

Renegade from the Mountains

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As we've seen during past [theme weeks](#), red is about immediate gain, not about long-term loyalty. Allegiances are for white creatures. Forethought is for blue spells. **Sokenzan Renegade**, on the other hand, is a red creature through and through.



Consistent with the flavor emphasis of the Kamigawa block, **Sokenzan Renegade's** type line perfectly reflects his fickle but combat-skilled nature:

- He's an **Ogre**, obviously -- a traditionally red race.
- He's also a **Samurai**, reflecting his bushido ability and his red propensity to *smash*.
- Lastly he's a **Mercenary**, which is pure flavor. Mercenaries work for the highest bidder; and in the Renegade's case, he works for the wisest master (that is, the player with the biggest hand size).

His Mercenary status is interesting: as the only Mercenary in the Kamigawa block, it means he is the only creature in this block that combos with the [Masques Block Mercenaries](#). He can be searched up by **Rathi Assassin** or **Cateran Summons** while getting pumped by **Nagao, Bound by Honor**. He can be revived by **Strongarm Thug** after entering the Red Zone twice via **Godo**. A versatile 3/3 for 3 mana -- as long as you pay his fee.

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