[2/17/2024, 8:06:20 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Welcome to the Episteme! Each of you has arrived here by your own means, whether accepting aid from the Provost or relying on your own resources. Some of you traveled in groups or pairs, while others ventured alone. Regardless of your journey, upon arrival at the Episteme, you were guided by a member of Gilded Ventures. Through the outpost, into the archives, and finally through the branching stone tunnels leading to this cave, you have all gathered here. Some may have waited a while, while others arrived punctually. But now, as a united group, you stand before Nahele Myrunji. Clad in leather armor with a lighter bag by his side, Nahele awaits your attention. The adventure lies ahead, and the mysteries of this cave beckon.

[ This is when you want to post your characters appearance and such – Once posted Nahele would go right into why you are all gathered here tonight ]

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[2/17/2024, 8:09:28 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Approaching the group, her iridescent green gaze sweeping the area and upon each face that had gathered. Today Tonili was adorned in her normal leather wear having added leather armor pieces with fur lining to keep her warm in the blustery season. An array of belts held the armor and her weaponry in place. Upon her back she had slung her bow along with two quivers of arrows. Upon either hip a dagger would hang from one of the many belts. Within the bag she carried some normal supplies as well as those for excavation of smaller items. Her chestnut colored hair was pulled back in a series of twists and braids that hung loosely over her left shoulder. Within her branchlers a simple silver chain had been entwined among the points. And a single emerald gem hanging from the left.

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[2/17/2024, 8:10:02 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene arrived punctually, aided by Gilded Ventures' travel arrangements. He's dressed sharply in pricey formal-wear, composed of mostly grays and other muted tones. It's shockingly plain for such an expensive outfit.

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[2/17/2024, 8:11:08 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure Khalil stood with the group in front of the Provost. He wore simple brown pants and boots matched with a tan shirt, and his left cheek sported an aging, yellowed bruise. His attire was simple though well made, his black hair lightly slicked back, and his blue eyes passed over each of the others gathered there before settling in to listen to Nahele.

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[2/17/2024, 8:12:22 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray dressed in her black and gold armor, the standing colors of the Obsidian Order. Her hazel gaze staying locked on Nahele waiting for whatever orders would leave the man. Her fiery hair gathered into a braid that hung over her shoulder, her spear leaning against her body as she waited.

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[2/17/2024, 8:12:59 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

When the time finally comes for the others to arrive, Lorelei makes her way over to the little huddle from a little deeper in the room, examining a wall and taking some of her own notes. She's been there for a time, at least, having already been on the Episteme grounds for a day or so now. Unlike her usual outfits, she's dressed simply; Brown leather boots, white cotton pants tucked in, and a blue cotton shirt tucked under a nice, black leather vest. Her hair is up in a loose bun, all of it screaming ready to explore a dirty, dark cave rather than attend a fancy party or dinner.

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[2/17/2024, 8:13:12 PM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain was likely present in the cave before most if not all of the group alongside Nahele. He is carrying a leather bound notebook, adorned in finer clothes than most have seen him wearing before. His shirt now a darker button up, and his pants a tighter fit. His usual long duster coat newly fitted and sewn to look almost new. He is currently glancing around the cavern inquisitively.

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[2/17/2024, 8:13:37 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Thank you, everyone, for taking the time to join us today. I understand that the journey here may have been lengthy, and for some, perhaps fraught with uncertainty. Your presence is greatly appreciated, and I acknowledge the potential challenges and contemplations that may have accompanied you along the way. Regardless of the varying experiences you may have encountered, Gilded Ventures extends its sincere gratitude for your commitment and dedication. Your presence signifies the importance of the matters at hand, and we are appreciative to have your expertise and support as we explore the extensive task set for us in this chamber. Thank you once again for being here.""This Chamber, as far as we can discern, has remained sealed for thousands of years, if not longer. We've exercised caution in the excavation process, and now, you stand here among the first since its sealing, amidst what I presume to be a place suspended in time. I urge each of you to tread carefully as you explore this evening. Take note of your surroundings, absorb what you see, and engage in discussions with one another as you make discoveries. For safety and efficiency, I'll be breaking you into two teams. Please communicate and collaborate closely within your teams. Remember, every viewpoint shared offers a glimpse into the vast unknown; listening enables the team to potentially uncover hidden truths. If your group collectively believes you've exhausted your findings, report back to me. I may redirect your team or wait for the other group to conclude their

exploration. Now, before I assign teams and regions of the cave, are there any questions?"

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[2/17/2024, 8:16:40 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Tonili looked toward Thyra and offered a soft huff as she shook her head toward her brother.

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[2/17/2024, 8:17:32 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I wish to ensure that the entrance we arrived through remains accessible for the remainder of our expedition. I already see bones resting in this place, which implies that it has been a struggle to exit in the past. I doubt we will encounter such an issue ourselves, but I wish to remain cautious."

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[2/17/2024, 8:17:30 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Clutching her notebook and writing utensil closely, Lorelei offered the Provost only a big smile and a small shake of the head before regarding the others.

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[2/17/2024, 8:17:50 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray takes a moment to take a look around the cave. "So I'm taking it then that there is no record of what this place is...let alone why it's even here. Meaning no information for you to give us to narrow our search about."

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[2/17/2024, 8:18:47 PM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain speaks up: "Any clue why the cave itself is considered part of the episteme? If there was an official entrance then its likely to be intentional."

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[2/17/2024, 8:19:15 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure remained quiet for the moment, simply turning and

looking out into the cave now.

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[2/17/2024, 8:22:04 PM] GV NPC {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Of course, the entrance we all used to access this cave has been reinforced to prevent any future cave-ins. The fact that it was originally intentionally sealed, leaving the creature behind Khalil, is perplexing to me," Nahele stated, casting a glance at Thyra before continuing, "None of us deliberately unearthed this tunnel; it was a recent accidental discovery. Regarding Ezlain's findings, I hope we can ascertain why this tunnel extends off the Episteme and potentially determine if it leads to the original chamber where they sought refuge or not. We are aware that the founders migrated to this region to evade the dangers they were fleeing from, whatever they may have been."

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[2/17/2024, 8:23:44 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
"Any other questions or concerns?"

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[2/17/2024, 8:25:05 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Maxwell Rene shakes his head 'no'.

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[2/17/2024, 8:25:01 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Glancing around her head shook back and forth, pausing only when

there was a blue hued thing off to the side. hm

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[2/17/2024, 8:26:30 PM] Thyra Auvray

Thyra Auvray glances to Tonili. "Do you recognize that make up of the creature?" She nods towards the skeleton.

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[2/17/2024, 8:27:25 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain turns to Khalil. "We meet again Khalil. Seems we run into each

other quite often."

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[2/17/2024, 8:27:33 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I do not," he shakese his head, "I'll be honest this is the first time anyone has entered this chamber. I'm depending on you all for the intial investigation."

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[2/17/2024, 8:28:57 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele My'runji would look at everyone as he stated, "Well then I think I should get you all seperated here into your groups."

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[2/17/2024, 8:29:12 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I have arranged for each team to include at least one member from Gilded Ventures to offer additional support and guidance. Our first team consists of Ezlain, Khalil Valure, and Tonili My'runji. The second team comprises Thayra Auvray, Lorelei Greythorne, and Maxwell René." Nahele motioned toward each individual as he named them to ensure clarity regarding their identities." As you embark on your exploration, I will be collaborating with our excavation team to clear the rubble behind me, unveiling what lies beyond these stones. With any luck, we will have the path cleared by the time you return. Before you all depart, Ezlain's group will take the Northern Part of the cave, while Lorelei's group will take the southern portion. If you feel your group has finished their investigation in their area, please remember to report back to me and I may redirect you to assist the other. Additionally, I would like to note

that you all should take your time to explore. As we can tell, the ancestors of Gilded Ventures went to great lengths to hide this chamber for a reason, so be mindful of that."Nahele paused for a moment, and in Elvish, he spoke, "Melamin, ar mae lûth inyr gwath epherra mellon." Then, he translated, "From the words of my people, Good luck and may fortune smile upon each of you."

