

The Gamer's Guide To



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“Too Late”

by Daniel Delinquent

Also:

“Attack of the Hacker”

By Daniel H@ck3r

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My family encouraged me,
and helped me find info.

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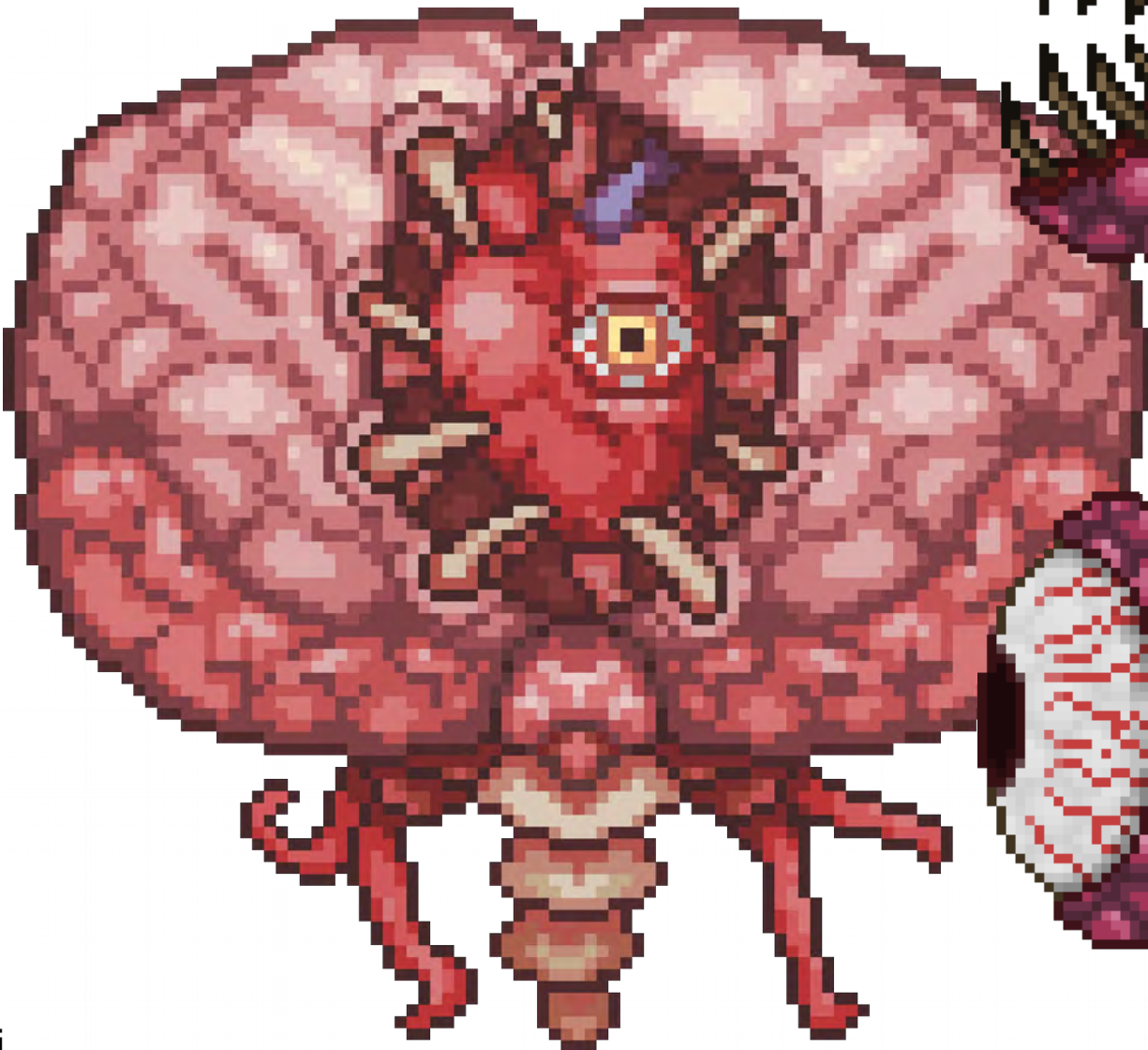


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Terraria Review

By Daniel Lion

Ever wanted a game, loaded with battles, exploring, and crafting? It's called Terraria, I bought it and never once regretted my decision. After I had bought, installed, and launched it, I realized it had multiplayer. My younger brother played a lot with me when I was in my first stages.

