



# KOLO SVAROGA

THE WHEEL OF SVAROG  
SLAVIC PAGAN CALENDAR

# 2026

## DEITIES

**Lada:** The Goddess of beauty and fertility who acts as the Great Mother.

**Perun:** The God of thunder and justice who strikes the summer sky to release life-giving rain.

**Jarilo:** The young God of spring and vegetation who returns from the afterlife to unlock the earth.

**Svetovid:** The four-headed God of war and fertility who oversees the transition and balance of the harvest.

**Makosh:** The Mother of Fate who spins the threads of destiny and oversees women's work and the hearth.

**Svarog:** The celestial smith-God who forges the stars and the Winter Sun.

**Morana:** The Goddess of winter, cold, and death who stills the water and hardens the earth with her frost.

**Veles:** The God of the underworld, magic, and cattle who opens the gates between worlds on October 31st.

**Kolyada:** The newborn Sun God, appearing as an infant on the winter solstice to bring back the light.

**Ovsyn:** The divine bridge-builder who rides a boar and transitions the world from summer to autumn.



## FESTIVALS & HOLIDAYS

**Komoyeditsa:** The spring equinox celebration marking the awakening of the bear, Veles, and the end of winter.

**Yarilo Veshniy:** The day celebrating Jarilo's full arrival and the blessing of the spring crops.

**Kupalo:** The summer solstice festival celebrating the magical union of fire and water.

**Zdvizheniye:** The closing of the Earth when snakes and spirits retreat for the winter.

**Ovsyn / Radogost:** The autumn equinox and the Great Harvest festival of hospitality.

**Pokrov:** The day of the first veil, marking the transition to the indoor winter season.

**Oseniye Dedov:** The autumn Forefathers' Day where ancestors are invited to a silent ritual meal.

**Velesova Noc:** The night when the veil between the living and the dead is thinnest.

**Korochun:** The longest night of the year, representing the death of the old year.

**Shchedriy Vecher:** The Bountiful Evening of feasting and singing to welcome the coming year.

## MYTHIC EXPRESSIONS & SYMBOLS

**The New Sun:** The infant light (Kolyada) born at the winter solstice that grows stronger every day.  
**The Great Harvest:** The ritual completion of all field work, secured by the "Bread Wall" to ward off winter hunger.

