

IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

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ABOUT ME

I'm a maths fan and accountant

I ran the largest single-elimination tournament in history



ABOUT THE MAGIC BRACKET

In early 2016, I noticed the number of different Magic: the Gathering cards was approaching 16,000.

I ran a public vote to determine the community's favourite from the 16,343 cards printed by the end of the year.

It took two years and the winner was...





JACE, THE
MIND
SCULPTOR



BLACK LOTUS



DARK
CONFIDANT



BIRDS OF
PARADISE



ANCESTRAL
RECALL



WRATH OF
GOD



COUNTERSPELL



LIGHTNING
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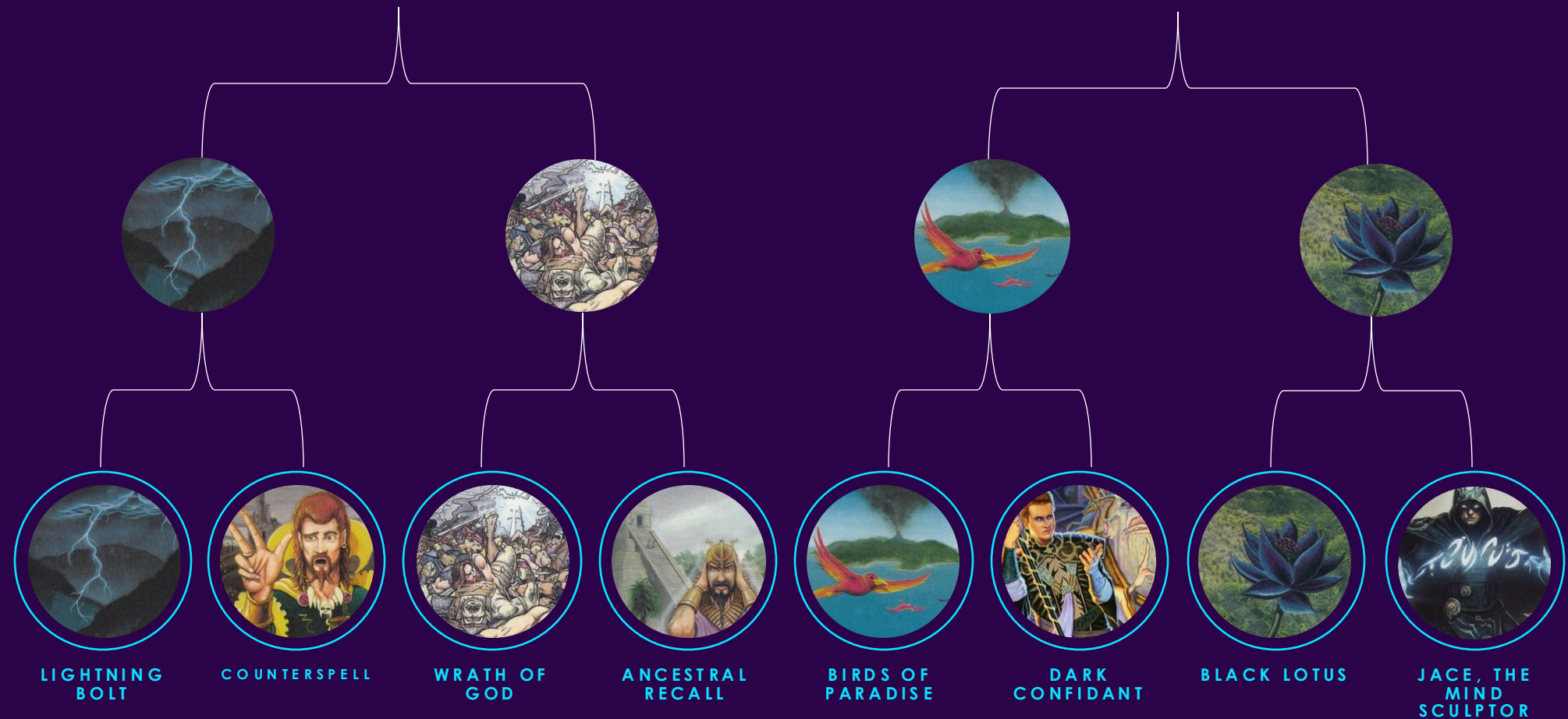
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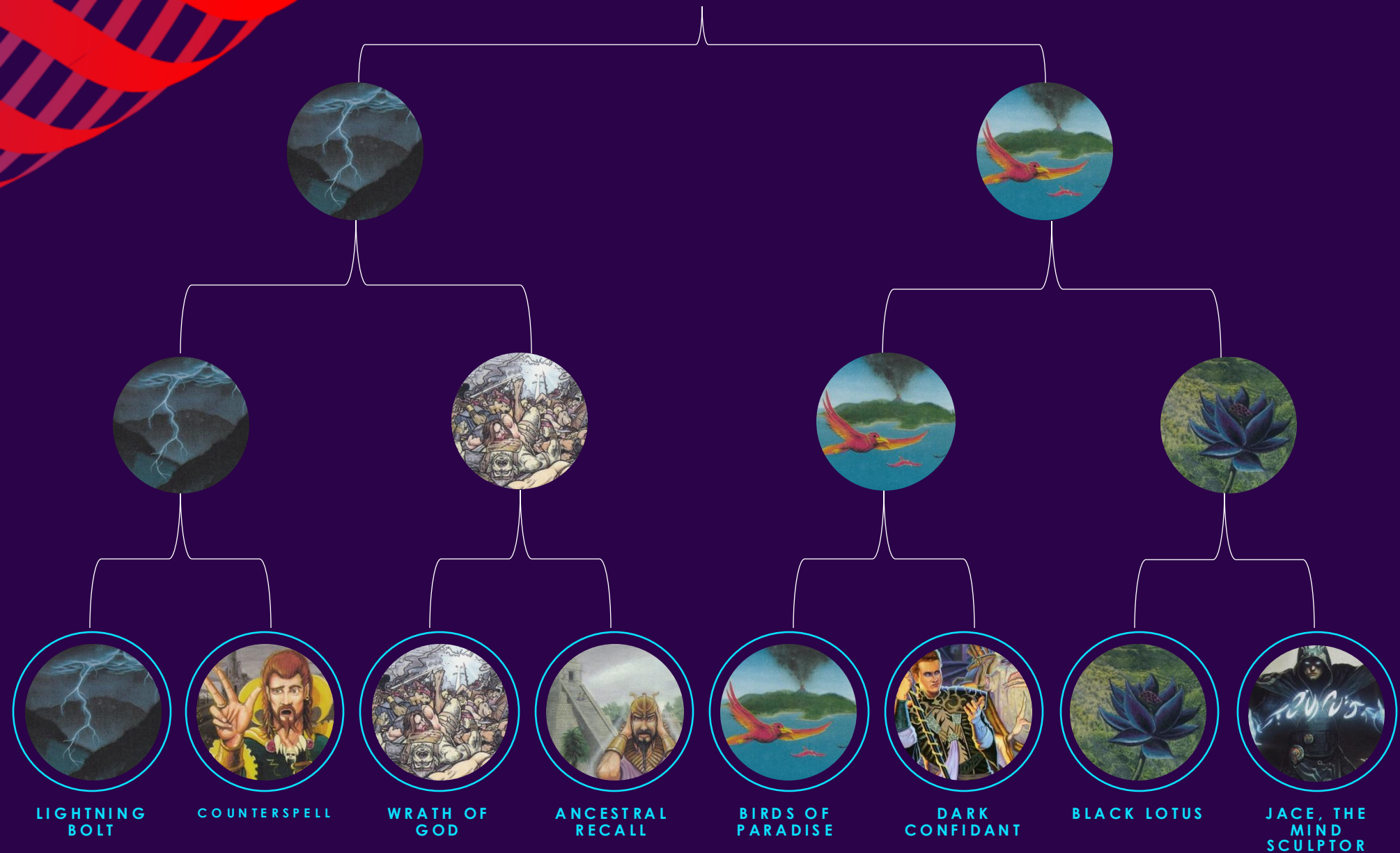