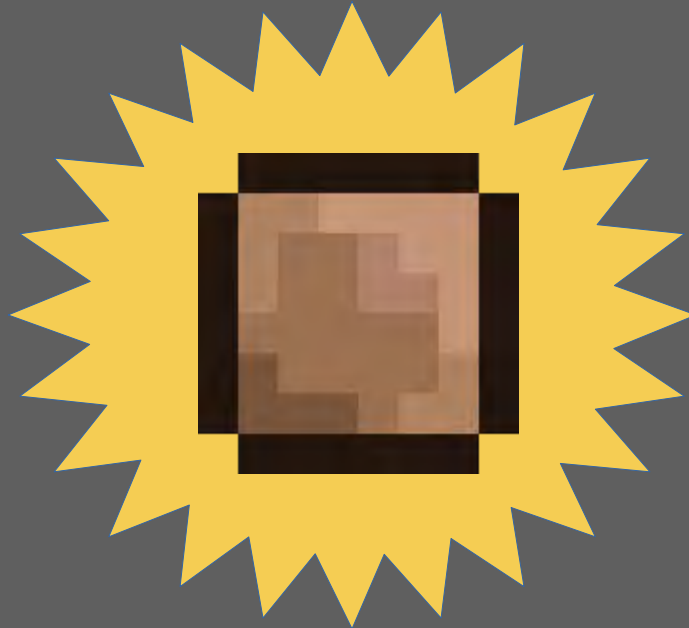


I played for many years, never running out of content. Terraria climbed to my "favourite games". Later I made my first character become "end game" by defeating the end boss.

Generally, if you want battles, buy Terraria and fight hordes of rotting zombies charging toward your little home. If that's not enough, challenge the bosses and hope you are strong enough to beat them. If you wish to build, explore and possibly craft many items, you can! All it takes is buying this wonderful game for you to become a Terrarian. I hope you do buy this sandbox adventure game, because it's definitely worth your money.



DIRT BLOCK SECURITY SYSTEM



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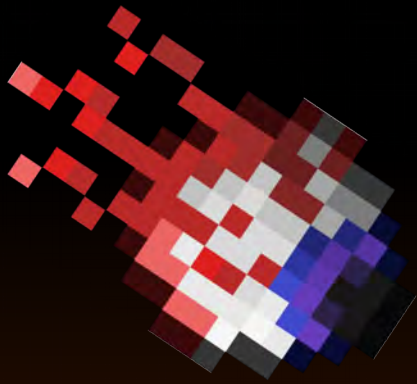


Protect yourself and your friends from nighttime terrors!

Too Late

By Daniel Delinquent

Player
Dead in falling
Snow with sunset above
Monsters coming for his gold
Too late



SPACE GUN! SHOOTS *REAL* LASERS!



IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS!

GET NOW AT METEORITE MINE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

How to Survive and More

By Daniel H@ck3r

Have you never figured out how to survive without dying in Terraria? This following guide has a multi step process with extra tips along the way. Let's get started!

Step one: Mark spawn with something noticeable.

Step two: build a dirt structure around spawn to prevent mobs from going in. Tip: make sure you are on the outside.

Step three: start exploring the surface. Look for easy loot, like pots or chests. Tip: always make sure you can make it home! Also make sure you don't venture into deadly biomes, such as the corruption, crimson, sand, or ice.

Step four: Run home! If you have a recall potion, use it!

Recall Potion



Step five: start mining, if you reach a cave, be super careful. There are traps in Terraria! Look for ore blocks and take them with you. Tip: Try holding a torch by holding "Shift". Also, if you find an underground cabin loot it.

Underground Cabin

Step six: it should be day soon. After a bunch of collecting ore, go get a ton of wood. If you have enough ore make an anvil at a crafting bench. If you don't have enough ore go get some.



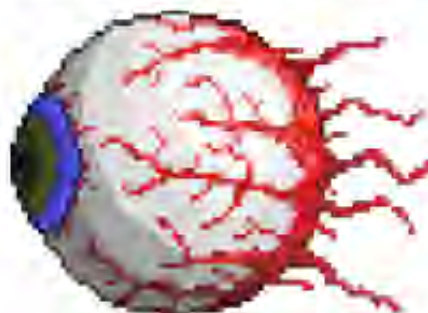
Step seven: upgrade house by adding background wall and adding doors. Build a good weapon too. Lead or iron broadsword is a good place to start.

Step eight: Keep mining and having fun. Don't attack harder enemies. Get platinum loot and then summon first Boss. Tip: Don't do risks unless there's an easy way out.

Step nine: Now that you have killed The Eye of Cthulhu or Slime King, you can prepare to go to the ends of the world. Tip: bring extra blocks for bridges, have health potions, and bring a recall potion.

