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The Elves of Argoth

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Today's Magic Arcana sets the Wayback Machine to 1998 for a peek at the *Urza's Saga* style guide, a document designed to gather concepts and illustrations for a new **Magic** block so that artists and card designers can get a sense of the new world.

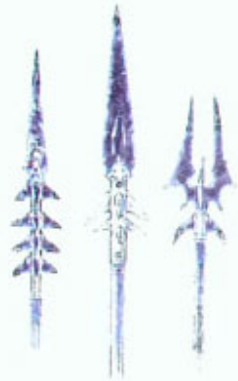
Today we focus on the Argothian elves. The elves of Argoth lived a peaceful existence in their tropical forest until Urza and his brother Mishra razed huge tracts of their lands to clear a theater for battle. The elves' homeland was devastated, leaving behind few remains of a once-graceful and artistic culture.

Let's resurrect that culture for a moment with these artist's concept sketches of the lives of the Argothian elves (artist credits: Mark Tedin, Pete Venters, Anthony Waters, Matt Wilson).





Elven Bow and Arrow



Assorted arrow heads



Elven Sword



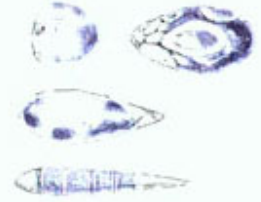
Elven Sling Staff



Bow handle detail



Assorted Elven tools and weapons



Elven Dwellings

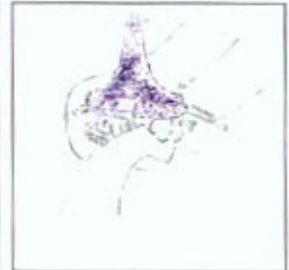
The Argothian Elves have perfected the tree house. Their graceful, design intensive structures cling to the forest canopy creating sprawling villages that float above the forest floor. Several temples, huts, and other dwellings are shown here.



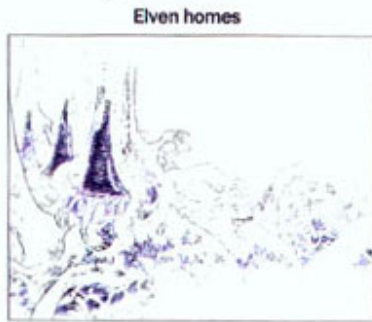
Elven design motifs



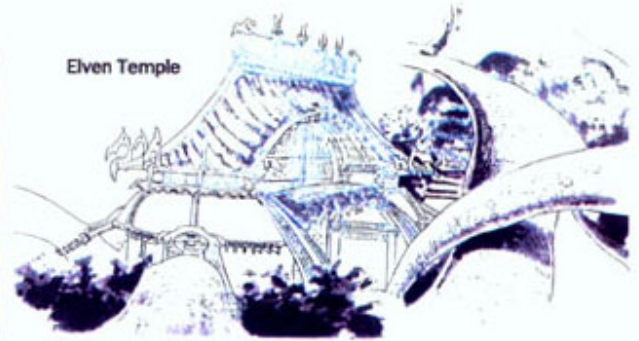
Suspension bridge



Suspended Elven Dwellings



Elven homes



Elven Temple



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