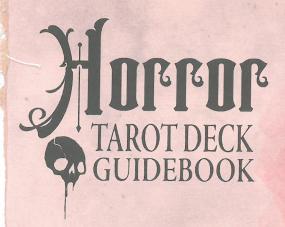


INSIGHT SEDITIONS



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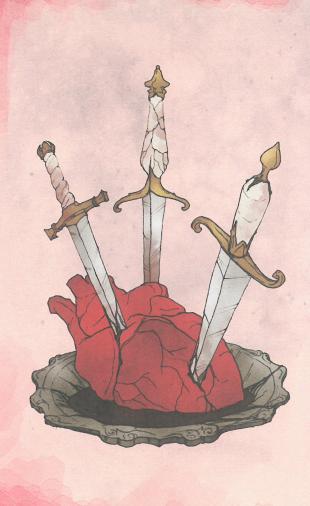
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Horror Tarot Deck and Guidebook! Prepare to face your worst fears . . . if you dare! Each card brings to life frightful characters—from gargoyles to vampires—that bring thrills and chills in a safe and playful way.

Why a horror deck when some people may have concerns that tarot is evil? Tarot began as a game in Italy and later developed into a tool used to predict the future, but learning to read tarot cards is so much more than divination. You don't have to be a psychic, a medium, or an astrologer to gain wisdom, clarity, and guidance about your hopes, dreams, and fears when pulling a card from this deck. In fact, both beginning and experienced tarot card readers will get goose bumps and hair-raising surprises at how deadly accurate these horror characters can be when you need a little insight into a problem that keeps you awake at night. Just remember, never store your horror cards under the bed or in the closet, especially if you're afraid to look there at night! The bogeyman may want to use them too.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAROT CARD DECK

Exploring the tarot helps you to understand yourself and others. Understanding how to interpret and analyze tarot card symbolism may seem *frightful* at first, but anyone can do it. With time and practice, your confidence will grow, and soon you will read for yourself and others. In fact, tarot cards help you gain wisdom!

There are seventy-eight tarot cards in a deck broken into two sections, and each relates to a planet, zodiac sign, element, and secret. The two sections of each tarot card deck include the Major Arcana and the Minor Arcana. The Major Arcana consists of twenty-two cards; also called trumps, these cards are numbered and begin with the Fool and end with the World (XXI). The Major Arcana cards reveal spiritual secrets about the individual's journey from naivete to enlightenment. In the Horror Tarot Deck and Guidebook, this journey begins with a naive survivor bloodied and worn on a dark road mid-escape,



looking to hitchhike to safety, and she takes the Fool's traditional place of card number 0.

Next are the fifty-six cards broken up into the Minor Arcana, which represent the external circumstances and people. The Minor Arcana is sorted into four suits: Wands (fire) are represented by supernatural possessed beings. Pentacles (earth) are represented by monsters. Swords (air) are about your mind, so these cards are represented by things that are controlled by insight, fear, and even paranoia. Cups (water) are our feelings and impulsive reactions, so these cards are represented by emotionally driven figures that let their anger get the best of them. Each element helps us to understand our darkest motives, angriest ambitions, waking nightmares, and haunted dreams.

This Horror Tarot Deck and Guidebook slices to the truth of what is going on in your life. Minor Arcana cards reveal the skeletons hidden in the closet down to the cemetery of your soul, and what makes your blood curdle in response to life's circumstances, and how people you love or fill you with hate impact your life. Within the Minor Arcana, the sixteen court cards represent personality types, behavior patterns, and sometimes people. These court cards include kings, queens, knights, and pages, and they reveal insights regarding our relationships and are a mirror into the self. The remaining cards are numbered I (Ace) to X.





Major Arcana

THE FOOL

The Fool represents the start of a daring journey filled with thrills and chills. Like a naive survivor bloodied and worn on a dark road, you don't know where this journey may lead. The only way to find out is to face your fears and begin!

UPRIGHT: Into the dark night you go to bravely start a new adventure. Like a survivor dizzy from facing her most recent horror, seek the light that leads you out of the pit of darkness. Courage will take you far.

REVERSED: The guardians of night cry out their warnings, but are you listening? The dark veil of night blinds your next move. Every breath you take counts, so choose wisely.





I * THE MAGICIAN

Like a mad scientist, the Magician is resourceful and cunning. Godlike, they tamper with creation to alter the future. Their talents are boundless as they contemplate which skill to use to take destiny into their own hands.

UPRIGHT: Brew ha ha! What evil scheme do you have up your sleeve? Your mind is bubbling with ideas that can change the world, but what serum do you need? Test your spell and your skills to see what mixture will conjure your secret plan.

REVERSED: It's back to the evil lab to create a concoction destined for success. A little this and a little that ... now watch destiny heed your command.



II * THE HIGH PRIESTESS

The High Priestess is feared for her feminine energy and decisive judgment. Like an evil sorceress who sees into situations and knows instinctively what must be done at the right time, you decide your fate with confidence.