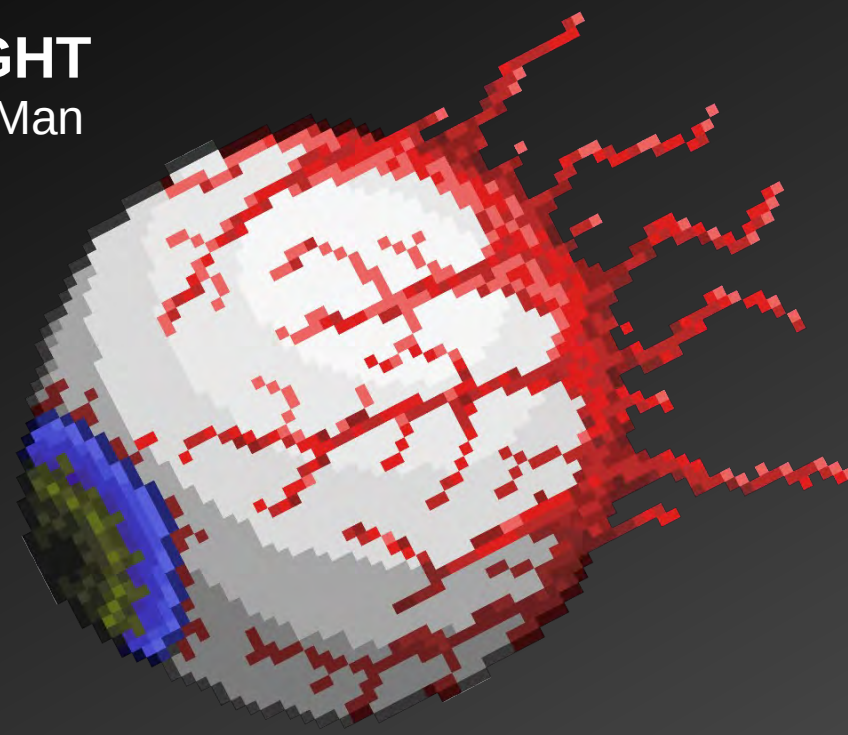


Slime King and Eye of Cthulhu



BOSS FIGHT

BY Dan the Man



Boss incoming!

On the left!

Slashing,

Slicing, brutal

Fight. You can't see

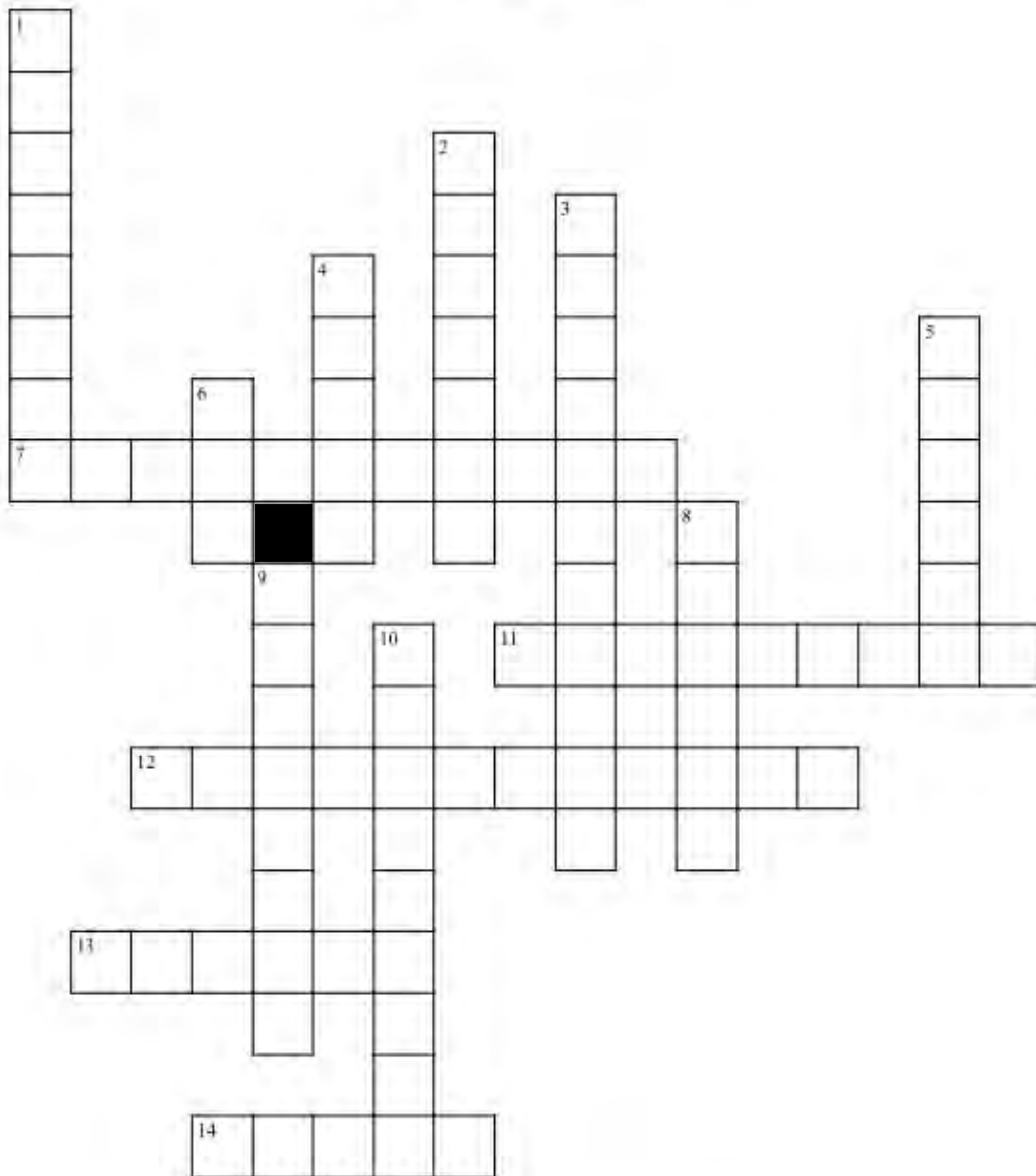
In the night.

