

# Edge of Eternities Report: Learned Archetypes, Bombs, and Synergies

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## Dataset Snapshot

This run uses 130,002 unique deck builds and 563,418 game rows. The unsupervised clustering stage produced 9 learned archetypes. The best-performing large shells are Simic Insect | Biomechan Engineer / Galactic Wayfarer, Gruul Kavv | Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker, Orzhov Humans | Knight Luminary / Syr Vondam, the Lucent, which already tells us that the format is not a single monolithic color table: it separates into distinct deck families with their own signposts, core cards, and build-around incentives.

## 1 Discovered Archetypes

Archetype	Decks	Games	WR	Top signposts
Simic Insect   Biomechan Engineer / Galactic Wayfarer	19,257	85,161	57.02%	Biomechan Engineer, Galactic Wayfarer, Gene Pollinator, Diplomatic Relations, Germinating Wurm
Gruul Kavv   Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker	15,670	69,197	55.99%	Tannuk, Memorial Ensign, Kav Landseeker, Orbital Plunge, Galactic Wayfarer, Zookeeper Mechan
Orzhov Humans   Knight Luminary / Syr Vondam, the Lucent	14,324	63,436	55.71%	Knight Luminary, Syr Vondam, the Lucent, Banishing Light, Focus Fire, Starfighter Pilot
Selesnya Drix   Haliya, Ascendant Cadet / Dockworker Drone	13,079	57,467	55.59%	Haliya, Ascendant Cadet, Dockworker Drone, Drix Fatemaker, Banishing Light, Focus Fire
Rakdos Robot   Interceptor Mechan / Virus Beetle	14,301	62,152	55.39%	Interceptor Mechan, Virus Beetle, Gravpack Monoist, Embrace Oblivion, Beamsaw Prospector
Azorius Jellyfish   Station Monitor / Illvoi Galeblade	13,354	56,274	55.17%	Station Monitor, Illvoi Galeblade, Illvoi Operative, Focus Fire, Mental Modulation

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Dimir Robot   Al-pharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	15,678	67,135	54.81%	Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte, Cryogen Relic, Selfcraft Mechan, Virus Beetle, Depressurize
Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	9,864	41,690	53.56%	Seedship Broodtender, Galactic Wayfarer, Gravkill, Depressurize, Gene Pollinator
Red Base Robot   Oreplate Pangolin / Zookeeper Mechan	14,475	60,906	53.31%	Oreplate Pangolin, Zookeeper Mechan, Plasma Bolt, Melded Moxite, Orbital Plunge

## 2 What Defines the Best Shells

### Simic Insect | Biomechan Engineer / Galactic Wayfarer

This cluster contains 19,257 decks across 85,161 games and posts a baseline win rate of 57.02%. Its defining cards are **Biomechan Engineer**, **Galactic Wayfarer**, **Gene Pollinator**, **Diplomatic Relations**, **Germinating Wurm**, **Cryoshatter**.

The strongest positive links in the shell are **Diplomatic Relations + Intrepid Tenderfoot**, **Biomechan Engineer + Sami's Curiosity**, **Biomechan Engineer + Lost in Space**. The build-around detector flags **Sami's Curiosity**, **Intrepid Tenderfoot**, **Cryoshatter** as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

### Gruul Kavu | Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker

This cluster contains 15,670 decks across 69,197 games and posts a baseline win rate of 55.99%. Its defining cards are **Tannuk**, **Memorial Ensign**, **Kav Landseeker**, **Orbital Plunge**, **Galactic Wayfarer**, **Zookeeper Mechan**, **Nebula Dragon**.

The strongest positive links in the shell are **Icecave Crasher + Pinnacle Kill-Ship**, **Pinnacle Kill-Ship + Tannuk**, **Memorial Ensign**, **Kav Landseeker + Pinnacle Kill-Ship**. The build-around detector flags **Tannuk**, **Memorial Ensign**, **Sami's Curiosity**, **Blooming Stinger** as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

### Orzhov Humans | Knight Luminary / Syr Vondam, the Lucent

This cluster contains 14,324 decks across 63,436 games and posts a baseline win rate of 55.71%. Its defining cards are **Knight Luminary**, **Syr Vondam, the Lucent**, **Banishing Light**, **Focus Fire**, **Starfighter Pilot**, **Auxiliary Boosters**.

