

# Find out if your solutions to the preview puzzles are correct. Magic: the Puzzling - A Time Spiral Sneaky Preview - Solutions

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## Part I: Card Art and Name

The images are:

1. [Cytoplast Manipulator](#)
2. [Miracle Worker](#)
3. [Ebon Praetor](#)
4. [Guardian Beast](#)
5. [Balduvian Warlord](#)
6. [Dakmor Sorceress](#)
7. [Burning-Tree Shaman](#)
8. [An-Havva Constable](#)
9. [Chaos Harlequin](#)
10. [Momir Vig, Simic Visionary](#)
11. [Mindbender Spores](#)
12. [Guiding Spirit](#)
13. [Gallowbraid](#)
14. [Fylamarid](#)
15. [Descendant of Kiyomaro](#)
16. PREVIEW\_CARD (Endrek Sahr, Master Breeder)
17. [Weird Harvest](#)
18. [Dosan the Falling Leaf](#)
19. [Briarknit Kami](#)
20. [Brine Shaman](#)
21. [Collector Protector](#)
22. [Birds of Paradise](#)
23. [Sage of Lat-Nam](#)
24. [Angus Mackenzie](#)

The unscrambled cards are:

1. [Angus Mackenzie](#) + R
2. [An-Havva Constable](#) + A

3. [Balduvian Warlord](#) + E
4. [Birds of Paradise](#) + D
5. [Briarknit Kami](#) + R
6. [Brine Shaman](#) + E
7. [Burning-Tree Shaman](#) + S
8. [Chaos Harlequin](#) + H
9. [Collector Protector](#) + E
10. [Cytoplasm Manipulator](#) + E
11. [Dakmor Sorceress](#) + K
12. [Descendant of Kiyomaro](#) + E
13. [Dosan the Falling Leaf](#) + B
14. [Ebon Praetor](#) + D
15. [Fylamarid](#) + T
16. [Gallowbraid](#) + S
17. [Guardian Beast](#) + R
18. [Guiding Spirit](#) + A
19. [Mindbender Spores](#) + M
20. [Miracle Worker](#) + N
21. [Momir Vig, Simic Visionary](#) + R
22. [Sage of Lat-Nam](#) + E
23. [Weird Harvest](#) + R

This gives a final solution of "Endrek Sahr, Master Breeder".

## Part II: Color and Casting Cost

[Lost Soul](#) (1♣♣♣) = [Plague Beetle](#) (♣) + [Shuko](#) (1)

**Savings:** ♣

[Ramirez DePietro](#) (3♣♣♣) = [Stone-Throwing Devils](#) (♣) + [Prismatic Lace](#) (♣) + [Unholy Strength](#) (♣) + [Ashnod's Transmogrator](#) (1)

**Savings:** 2

[Tunneler Wurm](#) (6♣♣♣) = [Patchwork Gnomes](#) (3) + [Lifelace](#) (♣) + [Aspect of Wolf](#) (1♣) + any 7 Forests ([Taiga](#), [Bayou](#), [Savannah](#), [Tropical Island](#), [Stomping Grounds](#), [Breeding Pool](#), Forest).

**Savings:** 2

**Total Savings:** 4♣

## Part III: Rarity

[Aladdin](#) (*Arabian Nights* Rare and *Chronicles* Uncommon)

[Dancing Scimitar](#) (*Arabian Nights* Rare and *9th Edition* Uncommon)

[Dragon Engine](#) (*Antiquities* Common, Revised Rare)

[Ivory Tower](#) (*Antiquities* Uncommon, Revised Rare)

[Onulet](#) (*Antiquities* Uncommon, Revised Rare)

All of these cards have been printed as a Rare.

