What is this rod?

The rod is in fact an artifact originally created by Bhaal as a means of securing his temples. As he grew to understand his own demise he decided to use it instead as a failsafe. In the decade since Bhaals demise it has had many owners, though initially it would have been in the possession of Bhaal’s high priestess. The understanding behind it was that it could be used to cleanse Bhaal’s former temples when the Bhaalspawn crisis emerged. When activated the rod will cleanse the temple closest to its present location. The rod however will only activate if it is either held by a Bhaalspawn (who themselves are sufficiently powerful to overcome its magics) or held by one of his high priests.

Seeking to unlock the secrets of this rod, and its exact purpose, Cyrics priesthood has been hard at work attempting to decipher it. In the process Cyric’s magic and influence has deeply affected it, particularly given that Bhaal’s magic is comparatively faint.