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Pongified Barbarian

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The art of *Pongify* depicts the "after" stage of that primate-centric transformation spell. But what's the "before"? What was this Ape creature before being zapped by an untimely *Pongify*? We can find some clues by checking out the art.



Art of *Pongify* by Heather Hudson

That bone-breaking war hammer in the background and the discarded face mask are the main clues here. They lead us to believe that this was once a red-aligned, human barbarian. Check out this image from the *Time Spiral* style guide:

Concept sketch by Jeremy Jarvis

Compare the face mask (there for filtering the toxic air of Dominaria's volcanic regions), the war hammer, and that characteristic studded leather armor. It's common for targeted spells to depict an enemy-colored creature as their target, but the look is also right on. This is an archetypal look for a red-aligned warrior in *Time Spiral* Block—see also cards like *Torchling!*



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We can safely assume that this aggressive red warrior was intent on killing a blue-aligned mage, and met the business end of some transmutation magic. That's the way the studded leather crumbles!



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