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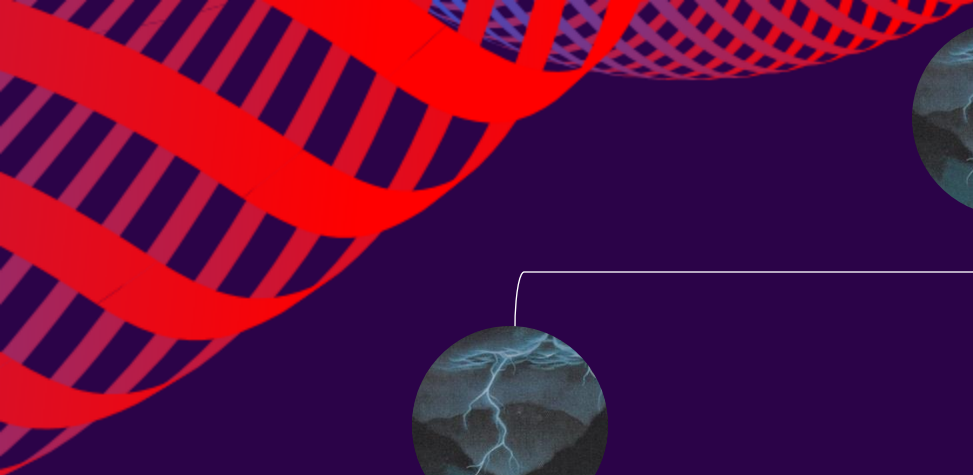
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This is clearly the top-ranked competitor



So which is the weakest?



