

The Autumn Court

Deity

Domain: Nature, Knowledge, Death

Pantheon: Other Powers

Alignment: LN

Symbol: A leaf at the precise moment of turning -- half green, half red

Worshippers

Those who seek perspective on endings; mortals who have lost something irreplaceable and want to understand why; scholars of cycles and finality.

The Autumn Court is ruled by **Mordavael the Turning**, the only Fey Court monarch who does not pursue an agenda with respect to mortals. Where Summer wants mortals to feel more, Winter wants mortals to be precise, and Spring wants mortals to be surprised by something new, Mordavael simply observes. He is the chronicler of endings -- the patron of everything at its peak, the moment just before decline, the beauty that exists only because it is temporary.

The Autumn Court does not initiate contact with mortals. It does not offer bargains or gifts. What it does, with notable reliability, is *appear* -- quietly, at the edges of significant endings. When a kingdom falls, an Autumn Court fey was watching from a hillside. When a long friendship dissolves, someone glimpsed something golden and still in the treeline. Mordavael's court attends endings with a reverence that is entirely sincere and entirely without capacity to stop them.

Whether this is wisdom or cowardice is a question scholars of the Fey Courts argue about with some heat. The Autumn Court does not participate in the debate.

Among the four courts, Autumn is the most difficult to reach and the least interested in being reached. Mortals who seek Autumn Court contact usually do so to understand something that has already been lost. Mordavael will sometimes answer these questions. The answers are accurate and consistently more painful than the mortal expected.