Going coming, Immense sight!

Help is needed.

Time is gone...

Terraria Mobs



Across

- 7. the hard-mode side boss.
- 11. a gooey boss.
- 12. always drops a key.
- 13. a basic, flying enemy in the pirate invasion.
- 14. a white, peaceful surface mob.

Down

- 1. a jungle-temple enemy that has two phases.
- 2. a pre-hardmode jungle fish
- 3. triggers hardmode.
- 4. not quite a chest.
- 5. a space dwelling, multisectioned enemy.
- 6. lives in a hive and comes in swarms.
- 8. a hostile, undead, basic pre-hardmode monster.
- 9. the end-boss.
- 10. a boss that defends the dungeon.

The Ballad of the Colour Blind Terrarian

By Daniel the Grate

There was a gaming addict who
Was very colour blind,
Or somewhat addled: shades of grey
Were playing with his mind.



Oh, how bewildered he became
Terraria made him moan
He strove to gather sparkly ore,
But he mined only stone.

As he went digging, digging one day
He mined right through a wall of clay.
He craved to get more shiny ore
But for this yearning he would pay.

‘Cause when he found more ore to mine
His friend said, “Oops, you fell!”
His “ore” was sparkling water at
The surface of the well.

Down, down,down the player sank
Through sleepy grey liquid
His friend was calling out to him,
“Look out, there is a squid!”

The “squid” was not a squid at all,
But a grey jelly fish
Squelching toward him speedily
Bam! Bam! Bam! Then, *Squish!*



