

24th of Ninthmoon

Okay!! So second full day of adventuring is done!

Mission board today:

- Assists in securing the Teakiri leytap
- Disarm collection of dangerous items warped by the arc
- > Bugs and vermin drawn to Teakiri, help contain/repel
- >>> Green river shard, cleanup crew
- >>> Fire swamp shard escalates - stabilize, cleanup
- >>> White cavern shard escalates - stabilize, cleanup
- >>> Black savanna shard escalates - stabilize, cleanup

First inn meeting - Xitli was our innkeeper, she smashed a wasp with her hand on the board!! Pretty metal. She gave us advice on the leytap, she said that we need people for more bodies in order to close the leytap so that we can study it. She said the more experience with mana we have, the better, so we decided to do the magical items first. I really like Xitli, I want to ask her about enchanting! So anyway we went on the dangerous items mission first, cause we wanted to do something before the shards.

The dangerous items were in a tent, and there was an alchemist's tent and a supply tent that we used in our mission, had things like stonemason's tools, glue, things like that. Anyway the items were all in a big pile, these are all the ones I can remember specifically:

Cube - exploded when touched - not resolved

Spear? - exploded when cube exploded - not resolved

Another item that exploded in response to the first explosion, don't remember what

Black magic jacket - applied terror - resolved - terror lasted after it was resolved

Rose patterned fabric - green magic? Vines? - resolved

Unicorn shield - eye that followed us, identify 10 minute ritual on us after we touched it, resolved by scratching off the paint I think?

Blue magic wand - unwoven I think?

Deathgrip fur cloak - glues to you when touched

Blue magic sword - gave blue mana rash

Teleporting blade

Gold cloak - glowing? Fatiguing, it was too intense - solved by meditating with it and taking it apart

Crown with crystalline(?) gems - applied holy when touched

Burning torch - we buried it, tried to extinguish it but I don't remember what happened

Xitli gave us advice about the items, thus being in order to disarm the objects, we had to denature the aspect that was off about them. Makes sense! Eg. for the teleporting sword, we wouldn't be able to simply destroy it or stop its movement, instead we had to direct the flow, with blue mana for example. Like the dumb little adventurers we are, we were all drawn to a cube that was sitting on the top of the pile like moths to a flame, and despite the group's best efforts to be cautious... and Xitli's advice... somebody picked it up. And it exploded. While we were all standing close by. OOF. Everyone except for Aeiliana, Joy (the nonspeaking rat), and Keltin (I think?) was blown up when the cube exploded. That also triggered another couple of things to explode. Soooo... most of the party died ... But thankfully we were so close to the medic tents and everything that we were all resurrected right away, and we could get back to work! Modern work ethic, am I right... Some of the objects we could unweave, like we do with the shards, but some were resolved in other ways. There was a crown that I picked up, and it applied holy to me when I touched it. There was also a coat that applied terror to me when I touched it. There was a fur cloak, and the rat chef picked it up, and it glued to him! I didn't realize, and I touched it when I was trying to let the magic resonate with me, and it glued to me! So we were both glued to it, and hence, glued to each other...? The rat Joy was able to unglue it with a substance that literally burnt through the glue. Yay alchemy!! Mission success!

After that we met back in the inn, this time with Zarai! Again, she only let the women talk first, and she banned three of our party members from the inn!! They were talking amongst themselves while she was talking to the group. Really bad manners (I'm one to talk). She said they showed that they were not a part of the group, and Kicked them out. It was Senor Gouda, Harlow, and Keltin. I don't know if I agree so much with her, but I respect her adhesion to her rules! She sets them, and she's our host, so, y'know, we should follow them! Basic respect, people... Just Kidding :P

The next mission we decided to do was the fire swamp shard, cause we wanted to avoid the white mana shards because the mana rash we would get from them is more difficult to deal with. With it being white mana and all... Anyways I didn't go on this mission, but the group says it all worked out! I heard they ran into snails and giant toads, there was something that I heard wasn't in this scape that was shock touching people, and there were pools of mud and lava that they had to deal with. But overall, I heard that mission was a success, they unwove the mana!

After that we broke for lunch, then met back in the inn with Zarai again. I suggested that we should do the green river shard and then go to the ley tap, and the group pretty unanimously agreed with that idea.

Green river shard was a success, met some (mud?) crabs on the way there, but I was talking to Gideon and I wasn't paying attention very well. (I think this was this mission) on the way there we found a ton of little shattered inert crystalline spheres, and we gathered them all up. No spells in them or magic. We met (what I assume was) slimes, green ones, and we attuned to all of them as we went through. The river shard itself went pretty smoothly, there was a big green elemental and I tried to let the green magic resonate with me and be friendly to it, and it started a sorcery ritual, with the sorcery of ____ I extract(?) your energy. Pretty wacky. Anyway, we got enough people attuned to enough things, and did the unweaving process, I think it was the fastest yet, only 20 seconds! There were sea beasts there, like big catfish, with red spells, and they had like crystalline whiskers all over their bodies. Mission success!

Then we went back to the inn, and Valen was there! Poor Valen, he works so hard and is always so tired. We asked him about the crystalline spheres, but he said that Xitli would know more about it and to ask her. We decided unanimously to go to the ley tap. We didn't have to travel for this one, so we didn't do anything on the way. When we got there, there was SO MUCH MAGIC everywhere. We started the unweaving process, with 15 of us first, and tried three times to untangle, but every time there were problems, like multiple loops of mana, or it was twisted in such ways that we couldn't untangle it. All this time there were other things around us, things that were giving us mana, things that were draining our mana, shock touching us, stunning us, etc. Some people got a little hot and bothered, so we took a break. Then we tried again with 12 people, leaving Sky, Aeliana, and one other person out of the process. Sky has medicine ball, so she could help us from the outside, and Aeliana has duel and snare, which were also useful to us. That time it worked! After we untangled, we had to hold the shape that way, and also be careful not to get too much mana, as we were expecting the excess mana to hurt us when the time was over. And that it did... ouch. Only a few of our party members were over 5 above their base of mana when it happened, Waru the golem, and someone else. They both died. Gruesome!! I tried to help Waru by taking some of the mana out at the last second, but it was too late. Sorry... The rest of us got every color of mana rash, severely. It hurts soooo bad it's just extremely uncomfortable. I can barely hold a pencil, so Beau had to help me with writing a lot of this. I could do some of it, but my fingers ache so badly with all the mana coursing around. The medic's tent is great because they are taking good care of us, but it's pretty inconvenient to be so sensitive to magic (with

my bones y'know). Not ideal... but it's okay, it'll go away eventually. For now I'm just trying not to annoy everyone and resting up, the sooner I'm better the sooner I can go home! Not that I don't enjoy everyone's company of course, but I'm not sure how long we'll last in pleasant company all being stuck here sick... Anyways!! Write more next month,
XOXOXO Leilani