

Rowan Umberend

"If my expulsion from the Vermillion Council has provided benefit, it is that I am never again required to share space with Rowan Umberend."

- [Darius](#), Terminal Amurai

Rowan Umberend
Type unknown
Art from The Scholar of Ruin

A member of the [Vemillion Council](#) until his expulsion for Blasphemy, Rowan of the [Abylon](#) Outskirts seeks to become the most powerful Phoenixborn. As his status of Phoenixborn was a secret, he had no area to protect. He is a new Phoenixborn for Ashes Reborn, and appeared with [The Scholar of Ruin](#) deck.

History

Rowan was a member of the Vermillion Council, a secretive organization dedicated to studying the Phoenixborn, though he kept his status as a Phoenixborn hidden from them.

This gave him several allies whose knowledge he could exploit with his time and ceremonial magics, accelerating his own research into the physical and temporal ruins of [Abylon](#)'s battle sites. There, he found the Red Raindrops, ancient and dark artifacts that could call forth the [Red Rains](#).

His success has earned him hatred and expulsion from the Council, as well as disdain from his fellow Phoenixborn. He is correctly blamed for the return of the Red Rains, and bears a price on his head placed by [Elga Trilling](#).

He does not see himself as a villain, rather, non-Phoenixborn are of little value in his eyes.^[1] Even during his trial, he showed no remorse at his actions.

Conjurations

For a ceremonial Phoenixborn, Rowan boasts many conjurations. His [Eroding](#) slows enemies, and his [Ruin Dwellers](#) are dangerous, left alone or attacked.

His reputation comes from his other two conjurations, the [Red Raindrops](#), and the [Reborn Chimera](#). Reanimating a [certain other Phoenixborn's former ally](#), this version is the first of its kind, but it is still considered "kind of a botched abomination."^[2]

Card appearances

- [Chant of Erosion](#)
- [Chant of Hostility](#)
- [Discovery](#)
- [Era's End](#)
- [Excavate](#)
- [Red Raindrops](#)

Quotes:

- “The past is my schematic for the future.”
- “Why should we fear what we once defeated?”
- “Time passes so cruelly, no?”

References

- 1: <https://www.plaidhatgames.com/news/2022/11/21/argaian-articles/>
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