UPRIGHT: Prowess with the dark arts provides additional perspective when handling misleading situations. If something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts and seek a different path.

REVERSED: Gossip and manipulation are draining you of your power. Pull back and restore your energy. Explore life's mysterious secrets, which can be discovered only during quiet contemplation.

III * THE EMPRESS

Feminine and protective, the Empress rules lifegiving energy and the birth of new opportunities, but she is capable of bearing evil consequences when you fall into temptation.

UPRIGHT: Your mind is fertile but backed up with the inability to bring your vision to life. It's time to let these ideas burst out from their confines.

REVERSED: Is that a knot in your stomach? When worry and self-criticism eat away at your emotions, remind yourself that everyone makes mistakes. View your experiences as lessons to learn and grow from. This is a moment of rebirth.

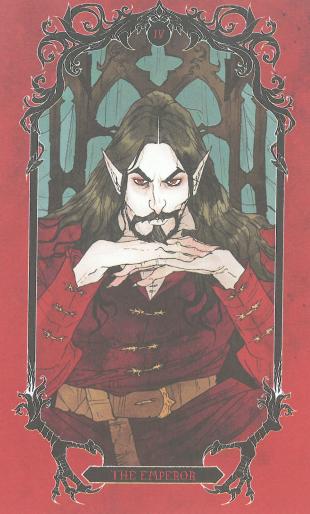


IV * THE EMPEROR

Alluring and dark, with a thirst for blood, the Emperor is ambitious and cunning as he declares possession over the eternal future of all within his dominion.

UPRIGHT: How badly do you want what you need? Under the dead of night, sink your teeth into life and drink until you have all that you need to survive. Hunt your dreams until you've conquered each task—or until first light pierces the dawn.

REVERSED: Manipulative people struggle with control issues, but that does not mean you have to allow them in your life. You get to decide the rules you live by, and when you find that someone is crossing a boundary, let them know by asserting your right to choose what is best for your own interests.





V * THE HIEROPHANT

The Hierophant is a leader whose love of rules stretches to dark extremes. When good, she represents traditional, religious, and political systems. But when pride gets the best of her, she's rigid and rabidly resistant to change.

UPRIGHT: Good advice is hard to come by, but a mentor or someone you trust can be a helpful guide who helps you to solve problems and answer life's problems. While you may not agree with their philosophy, it's good to listen and learn from others.

REVERSED: Oh, the horror! Too much power has fallen into the wrong hands. The forces in control lead weak minds astray using hypocrisy and false religion. It's time to rebel. Break the rules if you dare.

VI * THE LOVERS

Like the deep desire of a couple destined to be together but cursed by circumstances beyond their control, the Lovers embrace tightly in the dead of night, unaware of what danger lurks to pull them apart.

UPRIGHT: Love, or lust? You're standing at a crossroads, and your emotions are on the line. Do you let your heart take control, or take the safer path?

REVERSED: True love never dies, but when trust is broken, it's hard to get back to innocence. You can work things out, or go separate ways. If your heart isn't in it, don't pretend. Be truthful. Say what you really feel.





VII * THE CHARIOT

Could this be your last ride? Stop or go, the choice is yours, but there's no going back. The Chariot, like a horse-drawn hearse, has a clear destination: Deliver its corpses to their grave—or else.

UPRIGHT: No matter how difficult the road, stop at nothing to reach your goals. When fear threatens to take over, hold on for dear life until you arrive at your final destination.

REVERSED: One wrong turn, and now you're headed in a direction you did not anticipate. Regain control to steer yourself back around. Do it, before it's too late.



VIII * STRENGTH

There are people that will do anything to feel superior, lurking in shadows to strike with all their might. When the Strength card arrives, consider it a warning to beware of those that may try to dominate you.

UPRIGHT: With blunt force, you move effortlessly through life's challenges, confident in your decisions. But be mindful to keep your destructive tendencies in check.

REVERSED: So much power is possessed in your hands, your mind is sharp like the blade of an ax, and ready to strike. Now, make your pent-up anger, revenge, and rage work constructively. If you don't, your impulses can turn deadly.

IX * THE HERMIT

Alone in an isolated cabin stands the Hermit, but he is not lonely. This recluse cloaks himself in solitude, finding comfort in deep reflection.

UPRIGHT: The dead silence of social isolation feeds the introspective nature of the Hermit, who prefers quiet contemplation to the noise of civilization.

REVERSED: You have stretched social distancing to the point of madness. Break the silence to join friends and family who long to reconnect with you.



X * THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Life is unpredictable and like a carnival, with many rides to choose from, or the sharp end of a dagger. No two experiences are the same. The Wheel of Fortune spins with the joy and folly of random luck when risk and skill are required to win.

UPRIGHT: You enjoy the rush of risk and enjoy testing your luck to see if you will win the top prize. The stakes may get higher, but what do you have to lose?

REVERSED: Life can take a sudden turn in the wrong direction, but just as fate deals a bad hand, a sudden shift in luck can lead to a better outcome. Good things are coming, even if your situation seems grim.





