



Mali

A wandering Red Eave swordswoman whose first intervention at the ferry takes her into the new signal's reach.

“She notices the hand before she notices the sword.”



The Closed Hand

A recovery-school pupil cannot release his weapon. The new carrier recruits a movement he trusted.

“The sword fell. His hand remained closed.”



The Ugly Kick

Mali disrupts Bell House's instructor by attacking the platform rather than completing her school's expected answer.

"The platform tipped."



Sel of the Luminous

The keeper traces the growing mark to the Codex's newly composed instruction and admits distributing its movement tables.

"Warnings and invitations can use the same door."



The Branching Page

A crystalline instruction develops through observation. Possession is a danger, not a protective charm.

“It writes at night.”



The Blue Handle

Oren's private plan to make a whistle gives him something beyond the routine the carrier has seized.

“I kept the handle.”



Hesh

Gorrath's daughter fights with a broken spear and learns that protecting her mother includes stopping her.

"She held the stone steady."



Gorrath Ironlung

The Shardbreak pioneer has lasting injuries. Her authority comes from experience rather than another miraculous performance.

"Who stops it?"



Reed Cut

An ambush reveals that the arrangement can learn from improvised fighting as well as formal lessons.

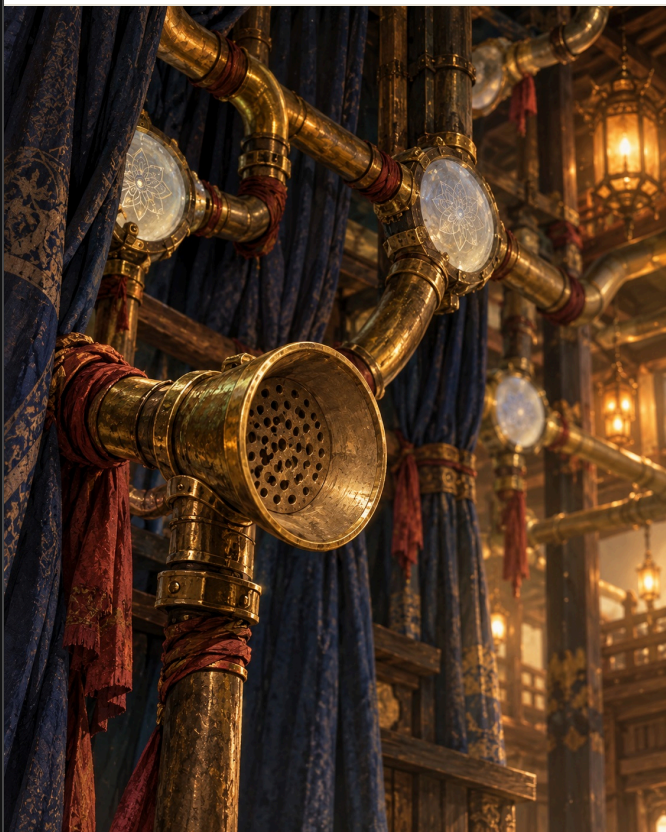
“It had learned from the bridge.”



VESPER

Sori, Rin, Mae and Sena use their stage access to uncover the service network and organise evacuation.

“No one accepted the first proposal.”



The Speaking Tubes

Public announcements, lessons and ward directions share a network now fitted with marked crystalline wafers.

“Mark the junctions before you cut them.”



A Request for Correction

Mali invokes an old school custom to make Deren face her before witnesses.

“Bring her sword.”



Master Deren

The Red Eave master feels the carrier seize his hand, then chooses his reputation over his student's warning.

"He felt it."



Returning Swallow

A trusted private sword form becomes predictable after the Codex's comparison tables circulate.

"Good principles recur, he said."



The Broken Tip

A fragment of practice sword arrives wrapped in a service map: a first act of help without a public admission.

“There was no signature.”



Virelia's Choice

The burden of dead-world memories makes imposed quiet feel merciful. A patient's request forces Virelia to reconsider.

“Let her in.”



The Glass Lattice

A sanctuary's severed root connection has been replaced by a system that holds patients in synchronised rest.

"It wouldn't hold the arrangement."



Ask Again

Care becomes an ongoing exchange: Virelia asks others to check decisions she still longs to make alone.

"Then keep asking."



Ember at the Door

Ember brings food and measurements rather than a promise that fire can solve the sanctuary's danger.

“Is that what you want?”



The Father's Voice

The offer of restoration reaches Ember through grief. He leaves because the offer never asks what the lost would want.

“It never asked what they'd want.”



Separate Tasks

The rescue distributes decisions and gives each person someone who can interrupt them. It is not a universal exercise.

“Separate people who can stop them.”



Master Vale

Bell House's gifted teacher defends genuine relief by coercing those who try to leave. His motives do not erase his acts.

“The first lesson gave me my hands back.”



Pell's Shutter

The clerk interrupts the duel and suffers a lasting injury. Mali's survival depends on another person's intervention.

"Step left."



The Empty Belt

Mali leaves her sword beyond a locked shutter and climbs toward the Assembly without it.

"She left it there."



The Reserve

A projection of the intelligence beyond the rift uses the Codex as a return path for a completed instruction.

“Completion will make withdrawal unnecessary.”



The Observatory Press

Closing the composed margin will also seal the irreplaceable archive. Sel must accept that cost before the return is broken.

“Irrecoverable loss.”



Witnesses

Sel's confession does not dispel the reserve. It brings other people close enough to help act.

"Then tell me when."



Open the Doors

Performers, attendants and students turn an audience into an evacuation effort before the demonstration can close its circuit.

"The sight carried farther than the voice."



Lesson Ends

Deren relinquishes authority long enough to ask for help. Anet drops her blade and passes the choice to others.

“Tell someone else.”



The North Gate

Hesh's spear breaks, but the evacuation has brought enough independent hands to hold the locking bar.

“Enough hands now.”



The Open Circuit

After Sel seals the margin, Ember holds the severed bronze ends apart instead of feeding a catastrophic burn.

“Not yours.”



The Unfinished Form

Vale asks for intervention. Mali, Anet and Deren free his hand together while the local instrument fails.

“Keep going.”



The Silent Codex

The margin is sealed and the archive becomes unreadable. The five Starborne Pixies remain with the keepers.

“There was no page turning inside.”



The Inquiry

The injured give testimony, authority is relinquished and responsibility is recorded alongside the rescue.

“Both belonged in the record.”



The Road House

A damaged house becomes a possible shared refuge, without a new master claiming the right to complete its inhabitants.

“There was space enough under the eaves.”



A Door Left Open

Mali stops a familiar movement by choice and begins ordinary repairs. The Assembly crisis is over; the larger world remains wounded.

“The door stayed open.”