

RUNE STICKS

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The sticks can be placed in a clock formation as follows:



The red side gives you the message SPIRAL. On the blue side, reading the symbols in a spiral formation starting from 12 on the clock face gives the message DECODE followed by alternating rune shapes and numbers:

DECODE ∇2 A1 *5 Y1 M3 F2 B1
M2 *3 B1 X4 B0 Q2 T2 G2

The number specifies how many line segments can be removed from the preceding rune to form an English letter. This allows you to form the message THEY DID MR ROBOTO for the answer STYX.