XI * JUSTICE

The laws of life are as old as Lady Justice, whose eyes pierce through lies with the light of truth. The scales tip to find a balance weighing for a final verdict. What is right or wrong?

UPRIGHT: You have a tough task ahead of you, and the future depends on your ability to balance the scales. Gather facts, and use your intuition when drawing a conclusion. Take your time—there's no reason to rush to decide until you're ready.

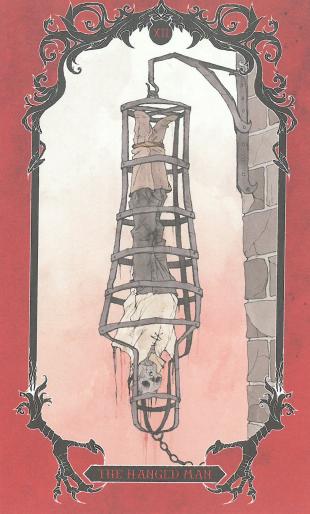
REVERSED: Has life become imbalanced? Every action you take has a reaction, so review their moral and ethical impact on your life. A situation or habit you have could appear to be harmless but lead to effects that you will not want to take responsibility for.

XII * THE HANGED MAN

Confined by life's trappings, the Hanged Man becomes complacent, succumbing to the decisions that lead him to an avoidable demise.

UPRIGHT: Are you compromising? Giving in to what does not make sense can leave you trapped and bound by your choices. Break free while you can.

REVERSED: Are you in a precarious situation you cannot escape? The walls of life's cage can close in on you, making it feel impossible to break the chains that bind you. Even though the situation feels hopeless, there's still a way out. You just have to find it.





XIII * DEATH

Death brings a transition from one life to another—the beginning of a new journey where the old ways give birth to something new. The end is near, but life through rebirth is just on the other side of death.

UPRIGHT: You are going through haunting changes that could be a fate worse than death. Whatever path you take, think before ending what you have now.

REVERSED: You are not open to change, and your resistance is to your detriment. Fear of the unknown, as well as paranoia and control issues, hold you back from experiencing a major life change that is needed.

XIV * TEMPERANCE

Terrified and sleep deprived, Temperance finds herself sinking to the bottom of a haunted lake, engulfed by her thoughts.

UPRIGHT: Relax into the situation, allowing the flow of life to carry your worries away. Find peace and balance where simplicity brings resolution to your problems.

REVERSED: Too much worry can lead to compulsive action. Too much overthinking can make you ill. Try remaining calm and patient when your peace of mind drowns in fear.



XV * THE DEVIL

The king of arachnids weaves his ultimate web, ready to take a life-sucking bite out of every victim he faces. Like the Devil, a person's temptations and vices create a web that can be difficult to escape once one is ensnared.

UPRIGHT: Tempting you to do what you want, the Devil uses a web of lies, weaving one strand at a time until you're trapped in sticky netting. Don't get yourself stuck in a situation you'll regret.

REVERSED: Show the king spiders in your life that you're not afraid of their venom. You were once controlled by a vice, but now you have mastered your temptations and learned how to avoid them.





XVI * THE TOWER

The Tower stands menacingly in the night as lightning strikes its cold, stone walls, representing unexpected ruin that illuminates the truth. No matter how much you plan to succeed, a disaster can strike to create problems that need to be solved.

UPRIGHT: Danger lurks, and when you least expect it, disaster strikes—destroying everything in its path. Though you may be taken aback by lifealtering events, these incidents will help you see the light and recognize what must change.

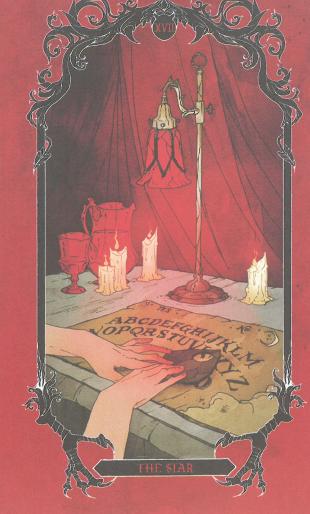
REVERSED: Stunned by the events that transpired, you are still not over the emotional shock from ruin. However, circumstances are improving, and your vulnerabilities are secured to avoid the same problem in the future.

XVII * THE STAR

The Star represents faith in the unseen. The supernatural realm never rests, and even in the night, it shines its guiding light when you need it. Just as you would ask a Ouija board a question, invite the universe to give you clarity and hope.

UPRIGHT: What are you dying to know? The best time to ask a yes or no question is when you have one. The Star represents the spiritual realm that is waiting to communicate hope and inspiration to you. Just keep an open mind—you may receive a message from the planchette, but no answer simply means "wait."

REVERSED: The Star in reverse represents faith, hope, and inspiration from the spiritual realm blocked by fear. It's hard to see the light when you are full of doubt. Believe in yourself and your dreams—even when a solution seems impossible to reach.





