

Why?

While there are many infinite combos that allow you to make copies of Seven Dwarves I wanted to see what the fastest possible method was. Looping 7 Seven Dwarves with Lumbering Battlement and 8 Mirror Marches seemed cool, there had to be a way to make dwarves faster.

Also, Covid-19 quarantine makes people do some crazy stuff

Warning !!!!

I would not recommend trying this at home, the first half of loop broke Arena so badly that I couldn't login for several hours without the game crashing

Assumptions:

Board and Sideboard are equivalent:

Because we are using Mastermind's Acquisition we can treat the Sideboard and Deck as the same when searching out combo pieces. The decklist has most 1 of's in the sideboard for convenience in assembling the combo, but it doesn't actually matter once the combo starts.

Notation:

- For brevity the numbers of cards listed are the minimum number needed.
- Later we will assume that the full 4 of each combo piece are in play
- Cards where multiples matter are listed in bold

First Loop: Tutor out everything

Board State:

Omniscience

any Non-Token Creature or Saheeli, Sublime Artificer

Hand:

Mastermind's Acquisition

Blood For Bones

Scholar of Ages

Sideboard/Deck:

1x Dance of the Manse

1x Phyrexian Scripture

1x **PitilessPlunderer**

1x **MirrorMarch**

1x **MirrorMarch/Mirrormade**

1x **SevenDwarves**

1x Woe Strider

2x Thrill of Possibility

1x Cleansing Nova/ Creature Boardwipe

Play Loop:

- Mastermind Acquisition for combo piece to hand || Saheeli trigger creates Servo
- Scholar of Ages return Mastermind Acquisition
- Blood For Bones sacrificing Non-Token Creature || Saheeli trigger creates Servo
- Return Scholar of Ages to play and Non-Token Creature to hand
- Scholar returns Mastermind's Acquisition and Blood for Bones
- Hand and board state are the same as the start.

Loop yields:

- +1 combo piece
- +1 servo, maybe

repeat until all cards are assembled

Second Loop: Make Treasures

Board State:

Omniscience

any Non-Token Creature or Saheeli, Sublime Artificer

Hand:

Mastermind's Acquisition

Blood For Bones

Scholar of Ages

1x Dance of the Manse

1x Phyrexian Scripture

4x **PitilessPlunderer**

4x **MirrorMarch**

4x **MirrorMarch/Mirrormade**

1x Woe Strider

2x Thrill of Possibility

1x Cleansing Nova/ Creature Boardwipe

7x **SevenDwarves**

Setup

- Play 4x Pitiless Plunderer
- Play Woe Strider ### Loop
- Sacrifice 1x Pitiless Plunderer to Woe Strider, create 3 treasures
- Play Scholar of Ages
- Blood For Bones sacrificing Scholar of Ages, return Scholar of Ages to play and Pitiless Plunderer to play
 - Scholar of Ages returns Blood For Bones and any other instant/sorcery of your choice
- Play Pitiless Plunderer

Loop yields:

- +3 treasures
- +1 instant/sorcery
- +1 Pitiless Plunderer or Non-token Creature

Third Loop: Lots and Lots of Treasures

Here's where things get really nutty so hang in there. We're going to ignore non-essential triggers for brevity and save the formula for the reveal at the end. Steps with bolded numbers will be used in the final calculation.

Board State:

Omniscience

any Non-Token Creature or Saheeli, Sublime Artificer

4x **PitilessPlunderer**

1x Woe Strider

8+ Treasures

Hand:

Mastermind's Acquisition

Blood For Bones

Scholar of Ages

4x **MirrorMarch**

4x **MirrorMarch/Mirrormade**

2x Thrill of Possibility 1x Dance of the Manse

1x Phyrexian Scripture

1x Masterful Replication 1x Cleansing Nova/ Creature Boardwipe

Setup:

- Play 4x Mirror March
- Play 2x Thrill of possibility discarding Phrexian Scriptures and Mirrormade

Loop:

- Cast Dance of the Manse x=6+ returning Phyrexian Scriptures and 4x Mirrormade
 - All enter the battlefield as creatures
 - Mirrormades enter as copy of Mirror March
 - Phyrexian Scriptures first lore counter target Mirrormade, Mirrormade is now an Artifact Enchantment Creature
 - **8x** Mirror Triggers for each Mirrormade and Phyrexian Scriptures
- Cast Masterful replication targeting an Artifact Enchantment Creature Mirrormade, all treasures become Mirror Marches that are also creatures
- Cast Cleansing Nova, choose the first mode: Destroy all creatures.
 - **4x** Pitiless Plunderer Triggers per Copy of Mirrormade and Woe Strider
 - **3x** Pitiless Plunderer Trigger per Copy of Pitiless Plunderer
 - 4x Mirrormade + 1x Phyrexian Scripture go to the graveyard
- Loop 2
 - Play Scholar of Ages
 - return Blood For Bones and another Instant/Sorcery to hand
 - Cast Blood For Bones sacrificing Scholar of Ages

- Return Scholar of Ages to play and Pitiless Plunderer to hand
- Cast Pitiless Plunderer
- Repeat until 4x Pitiless Plunderer are in play
- Return Danse of the Manse, Cleansing Nova, and any three other instants and sorceries
- **10x** Treasures from loop performing Loop 2 five times.
- Hand and board state are the same as the start.

