

Worlds Findings

I decided to review the one game Man Long played during Swiss at worlds, as there were accusations of him stacking his opponent's deck in Indonesia. If you want to see the Indonesia findings, I've attached them at the bottom of the document. The tl;dr on what he does is this:

1. He picks up his opponent's deck with the bottom card facing himself.
2. If the bottom card is not a trigger and his opponent will only do 1 drive check, he moves the card to the top of his opponent's deck.
3. If the bottom card is a trigger or his opponent is on twin drive, he moves non triggers to the bottom of the deck, then moves it to the top.

As such, you will notice that his opponent's do not trigger much at all. Furthermore, it is very blatant with the way that Man Long is shuffling is that he is not shuffling at all, but moving cards from the bottom to the top. This takes advantage of the fact that his opponent cannot interact with their own deck after Man Long has shuffled, so they will just trigger blanks. This was first noticed in the Indonesia vods, but with the worlds vods they contain player cams, so we can see where Man Long is looking. You will need to slow down the speed of the video to 0.25 to see the better. I've included the red arrows as to show where the deck is facing and where Man Long is looking, but if you don't like that you can just go to where the time stamp is and check for yourself.

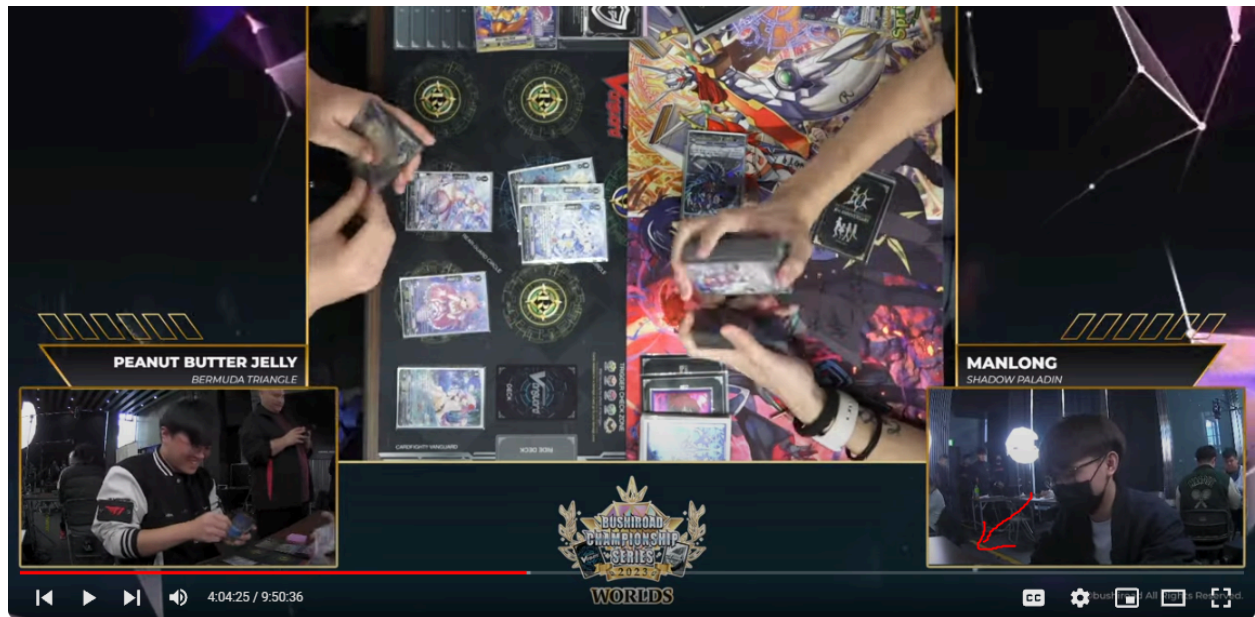
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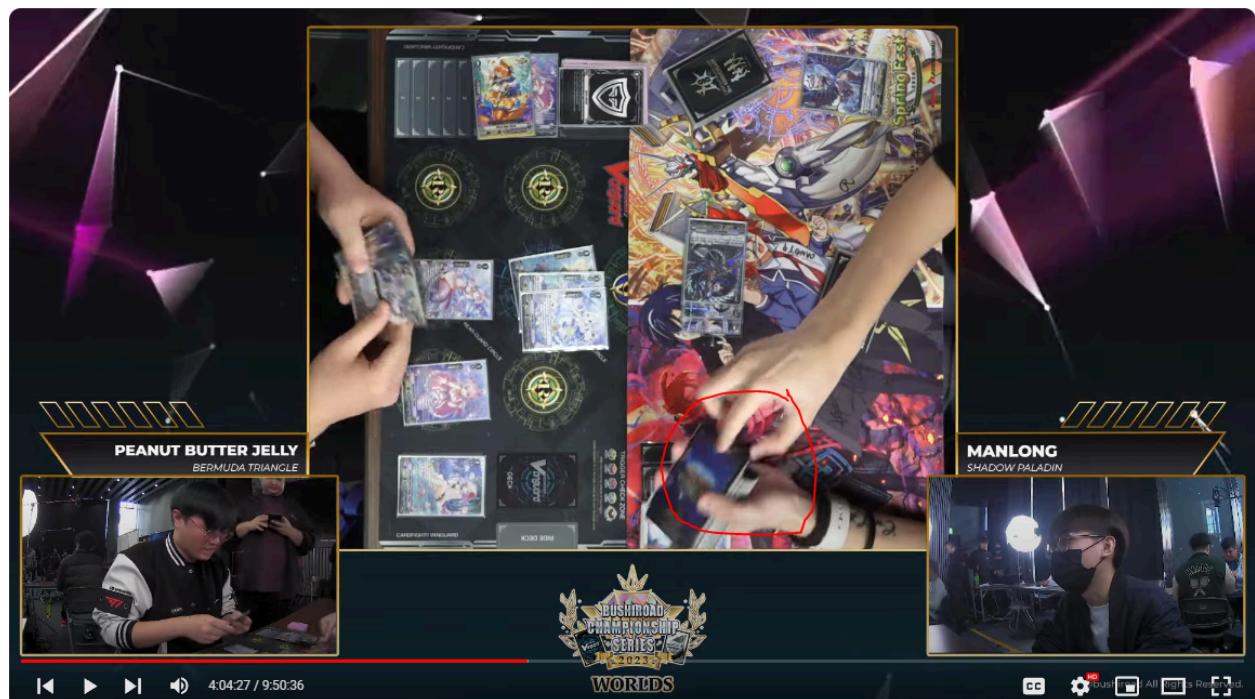
4:04:24 - Cards are facing towards Man Long. Man Long is looking down.



