



PUZZLEWICK FIELD GUIDE

THE HOBBIT CARD CHECK AND OPENING LOG

One opening is one outcome. Identify the exact object, protect it, then choose a destination without letting opening adrenaline set the deadline.

UNOFFICIAL PLAYER REFERENCE

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1. IDENTIFY THE EXACT CARD

- ☐ Name and game piece identity match
- ☐ Set code, collector number, and language recorded
- ☐ Finish recorded: nonfoil, foil, surge foil, or other verified treatment
- ☐ Front, back, edges, and corners inspected under neutral light
- ☐ Source or provenance recorded
- ☐ Card identity / notes

2. OPEN WITHOUT CHASING

- ☐ Set the opening budget and stopping point before the wrapper comes off
- ☐ Clear a dry table and prepare sleeves before opening
- ☐ Record the exact sealed product and opening date
- ☐ Move promising pulls gently into a sleeve; do not test or bend them
- ☐ Product / date / opening budget

3. GIVE THE CARD A HOME

- ☐ PLAY: it has a real deck or table job
- ☐ KEEP: the art or story belongs in your collection
- ☐ TRADE: both people agree on printing and condition
- ☐ SELL: you prefer the proceeds or another card
- ☐ WAIT: identity or market evidence is incomplete
- ☐ Decision and reason

4. CHECK THE VALUE CLAIM

- ☐ Compare the same printing, finish, language, and condition
- ☐ Separate asking prices from completed sales and live demand
- ☐ Account for fees, shipping, and the condition uncertainty
- ☐ Write the evidence date; a market snapshot is not a permanent value
- ☐ Evidence source / date

Source trail: Wizards of the Coast - Collecting Magic: The Gathering | The Hobbit; Scryfall exact printing records; TCGplayer card-condition standards. Full dated links and treatment notes live in the Puzzlewick article.