Loops yields:

- ▪ Treasures
- Demonstrates that Treasures = Mirror Marches

The Math: How fast does this actually grow?

Once the first loop is assembled it is impossible to fizzle regardless of the outcomes of the Mirror March triggers. It is very likely that you will accrue additional treasures each loop so this formula represents the lower bound on the growth rate.

Bringing it all together:

Let's start with the Mirror March triggers, it's random so how do we count number of tokens generated? We could simulate each flip and add them up, but that's a lot of headache. Because the loop will grow infinitely, it is sufficient to determine the expected of each flip. Here's the formula for calculating the expected value of a flip:

$$\mathbb{E}(Trigger) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i$$

It's a scary formula, but thanks to the mathematics of infinite sums we can show that the value converges to 1 as the number of triggers approaches infinite. So the formula becomes this:

$$\mathbb{E}(Trigger) = 1$$

Now that we've settled how to calculate the expected value of a trigger we can write our formula. We're going to start at the beginning of Loop 3. We can ignore Loops 1 and 2 are the set up for Loop 3 and may yield some number of additional treasures represented as c , $c \geq 0$.

m = # of Mirror Made + Phyrexian Scriptures each Loop p = # of Pitiless Plunderers t = # of Treasure Tokens

Here are all the relevant triggers that we need to calculate the growth:

- **8x** Mirror March Triggers for each Mirrormade and Phyrexian Scriptures, 5 total (4 mirror + 1 Scripture)
- **4x** Pitiless Plunderer Triggers per Copy of Mirrormade and Woe Strider
- **3x** Pitiless Plunderer Trigger per Copy of Pitiless Plunderer
- **10x** Treasures from loop performing Loop 2 five times.

These triggers yield the following equalities:

$$\begin{aligned}m &= 5 \\p &= 4 \\t_0 &= 0 \\m^* &= 8 * (m + t_{n-1}) \\t_n &= 4 * (m^* + 1) + 3 * p + 10\end{aligned}$$

substituting in m^* we get

$$\begin{aligned}t_n &= 4 * (8 * (m + t_{n-1}) + 1) + 3p + 10 \\&= 4 * (8 * (5 + t_{n-1}) + 1) + 3 * 4 + 10 \\&= 4 * (8 * 5 + 8t_{n-1} + 1) + 3 * 4 + 10 \\&= 32 * 5 + 32t_{n-1} + 4 + 12 + 10 \\&= 32t_{n-1} + 32(5) + 26\end{aligned}$$

L_0 is the state at the beginning of Loop 3 and t_n is a function of $t_n(L_n) = t_n(m, p, t_0)$.

$$L_0 = (5, 4, 0)$$

$$L_1 = (5, 4, t_1)$$

$$L_n = \overset{\dots}{(5, 4, t_n)}$$

Now all we have to do is substitute initial values to find the formula for how t_n grows!

Using the equalities from above we get:

Starting from t_0 we can calculate the first few iterations to find the formula for t_n

$$\begin{aligned} t_0 &= 0 + c = c \\ t_1 &= 32t_0 + 32(5) + 26 \\ &= 32c + 32(6) + 22 \\ t_2 &= 32t_1 + 32(5) + 26 \\ &= 32((32c + 32(5) + 26)) + 32(5) + 26 \\ &= 32 * 32c + 32 * 32(5) + 32 * 26 + 32(5) + 26 \\ t_3 &= 32t_2 + 32(5) + 22 \\ &= 32((32 * 32c + 32 * 32(5) + 32 * 26 + 32(5) + 26) + 32(5) + 26) \\ &= 32 * 32 * 32c + 32 * 32 * 32(5) + 32 * 32 * 26 + 32 * 32(5) + 32 * 26 + 32(5) + 26 \\ &= 32^3 c + 32^3(5) + 32^2 * 26 + 32^2(5) + 32 * 26 + 32(5) + 22 \\ &= 32^3 c + 5(32^3 + 32^3 2 + 32) + 26(32^2 + 32 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Which ultimately is

$$t_n = 32^n c + 5 \sum_{i=1}^n 32^i + 26 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} 32^j$$

With $c=0$ we get

$$t_n = 5 \sum_{i=0}^n 32^{i+1} + 26 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} 32^j$$

The first 6 numbers in the sequence are: 186, 6138, 196602, 6291450, 201326586...

201,326,586 Mirror Marches after 5 loops!

Now cast your 7 Seven Dwarves and drum roll...

1,621,436,698 Dwarves attacking for 26,290,569,202,209,156,600 damage!

but we can do even better...

Third Loop Prime: Beyond Factorial Treasures

Here's where things get really nutty so hang in there. We're going to ignore non-essential triggers for brevity and save the formula for the reveal at the end. Steps with bolded numbers will be used in the final calculation.