The strongest positive links in the shell are **Auxiliary Boosters + Syr Vondam**, **Sunstar Exemplar**, **Depressurize + Fell Gravship**, **Auxiliary Boosters + Exosuit Savior**. The build-around detector

flags `Exosuit Savior`, `Sunstar Expansionist` as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

### Selesnya Drix | Haliya, Ascendant Cadet / Dockworker Drone

This cluster contains 13,079 decks across 57,467 games and posts a baseline win rate of 55.59%. Its defining cards are `Haliya`, `Ascendant Cadet`, `Dockworker Drone`, `Drix Fatemaker`, `Banishing Light`, `Focus Fire`, `Weftblade Enhancer`.

The strongest positive links in the shell are `Dockworker Drone` + `Dyadrine`, `Synthesis Amalgam`, `All-Fates Stalker` + `Starport Security`, `Banishing Light` + `Dyadrine`, `Synthesis Amalgam`. The build-around detector flags `Haliya`, `Ascendant Cadet`, `Dockworker Drone`, `Starfighter Pilot` as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

## 3 Bombs: Cards That Are Good Alone

Card	Best cluster	Standalone lift	Drawn-game WR	Games
<code>Quantum Riddler</code>	<code>Dimir Robot</code>   <code>Alpharael</code> , <code>Dreaming Acolyte</code> / <code>Cryogen Relic</code>	15.95 pp	70.76%	1245
<code>Ouroboroid</code>	<code>Golgari Insect</code>   <code>Seedship Broodtender</code> / <code>Galactic Wayfarer</code>	13.68 pp	67.24%	641
<code>Elegy Acolyte</code>	<code>Rakdos Robot</code>   <code>Interceptor Mechan</code> / <code>Virus Beetle</code>	13.23 pp	68.62%	1966
<code>Nova Hellkite</code>	<code>Rakdos Robot</code>   <code>Interceptor Mechan</code> / <code>Virus Beetle</code>	9.87 pp	65.26%	1891
<code>Warmaker Gunship</code>	<code>Red Base Robot</code>   <code>Oreplate Pangolin</code> / <code>Zookeeper Mechan</code>	9.37 pp	62.68%	2615
<code>Syr Vondam, Sunstar Exemplar</code>	<code>Dimir Robot</code>   <code>Alpharael</code> , <code>Dreaming Acolyte</code> / <code>Cryogen Relic</code>	9.06 pp	63.87%	191
<code>Dubious Delicacy</code>	<code>Dimir Robot</code>   <code>Alpharael</code> , <code>Dreaming Acolyte</code> / <code>Cryogen Relic</code>	8.60 pp	63.41%	6983
<code>Sunstar Chaplain</code>	<code>Azorius Jellyfish</code>   <code>Station Monitor</code> / <code>Illvoi Galeblade</code>	8.51 pp	63.68%	1762
<code>Monoist Circuit-Feeder</code>	<code>Golgari Insect</code>   <code>Seedship Broodtender</code> / <code>Galactic Wayfarer</code>	8.46 pp	62.02%	2654

Card	Best cluster	Standalone lift	Drawn-game WR	Games
Possibility Technician	Rakdos Robot   Interceptor Mechan / Virus Beetle	8.38 pp	63.77%	2189
Codecracker Hound	Dimir Robot   Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	7.90 pp	62.72%	7620
Mutinous Massacre	Rakdos Robot   Interceptor Mechan / Virus Beetle	7.90 pp	63.29%	4361

