know how much Alex is able to take in our world as Minecraft and real life have very different mechanics. For one, Alex is able to run constantly until she needs to eat. She also doesn't eat a normal 3 meals a day to have enough energy throughout the day. She eats whenever she feels like she needs to carry on with her day. Physics in the Minecraft world is also extremely different from the real world. You could basically build a bridge with no support and having floating blocks and water sources that never disappear. I have no idea if these Minecraft Swords will be able to affect the stuff in my world. I tested before we left however, and it is able to function properly and any mobs/items from the Minecraft World. Perhaps these new mechanics will be able to assist us during our quest. I didn't think too much about it yet until we arrived at the school. The vortex in the sky was scarier than I originally thought it was. As I looked closer into it, the objects being sucked inside of it seemed to disappear after that. There were also lightning bolts striking inside of it. Hope that no creatures get trapped in there.

“So Aidan,” I began to ask, “What do you think we should do now?”

“Well according to what I see here, if the Super Merge started this, then we need to use it somehow to fix it. I just don’t know how we are going to do that just yet,” he replied.

Our thinking was interrupted when I heard a familiar voice, from a familiar foe. Someone that I didn’t like from the very start, and probably to the very end.

“Hey Chumps! What do you think you are doing here?” It was Finley and his 2 friends.

“You know, I could ask you the same thing as well!” I said.

“You think that I can relax on my break with this freaking vortex thing happening around?! I came to investigate what this thing is,” he said.

“Well it’s none of your problem right now Finley, we are the ones who created it *by accident* and we will be the ones to stop it as well. You should just go back home, it’s not safe out here for you 3,” I said, pointing him away.

“Listen bud. I think I know what I am doing. And who the heck is that? All block shape and stuff. Like an alien out here,” he asked.

Aidan started to explain, “That’s just Alex, she comes from the Minecraft World and she is going to help me and Lunar close up this, this thing in the sky,”.

“How very interesting, the entire world of Minecraft has decided to open up and reveal itself to our world. And just how did that happen exactly?” Finley asked.

I said that my new Super Merge malfunctioned after their own “surprise” box decided to launch a pie into my room, and combined my PC with some other gadgets to create this vortex and spit all of the Minecraft world outside into the real world.

“A Super Merge you say?” Finley began to say, “Well, any cool and powerful device out there shall be mine. Boys, go and get it for me,”

“Whatever you say boss man,” his helpers said.

Grayson and Jayson ran after us attempting to grab my Super Merge. We knew we couldn’t out run them normally with this vortex reducing our speed, so we decided to attempt to fight them off with the diamond swords we got. It was a bad idea. The swords had no effect on them. It was like hitting someone with a foam pad. No damage at all. They pushed Alex and Aidan out of the way and stole my Merge from me. We chased back after them back to where Finley was.

“Well, it might take some time to know how to use this thing, but now I have the most important and powerful device now!” he exclaimed with power.

“Finley please, you don’t know what that thing is capable of, it must be returned to me!” I said desperately.

“Oh really? Well if you really want this thing back, try dealing with this sucker!” he said. He put the Super Merge on and aimed it at some Zombies from the Minecraft world and a bunch of equipment from the school’s gym. We watched as the first evil creation they created appeared right in front. Super sporty Zombies with every known ball in existence attached. The vortex started to move away. Finley and his gang went to follow it and wished us bad luck dealing with these new Zombies they created. We tried killing them like normal zombies from the game, but these zombies were faster and more vigilant, nothing like an original zombie. The only thing similar, was their thirst for killing us. Our swords were not gonna be fast enough to do any damage to them. They were also able to throw all sorts of

sports balls towards us like cannonballs with the same force. It hurts even more than what I deal with in dodgeball games.

“If these zombies want to play some dodgeball, then it's dodgeball we will play,” said Aidan.

We waited for them to launch some balls towards us. Once they were reloading, we took the balls from the floor and started throwing them back at the zombies. Eventually, we defeated them and they broke apart back into normal Minecraft Zombies and all the sport equipment, and we noticed some blue pixels evaporating from them towards the vortex. It was the same type of blue pixels that the vortex was made of.

Aidan noticed and said, “It appears that everytime we kill a creation from them, it will feed the vortex. We need to stop Finley from creating more corrupt creations before that vortex becomes too strong and destroys both the real and Minecraft world,”

Me and Alex agreed and we followed Finley and his gang to where the vortex was resting now. Maybe if we finish this quest fast enough, we will be able to fix everything before the break is over. I still need to show off my invention to the world properly.

Chapter IV (Narrator's POV): New Looks

Finley and his gang were long gone after they left Lunar, Aidan and Alex to deal with their sport Zombies. They left other creations and obstacles while on their way to the centre of the vortex. Eventually, they arrived at it, where the vortex appeared to be staying put, as well as changed into a darker blue color and increased in size/strength. They created minions using wither skeletons and construction tools to build a castle. Soon after, all 3 of them saw the same blue pixels heading towards the vortex.

“Hm?” asked Finley, “What was that,”

“I think that they killed the sport zombies we left them to deal with. I felt the Super Merge vibrate a bit,” said Grayson.

“That means they are coming our way, we must prepare to defend our castle and my Super Merge as well,” said Finley.

“Are you sure?” asked Jayson, “We have all these wither skeleton guards on our side, plus who knows what else we created along the way to stop them,”

“Jayson, I’ve known Lunar since the beginning of high school. That kid is literally a machine. He can solve practically any problem in class and generate a solution with top speed,” Finley claimed, “I need you two to go back and stall while I devise a plan to stop them permanently, although you two seem rather weak right now. Let’s see if we can give you two a new look,”

Finley took the Super Merge and combined a Piglin Brute, a toy helicopter and Grayson and turned him into a part Piglin creature that has a new knowledge of everything aerial related.

“There Grayson, how do you feel now?” asked Finley.

“Man, I feel, so much... powerful! And for some reason I want to take to the skies,” replied Grayson.

“Now Jayson, I got some things for you to embrace,” Finley took an Elder Guardian, a trident and a lightning bolt, and used the Super Merge with it on Jayson. He became a creature capable of launching tridents at will, striking down lightning bolts and can travel on both land and air with ease.

“Now it’s my turn,” Finley found an Enderman and crown and merged him with them all together, “Now that we have evolved, go out there and stop Lunar and his 2 puny friends,”

“I’d love to, but we don’t have any easy way of getting back, they would get too close here before your plan is done by the time we caught up with them,” said Jayson.

Grayson had an idea, “Do not worry about that part, I think I know something we can use to get to them quickly.

Chapter V (Lunar’s POV): Sticky Situation

We left towards the vortex hovering in the skies. Finley and his friends really destroyed the path on the way there. There were all sorts of things they created on their way there. Luckily, none of them that we met so far were not hostile and just overall friendly creatures. I’m beginning to wonder if my Super Merge is really the best invention to keep. If it ever gets into the wrong hands, who knows what would be able to stop them. Maybe it is best if once this whole thing is over, the Super Merge is just destroyed, along with my blueprints for it. My train of thought was interrupted by Aidan.

“Lunar, are you doing alright?” he asked.

“Yes I’m fine, I was just thinking about if my Super Merge is the safest invention to keep on the planet. I mean you saw what Finley created with it,” I said.

“Yeah but then again, the world of Minecraft won’t be here anymore once we fix this whole mess. Nobody would be able to create anything that lethal,” he said.

“That’s true, but stuff on Earth can be dangerous once combined, think of what the people in the army use,” I claimed.

Alex joined in, “Lunar I’m sure that your device will be able to stay, as long as it’s properly stored,”

That is true. As long as I’m the only one operating the Super Merge, things should be safe. I tried not to think of it much as we entered a cave where the tracks lead. This wasn’t just any normal cave though, I noticed that there were Minecraft mineshafts placed here as well. The overall terrain was starting to get a bit more blocky too. Knowing the mineshafts from Minecraft, it was best to keep our guard up at all times. We eventually made it to a minecart only passageway.

“Do you think this track is safe enough to use,” asked Aidan.

“Well, we don’t have any other way of crossing over this lava pit, so we are gonna assume it is,” I said.

Alex crafted 3 minecarts for us and placed them onto the tracks. We each got onto one and powered on the rails. The ride had lots of twists and turns but was sturdy for the most part. We eventually ended up on a straight track and just relaxed as we travelled.

“It feels weird sitting in one of these minecarts in the real world. The space inside is so much larger,” I said.

“Yeah, for me the minecart is still just barely able to fit the player but it will do,” said Alex.

“Maybe they’ll update the game to make larger minecarts in the future,” said Aidan.

Minecraft has been advancing quite a bit. The first time I was sucked into the Minecraft universe, it was on update 1.13, and now it has updated all the way into 1.16. I thought about all the plans I wanted to do on Minecraft after we fixed this problem. All the houses, mini-games and adventure maps I could do. The track continued until we saw an exit at the very end of the track. We sat back and relaxed until I noticed that there was a part of the track that was completely missing. I warned the others and told them to jump for it. Me and Alex jumped towards the right side and landed on a ledge. Aidan jumped towards the left and landed on a slightly lower ledge.

“Aidan! Are you alright down there,” Alex yelled.

“I’m fine, he replied, but now we need to find a way to meet up again and get to that exit-”

Before he could finish, the roof of the cave started to rain boulders and filled up the centre. We all hid deeper into our ledges as the rocks rained from the roof. After a bit, the opening locked us in and we couldn’t communicate with Aidan anymore, as the sound was blocked by all the rocks in the way.

“Alex, do you have a torch we can use to see, it’s pitch black in here,” I asked.

“Sure thing, I’ll craft one, we just need a piece of coal,” we quickly mined a piece of coal from the wall of the cave and craft a torch, “Perfect, now we can see,” I said.

We decided to continue walking down this new hallway of the cave and hoped that we would find Aidan along the way. I started to notice webs appearing on the walls of the cave from most likely spiders. Some were from the real world and some were from Minecraft. Either way, I hate webs and I hate getting stuck in them, no matter which universe it comes from. On our way down the cave, I saw a shiny stone on the side.

“Hold up Alex,” I said, “I see something peculiar right here,”

I picked up the stone and took a closer look at it. There was some writing engraved onto the surface of the stone. It read, “To close the vortex and restore faith, defeat the 2 large beasts from the game, that is your fate,” I was confused by what the 2 large beasts from the game meant but I soon realized that it was the Wither and Enderdragon.

“Apparently we have to kill a Wither and Enderdragon to close that vortex up, but that doesn’t make any sense, we already killed the Ender Dragon to get me home, remember?” I said.

“I’m not sure how it would be alive anymore, but I think we should carry this stone with us for someone who might know more about it to look at it, let’s just continue walking down the cave,” said Alex.

We continued our walk down the cave, my mind still thinking about how the Ender Dragon would be still alive and how killing those 2 beasts would save our worlds. There’s no way beating the game would save us this time right? We are in the real world instead of the Minecraft world. After walking for what seemed to be an eternity, we found Aidan, but trapped in a huge spider web.

“Hey guys, you finally found me! Now can you help me get out of here?” he asked nervously.

“Yeah we’ll find a way without touching that web. How did you get stuck in there anyways?” I asked.

“Long story short, while I was trapped in my part of the cave, a huge spider found me and trapped me, but this wasn’t just any spider, it was able to shoot webs fast and I felt staticky around it for some reason,” he explained, “Speaking of it, there it comes right now,”

We looked to our right and saw the biggest Minecraft Spider I’ve ever seen in the real world so far. I looked closely and saw a machine gun on top of it’s back, it was also radiating with electricity. Alex and I tried killing it with our swords, but once again they were useless against its electricity aura around it. We hid behind a wall to take cover from all of the webs it was shooting at hypersonic speed. I noticed water drops from the roof of this room and knew how to kill this monster.

“Alex, I know how we can kill this thing. When it’s not looking, we’ll go out and start attacking the support beams on the sides. There is water on the roof and once it comes down, the water and electricity around the spider will mix and electrocute it to death,” I said.

“Alright, I’m right behind you,” said Alex.

When the electric spider wasn’t looking, we both came out from our hiding spots and went to the walls of the caves and started breaking the support beams on the side. Within a minute, the entire roof came down and washed the spider away to it’s watery grave. It split apart into a normal Minecraft spider, a machine gun, a lightning rod and a growth pill. A huge amount of the blue pixels evaporated and started heading towards the vortex. It also cleared the web Aidan was stuck on and opened the exit for us.

“Thanks guys, I was getting pretty tired hanging on that web,” he said.

“Yeah no problem, glad you’re safe after that, I said, “I officially hate spiders now,”

The 3 of us laughed it off as we headed towards the exit of the cave. We told Aidan all about the shiny stone we found with that weird text on it. He said it was rather strange, but no stone like that would have existed before this whole mess started, so it probably has to be useful in some way, shape or form. We got out of the cave only to see ourselves stuck at the very top of a mountain. The vortex was still decently far away in the distance but there was no way of getting there from the ground, we were too high up.

“How the heck are we supposed to get to the vortex now? It’s on the other side of this large ocean,” I asked.

“I may have an idea,” said Alex, “It’s a crazy idea but still an idea. We are going to get ourselves an airship,”

Chapter VI (Lunar’s POV): Aerial Battle

“As much as I love that idea, where the heck are we going to find an airship on this abandoned mountain?” asked Aidan.

“Well, who knows. But if we look around this mountain, there is a chance that we can find spare parts to build one,” said Alex.

We splitted up and started to look for any signs of old used machine parts to make an airship. After walking for about 5 minutes I did start to see some planks, cobblestone and some redstone parts. I collected them all while gaining hope that this idea would actually be possible. I continued and started to collect even more items until my bag couldn't carry any more. We all met back at the same spot where we shared what we all collected. Aidan found a huge bag like material that can be used to make the ship float. He also found some snowballs and decided to keep them for some reason. Alex seemed to have nothing but then started dropping it all out of nowhere. I forgot that Minecraft people have inventories that aren't visible to the public. After looking through all the parts, the only piece we were missing was some sort of engine to power the ship. Alex and Aidan stayed behind to start building it while I went out to look for a possible solution to use as an engine. I walked for a while until I saw some shop out of nowhere. Who would build a shop right here? How would they get any business in the middle of nowhere. I didn't think of that much as I entered the shop. There was a single shopkeeper and the items being sold were just scavenged. I did see that there was a motor generator. It looks like it was part of a boat in the past.

"Welcome!", he said, "What brings you here today? I never get any customers. Oh I forgot to introduce myself, my name is Kelton,"

"Hey there, um I was just looking at the motor you have right there. Me and some friends are trying to build an airship and we really need it so that we can power it up," I explained.

"Oh how fun, an airship," he said, "Well I will be glad to tell you that that motor is on sale for only the low price of \$9999,"

\$9999 dollars! Who the heck is going to want to buy that out here?! I know they aren't easy to make and have lots of power, but we don't have that kind of money.

He continued, "Now I do know that it does seem like a lot of money, because it is. But this bad boy has the power to move any vehicle at top speeds consistently with low chance of backfiring,"

"Kelton, I do like what it can do, but we don't have that kind of money sadly," I said.

"Hm, that's a shame. Sorry but I can't give credit. Come back when you are a little bit, mmmmmmmmm, richer. It's hard to make money out here with nobody around because of that vortex over there," he said.

"Wait, you mean that you aren't getting any business because of the vortex?", I asked.

"Well yes. Before it came here, I used to have lots of customers daily. They like how I find my items by looking around and reusing them and fixing them up. But because of that thing, everyone is too scared to travel up this mountain," he said.

"Well what a coincidence," I said, "We need that motor for an airship so that we can travel to stop that vortex,"

He thought about what I said for a bit, and then said, "Hm. Well tell you what. If I give you this motor for free, will you promise me to go stop that vortex and restore my customers who normally come?"

"Yes of course, that's what me and my friends were going to do originally anyways," I said.

"Well then it's a deal! I wish you luck on your adventure," he said.

He handed over the motor. I walked out the shop and thanked him for his generous donation. I still don't get who would have \$9999 out in the middle of nowhere for spare use. Maybe he accepted credit? I didn't think of it too much as I met up with Aidan and Alex. The airship was almost done. It looked amazing. All it needed was power.

"Hey guys! I found a motor we can use to power this thing up," I said.

"Really? That's great!", said Aidan, "Where did you get it?"

I explained who Kelton was and why we were able to get it for free. Everyone would benefit from closing that vortex anyways. I inserted the motor in the spot they made room for and we started it up. At first nothing happened, but after a couple tries powering it on, the airship eventually became airborne. This was a miracle that we were able to build something like this just out of spare parts. But Minecraft materials work a lot better to construct than real world items. An airship made with half real world materials and half Minecraft blocks seems weird but it does work, and that is all that matters. The 3 of us sat inside the cabin, playing a game of cards until we heard a loud sound outside. It sounded like more airships around us. We all went outside and saw 2 airships on the sides and 1 in front of us.

"Lunar and company," said a voice on a loudspeaker, "Please surrender your ship and yourselves to us before we use lethal force.

"Who is that?!", I yelled, "Reveal yourself,"

"Oh, you don't recognize me? I don't blame you, I suppose I did change quite a bit. It's me, Grayson, with an army of Piglins and a fleet of airships!" he said.

It was Grayson. I could still remember his voice and a bit of how he looked. He must've had the merge used on him with a Piglin Brute and something to do with the skies. Maybe a toy helicopter or something. I looked around and saw that all 3 airships had cannons attached to them. They are going to shoot us down if we don't act quickly. Our ship didn't have any weapons to counter attack.

I turned around to devise a plan with Alex and Aidan, "Alright here is what we are going to do. Me and Aidan will each go to an airship on our side and re aim the cannons so that they shoot their own ship. Alex, stay on board and guard it from any Piglins that may invade our ship,"

We all did what I said with ease. I boarded one of the enemy ships and killed any Piglin in my way. Finally my sword is actually becoming useful. I made my way to the cannon room and turned them around so that it would fire at their own ship. I met back up with Aidan on our own ship. Alex did a good job at stopping any Piglin that tried to board our ship.

"Alright Lunar, you had your chance. Piglins! Fire!" said Grayson.

The 3 of us watched as they loaded the cannons and began to shoot. My plan worked. We watched as their own ships exploded and began to fall out of the sky. It was almost funny to see their own ships go down from their own ammunition.

"So it seems you destroyed my own ships with my own ammo," he said, "Well if you are so confident in taking me down, come here and fight me,"

I speeded up our airship to catch up with Grayson's. We all boarded and started attacking. He had a mini flying machine that allowed him to fly a small height in the air. Luckily we all had bow and arrows and were able to destroy his little machine. His golden axes packed quite a punch, but with a 3 vs 1, it was more than easy enough to take him down.

He got up slowly, “Alright, you had your fun, now it’s time for mine!”, he pushed us off back onto our ship and revealed a huge cannon he has attached at the front of his ship, “Let’s see you survive this, engineer boy!”, he fired out a huge cannonball that directly hit our ship. We began to fall from the skies quickly. I watched as Grayson laughed and left us to fall to our doom. I had to think of something quickly or else we weren’t going to be surviving this fall at this height. As we approached the ground, I saw that there was a decently sized nether portal on the ground. I told Aidan and Alex that if we aimed our ship towards the nether portal on the ground that our ship’s speed would be reduced and we would be able to survive the impact. They agreed with my plan and we all hid inside the cabin room with something soft to break our fall. Within minutes, I saw as our ship entered the nether portal and heard a large crashing noise and instant heat starting to come up. I would be surprised if we actually all survive this moment. And more importantly, why was there a nether portal just sitting here in the middle of the ground. Those questions would have to wait. We are now stuck in the nether if we survive.

Chapter VII (Aidan’s POV): The Legend of The Kingslayer

I woke up alone. Lunar and Alex were nowhere to be seen. I was still inside the ship’s cabin, but it was mostly destroyed with some part of it intact. I decided to pick up whatever I could and head outside. I saw that half the ship was stuck inside the lava. Looks like that it’s no good for use. The other half at the back was still somewhat held together. I found some leftover Minecraft armor, sword and pickaxe and blocks that Alex must’ve lost. I picked them up and went to find the portal that the ship went through. I climbed a small netherrack hill and found a broken nether portal lying on the ground. There was no way I could repair this myself without a diamond pickaxe or a flint and steel. Knowing Lunar, he would try to repair it, the only possible way we could fix it is at a nether fortress. From there, there is a chance to find diamonds and a flint and steel in the chests. I found a trail of cobblestone that was left behind. They must have left it for me to follow. I decided to follow it and hope to find Lunar and Alex again.

