

The Steve Series (Part 1)

Chapter 1 - Dark Steve

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Narrator: This is a story about the dreams of a child. The worlds which we explore while dreaming are vast and numerous. They could be dreams you have while you're asleep, or dreams you have while you're awake. Ty dreams of a vast universe of all their own creation. In it, they frolic and have fun with their best pal Steve in Springwater Caves, a mountain surrounded by various buildings and stores. Everything is usually peaceful in Springwater Caves, until one day, an evil villain known as Dark Steve kidnapped Steve's brother, Joe. Steve was distraught, but Ty reassured him that the two of them could track him down and rescue Joe together! So the two set out on their own, into the unknown of the planet called Plantigeria.



Carla: Please be careful, don't get hurt, either of you.



Steve: We'll be fine, trust me!



Ty: We'll be back soon!

Steve and Ty leave Steve's cave house and say goodbye to Steve's wife Carla. They approach the nearby forest, the Forgotten Forest.

Steve: Be careful, Ty. We don't know what kind of monsters might attack us.

Ty: I'm sure it won't be a problem.

Ty takes a few steps forward and a giant worm bursts up from the ground underneath them. It wraps around their body, squeezing tightly.

Steve: Ty!

Ty: Grrrgh! Spark Wave!

Waves of electricity burst from Ty's body, but have no effect on the worm. Steve charges in with his blade and slashes at it, causing it to squeal before it returns underground.

Ty: Thank you... I should be more careful. My electric powers didn't work on that worm.

Steve: Phew, I'm just glad you're okay.

The two continue through the forest and reach a village where they are greeted by a new face.



Jericho: Greetings! My name is Jericho!

Steve: Hiya, we're just traveling up the mountain to get to the other side.

Jericho: You'll need the key to get past our village gate. It's hidden in the forest so trespassers don't find it.

Steve: Alright, let's go get it, Ty.

Ty: Okay!

The two roam a new section of the forest and find a white treasure chest. In it lies the key to the village gate. Behind them, a froggish dragon roars and the two turn around and scream.

Steve: It's a dragon! Run!

The two run around the dragon only for it to fly in front of them, blocking the way back to the village.

Steve: Looks, like we've got no choice, we have to fight!

The two hold their blades out while the dragon roars and raises its claw in the air.



Frostbite: Ice Mace!

Suddenly, the dragon freezes solid in a block of ice. Frostbite from Springwater Caves has frozen the dragon.

Steve: Frostbite! You saved us!

Frostbite: I heard you're going to get back your brother. I thought I'd lend a hand. I'd like to be paid for my services, however.

Steve gives him a discerning look and forks over some cash.

Steve: Here you go...

Frostbite: Thanks.

The three head back to the village and open the gate, only to see three Stevebots created by Dark Steve marching towards them.

Steve: They're here to attack the village!

Ty: We have to stop them!

The Stevebots barge through the gate and start attacking the houses, while the villagers scream for help.

Frostbite: I've got this one!

Frostbite jumps over to one of the Stevebots.

Steve: I'll get that one, you get the last one, 'kay Ty?

Ty: Okay!

Steve and Ty approach the Stevebots. Meanwhile Frostbite's arm turns into a gun and shoots the Stevebot several times. It throws its leaves from its head at him and he jumps out of the way.

Frostbite: This will finish you off! Ice Chainsaw!

His arm turns into a chainsaw and tears the Stevebot in two from shoulder down to hip.

Steve: Okay, now it's my turn! Decaslash!

Steve furiously swings his blade at the Stevebot but it survives. It jumps backwards and fires a solar beam at Steve, hitting him in the chest and sending him to the ground.

Ty: Steve!

Steve: I'm fine, that was barely a scratch! Dark Steve really went out of his way to make these things mimic a normal plantiger. I didn't know they could shoot solar beams like me! Anyway, how about this! Sonar Wave!

Steve makes a screeching sound and the Stevebot starts to fall apart. Ty swings their dagger at the robot but it moves out of the way with each swipe. It then counterattacks by pushing Ty to the ground. It then jumps up and removes its leaves, throwing them like sharp boomerangs.

