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Yomiji's Breath

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You've already seen **Yomiji, Who Bars the Way** in an Arcana about [sketch choices](#) and as a [wallpaper](#). But there's another tidbit behind this deceptively pervasive kami.

Yomiji is an enigmatic entity who holds sway over gates between worlds. The flavor of the card's mechanic is that it uses that power to seal off the after-world from legends, hence keeping them from dying.

But Yomiji was actually depicted on another spell previously. Take a look at this piece of art from *Champions* (below):



Blessed Breath art by Tsutomu Kawade

The art description of *Betrayers of Kamigawa's* **Yomiji, Who Bars the Way** points back at the mysterious kami depicted on *Champions of Kamigawa's* **Blessed Breath**.

Hideaki Takamura had a new interpretation of the spirit when he illustrated **Yomiji**, but it's definitely the same creature from **Blessed Breath** -- note the tentacles and the details of its robe. Although **Yomiji's** concept and identity wasn't defined as fully during *Champions* as it was for the design of *Betrayers*, we can see in retrospect that the kami was providing protection to his fellow creatures early on.



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