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Sketches: Read the Runes

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This week's "Sketches" focuses on a powerful blue instant from Onslaught, **Read the Runes** by Alan Pollack.

1. Art Description

These are the instructions given to the artist:

"Location: Aphetto
Action: Wizard in the foreground, his hands are glowing magically. The land around him is covered in blue glowing magical runes. He is drawing the runes out of the land."

2. Sketch

This is the preliminary sketch submitted by Alan. The card was originally known as "Decipher." Alan drew a Cleric instead of a Wizard, and was instructed to make sure the final image contained a Wizard.



3. Final Art

Here is a large version of the final piece. The change from sketch to painting is shocking with Alan's art; it almost looks like they were done by two different people.



4. Card

Finally, here is the card as it appears in the set.



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