

The
Little Sister Tarot
Guidebook



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Dedication



Baby Henry was born just in time for the designing of this book, 03/01/2023.

The Little Sister Tarot is dedicated to Henry, the baby boy growing in my belly throughout the creation of this deck. Although we are still yet to meet, I feel a strong knowledge of who he is, and the person he will become. He is a reminder of the cycle of life, and that there can be great joy and light in the midst of significant loss.

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Introduction

Hi all,

I invite you to journey with me into the depths of the Little Sister Tarot. A fool's journey (in the best sense) to find power through loss, rebirth, and feminine spirituality. As an artist from the rugged North Coast of California, raised in a family of artists and seekers, creative endeavors are central to my world view. In my work, I think you can see the influence of my extended family —a wildly creative tribe, which have shaped my artistic pursuits to this day. From the strict compositional guidelines passed to me by my grandfather, a professor of photography and graphic design, to the strong female forms and the enchanting symbolism present in my mother's abstract paintings, to my grandmother's works in pastel, and my sister's scrap books, I inherited a passion for the visual arts.

Currently I'm working with acrylic paint and oil pastel, sometimes incorporating mixed media and poetry, but as a child roaming the lush landscape around me, I used whatever was available. I made fairy villages from sticks and flowers, forts from redwood tree limbs and leaves. These natural forms and symbols, the crashing sea and rushing rivers, flow through my brush strokes to this day. I also turned them into stories, writing

to capture it, capture it all, because...hand in hand with this creative glory came deep sorrow and loss—tragedy in waves that I could not fathom and needed to find healing through artistic expression.

I am an artist and I am also a little sister, an identity that has come to mean more to me over time. At an early age my family lost my big brother to leukemia, and later my big sister was taken in a tragic accident. Today, even though both older siblings have passed, I still consider myself a little sister, not just for my ordinal position in the family, but because I believe there is great importance in looking to our elders—those who've gone before us. They are guides, much like the tarot can be. Who we are is certainly shaped by our past, but it's what we're becoming that interests me now. That's why I was inspired to create this deck. The tarot in essence is a conversation about what we might make of our lives. I feel that this conversation can begin with the Little Sister Tarot.

You might notice that most of my cards are depicted with characters in the female form, or I've left their gender ambiguous. I believe that the world needs more female energy, and considering the state of the world, harnessing the feminine side of our beings—intuition, receiving, accepting, and simply being—might be a good

thing. I came to this view because I grew up with a mother who would often change the genders of characters in storybooks from male to female, and until adulthood I believed that Christopher Robin from Winnie the Pooh was female. But I must admit, there is a small part of me who simply relishes the idea of female knights, kings, and emperors. Although I have altered the prescribed genders, the Little Sister Tarot can be read like a traditional deck, and the symbols remain similar to that of the Rider Waite Tarot.

Major Arcana



0. The Fool:

In "The Little Sister Tarot," the little sister is The Fool. She is beginning a journey: innocent, curious, and fearless. Perhaps she is a bit naive to the challenges that lie ahead, but it is her naïveté that gives her the courage to venture into the unknown. She is not weighed down by material possessions either, instead she is contented by the warmth of the sun, her playful companion, and a lovely pink flower. This card is a reminder to be courageous, trust in your creative process without fear, and be true to yourself.

Reversed: There are parts of you waiting to be uncovered and adventures yet to be explored. If you are experiencing fear and anxiety at this moment, know that within each of us there is innate courage and the ability to take risks. Believe in yourself and take a leap of faith.



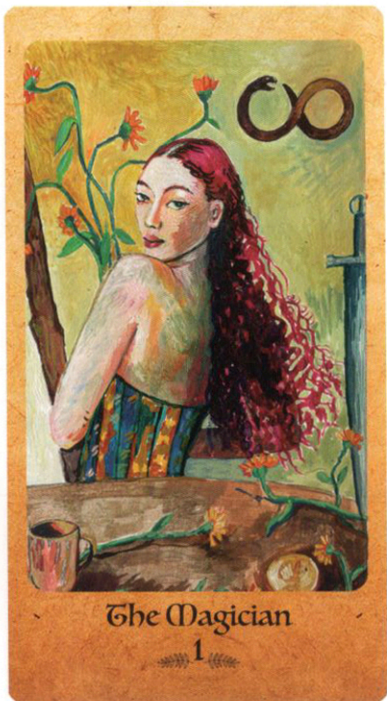
The Fool

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1. The Magician:

The Magician has all the tools at her table necessary to turn her ideas, life experiences and creativity into something very powerful. If she is clear in her purpose, she is able to communicate who she is to the world—combining grief and joy into an elixir of pure magic. She is a conduit between the spiritual and physical realms, harnessing all four elements—earth, air, fire, and water—and can use this knowledge to tap into her unrealized potential. The magician is surrounded by blooming calendulas that represent the flourishing abundance and joy in her life. It is in your power to harness your gifts and communicate your message to the world.

Reversed: You are doubting your abilities and working against your creativity, or you feel uncomfortable taking charge of your life. Be clear in what aligns with your higher self and what will bring you long term happiness. Before you can lead, you must first know what it is you are trying to communicate to the world.



The Magician

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2. High Priestess:

The High Priestess sits with her book full of knowledge (ancient symbols of pomegranate), wearing a suit of blue. She is both feminine and masculine, powerfully intuitive and wise. Behind her is darkness and deep waters. She is the guardian of the subconscious. She nudges you in the direction of the unresolved and can support you while you face your darker half. Perhaps a troublesome trauma from your past is weighing you down and demanding attention. It is only in confronting our past that we can move forward, so let the High Priestess give you the courage to do so.

Reversed: Now is the time to continue one's spiritual practice, self-growth, and a deep dive within. Do not be distracted by the outer world. The divine feminine holds answers to the unknown.



The High Priestess

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3. The Empress

The Empress symbolizes fertility, creative expression and abundance. She has the power to give and receive love. This earth mother moves through life with a trusting heart rooted in compassion and acceptance. She is neither overly controlling nor over protective. She encourages you to open your heart and forgive your destructive impulses, gently guiding you to form new and constructive patterns.

Reversed: With the ability to express love into the world, one can also turn that inward and feel deep love for themselves—a reminder to be gentle and forgiving with yourself.



The Empress

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4. The Emperor:

A red robe cloaks the Emperor; she is a fiery and forthright leader. She holds the ankh, symbolic of life, and an orb, symbolic of the world she rules. The Ram skulls provide her with Aries energy—initiation and passion. The blue mountainous background and clouded sky show her connection to the earth, her solid foundation, and the give and take between sensitivity and strength. A good leader is in balance, using their mind, heart, and soul to lead.

Reversed: A reminder to set boundaries, assert oneself, and feel empowered. Reassess your relationship to power and ego—is there an over-bearing person in your life, or are you perhaps wielding your power in damaging ways? Let the passion for a project drive you and the leadership will come naturally. Be open to experiencing new opportunities and abilities.



The Emperor

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5. The Hierophant:

The Hierophant represents learning, teaching, and being productive and stable. This card is ruled by Taurus, the teacher of the three worlds: the conscious, subconscious, and superconscious. The Hierophant comes as a mentor or guide unlocking ancestral wisdom and traditional values. The Hierophant directs you towards deep spiritual work for there is much to be learned from our elders and teachers, as well as from ourselves.

Reversed: You may be your own best teacher; the wisdom you seek comes from within. Follow your path and trust yourself.



