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The Waystation Watch | Scene 1 of 6

Smoke Against the Snow

Ridge Approach

What the heroes want

Get past the wolves and into the warm hut.

Ways to try it

1. Shoo the wolves. Are you brave enough to wave and shout?
2. Watch them for a moment. What do you notice?

What did your heroes do? Write it or draw it here

Scene 1 of 6

Smoke Against the Snow

Read this scene in: Quick Quest, Short Session, One-Sitting Session, Full Session, Epic Session

Read aloud

Whoosh! Snow blows sideways across the mountain path. At the top of the ridge stands a little stone hut. One window glows gold. Three pale wolves pace round and round outside it, just past the firelight. Then the door bangs open. A woman in a huge fur coat waves a fire-poker. "Don't just stand there!" she shouts. "Get inside, or help me shoo these wolves. Either is fine by me!"

What the heroes want

Get past the wolves and into the warm hut.

Ask your players

Ask the table	Inside or outside: what do you do first?
Ask the quietest player	The smallest wolf looks right at your hero. What does your hero do? Whatever they do, the small wolf remembers it. It is the one that comes closest at the climax.

Ways to try it

Shoo the wolves

Brave, DN 10

It works

You stamp and wave and shout. The wolves slink back into the snow, for now. The woman grins. "Not bad. Get in, quick."

It doesn't

The wolves only back off a little and sit down to watch. The woman grabs your sleeve and pulls you inside. "They'll be back," she says.

Watch the wolves

Clever, DN 10

It works

They are so thin you can see their ribs. They are not looking at you. They are sniffing at the smoke from the chimney, where something is cooking. They are hungry, not fierce.

It doesn't

It is too snowy to see much. But one wolf's tummy rumbles so loudly that you hear it over the wind. Hungry, then.

Just for you, not to read out

Kestra is gruff on the outside and warm underneath: play her like a favourite grumpy aunt. The wolves are thin and hungry, not mean, and they never attack the hut tonight. However this goes, everyone ends up inside by the fire.