

Physical Manifestations and Advanced Techniques

Weatherworking exacts physical tolls beyond the general burnout described in training texts. Active practitioners experience nosebleeds during intensive work, hand tremors that persist for hours after major interventions, and a characteristic temple sheen—cold sweat that appears when reading complex atmospheric patterns. Overextension can trigger hypersensitivity, where even minor wind shifts feel like physical impacts against exposed skin.

Dampening Fields represent a critical safety innovation developed after several cascading Weather Wraith incidents. Multiple practitioners create overlapping psychic barriers around a destabilized weatherworker, containing their uncontrolled emissions and preventing Wraith formation. The technique requires precise coordination; if one practitioner falters, the entire field collapses. Those within dampening fields experience profound sensory deprivation—the psychic equivalent of blindness and deafness—making the experience deeply unsettling even when necessary.

Distributed Weatherworking emerged from caravan culture as a practical solution to the limited range and physical cost of individual psychic work. Rather than one weatherworker attempting to shield an entire caravan from an approaching storm, three to five practitioners share the psychic load, each manipulating a portion of the atmospheric system. This requires extraordinary synchronization; practitioners describe the sensation as "holding hands through the wind," their awareness blending into a collective perception. The technique reduces individual strain but demands absolute trust—a psychic backlash affects all participants simultaneously.

Songa-roho (Spirit-Binding) is an ancient *siri-ji* (Archivist) technique, traditionally used for imprinting history onto data crystals. It has been adapted by some weatherworkers to form a deep, empathetic psychic link with a sentient atmospheric phenomena. The technique requires what is known as "absolute empathy"—the practitioner must feel what the entity feels, connecting with its core emotions, such as trauma, loneliness, or confusion. Following this deep connection, a "rejection" or "truth-telling" is performed, where the practitioner shows the entity its own history, often including its formation or "death," to guide it toward release and dissolution. This powerful and ethically complex technique provides a method for resolving psychic trauma in sentient storms, but carries immense personal risk for the practitioner.

Thermal sensing through direct touch provides more precise readings than distance scanning. Practitioners place palms against rock, metal, or even organic tissue, reading temperature gradients through bone-deep vibration. Advanced users develop calluses on their fingertips from repeated contact with extreme surfaces.

Water-finders describe their ability as detecting moisture gradients—not simply locating water, but perceiving the three-dimensional structure of humidity and liquid distribution. In complex cave

systems, this creates mental maps showing not just where water exists, but where it flows, pools, and seeps through stone.

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