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# Scourge Decrees and Karona's shadow

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The card **Karona, False God** depicts the *Onslaught* block's "Big Bad" herself, that five-color fusion of **Akroma** and **Phage**, who simultaneously led every mutated tribe on Otaria to war with every other. (See Rei Nakazawa's article, "[Scourge of Otaria](#)," for more storyline info on **Karona**.)



In *card art* terms, **Karona's** influence spreads beyond the five-color Legend itself. In fact, it spills over into Cycling Week territory, because **Karona** also appears in the art of the cycle of five rare "supercyclers" from *Scourge*: **Decree of Justice**, **Decree of Silence**, **Decree of Pain**, **Decree of Annihilation**, and **Decree of Savagery**.

But only as an ominous shadow.

Er... except on the blue one.



**Karona's** shadow, in its characteristic cross-legged, long-robed pose, appears in the four non-blue Decrees, as seen in the art close-ups below. The blue Decree, **Decree of Silence**, depicts **Karona** herself surrounded by glowing energy, as if to cast long shadows on the other four cards...



**Decree of Pain** by Carl Critchlow



**Decree of Annihilation** by John Avon



**Decree of Savagery** by Alex Horley-Orlandelli



**Decree of Justice** by Adam Rex



**Decree of Silence** by Adam Rex

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