Board State:

Omniscience

Platinum Angel (so we don't lose to accidentally decking ourselves)

any Non-Token Creature or Saheeli, Sublime Artificer

4x Pitiless Plunderer

1x Woe Strider

Teysa Karlov

Yarok, the Desacrated

8+ Treasures

Graveyard:

1x Spark Double

Hand:

Unbreakable Formation Mastermind's Acquisition

Blood for Bones

Scholar of Ages

Rise From the Grave

4x Mirror March

4x Mirror March \Mirrmade

2x Thrill of Possibility

1x **Spark Double**

1x Dance of the Manse

1x Phyrexian Scripture

1x Masterful Replication

1x Cleansing Nova/ Creature Boardwipe

Setup:

- Play 4x Mirror March
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Loop:

- Cast Dance of the Manse x=6+ returning Phyrexian Scriptures and 4x Mirrmade
 - All enter the battlefield as creatures
 - Mirrmades enter as copy of Mirror March
 - Phyrexian Scriptures first lore counter target Mirrmade
 - Mirrmade is now an Artifact Enchantment Creature

- 8 Mirror Triggers for each Mirrormade and Phyrexian Scriptures
- Cast Masterful replication targeting an Artifact Enchantment Creature Mirrormade, all treasures become Mirror Marches
 - $2 * 5 * 8 + (t_n)$ Mirror Marches on the board

Addendum (can be looped, but it's more efficient to complete the full loop)

- Cast Rise From the Grave bringing back Spark Double
 - Spark Double copies Yarok
 - $3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + (t_n))$ copies of Spark Doubled Yarok Enter the battlefield
 - Future Mirror March Triggers will be copied an additional times $3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + (t_n))$
- Cast Blood For Bones, sacrificing the non-token Spark Double
 - Return or cast Spark Double, copying Teysa Karlov
 - $(3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + (t_n)))$ Mirror March triggers
 - Return or cast Pitiless Plunderer
 - $(3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + (t_n)))$ Mirror March triggers
 - Each creature destroyed triggers $(3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + (t_n)))$ Pitiless Plunderers
 - $(3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + (t_n)))$ times

End of Addendum

- Cast Cleansing Nova, choose the first mode: Destroy all creatures.
 - $(3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + t_n))^2$ Treasures per Copy of Mirrormade and Woe Strider
 - $(3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + t_n))^2 - 1$ Treasures per Copy of Pitiless Plunderer
 - 4x Mirrormade + 1x Phyrexian Scripture + Creatures, go to the graveyard
- Loop 2
 - Play Scholar of Ages
 - return Blood For Bones and another Instant/Sorcery to hand
 - Cast Blood For Bones sacrificing Scholar of Ages
 - Return Scholar of Ages to play and Pitiless Plunderer to hand
 - Cast Pitiless Plunderer
- Repeat until combo pieces are in the correct zones
- Return Danse of the Manse, Cleansing Nova, and any three other instants and sorceries
 - Hand and board state are the same as the start but with additional treasures.

Loops yields:

- A lot of Treasures

Even More Ridiculous

Here are all the relevant triggers that we need to calculate the new growth rate

- $(3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + (t_n)))^2$ Treasures per Copy of Mirrormade and Woe Strider
- $(3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + (t_n)))^2 - 1$ Treasures per Copy of Pitliess Plunderer

We're going to handwave a little bit here and simplify the formula to something manageable.

- $2 * (3 * (2 * 5 * 8 + (t_n)))^2$ Treasures per Copy of Mirrormade, Yarok, Woe Strider, **and** Pitliess Plunderer

first, let $t_n = x_n = (240 + 3(t_n))^2$ this reduces the equation to the following

- $t_{n+1} = 2 * (x_n)^2$

With the initial condition of $t_0 = 0$ then $x_0 = 2 * 5 * 8 + (t_0) = 2 * 5 * 8 + 0$
 $x_0 = 80$

Plug the recurrence relationship and initial conditions into all into worlfram alpha
{g[0] == 1, g[n + 1] == 2(240 + 3g[n])^2}

and we get....

n		t(n)
0		80
1		460800
2		3.82339×10 ¹²
3		2.63129×10 ²⁶
4		1.24627×10 ⁵⁴
5		2.79572×10 ¹⁰⁹
6		1.40689×10 ²²⁰
7		3.562796391523732×10 ⁴⁴¹
8		2.28483326294181×10 ⁸⁸⁴
9		9.39683347100161×10 ¹⁷⁶⁹

If we drop the +240 and plug in {g[0] == 1, g[n + 1] == 6g[n]^2} the solution for the recurrence equation is:

$$t(n) = 2^{5*2^n-1} * 9^{2^{n-1}} * 5^{2^n}$$

3.562796391523732×10⁴⁴¹ Mirror Marches after 7 loops!

Now cast your 7 even Dwarves and drum roll...

2.49395747407×10⁴⁴² Dwarves attacking for 6.21982388247×10⁸⁸⁴ damage!

For perspective:

By the fifth loop there are **more dwarves than atoms in the observable universe**.

In two more loops there are more dwarves than there are atoms in the observable universe **if every atom were also an entire universe**, nested 3 more times.

In []: