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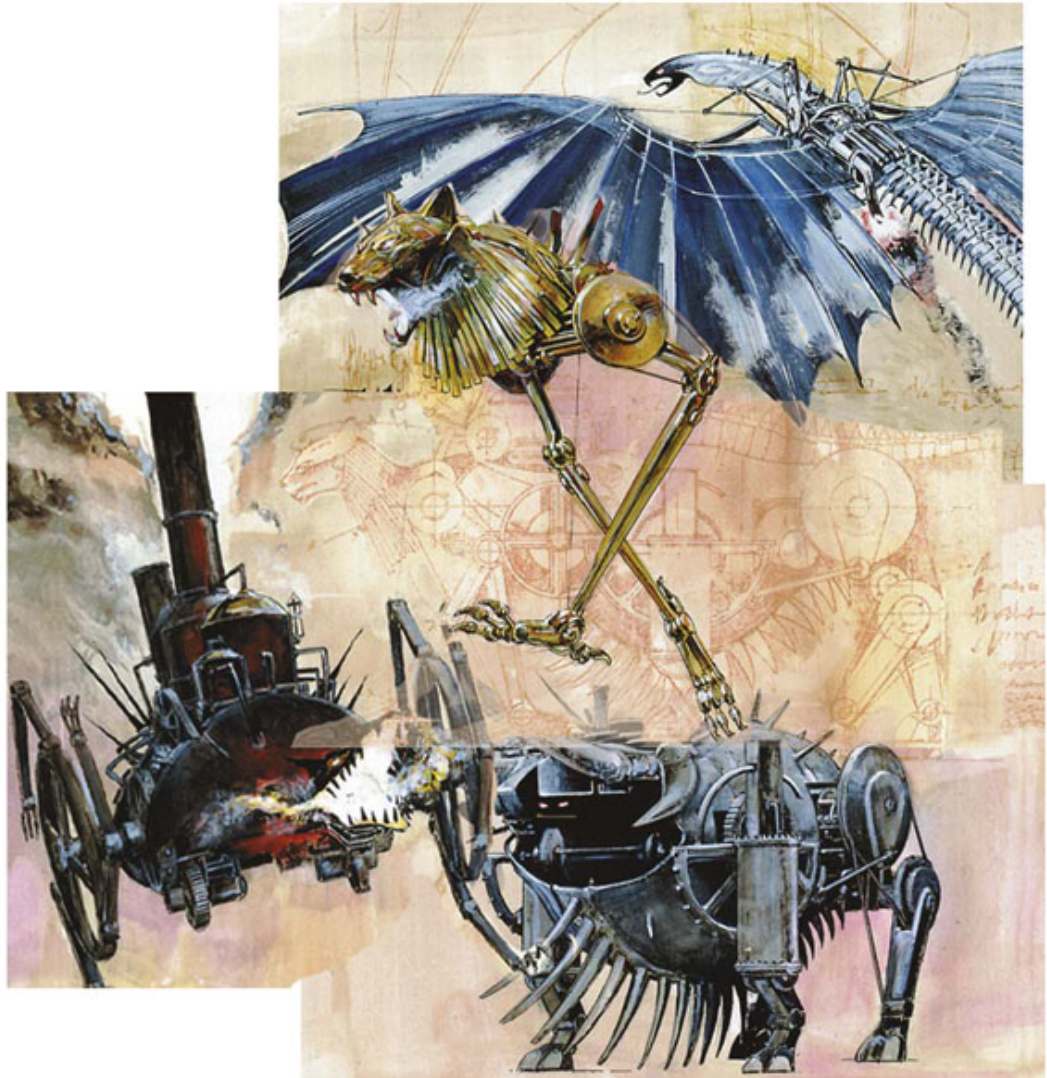
Darksteel artifact creatures with the Modular keyword, such as [Arcbound Slith](#), have their design roots in *Visions'* chimeras: **Brass-Talon Chimera**, **Iron-Heart Chimera**, **Lead-Belly Chimera**, and **Tin-Wing Chimera**.

Each of the four chimerae are 2/2 artifact creatures for 4. Each has an ability that it can transfer to other Chimera brethren when it dies. And each was illustrated by Mike Dringenberg, artist behind several other *Mirage* block cards and, more recently, the *Mirrodin* talismans, *Damping Matrix* and *Jinxed Choker*.

In the Chimera illustration below (**Brass-Talon Chimera**), note how the parchment behind the creature bears a sketch of a fantastic cat creature. It actually is the Brass-Talon itself, merged with the other chimerae.



If you look closely, all the Chimerae have this "cat-tomaton" and other Chimera images somewhere the background. If you were to line up all the background images, the foreground Chimerae would come together as a sort of collage, and it would look something like this:



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