4:04:25 - Ange is shown in the shuffle while Man Long is looking down. It is shuffled to bottom.



4:04:27 - Man Long the shuffles in a way to move up the bottom card to the top. At this timing, he misses his shuffle but you can see that the pile from the bottom is in the circled area as it is separate from the rest of the pile. After he misses, he resumes shuffling that pile and moves the bottom card of that pile to the top.



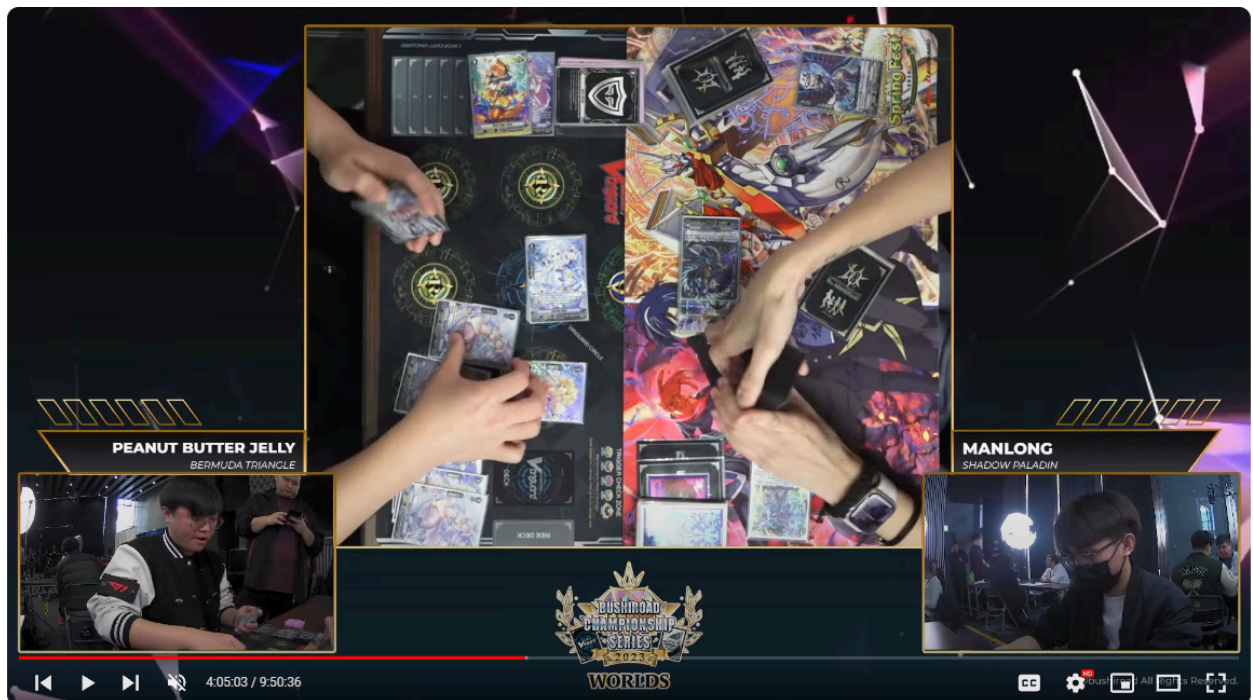
4:04:48 - Peanut Butter Jelly's drive check is the Ange.



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4:05:03 - Man Long does another peek at the bottom deck here. He shuffles the bottom to top, which turns out to be an Ange, which PBJ already has because he drive checked one previously. Ange doesn't have shield so it doesn't add anything good to PBJ's hand.

