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The first "creature artifact"

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Recent cards like **Chimeric Egg** and **Darksteel Brute** are inheritors of a long tradition of artifacts that can temporarily become creatures. Way back in *Alpha*, **Magic's** first set, **Jade Statue** began that tradition.

Today, the rules for such artifact-to-creature changes are well-established (as are those for **land-to-creature**, **enchantment-to-creature**, **land-to-artifact**, **creature-to-enchantment** and other crazy transformations). But back in **Jade Statue's** days, things weren't as well ironed out.

In fact, it was printed as a non-creature artifact *that had power and toughness* to represent its ability:



An additional tidbit of trivia: Norin the Wary, the character quoted in **Jade Statue's** flavor text, is also quoted on *The Dark* and *Chronicles* card **Goblin Shrine**, and on *Fifth* and *Sixth Edition's* **Animate Wall** and **Sabretooth Tiger**.

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