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The Flavor of Equipment II

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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.

In honor of Equipment Week we again investigate the [flavor of equipment](#), this time focusing on the rich tradition of weaponry of the Kamigawa Block and all the top-down flavor it brings to your **Magic** games.

- Certain notoriously flavorful **bandit-lords** are never without their **trademark weapons**, or at least a handy battlefield-salvaged **helmet** or a trusty, well-strung **bow**.
- **Neko-Te** conjures the image of a **ninja** wearing poisoned claws, his venom paralyzing any **guardian** who stands in his way as he steals a set of ancestral **daisho**.
- **O-Naginata** is a hefty polearm with long reach -- suitable for doing battle even with **dragons** -- but with an iron blade so heavy that only a **powerful warrior** can wield it.
- The **Manriki-Gusari** is a chain weapon specially designed to break other weapons. Many an overconfident **foe** wielding a **powerful artifact** has been brought down with a snap of the manriki, even without the interference of the **spirits**.
- The **banner of a champion** can inspire the hearts of samurai troops who see it wave, or fuel the rage of one spirit and his **dedicated minions** in their battle for justice.
- **Ninja** are masters of flavor, pulling out every **trick in the book** to make **life hard** on **well-meaning defenders** while sneaking in to cause mayhem **clawmark by clawmark**.



Got a flavorful story from a **Magic** game you've played, especially one involving Kamigawa equipment? Share it on our [message boards](#)!



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