**The Keys of the Earth:** Mythic golden keys used by the Cuckoo or Jarilo to open or close the growing seasons.

**The Vyriy:** The Slavic paradise or "warm land" where birds and souls go during the winter months.

**The Badnjak:** A sacred oak log burned on the winter solstice to provide light for the newborn sun.

**The Iron Earth:** A description of November's frozen soil that has become too hard to plow.

**Keeper of the Keys:** A title for the Cuckoo bird, the messenger who flies between our world and the Vyriy.

**The Winter Sun:** The pale, heatless light forged by Svarog to guide the world through the dark months.

# PROSINEC

## JANUARY

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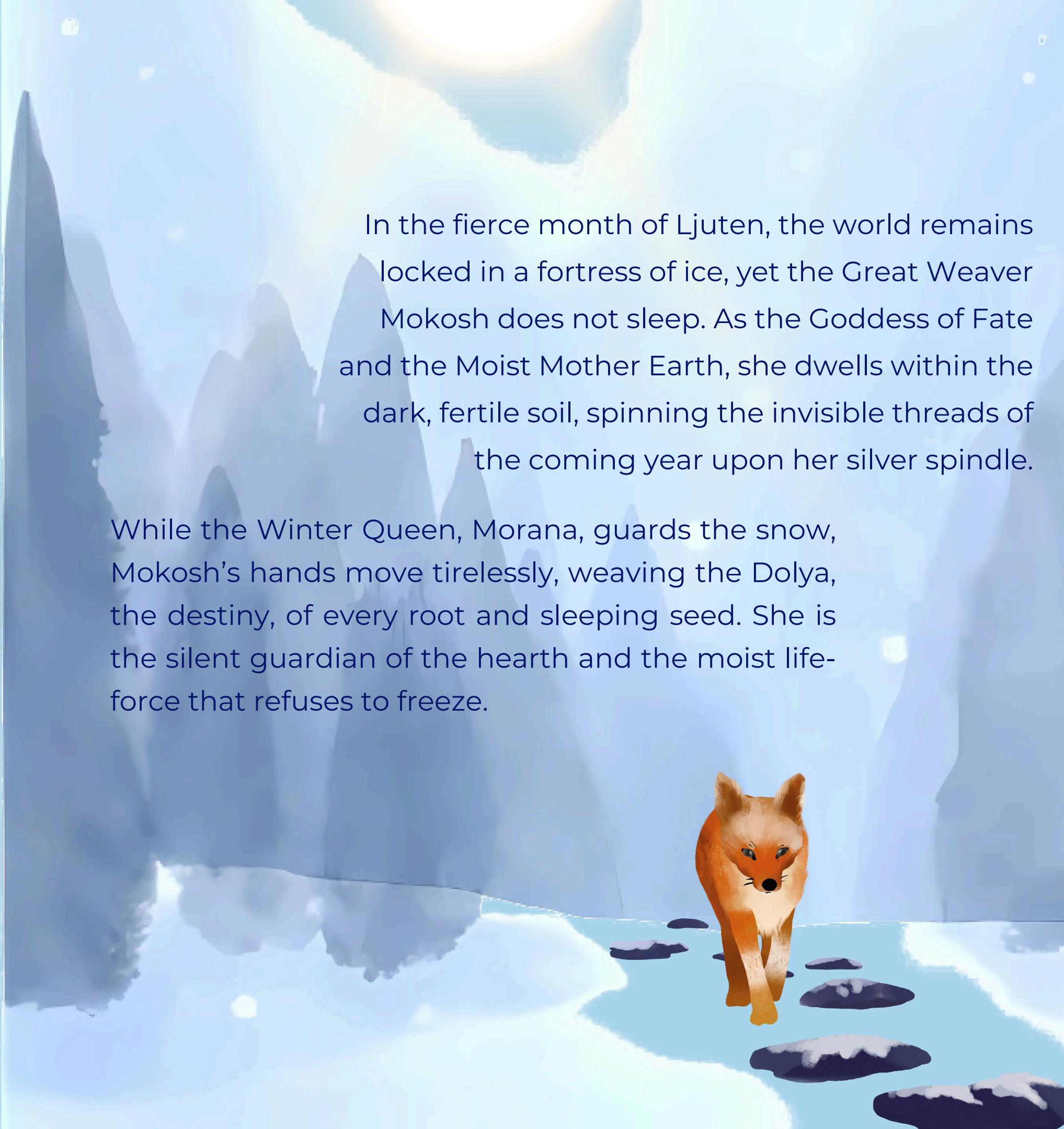
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6 | Turitsa  
21 | Prosinets



In the heart of January's Great Silence,  
the god Veles sheds his serpent skin to  
roam the frozen forests as a Great Bear,  
guarding the Golden Apple, the Sun's  
hidden embers, within the velvet roots  
of the Underworld.

As the Shepherd of the Sleeping Seed, he wanders the  
boundaries of the dormant fields, using ancient songs  
and the warmth of his spirit to protect the life-force  
buried deep beneath the iron frost. Under the Bear-Lord's  
watchful eye, these seeds remain in a state of holy  
gestation, shielded from winter's bite until the wheel  
turns once more toward the light of spring.



# LJUTEN

## FEBRUARY

In the fierce month of Ljuten, the world remains locked in a fortress of ice, yet the Great Weaver Mokosh does not sleep. As the Goddess of Fate and the Moist Mother Earth, she dwells within the dark, fertile soil, spinning the invisible threads of the coming year upon her silver spindle.

While the Winter Queen, Morana, guards the snow, Mokosh's hands move tirelessly, weaving the Dolya, the destiny, of every root and sleeping seed. She is the silent guardian of the hearth and the moist life-force that refuses to freeze.

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2 | Gromnitsa

15–22 | Myasopust

6 | Turitsa

24 | Otklikni Vody

11 | Velesov Den



# BREZEN

MARCH

In Brezen, the Month of Birch Trees, the battle for the living world reaches its peak. With the Sun now riding high, the people gather to banish the Winter Queen, Morana, from the land.