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[2/17/2024, 8:31:00 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure turns to face Ezlain as he speaks to him, giving the man a nod. "That we do, good to see you again. How have you been?" Though he gave his full attention to Ezlain for the moment he was soon drawn back to the skeleton near him being spoke of. As Tonili joined them, he looked to her and gave her a smile.

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[2/17/2024, 8:31:19 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele My'runji would turn around and join the other two Gilded Ventures members to assist in removing the debris behind him.

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[2/17/2024, 8:31:29 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Maxwell Rene offers a curt bow.

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[2/17/2024, 8:32:49 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Group B, shall we? Southern section, and try not to split up too far. Stay in contact with each other, communication is key."

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[2/17/2024, 8:32:51 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Lorelei curtsies gently, despite not being in a dress, and sidles up to Thyra with a sideways grin. "I feel safer already having you along, Thane. Are you ready to exercise your mind for once?"

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[2/17/2024, 8:33:08 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray glances over to the two standing close to her. "It is a pleasure to see you again Lady Greythorne." She gave the woman a bow before looking to the man starting to walk off. "Off we go I guess."

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[2/17/2024, 8:33:32 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

As the teams were announced, Tonili quietly made her way over to the group she was put in. A gentle smile touching her lips as she approached, "Greetings Gentlemen." Holding a single hand out toward Ezlaine as Sersei had taught her in greeting. "Hello I am Tonili. It is nice to meet you."

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[2/17/2024, 8:35:13 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene looks pensively around the room as he walks down the cavern.

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[2/17/2024, 8:35:17 PM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I've been well. Great even, since i've joined GV lots of things have been going my way. Finally not in the rags I was in the first time we met." As Tonili stealthily arrived and extended her hand, he too eager extended his. "I'm Ezlain." he says before letting Khalil introduce himself.

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[2/17/2024, 8:35:45 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Lorelei passes along with the other two, glancing through a pile of rocks nearby on her way by. Natural rubble? Remnants of a civilization long past? Probably the former.

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[2/17/2024, 8:36:30 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene gives the mushrooms a brief glance."Remember, an average of 5 mycologists die every year, failing to identify a mushroom as 'not poisonous'. I would advise against testing your luck."

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[2/17/2024, 8:37:14 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray make sure to follow close behind the two, her hazel gaze shifting over to the Maxwell man lifting a brow as he spoke. "Well...you are a cheerful ray of sunshine."

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[2/17/2024, 8:37:22 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Lorelei pokes one of the mushrooms with her pen, before taking notes. Probably recording that information, but also taking notes about Mr. Rene himself.

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[2/17/2024, 8:37:43 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Thyra, was it? Any insights on the stonework? It is not any form of construction I recognize."

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[2/17/2024, 8:38:01 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure he looked on as the other introduced themselves to each other and sensing Ezl;ain's intention he'd comment. "We've met, shall we?" he asked, his hand raising towards the geneal direction they should head

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[2/17/2024, 8:38:42 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} "Indeed" He says with a smile

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[2/17/2024, 8:38:56 PM] Thyra Auvray

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{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
Thyra Auvray gave Maxwell a nod of her head before making her way
towards the stone work. Slowly reaching out and letting her finger brush
along the stone work.
[2/17/2024, 8:39:58 PM] Maxwell Rene
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
"Peculiar..."
[2/17/2024, 8:40:52 PM] Lorelei Greythorne
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
"Remarkably smooth, is it not? Man-made."
[2/17/2024, 8:41:46 PM] Maxwell Rene
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
"I would wager so, yes. Good insight."
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[2/17/2024, 8:42:20 PM] Tonili My'runji
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
Per usual, Tonili moved over toward the remains of whatever creature
bones remained. Crouching near the skull she would remove one of her
daggers to try to lift open the mouth.
[2/17/2024, 8:42:37 PM] Thyra Auvray
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
"The symbol of Gilded Ventures." Her fingers tracing over the raven
before slowly making her way towards the next wall.
[2/17/2024, 8:43:56 PM] Thyra Auvray
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
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[2/17/2024, 8:44:25 PM] Tonili My'runji
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{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
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[2/17/2024, 8:44:32 PM] Lorelei Greythorne
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
Lorelei follows closely behind Thyra, and then stands on her toes to peer
over the woman's shoulder. Maybe she's distracting the poor Thane with
her charismatic presence?
[2/17/2024, 8:44:55 PM] Curator Greythorne
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
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1d100 = 78 = 78
[2/17/2024, 8:44:58 PM] Thyra Auvray
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
"Hmm...Lady Greythorne.. this light." She glances over her shoulder to
the dark haired woman.
[2/17/2024, 8:46:28 PM] Khalil Valure
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
Khalil Valure kneels and inspects the journal, though he did 't touch it at
first. "Interesting. Ezlain, do you think it's too fragile to try and look
through?"
[2/17/2024, 8:48:12 PM] Maxwell Rene
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
Maxwell Rene ponders the meaning of the carving." Ominous. A storm,
perhaps? Though, this could easily be very symbolic in nature."
[2/17/2024, 8:48:24 PM] Ezlain
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
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Ezlain put on a pair of leather gloves. Walking up to the book on the ground. "Perhaps we can, we must be careful though. I've not handled books this damaged, but it should be relatively safe, judging from the health of the parchment."

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[2/17/2024, 8:49:03 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray glances over to Mr. Ray-of-Sunshine to see what he was looking at.

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[2/17/2024, 8:49:57 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene leaves his thoughts a moment to linger aloud while he carefully pages through the old notebook on the floor, moving the ancient paper as delicately as he can.

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[2/17/2024, 8:50:32 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

As the skull opened Tonili found herself disappointed. other than dirt and dust along with a tooth or two that had been dislodged, there was nothing really interesting within the skull. Standing she did idly wonder what kind of beast it was, she has not seen such a skeleton before, as far as she knew. So brushing her hands on her leggings she wandered over to the other two of the group to listen to the two of them and their discovery.

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[2/17/2024, 8:51:22 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Even as he Ezlain responded he turned and saw Tonili over near the large set of bones. "Good, though it looks like it's seen it's fair share of water." As Tonili joined them he looked to her and asked. "Anything interesting?"

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[2/17/2024, 8:52:02 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Tip of her tongue briefly poking from between her lips, Lorelei scoots in when Thyra departs and reaches a hand for the light, testing that illusion of depth to see what the source really might be. "Appears... something is behind here? I think..." She feels around in there, eyes narrowing in her concentration.

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[2/17/2024, 8:52:43 PM] Titandon

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

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[2/17/2024, 8:53:12 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"No storm I've ever seen, tis no hurricane or tornado." Her eyes seem to narrow as she looks over the buildings, her fingers tracing over the carving.@uickly pulling her hand away from the carving. "Do you need help Lady Greythorne?" She takes a step towards her.

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[2/17/2024, 8:53:23 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

To Ezlain she looked over "Not really. I had hoped inside the skull might have been some hidden gem or such, but nope. I have yet to identify what kind of creature it is. How about you?"

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[2/17/2024, 8:55:03 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Maybe? I figured it would be easier for me and my dainty little fingers...

Almost..."

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[2/17/2024, 8:55:57 PM] Maxwell Rene

Maxwell Rene leaves the old paper alone."I believe this is written in Elvish. I'm not adept in that script, I'm afraid, so I cannot translate it myself. Would either of you be able to lend a hand?"

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[2/17/2024, 8:56:22 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene is cut off mid sentence."..."

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[2/17/2024, 8:56:19 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Oh marvelous..."

