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# Sketches: Decree of Annihilation

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This week's "Sketches" looks at that saucy red sorcery from *Scourge's* Decree cycle, *Decree of Annihilation*. The concept for the cycle of Decrees was that these super-spells were cast by *Karona, False God* herself, and so their effects -- and art -- had to be huge, bold and awesome. Responsibility for the red Decree was put in the hands of **Magic** art veteran John Avon.

## 1. Art Description

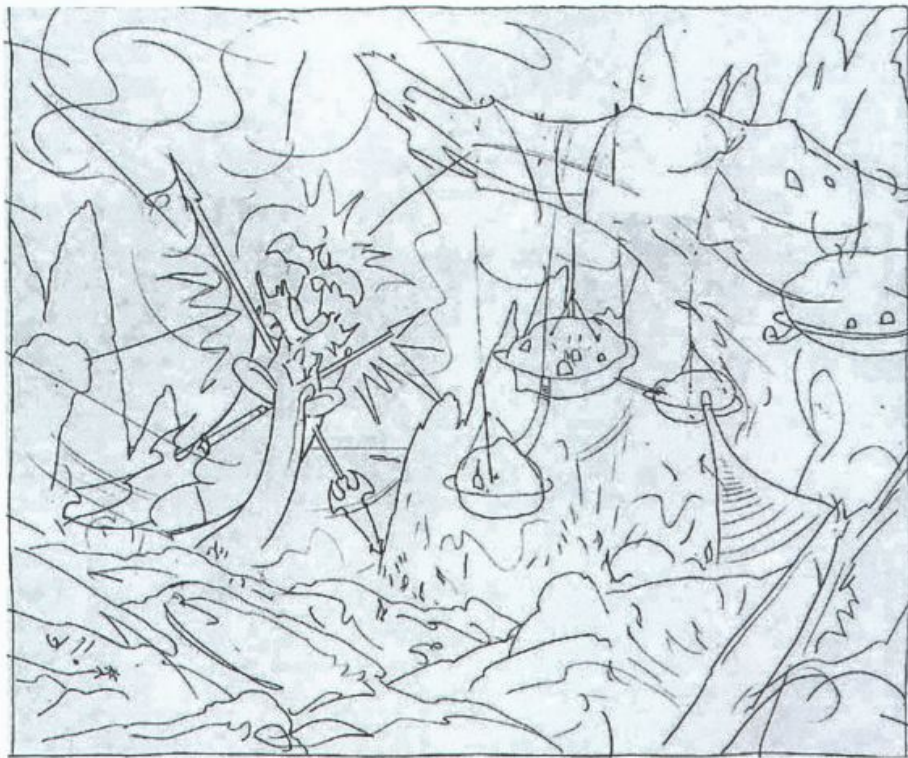
These were the instructions given to the artist:

"Location: Skirk Ridge

Action: Show the goblin dwellings and their possessions, etc., burning and burning *badly* in the shadow of *Karona*. This is the fire that brings the 'END OF THE WORLD' and the end of all that is living to the goblins."

## 2. Sketches

Here is a preliminary sketch of *Decree of Annihilation* submitted by John.



This quick sketch shows *Karona* herself floating in the center of the chaos wreaked by the spell, surrounded by suggestions of the goblin dwellings.

## 3. Final Art

Here is a large version of the final piece. In this final version you can see how *Karona's* presence is now just an ominous shadow cast on the rock face in the foreground. John has also added plenty of elements to represent the spell's all-consuming blaze and the correspondingly hopeless goblins.



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