Steve's sword interjects and blocks them from hurting Ty.

Steve: Don't worry, I'll help you buddy... You wanted to go along and I support you, but maybe you're not strong enough yet to deal with fighting.

Ty: I'm... strong enough...

Steve and Frostbite then join together and slash their blades (Frostbite's arm can turn into a blade) and cut the Stevebot in half vertically.

Jericho: You saved the village! Thank you very much! We are in your debt!

Steve: It was no problem at all! Let's go, guys.

The three continue their adventure and reach Blueshore Bay, fish flying in the air as they walk by.

Frostbite: These fish can survive in or out of water, it's fascinating.

Ty: Watch out! That one's attacking!

A puffer fish inflates itself and shoots out spikes everywhere, the three using their blades to deflect the spikes. Ty gets struck by one and falls to the ground.

Steve: Ty! Urgh, damn puffer fish! How dare you hurt my friend!

Steve jumps up and defeats the puffer fish with one slash.

Frostbite: This isn't good, Steve. They're poisoned.

Ty: I... I'm fine. I can handle this. I'm sorry I keep holding you all back.

Steve: We need to get you help right away! Let's dive into the bay, maybe someone can help us.

The three dive underwater, Steve holding onto Ty who cannot swim. Suddenly a starfish with a large eye zips by them. Steve's eyes open wide with surprise as the starfish swings back around, hitting Steve in the back before flying off in another direction.

Steve: Frostbite, this thing's super strong and super fast! Be careful!

Frostbite nods, unable to speak underwater like Steve can. Steve lets out a Sonar Wave, making the starfish stop in its tracks, writhing in pain. Frostbite approaches it with his hand turned into a mace, but the starfish slams into him, sending him backward. Ty pushes Steve away and sinks to the sea floor. The starfish sets its sights on Ty.

Steve: What are you doing!?

The starfish starts spinning towards Ty, who takes out the starfish with a well executed Lightning Dash.

Steve: Nice job, Ty!

Ty's mouth opens wide and air spills out. Frostbite goes unconscious, too.

Steve: (Oh no! They're running out of air!)

A beautiful voice can be heard singing from afar. It gets closer and closer as Steve tries to carry Ty and Steve through the bay. A mermaid appears before them, enveloping the three in her arms and carrying them away. The four arrive at a cavern full of air.

Steve: Thanks for the save. I thought we were all goners... Hey, can you help my friend?

They're poisoned badly...



Mary: Yes, of course. My name is Mary by the way, it's a pleasure to meet young travelers who are willing to face the dangers of the bay.

Steve: I'm Steve, and this is Ty and Frostbite!

Mary: Let me treat this child's wound.

The two wait as she applies first aid to Ty, spraying the wound with medicine before wrapping it up.

Mary: All better?

Ty: Yeah!

Steve: We'd better be on our way, we have to save my brother.

Mary: You're always welcome back. Good luck!

Suddenly, a kelp monster attacks the three.

Frostbite: I've got this. Ice Bow!

Frostbite's arm turns into a bow and shoots the kelp creature, freezing it in its place.

Steve: Nice! Let's keep going!

The three travel down a passageway to encounter four Stevebots standing still, blocking their path.

Steve: This isn't good... We're gonna have to fight our hardest to get past these!

Ty: Got it!

The three approach the four robots and they all begin charging up sunlight, firing solar beams at the three. They all jump out of the way and Steve slices one of the Stevebots in half horizontally at the waist.

Ty: Thunder Blade!

Ty slashes the robot diagonally and it gets paralyzed before falling apart.

Frostbite: Ice Gun!

Frostbite shoots several shards of ice at the third Stevebot, destroying it.

Steve, Ty, and Frostbite: Decaslash!

The three use their blades to cut apart the remaining Stevebot into bits.

Steve: That was awesome! We'll be at Dark Steve's lair before we know it!

The three travel onward, reaching an icy area covered in snow, known as the Tundra Glacier.

Frostbite: Feels like home!

Steve: I'm g-g-getting really c-c-cold!

Ty: Let's huddle t-t-together for warmth.

