**EPISODE 281: MORPH (SULTAI) QUICK UPGRADES**

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1)INTRO JIMMY & JOSH

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*Tease Main Topic:* You bought the deck. Now you want to get it up to speed and starting battling with it asap. We’re going to be doing our usual 10-in/10-out quick upgrade suggestions and also talking about the ins and outs of the deck so you can start winning with it right away.

\*\*CARD KINGDOM CALL-OUT #1\*\*

\*\*ULTRAPRO CALL-OUT #1\*\*

\*\*PATREON CALL-OUT – Dillon McMillen\*\*

2) **MAIN TOPIC: SULTAI / MORPH QUICK UPGRADE**

*The rules: 10 cards in and 10 cards out. Total budget of around $25. We’ll leave the mana base as-is.*

**THE NEW COMMANDERS:**

Kadena, Slinking Sorcerer

Volrath, the Shapestealer

Rayami, First of the Fallen

Grismold, the Dreadsower

**STATS:**

17 New Cards

83 Reprints (15 basic lands) = 68 reprints!

 STATS!

 -Ramp: 11

 -Card Draw: 8

 -Board Wipes: 4

 -Targeted Removal: 12

*These numbers look pretty great. Much better than in previous years. This is awesome because it means we’ll mainly be adding in powerful synergy cards rather than boring essentials like ramp and card draw, etc.*

STATS IN RELATION TO WHO YOU SHOULD RUN AS THE COMMANDER:

 -22 Morphs (or cards that create face-down creatures --> Manifest)

 *Previously Animar was the best Morph Commander – this switches Red for Black*

-9 Card that care about or benefit morphs or face-down creatures

-10 Creatures w/ counters or care about counters (mostly megamorph - 1 card with proliferate)

-9 Cards with keyword abilities for Rayami

-No obvious synergy with Grismold

*This is very obviously skewed towards Kadena.*

**THE BEST CARDS IN THE DECK:**

Secret Plans

Trail of Mystery

Scroll of Fate

Thieving Amalgam

Ixidron

**NOTABLE REPRINTS:**

Seedborn Muse

Tempt with Discovery

Thran Dynamo

*(approximate reprint value $97 before previews started)*

Let’s pause here to talk about reprint value and the negative chatter out there.

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

**CARDS TO ADD:** *(remember: our total budget is around $25 for this exercise)*

**INSTANT SPEED:** (Orrery too expensive)

Leyline of Anticipation - $4

Vivien, Champion of the Wilds - $1.75

Alchemist’s Refuge - $7

 **MORE FACEDOWN CREATURES:**

Primordial Mist - $.50

Whisperwood Elemental - $.80

Ugin, the Ineffable - $5

Jeskai Infiltrator - $.25

**GET TRICKY WITH IT:**

Words of Wind - $5

Temur War Shaman - $.25

Wilderness Reclamation - $1.49

*(Honorable Mention: Counterspells and Instant Speed protectors)*

**CARDS TO TAKE OUT:**

Rayami, First of the Fallen

Grismold, the Dreadsower (*\*I would keep Volrath, the Shapestealer in the deck\*)*

Pendant of Prosperity

Voice of Many

Bounty of the Luxa

Mire of Misery

Thought Sponge

Explore

Scaretiller

Tezzeret’s Gambit

3) **TO THE LISTENERS:**

*What do you think of the Morph deck? What cards did we miss?*

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

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

4) **THE END STEP**

*Lots of bonus content this month so no End Step on this episode.*

5) **CLEAN-UP STEP**

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