XVIII * THE MOON

As the lonely werewolf cries out to the Moon, your subconscious mind and intuition call you to awareness. The Moon represents illusion, deception, and the occult. With the awakening light, your strength grows.

UPRIGHT: As the beast howls for answers, ask questions and evaluate everything. Are you paying attention to your intuition? Like the werewolf, you know when danger lurks in the dark shadows. Trust your instincts when things aren't what they seem.

REVERSED: You might deny your feelings or lose sight of who you really are when you feel afraid or threatened. Feel doubt or uncertainty? Talk about it with a friend. Don't go through a dark transformation by yourself.

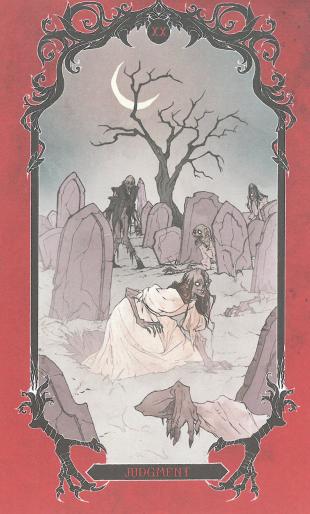
XIX * THE SUN

Locked between agony and ecstasy like a misfit clown, the Sun brings warmth to the threshold where light turns to shadow and delusions give way to fear. We all want to be happy, but there are times when we hide our pain behind laughter to fool the people around us.

UPRIGHT: Are you happy? Problems can block your happiness, so you wear a smile like a mask. The Sun card is a sign that your troubles will soon come to an end. Difficult challenges are stepping-stones for growth, building courage and character. The hardships you face will take a turn for the better.

REVERSED: The Sun in reverse symbolizes euphoric emotions and daydreaming, but it can also reveal a lack of joy in your life. Have you become lured by the dark side of happiness or the drudgery of life? Find an activity that brings you joy but keeps both of your feet on the ground.





XX * JUDGMENT

It's difficult to outrun consequences; they never stop. We all have to make choices, and decisions require taking responsibility for our actions. No matter which path you take, each option brings perilous challenges that must be faced.

UPRIGHT: Do you feel like you're living in a real zombie apocalypse? Don't panic or rush your decisions. Remain calm, plan your escape, and think things through. You have options, so keep a level head.

REVERSED: Are angry voices roaring inside your head? Self-criticism can eat you alive when you let it get the best of you. While it's good to be careful, don't let this mindless mob stop you from reaching your goal. Do the best that you can.

XXI * THE WORLD

Choices may seem like free will, but are they? In our lives, everything is connected, and the World reminds us that we may not be as alone as we believe. But in a universe of cosmic forces, self-sufficiency and reasoned decision-making can lead to success.

UPRIGHT: You survived! You set your fears aside and bravely finished what you set out to do. The lessons of this journey are worthy of celebrating. Be confident and know that you can do anything you set your mind to do—no matter how hard or scary the journey. Your new adventure is to share your knowledge and skills with others. You are in charge of your destiny.

REVERSED: When you've been through so much, it's hard to believe that the future will be different from the past. Fear will keep you stuck in the same spot. Have faith! You never know what's on the other side of fear until you face it. You are more powerful than you realize.





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SUIT OF SWORDS



KING OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: As the King of Swords, you look down on the surrounding world from your high perch, honing your sharp mind. Time spent weighing outcomes and options leads to favorable results. When you make a decision, it's a good one.

REVERSED: Misdeed can be spotted easily from the right vantage point. Someone is trying to use their position of authority as a tool for manipulation. There's an abuse of power taking place by a leader or bully.



QUEEN OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: Having too much can be a curse around your neck. But if your intellect and emotions are aligned, the Queen of Swords may reveal that your feminine power can be expressed without fear. You have high goals and know how to reach them.

REVERSED: As if there is an unseen weight holding you down, you are filled with self-doubt and fear the worst. You have lost confidence and do not know which direction to take.



KNIGHT OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: Possessed like a phantom in the night, the Knight of Swords is ready to pursue their dreams without pause. Even unknown forces will not hinder their determination.

REVERSED: Are you unable to recognize your motives or know what thoughts haunt you? Why are you in such a hurry? You are being impulsive, and a lack of patience may cost you if you're not careful.

PAGE OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: You are full of ideas but have difficulty expressing yourself. Trust the Page of Swords to unlock ambition and bring fresh ideas that fuel a journey to completion.

REVERSED: Be mindful what thoughts cross your lips. You think you know what you want, but have you really thought things through? Don't make promises you can't keep.



ACE OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: You are stronger than you realize. The Ace of Swords cuts to the heart of a matter and signifies courage in times of adversity. With a sharp mind, you can face a challenge and come out strongly on the other side.

REVERSED: Your words are cutthroat, laced with sarcasm and causing pain. Avoid being a bully who uses excessive force to unfairly manipulate others. Be careful how you treat the people in your life.





II OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: You are at the crossroad of decision-making. The II of Swords means the heart and mind are not in alignment, causing an emotional conflict. It represents people who are unable to agree or are fighting.

REVERSED: A compromise has been made, allowing you to move forward with your life. You understand why you feel the way that you do, and this has given you an ability to choose wisely.



III OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: Loss is at the heart of the III of Swords, which could indicate the end of a relationship or an actual physical death of a beloved person. This card also symbolizes affairs, cheating, and someone who will discover an unfaithful partner.

REVERSED: The heartache you've felt is now behind you, and although your pain remains raw, you are finally in a place where you are ready to take steps toward healing.

IV OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: Your mind and body can take only so much, and the IV of Swords indicates that a time for renewal and relaxation is needed. Take a muchneeded vacation. Simplify your life.

REVERSED: Arise! It's time to come out of the darkness and into the light as your strength slowly returns.





V OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: Having toxic people in your life can drag you down. The V of Swords is a warning that arguments and negative energy are problems that need to be addressed.

REVERSED: A person who was gossiping about you has been revealed. Your feelings of betrayal are still present, but the drama is coming to an end.



VI OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: A new day is dawning, and good things are coming to you. The VI of Swords is filled with hope and promise that the future is taking a turn for the better.

REVERSED: You are going through a difficult time in your life but want to find a way to escape without doing the work. You're feeling stuck, but remember that all change requires effort.



VII OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: Be careful what you say. The VII of Swords reminds you that you can be undone by your own actions. Running away from a problem may seem like the solution, but instead, confront the situation with courage.

REVERSED: A friend or someone else you trust wants to give you advice. Are you willing to listen and be brave enough to face the truth?

VIII OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: Are you trapped, with no way out? If the escape is hidden, it could be caused by the VIII of Swords.

REVERSED: A problem that held you prisoner and seemed impossible to escape from is finally starting to resolve.



IX OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: People in your life who cause problems and make life difficult are represented by the IX of Swords.

REVERSED: Feelings of fear, guilt, and pain from the past have reentered your life, and you are worried about their impact on your future.





X OF SWORDS

UPRIGHT: The X of Swords appears when you've been stabbed in the back and left with a lingering sense of betrayal. The pain is brief, but the effects are long lasting, reminding you of the unpleasant experience.

REVERSED: You refuse to accept that a friend who betrayed you cannot be trusted. Your pain becomes a form of denial that allows the problem to grow.

SUIT OF PENTACLES



KING OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: It can be difficult to find the reward you seek. The King of Pentacles may lead you to monetary gains or symbolize unexpected discoveries. Is the reward worth the risk?

REVERSED: You found something for which you searched, but relief is temporary. Your financial matters are in disorder, and you are making poor choices with money. Pause, reflect, and make a plan to correct these mistakes.



QUEEN OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: Warnings may take the form of legends. Often distrusted due to her appearance and legacy, the Queen of Pentacles is a natural manager of the home who enjoys finer things and cares for others.

REVERSED: When reversed, the Queen of Pentacles represents laziness and a selfish point of view or a financially irresponsible person. Are you afraid to confront these habits?

KNIGHT OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: The Knight of Pentacles will protect his acquired wealth with lethal cunning. His appearance may indicate new job prospects and potential earnings, with an unexpected gift of money or knowledge.

REVERSED: You feel as though your hard work is not earning the rewards it deserves. In a love reading, your relationship is more work than you feel it is worth.





PAGE OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: You're not scared of what's under the bed. The Page of Pentacles is a resourceful and resilient person.

REVERSED: Someone living beyond their means and spending more than is earned may seem happy and carefree. But unseen threats often appear when least expected.



ACE OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: The work you do gets a monetary return or leads to a new business venture. The Ace of Pentacles symbolizes the financial and material comforts associated with wealth.

REVERSED: Financial problems and difficulties involving payment arise. A business endeavor looks grim, or a project appears to lack promise, hampered by stalled progress or the lack of means to initiate plans. Plan accordingly in order to recover.

II OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: There are several things in motion, but it's not easy to juggle them all. The II of Pentacles is a sign that your activities are affecting your finances. You need to figure out a way to bring balance back into the picture.

REVERSED: Money mismanagement has become a problem. Your finances will fall short and cause financial stress. Take care to not overspend, and pay special attention to your spending habits.



III OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: Your talents and creative skills are earning you recognition, and the III of Pentacles symbolizes payment for your work. A promotion or job opportunity presents itself in your area of expertise.

REVERSED: You have the ability to do well, but you are not applying yourself. Your talent and skills are being wasted. Reflect on how you can best utilize your talents for success.





IV OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: You are financially strong, being prudent with spending to build wealth, but you could become too miserly with the IV of Pentacles. This card represents financial planners, bankers, and wealthy individuals.

REVERSED: You are worried that you will not have enough, but you have plenty. You are focused on what you need and not what is already in your possession. Remember to not be greedy with what you have, but grateful for it.



V OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: You have been dealt an unfair hand, and it's left you feeling like an outcast. The V of Pentacles represents changes that involve financial difficulties and hardships.

REVERSED: The end of a difficult time has passed. You are recovering from a financial setback. Recovery is key, and it signifies healing and potential.



VI OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: The VI of Pentacles represents gifts and acts of charity that involve money. An offer of financial help may be extended. A debt can be repaid.

REVERSED: What you earn will not be yours for too long. You will have to pay back money you borrowed. This may be challenging, but find the lesson here and grow from it.

VII OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: The VII of Pentacles represents staying power and tenacity. If you want something to turn out in your favor, you must persist.

REVERSED: Fear and worry have you ready to quit. You are procrastinating and feeling doubtful that this is what you want. It's OK to have doubt; consider it fully, and act on the right choice.





VIII OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: A student of life, the VIII of Pentacles represents a person who is working hard to learn a skill and master it. This can be someone working as an apprentice or going to school to learn a craft.

REVERSED: Reversed, this card symbolizes a person who wants to take the easy route and refuses to study in order to master a trade. It can also signify a loss of employment from a failure to improve your work. Take heed from this card and assess what you need to do in order to avoid failure.



IX OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: Self-confidence is a beautiful thing. The IX of Pentacles represents a person who is comfortable in their own skin and enjoys being alone, doing things that bring success without assistance.

REVERSED: Placing your trust in others and making poor choices can lead to ruin. Asking others to help you when you can do certain things for yourself can create problems.

X OF PENTACLES

UPRIGHT: Your family support system is strong. The X of Pentacles heralds inheritance and the accumulation of wealth through family ties or close connections.

REVERSED: In reverse, the X of Pentacles represents money problems in the family. Death brings about fighting over the estate, marriage for the wrong reasons, or a union of mismatched partners. Think about your true reasoning behind your decisions. Is it from a misguided or selfish place?



SUIT OF WANDS



KING OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: The King of Wands inspires others to live life to the fullest. Is he a successful person who enjoys new challenges and seeks out adventure, or is he performing behind a mask?

REVERSED: Reversed, the King of Wands represents a person who thinks only about themselves—someone who behaves in manipulative and cunning ways, exploiting opportunities at the expense of vulnerable people. Be careful about becoming too selfish.

QUEEN OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: A ruthless natural organizer and razor-sharp businesswoman, the Queen of Wands is capable of catering to the needs of others—or draining their blood. Despite the risk, she can be a helpful friend and mentor.

REVERSED: When reversed, the Queen of Wands has become consumed by greed and avarice. Being an unpredictable person who lies about their financial status and will protect their status at any cost is dangerous. Take heed.





KNIGHT OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: Slow moving and wrapped in their past, the Knight of Wands is a patient and charismatic leader who takes action only when needed. They are newly active after a recent event brought about a change in life circumstances.

REVERSED: When this card is drawn reversed, it signifies a person who rushes into agreements without thinking and acts impatiently, with a lack of commitment to promises or responsibilities. Reflect, and change your course of action if necessary.



PAGE OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: Danger can come in unsuspecting packages, so be careful who or what you trust. Everyone loves good news, and the Page of Wands represents an innocent soul that delivers a positive message.

REVERSED: Your presence is not always welcome, and not everyone wants to hear what you have to say. You may be open and transparent about the truth, but instead of appearing helpful, you are not taken seriously.

ACE OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: The Ace of Wands represents an idea that sparks the start of a new journey. You feel confident that you can see your vision through to the end. You are brilliant and exude confidence.

REVERSED: In reverse, your ideas sound great, but you lack the drive and determination to follow through what you set out to do. You're a promise breaker or someone who lets others down. Pause and think about how you can be more trustworthy and follow through on commitments.





II OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: Patience is the overarching theme behind the II of Wands. Not enough information has been gathered to make a decision during a budding partnership. An opportunity has presented itself, but you are not ready to start.

REVERSED: A plan did not work out. An unreliable person did not do what they said they would do, and you are left feeling disappointed with the outcome.



III OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: The III of Wands is the start of a new endeavor often involving a business project. This card can also represent a writer or ideas expressed by a creative person and can herald a partnership.

REVERSED: A business plan you put in place did not work out. Your idea seemed promising but fell flat. You have come to the end of options. It's time to reflect on how to best proceed.

IV OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: The IV of Wands means that all your hard work has paid off, and now it's time for you to relax and enjoy what you have earned. Stick to what is familiar and find pleasure in your home. This card represents a satisfied person or home life.

REVERSED: You got what you deserved, at a hefty price. Your blessings did not arrive overnight, but the struggle was worth the effort.



V OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: Struggles can have a positive outcome. The V of Wands is about rivalry and masculine force. This card can also represent a time for competitive play.

REVERSED: A challenging period in your life has come to an end. You enjoyed the experience but are looking forward to a new adventure.





VI OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: The VI of Wands represents the success that comes from victory. You win a battle. In work and career, a promotion is earned, and recognition comes with honors.

