**EPISODE 287: THRONE OF ELDRAINE PREVIEW CARD**

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1) INTRO JOSH & JIMMY

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Today’s Show: *Fantasy meets Arthurian Legend in Magic's newest set Throne of Eldraine. We’re unveiling our exclusive preview card today and it’s cool new a legendary creature that you can play as your Commander – BUT FIRST:*

\*\*CARD KINGDOM\*\*

\*\*ULTRA PRO\*\*

\*\*Patreon – Brock Webb\*\*

2) MAIN TOPIC: **THRONE OF ELDRAINE PREVIEW CARD:**

Before we reveal the card:

*(Eldraine has 3 different kinds of booster packs, which we won’t go into detail about here but we’re going to show two versions of our preview card – one regular and one extended-art version.*

To pre-emptively answer all of the “How do I get the alternate art version?” questions:

*New thing for Throne of Eldraine: 3 types of Booster packs (Draft, Theme, Collector)*

*Maro announced this stuff at Comic Con and it’s a little confusing figuring out what versions of cards are possible to get in which packs BUT for Gadwick we know that the extended-art frame will only be obtainable in Collector Boosters (which are $20-25 PER PACK limited premium boosters that include more fancy cards like foils, extended art cards, showcase and borderless planeswalkers, etc). And there are foil and non-foil version of the extended art versions of the cards.*

Gadwick, the Wizened - XUUU

Legendary Creature - Human Wizard - 3/3

When Gadwick, the Wizened enters the battlefield, draw X cards.

Whenever you cast a blue spell, tap target nonland permanent an opponent controls.

*What are our initial impressions? Is it powerful?*

Stroke of Genius, Braingeyser, Blue Sun’s Zenith on a creature.

*Look at that Extended-art frame!*

Ok so what combos and synergies come to mind for this new Commander?

**MORE GADWICK!**  
Cloudstone Curio

Crystal Shard

Erratic Portal

Sanctum of Eternity/Riptide Laboratory

Panharmonicon

Naban, Dean of Iteration

**TONS OF MANA:**

Isochron Scepter + Dramatic Reversal

Basalt Monolith + Rings of Brighthearth / Power Artifact

*(Blue best color at finding artifacts: Whir of Invention, Fabricate, Reshape, Transmute Artifact, Tezzeret)*

High Tide

Doubling Cube

**DRAW IT OUT:**

Laboratory Maniac

Jace, Wielder of Mysteries

Blue Sun’s Zenith

Etc.

*OK so that’s the first half of Gadwick’s text – but he’s got a 2nd (easy to overlook but potentially powerful) line of text about tapping things when you play blue spells. We’ll be talking about some cool ways to take advantage of that, after the break:*

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

WE’RE BACK! Let’s re-read Gadwick’s 2nd line of text:

*Whenever you cast a blue spell, tap target nonland permanent an opponent controls.*

Seems innocuous. Can we break it?

**TWIDDLE YOUR THUMBS:**

(Twiddle is an old card – tap down Artifacts during upkeep, creatures before combat, etc)

*\*Dangerous thing with Gadwick is tapping out to just draw cards. Twiddle can protect you.*

Instant speed cantrips – Brainstorm, Opt, Quicken, Visions of Beyond, Clairvoyance, Peek

Cipher / Recastable Spells – Hands of Binding, Last Thoughts, Capsize

Quiet Contemplation

**ADDITIONAL VALUE:**

Betrayal

Verity Circle

Temporal Distortion

Meekstone

Dream Tides

Arena of the Ancients

**TAP THEM OUT:**

Tamiyo, the Moon Sage

Opposition

Aboshan, Cephalid Emperor

**WORSE THAN JUST TAPPING:**

Willbreaker

Dissmiss into Dream

**IN OTHER DECKS:**  
Animar

Yarock

Naban, Dean of Iteration

Any deck with Unbound Flourishing

3) **TO THE LISTENERS**

*What do you think of Gadwick? Any cool combos or synergies that come to mind that we didn’t mention?*

\*\*CARD KINGDOM MENTION #2\*\*

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

4) **THE END STEP**

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

5) CLEAN-UP STEP

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