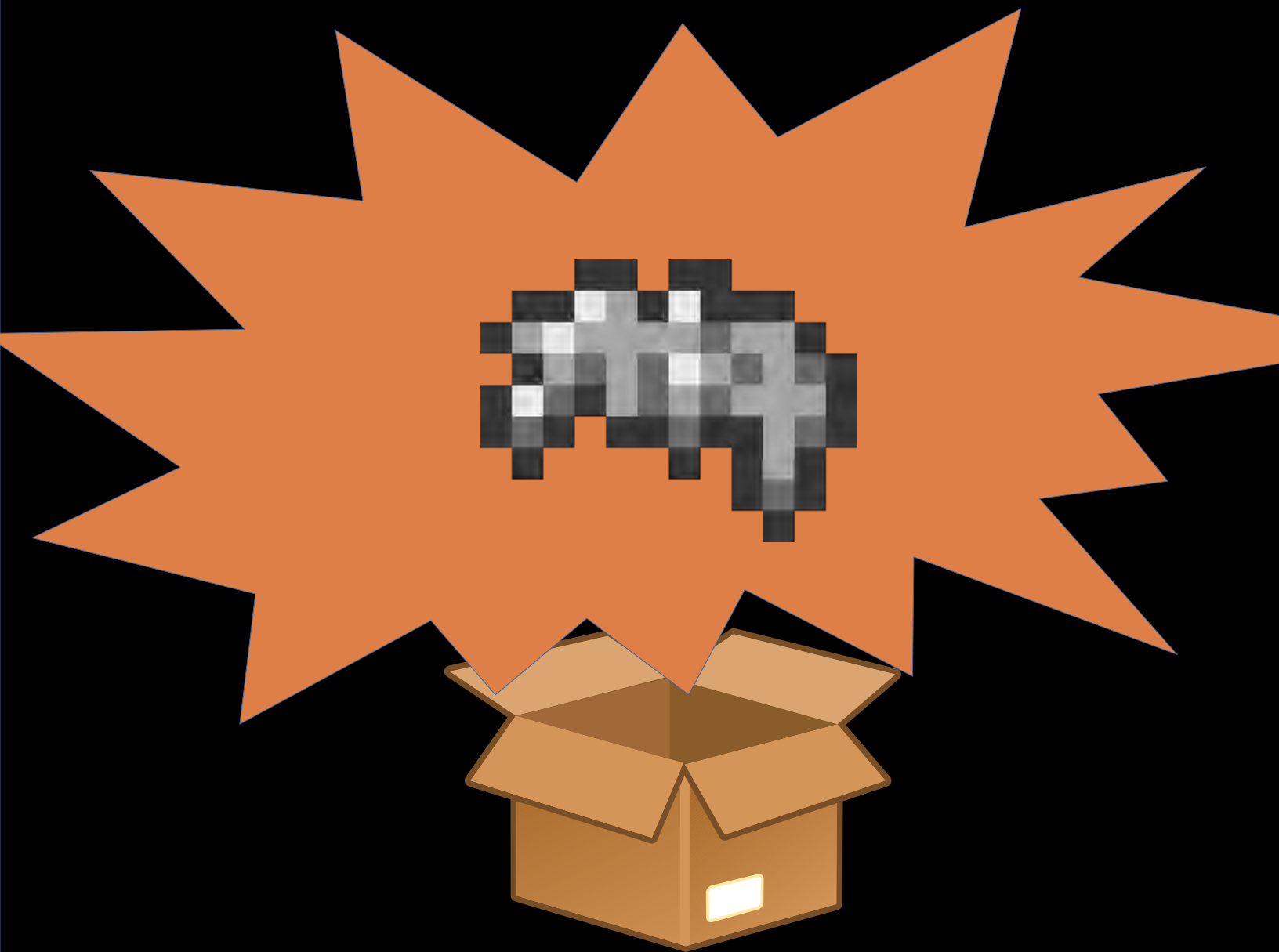
The jellyfish was smashed to bits,
Demolished far below
The player zipped through murky deep
And out of dark water did blow.

His friend confessed and said to him,
“You won’t like what I say
Dude, type the combo on your keys,
I messed with them today.”

The player typed what he was told,
Did windows key, control plus “C”
And then the settings were restored
He saw colour, finally!



Familiar Wig is superbly amazing!



A **PERFECT** replica of your real hair!

Get your replacement now, it's only three gold!



Attack of the Hacker

By Daniel H@ck3r

It started as a simple hardcore Terraria server. Then the dictator, Anke, decided PvP, Hardcore would only make the server more fun. He was wrong, skirmishes broke out and we mid-game players had to hide. Well, I can tell you the server was a mess. Anke may have been enjoying himself, killing all those players with his cronies, but no-one else was. New players were immediately killed and banned because of the Hardcore aspect. Most of the ore in the world was mined, due to Anke taking it for his army. Boss monsters also randomly floated everywhere.

I am Ronic. I have been on the server for a while. I have mid-game equipment such as Chlorophyte armor

Chlorophyte
Armor



I was casually strolling past the spawn zone when yet another foolish new player spawned! The name tag above his head read “Alex”. I brandished my hard-mode sword.

“*Why is he not fleeing?*” I thought.

Not wanting him to follow me randomly, as most beginners did, I swung my sword menacingly at him.

“Ooh! What glowy sword is that?” Alex exclaimed.

“Uh...” I muttered.

Undaunted, he continued, “Is it good at killing stuff?”

“Yes, especially players!” I yelled.

“Please don’t, I only started playing Terraria and I-” he Spluttered.

Then he took off. I realized he saw a zombie behind me. After I demolished the zombie I tried to find him, there was a question I wanted to ask.

I had to explore a whole cave before finding Alex. He was mining straight down, which is a classic noob move if you ask me. I opened my inventory and threw him a greater health potion, He needed a fighting chance.

“What are you doing bumbling off at the sight of a simple zombie?” I asked.

“I don’t know how to play.” He said with a smile, as he attempted to drink the health potion.

“Then why are you playing?” I yelled.

“I’m prototyping for a VR program!” He smiled.

“You- Wait, what?” I stuttered.

“Yup!”

“I’ve always wanted to do that! Hmm... Could I help prototype later? Your manager might hire me.” I said.

I then told Alex my Email and phone number so he could relay it to his boss.

*Never tell any one your phone number or address.
I only put this in here for the story to make sense.*



“Now I have to disconnect...” He mumbled.

“Is that bad?” I queried.

“It takes a while... For some reason.” He explained.

“Ok, do it now while we are safe.”

“Alex has left the game.”



