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What's a Bunrei?

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As you may have read in the [Kamigawa Glossary Part 3](#), the term *bunrei* (BOON-ray) refers to a spirit created by dividing another spirit (or the ceremony of this act of division).

The *Saviors of Kamigawa* card **Promise of Bunrei** is an enchantment that grants four 1/1 colorless Spirit tokens when one of your creatures dies. The concept behind the card is that the soul of your fallen warrior becomes split into four individual kami -- *bunrei* -- hence the enchantment represents the promise of those *bunrei*.

Note that you can see the four spirits splitting out from the soul of the fallen warrior right in Stephen Tappin's art:



Promise of Bunrei art by Stephen Tappin

The strength of the card became apparent during the card's development. There was discussion of having the tokens fly, or making the enchantment's sacrifice optional -- which made the card overpowered. There was also discussion of how powerful the tokens' Spirit creature type was in the Kamigawa block, but R&D decided that interactions with cards like *Long-Forgotten Gohei* made the **Promise** strong but not too strong. For more on this card, check out Mike Flores' [article](#) on its Constructed applications.



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