The nether was truly a fascinating place. There were colorful forests and tons of Piglins and Hoglins all around. I made sure to avoid them. The trail went into a soul sand valley, which drastically slowed down my speed. I heard a weird noise behind me and saw a fireball being blasted towards my way. I quickly took out my sword and started playing a game of tennis with this ghast. Every time I shot the fireball back, it was able to dodge it by a pixel. I knew this wasn’t going to work. I decided to get a fishing rod and lure it closer to the ground. Once the ghast was lower on the ground, I was able to knock back the fireball and kill it. That battle was worse than the time some friends of mine were banned on a discord server.

I continued down the trail to find a broken bridge. I could tell Lunar and Alex traveled on it to get to the nether fortress across this lava lake. A ghast must’ve been chasing them. I tried to think of a way to get across when I saw a happy little strider coming towards my direction. It seemed friendly so I went towards it to check it out. He seemed to want to help me out. I went to find a warped fungus and saddle so that I would be able to ride him. After

some time, I was ready to travel across the lava lake. Me and my new friend started moving across the lava lake. Never in my entire life would I think that I would be able to ride a strider not in Minecraft on a PC, but in real life. I really didn't want to know how Minecraft lava felt in real life so I decided to be extra careful. I saw the fortress in sight. I thought I was in the clear until I saw piglins riding on striders and magma cubes heading towards me. I was going to have to battle and drive at the same time. My new strider that I will call Dylan, seems like he knew what he was going to do, so I let him do all the driving. He steered around the enemies and obstacles with ease while I took care of the mobs. I defeated all of them as we approached the fortress. Out of nowhere, I saw a ghost fireball heading towards us. Dylan jumped for the surface and we barely dodged it.

"Good job Dylan!", I said cheerfully, "Do you want to come help me on my journey with my friends?"

He seemed excited after I said that, so I took that as a yes. I headed towards the entrance of the fortress where I saw no blazes or wither skeletons at all, which was very strange, as they usually spawn all the time. I saw 2 familiar looking people up ahead, who turned out to be Lunar and Alex.

"Lunar! Alex! I finally found you guys," I yelled.

They turned around, "Aidan! You were able to follow our trail," said Lunar

"Yeah, with some help from my new strider Dylan here," I said.

"How neat is that, a strider who seems to be tamed even though it's not technically a pet in Minecraft," said Alex.

"So," I began to speak, "Have you guys had any luck with finding any diamonds or flint and steels?"

"No, for some reason all of these chests are looted. And all of these mobs are killed, so we can't even can't craft any fire charges," said Lunar.

A mysterious voice suddenly spoke from behind us from above.

"Looking for something, hm?" it said.

"Who are you?" asked Lunar.

"Oh, they call me, The Kingslayer," he continued and faced towards us, "But I was officially named Jesse,"

I knew the face seemed familiar. It was Jesse from my period 5 class from school. The rest of him changed. He had fire surrounding him and had this fire sword with him. One of his arm's has been replaced with a robotic version.

"Jesse! Why the heck are you dressed like that and how are you here!??!" I asked.

"Aidan, you know this guy?" asked Lunar.

"I do, he's from my period 5 class from school, we talked a bit in that class, but I have no idea how he is here," I said.

"You want to know so badly eh? Well I will tell you. I was sent here to stop you 3 from getting back to the real world. So I looted all the chests and killed every single mob. And now, I am coming for you next!" Jesse said.

He jumped down as we all ran back for safety. He started launching a bunch of fire explosives towards us. We knew that we would not be able to touch him with our normal weapons, but I had an idea. I told Lunar and Alex to stay put while I went to go fight him

myself. I took out a bunch of snowballs I grabbed from the mountain top and started throwing them at him. It seemed to do some damage so I continued.

“You fool!” he said, “Do you think I’m just going to let you attack me so easily? Creatures of the nether! Assist your master,”

All of a sudden, a bunch of ghosts, magma cubes and Piglins came out of nowhere. Lunar and Alex started attacking them while I focused on Jesse. Every snowball I threw he was able to dodge and attack 3 times faster. I remember the ghost battle I had. I took out my fishing rod, fished him towards me, and punched his robotic arm as hard as I could with a snowball. He got knocked out and fell towards the lava.

“No!” I yelled. Even though he was evil, there was still some hope of saving him. I saw Dylan come out and caught him before he met his lava grave.

“Nice job boy!”, I said. I treated him with another piece of warped fungi.

Jesse didn't seem dead yet and eventually woke up. Lunar and Alex came to join me once of the mobs were killed.

“Jesse, are you alright?” I asked.

“Aidan, is that you?”, he asked, “What the heck are we doing here?”

I quickly explained the entire situation to him. I asked him how he ended up here in the first place.

“I see. Well I’ll give you my part as well,” he said. He explained that he saw the vortex and Finley and company on his daily walk. He said they zapped him with a blaze, a bomb, and part of a robot with the Super Merge and threw him inside the nether portal. He was instructed to make it impossible for anyone who entered the portal to ever come back out.

“That would make sense,” said Lunar, “I programmed the Super Merge so that any creation the person made with the merge would follow their instructions. By fighting you for a bit, we broke their commands onto you, but you still seem to have merged with the other stuff they used on you.

“I think I like it better this way,” said Jesse, “I don’t have much to fight with during this time of crisis,”

“I agree,” I said, “Now that you aren’t under their control, wanna help us get the heck out of here?”

“Of course, I do have all the materials needed to escape,” he said.

The 5 of us went towards the broken nether portal to continue our adventure in the real world, and stop the vortex and Finley. If there was one good thing that came out from this unexpected nether crash, I made a new friend and restored one.

Chapter VIII (Lunar’s POV): The Lost Villagers

We arrived at the broken nether portal and Jesse helped us fix it up. We all took a look at our broken airship and said our farewells to it. We had to continue the journey by foot now. We arrived back into the real world in a deep jungle. Parrots and other wildlife were flourishing even with a dangerous vortex on the loose. We continued to head in the direction of the vortex with the 2 new friends we made during our time in the nether. I soon noticed

lots of more Minecraft terrain and structures appearing in the jungle. A clue that we must be getting closer to the vortex. Suddenly, we heard a rustling noise coming from behind a bush.

“What was that?”, asked Alex.

“No matter, The Kingslayer will destroy that threat right away,” said Jesse.

“Jesse no!”, cried Aidan. It was too late, Jesse already threw one of his fire bombs towards the bush.

We headed over to investigate. At first we saw nothing, but then we noticed a bunch of dropped Minecraft items on the ground making some form of a trail. We followed the trail until we saw a group of 3 Minecraft villagers hiding behind a rock. They all came out and started to talk to us.

“Oh phew, we thought it was one of those scary merged creatures,” the first villager said.

“We thought we were dead,” the other 2 said.

“Hello there, um who are you guys?” I asked.

“Sorry, I forgot to introduce myself and the others. I am Pavel, leader of The Lost Villagers. The other 2 are Julian and Mason. It’s not an official group name, but I decided to create it when we were separated from our village,” Pavel explained.

“Interesting, how did you guys get here?”, asked Jesse.

“Long story. When we were back in our world, we were just farming crops when a huge portal came out from the sky, and started sucking up our world into it. Next thing we knew, we were stuck in this jungle with no sight of our village,” said Julian.

“We’ve been trying to look for our village for about a couple days now, but we’ve had no luck,” said Mason.

“Well, it looks like you guys are heading in the same direction we are, would you like to come with us? We’ll protect you guys until you find your village,” I offered.

The 3 of them agreed instantly and thanked us for taking them with us. It was the least we could do. It was sorta our fault that they are out here lost and alone. After a while, it started to get dark. We all decided to sleep the night. We built a temporary shelter and all huddled inside.

“Not the most comfortable place in the world, but it will do,” I said.

“It’s definitely way better than being outside,” said Pavel.

“You guys didn’t make anything during the nights?” asked Aidan.

“Nope, we had no tools to build or break anything, let alone food,” said Pavel.

“Here, let’s see if we can fix that,” I said. I took out some potatoes and planted them in the dirt. Thanks to Minecraft bonemeal, we were able to harvest tons of potatoes for everyone to enjoy and bake them.

“Damn, thank you, we sure owe you one after this is all over,” said Mason.

After we ate, we all said good night and went to bed.

I woke up to the sound of a loud thunderstorm. I looked outside to see tons of rain pouring down and flooding the ground. Our shelter was built on top of a ledge but the water levels were rising fast. I woke up the rest of the group and told them that we had to climb up this hill fast. We all started moving upwards. We reached the top and saw that the water level had peaked and that we were safe. The rain and thunder had also stopped.

“That is strange. How could there be so much rain to flood this entire jungle? There were recently normal rainy days just before today,” said Pavel.

Before we could think of a possible solution, we saw a single Minecraft skeleton standing behind us. Jesse went to kill it until it fell into the water.

“Light work am I right?” he said.

I continued to look at it in the water when a lightning bolt struck down on it and summoned a bunch of skeleton knights on skeleton horses. I knew this feature from the game and it was pretty dangerous from my last experience. I told Alex to guard Dylan and the villagers while Aidan and Jesse and I took care of these skeleton knights. There were so many of them that we weren’t able to attack them. Jesse wasn’t able to attack due to the rain that temporarily washed his powers away.

“I got an idea guys. If we can group them all together, we can use this slime block I found and push them into the water. They’ll drown with ease,” I said.

Aidan and Jesse rounded them up into a corner on the land we were on. I got the slime block from my bag and threw it at the cornered skeletons. They all got knocked into the water and we never saw them again. By this time, the sun was starting to rise again. We had to continue our trip.

“How will we move on?”, We are stuck on this hill with water surrounding us from all sides,” asked Pavel.

“Last time we were stuck somewhere, we built an airship, how about this time we build a pirate ship!”, suggested Alex.

