

Frostharrow - January : Noxvar, the Shadowed Raven

Frostharrow is the Hallowmere name for the month of January.

It is the first month of the year, marked by deep winter, long nights, frozen roads, quiet homes, and the feeling that the world itself has drawn inward. Across much of Hallowmere, Frostharrow is not treated as a month of loud celebration. It is a month of stillness, endurance, reflection, and careful watching.

Frostharrow begins the year in darkness and cold. The land is quiet. The trees stand bare. Roads are harder to travel, voices carry farther in the frozen air, and even familiar places can feel distant beneath snow and shadow. It is a time when people are reminded that not every beginning arrives with warmth or comfort.

This month is associated with Noxvar, the Shadowed Raven, because Frostharrow belongs to hidden things, patient observation, and truths that are not yet ready to be spoken. During this month, the people of Hallowmere often believe that understanding should be sought slowly. The year has only just begun, and wisdom comes first through listening.

Frostharrow is a month for reviewing what has passed and preparing the mind for what may come. Old records may be revisited. Strange events from the previous year may be remembered. Families may speak more quietly, travel less often, and keep closer to the hearth. In settlements shaped by temple law or old custom, Frostharrow may also be a time for preserving accounts, gathering testimony, and watching for patterns that were missed in busier seasons.

The meaning of Frostharrow is not fear, but awareness. It teaches that the first step into a new year should not be careless. Before the fields thaw, before the roads open, before vows are tested and journeys begin, there is value in silence. There is value in noticing what others overlook.

Frostharrow reminds the people of Hallowmere that not all beginnings are bright. Some begin in darkness. Some begin in patience. Some begin beneath the watchful shadow of a raven, while the world waits to see what the year will become.

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