

# Sembali Grimtongue

Even for Phoenixborn, Sembali of [Memoria](#) is unusual: her original abilities in Rise of the Phoenixborn were determined through a player participation event called

the [War Within](#), in which she was the main protagonist. While her light side was the victor there, Ashes Reborn saw her ability changed to an entirely new one. She appears as the Phoenixborn in [The Spirits of Memoria](#), and returns for [The Spawn of Shadowreck](#).

Sembali Grimtongue  
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## History

"Two paths lie before you. One cloaked in shadow, another basked in light. Which will you choose?"

For years Sembali pored over the ancient holy tomes within Memoria's walls, and it was deep within the darkened halls of the cloistered libraries that she discovered a secret that made her question all she knew about not only her fellow Phoenixborn, but the Gods themselves. In the wake of this discovery, Sembali was forced to choose which path she would now follow: would she continue to use her Phoenixborn abilities to safeguard the faithful of [Argaia](#) or would she instead embark on a path of conquest to take her rightful place as the Phoenixborn supreme? In the end, she chose the path basked in light.

Sembali Grimtongue is the leader of the [Gatekeepers](#), a death cult whose rituals are celebratory in nature. Her worshippers bring the corpses of their loved ones to the city's many temples, so that she, the priestesses of the cult, can guide the souls of the departed to their loved ones in the world beyond.

This guidance has taken a toll on her, as the dead whisper of calamities to come. She has taken refuge in illusion magics, but she might be going too far, and runs the risk of losing herself in them.

## Conjurations

Sembali has but 2 conjurations: the [Admonishers](#), and the solitary [Spectral Assassin](#).

In the Spawn of Shadowreck, she reveals a darker creation: the [Shade Prowler](#).

## Card appearances

- [Law of Grace](#)
- [Purify](#)

- [Dark Reflection](#)
- Erratic Strike (Spawn of Shadowreck Horror aspect)
- Torment (Spawn of Shadowreck Horror aspect)

## Quotes:

- “Ours is but another world’s shadow.”
- “My thoughts are dark of late.”
- “The dead have found you wanting.” + “Ignore them at your peril.”
- “Sometimes I even lose track of myself.”
- “You'll know they were here by the corpses they leave behind.”

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