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Shuriken

Betrayers of Kamigawa uncommon. This card is a great example of "top-down" design, where the designers start with a flavor-based concept first and then design a card to match. Another good example of this approach is *Form of the Dragon*.

Card of the Day - vendredi 28 janvier 2005



Forked-Branch Garami

Betrayers of Kamigawa uncommon. Though we weren't able to verify it 100%, we're all pretty sure this is the first **Magic** card to have a keyword ability repeated twice in a row in this functional fashion.

Card of the Day - jeudi 27 janvier 2005



Genju of the Realm

Betrayers of Kamigawa rare. Called "Spirit of the Mountain" during design, this wasn't part of a cycle at first. However, the effect was so popular that it led to a six card cycle.

Card of the Day - mercredi 26 janvier 2005



Goblin Cohort

Betrayers of Kamigawa common. Counting strictly non-wall creatures (so spells like Cinder Wall or Sarcomancy wouldn't count), Red has more 2+ power creatures for 1 mana than any other color. Green comes in second at 8, with Black bringing up third at 7.

Card of the Day - mardi 25 janvier 2005



Blazing Shoal


Betrayers of Kamigawa rare. With modern sets it's quite rare to see a card that allows for first turn kills in Standard, but pulling it off with this one takes enough cards that R&D was willing to let it see print anyway.

Card of the Day - lundi 24 janvier 2005



Mirror Gallery

Betrayers of Kamigawa rare. Four different designers submitted ideas similar to this for the Kamigawa block. The one that made it into the development file was originally a land that had no drawback and also tapped for a colorless mana. Needless to say this turned out to be just a little too good. It was then changed to an artifact costing

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, but even that proved to be problematic.

Card of the Day - vendredi 21 janvier 2005



Mistform Ultimus

Legions rare. The smallest font on any **Magic** card is the legal text on Who/What/When/Where/Why, which is 2 point. To show all the creature types currently on Mistform Ultimus would take around .40 point... [click here to see which you like better!](#)

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Mistform Ultimus

Legions rare. Being every creature type ever printed leads to some pretty whacky scenarios. For example, Mistform Ultimus is the only goblin that forces you to sacrifice your Goblins of the Flarg. It's also infamous around the office for constantly

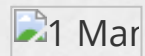
monkeying around with trivia questions like "how many non-flying dragons are there?"

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Mistform Ultimus

Legions rare. During the design of *Legions* there was one mistform creature that became all creature types for



. The result turned out to be so interesting that the ability was instead set to be always active, with no cost.

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Mistform Ultimus

Legions rare. One of the many quirks of Mistform Ultimus is that he's the only flagbearer that doesn't actually have the flagbearer ability. And yet, as long as there's at least one other flagbearer in play, he basically gets the ability anyway!

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Mistform Ultimus

Legions rare. With the addition of *Betrayers*, Mistform Ultimus is now a Mutant Ninja Turtle. **Magic** doesn't have any cards with creature type "Teenage" but thanks to Boris Devilboon, Mistform Ultimus is a Minor.

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Night of Soul's Betrayal

Champions of Kamigawa rare.

During development this card was actually non-legendary, but it proved to be too powerful in multiples. The legendary subtype was added just five days into the development cycle.

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Vicious Betrayal

Fifth Dawn common.

One of the ways black and white mirror each other in **Magic** is that white is willing to sacrifice itself to help others. Black, as demonstrated on this card, prefers to sacrifice others to help itself.

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Betrayal of Flesh

Mirrodin uncommon.

Conceived as a kind of yin/yang card, the idea was to find two effects that were opposite but related, both of which could make sense within the context of the card's color. In this case, both destroying a creature and reanimating it are well within black's flavor.

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Murderous Betrayal

Nemesis rare.

Payment of "half your life" is a price black mages should be quite familiar with. In fact, six other cards have been printed with this drawback: Cruel Bargain, Death Wish, Doomsday, Ebonblade Reaper, Infernal Contract, and Lurking Evil.

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Betrayal

Visions common.

Printed way back in *Visions*, this is still the only Enchant Creature ever printed that can only be played on a creature an opponent controls.

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Treetop Village

Urza's Legacy uncommon.

In its early days tournament players often referred to the Village as "Bobtown." "Bob" was an acronym for "Beats On Blue," since the Village was effectively a 3/3 creature that cannot be countered.

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Terror

Alpha common.

The art for this card was submitted with the dimensions reversed. Jesper Myrfors, the art director for Alpha, just turned the art sideways. He thought it looked cool and kept it that way.

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Mirari

Odyssey rare.

Though players may take it for granted now, "the stack" wasn't part of the game until the *Sixth Edition* rules changes. Mirari was the first **Magic** card to mention the stack in its rules text.

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Gloom

Alpha uncommon.

Did you know that the original version of this spell only affected the activated abilities of Circles of Protection? Starting with Beta the wording was changed to affect all white enchantments with activated abilities.

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Rootwalla

Tempest common.

This card was originally named Chuckwalla after a real lizard. The artist, Roger Raupp,

thought the term was made up and drew his own fantasy lizard. The naming team was then forced to change the name as it was no longer a chuckwalla.

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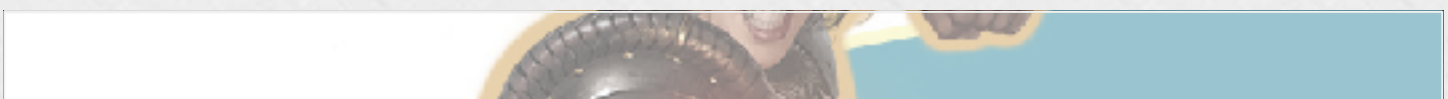
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