

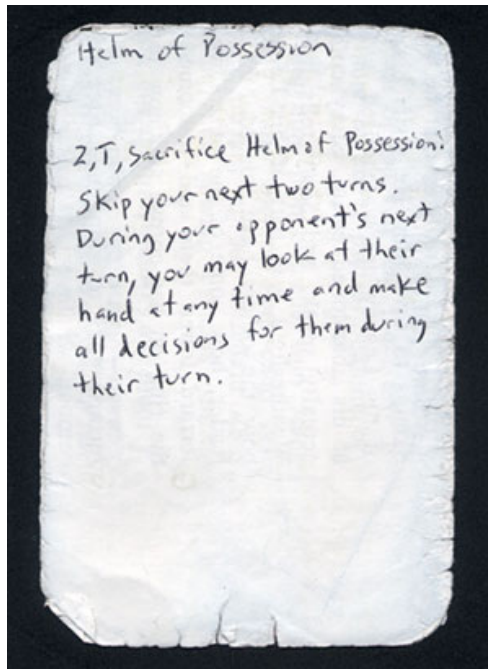
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"Helm of Volrath" Design Notes

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We've [seen before](#) how Mark Rosewater carries with him a piece of well-worn paper to jot down **Magic** card ideas. One of these ideas was "Helm of Volrath," the card that eventually [became](#) *Mirrodin's Mindslaver*.



Mark Rosewater's design notes: "Helm of Possession"

In this scan you can see that he titled the card "Helm of Possession" in his notes; it was to become a splashy "marquee" card for *Tempest*. Instead the name **Helm of Possession**, and the concept of a powerful helm belonging to Volrath, became attached to this creature-stealing artifact:



The basic turn-stealing mechanic eventually wound up on **Mindslaver**. Interestingly, as you can see from its art, **Mindslaver** was still conceptualized as a mind-control helmet.



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