

The Hunt for the Ender Dragon

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Dedicated to Trevor for asking all of us to write stories in the first place and my mom for helping me get it done before the end of the school year.

Soren lives in Minecraft. He is a traveler. He travels through many biomes in Minecraft. Soren is a generous man, always giving iron and gold ore to other people. He is also very good at archery and sword-fighting. He once killed 20 Ghasts with a bow without missing once! To kill each Ghast with an arrow, his aim had to be perfect, as he only had one arrow for each. So basically, his aim had to be very true.

Another time, Soren was confronted by two other players. Those two were friends but they were also bullies. They wanted to get Soren's diamonds, but, of course, he wouldn't give these guys any diamonds, especially when these bullies already had a bunch. They all pulled out their swords and CLANG!, THWACK!, THWANG!, CLANK! The two bullies were knocked out in minutes and the amazing thing was that these two had never been beaten before.

So, time to get on topic. You probably know that there are many myths and legends floating around in books. Well, there is this one myth written in a book about this monster called *The Ender Dragon*. The Ender Dragon is described as a huge black dragon with purple eyes and spikes from his neck to the end of his tail. The book also says that the Dragon has control over the teleporting Endermen monsters with their really long arms and legs.

One day, Soren wanted to go to the local library, which wasn't very far away, just one hundred blocks or so. He soon got there and went straight to the front desk to see if they had any myths or legends that he hadn't read already. The librarian was a nice young lady named Mrs. Rose. When she saw Soren, she said, "Hello, Soren. What would you like to read today?"

Soren responded, "Mrs. Rose, are there any books about myths or legends that I haven't already read?" Mrs. Rose thought that Soren had read them all, but she suggested that he go look on the bookshelf to check. To his surprise, Soren found a book that he had never noticed before. It was called *The Legend of the Ender Dragon*. Soren immediately began to read the book and knew that the story had to be true. He decided that he should go to hunt the Ender Dragon, using the many clues in the book. He hoped that if he killed the Ender Dragon, he would be able to live in Notch's Palace, the creator of Minecraft.

Soren headed home to quickly gear himself up for the hunt with his enchanted diamond armor and weaponry. He also filled a sack with bread, apples, steak jerky, and a flask full of water. He also packed tools and weaponry, including a shovel, a pickaxe, an axe, a sword, and a bow and arrows. He even packed some wood and cobblestone and saddled up his horse before setting off to find the Ender Dragon, using clues from the book and his Ender Eyes to guide him to the End Portal.

On his journey, Soren was forced to battle many zombies, creepers, skeletons, spiders, et cetera. After many weeks of sleepless nights, endless battles, and running low on food, Soren finally knew that he was on top of the Ender Dragon's lair under the earth and beyond the End Portal. He began to dig down into the crust of the earth with his shovel and pick-axe. Soren dug for two days and two nights, with only an hour of sleep each night. Finally, he reached the End Portal and could see the Dungeon. Soren set up camp and had a good night sleep to prepare for the battle ahead.

The next morning, Soren got all his stuff organized and jumped into the Portal. He appeared on an Obsidian Platform, floating above the End. Soren jumped down, got out his snowballs, and began throwing the snowballs at crystal healing blocks.

Then Soren actually saw the Ender Dragon! The Ender Dragon saw him, too, and dove at him, blowing it's purple fire. Soren quickly shot the Ender Dragon in it's right wing with an flaming arrow. The Ender Dragon roared in pain. It flew sharply away, careening around the island floating in endless space. Soren continued throwing the snowballs at the healing blocks and soon destroyed all of them.

Now, the Ender Dragon could not be healed. The Endermen began to attack Soren on orders of the Ender Dragon. Soren pulled out his sword and began stabbing the Endermen. By the time he killed all twenty of them, Soren was limping, it was hard to move, and he was bleeding heavily.

As he saw the Ender Dragon return for attack, Soren took out his only Golden Apple, which he quickly ate to heal his wounds. He only had his stone sword at this point, as his diamond sword was destroyed in the battle with the Endermen. As he drew his stone sword, the Ender Dragon flew closer, but not close enough for Soren to attack. Soren knew that he would have to take an enormous risk to kill the Ender Dragon once and for all. Soren threw his stone sword at the Ender Dragon's face and it struck it's mark. The Ender Dragon shrieked in pain, shot light out of its body, and began to dissolve. When it dissolved completely, there was only a Portal (back to the main world), a claw, and a book left in its place.

Soren felt extremely tired but also happy and surprised that he actually accomplished his goal of killing the Ender Dragon! He built up a block with the four wood blocks he had left and picked up the book. The title was *Maps, Treasures, Legends, and Mythical Creatures*. Soren decided to read the book when he got home again. He hopped through the Portal. Soren reappeared in front of his house and went straight to Notch's Palace and ordered an urgent meeting with Notch.

The guard told Soren that Notch was free at that time and that if it was really important, he would take Soren to see him immediately. He led Soren to Notch's conference room and knocked on the door.

Notch said, "Who's there?"

The guard replied, "A boy named Soren would like to have a conference with you."

Notch said, "Come in."

Soren went in and the door closed behind him. He told Notch the story of his adventure and the death of the Ender Dragon. He showed Notch the book and the claw as proof of his accomplishment. Notch was impressed by what Soren did. He said, "Why don't you stay here at my palace and be my warrior? You can study the book to see what wisdom it holds."

Soren agreed to live at Notch's palace and study to become a greater warrior.

About the Author

Hello, my name is Evil Mage. I live in Sunnyvale, California, and I am a third grade student in Trevors class: Room 2. My favorite subjects in school are probably math and writing. I like math because I like solving the challenging problems. I like writing because of how it sucks you in, and you aren't very aware of your surroundings even though you hear other people talking and walking by you.

I have a brother and a sister. They are both older than me. My brother is 15 - five years older than me. My parents adopted him from Cambodia (I like Cambodia a lot, especially the temples). My brother is also very obnoxious. My sister is 15 too. My sister was born on a leap day, so we joke about how she is actually just 3 years old.

I play Minecraft a LOT with my brother, but when I play with my sister, we fight a lot. I've never really fought the Ender Dragon on Survival, but I've fought him on Creative once or twice, once I was testing stuff on a mod called Volts, and I put a black hole bomb down in the End and it sucked the Ender Dragon into it!

I love books. They are basically my best friend. I stay up and read for at least an hour every night before I go to sleep. A couple of things that inspired me to make my story are my love for Minecraft and my love for books, since the entire adventure took place because of the book Soren found in the library. Thank you for taking time to read my book!

My story is inspired by Roald Dahl's writing in three ways. To begin, I wrote a story about something I do a lot. I love playing Minecraft, and I play it all the time with my older brother. It's very hard, but also very fun and pretty funny. It can also be very, very frustrating. Imagine, having a full suit of diamond armor and tools, and when you're running along the edge of the End, you just get knocked off! A golden apple you may need, since you may hit one by accident, and then they'll all attack you. Second. I included an important word backwards. The important word I made backwards is "Ender Dragon." Why I chose that word is because it's basically the main thing. An example of this from Roald Dahl's work is "Esio Trot," which is "tortoise," if you reverse the letters. Last, I dedicated my story to people, just like Roald Dahl. Why I'm dedicating it to others is because I feel like someone other than me should get some credit. I also feel like I should thank some people. I dedicated my book to my mom and to Trevor. Roald Dahl dedicated *Esio Trot* to "Clover" and "Luke." Clearly, my work is inspired by Roald Dahl's work.