

# First Echo Cycle

## Cycle 1, Fragment 1 (Morgan as Saeli):

*Audio recording, crackling with interference*

“Isarn. Testing. The Breach. Three days from Aetherion.

The wind serpents won't come closer. They circle, but they won't cross. There's something... the resonance here is wrong. Your staff keeps humming—E-flat, sustained. It shouldn't do that without a weatherworker holding it.

If you're listening to this later, I've gone deeper in. The maps are wrong about the Storm Walls. They're not just weather. There are *structures* inside.

Find Echo Pool. Calibrate from there. I'll leave markers.

The staff is yours. I'm sorry I—”

*Recording cuts to static*

**Morgan updates the map:** Adds "The Breach Entrance" with a note: "Structures inside?"  
**Echo Tokens:** 3/3

## Cycle 1, Fragment 2 (Alex as Isarn):

*Field log, dated 50 years later*

“FIELD LOG #1047—AETHERION ARCHIVE

Sky Pressure: Stable

Aurora Strength: Minimal

Recovered Saeli's last transmission from Archive Server 7. Audio dated GC 2934. I was nineteen. I don't remember her going to the Breach. Wind take me, I don't remember *her*.

Cross-referenced with settlement records: No one named Saeli trained at Aetherion's weatherworking guild. No expedition to the Breach authorized that year. But the recording is authentic—verified by crystal signature.

The staff she mentions sits in my quarters. I've had it since my initiation. Standard resonance staff. It doesn't hum. It never has.

Why would someone I don't remember leave a message *to me*? Why do I still have her—your—staff?

Tomorrow I'm traveling to Echo Pool. There's supposed to be a shrine there, old Windcaller site. If you left markers, maybe they're still there.

Maybe I'll remember.

—I.

**Alex updates the map:** Adds "Aetherion Archive" overlapping with existing Aetherion.  
**Echo Tokens:** 3/3

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