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Original Mtenda Lion

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The original design for **Mtenda Lion**, a one-mana green creature from *Mirage*, was a little more, shall we say, aggressive.

Bagnali Lion was a 2/1 for **G** that could not block blue creatures and did no damage to blue creatures that blocked it. Not a bad color-affiliated drawback... but what blue deck played creatures in that era?! Blue was all about control and countering, meaning the Lion's drawback didn't even affect it in the relevant match-up! Okay, so it was bad against Merfolk, but that hardly makes up for the fact that it is a hyper-efficient weenie in every other situation.

To fix it, R&D created a blue-based drawback that would actually come up when playing against blue decks, and shipped the "can't block" clause over to another green common in the set, **Gibbering Hyenas**.

The fix worked; **Mtenda Lion** was hardly seen on the tournament scene.



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