

Home > Games > Magic > Magicthegathering.com > Magic Arcana



(a) versus (b)

Magic Arcana
Thursday, August 8, 2002

Some people consider *Arabian Nights* to be a 78-card set, since there are 78 unique card names in the set. But many collectors view the set as actually having 92 cards, since there are printing differences on several of the commons' mana symbols, resulting in two distinct versions for each.

Eleven of the twelve commons that have generic mana in their mana costs appear in two versions, with *Desert Nomads* being the only exception. An example is shown below.



Note that one version has a small, dark generic mana symbol, and one has a "normal looking" symbol.

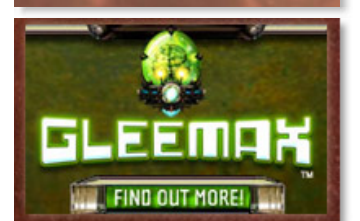
In addition, three other commons--*Hasran Ogress*, *Nafs Asp*, and *Stone-Throwing Devils*--were printed with slightly different colored mana symbols; these differences are very subtle.



The cards with smaller, darker symbols are known as the "a" variations, and the normal-looking cards are known as the "b" variations.

The rarities of each: (Please note that our clickable card links do not correspond to the different variations.)

Card Name (variation)	Rarity
Erg Raiders (a)	C3
Erg Raiders (b)	C2
Hasran Ogress (a)	C3
Hasran Ogress (b)	C2
Oubliette (a)	C2
Oubliette (b)	C2
Stone-Throwing Devils (a)	C3
Stone-Throwing Devils (b)	C1
Fishliver Oil (a)	C3
Fishliver Oil (b)	C1
Giant Tortoise (a)	C3
Giant Tortoise (b)	C1
Nafs Asp (a)	C3



Nafs Asp (b)	C2
Wyluli Wolf (a)	C4
Wyluli Wolf (b)	C1
Bird Maiden (a)	C2
Bird Maiden (b)	C2
Rukh Egg (a)	C3
Rukh Egg (b)	C1
Army of Allah (a)	C3
Army of Allah (b)	C1
Moorish Cavalry (a)	C4
Moorish Cavalry (b)	C1
Piety (a)	C3
Piety (b)	C1
War Elephant (a)	C3
War Elephant (b)	C1



[Magic Arcana](#) archive

[About Us](#) | [Jobs](#) | [New to the Game?](#) | [Inside Wizards](#) | [Find a Store](#) | [Press](#) | [Help](#) | [Sitemap](#)

© 1995-2007 Wizards of the Coast, Inc., a subsidiary of Hasbro, Inc. All Rights Reserved.
[Terms of Use](#) - [Privacy Statement](#)