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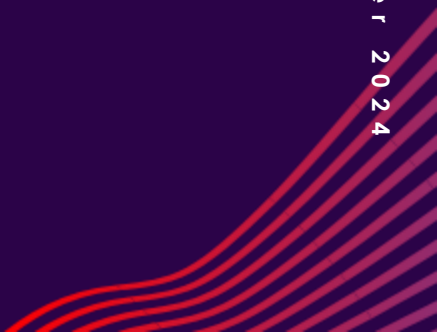
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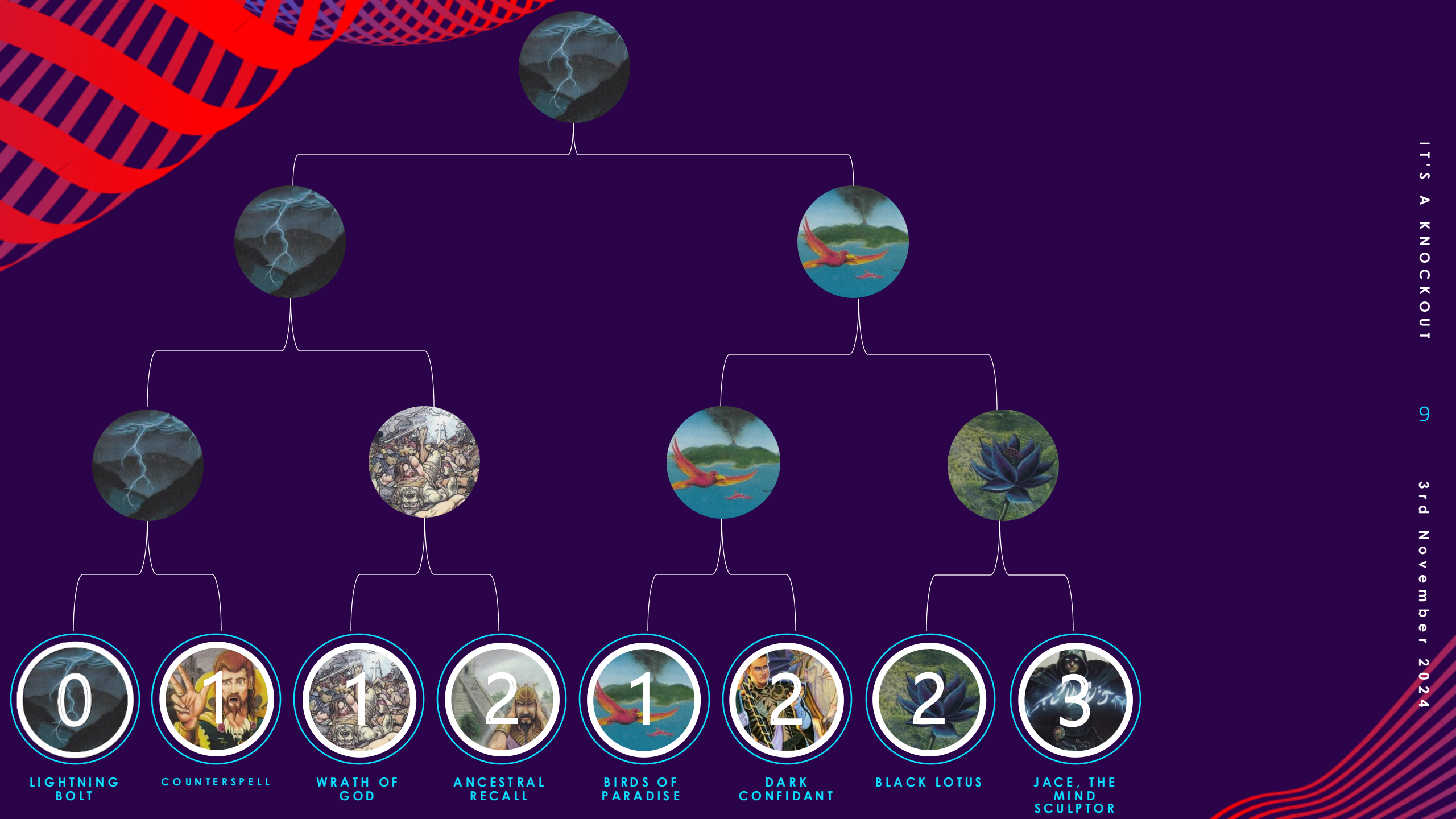
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DISTRIBUTION OVERVIEW