Ty and Steve stay close together while they walk through the open pathway, until a bat with huge fangs attacks. Steve and Ty deflect the bat's attack with their blades. The bat flies away and a mole man greets them.



Moler: Hey there, young fellers. The forest up ahead is very dangerous. I'll lead you to my home where you can have some nice warm drinks.

The three follow the mole through the forest, where they are attacked by a golem made of icy stones.

Steve: This guy looks super tough!

Frostbite: Kind of hard to fight ice with ice, let's all attack at once.

The three charge the ice golem, who knocks them all away with a swing of his arm.

Ty: Let's keep our distance! Jolt Shot!

Steve: Solar Beam!

Frostbite: Ice Bow!

The three all fire long ranged attacks at the golem, who falls apart after being hit.

Moler: You folks are quite strong, aren't ya? My house is just up ahead.

The group of four reach Moler's home where Steve and Ty drink hot chocolate and Frostbite drinks ice cold water.

Moler: So you're all off to save this blue feller's brother, eh?

Ty: That's right. Dark Steve kidnapped him and is experimenting on his body, trying to turn him into a robot.

Steve: I hope you understand, Moler, but we must be on our way. We're in a hurry.

Moler: I understand. Stay safe, you three.

Frostbite: Thanks for the drinks, old man.

The three head out and reach the end of Tundra Glacier. Blocking their path is a purple saber tooth tiger. The three attack all at once with their blades and the tiger is sent flying upward. After

leaving the Tundra Glacier, they enter Final Forest, the last area before Dark Steve's Volcano Lair. There they fight a bizarre plant creature with roses and thorns.

Ty: It's just one monster, we can handle it no matter how strong it is!

Steve: That's the spirit, Ty! You've sure gotten strong, haven't you?

Frostbite: Plants are weak to ice, let me finish this! Ice Blade!

Frostbite cuts the plant to frozen pieces. They continue through the forest and reach a swampy area, where an inflated jellyfish with spikes approaches them. It ticks repeatedly.

Frostbite: Is it gonna...

Ty: Blow up!?

The creature explodes and the three heroes are sent flying, severely burned and hurt.

Frostbite: I can't... move... I think it got me too good...

Steve: It hurts...

Ty: Ow... We were defeated so easily.

Steve: What!? It's still there! I thought it exploded itself! It can survive self-implosion!?

Frostbite: This thing is gonna kill us if we're not careful... the monsters in this place are way tougher than us.

Ty: You... I'm not gonna let you kill my friends! Shock Blast!

A huge explosion of electricity emanates from Ty, instantly defeating the exploding jellyfish.

Steve: Ty... Where did all that power come from?

Ty: I... don't know.

Frostbite: It really helped us out in a pinch. Let me help take care of these burns and we can heal up before continuing on.

After the swamp, they reach the entrance to the Volcano Lair, where five Stevebots block the entrance.

Steve: Defeating these guys gets easier and easier! They're strength doesn't grow, but ours does! Especially when we work as a team!

Ty and Frostbite: Right!

The three charge the Stevebots, who all send their leaves flying like boomerangs. The heroes dodge swiftly and slash apart the Stevebots in a matter of seconds.

Steve: Let's keep moving! We're almost there!

The three enter the ground floor of the Volcano Lair, where they are assaulted by a large monster throwing boulders at them.

Steve: Look out!

The three dodge a large boulder that almost crushed them.

Ty: Jolt Shot!

Ty shoots several bolts of electricity at the monster, who gets paralyzed. Taking advantage of its inability to move, Frostbite smashes his icy mace into the monster's back. The three then continue onto the first floor of the lair. Steve's foot gets caught by a giant worm, three times the size of the one they encountered in Forgotten Forest. It begins strangling the life out of Steve. Ty jumps up and slashes it to pieces.

Steve: Thanks for the save, buddy.

Ty: No problem. Let's go.

On the bridge to the second floor, a flying skull attacks. The three strike it with their blades, but the bone seems impenetrable.

Frostbite: Aim for its wings!

