

Snow Man

For the listener, who listens in the snow,
And, nothing himself, beholds
Nothing that is not there and the nothing that is.
The Snow Man - Wallace Stevens

Quote: Happy-Birthday!

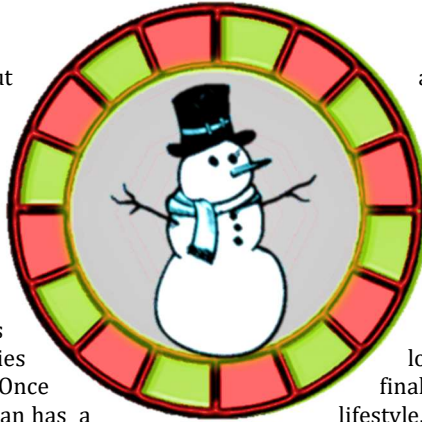
Everybody and their Mom know about Frosty - that jolly happy soul. Yet that happy soul is just one of the Entities that make up this famously friendly Fae Family. Not quite Inanimae, but not fully a Kith... the Snow Men are their own type, harbingers of Winter's Joy, and unlike their unsafe cousins the *Jokul-Frosti*, the Snow Men share this joy with safety and protection in mind.

The Snow-Men are both lonely watchers from fields of virgin snow and bosom buddies to gangs of winter-loving mortal children. Once the first good snow comes down, the Snow-Man has a means to be born. Each Snow-Man has a certain Frozen-Fetter that re-brings forth that magical snowy essence. These Fetters take multiple forms: stove-top hats, old ratty scarfs, corn-cob pipes, a set of big button eyes... Each Snow-Man has a different version, but all boast the same power; bringing them back year after year.

And come back they do, up to three times. That same hidden loneliness that accompanies the Snow-men on that far-away frozen field comes a lonelier knowledge. That Winter can't last forever... so enjoy it while it is here.

Appearance: The Mortal Mien of the Snow-Men is that of a largish happy smiling mortal. Their body types favor what might be called big-boned or portly (to be polite) and tend to be short and squat along with it. They have big beaming faces and small twinkling eyes.

In Fae Mien, they appear as the ubiquitous Snow-Men that everyone knows, complete with a snowy muffin top, short fat legs (that from a distance are hard to tell are legs at all) and a longish carrot nose. However, as the weather warms, the thickness of the Body tends to fall away,



and the prudent Snow-Man tends to make plans to head north. In all forms, the Snow-Men have their fetter (see *Frailty* below) close at hand.

Lifestyle: The Snow-Men are the loyal companions to everyone in Christmas Town, and to all those mortals who build them year after year. Though there is still a melancholy and lonely edge to their frivolity- a sort of finality that stems from their restricted lifestyle.

Yet the beauty of the Snow Men is that they can live in a variety of places, as long as it's cold. Here they spend their time having fun and keeping a watchful eye on all that occurs. While the Yule-Sidhe doesn't seem to value them (due to their impermanence), they remain strong allies of Sinter-Klauss, the nutcrackers, and all the powers that be in Christmas town.

While Snow-Women exist, of course, they are a rarity, and are hard to really tell apart from the Snow-Men as a whole. (Though there are a few select who prefer to be called Snow-Maidens).

Seemings are a nebulous model when it comes to the Snow-Men. They don't have seemings in the same context as other Fae. Though they bear them as a means to possess Glamour, banality and willpower, they don't subscribe to the ages that accompany the other Kith's conception of Seemings. Each time a Snow-Man melts and is reborn the following winter, the Snow-Man grows into another Seeming. Thusly...