## 4 Build-Arounds and Shell Dependence

Card	Best cluster	Shell dependence	Support delta	Supported games
Sami's Curiosity	Simic Insect   Biomechan Engineer / Galactic Wayfarer	10.0 / 10	8.55 pp	9527
Tannuk, Memorial Ensign	Gruul Kavu   Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker	10.0 / 10	8.37 pp	7839
Exosuit Savior	Orzhov Humans   Knight Luminary / Syr Vondam, the Lucent	10.0 / 10	10.33 pp	5474
Haliya, Ascendant Cadet	Selesnya Drix   Haliya, Ascendant Cadet / Dockworker Drone	10.0 / 10	8.88 pp	7083
Dockworker Drone	Selesnya Drix   Haliya, Ascendant Cadet / Dockworker Drone	10.0 / 10	9.06 pp	8175
Swarm Culler	Rakdos Robot   Interceptor Mechan / Virus Beetle	10.0 / 10	13.65 pp	6338
Slagdrill Scrapper	Rakdos Robot   Interceptor Mechan / Virus Beetle	10.0 / 10	15.61 pp	5388
Mm'menon, Uthros Exile	Red Base Robot   Oreplate Pangolin / Zookeeper Mechan	10.0 / 10	10.42 pp	6740
Beamsaw Prospector	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	9.5 / 10	10.79 pp	4957

Card	Best cluster	Shell dependence	Support delta	Supported games
Illvoi Infiltrator	Azorius Jellyfish   Station Monitor / Illvoi Galeblade	9.4 / 10	15.88 pp	4916
Intrepid Tenderfoot	Simic Insect   Biomechan Engineer / Galactic Wayfarer	9.4 / 10	10.60 pp	7625
Oreplate Pangolin	Red Base Robot   Oreplate Pangolin / Zookeeper Mechan	9.2 / 10	4.50 pp	10851

## 5 Dependency Cards

Card	Best cluster	Dependency	Standalone lift	Games
Auxiliary Boosters	Orzhov Humans   Knight Luminary / Syr Vondam, the Lucent	0.926	1.57 pp	7069
Focus Fire	Orzhov Humans   Knight Luminary / Syr Vondam, the Lucent	0.909	3.10 pp	9834
Galactic Wayfarer	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	0.768	3.63 pp	7550
Tannuk, Memorial Ensign	Gruul Kavu   Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker	0.696	1.28 pp	8443
Seedship Broodtender	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	0.651	2.42 pp	6608
Exosuit Savior	Orzhov Humans   Knight Luminary / Syr Vondam, the Lucent	0.570	-1.72 pp	5988
Fungal Colossus	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	0.446	1.12 pp	3299
Sami's Curiosity	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	0.445	-2.77 pp	4588
Biomechan Engineer	Simic Insect   Biomechan Engineer / Galactic Wayfarer	0.405	3.89 pp	14370

Card	Best cluster	Dependency	Standalone lift	Games
Haliya, Ascendant Cadet	Selesnya Drix   Haliya, Ascendant Cadet / Dockworker Drone	0.395	1.10 pp	7744
Station Monitor	Azorius Jellyfish   Station Monitor / Illvoi Galeblade	0.392	5.05 pp	12096
Pinnacle Kill-Ship	Gruul Kavu   Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker	0.358	4.37 pp	5286

## 6 Best Draft Priorities

Card	Best cluster	Pick score	Draft win lift	Rarity
Station Monitor	Azorius Jellyfish   Station Monitor / Illvoi Galeblade	10.0 / 10	1.01 pp	uncommon
Dubious Delicacy	Dimir Robot   Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	10.0 / 10	2.48 pp	uncommon
Mutinous Massacre	Rakdos Robot   Interceptor Mechan / Virus Beetle	10.0 / 10	1.46 pp	mythic
Cryogen Relic	Dimir Robot   Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	10.0 / 10	1.24 pp	common
Elegy Acolyte	Dimir Robot   Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	10.0 / 10	4.67 pp	rare
Warmaker Gunship	Red Base Robot   Oreplate Pangolin / Zookeeper Mechan	10.0 / 10	3.49 pp	rare
Monoist Circuit-Feeder	Dimir Robot   Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	9.9 / 10	1.58 pp	uncommon
Codecracker Hound	Dimir Robot   Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	9.9 / 10	1.99 pp	uncommon
Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte	Dimir Robot   Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	9.8 / 10	0.83 pp	uncommon
Glacier Godmaw	Simic Insect   Biomechan Engineer / Galactic Wayfarer	10.0 / 10	1.92 pp	uncommon

