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# "What If?" with *Odyssey* art II

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What if we always used the art that was submitted for each card? Well, things would certainly look different, and we like to think that they'd make a little less sense.

Here's how some familiar *Odyssey* cards would look if we kept the art that was submitted for them:



## Devoted Caretaker

The woman in this illustration looks noble - devoted, even - but the problem is that she's so... so... green! Overall color tone is very important to card art, so accommodations were made for this art to be used on a green creature, namely *Krosan Avenger*.

## Volcanic Spray

Originally, this red spell was going to be called something like "Sandblast." But the art did not have enough of a "direct damage" feel to it; the nomads looked like they were walking in a high wind, not a damaging blast. So late in the process, when R&D realized they were short one white creature, they stole this art from red and *Tireless Tribe* was born.



## Ghastly Demise

Ghastly Demise destroys a creature based on how many cards are in your graveyard, so the team wanted to show the ground rising up to kill a creature. The submitted painting was a bit too "dynamic" for a simple removal spell, so it was relocated to a more game-breaking card: *Upheaval*.



## Luminous Guardian

This card was conceived as a white nomad that could block more than one creature at a time "because he is fast." Think "hockey goalie," with lightning-quick defensive reflexes. The art, however, showed speed in a more track-and-field kind of way, not at all suitable for a defensive white creature. **Need for Speed** gave the art a perfect home, however.



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