Childing Snow-Men are the same as the Wilder and Grump Snow-Men, but are a little naïve. *This is the first time that they are created from winter joy and Yule-Magic*

Wilder Snow-Men are the same as the Grumps and Childing Snow-Men but are a little more careful Nor reckless however). *This is the second time that they are created from winter joy and Yule-Magic*

Grumps Snow-Men are the same as the Childing and Grump Snow-Men, but are a little lonely and distant due to their knowledge that this is their last time around the merry-go-round. They could head up to the mountains to prolong their existence...but living up there alone might be too much to bear. *This is the third time that they are created from winter joy and Yule-Magic*



Glamour Ways: The Snow Men garners Glamour from the joyous magic that comes from the Snow. Whenever children celebrate a day off due to inclement weather, or whenever an elder sucks in that first joyous crisp breath on a snowy morning, an icy Glamour is manifested that the Snow Man uses to fuel his magics.

Unleashing; Cantrips cast by the Snow-Men are accompanied by the sharp crisp sent of snow and ice. There is a quick blast of icy air complete with sparkles of blue and white that shimmer and glow around the Snow-Man.

Affinity: Prop

Birthrights:

Soft Snowy Bodies: Due to their magical make-up as creatures of soft winter snow, a Snow-Man is immune to most forms of damage. Bullets pass right through them, blades have no real effect, and if enough bashing damage takes out a big enough section... they can always rebuild themselves with a passing snow-bank. There is very little which can affect a Snow-Man who is in his natural habitat (which is why no Few Snow-Men keep to the Northern Places.

Rebirth in Winter: Even if a Snow-Man does take sufficient damage from supernatural means, enough to stop his body... (Fire, Magic, the arrival of spring) The spirit of the Snow-Man can be resurrected as long as their Frozen Fetter is used to construct another body. This is usually a grand festival involving the first real snow of the season, mugs of hot-cocoa for the mortal allies, and lots of singing (Happy Birthday is a favorite). Each subsequent Rebirth comes with it the same attributes and abilities as their previous incarnations. However, this process can only be performed three times...., whenever a Snow-Man is melted and brought back by the power of their Fetter- They grow up one Seeming (see frailty Below). Keep in mind that every Snow-Man has but three... after that last melt, they go where all melted Snow-Men go...

Frailties:

Thaw-Bane: The Snow-Men are born of ice and joy and all that wonderful frozen cheer- and thus are at the mercy of heat. For every 10 degrees above 40 (Fahrenheit- 4.44 Celsius), the Snow-Men are at a +1 difficulty to all actions. This difficulty increases by 1 for each day that the Snow-Men are subjected to the heat.

In addition if the heat increases, so does the difficulty. This continues until the difficulty reaches 10. At this point, the Snow-Men must make a willpower roll.

If it fails, then they melt, leaving behind their Frozen Fetter, and must be reborn once it gets cold again. Once they are rebuilt, they are at the Next seeming.

Frozen Fetter: The Frozen Fetter is the conduit of a Snow-Man's magical essence, and the one item that connects him to the mortal world. If the item is ever taken from the Snow-Man, then he is stuck as an immovable, unthinking, frozen pile of

mundane snow. For this reason, a Snow-man rarely lets the item out of his hand (or off of his head--- or so on...).

This shouldn't be that much of a deal, but those with the sight (including many will-workers) see such items as the magical implements of mystical might that they are. Said Frozen Fetters are a hot-commodity among Mages... and the Prudent Snow-Man steers far away from those Pesky Wizards.

Petey- friend to all, speaks highly of his friends the second time around.

Ginger-Bred: Always biting off more than they can chew.

Jokul Frosti: I try to stay out of a blizzards way.

Krampus: I have never seen one... but then again I'm on the nice list.

Misfits: Poor wee souls just wanting to be loved.

Nutcracker: Admirable men. Loyal to the end.

Sugar-Plums: You mean sugar-mites? They're no bother - Just playful little tads of cast-off candy. But aren't we all?

Yule Sidhe: **jolly laugh** I'll tell you a secret...never mind. I won't, Yule Sidhe don't like secrets being kept- they like to be in charge of everything.

Morozhko: As beautiful as they come, and just as kind. As long as you understand their rules.