“Sounds like a plan,” I said, and we can even customize it as well,”

We all got to work using the materials that we all had combined. Within half an hour, we had a sturdy wooden pirate ship that was able to sail with wind and row power. We all got on board and started to sail towards the vortex.

The boat held very well against most of the dangers in the water. Any normal mob/block that came in our direction was no match for the ship. I looked around the deck and saw everyone having fun just playing around on board. Maybe this whole mess wasn’t a completely bad thing. I met a lot of new people and now I have the most amazing story for English class instead of another repeat of my boring weekend.

I went to the crow’s nest and looked out for anything incoming. I saw that the water levels were lowering down. I thought that it was a good thing at first, until I saw all the sharp spiky rocks, tree logs and other debris that started to appear. We were also headed right for a tight passageway with dangerous river rapids. I told everyone to get to the lower decks while I steered our way through the rapids and debris in the water. Aidan came up with me to assist.

“You got this?”, he asked.

“Yeah I think I do, how about you go to the front of the ship to warn me of any upcoming danger,” I said.

He agreed and went to the front of the ship. I took the wheel and steered us away from a couple sharp rocks on the side. Soon, the waters became rougher and it was getting a tiny bit harder to control the ship. Luckily, I was able to keep hold and keep the ship safe from any danger. Aidan yelled out that there was something huge coming up. I went to the front of the ship with him and saw a huge rock blocking the entire path. There was no way to stop the ship so I had to think of something quick. I told Aidan to get a bow from my bag but no

arrows, and for him to get Jesse outside. They came back in a hurry. I grabbed the bow and told Jesse to use it to launch 5 of his fire bombs towards the rock.

“Launch 5 at the same time? I only ever do 2 or 3 at once, but not 5!” he said.

“This is our only chance of breaking through, the bow will help you as well,” I assured him.

He took the bow, loaded 5 bombs as ammo, and shot them towards the rocks. As I expected, the entire thing went down and the path was clear. We all cheered as I saw a small little house on dry land appearing.

Pavel said, “I believe that is our village. Thank you for helping us find it!”

“It was our pleasure,” I said.

We were approaching the village in a clear path when suddenly, a Minecraft sea temple raised up from under the sea and blocked our pathway yet again. We tried to break through using the same strategy but it didn’t work this time. I got an anchor and made sure that the ship wouldn’t crash into it. I saw someone standing on top of the sea temple who looked familiar but also different at the same time.

“You have traveled far enough Lunar,” the person said, “It is time for you and your friends to head on back, or perish trying to continue,”

I recognized the voice and said, “Jayson, is that you?”

“Yes, it is me. But with new powers on my side. I can now control the guardians, lightning, storms and tridents now,” said Jayson.

“Wait, was it you that caused that entire thunderstorm and flooded the jungle we were in last night?”, I asked.

“You really are the smart one eh Lunar?”, he said, “Time is up for you. Feel the wrath of my guardians, tridents and storm!”

A wild thunderstorm happened again. Tons of guardians started to appear from the temple and came to attack our ship. Jayson had a bunch of tridents being shot towards us as well.

“You helped us, so we will help you now,” said Pavel, “Lost Villagers, attack!”

The Lost Villagers were able to stall the guardians from causing too much damage on the pirate ship. Alex, Dylan and Jesse helped them as well. I told Aidan that we were going to have to enter the temple and destroy it from the inside, as the outside layer was protected. Alex handed us both a night vision and water breathing potion. Surprisingly, they worked on us even though we weren’t from Minecraft. We waited until Jayson stopped launching tridents and lightning at us, and then made a quick escape into the temple with a small emergency escape boat. We made it inside safely and started to look around the temple. We could see all the guardians on the walls and roofs swimming towards the pirate ship. We needed to stop it before it overwhelmed them at the boat. We followed the hallway and saw the core at the center room of the temple. Just as we were about to destroy it, Jayson gave us mining fatigue.

“Have fun with that as my guardians come to destroy you,” said Jayson.

“Great, now we have to wait 4 minutes until we can break it,” said Aidan.

“In the meantime, we got company,” I said as tons of guardians and even drowned’s joined the battle. We bridged up to a higher surface so they couldn’t reach us. There were too many of them. It was a matter of time until they reached me and Aidan up top. We both

looked in our bags and found 5 sand and 4 gunpowder that we collected during our journey. I quickly crafted a piece of tnt and a pressure plate, and launched it towards the core. It exploded and the temple began to fall apart slowly. All of the mobs got squashed by the falling temple as me and Aidan ran for it and got back onto the emergency boat.

“Curses, you fools destroyed my temple. Guardians! Retreat!” said Jayson. All of the Guardians and Jayson left our ship alone and swam deep down away from us. Me and Aidan got back onto the ship and continued sailing towards the village. It took some damage but was still good enough to sail with. After a bit, we finally made it towards the village. The Lost Villagers said their farewells and headed off. The rest of us were happy that they got back as we continued our journey.

“Stop right there!”, a strange voice said.

The 5 of us were suddenly caged in by iron bars. We tried breaking through but it didn’t seem to be breakable. It was a special type of iron bar that I have never seen before. I looked closer to see an older villager with guards next to him at the front of the cage.

Chapter IX (Lunar’s POV): A Raid for a Gift

“Excuse me! Who are you and why did you trap us?”, I asked the older villager.

“I am the leader of this village here, they call me the Chief. Ever since we landed in this strange new world, we’ve been attacked non stop by weird creatures all around. Like your friend over there,” he said, pointing at Jesse.

“I can assure you that we aren’t bad people, we are actually trying to stop them,” I explained.

“If that is the case, do you happen to have anyone we trust that can vouch for you?” he asked. There was a silence, “I didn’t think so. Guards, keep the prisoners here until I decide what to do with them next,”

“Chief!”, it was Pavel, “Why are you keeping my friends in this cage?”

“You know these people Pavel?” he asked him.

“Yes, they helped me, Julian and Mason get here home safely, and even provided us with resources to survive,”

The Chief looked at me kindly, “I deeply apologize for this mess. You helped my boys get home safely,” he said.

“Guards, release them at once! Tonight, we will have a celebration for these heroes of ours. And to celebrate the return of my sons,” he said.

We were all released from the cage and welcomed into the village. This village didn’t look anything like a normal Minecraft village. There was innovation, creativity and most importantly, originality. These villagers were not like any other. They changed and made a better and stronger village than normal ones. As we walked down the pathway, we were greeted happily by all sorts of villagers with different professions. Maybe their trades are like their village and not overpriced garbage.

“You guys must be all tired from your trip,” said the Chief, “You can stay in this small house we have. It’s not much but it’s honest work,”

We all thanked him and went inside. It was small but had everything we needed to rest comfortably. We all took a room for ourselves and did whatever we wanted for fun. I headed out by myself while everyone else stayed inside. I went to the main building in the village and saw the Chief standing there.

“Oh it’s you. What brings you here?” he asked.

“I never really got to introduce myself fully. My name is Lunar, and those were my friends Aidan, Alex and Jesse. The strider is Dylan,” I said.

“How nice to meet you all,” he said, “I also wanted to thank you again for rescuing my boys. I was worried sick about them,”

“Yeah it’s no problem, we figured we could help them during our journey,” I said.

“Speaking of which, what brings you all the way here? Seems like you guys have been travelling for days,” he asked.

I explained the whole story including the vortex, how the Minecraft world arrived here, and what those creations were and who was making it.

“We could be happy to assist in your journey if you wish. I believe I have someone working on some devices that may help you once they are ready,” he offered, “Well, it’s time to get that celebration started, it is almost evening. I hope to see you and your friends there,”

He left and headed towards the center of town. I went to go get the rest of my friends and we all headed towards the party, not knowing what kind of surprise there could be. We saw a small crowd at the celebration, around 30 villagers total. They all looked very excited. The Chief went on the top stage.

“Tonight, we are here to celebrate the return of my boys, as well as the people who saved them!”, a light shined down on us, “Please give them a round of applause!”

The whole crowd cheered for us. I never felt this appreciated in my life before. I could imagine that the rest of them felt the same way, judging by their look.

“Now, everyone can find something good to eat, I will just be up here if anyone needs me,” he said.

Everyone went to grab some food. I stayed for a second before going to get something myself. I never knew that Minecraft food could taste so good in real life. Maybe I should practice making some for myself. Our feast was soon interrupted by the sound of a horn playing out loud. The entire village went completely silent. I wondered to myself if that is what I thought it is. I looked outside the walls of the village and saw a lot of illagers heading towards the village. I never thought a raid could happen right here.

The Chief began to speak, “Everyone, return to the safety of your homes, the village golems and guards will take care of this raid,”

“Allow us 5 to help as well,” I offered, we can take care of this raid too,”

The Chief thanked us and went to go retreat inside the building. Everyone waited until the wall was taken down. Soon, they managed to find their way inside. All of us started attacking the raid with ease. With everyone working together, no illager was able to stop any of us. It was almost too easy I thought. Maybe the worst is yet to come. We soon killed one of the last illagers that we could see.

“Is that all of them?” asked Aidan.

“I think so,” I said.

We were all about to head back to report our success until we saw one last ravager outside. This was no normal ravager. It was equipped with shiny armor and a dispenser that was shooting out shape blades. There was a vindicator riding it, equipped with armor and a battle axe too. This was a creation from Finley. How did it find its way here to join the raid. We didn't think of it much as we all charged towards this knight illager. It was too strong for us. None of our weapons were able to break through and it seemed like it had enough energy to defeat all of us. I knew we were not gonna be able to destroy it with what we had right now. I told everyone to stall for time as I went back to the Chief to see if there was anything that could assist us. I entered the building and saw the Chief standing next to a window looking outside.

"Lunar! What brings you here?", he asked.

"Chief, there's a merged creature outside that joined the raid and it's way too powerful for any of us or the village guards and golems to stop it. Is there something that we can use to take it down?", I asked.

"There is a solution I see here," he said, "One of the village scientists, Norman, has been developing something when our village was sent to your world. I will call him,"

The Chief went downstairs and came back with the scientist of the village.

"Norman, show Lunar what you have been working on," said the Chief.

He told me to follow him as we went deep underground into the building into some sort of secret hideout. We reached the bottom floor and I saw 4 types of weapons encased inside of some protective glass. There was a sword, bow, battleaxe and a little tech box that I had no idea what it was.

