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Urza's Bauble

Card of the Day - Friday, November 29, 2002

Ice Age uncommon.

If you look very closely at this card's art, you can see the word "Urza" written in green vertically down the center of the Bauble.



Pilgrim of Justice

Card of the Day - Thursday, November 28, 2002

Odyssey common.

There are no Indians in **Magic**, but there are a couple of Pilgrims... What better card for Card of the Day on Thanksgiving?



Gerrymandering

Card of the Day - Wednesday, November 27, 2002

Unglued uncommon.

Gerrymandering is an exact copy of a card called "Ecoshift" that Richard Garfield had created for the first version of **Magic**. The card was deemed too troublesome to go in Alpha, but found a home in *Unglued*.



Fear

Card of the Day - Tuesday, November 26, 2002

Alpha common.

Thanks to the introduction of a new keyword in *Onslaught*, Fear's official rules text now reads "Enchanted creature has fear." Yes it does.



Rootwater Thief

Card of the Day - Monday, November 25, 2002

Nemesis rare.

Rootwater Thief is the one Invitational winner's card that does not depict the winning player as the actual creature in the art. Since the Rootwater Merfolk do not look human-like, Mike Long (the card's creator) is instead shown riding in a boat, about to get mauled.



Flowstone Charger

Card of the Day - Friday, November 22, 2002

Apocalypse uncommon.

There has never been a strictly-white Beast in an expert level expansion, but there have been four multicolored white ones, including this beater from *Apocalypse*.



Midsummer Revel

Card of the Day - Thursday, November 21, 2002

Urza's Saga rare.

Beast Attack isn't the only card that makes Beast tokens; Midsummer Revel is a "growing enchantment" that does so. The Revel's tokens are only 3/3, compared to the 4/4 from Beast Attack.

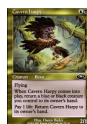


Blastoderm

Card of the Day - Wednesday, November 20, 2002

Nemesis common.

One of the most popular Beast cards, Blastoderm tore up the Type 2 scene for almost two years.



Cavern Harpy

Card of the Day - Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Planeshift common.

The little un-beastlike Beast combines with Wirewood Savage and Aluren for unbounded card drawing.



Beasts of Bogardan

Card of the Day - Monday, November 18, 2002

Legends uncommon.

This creature is the first ever printed with the type "Beasts." The next didn't appear until *Tempest*.



Savage Twister

Card of the Day - Friday, November 15, 2002

Mirage uncommon.

Savage Twister is an old version of the *Onslaught* card Starstorm. Savage Twister is two colors instead of one, a sorcery instead of an instant, and can't be cycled. What's the upside to Savage Twister? It's easier to splash in a green deck.



Clockwork Beast

Card of the Day - Thursday, November 14, 2002

Alpha rare.

Clockwork Beast was originally worded to lose a counter immediately once it was declared as an attacker or blocker. But because so many people removed the counter at the end of combat, the wording was updated to reflect popular opinion.



Oblation

Card of the Day - Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Onslaught rare.

Oblation means "the act of making a religious offering." Some day we'll have to bring the Lexicon back...



Mogg Conscripts

Card of the Day - Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Tempest common.

Under current rules, you can attack with the Conscripts even if the creature you played was countered.



Krosan Verge

Card of the Day - Monday, November 11, 2002

Judgment uncommon.

Like the new *Onslaught* fetch lands, Krosan verge can be used to find original dual lands, like Savannah, as long as one of them is half-forest and the other is half-plains.



Yawgmoth's Bargain

Card of the Day - Friday, November 8, 2002

Urza's Destiny rare.

The Bargain combines with Skirge Familiar to generate lots of black mana. It was originally designed as a "fixed" Necropotence: ♣♣♣ Enchantment, pay 2 life: draw a card.



Intruder Alarm

Card of the Day - Thursday, November 7, 2002

Stronghold rare.

With two Birds of Paradise in play, the Alarm combos with *Visions'* Shrieking Drake to generate infinite mana.



Recurring Nightmare

Card of the Day - Wednesday, November 6, 2002

Exodus rare.

"Recur" was made as an update of the popular *Legends* creature Hell's Caretaker, but its reusability made it way more abusive. It was banned from Standard for part of the time it was in print.



Squandered Resources

Card of the Day - Tuesday, November 5, 2002

Visions rare.

This is the only card banned in *Mirage* block constructed, mainly due to its interactions with Natural Balance and Equipoise.



High Tide

Card of the Day - Monday, November 4, 2002

Fallen Empires common.

High Tide is sometimes called the "worst good card ever." It was ignored, even mocked, until players combined it with "untap" cards like Time Spiral before Pro Tour - Rome.



Aphetto Alchemist

Card of the Day - Friday, November 1, 2002

Onslaught uncommon.

The Alchemist was originally three mana and could untap land as well. But that felt too "green," so it was lowered to two mana and the land ability was removed.

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