Chronicle from November 1

Hello!
This week was rather eventful. To start, I had another vision. This one of a hooded figure in gray.

Now for a 'brief' run-down of the morning inn and missions: There continues to be lots of fighting between the mage school and the city guard. The lights are flickering, but are mostly on. The mage school barred entry and access to the teleport points, so the government ordered the city guard to take back the school. We had the option to pick either or both sides, but were warned that picking neither would do only harm. The city @ dropped enough to wipe out a small village in one go: from 78 to 73. The Hero's road is the only road in or out, and the lava bridge continues to be broken, with the castle on the other side, causing a big divide in the city. We apparently also received an offer and invitation from a "Joe Smith." We think that is not their real name, and someone told us that "Joe Smith" is kind enough, but kindness is not necessarily harmlessness. There are passages under the Cunning God temple, and if we wanted to take the fight to the vandals, we could do it there. I believe that the Innkeeper also said that this mission would not be easy. The Anguron Historical Society wanted us to come to them about a question we asked with a favor a while ago, because they thought that it would be a long talk. A mission recommended by Felixian Mort, one of my partymates, was to track down the source of the lava, to stop the river from flowing, in order to unify the city.

We went to the Historical Society, and luckily Lady Lyn Mortson, who we spoke to, knew some Sign, so I did not need to rely on my party to translate. We learned a lot relating to the Words of Power, which we now know all 7 of. Supposedly some of my party members had guesses about Words of Power, one of which being Slaughter, and the other being a correct guess that I shall not disclose. We also learned some rules about invoking the names related to the Words of Power (WOP). It is best to imagine it as though you are in a room

neighboring someone else. If they were to say your name, you would notice, but, unless you were looking at that particular moment, writing and signing your name would be safe... or more so, at least. We learned that even if we have code names for them and use and speak of those code names, while meaning that word, then eventually they will grow to be a nickname for that entity, and their attention will be drawn.

At the Historical Society we first spoke to someone less knowledgeable in this specific topic, who, unfortunately, did not know Sign. Then, before we could chat with a more informed member, that being Lady Lyn, some of us had to guard the door from some sort of attack. I was not among the defenders, as I was the one with a notebook.

We learned from the Lady that the WOP are related to the names of the members of the Court of Darkness (COD), and that one is related to the chess piece Black King. We also learned that it is highly probable that Caspian, one of our duelists who accidentally PD'd another, and it's a whole long complicated story not all of which I was there for, but I'm sure you've heard through Phetoma's chronicles, is likely possessed by this member.

We learned about how we can be rid of them, as much as one can, which is by reducing their hold on our city by eliminating what they stand for, by, say, ending the war and root cause between the mages and guards. We also heard (or, in my case, saw the signing) that they are purposefully stirring up trouble, and that there is a Court of Light, about which little is known, other that the Queen of Good is their opposite to 'Caspian', though my party member and Interpreter claimed to have read a chronicle about adventurers that supposedly found the names of more members, and there is a Court of Twilight. Lastly we learned about potential places in the city where each word is prominent: Caspian, Mages and Guards, merchants, I forget what example was given for this one, Mages responsible for lava leak and other examples I forgot, Those mourning the deaths in the dueling

ring, and other places because there's been a lot this year, Government and other examples I don't remember.

I think that's about it, sorry for my poor memory,
~Amysri