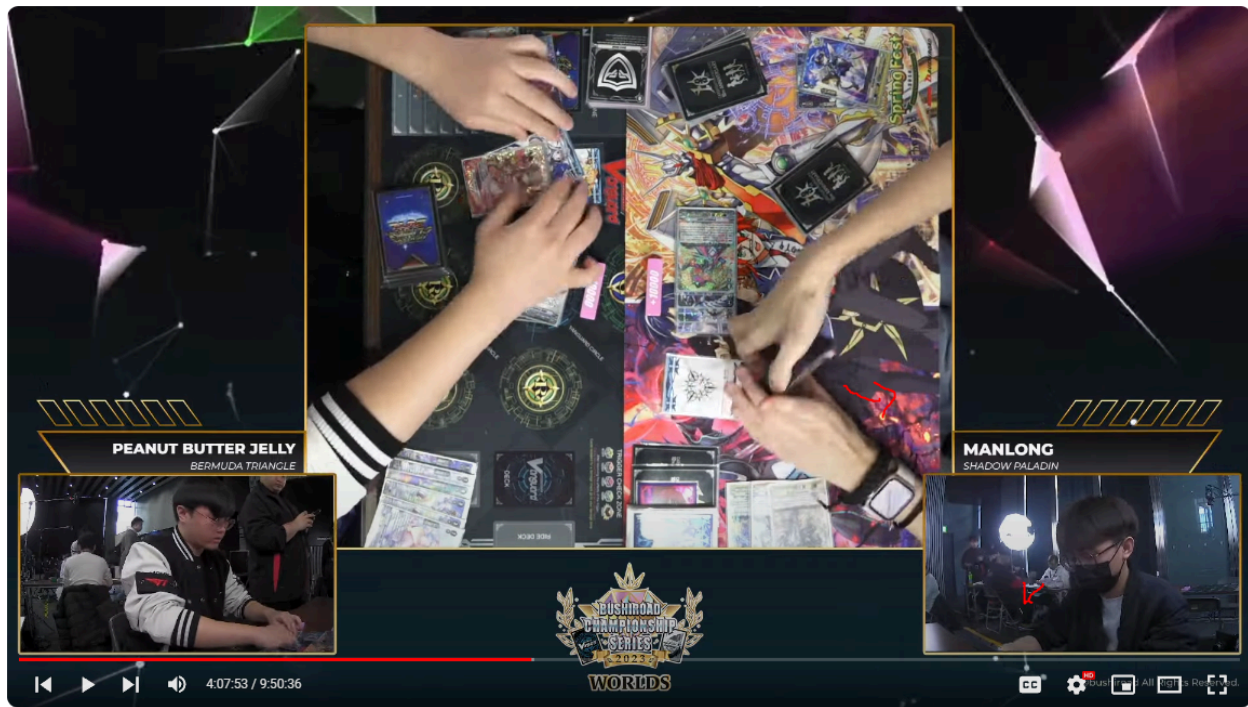


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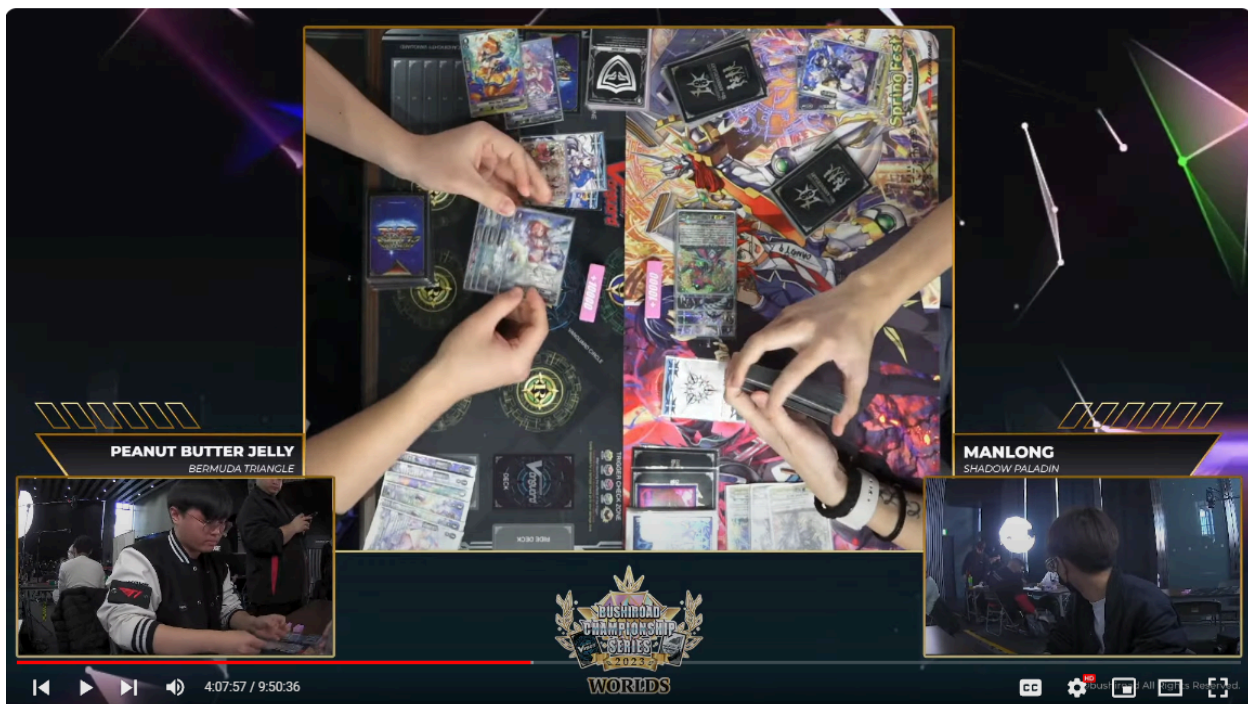
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4:07:53 - Ange attacks, calls a Liselotte. Once again, Man Long picks up the deck facing himself while looking down. You can watch the motion at around this timing, the following is just a specific frame.

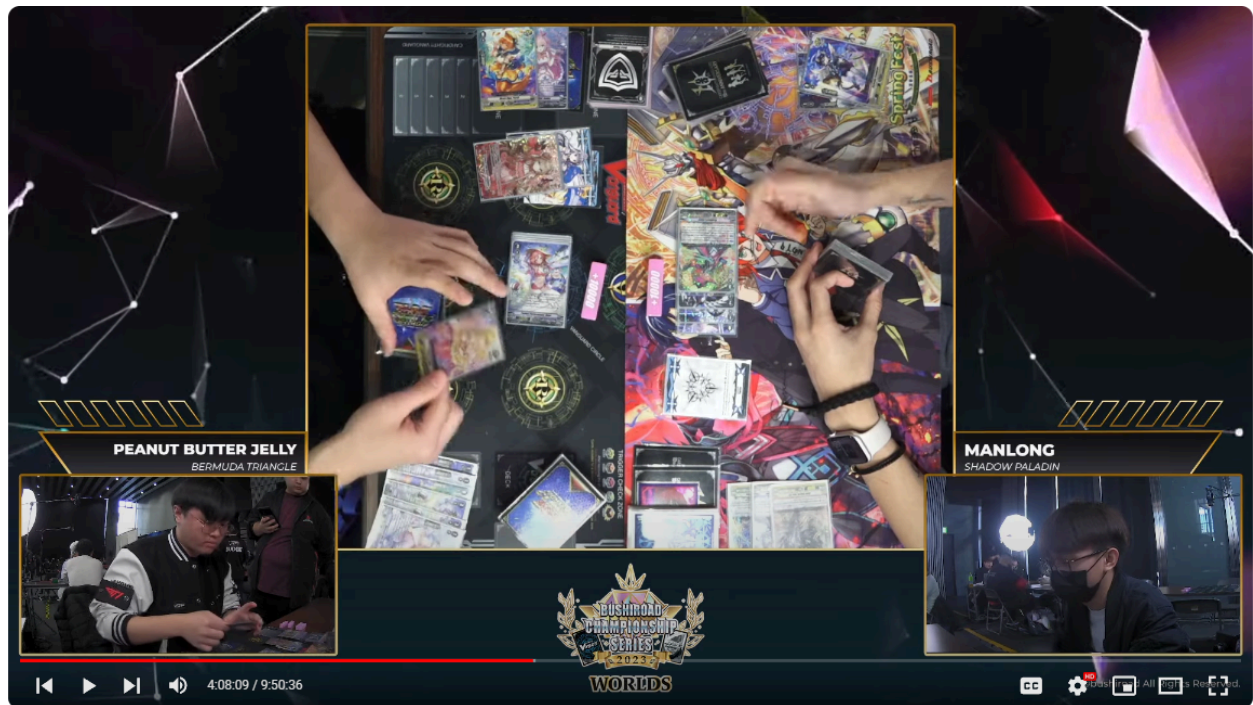
In this instance, he goes straight into the shuffle where he moves the bottom card to top.



4:07:57 - At this point he does 3 pile shuffles where the top card stays the same.