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[2/17/2024, 8:57:22 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain reached down as Tonili replied, very gently and gingerly collecting the book from the wet stone and remnants of bone. He would turn the soggy pages with care, stopping on the well preserved page. "Only information not lost here seems to be about a plant long lost to this place or time. We could maybe place this in a warmer place to let it dry. could let us glean more from it through restoration efforts."

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[2/17/2024, 8:57:32 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray jumps towards the stone, copying Lorelei's movement and tries to reach in where her hand had been. "Of course...this is how Lady Greythorne would..." She mumbles.

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[2/17/2024, 8:57:36 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Well that is concerning."

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[2/17/2024, 8:57:49 PM] Khalil Valure

"A old book..it's been here a while..look at that plant though, do you recognize it?" He spoke to Tonili

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[2/17/2024, 8:58:07 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} "ezlain shows her the page"

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[2/17/2024, 8:58:47 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray lets out a sigh the moment she could lay eyes on Lorelei.

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[2/17/2024, 8:58:48 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Lorelei jumps back as Thyra rotates into view, making a surprised face with a big, cheesy smile. "Welcome to my humble abode, good Thane! Shall we explore and let the others worry for a time?"

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[2/17/2024, 8:59:26 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene approaches this mechanism with a hint of tact. He knocks on the wall three times, then calls out,"Are you unharmed though there? If you lost any limbs in that process, please speak up about it so the proper medical attention can be fetched."

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[2/17/2024, 8:59:53 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Moving closer to Ezlain Tonili would look over the page. The sketching of the plant, somewhat faded made it difficult for her to decipher. Yet the leaves looked slightly familiar. "Does it give the name for the plant?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:00:10 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray gave Lorelei a nod of her head. "Might as well since we are here." Pausing as she glances over her shoulder. "WE ARE FINE!!"

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[2/17/2024, 9:00:45 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Naturally, Lorelei beelines for the glimmering pile of shiny things across

the room, leaning in to have a look.

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[2/17/2024, 9:02:15 PM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Nothing specific." Ezlain turns to place the book closer to a torch in order to let the book dry. "We may learn more later. For now, perhaps we should move on."

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[2/17/2024, 9:02:18 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

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[2/17/2024, 9:02:23 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I am going to inform the higher ups of your organization of this mechanism before I follow after myself. On the off chance there isn't a return route, at least we could be dug out, sound fair?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:03:10 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Yes, I agree, there's plenty yet to explore."

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[2/17/2024, 9:03:57 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Dipping her chin in agreeance she stepped forward toward the water, curious as to how deep it might be or if other finds may be there to come across

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[2/17/2024, 9:04:12 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene makes a brief detour to tell a Gilded Ventures rep of the sliding wall, just in case the three of them get stuck. With that sorted, he will return and place his hand on the wall where the others had.

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[2/17/2024, 9:04:14 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray brows push together as she studies the carving.

"Everything screams of a destroyed world.."

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[2/17/2024, 9:04:21 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

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[2/17/2024, 9:04:22 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

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1d100 = 43 = 43

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[2/17/2024, 9:06:00 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

He watched on anxiously hoping Tonili didn't find herself swimming in

short order

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[2/17/2024, 9:06:12 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"These seem like an offering to the gods? But if it is our gods, it's... different. Not like any depictions I've noticed in any temple I've been in, certainly. I wonder if these are safe to take... for cataloguing, of course."

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[2/17/2024, 9:07:20 PM] Tonili My'runji

Dipping her hand into the water she sniffed then carefully pushed the tip of her tonge into her palm "Oh Salty. May want to wrap the book if it dries out too fast it will be coated in salt, won't it?" Easily striding through the water to the men. "Wet, ick. Nothing else to find apparently"

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[2/17/2024, 9:08:02 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Well, there is a consistent theme with these carvings, so that is a strong start. And these gems... well, they were certainly crafted with care. Someone cared deeply about their quality, at the very least."

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[2/17/2024, 9:08:15 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray steps back from the painted stonework. "Yes....this is all of places that have been destroyed." She looks to Maxwell and Lorelei.

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[2/17/2024, 9:08:49 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Another book, over here" he calls back to the pair as he moved ahead and spotted it

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[2/17/2024, 9:09:35 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

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[2/17/2024, 9:09:39 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"One does not simply offer the gods rough, invaluable stones, Mr. Rene." She hums and takes notes in her book, like a tally of sorts, seeing if there's a pattern in the color or number of each color or something. Same number of colors as gods? Same number of each? "Curious!"

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[2/17/2024, 9:09:41 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I wonder if this was part of a library or if these books were placed here

for safekeeping?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:10:02 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain chuckles seeing Toni jump into the pool as he made his way across the cavern, turning around to observe her. "Perhaps we should." Seeing that she is okay, he turns back around, pulling a cloth from his bag. "One sec!" he yells back at Khalil before travelling back to wrap the book, then returning to the group.

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[2/17/2024, 9:10:10 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray just grabs the book. "Lady Greythorne, can you read this?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:11:48 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"And please be delicate with it. Old paper can be pulled apart as easily as cobwebs without intending to."

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[2/17/2024, 9:12:42 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Pivoting like a ballerina, Lorelei's ears perk and she looks at the book. Gingerly scooping it from the offering hand, she gives it a go. "Ah! Well, it's not pretty gemstones, but it says right here on page one, Thyra; You need pointy ears to read." She nods, following through on her little jab before perusing the Elvish text. "Old dialect... very old."

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[2/17/2024, 9:13:05 PM] Khalil {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

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[2/17/2024, 9:13:19 PM] Maxwell Rene {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} "Easier, in fact, as cobwebs can stretch to around 5 times their original length before—" [2/17/2024, 9:13:19 PM] Maxwell Rene {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Maxwell Rene goes on a tangent about the properties of spiderwebs. It is neither on-topic nor interesting. [2/17/2024, 9:13:21 PM] Tonili My'runji {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Toni had meandered closer to Khalil as he spoke of the book. As she made her way she moved around a stone letting out a soft gasp. "Oh this is beautiful! Does your book day anything?" [2/17/2024, 9:13:49 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} He also hands a pair of gloves to Khalil if he didn't already have any. "They're extra, though they may not fit." Raising his hand up and twirling it to emphasize their size. \_\_\_\_\_ [2/17/2024, 9:13:53 PM] Tonili My'runji {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} \* say anything?" [2/17/2024, 9:14:02 PM] Tonili My'runji {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

[2/17/2024, 9:14:10 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

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Thyra Auvray stares at Lorelei before deadpanning to Maxwell. "I just kill things."

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[2/17/2024, 9:14:43 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Ah, I see. My apologies."

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[2/17/2024, 9:15:17 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Don't sell yourself short, Thyra. I am sure there are some very large insects around here that need squashing."

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[2/17/2024, 9:16:05 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure accepting the offered gloves from Ezlain he pulled them on, though they were a bit tight they were fine. He now moved over to the carving in the stone Tonili mentioned, running his now gloved fingers over the carving. "Curious."

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[2/17/2024, 9:16:16 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"With all due respect, I hope there are \*not\* large insects in here. Especially in an enclosed space such as this."

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[2/17/2024, 9:16:28 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Ezlain, can you look at this? Does this tree look like it might be a lever?" her hand was outstreached, a single finger tracing the intiracacies of hthe stone carving

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[2/17/2024, 9:16:32 PM] Thyra Auvray

Thyra Auvray looks to Lorelie before letting out a sigh. "From Thane to bug squisher." She starts to walk about the cave to see if there was anything else.

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[2/17/2024, 9:17:31 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"There was another text in Elvish just outside."

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[2/17/2024, 9:19:21 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

At her mention of a possible lever to Ezlain, Khalil himself looks closer at

what she was pointing out.