As her power wanes, the Earth awakens, and the first Cuckoo birds, messengers from Vyriy, the mythical Slavic paradise, return.

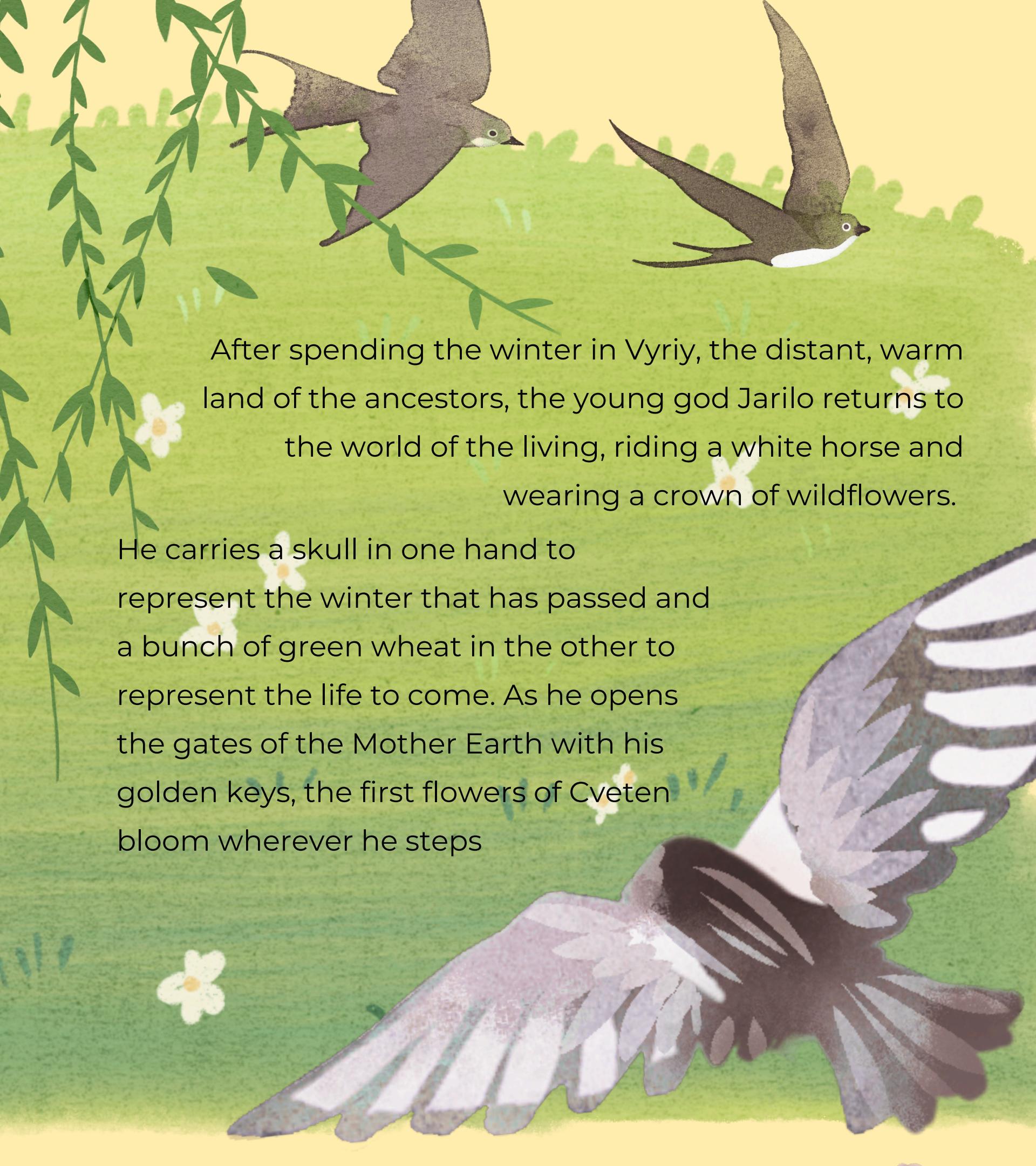
They carry the golden keys and bring the promise of new life, green fields, and the gentle touch of the Spring-Goddess Vesna, who now walks upon the warming soil, breathing life into every branch and stirring the souls of all living things to joyous song.

