

The Day of the Demon

The Day of the Demon is a holiday celebrated across the entire kingdom. It happens yearly alongside the natural occurrence of the eclipse of one of the stars in the Siblings constellation. As the star is eclipsed, the constellation temporarily changes into what the people call the Demon constellation (that's the natural origin of the holiday). During this night, people believed (and many of them still do, that's the religious origin) that a massive demon is watching the planet of Eledris (demonic invasions are fairly common in the kingdom). Because of this, the people dress up in costumes as various demons in an attempt to "fool" the demon in the sky into thinking the planet has already been captured by the demonic legion (that's the social origin).

This holiday combines three origin categories. The similarity to the real-life Halloween is to serve as an in-lore substitute to Halloween events in video games and communities based around Eledris.

The Mass of the Hundred Vows

The Mass of the Hundred Vows, usually shortened to just The Vows, is a yearly celebration that honors the 100 new recruits into the Royal Guard of Carran. This position is one of the highest ones a soldier can achieve, requiring over a decade of training and service. Because of this, the Guards are held in extremely high honor and the ceremony, where the new Guards take their vows to the royal family in front of the Royal Palace, is a very anticipated event throughout the entire capital city of Carran and the surrounding areas. The ceremony itself is usually attended by several thousand people. This holiday is more local than the Day of the Demon, as areas of the kingdom further away from the city don't celebrate it (although news of it usually reach them, alongside a list of all the new Guards' names). The holiday is originally political, created by King Elijah the Ruthless as a way to reinforce the high status of the Guard.

This holiday provides some life to the City of Carran, as well as conveys to the readers really how important the Royal Guard is to the culture of the city. The celebration and the vow-taking itself could be an interesting setting for a short story for the future.

Cartarra Elidyr (The Eternal Insight)

*Etched here by the Mighty and Immortal,
For those of a Higher Power:*

*The Doors have been sealed.
The Scrolls, safe at last,
They survive long after We ascend.*

*Open, if You found your way here,
And gain the Eternal Insight.*

- Text inscribed on the Cartarra library door

Cartarra Elidyr, literally translated to The Eternal Insight, but commonly referred to among Humans as The Archival of Cartarra, was a bi-yearly Elvish festival held in the capital library of the city Cartarra. Twice a year, the grand archives of the library would be unsealed for the librarians to archive new documents, as well as check the quality of the archive's environment. This was a very ceremonial occasion, with a large part of the population attending silently, while releasing blue-glowing lanterns as an offering to the goddess of the moon.

This holiday was an opportunity to consider the values the ancient Elvish civilization had – while in the current era, their kingdom is destroyed and the vast majority of them are dead, their influence can still be seen all over Eledris. This holiday can convey exactly how important knowledge and the concept of preserving it was to the Elves.