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[2/17/2024, 9:19:50 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Clearing her throat, Lorelei looks to the other two, walking slowly back toward the middle while reading a passage from the journal."We have discovered the ideal location to establish the Epistiron, a place where we can rebuild and reform the archives, while also concealing the location of the source. These chambers will be sealed as we expand the compound, ensuring the safety of the knowledge passed down from our forefathers and securing the well-being of the descendants of this world."

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[2/17/2024, 9:20:13 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene is making records of his findings so far in his notebook,

while he has a moment.

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[2/17/2024, 9:20:44 PM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain places the book safely to the side before looking at. "Looks like you're correct. Not sure if we should proceed with pulling it, could be a kind of trap."

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[2/17/2024, 9:21:25 PM] Thyra Auvray
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
Thyra Auvray tilts her head. "Of the source? Source being what?"
[2/17/2024, 9:21:44 PM] Ezlain
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
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[2/17/2024, 9:21:57 PM] Maxwell Rene
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
"Is it just me, or does 'Epistiron' sound similar enough to 'Epistome' for
it to be a coincidence?"
[2/17/2024, 9:22:43 PM] Thyra Auvray
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
"Perhaps the name got changed to safe guard more information?"
[2/17/2024, 9:22:56 PM] Tonili My'runji
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}
As her finger lightly traces the images of the men, she moved aside from
the tree to let the others look more at it. She was just enjoying the
intracacies of the figures, the wonderment of their meaning washing
over her.
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[2/17/2024, 9:23:05 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I believe the two are one in the same, quite right! Likely just a shift in the language and dialect over millenia. Curious what this... source is they speak of."

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[2/17/2024, 9:23:12 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain shrugs "My curiosity is getting the better of me. I'll leave it up to you guys. It LOOKS safe." \_\_\_\_\_\_ [2/17/2024, 9:23:40 PM] Maxwell Rene {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} "A reasonable suggestion. Perhaps a touch more evidence and we could establish a working theory." [2/17/2024, 9:23:44 PM] Thyra Auvray {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} "We should take that book and the one Mr. Rene found to the Provost." [2/17/2024, 9:24:06 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Picks up the book and steps back [2/17/2024, 9:24:28 PM] Maxwell Rene {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} "Agreed, we should." \_\_\_\_\_\_ [2/17/2024, 9:25:02 PM] Tonili My'runji {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} "Would you like to do the honors, Khalil?" leaning further away but not moving her feet from t heir spot [2/17/2024, 9:25:24 PM] Lorelei Greythorne {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Lorelei nods, heading over to the other carving she hadn't looked at yet, the one of the city on fire. Building? Clearly Empyrean in design, but also older. "And try to get some sketches of these, at least? I will take more notes. Was there anything else that you two saw?"

[2/17/2024, 9:25:44 PM] Khalil Valure

Khalil Valure gives a soft shrug and says to the two "Take a step back, just in case." And once they've gotten a bit clear if they listened, he'd grip the tree with his fingers and try to move it. First side to side, and then pulling directly outwards towards him.

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[2/17/2024, 9:26:19 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I brought an abundance of spare research equipment if you need any help making a copy."

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[2/17/2024, 9:26:47 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray shakes her head as she steps towards Lorelei. "I have a quicker way of sketching that...can I have a thing of paper and a pencil?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:26:53 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"If you could, Maxwell? I can only record a written description, not much for visual depictions."

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[2/17/2024, 9:27:14 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene offers Thyra the requested materials.

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[2/17/2024, 9:27:37 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

She looks at Thyra then, then sighs and nods a thanks at Maxwell. She was saved from having to tear a page out of her journal.

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[2/17/2024, 9:27:58 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Coughing and sputtering Toni moved toward the opening. Her curiosity and enjoyment of the long forgotten area, piqued.

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[2/17/2024, 9:28:09 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

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[2/17/2024, 9:28:09 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray presses the paper to the carving carefully before scribbling over the paper so that the exact image of the carving slowly appears on the paper.

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[2/17/2024, 9:28:44 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

With a bit of a rumble off to his side some of the cave fell way to a doorway after he pulled at the tree, and seeing Toni go into the room he quickly followed

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[2/17/2024, 9:29:16 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"For one who 'just kills things', that was quite ingenious of you. That was a wonderful idea, I'm impressed."

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[2/17/2024, 9:30:02 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray shrugs as she hands Lorelei the paper. "Thank you, I just try to keep things quick and easy." She gives Maxwell a bow of her head.

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[2/17/2024, 9:30:12 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Perhaps if she were not a pugilist by trade, our Thane could be a renowned artist, hm?" She backs up again, taking another look at the offering bowl and the gems.

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[2/17/2024, 9:30:54 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"This is a burial site." moving to the headstone on the right she paused. Taking one of the torches she lit the candles to inspect the area between the headstones.

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[2/17/2024, 9:31:18 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray slowly turns and holds the paper out to Maxwell. "Lady Greythorne seems....busy at the moment."

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[2/17/2024, 9:32:06 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene accepts the paper and puts it away in a bag."Indeed. No

matter, we have time aplenty."

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[2/17/2024, 9:32:04 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain slowly follows in after Khalil and Tonili, continuing to read the book as he entered. Then looking up to see what's inside. "Morbid"

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[2/17/2024, 9:32:30 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Indeed, perhaps the first who were here to create this place?" He moved in to look closer at the inscriptions beneath the pillars.

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[2/17/2024, 9:32:40 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

[ Geärendil Finrovalë; Celeborn Vanimar; Caladwen Calafalas; Yázh Calafalas, Löthan Augmityr ] @ Ezlains Group

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[2/17/2024, 9:32:57 PM] Thyra Auvray

"We should probably do the same to the carvings outside." She slowly reaches out to place a hand on Lorelei's shoulder...almost as if she was ready to carry the woman away from the gems.

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[2/17/2024, 9:33:20 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I am going to inspect the other carvings once more, with the added insight and context we gained from in here. The second impression may be a bit clearer than the first."

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[2/17/2024, 9:33:22 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"We have all we need from this room then, lovelies? Nothing else to poke and uncover secret entrances with? I suppose we haven't even tested to see if it will let us back out, have we?" She beams a smile at the two, as if the idea of being trapped is just humorous. She won't take a gem. This time.

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[2/17/2024, 9:33:38 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene will attempt to return though the spinning wall.

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[2/17/2024, 9:34:15 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"The founders!? Here?" He looks to Tonili for confirmation.

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[2/17/2024, 9:34:53 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"We should see if the door opens from this side."

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[2/17/2024, 9:35:27 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"So lovely in a timeless sorrow." speaking softly with a reverential tone. Softly she would be humming an old chant she learned as a child that

included the names she had read. "I am not sure honestly. But i have heard of them through this song."

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[2/17/2024, 9:35:50 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

With a sigh and a longing look at the bowl, Lorelei straightens up and marches back to the wall to follow Maxwell. "You are, of course, right, Thyra. I will risk life and limb later. Or perhaps let Nahele do it for me!"She pulls the lever again and whooshes around out of the room, sans gems.

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[2/17/2024, 9:37:01 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"So... the fire imagery and this 'calamity' of sorts here could easily be one in the same, or at minimum they are closely related. But this other picture here. A portal? I don't know what the through-line is there."

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[2/17/2024, 9:37:15 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray watches as Lorelei walks a way, quickly reaching out and grabbing a small handful of the gems and shoves them in her bag for Lorelei later. Quickly following behind her team.

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[2/17/2024, 9:38:19 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray looks to Maxwell. "May I have another thing of paper for

this carving?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:38:37 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Certainly. Here you go."

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[2/17/2024, 9:39:12 PM] Khalil Valure

He looked from one to the other, his gaze staying on Tonili as she hummed. "Shall we see if there's anything else? It looked like three was some space either side before this area."

