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Sketches: Quicksilver Dragon

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This week's "Sketches" looks at a powerful blue morph creature from *Onslaught*, **Quicksilver Dragon** by Ron Spencer.

1. Art Description

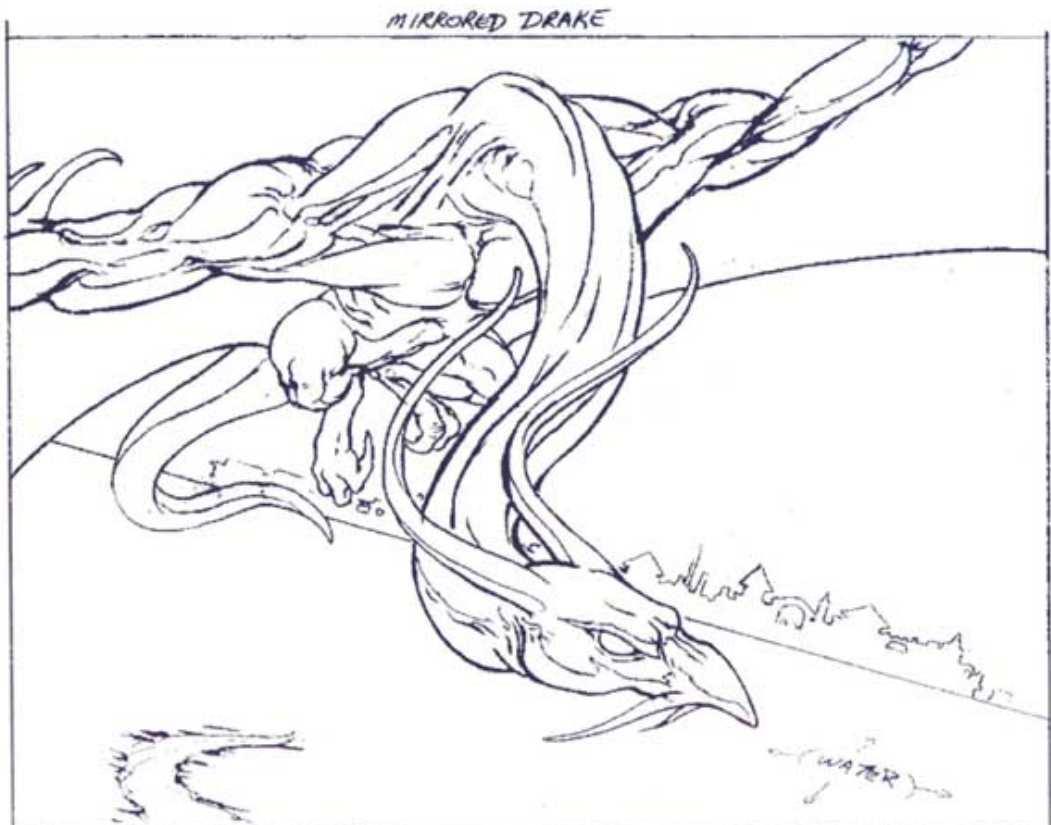
These are the instructions given to the artist:

"Location: Breaker Bay, above the water. Action: Drake with mirrored or shiny reflective scales flying above the water."

Note that the card was described as a Drake, not as a Dragon. In fact, the card was originally called Mirrored Drake.

2. Sketch

This is the preliminary sketch submitted by Ron. Because he was told to paint a Drake, Ron didn't give the creature any front arms.



3. Final Art

Here is a large version of the final piece. R&D decided late in the process that the creature was powerful and cool enough to warrant being changed into a Dragon. That meant arms needed to be added to the artwork to synch it up with the other Dragons in **Magic**.



4. Card

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



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