

Brennen Blackcloud

The guardian of the city of

Brennen Blackcloud
Card from Children of Blackcloud

[Blackcloud](#),

Brennen Blackcloud first appeared in [Children of Blackcloud](#), and later appeared as one of the four

Phoenixborn in [The Corpse of Viros](#).

History^[1]

During a time when Blackcloud was falling apart, they were looking for a Phoenixborn. The "Never Dying King," who had kept himself alive through ceremonial dark arts and magic, saw the opportunity in his granddaughter.



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Though Brennen Blackcloud was born a girl, Blackcloud's old ways and traditions wanted a male heir, resulting in the king, through manipulations and desire to follow the traditions, made Brennen live and act as a boy so they could inherit the throne. Brennen's relationship with their grandfather was anything but simple; while he was their only confidant, they also resented the manipulation. They also held some guilt regarding their female identity. Just as they started to think about the throne, how they felt about it, and how they wanted to represent themselves, their grandfather passed away and Brennen inherited the kingdom. On top of that, the [Collection of Ashes](#) was beginning, creating more conflict in their life.

At 15, they are the last scion of the falling House of Blackcloud, and they aim to restore their family and the city to the terrifying glory of their ancient heritage.

Conjurations

Brennen has only 1 [conjunction](#) associated with them: [Dread Wraith](#). Even in the Corpse of Viros, none of the conjurations are tied specifically with them. This lone conjunction is a creation born from the anger and trauma due to the relationship Brennen had with their grandfather.

Pronouns

Brennen's pronouns are a complex issue; on the one hand, we, as readers about the fictional world, know that Brennen was born a girl. However, almost all residents of Argia believe Brennen to be a young man. More confusion is added if you consider how both of those are tied to past trauma, and both may be appropriate and also inappropriate simultaneously, but neither are wrong. Shortly after the release of The Corpse of Viros, the designer said (in Discord) that Brennen's character story does not have a particular ending in sight, and the original creator of Brennen also did not

have one determined. The community's consensus is that any pronouns are acceptable, with most preferring to use "she/her" or "they/them."

Card appearances

- [Chant of Worship](#)
- [Choke](#)
- [Fester](#)
- [Safeguard](#)
- [Guilt Link](#)
- [Serve the City](#)
- [Change of Heart](#)
- Glare (Corpse of Viros Shadow aspect)

Quotes:

- "Your death will have a purpose."
- "Render unto me, all that I desire most."
- "Even now I fester within the hearts of your friends."
- "And just like that, your efforts are for naught."
- "Ideas breed disloyalty and words are their foul seed."
- "The Chimera will find we are an eager adversary."

References

- 1: [Brennen Blackcloud Unboxing \(Legacy video\)](#)

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