Later I went out and caught a few bunnies. The night was turning to day and I hoped Alex would be back from talking to his boss to add me to their list of prototypers. When I came back I saw a player dash away quickly. I didn't make chase, but instead I jumped back to spawn, because all players go there when they join, no matter where they left off.

Suddenly, Alex appeared.

“Alex has joined the game.”



The next day, I tried to explain how to use the rope out, since Alex had no way of getting out. I had a hard time trying to explain how to climb up since I did it instinctively on my key board. Eventually he managed to press the correct button on his miscellaneous controller. I was happy that Alex's boss had agreed that I could come in and help prototype. But he said,

“Only if you help Alex survive long enough to test everything.”

Now that we were out of that dark pit we could smell the nice fresh air-

“Wait, why does the air smell like zombies?” Alex said.

“Pull out a weapon,” I explained calmly, “And look right behind you.”

The zombie were hard to kill, given the fact that Terraria is Two-dimensional and I wasn't in a good spot to kill them. Alex barely killed two zombies and a harmless bunny in his copper short sword frenzy. Poor bunny, we could have made a statue out of him.

It was not a Blood Moon so we were safe... ish. I decided that Alex needed a better weapon, so I generously gave him my old cutlass and Palladium armour, basic hard-mode items. I don't know why I had them on me, but Alex sure liked it!

When it was day, we had to hightail it out of there, one of Anke's cronies was making his rounds.

“It's funny when I get tired,” Alex laughed. “You never run out of stamina because you aren't doing VR.”

“Keep running” I urged.

“I'm too tired to keep trundling along!” He complained.

I graciously gave him my bee mount and we struggled to keep away from the End-game player.

“Do you have any health potions?” I asked Alex.

“Nope.” He replied.

“A Solar Eclipse is happening!”



“Whaa-” Alex started.

“We need to get to a Sky Island!” I interrupted, “We have one try at this, so hurry up!”

We raced across the rapidly darkening grass blocks. I was on my unicorn mount and Alex was on his bee mount.

“I think this is the spot.” I yelled back to Alex.

“We need to do that rope thing again.” I added.

That’s when Alex noticed something on his minimap.

“Hey, Ronic, what’s that iron skull icon thingy?” he whispered fearfully.

“Huh? Wait a sec. That’s a boss monster heading our way! Quick, up the rope!” I exclaimed

No sooner than we reached the top, the boss, Skeletron Prime, had appeared. Skeletron Prime normally has four arms, but this one barely had its last arm attached! Someone must have attacked it, but lost.

“whoa! He’s going after you!” Alex exclaimed.

“Look out, that arm is a bomb launcher!” I shouted.

The fight was going pretty well, but Alex kept chugging potions to stay alive. The potion supply was depleting too much, I decided. I hoped we could find a merchant or friendly player who was willing to sell some.



“The chance of finding either is slim to nothing.” I remarked. We had just finished picking up the loot the boss had dropped.

“Anke killed as many as he could and then took the rest to his super ocean fort. Good thing Anke died last week.” I said.

“He died! How?” Alex asked.

“He killed a boss, but had low health because of the fight and got ambushed by... some rebelling players. Bosses keep coming from that area and his goons still camp there,” I explained.

“Why does his fort keep running without the leader?” Alex wondered aloud.

“Well, meet me tomorrow at spawn and we can try to find out.” I said.

“Seriously?”

“3 at the dot good for you?”

“Ok?”

The next day, Alex and I set our sights on the jungle, a mass of mud that has trees, grubbies, and piranhas.

As we were walking, Alex said to me, “Ronic, could I borrow a grappling hook?”

“Nope, you already have all that other great stuff I gave you.”



We trudged along in silence until we reached a pool of piranhas killing a player! Alex promptly backpedalled a few blocks, he had not expected VR to froth the water with blood. He stayed back while I jumped in and carefully cut away the deadly fish.

After I saved “Ekna” Alex put his loot in a chest because it was “heavy”. The VR problems were becoming annoying for me. Then we all sat by a campfire to give our RL (real life) selves a break. That’s when it happened, Ekna was betraying us and taking all of Alex loot! Since it wasn’t in Alex’s inventory, Ekna could just run away with it. Alex whipped out his spare weapon, a flintlock pistol and shot Ekna a few times. Ekna threw down the items and sprinted away yelling, “I’ll get you when you arrive...”

His outbursts startled me because somehow he knew where we were going. Unless...

“Which way did he go?” I asked almost afraid to know the answer.

“He went deeper into the jungle. Do you know why?” Replied Alex as he picked up his items and equipped them.

“It can’t be...”

“Just type what you’re thinking!”

“I think Ekna is none other than the dictator Anke.” I explained.

“But he died! You said so!”



