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This week's "Sketches" looks at the new top-notch black removal spell, **Smother** by Carl Critchlow.

1. Art Description

These are the instructions given to the artist:

"Location: Aphetto

Action: Dwarf Pit-Fighter surrounded by a swarm of gnats. They are suffocating him by flying into his nose, mouth, etc."

It's hard to notice the gnats on the actual card, but they're there. It isn't just a dwarf grasping at the "camera."

2. Sketch

This is the preliminary sketch submitted by Carl. Unlike many other artists, Carl actually uses color in his preliminaries, so the art department has a better idea of what the final piece will look like.



3. Final Art

Here is a large version of the final piece. The gnats are much more visible at this size.



4. Card

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



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