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Guildpact's Peeks at Dissension Guilds

Just before the release of *Guildpact*, we scanned *Ravnica* cards for subtle references to future guilds. Today we take another stroll down Flavor Lane on a scouting mission for clues about the upcoming guilds of *Dissension*.

Azorius

The white-blue Azorius Senate crops up in several spots in *Guildpact* cards, if you look closely enough. It's not just the anti-Gruul attitude of flavor text attributed to "Trigori, Azorius senator" (*Savage Twister*, but see also Trigori sounding off in the flavor text of *Ravnica*'s *Mindmoil* and *Incite Hysteria*). You can also see a tease of the Azorius costuming and race composition in *Guildpact* art:



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*Repeal: Azorius lawmages dissolve a Gruul troll
Art by Dan Scott*

Simic

Guildpact flavor text is somewhat less forthcoming about the blue-green biomancers of the Simic guild: they're mentioned on [Daggerclaw Imp](#) and [Poisonbelly Ogre](#). In addition, just one piece of art is unequivocally Simic, but it's a good close-up of a Simic elf on the black removal spell [Douse in Gloom](#):





Douse in Gloom: Orzhov thrulls dip a Simic elf in a vat of ichor
Art by Kev Walker

Rakdos

The red-black Cult of Rakdos is similarly shrouded in mystery, with again only two *Guildpact* references to them in flavor text. One is **Martyred Rusalka** (whose story is told by Matt Cavotta in [this in-character edition](#) of the Taste the Magic column), and the other is the aforementioned **Daggerclaw Imp**. Rakdos is just as scarce in *Guildpact* card art, but one Rakdos guildmember is shown getting attacked, due to his cologne of griffin prey-pheromone, in the art of **Harrier Griffin**.





Harrier Griffin: A griffin attacks a Rakdos warrior
Art by Jim Nelson



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