“I think he hacked, changed his name, then took himself off the blacklist.”

“Really? That’s insane hacking though!”

“I think he owns the server.”

“Oh, then wouldn't that explain all the bosses? He could have just summoned them with hacking, right?”

“I’m afraid so. Let’s not waste any time now, lets go after him.”



The following morning, we started travelling, our progress was significantly boosted because I had “found” a spare blessed apple in the depths of my inventory.

“Stop.” A few figures jumped out of a hole and aimed an arrangement of guns at Alex and I.

“We don’t need to fight, we aren’t Anke’s goons!” I convincingly said. I had recognized the leader as “Extras404” a player who was helped kill Anke.

“Is that you Ronic?” Extras said.

“Yes, and this is Alex, a VR player who I’m helping.”

“How do you know Ronic?” Alex queried.

“Oh, he and I are best buds! We killed Anke together!” Extras replied cheerfully.

“What!? Why didn’t you say so?” Alex shouted, “You must be famous!”

“More like infamous...” I replied.

“Anyway, why are you coming this way? You two should know Anke’s base is this way.” said Extras.

“Um, yes... We are kind of chasing him now.”

“He died though! Remember? I shot him, like fifty times and then you chopped him up with your sword!” said Extras excitedly.

“Not quite...” I quickly explained all Alex and I knew about Anke being alive.

“Well, lemme talk to my boys for one sec.” said Extras.

Suddenly, after Extras asked one question, all of his buddies started shooting at the roof and yelling excitedly.

“Do you need some help killing him... Again?” asked Extras with a grin.

Along the road, we found signs of an angry player. Damaged terrain and dead peaceful mobs were found lying along the road.

As we crept closer to the ocean fort, we kept mostly silent, minus Alex. Of course I didn't yell at him too hard, otherwise I'd be louder than him.

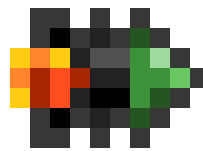
Finally, we got to the gate. One of Extras' snipers shot the two guards down.

“Where did Alex go?” I thought.

A few of Extras' men pulled out rocket launchers and started destroying the gates with “rocket II's”

“**Charge!**” Extras yelled.

In the melee that followed, Extras lost over half his men and we had to retreat slightly. However, nobody on either side of the battle noticed the figure up on the wall, taking all the spare weapons, but then I realized who it was.



“Alex! We are down here!” I yelled toward him.

I saw the figure start running toward us, but the player didn’t see-

“Look out behind you!” I called desperately.

Sadly, it was too late, Ekna had ran up behind him and stabbed him in the back and flung him down to us.

“So is that how you play, sneaking up behind players just to stab them in the back?” Extras taunted.

I saw Alex had barely lived, because one of Extras men pass him a health potion. But that was quickly pushed to the back of my mind, I had a dictator to kill... Again.

“Oh, it’s you two. Great fun you must have had when you killed me! What you just said applies to you also... We were the greatest on the server. We were killing a boss together and then you two killed me! You sneaked up behind me and **stabbed me in the back!** But now, you’re going to pay!”

Ekna flew up into the air with his wings, and started shooting magic down at us, randomly killing Extras’ men.

“I was the one who sent you zombies, and I was the one who shot nebula blaze projectiles at you, and I was the one who sent a Skeletron Prime boss at you! And now you will all die in... Five minutes? Well whatever I had it hacked to... you will all **die!**”

“Can you let it wait ten more minutes?” I yelled up to him.
Secretly I hoped Alex could leave before he killed everyone.

“Uhh... Sorry, nope.”

“Impending doom approaches!”

Alex wouldn't be able to hear me, he was running inside the castle already.

“Uh boss? Wad dis parduh da plan?” said Ekna's not too bright general.

Seconds later, a shower of the newly summoned end bosses' projectiles rained down and nearly killed both of our forces.

Extras jumped down beside me and whispered, “You take care of Moon Lord, I'll attempt to kill Ekna with half of my dudes. Join me when you can!”

Then Extras flew away with his wings and signalled to his men. In case you didn't notice, most players have wings. It's a Hard-mode item that allows limited flight and no damage from fall damage.

“If I get to that rock and talk to the panicked crowd...”

My thoughts trailed off. I half-jumped half-flew over to the rocky podium and yelled out to the panicked crowd, silently pleading them to listen.

“Hey! Stop running around like your heads are cut off, before they do get cut off! Take these weapons and aim them at this boss, not other players.”

Somehow, they listened. They ran over, picked up the spare weapons, and started using them. Some soldiers had better loot already, but they took the message and helped as well.

“Wait, where did Alex go?”

I quickly looked around but I couldn't see him.

“What if he left the server or he got killed...”

