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The Moroi

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It's Dimir Week on magicthegathering.com! This week we get a chance to do what this guarded guild would never let a citizen of Ravnica do -- steal a look into their darkest secrets.

Today we take a look at the *moroi*, a potential [Lexicon](#) entry in the making and part of the Dimir repertoire of sneaky minions.

In Romanian folklore, the moroi is a type of living vampire. Unlike the dead or undead variety (called by the more generic term *strigoi* in Romanian), this breed of vampire drains people of youth and beauty as well as blood, and doesn't need to spend its daylight hours in tombs.

Similarly, in Ravnica, aside from being a vicious beatdown creature cut from the same mold as *Juzam Djinn*, the **moroi** is a vampiric creature that drains years from life of its victim:



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Moroi art by Dan Scott

"Touched by moroi"
—Undercity slang meaning "to grow old"

The Ravnican moroi can also be seen in the art of **Psychic Drain**:



Psychic Drain art by Nick Percival

***"Gold can be reearned, goods restored. The moroii steal youth,
more precious than either, and once gone, it's gone forever."
—Berta Suszat, civic healer***

The moroii, in essence, forms a bridge between two aspects of House Dimir -- on the one hand, it's a killer in the night, an infiltrator with deadly capabilities. On the other hand, it's tied to the flavor of "milling" a player's library -- a way to drain the life from other guilds and suck interlopers' brains dry of any stolen secrets.

Enjoy Dimir Week.



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