

A Bell Beneath the Bridge

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At a glance

Three parties control different things: the produce guild has loads and two loaders, the bridge crew has a spare beam and warning authority, and the ferry cooperative has three reserved trips. First retrieve Noma and her tools without cutting the bell line. Then bargain for either limited light-cart crossings or a ferry manifest. The full repair branch consumes the spare beam and two work turns; the ferry branch consumes all three departures and forfeits the market's first stall slot. The warning remains until either a limited-use sign or a bridge-closed sign replaces it. Sef's offer is at the posted cooperative rate; this is not a profiteering twist. Players allocate crates, nominate loaders and specify exactly what the public sign allows. Do not introduce a hidden stronger brace or an unlimited boat.

Truth

Noma rigged the underwater bell to warn of a cracked brace. She is safe on the maintenance ledge; her tool line shares the warning knot. Eli can install a fictional temporary brace for light carts. Sef can ferry all produce in three trips, but the market guild must surrender its delivery priority and provide loaders.

120-minute route

10m opening; Hear the three parties and compare manifests 25m; Retrieve Noma and preserve the warning 25m; Negotiate the permit and install the brace 30m; Watch the first crossing 20m; 10m closure. Use approach - shed - ledge - shed - brace - approach. Five turns leave two spare after retrieval and bracing, so the table can inspect the ferry alternative without inventing extra departures.

People

Vale: Deliver three loads before the afternoon market. Offers: Two loaders, lighter repacking and loss of the first stall slot if necessary. Boundary: Needs a written delivery plan; refuses an undefined wait or a promise of heavy bridge traffic.

Eli and Noma: Keep the warning meaningful and people off the damaged span. Offers: One spare beam, a work platform and a trained watcher. Boundary: Only one light cart at a time after the temporary brace; otherwise the bridge stays closed.

Sef: Keep an ordinary, fair service during the closure. Offers: Exactly three reserved departures at the posted rate and an alongside rescue transfer. Boundary: Needs two loaders and a manifest; will not overfill a boat or cancel other passengers without agreement.

Events

Guild commitment is ferry: Vale removes the first-stall ribbon. The ferry agreement has an actual cost even if every load arrives safely.

Closures

A limit the town can read: Limited brace installed is true
Three trips and a later stall: Produce delivered by ferry is true

The warning does its job: Available

Recovery

Refusal of heavy traffic is a real boundary, not a persuasion obstacle. If the beam is missing, use the ferry manifest. If no departures remain, hold-traffic keeps Noma safe and records the undelivered goods. Neither fallback pretends the bridge was repaired.