REVERSED: Your competition was able to win the prize you wanted. But fear not: There will be other opportunities to earn prizes.



VII OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: Don't give up on your dreams. The VII of Wands represents confidence during times of adversity. Cling to what you believe.

REVERSED: You are being a people pleaser. Instead of standing up for yourself, you are afraid to be disliked. Accept that it's impossible to please everyone, and focus on those most important to you.

VIII OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: Events happen without much time to prepare. The VIII of Wands symbolizes a sudden change in affairs, such as a need to travel on short notice, a sudden business opportunity, or life taking a turn in a new direction.

REVERSED: In reverse, the energy you put into something did not get you far. An opportunity is cut short, and a situation cannot be worked out. That's OK; there will be other chances for success.



IX OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: Stand strong and remain confident during times of adversity. The IX of Wands represents a patient person who is willing to wait for the right moment to take action.

REVERSED: In reverse, the IX of Wands represents feeling as though you were ill-prepared for a situation that caught you by surprise. You are unwilling to take a stand against a cause you believe in.





X OF WANDS

UPRIGHT: Success requires effort. The X of Wands represents the responsibilities and duties that come with pursuing a goal. You are feeling the burden of your dreams.

REVERSED: Letting others help you when you are working on a project is a great idea. It's a good time to delegate tasks to others so you can focus on what is important.

SUIT OF CUPS



KING OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: Feeling content and happy to swim in your emotions? Maybe the King of Cups is helping you keep things in control. Enjoy this period, and experience the joy in music, art, and beauty.

REVERSED: You feel consumed with stress and are unable to relax. During this period of heightened emotions, you are easily agitated, capable of explosive bouts of anger. Take time to unwind and disconnect from the problem at hand.

QUEEN OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: Looks can be deceiving. The Queen of Cups may be frightening, but she can be nurturing and emotionally empathetic when pleased. With caution, she may display kindness toward others and appear open to providing care.

REVERSED: You have become emotionally detached and lost touch with your inner restraint. You feel cut off from others. Repressing your anxieties could lead to numbness or a burst of rage. Do what's necessary to reconnect with yourself.



KNIGHT OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: It's OK to get excited, but don't lose your head in pursuit of an opportunity. The Knight of Cups represents an overly ambitious person who is willing to do whatever it takes to succeed.

REVERSED: You have lost sight of reality, and unrealistic expectations cause distress. To compensate, you are taking uncalculated risks in the name of progress. This outward focus has you chasing shadows you'll never catch.





PAGE OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: Don't let circumstances get you wound up. In order to avoid an unpleasant surprise, listen to what people tell you. The Page of Cups has an important message that may result in a strong emotional reaction.

REVERSED: You will receive bad news that may throw you off balance. How you respond can have lasting consequences. In reverse, the Page of Cups can represent an unreliable or immature person. How will you define yourself?



ACE OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: The Ace of Cups represents emotional energy. You are falling in love with someone new, and soon the relationship will enter the honeymoon stage. The air is ripe with fertility and pregnancy, a time of clearing out negative energy and emotional rebirth.

REVERSED: A beloved has scorned you and disappeared from your life unexpectedly, like an apparition. You feel isolated and as though no one cares about you. A marriage or relationship that's falling apart causes a sense of sadness or loneliness.

II OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: Often associated with the meeting of minds between lovers or close friends and colleagues, the II of Cups is about spiritual and emotional harmony. In business, deals are mutually beneficial. In friendship, an understanding of perspective has been reached.

REVERSED: Although you tried to work on your problems, emotions prevented you from remaining friends or in a relationship any longer. Sometimes differences may threaten the harmony of your union, and finding a compromise is complex or unlikely. In other times, differences may be too significant for

you to find agreement.



III OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: The III of Cups is a card of friendship, feminine energy, and the celebration of joy with others. This card may also indicate fertility, a pregnancy, or a significant life-changing event that begins a new journey.

REVERSED: You can have too much of a good thing. You are playing more than you are working. In a love reading, the honeymoon is over, unhappiness has crept in, and a divorce may be unavoidable. It may also forebode the loss of one's health. Find balance in order to rectify relationships.





IV OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: Feeling stuck? The IV of Cups is about unhappiness in your life. When this card arrives, you may notice you feel dissatisfied and long for a change.

REVERSED: After a disruption, your life purpose has been restored, and you see that your work and surroundings have improved. Joy has returned, and you feel fulfilled.



V OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: Sadness in love or problems in a relationship? It could be the V of Cups. The appearance of this card may reveal that the person you love is not the person you thought they were. It hurts to experience this sort of betrayal.

REVERSED: Breakups happen, and although the ending is painful, there is a sense of relief that the strife has come to an end. The V of Cups can represent the recovery from loss, or a feeling of restored hope.

VI OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: The dream of childhood is not lost. The VI of Cups promises happiness and the restoration of faith. An ex-lover or soul mate may return into your life and bring familiar excitement.

REVERSED: A desire to keep things in the past has you acting resistant to change and refusing to mature. A preference for depending on others leads to a subconscious feeling of insecurity.