"These are what I call, the 'Fusion Weapons'. There are 4 of them. Each of them have been made with some materials from the Minecraft world, and some from your world," he explained, "They are strong enough to deal with any mob from the Minecraft world, your world and even the merged creations we have seen around here,"

"Wow, they all sound amazing. But what do they do exactly?", I asked.

"Well the first one is a sword, enchanted netherite and fused with some diamonds from your world. It has the ability to shoot a fireball every so often. The second one is a power enchanted bow. With some tweaking, I was able to make it shoot rapidly with 5 bullets per shot of your choice. The battle axe is made of netherite, and has the ability to be thrown and will come back to the owner. Very powerful and deadly," described Norman.

"With these weapons, we'll be able to take care of the merged ravager outside as well as any mob we see on our way. But what does the last one do, looks like just a strange looking minibox," I said.

"I will leave you to figure that out on your own," he said, "Right now you got some mobs to take care of. Take all 4 of these weapons and use them wisely. Good luck out there,"

I thanked him as I hurried back upstairs back to Aidan, Alex and Jesse to help them fight off the ravager. I came back outside and saw that they were able to stall it for time, but they were soon getting tired.

"Lunar! Do you have something that can help us? I'm going to start running out of fire bombs soon," said Jesse.

"Don't worry guys, I got these Fusion Weapons from the village scientist, they should help us out easily," I said.

I handed Jesse the Fusion Bow, I gave Alex the Fusion Battleaxe and Aidan the box thing. Keeping the sword for myself to use. I went to try to strike down the ravager with my sword. I took a swing and surprisingly, it actually did some damage to it. Jesse used the bow and launched 5 of his firebombs at it. His projectiles seemed to be superpowered with his bow. Alex threw the battleaxe and it also was able to hurt it. Perhaps we had a chance of stopping this creature. The ravager was mad and charged towards Aidan.

“Aidan, look out!”, I said, “Try to see if you can do anything with that box,”

Aidan looked closely at the box and saw a button. He pushed it and the box started to unfold itself and transform into a full size mech that was able to move.

“Now this is what you call a weapon!”, he said excitedly.

He went inside the Fusion Mech and started to try it out. It was equipped with a variety of weapons and features. He activated some arrow dispenser shooter that began to shoot arrows at the ravager with top speed. Both the vindicator and ravager were not able to approach Aidan with all the weapons he’s using. He turned it off and went to try something else. The ravager tried charging at the Mech again at full speed. The vindicator was getting its battleaxe ready as well. Aidan held back the ravager with the mech. He picked it up and held it into the air and then slammed it into the ground upside down. Finally, he threw it up into the air and drop kicked it into the sky. It fell back down and instantly got destroyed. Tons of the blue pixels evaporated from the ravager and split up into a normal ravager, vindicator, and a full suit of knight armor. We easily took care of the weakened ravager and vindicator and saw that the raid was over. All of the other illagers retreated as we returned back inside the village to report our victory.

“Attention all villagers! The raid has been defeated. You can now come out again,” I said.

All of the villagers came out and continued the celebration. I saw the Chief and Norman standing in a corner. We all went to meet up with them.

“Chief, we took out the entire raid, and defeated the merged ravager,” I said.

“We definitely owe you a big thank you after all you have done for us,” he said.

“I think you already have, with these new weapons Norman gave us,” I said, “However, there is one more thing if you could help us with it,”

I showed Norman and the Chief the shiny stone I found back in the cave we entered a long time ago.

“Are you able to tell us what this exactly means?”, I asked Norman. He took the stone and began to analyze it.

“Well, there are a couple conclusions I can make from this. The 2 beasts from the game must be the Wither and Ender Dragon. There are no other options. The stone is also artificial, meaning it was made from some people. I also sense it leading you towards the vortex. Continuing down the path and fulfilling what it wants you to do will be able to fix this whole mess up,” said Norman.

We thanked him and all packed up our belongings and started continuing our journey to the vortex. We said goodbye to the village and thanked them once again for the weapons and care they gave us while we were there. We climbed over a tall hill and I saw the scariest sight I’ve seen so far this journey. The vortex was in clear plain sight now, hovering over a castle that must belong to Finley. Most importantly, the vortex had changed. It was now

orange and red in color. The lightning inside was getting stronger, and the wind speed was also starting to pick up. Time was running out to close this thing.

Chapter X (Lunar's POV): Revival of the two Beasts

We rushed forwards towards the castle. The end was almost here. Everyone looked so cool with all of the new Fusion Weapons that we got from the village. We were able to quickly destroy any mobs that stood in our way. Maybe we'll be able to keep them once we stop the vortex of Finley. We reached the front gate of his castle. There were 2 locks on it holding it shut tight. We tried to destroy it using our weapons and the mech but it was being protected by some magic force field. We needed to find the source of this magic power to break the magic and get to the main locks. We all heard a rustling noise coming from behind us inside a forest. We went inside and saw one more of Finley's merged creations. It was an evoker and illusioner, combined with what seemed to be natural elements of the world like earth, water, fire and ice. There were special glowing rocks surrounding it along with a special magic force field. There was something about this sorceress that seemed off. They looked a little bit like Jesse, as if another human was also merged in this creation. Whoever they were, they had crazy powers which only a sorceress could possess.

"Excuse me, would you mind releasing your power from Finley's castle walls. We need to get inside to stop Finley and the vortex right now," I said.

"Are you out of your mind? I was summoned to guard his castle and stop anyone from intruding. And by the looks of it, you are an intruder," said the Sorceress.

I thought I recognized her voice. It was my classmate Katrina from one of my classes at school. I didn't know Finley was using my own friends as his own creations.

"Listen Katrina, snap out of it. We got 2 worlds to save right now. So I'll ask one more time nicely before we need to use force. Can you release whatever magic you are causing on the walls of the castle and let us in?" I asked.

"You think I'm gonna surrender that easily?", I'll show you true force with the power of my four elemental spirits," she said.

She launched the 4 magic rocks around her force field like a pokeball. All of a sudden. 4 elemental spirits of earth, water, fire and ice appeared and started attacking us.

"I'll see you guys dead in your graves when I come back," she said, "Later fools," she disappeared from the forest and left us to deal with these spirits.

We all started using our new Fusion Weapons against these beasts. They were much more powerful than anything we have seen before. They were able to control the 4 elements and caused storms pouring down with water, fire and ice. Earthquakes appeared underneath us and started to break open the ground. I shot one last fireball against these spirits and they all fell to the ground. I looked to see if they were truly defeated. They rose up once again, and had a mini shield around them. It seems like Katrina was able to resurrect them and give them more power.

"This will be easy," said Aidan, "I'll just launch a missile from my mech,"

He fired up a missile but it did no damage against the Spirits. In fact, all of our Fusion Weapons were all completely useless towards them. We all hid behind some rocks to determine a new plan to take them down.

Alex had an idea, "I looked at the spirits and each one's power is weak to another one,"

"Hm, what are you talking about?", asked Jesse.

"Well, earth counters water, water counters fire and fire counters ice. All we need to do is line up each spirit's attack so that they hit one another at the exact same time,"

It sounded like a plan that was hard to pull off, but can work. We told Dylan to keep hiding as all 4 of us took a spirit to control. I went after the water spirit and lured it next to the earth spirit. Once all of the spirits were lined up, I shot a fireball into the centre to aggro them all. They all fired at us as we used our Fusion Weapons to redirect the attack towards the weaker spirit. It worked. All of the spirits fell to the ground and started to fade away. We all celebrated and went to go find Katrina to deactivate the magic shield and restore a friend of mine.

We entered the deepest part of the forest and saw her hovering in the middle of a room. She no longer had a magic shield surrounding herself.

"You monsters! You just killed off my 4 spirits. They were like friendly pets to me. No matter, I can resummon them with time. As for right now, it is time for you to perish!" she said aggressively.

She made clones of herself to confuse us and started firing tons of magic spells towards us rapidly. There were also vexes being summoned and teeth chomping from under the floor. Never knew an evoker and illusioner abilities combined could be so deadly. It was taking too much time trying to use the Fusion Weapons to find the real Katrina out of all the clones. I hid behind a tree stump and took a look around to see if any of them had a visible trait that could tell a difference. I saw that all the clones had a pink bow tie in their hair. I looked around quickly to see if any of them had a different colored bow tie. Eventually I saw one with a purple bow tie instead of pink. I came out from my hiding spot and fired a fireball towards it. It worked. She fell down as all of the clones started to disappear. They were knocked out of the ground. I grabbed a splash potion of healing and tried to heal her up. I knew she wasn't evil, it was just Finley's merging that took over her mind.

Eventually, with time, she woke up.

"Hm? Where the heck am I?", said Katrina.

"Am I glad to see you are awake. It seems that Finley used you as one of his creations to guard his castle," I said.

"Finley is behind all of this!? I was just walking in the forest peacefully during my break from school, and I got zapped by him from some powerful device," she explained.

I quickly described the entire situation to her and how we ended up here as well as all the people we met and saved.

"Well that sounds interesting. Looks like my powers were saved through our battle, but my mind is restored. Now let's go kick Finley's ass for what he did to everyone. I will help you on your journey from here," she said aggressively.

We all left the forest and headed back towards the front gate where Katrina released the castle walls from the magic force field. Now all we need is to find the 2 keys to open up the gate.

“Oh, the keys. I remember I was given them to guard the castle,” she said as she passed the keys, “Here, I’ll open it,”

She unlocked the gate and it opened. We were all about to enter as we saw the Wither and the Ender Dragon fly down from the sky stopping us from entering. It didn’t look like Finley used them as his own creations. There were no pixels surrounding them. They were just normal Minecraft Mobs. The 5 of us attacking using our powers and Weapons were overkill. They fell to the ground but didn’t disappear for some reason. I took out the shiny rock with the special message to see if killing the 2 beasts did anything. We all looked into the sky to see if the vortex disappeared. For some reason it was still there. It looks like the stone lied to us. We looked back down and saw that the Wither and Ender Dragon suddenly disappeared out of nowhere. We didn’t think of it much as we finally entered the walls of the castle. Everything has been building up towards this moment. The friends we met and saved, the new powers and weapons we gained and all of the experience we got. This adventure was pretty fun I will admit. There was no time to think of that right now. We had a deadly vortex to close up and a final battle awaiting us.

