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# Balthor the Dwarf

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**K**amah! was not the only character to undergo a **transformation** in the Odyssey block storyline. Kamahl's mentor, the dwarf weaponsmaster **Balthor**, had a bit of a change of heart as well.



*Balthor the Stout art by Ron Spears*

Here is Balthor in his prime: surrounded by the barbarians of the Pardic Mountains, getting them pumped up and ready to fight. A fierce warrior and hero among men.

But Balthor is killed in battle with the nightmarish **champion** of the villainous merfolk **Laquatus**.

That's not the end of the heroic dwarf's story, however.

Balthor was later reanimated, his only goal to seek revenge on the evil Laquatus.

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*Balthor the Defiled art by Carl Critchlow*

This Balthor is at his most desperate: his undead form is a curse, but a way to get vengeance on Laquatus. Laquatus proves able to control the zombified Balthor, however, due to the remnant of **Laquatus's champion** still lodged in his body. (Ironically, the card **Balthor the Defiled** is quite a nice combo with a graveyard full of **Laquatus's Champions**.)

At the end, Balthor's disciple **Kamahl** does him the favor of slaying him for the second time -- and Kamahl slays Laquatus with his **Mirari**-enchanted sword, leaving Balthor finally at peace.

Enjoy Dwarf Week.



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