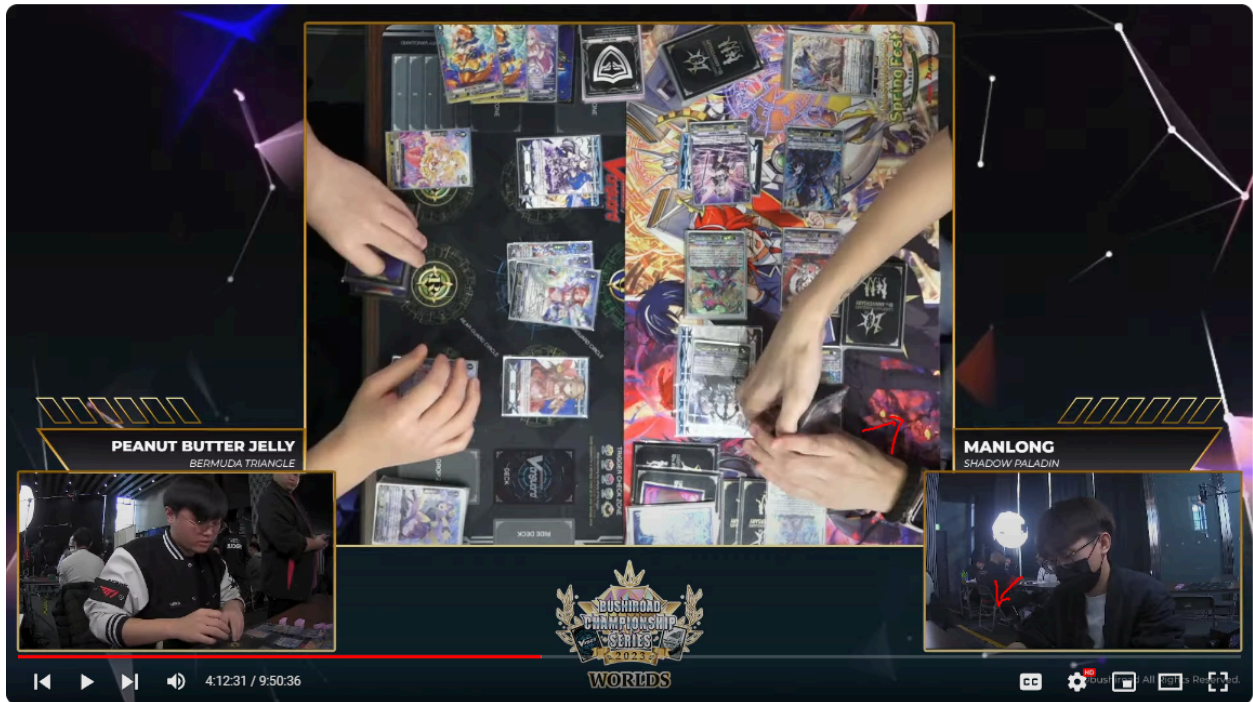
4:08:09 - The Liselotte top call is a critical, one of the worst results for PBJ (basically any trigger would be bad).



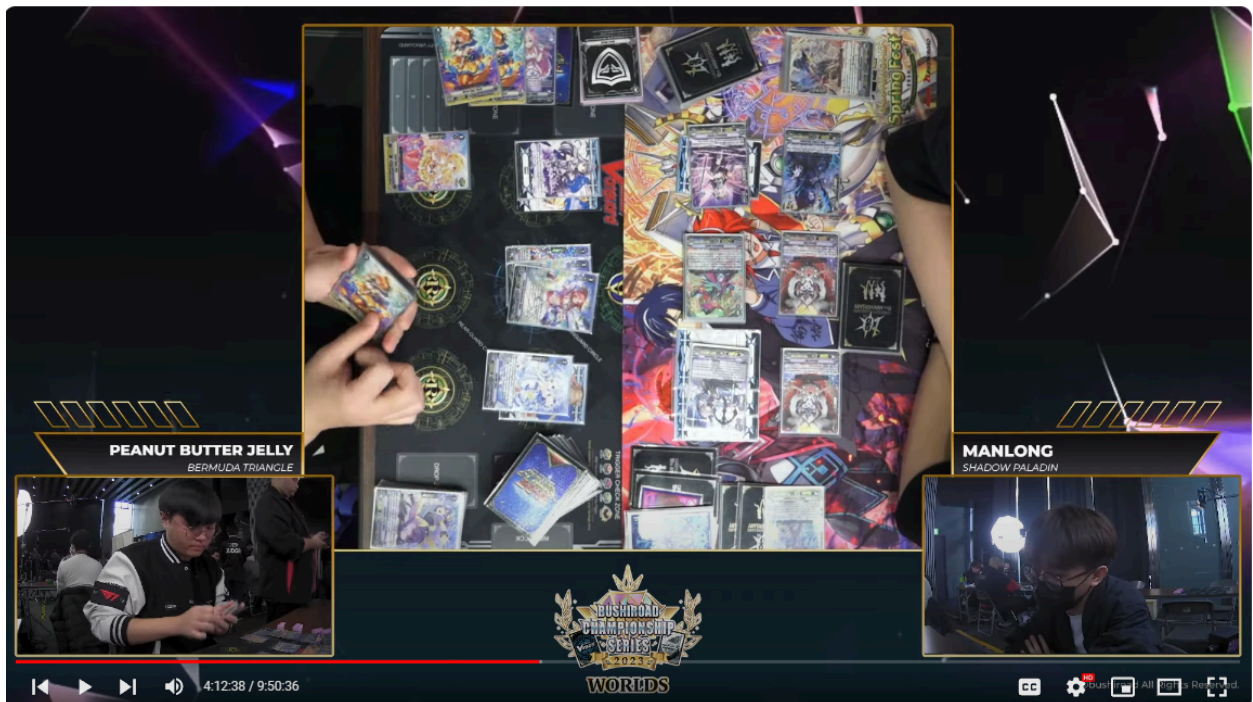
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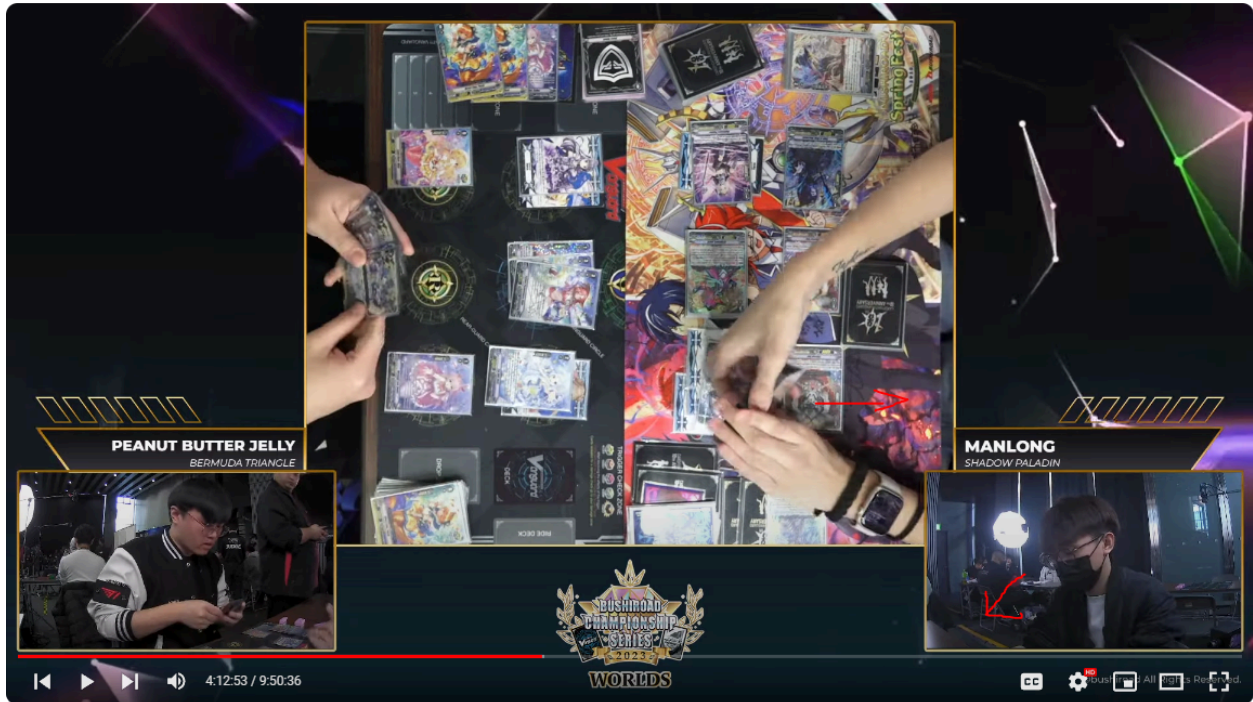
4:12:31 - This one is pretty blatant. After the Sedna call, Man Long picks up the deck facing him again while looking down. Bottom card should be a trigger. Goes straight into the shuffle discussed before which means it's favorable for him. Note that in this situation, putting a trigger on top is correct as PBJ can play cards that draw which will draw him a trigger. This is because before PBJ drive checks, he still has to resolve Ange's search skill, which allows Man Long to manipulate the deck again. Man Long has played Ange before and has topped multiple BROs with it, so he knows how this deck works.