VII OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: Imagination has gotten the best of you. The VII of Cups has brought a cloud of emotions that create confusion. Before making important decisions, be sure to have all the facts.

REVERSED: Outcomes are not set. Just because things didn't work out the first time doesn't mean that you can't do well by trying again. Go into your second chance with high expectations, and hope for the best.



VIII OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: The VIII of Cups reminds you to walk away from a serious problem that cannot be solved on your own. It's all right to deviate from plans when things don't feel right.

REVERSED: Life is uncertain, and it's difficult to know who to trust. When this happens, it's best to look inside your heart for the answers you need.





IX OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: Good times are coming. The IX of Cups foretells happiness and joy shared with others who celebrate in your good fortune.

REVERSED: Do you know what you want from life? You can have everything you've ever wanted, but without a purpose, you will still search for something to fill the void in your life.

X OF CUPS

UPRIGHT: The X of Cups represents the happiness experienced in community. Your heart is full, and everything is as it should be.

REVERSED: Disruptions and disharmony can result when time spent with others is put on hold. Life gets busy at times, and it can be hard to connect with the people you love the most. Make the effort.





Marot Readings



CARING FOR YOUR DECK

There are lots of superstitions and practices surrounding the care of tarot cards, and you may or may not believe them. Still, it's important to take care of things you value, and clearing away energy or recharging your deck is easy. One way to care for your cards between uses is to wrap your deck in a silk cloth and store it in a wooden box. Many professional tarot readers choose pine. Your deck can also be cleansed with a sage smudge or by laying the cards out beneath the full moon. You can also set recharging stones on top of or around your deck when the cards are not in use. Great crystals to try are clear quartz or black tourmaline.

PREPARING TO READ TAROT

You can read tarot cards everywhere, but most people like to have a sacred space where they can tune in to their space and have clarity. Cleanse the room by opening the windows for a few moments, or do a sage smudge. Pick the spot where you will lay out your deck of cards. You can set down a scarf or table covering and light a candle—preferably a white one! You can play your favorite music to help you mentally clear your mind. When you are ready to start shuffling your deck, have a specific thought or question in mind to channel your energy to the cards for an accurate reading.

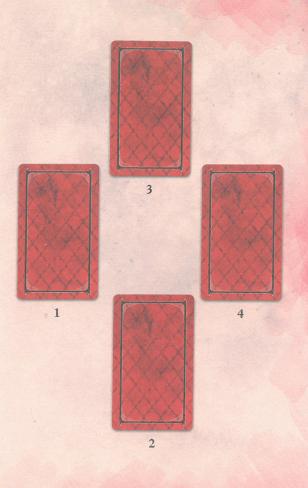


SAMPLE SPREADS HIDING IN SHADOW

When the hair on the back of your neck raises in fear of the future, use this four-card spread to slay those inner demons. With a question in mind, shuffle your deck, then select four cards and set them in a diamond shape.

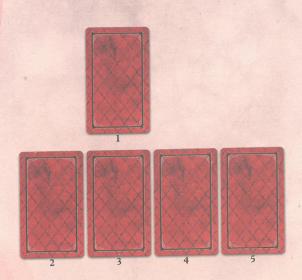
The insight you'll get from this spread will stop goosebumps dead in their tracks.

- Card 1: This represents the fear that needs to be revealed.
- Card 2: This card depicts what is concealing the fear.
- Card 3: The third card alludes to what is needed to move past your fear.
- Card 4: The final card highlights how you can use what you've learned.



EXORCISE THE DEMONS

This five-card tarot spread helps you determine who is a friend and who is an enemy.



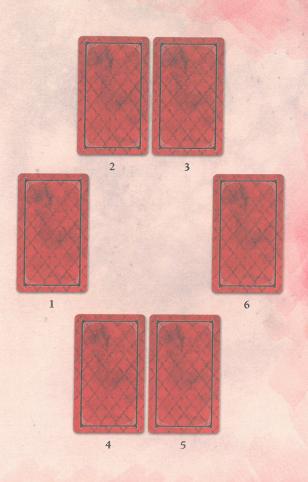
- Card 1: The first card in this spread explores where your relationship stands now.
- Card 2: This card represents how you feel about ending the relationship.
- Card 3: The third card depicts how the other person may feel about you.
- Card 4: This card presents an idea of what could happen if you cut them out of your life.
- Card 5: The final card explores what happens if you stay friends.



DEAL WITH THE DEVIL

This six-card tarot reading helps you to see whether a risk is worth taking, especially when your gut is saying, "Don't do it," but temptation has you wanting to give fate a shot.

- Card 1: The first card represents where you stand right now.
- Card 2: The next card explores what this risk means to you.
- Card 3: The third card shows you what you may lose by taking this risk.
- Card 4: This card highlights the blind spots you have about this situation.
- Card 5: This card shows you what you may gain if you take the risk.
- Card 6: The final card speaks to the outcome of the situation.



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