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[2/17/2024, 9:39:20 PM] Mira

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Going to run but hope to participate next session. Thank you Nahele!

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[2/17/2024, 9:39:20 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"And this one as well, would that be all... four sets of carvings? I think I accurately described our bowl of gems as well. Did we notice any more out of place?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:39:31 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I have plenty more back home, use as much as you'd like."

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[2/17/2024, 9:39:37 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray bows her head as she takes the paper and copies her previous action of scribbling on the paper to have the carving on the wall to slowly start to show up. "One down, two more to go"

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[2/17/2024, 9:39:58 PM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"what about this?" Ezlain presents the old book to Tonili. "Its written in Pyrain, and mentions the god Shol, but I can't glean much else with my limited linguistics.

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[2/17/2024, 9:40:16 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Was a second book mentioned? Was that also in Elvish?" She looks expectantly to Maxwell.

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[2/17/2024, 9:40:43 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"While you two focus on the book, I'll get the other two carvings."

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[2/17/2024, 9:41:01 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene collects the first book carefully, the one that hasn't been

translated yet."Some help with this?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:41:46 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure wanders off but it isn't for long, as what seemed to go around a corner abruptly stopped when he got closer to see around that corner. "Nevermind, just looked like it continued."

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[2/17/2024, 9:42:27 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

She happily approaches and peruses the second book, reading with more ease after getting used to the dialect in the first one. Another clear throat, some prep work, and she reads again. "As consciousness returned to me, I found myself unable to shake the sensation that I had witnessed the mythical bird of fire ascending triumphantly from the ruins. Before us stretched a vista of unexplored lands, dominated by towering mountains whose contours were unfamiliar to my senses. Despite the uncertainty that lay ahead, the mere recollection of that majestic bird evoked a profound sense of solace within me, infusing me with courage as we embarked upon this formidable journey into uncharted territories. It was a creature whose form had previously only graced the canvas of my dreams, yet now, its presence seemed to serve as a guiding beacon amidst the vast expanse of the unknown."

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[2/17/2024, 9:42:53 PM] Tonili My'runji

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[2/17/2024, 9:43:29 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray makes her way between the last to carvings, scribbling till all the carvings had appeared on the papers. Once she was done she moved towards the other two. Looking over Lorelei's shoulder at the book.

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[2/17/2024, 9:43:36 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"A gold star to the first to tell me who our majestic bird is. The one, the only..."

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[2/17/2024, 9:43:52 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Mountains. Like the ones the Episteme are build into? It could be referring to those. But if they arrived in \*this\* place, then where from? And how?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:44:36 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray takes a moment to study the bird and letting her brows push together at Lorelei's words. "A phoenix?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:45:16 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Looking at Maxwell, Lorelei points to the same carving that they all used to enter the hidden chamber. "A tunnel of sorts? Or maybe a gateway?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:46:22 PM] Maxwell Rene

"That seems likely, yes. And this 'phoenix'... They speak very fondly of the bird of fire. It may be related to those gems, they seemed to be of some sort of ceremonial purpose."

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[2/17/2024, 9:47:15 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

She nods at Thyra and smiles. "And the loveliest phoenix at that. Our Goddess of Creation herself, hm? Speaks very much to the... magical origins of the events here."

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[2/17/2024, 9:47:33 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Taking the book very carefully, taking a closer look at the pages she slowly tried to make out. Sadly she shook her head gently. "It is so faded, I fear that restoration of the pages might reveal more? I can tell you that Shol is the God of Truth, and if you look closely.." not touching the page Tonili air traced with her fingertip, some of the imaging, "It appears to be showing his realm. Oh and look here, it seems to show how he is related to the Pyrian. Both Emperian and Py'rai, I think." Holding the book to her side so the two men could hopefully see what she was pointing to.

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[2/17/2024, 9:50:54 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray tilts her head. "Perhaps she has something to do with the cities that we seen being destroyed..." Her gaze looking down at one of the pictures in hand with the orb over the city. "Would also explain what this actually is." She hands Lorelei the scribble of the Mysterious Vision.

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[2/17/2024, 9:51:07 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure moved in closer to look at the book closer as Tonili spoke about it. "That book might be quite the find. I wonder what interests the other grou; has fogund..."

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[2/17/2024, 9:52:17 PM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain places his left hand on his right elbow while his right hand rests on his chin, tilting his upper body to the side in ponderment. Afterwards taking his notebook and making notes.

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[2/17/2024, 9:53:15 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene glances back the way they came."I believe we have investigated this area in full. The cave moves onto the northern portion up there, which the other group was assigned to. Anything else that anyone would like to take a closer look at before we reconvene?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:54:26 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Lorelei considers all the drawings, the depictions, and nods. "What better symbol of a phoenix than a renewal by fire? Perhaps... an old place that had become corrupt, unsafe. She burns it down, gives her people... sanctuary, a place to be reborn."

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[2/17/2024, 9:55:34 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

He looked from o e to the other of his companions and poised the

question "Shall we head back?"

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[2/17/2024, 9:55:41 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Could fallow this wall and see if this is it for the cave before returning back." She looks to Lorelei. "I feel like you might be right."

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[2/17/2024, 9:57:17 PM] Tonili My'runji

Tonili leaned over to look at what Ezlain was writing in his notebook. "I am curious about the water, it seems like it might connect to the other area, but, another time perhaps, when better prepared." Still holding the book open, enjoying the depictive scene upon the pages.

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[2/17/2024, 9:57:29 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

She holds up a finger with enthusiasm, then waves a hand northward. "Shall we then, brave Thane? Follow the wall and if we find nothing else, we run into our other friends! Very thorough, I like it."

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[2/17/2024, 9:58:35 PM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Perhaps the other groups will fill in the gaps, but it seems this space was intended to be some sort of tomb of knowledge, possibly to the founders themselves in their afterlife. Judging from the books we've found, it could mean this place held their most treasured works. Something peculiar though, the painting seems to be made of ash."replying to Tonili. "Have a dip then, you're already wet from before."

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[2/17/2024, 9:58:39 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene nods along, agreeing to the plan.

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[2/17/2024, 9:58:55 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray lifts a brow to Lorelei letting out a chuckle. "I refuse to run from a fight Lady Greythorne." She starts along the wall moving beside it as if to making sure they didn't miss any carvings.

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[2/17/2024, 9:59:08 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Looks to Khalil "We can continue after that."

[2/17/2024, 9:59:49 PM] Lorelei Greythorne {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Will remind the GM that Thyra was the one who actually took the gems. [2/17/2024, 10:00:03 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Ezalin also slowly reaches for the book back [2/17/2024, 10:01:09 PM] Tonili My'runji {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Shaking her head with a soft chuckle, "No if allowed I might try to come another time to try to traverse it. It will take preparation if there are no air pockets along the way." [2/17/2024, 10:02:17 PM] Khalil Valure {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} With a nod to Tonili's decline of Ezlain's suggestion he turned and started heading back out the way they came. [2/17/2024, 10:02:29 PM] Curator Greythorne {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} "More stone, more carvings. No friends. Devoured by previously mentioned insects, perhaps?" [2/17/2024, 10:02:38 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} "Very Well, smart choice." He smiles while look back to follow Khalil. \_\_\_\_\_ [2/17/2024, 10:02:50 PM] Maxwell Rene {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} "It appears not, apparently." -----

[2/17/2024, 10:03:18 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene offers a polite wave to the

not-devoured-by-giant-insects companions.

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[2/17/2024, 10:03:24 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

She gives Ezlain and Khalil a wave and a bright smile, despite having just seconds ago questioned their fate at the hands of cave-bound fauna.

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[2/17/2024, 10:03:37 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

He stops as he sees the other group approaching after exiting the area.

