

# THE EMERALD PATH



## STATION 10.5

# THE TEST OF THE TRUE BELIEVER

SNOW DRIFTS AROUND THE POLAR EXPRESS,  
MUTING THE WORLD UNTIL ONLY INTENTION REMAINS.

BEFORE YOU IS A BAG FILLED WITH SILVER BELLS —  
INDISTINGUISHABLE TO THE EYE, BUT NOT TO THE HEART.  
MOST HOLD ONLY SILENCE, ECHOES OF WHAT BELIEF ONCE WAS.  
BUT A RARE FEW STILL CARRY THE TRUE SOUND OF CHRISTMAS,  
A SOUND THAT REVEALS ITSELF  
ONLY TO THE ONE WHO CHOOSES WITHOUT SIGHT.

TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY:

1. REACH INTO THE BAG.
2. DO NOT SEARCH — TRUST.
3. THE BELLS THAT MATTER CANNOT BE FOUND BY LOOKING.
4. SELECT ONE BY INSTINCT ALONE.
5. TEST IT WITH A SINGLE SHAKE.
  - IF IT OFFERS NOTHING BUT SILENCE,
  - THE MOMENT IS NOT YET YOURS.
  - SCAN ITS TAG AND TRY AGAIN.
  - IF IT ANSWERS — EVEN SOFTLY —
  - THE BELL HAS ACKNOWLEDGED YOU.
  - SCAN ITS TAG TO PROCEED.

A SILENT BELL REVEALS HESITATION.  
A RINGING BELL REVEALS BELIEF.  
ONLY ONE OF THOSE CAN CARRY YOU ONWARD.

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