

## CZ471: "MIND FLAYARRRRS" BUDGET PRECON UPGRADE GUIDE - BALDUR'S GATE

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1) INTRO Jimmy and Murph

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*It's "MIND FLAYARRRRS" the Dimir horrors precon. We're gonna go over the STATS and suggest 10 cards to add and 10 to take out for under \$30!*

BUT FIRST:

**\*\*CHANNEL FIREBALL\*\* \*\*ULTRAPRO #1\*\* \*\*PATREON: Alex Shaw \*\***

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2) MAIN TOPIC: - **MIND FLAYARRRRS PRECON BUDGET UPGRADE GUIDE**

*The rules: 10 cards in, 10 cards out. Total budget of around \$30. We'll leave the mana base as-is.*

### **NEW COMMANDERS:**

**Captain N'ghathrod** (main commander)

- Horror Tribal?
- It itself is a horror, so it gives the abilities to itself.
- Cares about milling.

**Zellix, Sanity Flayer** (secondary background commander)

- Makes Horrors, decently efficient mill engine.
- Not a very good payoff for milling.

**Haunted One** (background)

- Back to caring about horrors.
- Easy to proc being tapped with Zellix.

## **"MIND FLAYARRRRS" DECK STATS**

**Ramp - 11**

**Card Draw - 8**

**Single Target Removal - 11**

**Wipes - 3**

**Horror - 38**

**Mill - 9**

**Graveyard/Recursion - 13**

## **DECK VALUE:**

### **NOTE: PRICES TAKEN PRIOR TO DECK REVEAL**

*This only takes into account the value of the reprints (70) NOT the new cards.*

**Total Reprint Value is \$106.35**

Average precon reprint value of the past three years which averages around \$80.

### **NOTABLE REPRINTS** (all cards worth MORE than \$2)

7 cards that are \$5 or more, and 16 cards \$2 or more

Hunted Horror	\$11.95
Lightning Greaves	\$7.30
Herald's Horn	\$7.25
Leyline of Anticipation	\$6.00
Curtains' Call	\$5.90
Hullbreaker Horror	\$5.00
Black Market	\$5.00
Mindcrank	\$3.80
Spellskite	\$3.70
Tainted Isle	\$3.50
Nemesis of Reason	\$3.45
Memory Plunder	\$3.00
River of Tears	\$2.70
Chasm Skulker	\$2.35
Thought Vessel	\$2.20
Pull from Tomorrow	\$2.00

### **WHO SHOULD YOU RUN AS THE COMMANDER?**

- Captain N'Gathrod is the most focused choice. Zellix/Haunted One is still surprisingly synergistic with the deck, and wouldn't be a terrible choice.

### **BEST CARDS IN THE DECK** (\* denotes a reprint)

- Consuming Aberration\*
- Grell Philosopher

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

*Quick discussion about Murph's evaluation of the deck right out-of-the-box and what the goal of his adds/subtractions were going into the "cards to add" section:*

- 187 Horrors currently in Magic. Should we build this straight Horror tribal?
- Most of the good horrors are already in the deck.

### **CARDS TO ADD**

*(remember: our total budget is around \$30~ for this exercise)*

#### **MILL:**

- Maddening Cacophony (\$1.90)
- Ruin Crab (\$.80)
- Altar of the Brood (\$5.60)
- Court of Cunning (\$1.10)
- Imperious Mindbreaker (\$.30)

#### **CARD DRAW:**

- Drown in Dreams (\$3.40)

#### **EVASION:**

- Krydle of Baldur's Gate (\$.30)
- Winged Boots (\$.20)

#### **GRAVEYARD SHENANIGANS:**

- Animate Dead (\$4.80)
- Syr Konrad, the Grim (\$1.60)

Total = \$20.00

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

- Bruvac, the Grandiloquent
- Cover of Darkness

### **CARDS TO TAKE OUT**

#### **BAD HORRORS:**

- Dross Harvester
- Plague Spitter
- Nighthowler
- Psychosis Crawler
- Brainstealer Dragon

- Dauthi Horror
- Nihilith
- Dusk Mangler

#### JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH:

- Reflections of Littjara
- Crippling Fear

#### HOW THE DECK PLAYS

Ramp into commander ASAP. If we can get it a turn or 21 early then the rest of the deck falls into place. Play your horrors early. Sandbag mill cards until AFTER N'Gathrod is in play.

#### 3) TO THE LISTENERS

What do you think of the "MIND FLAYARRRRS" precon? Any cards we missed? Any cards we suggested to take out or add that you disagree with?

\*\*CHANNEL FIREBALL-OUT #2\*\* \*\*ULTRA PRO #1\*\*

#### 4) THE END STEP

Something cool outside the world of Magic.

#### 5) CLEAN-UP STEP

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