PROTOTYPES

THE CARDS BEFORE THE CARDS.

EARLY ART. SURVIVING CARDS. A STORY THAT ADDS UP.

MEET 3 OF THE MANY UNRELEASED SKINS



TRACKER #146
CGC 10



SCOUT
RAW



RANGER #135
CGC 7.5

Absent from the released 300-card Series 1 checklist. These surviving examples reveal designs collectors never found in the finished set.

Early advertising, print comparisons and collector records make a compelling pre-release story.

2024 gallery + original photographs

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13 MARCH 2019

THE ARTWORK WAS PUBLIC FIRST.

Newsweek published Panini/Epic card renders **before the collector discoveries.** The transparent Epic logo and alternate SMG artwork later became important comparison points.

The archived Panini sales sheet adds another early artwork reference. An advertisement dates the design; it does not authenticate every physical copy.



2019 PROMOTIONAL ART

Newsweek article



RELEASED CARD

Group comparison

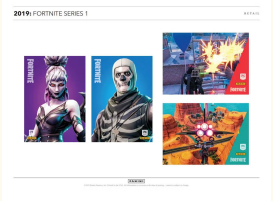
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APRIL - JULY 2021

THE FIRST COLLECTOR TRAIL.

April: an early USA inventory is posted. **June:** a collector reports SGC accepting prototypes. **July:** an account from the National convention describes a Panini Series 1 creator acknowledging a pre-release run.

These are dated collector accounts. The route out of Panini remains undocumented.



2019 PANINI SALES SHEET
Inventory National

THE EVIDENCE COMES TOGETHER.

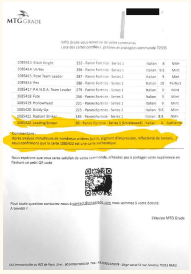
A TIMELINE OF DISCOVERIES, DOCUMENTS AND COLLECTOR ACCOUNTS

03 JANUARY - MARCH 2023

MORE CARDS. MORE DOCUMENTS.

January interview: a collector reports comparing prototype and released Brainiac cards, with matching ink and printing-plate results. **February:** a large Italy gallery appears. A posted Panini reply describes unfinished artwork and cards never officially distributed; photos alone could not establish authenticity.

March: a posted MTG Grade document identifies Italian Loading Screen #30, certificate 1085422, as authentic, citing weight, pigment and reflectivity. The finding is specific to that card.



Interview 23:40 MTG letter

04 13 FEBRUARY 2024

THE PRINT COMPARISONS.

A group summary brings together the early ads, correspondence and magnified print-pattern photographs. **The evidence is telling when read together.**

The cited 32-page original report is not in the archive; its full methods and results remain unavailable.



Read the evidence discussion

05 25 MARCH 2024

THE GRADING STORY CONTINUES.

After the reported 2023 pause, a collector reports SGC restarting and shows these Renegade Raider holders: **one CGC 7 and two SGC Authentic.**

A dated account, not a check of current submission policy.



COLLECT THE PIECE. BUILD YOUR SKIN COLLECTION.

No complete prototype set has been documented so far. Unreleased skins and early designs give some character collections different combinations to pursue. Treat them as individual collector pieces; an unusual card is not automatically one-of-one.

FOLLOW THE SOURCE TRAIL

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Every picture and underlined reference opens its source. Some group posts require membership.

PSA correspondence, February 2024: shared replies declined grading because Panini had withdrawn the cards over unapproved artwork, with reconsideration offered if Panini corrected that information. Posted correspondence is not independently authenticated.