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Tolaria West

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Modern-day Dominaria is showing signs of recovery from its apocalypse-scarred and time-rift-tormented past. Pockets of civilization have begun to **reappear**. Signs of life have **tinted** the once-inert wasteland. And one of the best places to look for some of these attempts at recovery is on *Future Sight* cards.

The island of Tolaria was not in great shape the last time the storyline focused on it. Even centuries before the events of the *Time Spiral* Block, fallout from Urza's dangerous time-travel experiments caused time storms to ravage the island. The Academy recovered, but later, during the events of the *Invasion* Block, the mage Barrin cast the Obliterate spell that left the island a ruin.



Tolarian Academy art by Stephen Daniele

The Tolarian Academy was founded on the remote island of Tolaria by Urza and Barrin.

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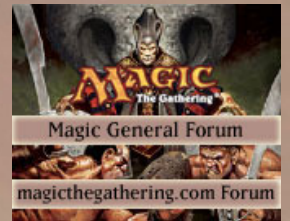
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The Academy was ravaged by temporal disaster during the Urza's Saga storyline.



No Mercy art by Mark Tedin
The Academy was afflicted by pockets of time that flow at irregular speeds, including this one in which Phyrexian horrors evolve much faster than the lands around it. Bad news for Dominaria.



Obliterate art by Kev Walker
In an act that punished both Urza and the Phyrexians that plagued the island, Barrin made a funeral pyre of Tolaria.



Academy Ruins art by Zoltan Boros and Gabor Szikszai
Since the events of the Invasion Block, Tolaria has been mostly forgotten.

But there may yet be life in the institution today, even centuries later. On a tiny island in a region of Dominaria known as the Spice Isles, lore of an ancient school devoted to magical research has surfaced. Contemporary scholars of magic have built a new academy in honor of these ancient whispers, and have begun their own research there. It remains to be seen whether Tolaria West will re-create the achievements of the first island named Tolaria – or its tragedies.



Art of *Tolaria West* by Khang Le



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