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# Indestructible "Impervium"

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The style guide for *Darksteel*, the **Magic** set, naturally has information on Normal metal and 'Impervium' darksteel, the *metal*. This extremely hard magical substance lends its flavor -- not to mention the property of indestructibility -- to cards with names starting with "Darksteel" (from **Darksteel Brute** to **Darksteel Reactor**). As *Darksteel* (codenamed "Lettuce") was being conceived, the indestructible metal was called "impervium," and was described thusly:

*"Impervium" is a magical indestructible metal. It always appears as a dark black metal surrounded by yellow/gold orbiting streaks of magical energy.*

To see that description in the art, take a look at these concept sketches and zoomed-in finished art for "impervium" cards.

### Darksteel Brute

**Darksteel Brute** is a statue made of darksteel that can come to life to smash some face. Note how well the artist, Nottsuo, captured the glossy black metal.

### Darksteel Colossus

What's better than an Iron Giant? One made of darksteel! **Darksteel Colossus** clearly shows the "orbiting streaks of magical energy" mentioned in the style guide.



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