

Second Echo Cycle

Cycle 2, Fragment 3 (Morgan as Saeli):

Torn journal page, water-damaged

“ Day 6. Structures confirmed. Not ruins—they're *growing*. Crystalline formations responding to wind patterns. The serpents won't approach because they recognize something I don't.

Found an echo pool inside the Walls—natural amphitheater where sound loops forever. Spoke your name into it. Isarn. Isarn. Isarn. It's still playing. Will you hear it fifty years from now?

The staff's hum is louder. Three tones now: E-flat, G, B-flat. Storm chord. Impossible without three weatherworkers.

I understand now. The Breach isn't a place. It's a *when*. The Storm Walls don't just divide day from night—they divide time from time.

I'm leaving your staff at the Echo Pool shrine. If I don't come back, maybe you'll find it before you gave it to me. Maybe you'll understand before I do.

[The rest is illegible]

Morgan: "I want to spend 1 Echo token to Contradict a Memory. The staff Isarn has *isn't* the one I took. It's a different staff. The one I took is still at the Echo Pool shrine, waiting."

Echo Tokens: 2/3

Storm Event Check: 4 total fragments = Storm roll

Morgan rolls: 5 — Psychic Surge

Both players gain 1 Echo token and describe a shared vision:

Both Windcallers, separated by fifty years, simultaneously see the Echo Pool shrine. In the vision, two figures stand at different times in the same space, reaching for the same object.

Alex and Morgan's Echo Tokens: Both now 3/3

Cycle 2, Fragment 4 (Alex as Isarn):

“ [Marked on the map: Echo Pool location, with extensive notes]

Echo Pool reached. Shrine confirmed. Inside: One resonance staff, heavily weathered but functional. Not mine—crystal signature reads "S. Thornvale."
Saeli Thornvale.

It hums. E-flat, G, B-flat. Storm chord.

Settlement records searched further. Found her: Saeli Thornvale, Windcaller, lost in Storm Walls expedition GC 2934. Memorial stone in Aetherion plaza. I walk past it every day.

The shrine has an inscription. Old script. Reads: "For the one who taught me to listen before I met them."

I don't understand. But I'm starting to remember something that hasn't happened yet. A voice in the wind. Teaching me weatherworking before my master ever did.

Saeli. Were you my teacher? Across time?

I'm taking your staff. I think I'm supposed to. I think this is how I learned.

I'm going to the Breach.

Alex updates the map: Draws a new connection between Echo Pool and The Breach, labeled "Path Through When"

Echo Tokens: 3/3

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