Chapter XI (Lunar’s POV): Infiltrating the Castle

We entered the walls and met some guards along the way that Finley created. It looks like he chose to create them out of wither skeletons, and some construction tools. Up close, the castle was enormous. I got the feeling that there would be lots of traps and puzzles to solve inside. They were equipped with enchanted diamond armor. However, it was no match for the 5 of us working together. After taking care of some guards. We saw a lava moat and a closed drawbridge on the other side. Aidan hopped on Dylan and rode him to the other side of the moat. He pulled a lever and the bridge came down. The rest of us joined him on the other side. We entered the official building and were greeted by a huge courtyard on the lower deck. We climbed down and saw the main gate that led towards the main room of the castle. I suspected that was where Finley put the Super Merge. The gate seemed to be empowered and charged by something. All of our powers were not able to break through. I looked around and saw 4 towers at each corner that had a power connection towards the gate. We all headed towards the first one and broke the core. I looked at the gate and it seemed to be weakened a little bit. All we had to do was break the other 3. I heard a robotic voice talk on the speakers.

“ATTENTION ALL CASTLE GUARDS! THERE ARE INTRUDERS INSIDE FINLEY’S CASTLE. PLEASE GO STOP THEM AT ONCE!”, the speaker said.

We climbed down the tower and saw more guards appear in front of us. We took care of them and devised a plan.

“Alex, Aidan and Dylan, you guys head towards the second tower. Me, Katrina and Jesse will go to the third tower and disable the core there. Finally we’ll meet up at the fourth tower and bust into the main gate,” I said.

They all agreed and commenced the plan. The entrance to the third tower was protected by elite guards, equipped with enchanted netherite armor. We tried killing them but they were able to respawn soon after. As long as those guards were there and respawning, the door to the tower was going to be blocked. Katrina made an invisibility potion and splashed it onto us so we could sneak through the elite guards. We climbed up the tower and destroyed the core inside. The voice on the speaker came up again.

“TWO OUT OF FOUR TOWER CORES DESTROYED. INITIATING LOCKDOWN SEQUENCE PHASE 1 OF 2. LOCKDOWN PHASE 1 IN PLACE,” said the speaker.

All of a sudden, I saw lots of unbreakable gates and being closed tight with the remaining energy of the other towers. More elite guards were placed around the castle as our exit from the tower was blocked. We entered another room to escape the tower another way. Something wasn't adding up however.

“Lunar, is something wrong?” asked Katrina and Jesse.

“It's weird. My Super Merge wasn't designed to be able to be used this much. And here we see all of these guards and creations Finley created. It should've broken by now. And how could Finley retrieve so many mobs and resources to make all of these guards?” I said.

“Don't worry about it too much, I'm sure we'll find out how he did it once we find him and the merge,” said Katrina.

We continued down the hallway we were walking on and found some security/control room of the castle. I looked on the cameras and saw Alex, Aidan and Dylan on the screen. I took out my walkie talkie and talked to them.

“Hey Aidan, look at the camera on your right,” I said, he looked up and saw the camera.

“Oh wow, if it isn't you. We've been looking for the tower entrance for a while now,” he said.

I looked at the cameras and saw elite guards blocking some of the hallways, “Aidan, there are elite guards blocking the way in some hallways. They can't be killed. I will direct you guys to the tower entrance while avoiding the guards. I can see the entire layout you are in,” I said.

I first directed them to head right, go straight and make a left. They were successfully dodging all of the guards with ease. I looked to the sides and saw that there were tons of elite guards headed towards the control room. Jesse and Katrina closed the gates on them, leaving us trapped in the room. I decided to first help Aidan and Alex get to the tower and disable the core there. I told them to keep going straight and then right to get to the tower. They made it in and destroyed the core. The speaker came up again.

“THREE OUT OF FOUR TOWER CORES DESTROYED. STARTING LOCKDOWN SEQUENCE PHASE 2 OF 2. CAMERAS DISABLED. CONSERVING ALL POWER TOWARDS THE MAIN GATE,” said the speaker.

I looked around the room. We were trapped in here from the elite guards on the gates outside our room. I looked at the roof and saw a weak point. The 3 of us launched our own projectiles towards it and broke through. Katrina made a potion of levitation for us as we floated upwards. We made it to the roof of the castle. I placed a slime block on the ground

and we all bounced down back to the ground. Aidan and Alex met us back in the courtyard. We all headed towards the fourth tower when Grayson and Jayson appeared to stop us.

“Where do you chumps think you are going?”, said Grayson, “The boss doesn’t like it when people ruin his stuff you see,”

“We don’t have time for this right now guys. That vortex could explode any instant now!”, I said.

“Well you guys aren’t getting past this tower. Piglins and guardians unite. Defeat Lunar and his crew,” said Jayson.

We were ambushed by tons of piglins and guardians. They were somewhat tough to deal with before, but with the help of the new weapons and friends we got back, we took out each single one easily. We battled Grayson and Jayson and were easily able to knock them out. They retreated from the area. We entered the fourth tower and saw that the core wasn’t there anymore. I looked outside and saw that Grayson and Jayson had taken the core. We went back down and started chasing them. We met them at a dead end.

“I’m not handing over this core no matter what,” said Grayson. He put the core inside a conveyor belt and let it get transported somewhere else. We took care of them again and headed onto the conveyor belt to find the core. I saw the core on a lower belt and fired a fireball to destroy it. The speakers came up once again.

“FOUR OUT OF FOUR TOWER CORES DESTROYED. FACTORY SYSTEMS SHUTTING DOWN,” said the speakers.

The room we were all in suddenly went dark. All of the belts stopped moving. Alex lit up a torch for us so we could see. We headed back to the entrance of the factory room and saw that the entire castle has no lights on. We slowly made our way outside into the courtyard and destroyed the front gate down. I was a little nervous heading up to the main room. I don’t know what power Finley has. He was smart enough to spread out the cores across his castle, let alone having tons of guards and a lockdown sequence in the first place. We climbed up the stairs and saw a spot where the Super Merge was supposed to be, except it was missing.

“Where the heck is that Super Merge?”, I asked.

“Oh, it’s right here,” said a voice behind us.

We all turned around. Finley was standing behind us with the Super Merge in his hands, surrounded by elite guards and other creations he created.

Chapter XII (Lunar’s POV): Attack of the Cloning Machine

“Finley, you look worse than I remembered. Did you really choose an enderman to merge with?”, I asked.

“Don’t judge. It’s a very powerful mob,” he insisted, “I think it’s now time for you guys to finally die. Guards, attack!”

All of his elite guards and merged creations came up to attack us. We prepared our weapons and started fighting back. His merged creations were no longer a threat to us.

“How the heck are we supposed to kill these elite guards? They don’t freaking die!”, yelled Aidan.

Jesse threw a fire bomb on the ground, making a hole. We all pushed the elite guards inside to trap them.

Finley noticed and said, "Come on. Those were my last elite guards I created. I think that's my cue to leave," he ran outside towards the courtyard.

"Hey get back here! Hand over the Super Merge!" said Alex.

We all chased after him into the courtyard. We heard his voice from above a balcony.

"You fool. I led you right into my trap. Now this should finish you guys off," said Finley.

He pushed a button and 3 huge gates opened into the courtyard. Hundreds and maybe thousands of guards came bursting into the courtyard non stop. It looked like he had an infinite amount of them. They quickly flooded the entire room.

"I'll leave them to kill you. Have fun trying to kill an unlimited amount of guards," he said while leaving.

The normal guards were easy enough to take out, but there were so many this time. I knew Finley couldn't have created all of them with just the Super Merge. There must be some other device that was being used to create them. I saw a bright light shining from one of the gates that opened. We tried to get there but the amount of guards were too much for any of our Fusion Weapons and powers.

"I think I have a solution," said Katrina. She took out the 4 elemental stones again and released them. The 4 spirits were back and on our side this time, "My spirits will distract and be able to kill multiple at a time. We have time now, let's get to that gate," she said.

We snuck into the gate and let the spirits do all of the killing for us. We entered a room and saw a huge machine that was spitting out guards non stop. It was a cloning machine! No wonder he was able to create this many guards. Finley was smarter than I thought. We tried to destroy it but nothing worked. There was no energy force field or anything like that surrounding it, until I saw that there was bedrock covering it. An unbreakable block.

"Where on earth did he get bedrock as a block!?" asked Alex, "You literally cannot break or move that block,"

"We can't think of that right now," said Aidan, "But I got an idea, there's an exposed funnel at the top which can accept fuel. If we load in something that can harm it, we can destroy it from the inside,"

We all pitched in something from our weapons to create a super bomb to take it out. We all gathered around to create a pile of destruction. I carefully put down a fireball from my sword. Alex put a small sword she found. Aidan took a missile from the mech. Jesse put one of his firebombs. Dylan contributed some warped fungi. Katrina added some magic and combined them all together. I grabbed the new concoction and placed it into the funnel. After a while, the entire cloning machine malfunctioned and blew up, leaving only the bedrock alive. All of the guards were gone. Katrina's spirits returned to her as they were worn out. Just in time. We headed outside to finally confront Finley for real this time. We saw him standing in the middle of the courtyard.

"It's over Finley. We destroyed your cloning machine and defeated all of your creations," I said. The 6 of us prepared all of weapons for use, "It's time to end this,"

“I thought you knew how to play fair Lunar. Let me adjust the playing field,” he snapped his fingers. I turned around and all of my friends suddenly disappeared.

“Where the heck did you send them!?”, I asked.

“That doesn’t matter. What matters now is that it’s just me and you,” he said.

“If a duel is what you want, then a duel is what you will get,” I said.

I charged towards him to take a swing but he just teleported away. The sword’s fireball wasn’t able to catch up to him either. He just kept teleporting around me and coming up to me to do occasional attacks.

“Looks like you are rather helpless without your buddies around eh?”, he said.

“We worked together as a team to get things done, but I can easily defend myself,” I said.

“We’ll see about that,” he said as lava geysers started coming out from the floors.

