

# THE SCHOLAR



PlotDevice

*Krewalan hated lending books to people. Duke Lessiter, who technically owned the seventeen thousand tomes that Krewalan cared for, had little to no respect for the value or nature of the knowledge that these works contained, or of the history bound in leather and vellum in his own vaults. To him, they were nothing more than a commodity, and he treated the library and its keeper with less respect than his stables.*

*And here was Anara, Wizard to the Duke, running towards his shelves, eyes wild and hair streaming behind her. She slammed into a wooden gurney, and books were strewn hither and yon. Krewalan cringed*

*"One wonders if one might be of any assistance?" some pain was evident in his voice.*

*"Run!" yelled Anara, pushing herself up from the ground, "A Wrathrog was summoned in error by my fool of an apprentice, and his life is forfeit! It comes this way!"*

*Krewalan stared daggers at her. He claimed the largest of the wounded tomes from the ground, and as he held it, thought of all the people in the castle. After a minute he spoke, "May I be so bold as to suggest feeding it?"*

*"What?" said Anara, dumbfounded.*

*"Third rank Burgundy Chromataspores. Wrathrogs, as you so colloquially name them. They are consistent of fiery plasm, and eternally ravenous for flammables. They become slow and lethargic if exposed to lacquered wood. The usual method of dealing with them, historically speaking, is feeding the flames, then as they are sated, flee." He said.*

## Unlikely Heroes Overview

This is a gaming supplement that requires the use of the Dungeons & Dragons Players Handbook, Third Edition, published by Wizards of the Coast, Inc. It uses material from the updated v3.5 revision.

Unlikely Heroes consists of seven character classes developed from the standard NPC character classes in the DMG. These are designed to upgrade the NPC classes to make them on par with the Adventurer classes, but with a difference in focus. The Scholar is one of the two classes developed from the Expert concept, this one focusing on knowledge skills and mental development.

*A relief of ruddy red light, like the ember glow of a forge, bled into the library from the open door. A large figure, swathed in lazy flame approached down the corridor beyond.*

*The wizard quickly nodded at him, and between them they flung open the doors to the library. The red light grew brighter. They fled the room, and Krewalan looked sadly at the books, holding tight the one he most wanted to save.*

*"How can you be sure this will work?" yelled Anara.*

*His did not look back as he went to jump through the window. "I read it in a book," he answered.*

From the most menial functionary of a court to the most world-respected sage, many of those who focus their lives upon intellectual development and knowledge are Scholars. With similar devotion to that of a Wizard or Monk, a Scholar ignores all else in their