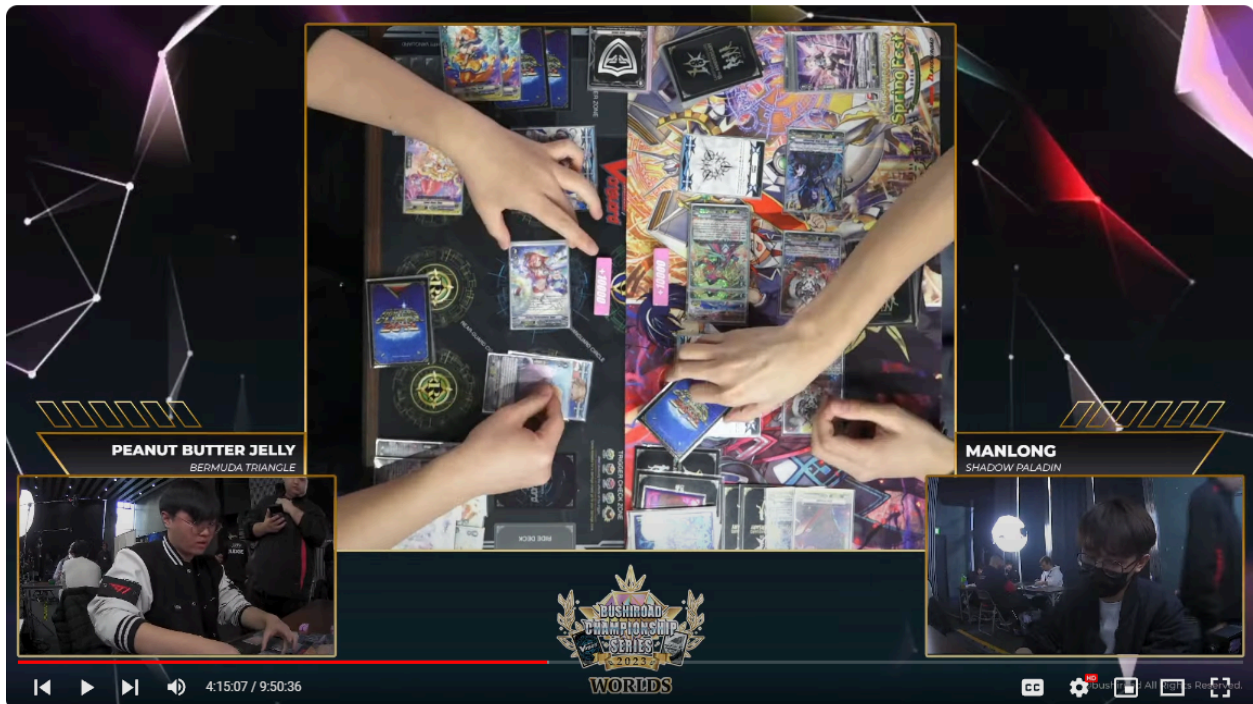
4:12:38 - Aqua's skill is activated and draws a critical trigger.