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20 | Jarná Rovnodennosť

21 | Vynášanie Morany

25 | Soroki



# CVETEN

APRIL

After spending the winter in Vyriy, the distant, warm land of the ancestors, the young god Jarilo returns to the world of the living, riding a white horse and wearing a crown of wildflowers.

He carries a skull in one hand to represent the winter that has passed and a bunch of green wheat in the other to represent the life to come. As he opens the gates of the Mother Earth with his golden keys, the first flowers of Cveten bloom wherever he steps

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5 | Vrbnitsa      23 | Jarilo Veshniy  
14 | Jarilov Den      30 | Rodonitsa  
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# TRAVEN

MAY

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10 | Imeniny Zemli  
25 | Letnich

In the beginning of Traven, the Goddess Lada looked upon the fields and saw that while they were green, they were silent and thirsty. She climbed to the highest peak of the mountains and began to sing a song of longing for her husband, the Sky-Father Svarog. As she sang, her jewelry, made of morning dew and starlight, shattered, falling to the earth as the first Landysh (Lily of the Valley).

Seeing her beauty, the Sun God Jarilo transformed his golden rays into a warm, shimmering rain. Where this Golden Rain touched the soil, the Svyato Lado, the Great Marriage, occurred. Now the world stands poised at the golden gates of Summer.

# KRESEN

## JUNE

In the month of Kresen the sun reaches the highest point of the sky, turning the world into a kingdom of fire and light. This is the time of Kupalo, the solar deity who leaps over the world in a chariot of flame. The white blossoms of spring have fallen, replaced by the red ripening of the earth's first fruits and the deep, heavy heat of the Red Summer.



This time of the year marks the marriage of the Sun God and the Water Goddess. On this night, the boundaries between worlds dissolve: fire becomes cleansing, and water becomes healing.

To celebrate this union, people roll burning wheels into rivers and leap over bonfires, believing that the mixed power of flame and stream will burn away misfortune and wash the spirit clean.

It is said that at the exact moment of the solstice, the earth reveals its hidden treasures, and the sacred Fern Flower blooms for a single heartbeat, granting the ability to see into the depths of the world to whoever finds it.

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4 | Yarilo Mokriy  
15 | Dukhov Den  
21 | Kupalo

23 | Agrafena Kupalnitsa  
29 | Svetovoz

# LIPEN

JULY

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1 | Yarilo Stepenniy 24 | Zarnitsa  
10 | Imeniny Zemli 27 | Churilov Den  
20 | Perunov Den



In the heat of Lipen the Goddess Lada calls from the fragrant Linden trees, signaling that the earth is ready for the harvest to be forged.

Perun answers with his thunder, striking the heavy sky to release the rain that the dry soil desperately needs.

This storm is the physical meeting of their powers: the lightning provides the divine energy, while the rain provides the life-giving nourishment, working together to ensure the wheat grows strong and protected.





# ZAREV

AUGUST

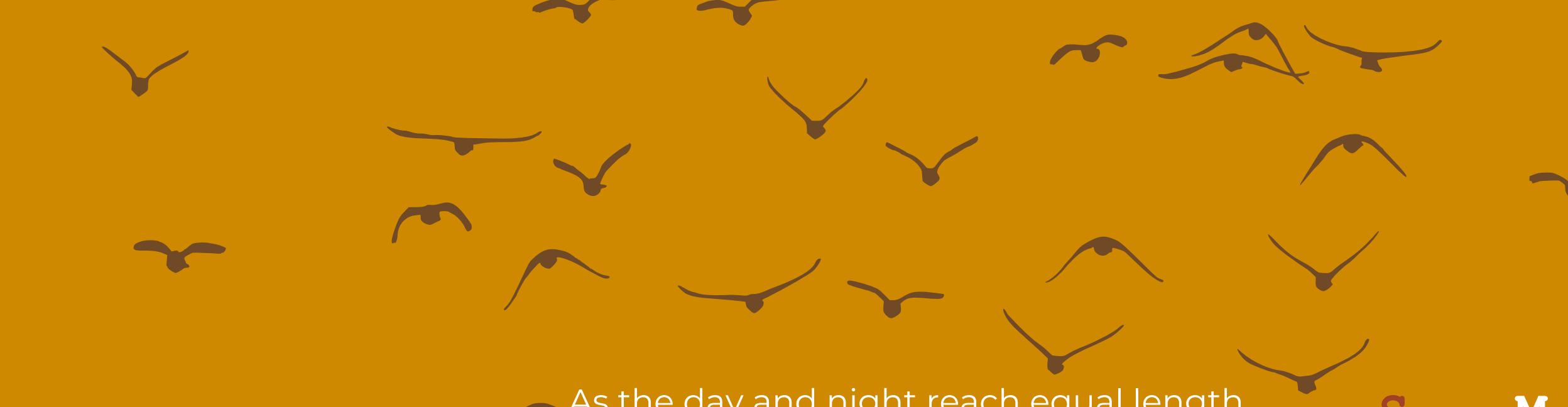
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As the sun's glow reaches its peak, the Grain God willingly offers his life to save the people from the coming hunger of winter.

