**EPISODE 302: 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW - COME UP WITH BETTER TITLE**

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1)INTRO JIMMY & JOSH

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*Tease Main Topic: It’s been quite the year of Magic the Gathering content, and it’s almost too much to keep up with sometimes. We’re breaking down our favorite moments and notable releases of this year all in one convenient place! Plus we’re giving you our picks for the best cards of the year. Let’s dive in.*

\*\*CARD KINGDOM call-out #1\*\*

\*\*ULTRA-PRO call-out #1\*\*

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2) MAIN TOPIC: **2019 YEAR IN REVIEW - COME UP WITH BETTER TITLE**

*If you asked any of us to walk through everything that happened in Magic this year, there’s no doubt we’d miss 80% of the notable events and changes. So let’s talk through everything we found all the way from the exciting to heartwarming. Let’s go!*

**SET RELEASES:**

**Ravnica Allegiance - January -** *Shocklands; Prime Speaker Vannifar; Guardian Project; Wilderness Reclamation; Electrodominance; Smothering Tithe*

**War of the Spark - April -** *Liliana, Dreadhorde General; Finale cycle; God-Eternal cycle; Narset, Parter of Veils; Jace, Wielder of Mysteries; Niv-Mizzet Reborn; Japanese Planeswalkers, PW at uncommon*

**Core Set 2020 - July -** *Leyline of the Void; Chandra, Awakened Inferno; Yarok the Desecrated*

**Throne of Eldraine - September -** *Oko, Thief of Crowns; Korvold, Fae-Cursed King; Chulane, Teller of Tales; Alela, Artful Provocateur, Fabled Passage, The Great Henge / Embercleave cycle. Collector Boosters, Art variants*

**SPECIAL SETS:  
Modern Horizons - June -** *Force of Negation; Urza, Lord High Artificer; Prismatic Vista; Draw A Card Land cycle; Yawgmoth, Thran Physician; The First Sliver; Morophon, the Boundless; Unbound Flourishing; Ayula, Queen Among Bears*

* *What do we think of Modern Horizons? Was it really “Commander Horizons” as dubbed by the community?*

**COMMANDER**

**Commander 2019 - August -** *Dockside Extortionist; K’rrik, Son of Yawgmoth; Seedborn Muse*

**COLLECTOR SETS:**

**Ravnica Allegiance Mythic Edition - January**

**War of the Spark Mythic Edition - May**

**Signature Spellbook: Gideon - June**

**Throne of Eldraine Collector Boosters - September**

*What did we think of Collector Boosters?*

**Secret Lair - December**

*We never really gave our thoughts on this.*

\*\*\*\*\*MIDROLL BREAK\*\*\*\*\*

**CHANGES TO THE FORMAT:**

Paradox Engine & Iona - BANNED

Painter’s Servant - UNBANNED

**NEW FORMATS:**

Oathbreaker

Pioneer

**Magic’s Making a Netflix Series!**

Avengers Endgame directors Joe and Anthony Russo are Executive Producing an animated adaptation of Magic revolving around Planeswalkers. "We have been huge fans and players of Magic: The Gathering for as long as it has been around, so being able to help bring these stories to life through animation is a true passion project for us,"

-Jimmy Hosts PAX Mythic Invitational

-Jimmy Hosts Set Reveals 2020 / Throne of Eldraine Previews with Maro and Cynthia Sheppard

-Kyle Hill builds a Magic Turing Machine out of a Deck

-Gavin Verhey Stops By to Talk Commander in 2020

-MTG Arena Launches (and Jimmy’s in the commercial with Carl Weathers and Sophia Lillis!)

-Command Zone at MF Vegas, Josh goes to Seattle

**LIKELY BIGGEST YEAR EVERY FOR MTG:**

-Biggest tournament prize pools - Launch of MPL (had it’s ups and downs)

-Growth / Launch of Arena - most popular the game has ever been

-Commander universally acknowledged as the most popular format (in paper)

**Best Art from 2019?**

Soulherder

Bedevil

Deliver Unto Evil

Fblthp, the Lost

**Best New Commander?**Urza, Lord High Artificer (our preview card)

Prime Speaker Vannifar (our preview card)

Feather, the Redeemed (our preview card)

Yarok, the Desecrated

Anje Falkenrath

Teysa Karlov

Yawgmoth, Thran Physician

K’rik, Son of Yawgmoth

Chulane, Teller of Tales

Korvold, Fae-Cursed King

Kenrith, Returned King

Torbran, Thane of Red Fell

**Best Overall Card?**

Smothering Tithe

Arcane Signet

Narset, Parter of Veils

Guardian Project

Prismatic Vista

Bolas’ Citadel

**Best Card Under-the-Radar Card?**

Lotus Field

Sudden Substitution

Sevinne’s Reclamation

Rhythm of the Wild

Collector Ouphe

Narset’s Reversal

Wilderness Reclamation

Biomancer’s Familiar

Flood of Tears

Faeburrow Elder

**Most Wholesome Stories from Magic the Gathering:**

* **Chris Rahn - Charmed Stray.**

“Last year I lost my cat, Willow, after 17 years. I adopted her half way through my first year of art school and she was the first pet I had on my own. She saw me through everything, art school, graduation, getting my career off the ground, break-ups, you name it. Needless to say, it was hard to let her go. A couple of months later, I got a tentative email from Dawn Murin asking if I’d be interested in an assignment that would include her in MTG (they already had a cat card planned) and I jumped at the chance. When the assignment came in it had been tailored to match Willo exactly. Painting it was a lot of fun and helped me get over it. Anyway, that’s the winding path that got my old girl into War of the Spark.”

* **The Magic Spindown Dice finally Achieve Perfection**  
  Core set 2020 means the top of the dice actually says 20 because the set symbol has the number 20 in it. Yes.
* **Huey Jensen remembers his grandfather**

From Twitter: “Found out at my grandpa’s funeral during the eulogy that when he died they found a small piece of paper in his wallet with “Magic: the Gathering” written on it. My grandma wrote it for him so he could remember the name of the game I played to brag about me, despite the alzheimers.”

* **Make-A-Wish**

Evan Moss visits Command Zone Headquarters. Mark Rosewater surprise. Extra Turns, Podcast. Just a great experience. For us. Also, hopefully, for Evan.

3)  **TO THE LISTENERS:**

*What are your favorite episodes that we’ve done? What topics do you hope we’ll tackle in the future?*

\*\*CARD KINGDOM CALL-OUT #2\*\*

\*\*ULTRA PRO #2\*\*

4)  **THE END STEP**

*Where we talk about something cool outside the world of Magic.*

5)  **CLEAN-UP STEP**

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