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Sylvan mug shot

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We covered a little of the story behind Olle Råde's *Sylvan Safekeeper* in a [previous Arcana](#). But how do the artists paint the pictures of the players? Do they have them sit in a studio?

No, they use reference photos. Artist Pete Venters was kind enough to pass on his reference photo of Råde, shown below.



Here's what Pete had to say:

"This head shot was used because it was one of the clearest I could find. The old hair style was transplanted on because R&D wanted the portrait to represent how Olle looks when he won the right to make the card [before he went into the army]."

"For the final piece I also adjusted where he was looking and gave him a knowing kind of smile to show he was in control of things."



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