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The flavor of equipment

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A game of **Magic** is a collection of stories waiting to happen -- and not just stories about game zones, card advantage and "damage going on the stack." It's also about the *flavor* of the game: the imagery of dueling wizards duking it out on a mystic battlefield, which is evoked by the cards' names, art, flavor text, mechanics and rules.

The design of *Darksteel* cranks up **Magic's** flavor aspect with even more equipment and equipment-focused spells. Today's **Magic** Arcana asks you to take a moment to pause and reflect on the "flava" of equipment.

- Whispersilk Cloak** brings to mind a gauche and noisy ogre who slips on the Cloak, fades from view and slips past enemy defenses.
- Heartseeker** conjures visions of a soldier picking up the deadly mystical blade, battling goblins in combat with it, then at a crucial moment throwing it at a hapless distant champion and striking it dead in the chest.
- If you've ever had **Murderous Spoils** played against you, you already know the card's brutal flavor. Did your flyer, stricken with the spell, lose its grip on a powerful sword, only for it to drop into the hands of an enemy minion?
- Has the **heat of the forge** ever melted your creature's boots right around her ankles, so hot that she perished while still wearing them?
- Has a master of the **Leonin Bola** ever tied up your troops long enough for an infiltrator wielding a specially-prepared **Spellbinder** staff to sneak by?



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