## Part IV: Creature Type

Creature Type 1:

**Group 1:** Bird, Human, Monk, Thrull, Zombie (Cleric)

**Group 2:** Beast, Druid, Elf, Plant, Spider (Mutant)

**Group 3:** Cat, Cleric, Giant, Goblin, Minotaur (Soldier)

**Group 4:** Avatar, Mercenary, Rogue, Soldier, Warrior (Goblin)

**Group 5:** Assassin, Insect, Knight, Spirit, Wizard (Zombie)

**Final Group:** Cleric, Mutant, Soldier, Goblin, Zombie (Wizard)

The final creature type is Wizard.

Creature Type 2: [Human](#).

## Part V: Ability

After removing the words mentioned in hints 2, 4, and 6, the following choices are left:

### Group 1

discard a card

draw a card

play a creature spell

tap a land for mana

### Group 2

put X 1/1 black Thrull creature tokens into play

remove the top X cards of your library from the game

sacrifice X permanents

### Group 3

any number between 0 and 4

that spell's converted mana cost

the number of lands your control

### Group 4

any opponent controls an even number of permanents

you control seven or more Thrulls

you have no cards in hand

### Group 5

sacrifice PREVIEW\_CARD

you lose the game

you win the game

Since "more" appears on this card (Hint 6), Group 4 must be "you control seven or more Thrulls".

Group 2 must be "put X 1/1 black Thrull creature tokens into play", since that is the only way Group 2 can share a word with Group 4 (Hint 5).


Group 5 must be "sacrifice PREVIEW\_CARD" (Hint 1).

The remaining choices in group 1 have 3, 3, 4, and 5 words. The remaining choices in group 3 have 5, 5, and 6 words. From hints 3 and 7, we can see that if group 1 has 4 or 5 words, we cannot necessarily determine what group 3 is. However, if group 1 had 3 words, group 3 must be the choice with 6 words.


So the final ability is "Whenever you play a creature spell, put X 1/1 black Thrull creature tokens into play, where X is that spell's converted mana cost. When you control seven or more Thrulls, sacrifice PREVIEW\_CARD."

## Part VI: Power and Toughness

1. Assume that PREVIEW\_CARD's printed power is X.
2. Sacrifice a [Seal of Cleansing](#) to destroy [No Mercy](#).
3. Sacrifice a [Seal of Cleansing](#) to destroy [Statecraft](#).
4. Allow PREVIEW\_CARD to resolve. [Pandemonium](#) and 2 [Aether Flash](#) triggers go on the stack.
5. Sacrifice one [Serra's Hymn](#), preventing damage to PREVIEW\_CARD. This is Pete's best opportunity to use [Seal of Fire](#), so respond to that by sacrificing the other Hymn.
6. Your [Aether Flash](#) damage is prevented by [Light of Sanction](#). The other [Aether Flash](#) and [Seal of Fire](#) will each deal 2 damage to PREVIEW\_CARD, but [Lashknife Barrier](#) will prevent one damage and you can prevent the other with [Serra's Hymn](#).
7. [Pandemonium](#)'s trigger resolves, and does 2\*X (maximum of 3) damage to Pete.
8. Attack with PREVIEW\_CARD (it has haste thanks to [Mass Hysteria](#)). Each [Powerstone Minefield](#) triggers. Yours is again prevented, and PREVIEW\_CARD takes 2 damage.
9. PREVIEW\_CARD deals 2\*X combat damage (maximum of 3) to Pete.
10. Sacrifice PREVIEW\_CARD to [Goblin Bombardment](#) to deal 2 more damage to Pete.
11. If X is 0, Pete would have taken 2 damage. If X were 1, he would have taken 4. With X=2, Pete takes 8 damage, which is more than enough to kill him.
12. PREVIEW\_CARD sustained 2 damage and lives, so his toughness must be 3. After removing the bonus from [Parapet](#), its toughness is 2.
13. PREVIEW\_CARD is a 2/2.

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Legendary Creature — Human Wizard 

Whenever you play a creature spell, put X 1/1 black Thrull creature tokens into play, where X is that spell's converted mana cost.

When you control seven or more Thrulls, sacrifice Endrek Sahr, Master Breeder.

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