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Chapter 1

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1.1 MTG Guide

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A complete database for Magic: The Gathering in Amiga Guide format, containing all cards from every expansion, including their description, official errata and changes, rulings etc. This database also contains the general rulings for playing the game itself.

Take a look

1.2 What's in it for you ?

Introduction

Card Rulings General Rulings Card Descriptions

Glossary Index

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What's new ??

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Copyright

Thanks

Distribution

Author address

Todo...

1.3 Glossary Index

Alliances Expansion Alphabetical List of all cards Antiquities Expansion Arabian Nights Expansion Attack Phase Banned & Restricted Cards Card Rulings Chronicles Expansion Fallen Empires Expansion Glossary of Magic Topics Homelands Expansion Ice Age Expansion Legends Expansion M:TG Card Reprint Policy MTG Fourth Edition MTG Limited (Alpha Edition) MTG Limited (Beta Edition) MTG Revised (3rd edition) MTG Unlimited edition Other Rules and Rulings Point System Tournament (Type III) Printing Information Promotional Cards Spell and Effect Timing The Dark Expansion Tournament Rulings Turn Order

VIRUS WARNING !!!

1.4 VIRUS WARNING !!!!

VIRUS WARNING

In spite of all checking we do, before releasing a new version to the public, it sometimes fails. Therefor we had to withdraw version 1.7 which was released on July 25, 1996. In this version, there is a file named FV (FastView) with a lenght of 24560 bytes. This file contains the EBOLA virus, which will spread like hellfire. The original lenght of FV should be 23444 bytes. This lenght is of course for version 2.0 of FastView only. In order to get rid of the EBOLA virus, we suggest you should use VirusZ version 1.25 or higher. In this new archive, the infected FastView has been replaced with a clean one.

We apologize for all inconvience caused, however we can not take any responsibility, as every Amiga owner shoud use a proper virus-checker, whenever unpacking new files.

Good luck and we will promise you it will never happen again.

Tom de Ruyter & Robert Dekker

1.5 Introduction

The Rulings Summaries for Magic: The Gathering, a Collectable $\, \hookleftarrow \,$ Card Game by

Wizards of the Coast , are just normal textfiles and have no links whatsoever to each other. Stephen D'Angelo is doing a great job putting the rulings together each month, however it's just a pain in the ass to read them on an Amiga.

Therefor I decided to write a program in AMOS (I'm not a real good programmer) in order to view those rulings properly. This program, which has never been released (only to some close friends) became an obsession, because the original rulings summaries had to be edited heavily. The result was, that I ended up with textfiles, which were only readable with my own program. OK, now that's good news, I hear you say. In fact, it wasn't !! :(As the rulings summaries were updated each month, I had to spent a lot of time editing the already edited textfiles over and over again. It was boring like hell.

And suddenly I woke up. Wasn't there an Amiga program (Textviewer) which could do the same as my program or perform even better ?? Yes, there was. Simple and yet sophisticated enough to do the job I want it to do.

That's how this database was started. I hope you will like it as much as I like it.

Keep on playing, you planeswalkers.

Tom de Ruyter

1.6 Copyright

Copyright and credits

CONTENTS _____ All the rulings are collected by Stephen D'Angelo and produced in two text files which are distributed once a month. He should take all the credits for the contents of these text files. All the card descriptions are taken from the socalled "Devjoes List" (version 6.0) which is distributed irregularry by Joseph W. DeVincentis on the Internet. All other information, like the "Reserved List" are taken from either articles in Magazines like The Duelist (tm) and Scrye (tm) or directly from text files distributed on the Internet. FORMAT & ERRORS _____ I, Tom de Ruyter , take the credits for the Amiga Guide format. Any errors introduced in the text files, during re-formatting them into Amiga Guide format, are me to blame and nobody else. COPYRIGHT _____ Magic: The Gathering, Arabian Nights, Antiquities, Legends, The Dark, Fallen Empires, Ice Age, Chronicles, Homelands and Alliances are trademarks of Wizards of the Coast

1.7 And who's getting the flowers today ?

Thanks

I want to thank Robert Dekker for his ideas and support to keep me going on. He editted most of the Ruling Guides to make them better readable. In the process of doing this, he also corrected some little mistakes, which were still hanging around in the Guide files. He did a great job on the flavor texts for most editions.

He's also a nice person and a good Magic player ! :)
(He owns a hell of a Goblin deck.... really a burner !!!)

I also want to thank Chris Adema & Tak Tang for some work they both have done for the flavor texts.

Thanks to Tak Tang (again !) for finding some little mistakes (bugs ?) in the Guide files. (Missing nodes, missing titles, etc.)

1.8 How to get the latest update

Where to obtain the latest version

There are several ways to get the latest update of these rulings.

AMIGA GUIDE FORMAT _____ WWW: http://www.xs4all.nl/~tdr FTP: pub/aminet/docs/misc/MTGRUL*.LHA (* = month number) BBS: Dominia BBS - PURMEREND - Sysop: Robert Dekker +31-(0)299-413332 (28k8 vfc) Filename: MTGRUL*.LZX (* = month number) NORMAL TEXT FILES _____ FTP: Connect to ftp.itis.com and look under "pub/deckmaster/rules" for "rule-*.txt" to get a copy. Connect to ftp.activesw.com and look under "pub/sdangelo" for "rule-*.txt" to get a copy. WWW: http://www.activesw.com/~sdangelo http://www.xs4all.nl/~tdr

Both the Amiga Guide files and the normal text files versions are freely redistributable. Spread the word !!