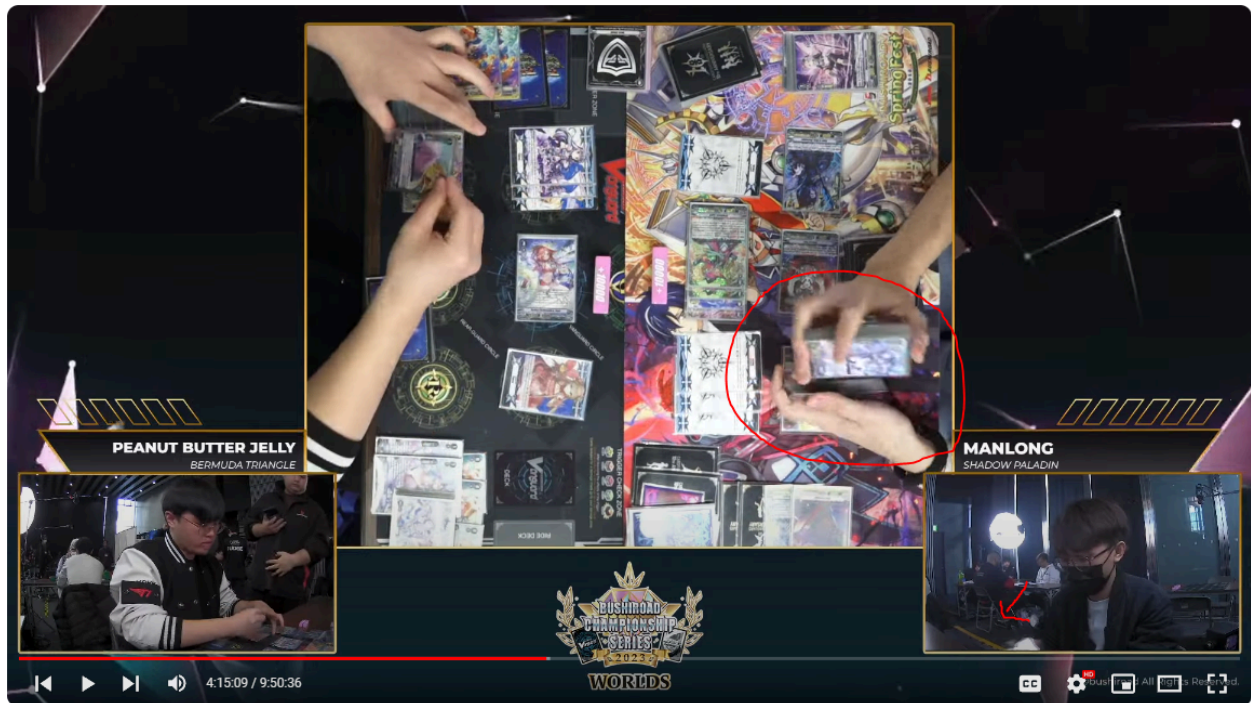
4:12:53- Sedna is played again, resulting in a shuffle. Man Long once again picks up the deck facing him, while looking down.



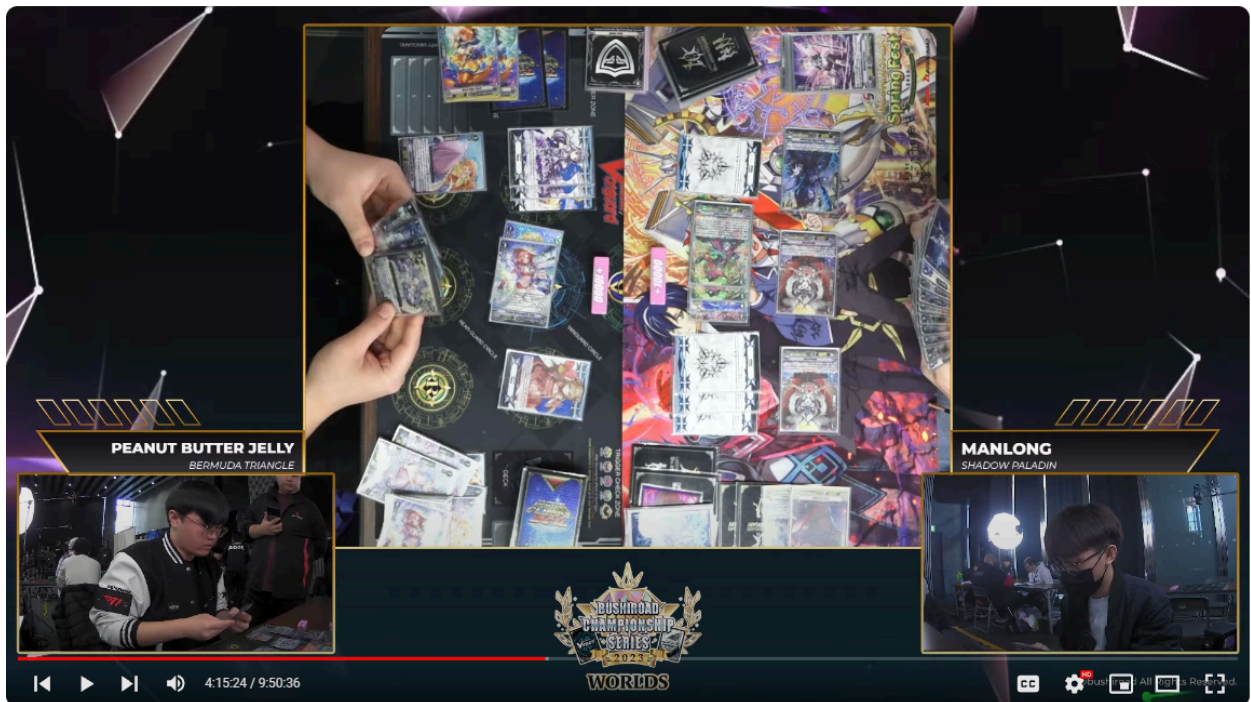
4:15:07 - Man Long does a cut, which looks innocent. However, watch the next bit.