In the month of Zarev the branches of the orchard bow low under the weight of crimson apples and honeyed pears.

When the first sickle strikes the stalks, it is seen as a sacred killing that releases the god's spirit from the straw and into the golden seed. This spirit is then captured in the Didukh and the first loaf of bread, allowing the god to be 'reborn' within the people who eat him, giving them the divine strength to survive the dark.

1 | Perviy Spas      18 | Horos  
7 | Den Striboga      28 | Zhnivnitsa  
15 | Dozhinki



# RUEN

SEPTEMBER

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1 | Den Volha 21 | Ovsyn / Radogost  
8 | Rozhanitsy 27 | Rodogost  
14 | Zdvizheniye

As the day and night reach equal length, the God Svetovid turns his gaze toward the winter, and the 'Keys of the Earth' are handed to the Cuckoo bird to carry across the sea to the Vyriy.

On this day, the earth closes its gates; the snakes retreat into the deep soil to guard the treasures of the ancestors, and the spirits of the forest begin their long slumber. The Great Harvest is honored by the Great Feast.

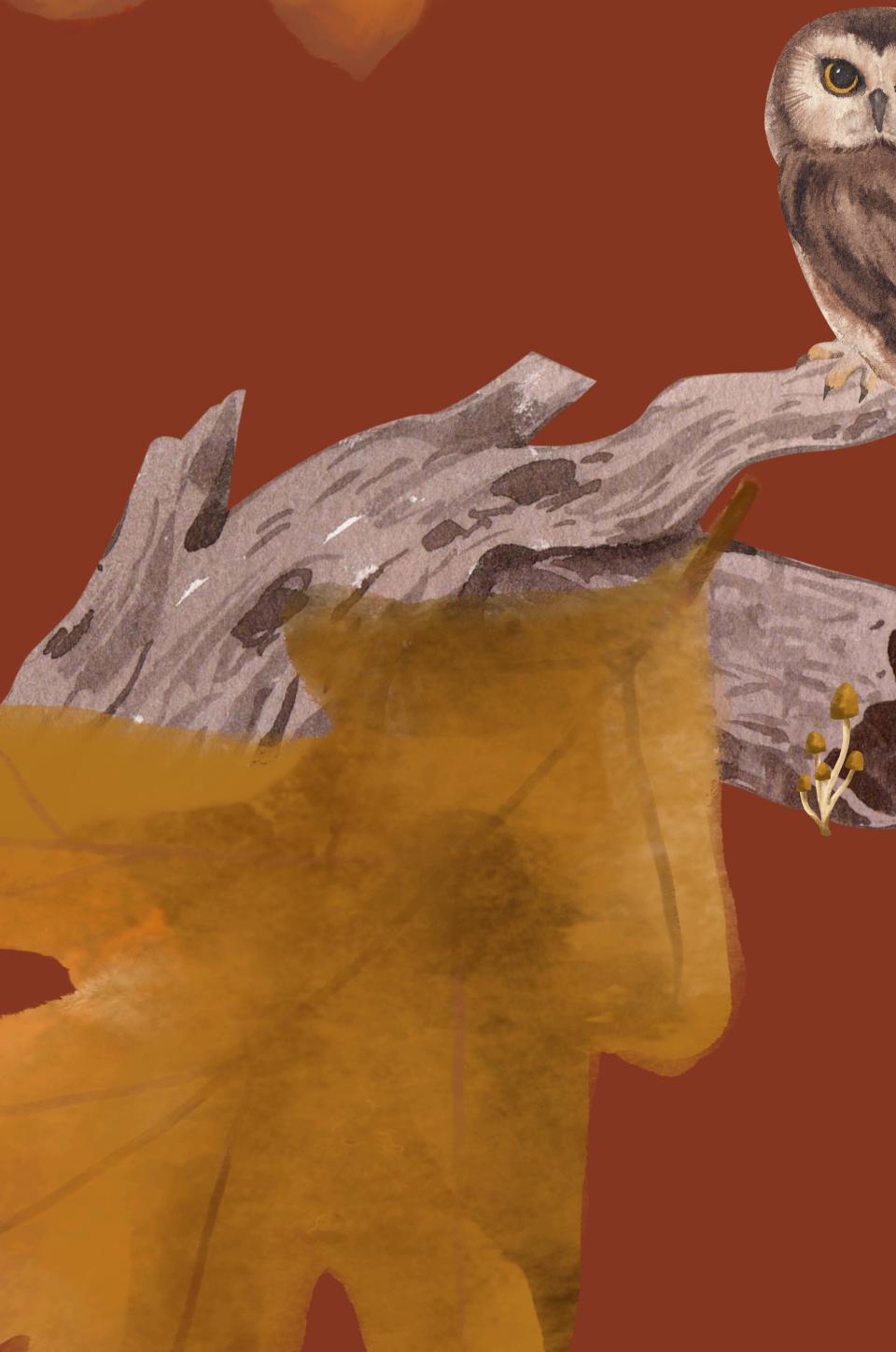
People bake a large honey-cake, symbolically ensuring that the abundance of the harvest will act as a shield against the coming cold and the spirits of the dark.