1.9 Addresses

How to get in contact

If you find any errors, have any suggestions for improvements, or you simply would like to trade some Magic Cards, then please send it to one of the addresses below.

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1.10 What's new in this version ??

What's new in this version ??

- Click

HERE

HERE

to see what has changed in the General Rulings.

- Click

to see what has changed in the Card Rulings.

- Click HERE to see the Alphabetal List of all cards.
- Added new information for the alternative art cards Counterspell and Incinerate, which are distributed exclusively among "Legend Members" of the Duelist Convocation.
- Finally added all of the Flavor Text for the Homelands expansion. Alliances still needs a lot of work.
- Updated some links between the various Guide files
- Lots of other things you won't notice :))

1.11 When will it be finished....

What to do next....

- Add current print-run numbers per card (Current lists have them already included, except for Alliances, as there is no information available from WoTC yet)
- Add flavor text for each card (this will be a hell of a job, but we did it for most of them.... Alliances still need some work though.... and yes... Homelands has been done... finally)
- Make alphabetical list of all artists, including links to the cards they have made.
- More and better information about restricted & banned cards.
- Distributing a seperate archive with PICTURES of all cards. The idea is to issue a basic archive with 100+ pictures and then maintain an upgrade list. All pictures can be viewed from within the Amigaguide text files. This idea is still in very beta test phase, so it may take a while before you see anything of it.
- Make better links in and between the various Amiga Guide files to make it better readable. (Has anyone suggestions ??)
- Win the lottery :-)
- ???

1.12 What about me?

Who am I ??

Not much to tell. By the way.... who cares anyway ?

I started playing Magic: The Gathering in the beginning of 1995, just after Revised and Fallen Empires were released.

I played the game a lot with some very good friends and got totally hooked to it :))

After getting a littlebit deeper into the game of Magic, I found out, that there were certain addiditional rulings and errata for some cards. Because I had Internet access it wasn't too difficult to get the Various Rulings from

Stephen D'Angelo

As you can read in the Introduction I got bored of the plain text files and so I decided to make this baby. That's it. Nothing further to tell. And as I said before.... who cares !

1.13 What about them ?

Wizards of the Coast

Wizards of the Coast are the publishers of Magic: The Gathering.

WoTC can be reached at the following addresses:

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Homepage: http://www.wizards.com

Mailing Lists

1.14 WotC Mailing Lists

Wizards of the Coast Mailing Lists

If you are interested in: You should subscribe to: General discussions of Magic products mtg-l@oracle.wizards.com Advanced strategy for Magic mtg-strategy-l@oracle.wizards.com List of auctions for Magic cards mtg-auction-l@oracle.wizards.com Trading/collecting Deckmaster cards mtg-trading-l@oracle.wizards.com List of trade auctions mtg-trade-auc-l@oracle.wizards.com General discussions of V:TES vtes-l@oracle.wizards.com Advanced strategy for V:TES vtes-strategy-l@oracle.wizards.com duelist-l@oracle.wizards.com The Duelist magazine The Duelists' Convocation convocation-l@oracle.wizards.com Wizards of the Coast announcement list wizinfo-l@oracle.wizards.com To subscribe to any of these lists, send an email request to listserv@oracle.wizards.com Your request should follow this format: subscribe <list name> <your real name>

1.15 What about him ?

Stephen D'Angelo

Stephen D'Angelo is the network representative for the mtg-l mailing list

He can be contacted by Email at dangelo@netcom.com or you can visit his homepage at http://www.activesw.com/~sdangelo"

1.16 What about him ?

Joseph W. DeVincentis

Joseph W. DeVincentis is the editor of the socalled "Devjoes List". This list contains all descriptions of every card ever printed in Magic.

He can be contacted by Email at devjoe@wilma.che.utexas.edu or you can visit his FTP site at ftp://wilma.che.utexas.edu/magic for the latest edition of the "Devjoes List".

1.17 Changes to the General Rulings

CHANGES IN THE GENERAL RULINGS

Turn Order Rules and Rulings

Phase 2: Upkeep

Attack Phase

Declare attackers by tapping them

Spell and Effect Timing

Life-Cycle of a Spell/Effect Announcing a Spell/Effect The Spell Stack Simultaneous Specialized Timing Effects Triggered Effects Damage Prevention

Glossary of Magic Topics _____ Activation Cost Artifact Creature Color of a Spell Continuous Effects Controller, Caster and Owner Counters Creature Type Damage Enchantments Fast Effect Library Losing the Game Lucky Charms Order to Apply Effects Permanent Phase Skipping Rampage

Other Rules and Rulings

Tournament Rulings ------General

1.18 Changes to the Card Rulings

CHANGES TO EXISTING CARD RULINGS -----Blood of the Martyr Bounty of the Hunt Chains of Mephistopheles Dance of Many Fasting Force of Nature Ivory Gargoyle Martyrdom Mishra's Factory Necropotence Plateau Spiny Starfish Titania's Song NEW CARD RULINGS _____ Gaze of Pain Keldon Warlord Kjeldoran Pride Melee Vibrating Sphere