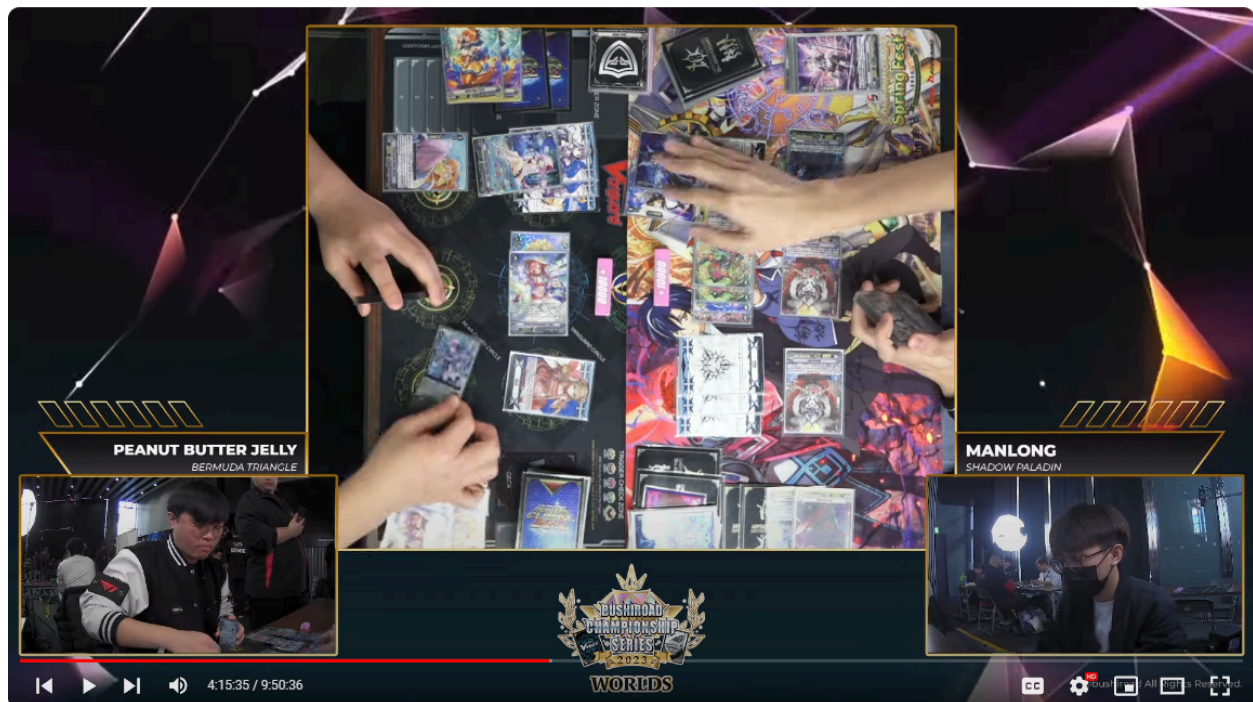
4:15:09 - A Systico is revealed during the shuffle. Again, Man Long is looking down. It gets sent to the bottom part of the deck.



4:15:24 - PBJ draws a card for Myrtoa and puts it on the top of his hand facing down. When we see what the card is, it is not the Systico (looks like a PG?). Where is it?



4:15:35 - Oh there it is. He drive checks it. Guess that Tirua isn't getting a double trigger! Do note that in the games that he played in Indonesia, he was able to stack 2 cards to the top as well. Being able to deny opponents from ever hitting double triggers reduces the luck component in V.



After that, Man Long wins the game as his opponent can't guard Luard.

The only other game that Man Long was featured in was the finals. At this time, the judges seem to have been more aware of something shady going on, as there were more judge cuts done in the game. I doubt Man Long would've done anything shady in such a final with so much scrutiny.

Or so I thought.

Here's some weird things that happened in the finals.

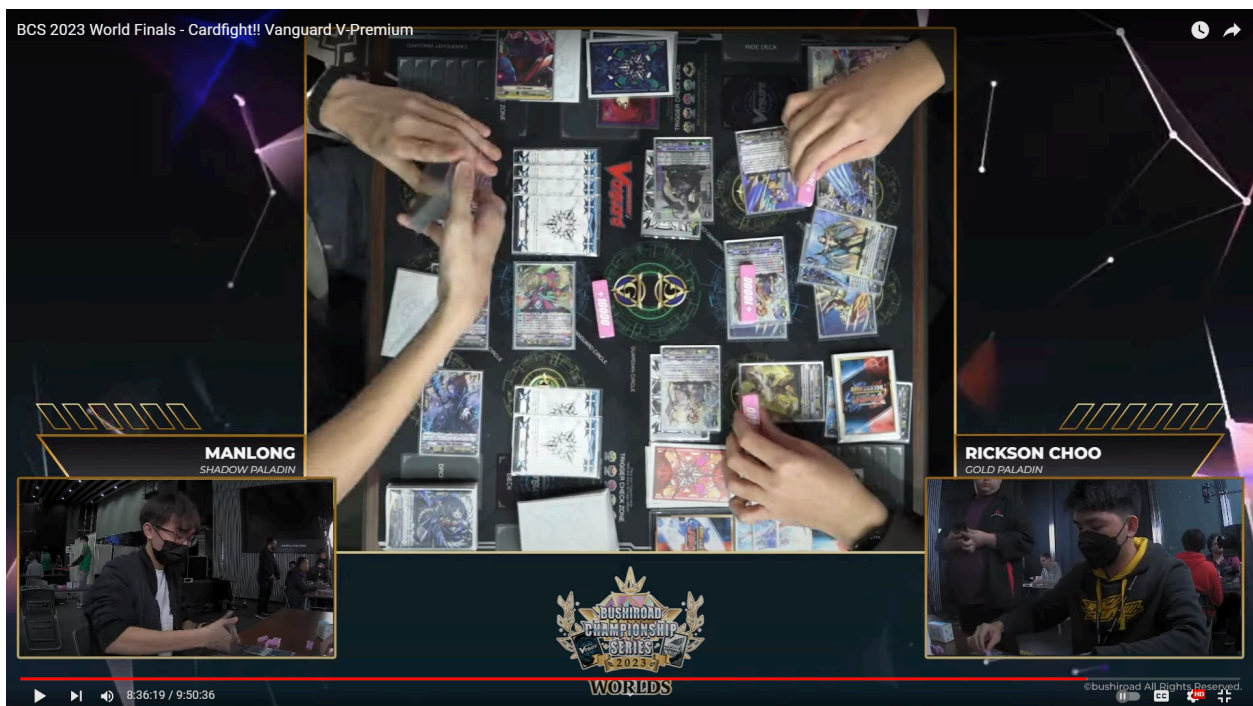
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In this sequence, Man Long clearly looks at the bottom card of Rickson's deck and you can see it on both cameras.



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In this sequence, Man Long is again looking at the bottom card of Rickson's deck and you can see it on both cameras.