I thought to myself that the lava geysers can help me take out Finley. I hid behind one and waited for him to come around. He didn’t see me and I was able to strike down on him hard with my sword. His body itself didn’t seem able to take much damage. He was just able to dodge easily. I repeated the same process a couple times until we was weakened. He teleported onto the balcony again and started shooting down projectiles at me. I had no way to reach his balcony. I noticed one of the lava geysers was aimed right towards him. I ran past each geyser and got Finley to block them up with the projectiles he was firing. Once the last one was blocked, the one aiming at Finley had more power and violently fired lava right at him. It was a bit harsh to watch. He fell back down onto the ground, still alive.

“You. I can’t deal with you anymore. Be gone!”, he yelled. A trapdoor opened from beneath me as I fell down into a pit. I used a slime block to break my fall. This seemed to be like the basement of his castle. There was one hallway I was able to use to get out of here. I reached the end of here and saw the rest of my friends.

“Guys! You’re still alive!”, I said happily.

“Of course we are, he just sent us through that trapdoor earlier. How was your battle against him?”, asked Aidan.

“I did some serious damage to him but he still got away. This fight isn’t over yet. We need to get out of here and find him,” I said.

“I believe that I’m already here. You know, you sure are a real pest, ruining all of my plans,” Finley said.

A wall opened in front of us and we saw him with Grayson and Jayson on a throne.

“First, you destroy Grayson’s fleet of airships, then you sink Jayson’s sea temple, and now you destroy my cloning machine! I must say, your will into trying to stop me is quite amusing. But you have helped me with my plan,” he said. He pushed a button and the Wither and Ender Dragon came down from the sky in cages.

“What the heck are you on about Finley?”, I asked.

He laughed for a second, “That shiny stone you found at the mountain. That was never gonna stop my vortex, it was only to help me become even more powerful than I already am,” he said. We all looked confused as he continued.

“Do you think I wanted to merge with an enderman? Of course not! I wanted to be merged with the 2 strongest beasts from Minecraft. However, they were too strong and

always got away whenever I tried to use the Super Merge on them. So I had you fools take them out for me so I could use them. Boys, activate the Super Merge!”, he demanded.

Grayson took the Super Merge and zapped the Wither and Ender Dragon together.

“Now time to add my owner power into this deathball,” said Finley he told Grayson to zap himself and a nuke they had in the castle as well. This was the strongest merging process I have ever seen in my life. We weren’t able to stop it as the power pushed us away every time we tried to get close to it. The merging was finally complete. What stood in front of us was the most powerful creature I have ever seen merged. A wither dragon hybrid, with projectiles with the power size of a nuke and the mind of Finley.

“Finally. Now I am the most powerful thing in this world. I shall use it to destroy this world and create a perfect new one for myself,” all of us looked concerned, even Grayson and Jayson.

“Uh Finley, we will die if you do that. And you don;t know if your power can create new worlds just like that!”, said Grayson.

“Grayson. I know what I am doing. Now hand over that Super Merge! I need it to create the world,” said Finley.

For once in his life, he refused.

“No. I won’t let you destroy our world. That’s too much evil, even for us!” said Grayson.

“Then you will perish trying to stop me,” said Finley. He fired a dragon skull which nearly blew them out of the castle. We all ran away while he was busy attacking them. I ran over to them and gave them a pearl to get out safely. All 8 of us retreated from the throne room and hid inside a small room of the castle. We heard a loud booming voice come from outside.

“Fine, I will start destroying the world without the merge. And since you guys helped me become this powerful. I will start the destruction process right at your puny little town,” he said.

We heard Finley fly away. I saw from a window outside that he was able to move the vortex by himself now.

“Well, now what do we do?”, asked Jayson, “Our own leader has gone nuts and wants to kill everyone on earth now,”

“We can;t just surrender! I say we head back to town and put an end to this madness. Plus now that we have the Super Merge, we can fix this mess,” I said.

“Well how the heck are we going to get back to town?”, asked Aidan. We exited the room and saw that nearly the entire castle was destroyed and the path home was covered in a toxic dragon’s breath.

Grayson had an idea, “Well, there is one thing we can use,” he said. He told us to follow him to the farthest end of the castle that has not been touched yet. We all went downstairs and found a huge room that had an area for a huge vehicle to be parked. He pushed a button and alarms started to go off. A huge door opened and we saw a huge airship come out of the door. It was larger and much more powerful than the airship that he used to attack us a while back.

“What do you guys think? I planned to use this against you guys, but now it looks like we are going to have to work together and save our world from being destroyed,” said Grayson.

“It looks majestic,” said Jesse.

It was surely powerful. I could only hope that it was enough to withstand the new power that Finley has gained. We all boarded the ship, not knowing what final battle awaits us once we reached town.

Chapter XIII (Lunar’s POV): Teamwork makes the Dream Work

This was it. With the Super Merge and the help of new friends we made along the way, we should be able to finally fix this whole mess up, and get back to school before the break ends. Grayson started up the airship and it started flying upwards.

“Allow me to assist,” said Katrina. She summoned a bunch of vexes to protect the airship and surrounded it with a small magic force field, “This will ensure that no damages happen to the ship,”

“Thanks Katrina. I believe it will help us get through Finley and whatever he has in store for us,” I said.

The ship started to head off as we left the castle. I told Grayson that we needed to stop at a certain village. I needed to get Norman to help me reverse engineer the Super Merge. The plan was for it to unmerge things instead of merging them. This was to safely destroy them without feeding the vortex any more power with those blue pixels. If any more pixels get fed to the vortex, I have the feeling that it will explode and cause serious damage. After that, I’ll have to repair the Grand PC and then unmerge it with the new Super Merge.

We arrived at the village. The airship boarded and I got off to find where the Chief was. I entered the main building and saw him sitting at his desk.

“Ah Lunar! Welcome back to the village. Is there anything I can do for you?”, he asked.

“As a matter of fact, there is. I need Norman to come on board the ship outside and help do some engineering to repair and modify my Super Merge. It’s the only way to stop the vortex and the person we are trying to stop,” I explained.

He paused and thought about it for a moment, “You know. I have never let anyone intentionally leave the village before. Everything we need to survive is right here. If we need more room, we expand. But you helped us defend our village and saved my boys. It is the least I can do for you. I will call him up,” he said.

Norman arrived at the building. I explained what we needed to do. He went back down and grabbed some engineering supplies and tools. We headed towards the ship and got all of the equipment on board. The Lost Villagers came out to see what was going on.

“Oh wow,” said Pavel, “Can we board the ship too?”

“I’m sorry guys, but it’s way too dangerous, you should stay here at the village until we can get you guys home to the Minecraft world safely,” I said.

They walked away sadly.

“Keep him safe alright? Norman is one of our most important members of the village,” said the Chief.

I assured him as we took off to continue our journey back home. The entire crew was here. Each one with their own special and unique abilities to help us on the way. I felt proud assembling everyone together. Me and Norman entered the cabin to discuss some things.

“Alright, our first job is to reverse engineer the Super Merge. We need to make it so it unmerges the creations Finley created. This will ensure that no more pixels get fed to the vortex everytime we kill one of them,” I said.

“Okie dokie, I’ll work on it as we head back to your town. Also, how did the Fusion Weapons come along? Did you guys enjoy the little box?”, he asked.

“Oh yeah they definitely helped us kill any creations. And the box mech was incredible. Of course there were some instances where they weren’t strong enough on their own but we improvised,” I said.

“That’s good to hear-”, he was interrupted

“Lunar! Get out here!”, I heard Grayson call me from outside.

“I gotta go, stay here,” I said.

He stayed inside the cabin as I headed outside. Grayson handed me a telescope. I looked inside and saw Finley flying back. We were catching up fast. We cranked up the engines to full speed. We caught up with him.

I grabbed a megaphone, “Finley! You can’t do this, surrender now!”, I ordered.

“You guys will really try anything, even using the airship that we were keeping to use against you. You may have destroyed my army of ground troops, but prepare for my secret army of Paper Fighter Jets!”, he said.

He took off with a flash. In the distance I saw a large amount of Fighter Jets headed towards us, in the shape of paper airplanes. They were all loaded with destructive capability. If a couple hit the ship, we would be knocked towards the ground. Everyone on board looked a little panicked.

“Well, did you think I built this airship just to look pretty? Piglins! Ready the cannons,” he commanded.

6 large cannons were readied into position. Grayson used his mini flying machine to manually destroy the jets. Katrina hovered off to help. The rest of us assisted on the ship and launched our projectiles towards the jets. Eventually, we destroyed them all.

“Ha ha, is that all the jets he got?”, said Grayson.

A pigling came up and warned us, “Sir! There are hundreds more on their way!”

I saw more coming. Looks like Finley was able to use that cloning machine on them before we destroyed it.

“My force field and vexes won’t hold them off for too long, we need extra firepower to take them out,” said Katrina.

“Lunar. Follow me. I have something you can use,” said Grayson.

I followed him towards the front of the ship. There was a large cannon that had the power to destroy multiple jets at a time.

“You’ll man the big gun. Don’t let us down! All we need is ammo to fire,” he said, “Jesse! Get over here,” he got Jesse into the cannon room with me. You’ll supply Lunar with

your firebombs ok? Alright now good luck, I'll be going out on my flying machine again," he said.

He headed out and left me and Jesse in the cannon room. Jesse stuck his robot arm into the loading zone of the cannon. I sat at the front seat and began rapid firing. I didn't let a single paper jet get close to the ship at all. I saw Katring chasing a paper jet and helped her out by firing a bomb at it.

"Thanks Lunar, those things are fast," she noticed something huge flying below us in the clouds, "What the heck is that thing? I'll go investigate,"

She went to follow it. Me and Jesse continued destroying more paper jets. Maybe this will help me play shooter games once I get home. I was doing much better aiming here than in games. Maybe it's because this is a life or death situation. After some time, we cleared out all the paper jets. Katrina and Grayson flew in front of the ship.

"Was that all of them?", asked Grayson.

"No, there is still that thing," she said. A huge paper jet equipped with multiple cannons flew up in front of the ship.

"Um, good luck Lunar!", said Grayson.

"Our lives are in your hands now," said Katrina.