Steve and Ty slash off the wings and the skull falls out of the sky all the way to the ground floor. Entering the second floor of the Volcano Lair, their path is blocked by a golem made of crystals.

Steve: This must be his last line of defense! Let's break through!

The three use their strongest moves on the golem.

Steve: Soak Blast!

Ty: Shock Blast!

Frostbite: Ice Chainsaw!

The golem cringes, but then counterattacks and sends the three flying with a powerful punch.

Steve: How strong is this guy!? That was all of our hardest hitting moves!

Crystal Golem: If you can't beat me, you'll never beat Dark Steve!

The golem, now slow because of how soaked he is, looms over the three.

Ty: Lightning Dash!

Ty tackles the golem and he doesn't budge an inch.

Crystal Golem: That won't affect me one bit.

The golem grabs Ty and begins crushing them.

Steve: Let go of my friend! RIGHT NOW!

Steve charges forward, slashing his blade into his arms, cutting them off.

Steve: Ocean Blade!

The golem falls over, Ty gasping and panting.

Frostbite: Dark Steve is just up ahead...

Steve: Let's go.

The three proceed to the third and final floor of the Volcano Lair. There Dark Steve awaits.



Dark Steve: So you finally made it here.

Steve: Give back my brother!

Dark Steve: I'm not finished turning him into the ultimate weapon, yet! He'll become my first perfected Stevebot! Invincible, even to you!

Steve: If I have to, I'll fight you to get him back!

Dark Steve: THEN FIGHT ME!

Steve: Let's do this.

Ty and Frostbite: Right!

Steve: Ocean Blade!

Ty: Thunder Blade!

Frostbite: Ice Blade!

The three slam their blades into Dark Steve's body, who barely flinches at the attack.

Dark Steve: You call that an attack!? Ha! Take this! Dark Beam!

Dark Steve absorbs darkness through their leaves and fires a beam of dark energy from their mouth, hitting all three of them head on.

Steve: What's this feeling? I feel like my life force is slowly draining...

Dark Steve: You've all been doomed! It's like a vicious disease that slowly drains your health!

Ty: We won't give up... This is for Joe!

Steve: Right... Let's keep fighting! Solar Beam!

Dark Steve: Dark Beam!

The two fire beams at each other, the beams colliding and exploding upon contact.

Steve: Well that didn't work... looks like our beams are evenly matched.

Dark Steve: You think that now, but wait until I... transform!

Dark Steve becomes a robot while the others stare in shock and awe.

Ty: Did he... get even stronger!?

Dark Steve: You guessed it! This is the kind of technology I've been using on Joe! After I perfect it, world domination will be mine!

Steve: So that's your goal... you're a lunatic.

Frostbite: I'm here to back you guys up! Let's take him down, robot or not! Ice Gun!

Frostbite fires several shards of ice at Dark Steve, who dodges out of the way and throws his sharp leaves at Steve like boomerangs. Steve dodges them the first time, but gets sliced on their way back.

Steve: Damn it! How did you turn those into weapons like that!? Is robofying all life on this planet your objective!?

Dark Steve: That's right! Now surrender so I can turn you into the ultimate warrior, Steve!

Ty: Spark Wave!

Electricity emanates from Ty, giving Dark Steve a little shock.

Dark Steve: You call that voltage? Watch this! Electric Pulse!

Dark Steve emits his own electricity, shocking the three heroes.

Frostbite: Darn... Ice Bow!

Frostbite shoots an icy arrow at Dark Steve, who grabs the arrow and crushes it in his hands.

Dark Steve: Try again! Robofist!

Dark Steve slams his metal fist into Frostbite, sending him flying.

Frostbite: That really hurt...

Ty: Frostbite!

Steve: Damn you! Water Shot!

Ty: Jolt Shot!

The two shoot elemental blasts at Dark Steve, who's electrocuted by the powerful combo.

Dark Steve: I almost forgot what pain felt like... Water Cannon!

Dark Steve shoots a high-pressure water cannon from his mouth, soaking the two.

Dark Steve: And now that you're both covered in an excellent conductor, let's see how you like my maximum voltage attack! Electric Pulse!