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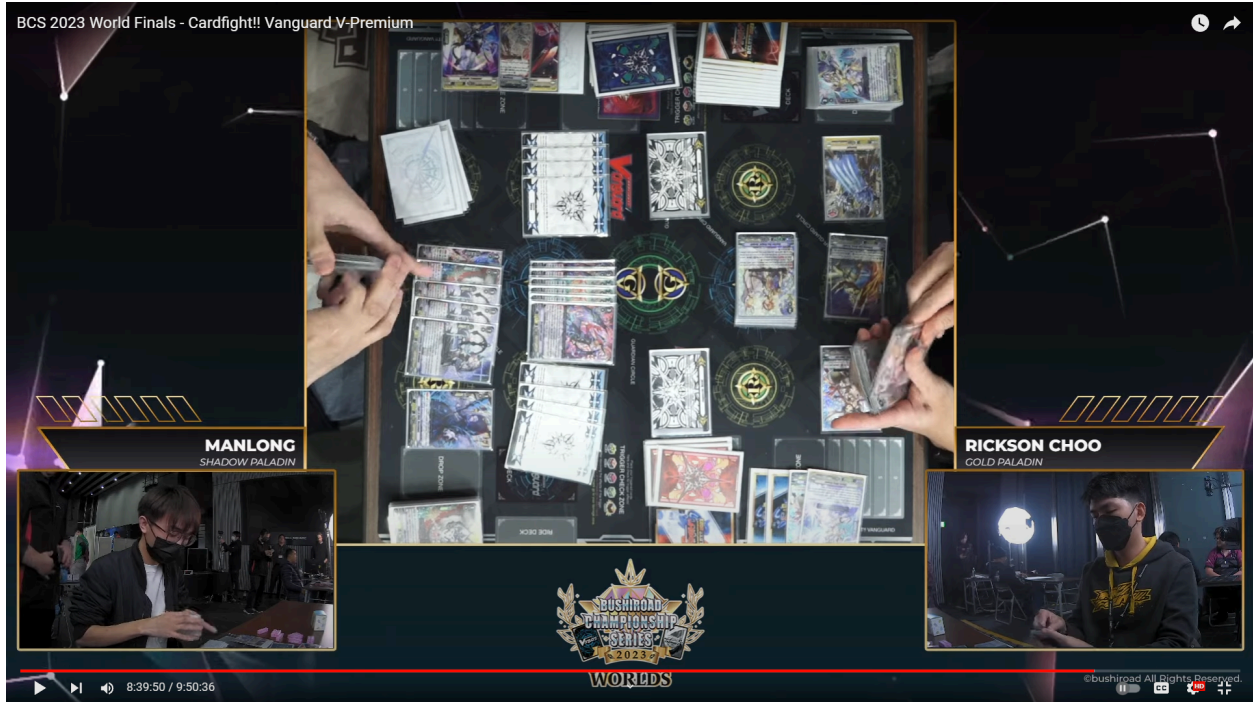
Again, nice peek bro.



And the next sequence is something really weird:

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Man Long is in the middle of a shuffle, then stops his shuffle and rearranges cards before going back to shuffle. Rearranging cards in the middle of a shuffle is already suss. In fact, rearranging cards in the deck for no reason at all is very suss. You shouldn't need to rearrange the deck at all.



The sequence after this is him shuffling the deck, giving it to Rickson to cut and Rickson does a very normal cut that he's been doing for the whole tournament. Then when the deck is returned, he asks the judge at the table for a judge cut.

What happens on Rickson's final turn is that Man Long gets a critical trigger and a heal on six. The heal would be active on any damage, as they are both on 4 damage. Here is the speculation, and this is only speculation. Was he stacking the card to a part of the deck, Rickson doing his cut that he has been doing all the time, then asking for a judge cut to try and reverse Rickson's cut? The deck is pretty small, and is literally the only out Man Long has against a big Gurguit turn. But hey, this is more speculation and theory than anything.

Indonesia Findings

There are two Indonesia games that we have. The first one is a top 8 match vs Kepen and the Finals against Byran.

Top 8 match:

Kepen is on the left, Man Long is on the right.

Link to Match: <https://www.youtube.com/live/pYzOGcfecyE?si=r87UYUp29E0sHvrx>

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3:44 The beginning of suss shuffling. Man Long picks up his opponent's deck and it seems like he sees the bottom card. Bottom card is a draw sentinel. 3:45 Moves Agile Fullback to the bottom. Then moves Acrobat Verdi to the bottom. 3:48 Notice his shuffle is just moving cards from the bottom to the top. The shuffles afterward seem to be keeping the order of the cards at the top. This is consistent for all his streamed games. Drive check at 4:07 looks like it is Acrobat Verdi.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/pYzOGcfecyE?si=OkGmDS1vpJDtjMlp&t=406>

6:47 A bit hard to see, Rona gets moved to the top (based on the colouring). 7:06 Drive check is the Rona.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/pYzOGcfecyE?si=VUrZRxbS2QFVKeVH&t=796>

13:16 Deck is presented to Man Long who checks the bottom pretty blatantly which is a grade 1 (likely Acrobat Verdi). 13:19 Rona gets moved to the 2nd bottom card. 14:27 Drive Check is Rona + G1. Do note that he no guards a 13k attack at 3 damage. Not many crit triggers has been seen, and is a weird risk to take.

Literally every single drive check this game for Kepen is not a trigger.

FINALS

This is what happens to Bryan Wijaya's Deck (Left player).

Link to Match: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9ZQuF2ta6s&t=1s>

1:25 This says Man Long vs Bryan Wijaya, but we know Man Long is on the right because in the top 8 game, he was using the same mat and sleeves.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/g9ZQuF2ta6s?si=QM7-EHZVk7DhVSqe&t=310>

5:13 Abyssal Owl goes from bottom to top. Drive check the owl.

https://www.youtube.com/live/g9ZQuF2ta6s?si=ujQQ3kej3f_z0VPj&t=360

6:01 Triggers crit, no deck manipulation from ML.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/g9ZQuF2ta6s?si=4pV4zvN399QkVuUK&t=575>

9:35 Branwen on bottom, 9:39 Morfessa is about to be put to bottom, but is put just above from bottom. 9:56 Twin Drive check is Morfessa, Branwen.

https://www.youtube.com/live/g9ZQuF2ta6s?si=1m9TvQFaolsbLP_l&t=849

14:10 Charon at bottom, moves Decremps to bottom. Lag on drive check but afterwards you see Man Long has taken only 1 damage and there is a Decremps in Bryan's hand @15:26 (he only runs 1). You also

see the Charon @ 17:19 in hand (Bryan only runs 2, the other Charon is on the board so he would've had to drive check those two).

<https://www.youtube.com/live/g9ZQuF2ta6s?si=0SIOxDvlyU9I-0uo&t=1165>

19:26 Nightmare Painter is moved to bottom. 19:29 Apocalypse Bat is moved above Nightmare Painter. Drive check @ 20:02 is Critical + Painter (he might've messed up his shuffle). At this point though the game is pretty much lost as his opponent has 7 force markers on the board with like 1 damage. The funny thing is though at 21:04 he starts flipping the top card of his deck, and you see the Bat as the next drive check (with 4 more blanks afterwards). I think this was clearly he messed up his shuffle, and put the critical on top.

The only time Bryan triggered a critical is when Man Long did not shuffle his deck, and at the end when the game was pretty much lost.