"Oh, hi." he says and returns the wave

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[2/17/2024, 10:03:41 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

As she followed the men out of the area, Toni stopped momentarily to bow her head toward the two headstones. Something felt impelling that she show respect and honor to the dead here. Only then did she hasten her steps to catch up to the others

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[2/17/2024, 10:04:05 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Well looks like we should take back what we found to the Provost."

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[2/17/2024, 10:04:13 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain awkwardly waves... looking like prime insect food.

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[2/17/2024, 10:05:20 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Ezlain, Did you say the drawing was of ash?" her mind coming around

to what she thought she heard.

[2/17/2024, 10:05:41 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Agreed, a return to your brother, Miss Tonili?" She sniffs a few times as the two groups converge. "Very... earthy. Was someone playing in that cave water?"

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[2/17/2024, 10:05:51 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"It seems we found a burial chamber..." He motions to the carving in the rock they're near "There was a hidden lever there."

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[2/17/2024, 10:06:00 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Another ashen drawing with Group A? Oh my, we will much to discuss together then."

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[2/17/2024, 10:06:20 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray starts back to where the Provost was standing.

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[2/17/2024, 10:06:35 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"We found a secret chamber as well! Several rubbings and a bowl full of lovely gems as offerings to the gods. I do hope they aren't cursed in any way."

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[2/17/2024, 10:06:48 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Khalil Valure Follows the group

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[2/17/2024, 10:06:49 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Oh, yes... it seemed to hold a risen and matted quality indicative of such a thing, though I know not why they would do that.

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[2/17/2024, 10:06:55 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Chuckled softly toward the curator. "That would be me, I was testing the waters near one of the finds. Very salty but nothing to be found within the open pools anyway."

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[2/17/2024, 10:07:30 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I see that you have all regrouped; that's wonderful. Perhaps someone from each group can share what your groups have discovered? We can allocate those findings in the Archives once we leave here. So, whatever you carry on your person, I'll trust you to safeguard it until then," Nahele said, bowing his head to everyone.

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[2/17/2024, 10:08:11 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

While listening to her brother, her hand was held out to Ezlain as she whispers. "May I see the book again please?"

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[2/17/2024, 10:08:44 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray tilts to the side a bit to see the light behind him causing her to lift a brow.

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[2/17/2024, 10:09:09 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezalin realizes something quickly running back to get the soggy book

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[2/17/2024, 10:09:26 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Gods above but your people do know how to dig quickly and quietly,

don't they, Provost? Have you tamed a colony of moles?"

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[2/17/2024, 10:09:29 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

He hands the other book back to tonili

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[2/17/2024, 10:09:36 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele My'runji would stand there looking between everyone seeing who would share and speak up from the two groups that had been formed.

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[2/17/2024, 10:11:08 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Tonili opened the book to the picture they had been looking at earlier. she was not sure why the revelation that it was drawn in ash gave her an intense sense of urgency to re visit the picture.

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[2/17/2024, 10:11:08 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Lorelei motions to Maxwell with a hand and smiles. All the permission to discuss their findings.

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[2/17/2024, 10:11:13 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"We have a few scribblings of some of the carving we found, while it's only a guess..it seems like the Goddess of Creation destroyed a world to try and rebuild it..reasons can only be assumed." She states as she looks between Maxwell and Lorelei.

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[2/17/2024, 10:12:24 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Mm, indeed. There were several carvings we took rubbings of. A mysterious tunnel or gateway, a city aflame, and a book and journal, all in an older dialect of Elvish."

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[2/17/2024, 10:13:03 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I can write a formal report in full afterwords, if you wish. In summary, we have found evidence of some manner of great catastrophe, depictions of the divine plus some gems that seem to be an offering to them, and most strangely of all was the imagery of portals and arriving upon new lands."

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[2/17/2024, 10:13:36 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"As well as a different name for the Epistome."

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[2/17/2024, 10:13:47 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain continues to write in his book, coming up with a cohesive conclusion, but not ready to share, leaning in close to Tonili whispering.

"Figure something out?"

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[2/17/2024, 10:13:56 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Interesting. I can't wait until we can thoroughly investigate the material over the next fortnight," he stated, responding to Lorelei and Thyra before glancing at Maxwell and commenting, "Well, it seems the three of you found a great deal. A summary of your findings and hypothesis would go a long way."

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[2/17/2024, 10:14:30 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"That as well. Much of this is speculative, though I suppose you expected as such, so I will gladly share any speculation I've arrived on if you wish."

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[2/17/2024, 10:15:34 PM] Khalil Valure

As the other two of his group seemed to be focused on the books he spoke up. "We found a hidden lever and when pulled it opened into a chamber, a statue surrounded by pillars, inscribed with names. A burial chamber, by all accounts."

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[2/17/2024, 10:16:15 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Of course, that would be great. After all, at the core of every unknown discovery lies the spirit of exploration, boldly navigating the vast expanses of possibility to unveil the secrets laid before us. I would love to hear what your thoughts are if you'd share them now," he stated to Maxwell. Then, he turned to Khalil and asked, "Really? Can you recall the names you saw?"

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[2/17/2024, 10:17:09 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Tonili found herself lost in the moment as she lifted her head. To Ezlain she whispered, "I am not sure, something feels familiar but yet not. Like something from a childhood story like the song I was humming earlier. Just out of reach."Her gaze lifted to Nahele as she held up the book. After Khalil finished speaking, she spoke, her voice quivering with excitement. "Brother! you should see this, it is about Shol!" Suddenly she cringed realizing she interrupted in her excitement.

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[2/17/2024, 10:18:58 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I would wager that this is an old tale of refugees fleeing something powerful beyond reckoning. And this place here, which would later become the Episteme, would have been their new home. They seemed to revere the Goddess of Creation, so it is possible they were guided to this place through some manner of augury."

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[2/17/2024, 10:19:35 PM] Khalil Valure

"I doubt I could recite the names, though it appeared two may have been related." He looked back to the other two now for clarity.

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[2/17/2024, 10:20:29 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Who ever lived here was looking for some sort of source as well."

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[2/17/2024, 10:21:30 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure turned to Ezlain and asked "Did yo8u write the names down Ezlain? Or could I borow your notebook to go do that quickly?"

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[2/17/2024, 10:21:39 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele looked to his sister, raising an eyebrow at the energy she brought to the moment, but a half-smile formed on his face as he nodded in acknowledgment. His gaze then shifted toward Maxwell as he commented, "That's very insightful. Perhaps, with what Tonili just said, they worshipped the God of Shol, possibly, and this Goddess of Creation. Perhaps they saw it play a part? Or maybe it's the reverse?" He seemed to consider the two bits of information provided as he looked to Thyra and inquired, "Source?"

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[2/17/2024, 10:21:44 PM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Listening to everyone's findings Ezlain goes into deep thought,

continuing to jot his notes down.

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[2/17/2024, 10:22:06 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Erm... of note. I realize it may have been lost in the spoken translation that I read, but this 'Source' was a proper noun, capital S."

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[2/17/2024, 10:22:22 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I cannot remember the names but I remember the tune that they brought to mind. Brother, do y ou remember the song Mother taught us with those long names in it? I THINK they are the same ones from the book."

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[2/17/2024, 10:23:48 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hearing Khalil he looks up. "They were the founders. Geärendil Finrovalë, Celeborn Vanimar, Caladwen Calafalas, Yázh Calafalas, and Löthan Augmityr."

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[2/17/2024, 10:24:18 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele turned to Lorelei, considering her contribution to the conversation. "So you feel it is a place then? Or a thing?" he asked, indicating his curiosity. He then turned to Tonili, expressing regret, "I don't recall, unfortunately..."Before he could continue, he heard Ezlain speak, and his expression shifted with sudden realization. "Oh... Oh! You found the resting place of the founders?" he exclaimed, his interest piqued.

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[2/17/2024, 10:25:03 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"From my understanding I would think the Source was a thing rather than a place."

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[2/17/2024, 10:25:55 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Indeed, though it is odd their burial was hidden in such away, though I suppose it was done to deter graverobbers."

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[2/17/2024, 10:26:06 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

"The founders of the Episteme then... perhaps even Gilded Ventures itself?"She looked at Nahele then, nodding as Thyra spoke. "I will of course have others fluent in older Pyrian dialects look, but that is the conclusion I drew, yes."

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[2/17/2024, 10:26:17 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

He gave Ezlain a nod of appreciation before his attention turned to

listening to the others

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[2/17/2024, 10:26:31 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"But there is only two gravestones and mounds."

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[2/17/2024, 10:28:36 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Hmn. I think with all you've gathered, we may need to set aside time to go over all this material and look at them as a 'puzzle' to be pieced together," he responded to Thyra. Then, he glanced at Ezlain, adding, "That is an interesting perspective. I don't know many Py'rai who'd build such a tomb for themselves... we usually just become one with nature and let it consume us. But if we had a purpose to do such, then there is that thought too. I do appreciate you all going to such great lengths for us, and I will be sure to share these findings... I'll let anyone who wants to participate in that effort let me know their interest, but for now, I thought we could enter this last chamber together if you'd all like?"

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[2/17/2024, 10:29:28 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"While my assistence was requested specifically for \*this\* expedition, I would like to continue my involvement in this research in the coming weeks, if I may. My curiousity is piqued, I don't think I could be content stepping away from this search at this point.""Furthermore, I wouldn't

be opposed to officially joining your orgaization, if you would have me. There is much for me to learn here. This is an opportunity I may never get again, after all."

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[2/17/2024, 10:29:33 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Is this where the giant insects are? I knew they'd show up." She whispers aside to Thyra.

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[2/17/2024, 10:30:30 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Somewhat sheepishly Ezlain steps further into the group. I may have an

alternate theory.

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[2/17/2024, 10:30:46 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray glances to Lorelei. "If you wish to walk behind me, I'll see to it that no giant insects...if there are any I will see them dealt with." She whispered back.

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[2/17/2024, 10:31:03 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

He looked back to Nahele as he offered for the group to go into the last part together. "I'm ready." but then his attention turns to Ezlain as he anno8unces he thinks he has a theory

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[2/17/2024, 10:31:32 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele My'runji looks to Ezlain, "Well before we go why don't you share your thoughts. Something for us to think upon as we go through the doorway behind me.."

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[2/17/2024, 10:32:12 PM] Thyra Auvray

Thyra Auvray slowly puts herself in front of Lorelei preparing to go through the doorway before her.

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[2/17/2024, 10:33:42 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"The heroine we all deserve. I could only be so lucky to have such a Thane all my own." She sighs and falls in step with Thyra, but patiently waits and watches Ezlain for his theory.

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[2/17/2024, 10:33:51 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Tonili would hang at the back of the group. Though she was eager to see the next chamber, she was torn with the desire to go back to the burial chamber. She let out a sigh, then looked toward Ezlain waiting for his theory.

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[2/17/2024, 10:37:46 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Perhaps..." He pauses briefly. "The portals we keep seeing symbolized are literal... That the origins of Gilded Ventures, or maybe even the Pyrain themselves are otherworldly. In this book we found a herb documented that is completely foreign to this land, and talk of gods could mean the existence of interplanar travel, it's far fetched, but the information lines up I think. This big event could be the cause of those portals even, the stone looming over the town depicting ripples. It's a lot of parallels."

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[2/17/2024, 10:38:02 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray glances over her shoulder at Lorelei giving her a bow of her head.

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[2/17/2024, 10:38:46 PM] Maxwell Rene

"Far fetched? Yes.""Plausible? Most definitely. It's a solid theory with our current evidence."

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[2/17/2024, 10:39:38 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Well, if our Goddess of Creation is truly involved, anything is possible,

no? Doesn't get much broader a domain than all of creation."

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[2/17/2024, 10:40:42 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Maybe we're even seeing... The Ashes of Creation itself."

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[2/17/2024, 10:40:46 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"And of truth" Tonili whispered as she kept looking back at the lovely picture in the book she held with deep reverence.

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[2/17/2024, 10:40:59 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele looked toward Ezlain as he heard Maxwell speak and gave a nod. "Well, we should keep that thought present when we go over the details in the next few weeks. I think if we go into the puzzle working with a thought process, we can dismiss and prove truth in our hypotheses a bit better. I do find improbability in old texts as myth, but I agree that if it is so far-fetched, there is most likely truth to it too," he stated. Then, he turned and walked into the chamber behind him, concluding, "This has been very fruitful, I'd say."

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[2/17/2024, 10:41:31 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray starts towards the doorway.

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[2/17/2024, 10:41:35 PM] Khalil Valure

Khalil Valure was soon to follow after Nahelke

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[2/17/2024, 10:41:47 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene will diligently follow after the group.

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[2/17/2024, 10:41:52 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03} Ezlain follows the group within.

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[2/17/2024, 10:42:30 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Her nose still in the book, Tonili follows the group through the passage. Eventually she would close the book and hold it to her chest as she gazed about the area.

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[2/17/2024, 10:42:40 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Lorelei hurries after Thyra, peeking over the redhead's shoulder. She only comes out when there's no bugs in sight. At least not any giant ones.

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[2/17/2024, 10:44:12 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray takes a moment to look around the chamber. "This

is..quite impressive."

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[2/17/2024, 10:44:29 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Breathtaking..."

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[2/17/2024, 10:44:32 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele My'runji glancing around he found his eyes wincing from the flood of natural sunlight that peaked through the opening above.

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[2/17/2024, 10:44:39 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

As he moved into the new room he takes his time to look around as he stands there with the others, listening to them all

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[2/17/2024, 10:45:52 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

All that could be heard from Tonili was a sharp intake of her breath as she was awestruck at the sight. Every ounce of her being trembled with excitement and the touches of familiar yet distant past filled her senses.

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[2/17/2024, 10:46:40 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Fears evaporating with the view, Lorelei wanders inward, drawn to the beams of light like a moth and holding up a hand under a few of them with a child-like smile. "Well this is certainly something..."

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[2/17/2024, 10:47:29 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray starts to follow after Lorelei, taking in the sight as she moved.

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[2/17/2024, 10:47:43 PM] Archivist Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Closing his notebook, Ezlain steps inside. The natural light shining across his amber eyes in a specular fashion. A look of awe and wonderlust rarely observed on his face.

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[2/17/2024, 10:47:57 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele My'runji glancing around he found his eyes wincing from the flood of natural sunlight that peaked through the opening above.

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[2/17/2024, 10:48:00 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"This is all certainly more than I expected out of this exploration.

Amazing." He began to move around the room now as had the others.

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[2/17/2024, 10:49:59 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Tis a shame we didn't bring climbing equipment, isn't it? I'd very much like to see what's above, where this is outdoors in comparison to the rest of the grounds... How did we not find this before?"

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[2/17/2024, 10:50:09 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Well.. we will spend time looking into this chamber too. We've spent a long while in here so before we head to the Archives to deposit what we've found are there any thoughts or anyone that wants to spend sometime in here before we conclude for now?"

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[2/17/2024, 10:51:41 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray gave Lorelei a nod of her head. "I'll see about getting together with Nahele and seeing what's above. You'd think we'd be able to notice this from above."

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[2/17/2024, 10:52:27 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I will have much to document when we return. Perhaps it is best to conclude the expedition for now and return later, as there is some loss in efficiency when you try to learn too much all at once. I shall focus on retention of what we've gained thus far."

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[2/17/2024, 10:53:59 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain, as he is walking backwards trips over a small bit of rubble on the ground, falling on his behind in the center of the chamber, but begins to laugh.

