

Art from the Crypt

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Art is often swapped between cards during a set's development. But sometimes art ends up being dropped from a set completely, and it is put to rest in a "Crypt" file. Every so often, the creative guys go through the Crypt to see if any of the old art can be given a new home. Below are four such examples. Shown are the original pieces of art set in the frame of the cards they were originally commissioned for.

Details are hazy, but to the best of everyone's memory, these stories are accurate.

SHATTERED CRYPT



For some reason, this art was rejected for *Shattered Crypt* from the *Weatherlight* expansion. It didn't sit on the sidelines for long, however, finding a home in the very next set, *Tempest*, on the land *Ancient Tomb*.

SAILMONGER



Ever wonder what the flavor text on *Sailmonger* was supposed to mean? It means that if you tick off a *Sailmonger*, you might get a jhovahll dropped on your head. A late art swap left the original piece out of *Mercadian Masques* and out in the cold until *Onslaught* rolled around, where it ended up on *Riptide Entrancer*.

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When it was decided that the *Weatherlight* set was going to be the springboard for the multi-block story arc involving Gerrard and his pals, some of the art needed to be reworked to include the main characters. When a new painting featuring Captain Sisay came in for *Weatherlight's* *Abduction*, this original piece was shelved until *Onslaught*. Dusted off, it inspired a race of "bird beasts" called Primocs, and this art was put on *Thoughtbound Primoc*.

Yes, everyone's favorite Angel from *Onslaught* was supposed to be everyone's favorite Angel from *Urza's Legacy*. Slight artistic problems, such as the wrong hair color, caused this piece to be rejected for Radiant, and it wound up on *Exalted Angel* several years later.



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