They both retreated to the ship and left me and Jesse to handle this monster paper jet. I started rapid firing. It was going to take more than just 1 shot to destroy this thing. It summoned mini paper jets as well. I aimed a firebomb right into the jet where the smoke was coming. It combusted instantly and disintegrated to pieces. We headed back up to report our success.

"Nice job, I knew you would be able to do it," said Aidan.

Alex came back from the front of the ship, "I see Finley right up ahead, we must be getting close to town," she said.

We all went to the front of the ship to confront him.

"What?! You destroyed my entire paper jet army!? You will pay for that. He fired a large dragon skull bomb towards the ship. We all used any powers we could to deflect it. It was no use. It broke through everything and the airship started to fall down quickly. Not again.

I woke up inside the ship cabin. Norman was still there with the Super Merge. He seemed to be unaffected by our fall.

"Norman? You are still here?", I asked.

"Yeah, where else would I be? I did finish your request to modify the Super Merge. I did some test runs and it will work," he said.

"Awesome, now let's get out of here," I said.

We exited the cabin and saw that the front half of the ship was stuck in the water. We were close to the village but not quite there yet.

"Lunar! Get up over here," it was Aidan. The entire gang was there with him.

"Well, what can we do now? Our ship is broken," I asked.

We all sat down to think of a solution until I heard a boat approaching us. It was the Lost Villagers Pavel, Julian and Mason. They brought the pirate ship we built and made it larger.

"We thought you would need some assistance," said Pavel, "Hop Aboard!"

We thanked him and hopped aboard the pirate ship. We started sailing towards town slowly. At the current rate, it would take too long to get to town before Finley destroys it.

"I can help with our speed," said Jayson. He called out for the guardians. We saw a bunch pop up from under the sea and helped push the ship faster.

"Now we are moving with decent speed," he said.

This was it. We truly defeated anything Finley has created and have a new Super Merge that can unmerge him and all of our friends once the battle is finished. We saw the town up ahead in sight. Finley has just arrived there with the vortex. We parked the ship and hopped off. We had to end it right here, right now. Before it's too late.

Chapter XIV (Lunar's POV): The Power of Science

I told everyone to go make sure all of the buildings were relatively secure. I took Norman and brought him to my house. We went inside to the basement past all of the junk and I showed him the Grand PC.

"I need you to fix the Grand PC up. We'll need to use it to get the world of Minecraft back inside," I said.

"You got it Lunar. I'll start right now," he said.

I left him inside to get to work. I met up with the rest of my friends, who helped make sure the citizens were safe. We built a staircase to get Finley's attention.

"How did you still get here?! I destroyed your ship!", he said.

"We had some helpful friends," I said, "Now it's time to say goodbye to your rampage,"

I aimed the new Super Merge at him and fired. It wasn't enough to unmerge him with the other mobs, but it severely weakened his power.

"How dare you! Give me that merge now!" he yelled.

He charged towards my staircase. I jumped down and he missed. He hit the ground hard and it started to break apart, revealing lava underneath the ground.

"I never knew our town had lava under the ground," said Jesse.

We continued to run and take shelter from Finley. Whenever I got the chase, I aimed with the merge and continued to zap him.

"You really are getting on my nerves now. GET OVER HERE!", he managed to pick me up. He tried to steal the merge. I got out of his wrath and jumped down. It was a mistake. I was high up in the sky with no way of breaking my fall. I thought it was the end for me as I neared the ground.

I looked down and saw the ground quickly approaching. All of a sudden, I see Aidan with his mech fire a slime block towards me. I landed on it and bounced back up. Alex came in and sliced a tree in half and made a slide for me. It was headed towards a rock wall. Jesse came in and blew it up with a firebomb to let me through. I slid through and was about to land in lava until Dylan saved me from falling into it. We were about to get to land when Finley fired another dragon skull at me. I was knocked off Dylan and launched into the sky once again. The Lost Villagers came in with a trampoline in hand and saved me from falling to my death once again. I landed inside a building safely. It was about to collapse. Katrina

came in with the 4 spirits to shield me from any debris that fell down and got me out of that mess safe and soundly. We met up with the others at a corner.

“Wow, you guys just saved me from death,” I said.

“Of course we did. You are our friend and a great leader. It was the least we could do,” said Aidan.

We saw another dragon skull coming right for us. We all used our weapons to deflect it right back at him. Finley fell to the ground and crashed. I took the time to get all of the zaps possible before he got back up. The rest of the gang held him down as I focused and fired the Super Merge on him. Soon, I succeeded. He split apart into the Ender Dragon, Wither, the nuke and his Enderman self. We disabled the nuke and knocked out the beasts.

“It’s over Finley. You have no way of stopping us all now,” I said as we surrounded him.

“Maybe not all of you, but I can deal with you!”, he teleported behind me, picked me up and teleported onto the tallest building in town. I broke out of his grasp as we fought until he was defeated.

“You try so hard, in everything. If that’s what you want I’ll give you something to try hard on. Here’s you happily ever after!”, he said as he charged towards me with a sword. I took out mine and we dueled.

“You know I’m gonna win right, just give up now,” I said.

“You ruined everything for me! My one chance of ruling the world and not being seen as someone nobody cared about,” he said.

“You don’t earn respect with mad violence and destruction. You earn it by doing the right things and being a decent human being,” I said as I struck him down onto the ground.

“If you acted better towards other people, then they would appreciate you more. How do you think I became a likable person?”, I asked.

“You don’t tell me what to do, nobody tells me what to do!”, he yelled. He got up and tried to hit me one more time. I dodged and took a final swing at his face. He was stunned and fell onto the ground. I picked him up and pearly down back to where the others were. We looked up and saw that the vortex was about to consume the entire world. It was now a violent red color with powerful winds and lightning bolts.

“I took out Finley, but we still need to get that vortex to close up somehow,” I said.

As we were thinking of a plan, Norman came with the Grand PC that was all fixed up.

“Norman, any idea of how to get rid of this vortex?”, I asked.

“By the looks of it, it was created with the energy from the Super Merge. Now that the Super Merge is modified, you should be able to fire it at the vortex and take it down,” he said, “I will quickly improve it to be have more power,”

After he was done adding more power. I held onto it and zapped the vortex. It started fighting back and pulling me into it. My friends came to my side and helped me pull back. It was a tough battle, but we were slowly winning. I saw the color of it changing and saw it slowly growing smaller. Eventually, it completely disappeared and cleared the skies. We almost fixed the mess. All we had to do now is return the Minecraft stuff back to it’s proper world.

“Norman, what can the PC do now?”, I asked.

“Well, not only did I fix it up, I programmed it to track any Minecraft thing and suck it back inside. I’ll just turn it on,” he said.

He pushed a button and it immediately started to suck in all the Minecraft items that were originally released into my world. I told Jesse, Katrina, Grayson and Jayson to stand together so that I could zap them with the Super Merge so that I could release them with the Minecraft creatures they were merged with. The Minecraft mobs released were sucked into the PC and they were back to their original human selves.

“It was cool being a fire bomber, but I think I like being a normal human,” said Jesse.

“Yeah, it’s tiring trying to cast spells and other magical stuff,” said Katrina.

“Now we need to zap Finley one last time to release that enderman,” said Jayoon.

I did as he said. The enderman was returned back to the Mineacraft world and the crown was also unmerged. Maybe that’s why he went nuts. I looked at the Lost Villagers to give their farewell.

“Have fun back in the Minecraft world, and try not to get lost,” we said.

“Ha ha, don’t worry, we won’t,” the 3 of them said as they entered the PC.

Aidan gave Dylan one more treat before sending him into the PC.

“Stay safe out there in the nether from the ghaasts boy!”, he said. Dylan said a little goodbye to us in strider language and walked off.

“Looks like it’s my turn now,” said Norman, “It was fun making stuff and repairing devices with you guys. Oh and for the record, you can keep the Fusion Weapons, after you unmerge them,” he said with a smile.

I unmerged the Fusion Weapons. I was glad to see that the mech was still full size, just missing Minecraft aspects from it. Norman walked into the Grand PC and left. There was only one more person to return, that was Alex.

“Alex, it was great seeing you again,” I said.

“Same here Lunar. Try not to make any more disasters with your inventions now,” she said.

We all laughed as she entered the PC last. Now all there was to do was to unmerge my PC to it’s normal self. I zapped the PC and it split up into my PC, the weather globe, and the portal frame. I’ll probably halt my project for that portal. I looked back at my friends and destroyed the Super Merge right in front of them. They were shocked but then laughed it off. We all left to go to our homes. Grayson and Jayson took care of Finley. I finally fixed up this mess with the help of some friends of mine. I felt like the luckiest guy in the world right now. Not just for being able to conquer all the danger that I had to face, but also all the friends I had.

Chapter XV (Lunar’s POV): Normal Life Returns

School was not so much different. Of course all of the teachers relaxed on the students more than ever since the stress of the situation one week ago, but we still received plenty of work to deal with. I was walking home with Aidan, Katrina and Jesse. We talked about our

adventure and shared how it all started because of one stupid pie that Finley's friends gave me in a box. Aidan and I walked to my house and split off with them.

"Do you think we'll be able to finally play Minecraft on a screen this time maybe?", he asked.

"Of course we can. My PC is now under control, and there's no more merge to worry about making weird creations. I don't need any invention to make me famous or anything like that. As long as I get my friends, my life is already good enough," I said.

"That's sweet of you to say," said Aidan, "I'm just glad that the whole adventure is over. I wasn't built to fight creatures and go through rough environments, but I am glad I did this one. I got to keep a mech,"

"Yeah that sure is really cool, the sword I got is pretty cool too, I'll hang it on my wall when we get to my house," I said.

We arrived at my house. We walked in and I made something good for us to eat. We went downstairs to my basement.

"Wow, you finally decided to clean up your house for once eh?", he asked.

"Yeah, figured I should make it look a little bit neater. It'll cause less accidents anyways," I said.

My PC automatically turned on as per usual. We weren't frightened by it however. We logged onto Minecraft normally and started to play.

"That adventure we had. It was almost like some virtual reality, am I right?", asked Aidan.

"I wouldn't call it that. It was more like a Virtual Craftality," I said.

We laughed and continued playing in our world. Maybe we can recreate the village and make our entire journey into an adventure map.