The two are severely shocked, their skin charred black as their eyes go lifeless.

Frostbite: Steve! Ty!

Frostbite gets up and runs over to them.

Frostbite: C'mon, don't give up! Think about your brother, Joe!

Steve's fist clenches, so does Ty's, and the two get back up.

Steve: We're not done fighting yet.

Dark Steve is surprised, but laughs all the same.

Dark Steve: Wow, you survived my strongest attack, congratulations! But you're all weak! You don't stand a chance against me!

Ty: That's what you think... But we're stronger than you'll ever be!

Steve: Aqua Dash!

Ty: Lightning Dash!

The two charge forward and tackle Dark Steve to the ground, the water-electric combo zapping him really good.

Steve: How'd you like that? Now, Bubble Wave!

Steve spreads bubbles across the battlefield.

Dark Steve: Bubbles? How are bubbles going to hurt me?

Ty: They're not just any bubbles... Lightning Dash!

Ty runs around the battlefield, electrically charging all the bubbles.

Ty: Run into these, and they'll pack a punch!

Frostbite: Ice Spear!

Frostbite slams his pointed arm into Dark Steve, who starts freezing up.

Dark Steve: Get away from me! Robofist!

Frostbite is sent flying back once more.

Frostbite: I won't give up! Ice Mace!

Frostbite slams his mace hand into Dark Steve, who starts freezing up completely.

Dark Steve: That... won't work on me! Graaah!

Dark Steve breaks out of the ice and slams his fist into Frostbite once more, who gets caught in one of the electric bubbles.

Steve and Ty: Frostbite!

Dark Steve: Ha! Your friend got caught in your stupid trap, yet I've not touched a single one of them yet.

Frostbite: Don't worry about me, you two. I've got enough energy to finish him off! Ice Chainsaw!

Frostbite dashes forward and slashes away at Dark Steve, who's arm gashes open.

Dark Steve: You little...! One more time I'll put you in your place! Robofist!

Frostbite is sent flying and lands on the ground. He is unconscious.

Steve: Frostbite! You bastard! Soak Blast!

Ty: Shock Blast!

Dark Steve is electrocuted profoundly. He falls to one knee and then throws his leaves as boomerangs once more, slashing Ty up and making them go unconscious too.

Steve: You're a real monster, but I've still got one last trick!

Dark Steve: Just one more rat to defeat before I start my conquest for world domination! I'll admit, you were tough opponents, but if your brother couldn't beat me, what makes you three

think you could? I'm stronger than all of you combined! Now become my robotic minions!

Robofist!

Steve: You're not the only one with a transformation. SUPER STEVE! MEGA ARM!

Steve transforms and his arm stretches and grows giant, slamming into Dark Steve's robotic fist.

The two push their fists with all their might against one another.

Dark Steve: You think you alone are stronger than me!? Don't make me laugh!

Steve: I don't think that I'm stronger than you. I know that I'm stronger than you!

Dark Steve: Keep dreaming, Steve! I am superior to everyone on this planet! Now die!

Their fists continue to battle each other. Steve and Dark Steve both scream as they give all their might into their finishing blows.

Steve: Superior? You're fueled by hate, that makes you inferior! Now give me Joe back!

Steve's overgrown arm overpowers Dark Steve, who frowns for a split second before he is pounded and sent flying backward, almost off the edge of the volcano.

Dark Steve: My body... is falling apart.

Dark Steve explodes and a dark grey ghost walks off into the distance. Joe appears, unharmed.



Joe: You did it, bro! You saved me!

Steve: JOE! I WAS SO WORRIED! I MISSED YOU SO MUCH!

Ty and Frostbite get back up, no longer unconscious.

Ty: It's great that you're okay, Joe!

Joe: You sure came in the nick of time! If he had finished his experiments, I'd be a mindless robot! Instead, I'm a robot with a mind of my own! Check out all the awesome stuff I can do now!

Thank you both very much!

Ty: No problem!

Steve: You're welcome, brother!

Joe: Let's go home!

Steve: Of course!

The four heroes return home triumphantly, having saved the day for the first, and definitely not the last time.