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Allusion-Fest: Dread Return

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Time Spiral overflows with allusions. Check the cards you got at the prerelease, or browse the spoiler—you'll find resurrected mechanics, Easter egg art references, tips-o'-the-hat in both card names and flavor text, even combinations of nods to multiple past **Magic** cards that span all parts of the card. It would take a keen eye and accomplished **Magic** career for you to identify them all, but we'll give you hints for a few—well, no, for a metric ton—of them here over the next few months. Keep an eye or two on magicthegathering.com for the continuously-unfolding allusion-fest.

Here's a sample.

Time Spiral's Dread Return is **Zombify** tricked out with a nice flashback option, but it also pays homage to a certain critter you may want to combine with it.



Check out what's doing the dreadful returning in the art. Need a hint? It's a creature from another black card illustrated by Kev Walker. Look closely:

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Dread Return art by Kev Walker

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It's an undead **Mindslicer**! You might want to **Zombify** your already-sac'ed **Mindslicers**, or sacrifice one to trigger its vicious ability again... Mmm, artistic combo!



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