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[2/17/2024, 10:54:30 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray pulls her bag from over her shoulder and holds it out to Lorelei. "Wait till we leave to look inside." She whispers to the woman beside her.

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[2/17/2024, 10:54:57 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"And the water seeping seems to indicate more below too! Perhaps we can come back with proper equipment, find a good spot to excavate and see what's below as well! Oh, I am going to spend many hours in here..."

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[2/17/2024, 10:55:14 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

As he moved about the room taking it in he wondered about a lot of things, what the creators of this place thought, what all of this could mean.

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[2/17/2024, 10:55:28 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Toni was fully in her own little world as she took in the room. The distant sounds of water trickling drew her attention toward the edges. The vegetation that descended gave her the feeling of waterfalls cascading to below. With a single hand outstreached she touched the stone wall before herUnfortunately, Tonili knew she would have to depart with the others. Silently she would hope for permission to be allowed back to the spot that held such meaning to her hear, for unbeknownst reasons. Reluctantly, Toni had turned toward Exlain to return the book to him, as she heard the cacophony of his falling and laughter. "Oh you ok there Exlain?" walking over and holding out a fingerless gloved hand.

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[2/17/2024, 10:55:31 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele My'runji stood there for a moment, taking it all in; the natural light filtering in from above was truly a sight to behold. He heeded Thyra's words about seeing what was above, and with that, he waited at the entrance to make sure everyone left safely, allowing them a chance to chatter further if they wanted. Showing no sign of rushing, his posture seemed to agree with Maxwell's assessment.

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[2/17/2024, 10:55:51 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Her head tilts, but she takes the bag and shoulders it, not questioning Thyra's instructions. Tattling never got one anywhere in life.

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[2/17/2024, 10:57:22 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray give's Lorelei a bow as she takes a small step back. "If you'll excuse me, I shall see about returning. A Thane's duty is never done."

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[2/17/2024, 11:00:09 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

He moves over towards Thyra now, overhearing her comment about returning, though he'd take a moment to look back towards Tonili and inquire. "Tonili, were you wanting to stay or will you travel back with us?"

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[2/17/2024, 11:00:55 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

He positions himself more comfortably on the ground as Tonili approaches. His laughter continuing into his words as he peers up into the sky light above. A single tear streams down the side of his face. "Im wonderful Tonili..." He turns to look at her with an expression of

satisfaction, as if a weight has left his shoulders. This is everything I've ever dreamed. Delving headlong into unexplored caverns seeking knowledge and adventure, and to do it all with such wonderful companions." He reaches up accept her hand.

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[2/17/2024, 11:01:15 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I would love to stay, I might stay an extra day or two. Though I also have duties that Lady Kimura has me looking into. Oh such canundrums!"

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[2/17/2024, 11:01:36 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Thank you for accompanying and assisting, Thyra! We'll talk later, share all the juicy gossip!" She took a few moments to look around again, picturing some of the equipment she'd need, and then spun on her heel to follow along. On the way, she'd nod at Maxwell. "And you as well, Mr. Rene! I do look forward to discussing our findings with you more in-depth! I shall be here at the Episteme for some time yet, so if you ask for the Curator's office, I am sure someone can direct you if you have any questions."

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[2/17/2024, 11:02:44 PM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray gives Lorelei a small smile. "I am always at your service."

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[2/17/2024, 11:03:13 PM] Tonili My'runji

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Grasping his hand she offered assistance and balance to help him up. "It has indeed been very enlightening and interesting. Hopefully I will get a chance to explore more with you all. When my own duties permit."

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[2/17/2024, 11:03:14 PM] Khalil Valure

He turned to Thyra and asked. "How long before you're going to be leaving? I'd like to travel back with you if that's okay, I do need to get back.

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[2/17/2024, 11:03:47 PM] Thyra Auvray

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray lets out a sigh as she heard Khalil, instantly turning and starting towards the doorway. "Do what you want." She states before leaving. Thyra exits.

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[2/17/2024, 11:03:56 PM] Curator Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

She'd give Thyra a cheeky smile and a little wave with wriggling fingers.

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[2/17/2024, 11:05:50 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

With a last look back towards Tonili he'd start moving to follow Thyra, though also going glow enough to fully get an answer from Tonili before he left.

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[2/17/2024, 11:06:38 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele bowed toward Lorelei and Maxwell, expressing his gratitude. "If you do decide to stay and help look over all these things, there are rooms available. Miss Greythorne, I know you are fully aware of this, but for you, Maxwell, and anyone else who wasn't aware, there it is," he said, indicating the availability of rooms for their use.

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[2/17/2024, 11:07:07 PM] Lorelei Greythorne

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

With a flourishing bow and readjusting the two packs she was now wearing, Lorelei would exit herself. "Good evening then, Provost! I shall retire to my new quarters."

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[2/17/2024, 11:07:23 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Being Pulled to his feet. "It's been a pleasure. I'll be here for the forseeable future, so if you'd like to come by later then I'll be here, then maybe you can teach me a thing or two about your people and how they fit into all this."

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[2/17/2024, 11:07:23 PM] Tonili My'runji

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"If you dare go back with her alone, I will stay here a night or two. though you will want to be careful with her temper as it is heightened, as you well know."

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[2/17/2024, 11:08:22 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I'll be fine. Do stay safe then." He gave Tonil\i a small bow of his head as his pace quickened to catch up to the Thane.

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[2/17/2024, 11:09:11 PM] Maxwell Rene

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Maxwell Rene will turn to Nahele, in response to the offer of lodging."I believe I will take you up on that offer. I will be quite invested in this investigation for a while, I doubt I will be able to focus on much of anything else, my excitement is too great. I look forwards to working with you again soon."

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[2/17/2024, 11:09:13 PM] Khalil Valure

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure waves to those remaining as he departs

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[2/17/2024, 11:09:33 PM] Ezlain {Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain yells towards the exit "Until next time friend!"

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[2/17/2024, 11:10:28 PM] Nahele My'runji

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"Your welcome and I look forward to talking about our discoveries in greater length," he said to Maxwell.

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[2/17/2024, 11:11:22 PM] Tonili My'runji

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To Ezlain she smiled more and spoke softly "IT would be my pleasure, though I am sure Nahele would know more about that. I just have these feelings, like I belong here." gesturing toward the entry she began to step carefully over the stones and such.

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[2/17/2024, 11:12:22 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Goodnight sister, Ezlain. Are you staying or heading back Tonili?"

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[2/17/2024, 11:13:36 PM] Tonili My'runji

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As she reaches Nahele she could not contain the smile "Good night Brother. I can't wait to for you to see what is in this book! Oh I will stay a couple days, I really hope to have more access to this book and area. there is just something ..."

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[2/17/2024, 11:14:39 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele My'runji would give Tonili a nod, "I'll have one of the Guards show you to your room then Tonili. I can't leave until I know everyone else has. I have to secure the site before I head to bed myself."

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[2/17/2024, 11:16:02 PM] Ezlain

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"i'll aid in restoring it properly so that we can glean more."

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[2/17/2024, 11:16:17 PM] Tonili My'runji

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Bowing her head she moved closer and tried to place a kiss on his cheek. She had not seen him since they had met with Father and she wanted Nahele to know she loved her brother still.

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[2/17/2024, 11:17:30 PM] Nahele My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nahele My'runji leaned away from the kiss as he commented, "Appreciate the care but I'll speak with you soon." He shifted in a subtle manner as not to be outright offensive or rude.

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[2/17/2024, 11:18:08 PM] Tonili My'runji

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Before she left the room, she offered a soft snort and a chuckle. "love you too Brother."

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[2/17/2024, 11:18:59 PM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Ezlain gives a mildly curious look at their exchange, but shrugs as he continues out the door.