I was painfully jerked back to where I was by a few of Moon Lord's phantasmal bolts. Ekna's converted men came over and asked if I needed a health potion.

“Where did Extras go?” I asked anxiously.

“Um I think he went deep into the castle...” One warrior replied.

“Oof, that's the scariest part probably.” I thought, *“It always happens in a book where the main character has to go to some scary place to finish up the story... I wonder if someone is reading about me right now.”*

I dismissed the thought, and continued descending down the iron chain that led down, down, down...

When I reached the bottom, I saw two doors. One was green and had water flowing around it. The other door was made of obsidian and had lava cascading around it.

I chose the green door. It seemed like it led to a safer place. However, the spot where the lever was supposed to be was empty! Frightened, I turned to the lava door and flicked the switch. As the door opened, I was suddenly afraid to see what was happening.

I saw a long hall angled downwards, and massive pillars made of jungle temple bricks. I gulped, my Drax couldn't mine that.

"So I was walking away from my only way out..."

I hurled the unpleasant thought away, I needed to be helping Extras, not thinking about me!

I searched along the hall looking for Extras or someone who could show me him.

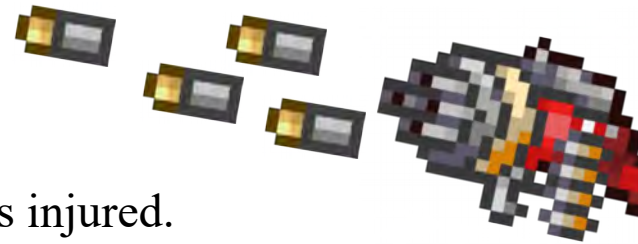
Then I saw them both, Ekna and Extras, at the end of the hall. Ekna was spawning zombies nonstop to protect himself from Extras deadly volley of high velocity bullets. The evil dictator spawned a few zombies as a meat shield and they got quickly demolished.

But wait, who was lying on the floor?

"No! Not Alex!" I thought.

Wait, that means he's not dead... But he is injured.

Not wanting Extras or Alex to become zombie food, I leaped toward Ekna, sword swinging.



Ekna saw me and shot me in the chest with his nebula blaze. I narrowed my eyes and dodged back before the next one could hit me. Extras saw his opening and quickly shot right at Ekna. Only, nothing came out.

”Out of bullets?” Ekna laughed as he used his magic to blast us away.

Ekna continued laughing and he kept shooting at us and further lowered our health bars. I felt so weak, I couldn’t even lift my sword.

”*So this is how it will end?*”

”Was it your idea? To hack?” Extras said, “Because you were a friend to begin with and I didn’t expect you to do such a thing.”

”Shut up! You’re not my friends! You killed me!” Ekna yelled as he stood over us.

”Well, you kinda turned evil, someone had to stop you.” I said.

”I was setting us up to be the masters of the whole Terraria server!” Ekna bellowed back.

Then Ekna seemed to reach around himself and gather a white ball up.

”N0w y0u’r3 g0ing t0 pay! Ekna shook.

”Stop! You going to corrupt the server! Extras said, “You’re not doing the right things!”

”S@id the on3 wh0 kill3d th3ir *friend*” Ekna said while he narrowed his eyes as he turned toward Extras.

I almost felt the corruption slow.

”You should stop hacking!” Insisted Extras, “And also change it back to soft-core!”

Ekna tilted his head as he took in the message, but then he shrugged.

”Y0u’r3 n0t my fri3nd, I d0n’t ne3d to list3n t0 y0u” he said as he brought his magic ball down on Extras.

”NO!” I cried as I watched Extras fade away.

Ekna only laughed and started gathering another magic ball.

”N0w it’s y0ur turn, d0 y0u-” Ekna didn’t finish.

Alex had thrown Ekna up over his head and into a nearby lava pit.

”What have I done?” Alex said as he looked at his pixelated hands.

”You killed the worst dictator ever and saved me!” I replied.

Alex gave a weak smile when I said that, but he still looked shocked.

Half a week later, I stood at the spawn point.

"He was a good friend, a great teacher, and a wonderful companion." Said an orange man with a top hat.

Then he laid down a gun, and stepped away. Then another man from Extra's band stepped up.

After my turn the ceremony ended with a minute of silence.

Later, I was appointed to be the next ruler and dictator, I hoped I wouldn't be a bad one!

And then Alex, he rarely came on the server. But when he did, he mostly just built houses for the newer players.

Eventually I got a call from Alex's boss, and I was told I was allowed to help prototype after I signed a few legal documents.

The End



The Traveling Merchant

By Daniel Boone

I need a fez now.

"Buy now, and get free shipping!"

He takes all my gold.



Hmm... How does he ship it to me when I'm standing right here?