Card	Best cluster	Pick score	Draft win lift	Rarity
Singularity Rupture	Dimir Robot   Al-pharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	9.6 / 10	1.45 pp	rare
Quantum Riddler	Dimir Robot   Al-pharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	9.5 / 10	4.71 pp	mythic

## 7 Most Striking Positive Pairs

Pair	Cluster	Quality	Pair WR	Games
Elegy Acolyte, Monoist Circuit-Feeder	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	1.46	78.95%	95
Icecave Crasher, Pinnacle Kill-Ship	Gruul Kavu   Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker	1.32	67.34%	591
Dubious Delicacy, Mutinous Massacre	Rakdos Robot   Interceptor Mechan / Virus Beetle	1.31	74.59%	362
Kav Landseeker, Nova Hellkite	Red Base Robot   Oreplate Pangolin / Zookeeper Mechan	1.17	71.38%	283
Codecracker Hound, Hullcarver	Dimir Robot   Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	1.16	68.20%	1195
Mm'menon, Uthros Exile, Warmaker Gunship	Red Base Robot   Oreplate Pangolin / Zookeeper Mechan	1.16	69.59%	296
Mental Modulation, Quantum Riddler	Azorius Jellyfish   Station Monitor / Illvoi Galeblade	1.08	75.51%	147
Beamsaw Prospector, Monoist Circuit-Feeder	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	1.00	66.75%	382
Warmaker Gunship, Weftstalker Ardent	Red Base Robot   Oreplate Pangolin / Zookeeper Mechan	0.99	71.05%	114
Pinnacle Kill-Ship, Tannuk, Memorial Ensign	Gruul Kavu   Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker	0.97	66.51%	627
Melded Moxite, Monoist Circuit-Feeder	Rakdos Robot   Interceptor Mechan / Virus Beetle	0.96	68.02%	838

Pair	Cluster	Quality	Pair WR	Games
Elegy Acolyte, Hullcarver	Dimir Robot   Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	0.95	72.53%	415
Codecracker Hound, Depressurize	Dimir Robot   Alpharael, Dreaming Acolyte / Cryogen Relic	0.90	69.12%	1600
Auxiliary Boosters, Syr Vondam, Sunstar Exemplar	Orzhov Humans   Knight Luminary / Syr Vondam, the Lucent	0.89	67.74%	372

## 8 Anti-Synergies Worth Respecting

Pair	Cluster	Anti-score	Pair WR	Games
Invasive Maneuvers, Red Tiger Mechan	Red Base Robot   Oreplate Pangolin / Zookeeper Mechan	0.38	47.42%	213
Blooming Stinger, Virus Beetle	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	0.31	49.25%	601
Galactic Wayfarer, Gene Pollinator	Gruul Kavu   Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker	0.29	52.92%	2175
Gene Pollinator, Intrepid Tenderfoot	Selesnya Drix   Haliya, Ascendant Cadet / Dock- worker Drone	0.28	50.50%	806
Gene Pollinator, Icecave Crasher	Gruul Kavu   Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker	0.26	51.87%	1309
Galactic Wayfarer, Sami's Curiosity	Gruul Kavu   Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker	0.26	51.36%	1540
Gravpack Monoist, Icecave Crasher	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	0.24	50.10%	481
Beamsaw Prospector, Blooming Stinger	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	0.22	48.95%	574
Gene Pollinator, Sami's Curiosity	Golgari Insect   Seedship Broodtender / Galactic Wayfarer	0.20	48.29%	791
Icecave Crasher, Terrapact Intimidator	Gruul Kavu   Tannuk, Memorial Ensign / Kav Landseeker	0.17	53.69%	719

## 9 Bottom-Line Reading

This report treats the format as a deck ecosystem rather than a flat card ranking. The strongest cards show up in the bomb table because they win on their own. The cards that pull a cluster together show up in the build-around and dependency tables because they need a shell. The pair and anti-synergy sections then explain which combinations reinforce a winning plan and which combinations look attractive in draft but underperform together.