# LISTOPAD

OCTOBER

As the last leaves fall from the World Oak, the Goddess Makosh takes up her golden spindle to begin weaving the threads of the coming winter. She is the Mother of Fate, who stands at the boundary between the world of the living and the spirit realm, measuring the deeds of the past harvest against the destiny of the future.



Beside her sit the two sisters, Dolya and Nedolya, who tie the knots of good and ill fortune into the fabric of life. In this month, the earth is put to sleep under a blanket of frost, and the people turn inward to their hearths, knowing that the quality of the thread spun now will determine the strength of the soul through the long dark.

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1 | Pokrov

14 | Den Svaroga

25 | Den Makoshi

28 | Oseniye Dedov

31 | Velesova Noch



In the month of Gruden, the Goddess Morana strikes the ground with her staff, turning the soft soil into iron and the flowing rivers into glass. The last of the warmth is driven deep into the roots of the World Oak, where it is guarded by the spirits of the ancestors until the turning of the year.

High above, the smith-god Svarog works at his forge to hammer out the winter sky, creating the Winter Sun, a pale, cold light that gives no heat but allows the people to see their way through the mist. The world becomes a silent kingdom of white and grey, where the only life is found in the flickering flames of the home.

# GRUDEN

## NOVEMBER

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1 | Den Otmshcheniya 21 | Vstupleniye Zimy  
8 | Zimniye Rozhanitsy 25 | Den Mareny  
14 | Den Svyatogora



# STUDEN

## DECEMBER

As the Great Cold settles over the world, the power of the old sun finally fades, leaving the earth in its deepest darkness. On the longest night, the people gather to burn a massive oak log, the Badnjak, to provide warmth and light for the goddess Lada as she gives birth to Kolyada, the Young Sun.

This new god is born as a golden child who brings the promise that the light will return, even though the frost is at its strongest. To protect the infant sun from the spirits of the dark, the Kolyadari mask themselves as animals and forest spirits, singing songs to drive away the shadows and ensuring that the cycle of the year begins once more.

1		Den Morozko	22		Kolyada
6		Den Velesa	31		Shchedriy Vecher
21		Korochun			