Number of losses	Number of contestants
0	1
1	3
2	3
3	1



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THE AEONS
TORN



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WILL



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PLOWSHARES



BRAINSTORM



LILIANA OF
THE VEIL



TIME WALK



SERRA
ANGEL



NECROPOTENCE

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Number of losses	Top 8
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2	3
3	1

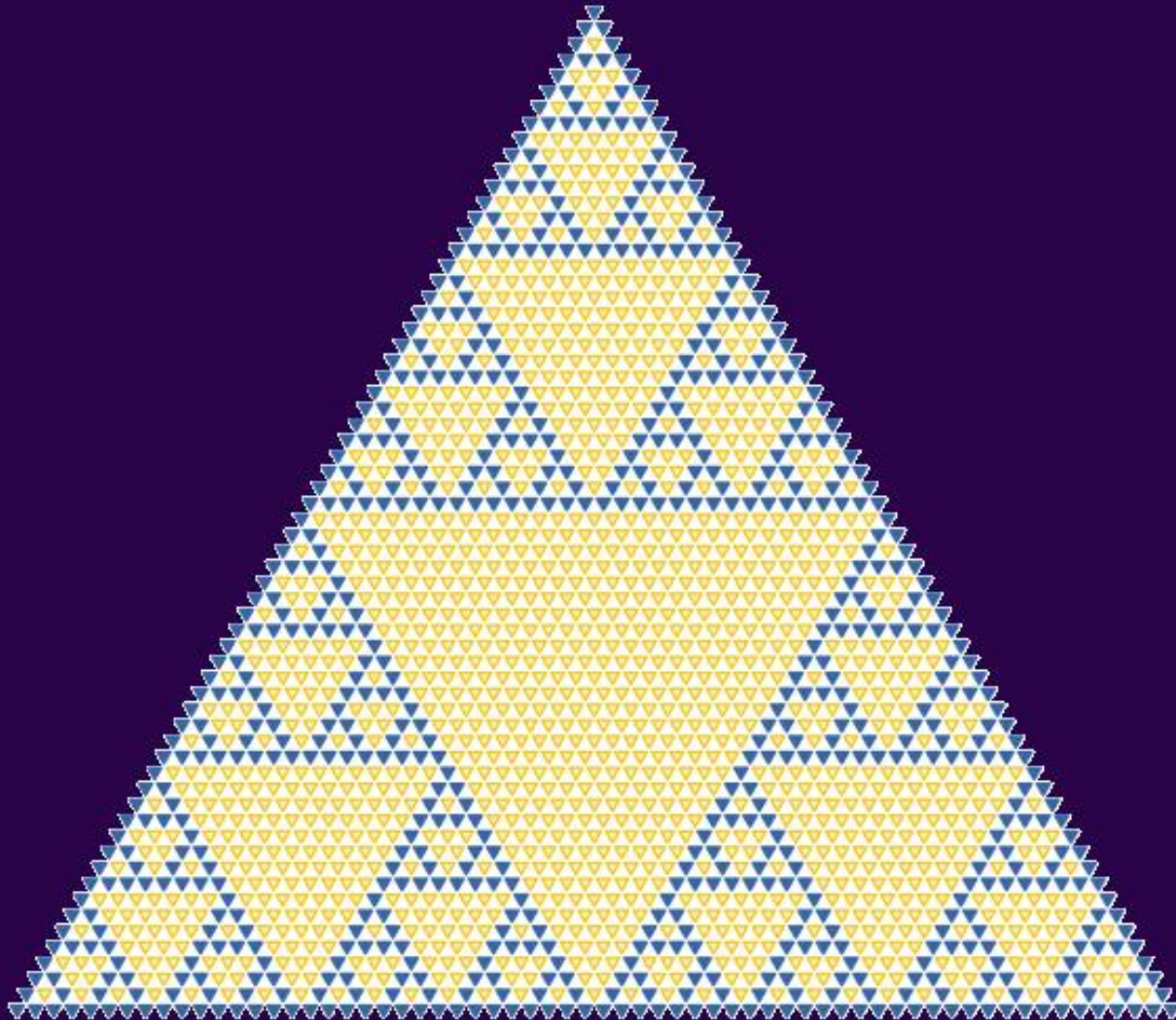
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0	1	
1	3	1
2	3	3
3	1	3
4		1

DISTRIBUTION OVERVIEW

Number of losses	Number of contestants
0	1
1	4
2	6
3	4
4	1

That's right...



THINGS WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR



Voting

The real Bracket had voting stats for each matchup



Other contestants

How far does the second-strongest contestant get? How about the third?



Ranking

How could you get a more comprehensive ranking of the finishers?



Next time!

The current number of Magic cards is just about 32,000...

THANK YOU

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Come find me and say hi!