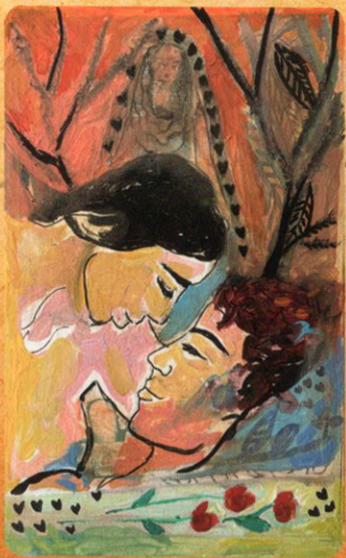
The Hierophant

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6. The Lovers:

The Lovers represents the importance of balance in one's relationship and one's ability to make choices. After a period of learning, whether from an institution or life experience, we begin to realize what we value and believe. Once a solid foundation of learning is developed, we can make choices based on our value system in alignment with our higher self. Balance in our relationships is created when we are in our most vulnerable, raw and honest forms. It is in this place that we understand that closeness is just as important as space and solitude. This is a reminder that relationships should not be binding nor limiting, but rather they should add to one's life, and choices should be made with an honest and clear perspective.

Reversed: If your relationships or choices feel strained, it is a good time to practice objectivity and examine them with a realistic perspective. Not all relationships may be exactly how you want them to be, so remember to maintain a balance between the self and the outer world.



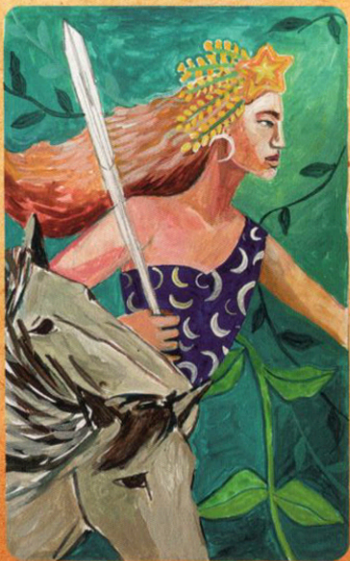
The Lovers

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7. The Chariot:

The Chariot is guided without the use of reins. Instead, pure intent and determination drive it forward. The driver wears crescent moons symbolizing progress and completion, a star that connects her to the divine, and a crown of spiritual evolution. Her mind is fixed on her goal, turning her dreams into reality, and the unobstructed Chariot is taking her there. As her environment shifts perhaps driven by her career, or through travel or relationships, she must remember that during times of change a balance between stillness and quiet and movement and activity are necessary for a healthy being.

Reversed: If barriers are obstructing the path of the chariot it comes as a sign to re-evaluate one's choices. It is important to make changes that are in line with your higher self and desired outcome. Remember that change can be painful, but it is necessary for growth and broadening mindsets.



The Chariot

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8. Strength:

The Strength card shows a noble mountain lion and fearless woman; they are old souls, their depth and strength drawn from many lifetimes. They face their darker impulses—anger, pain, and greed—with clear vision and love, rather than with fear and denial. They bring forth a quiet strength, capable of responding to their faults and other's faults with compassion. This is the type of strength that can enact real change in the world, and deep shifts within oneself. This card calls on you to rise above your reactive responses, step back and examine the long term outcomes.

Reversed: This is a reminder to communicate your inner fears constructively, do not act with haste. If your strength is wavering now is a good time to rest, dream and reconnect with that inner beast.



Strength

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9. The Hermit:

The Little Sister Tarot illustrates The Hermit differently than most recognizable depictions of this archetype—usually a solitary cloaked figure holding a lantern standing in an open landscape. Instead, this hermit is nestled in her bed, the lantern sits beside her, illuminating her own quiet and dreamy space. She is content to be alone and to rest because she has done the hard yet necessary work of going within and processing her grief through dreaming, artistic expression, or therapeutic practices. She comes to guide and illuminate from a place of knowing and personal experience. She encourages you to seek solitude, let your subconscious surface, recognize your own inner light and the guiding beings present in your life.

Reversed: This card comes as a reminder to create more space to rest and reflect. Look toward your elders, or people that have processed what you are going through for guidance.



The Hermit

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10. Wheel of Fortune:

The Wheel of Fortune shows a complex scene—many elements moving at once with different stories and different purposes—yet all interconnected under the same sky with the same divine light shining down on them. This card's purpose is to illuminate fate and destiny, the forces beyond our control, as well as the choices we can make. It is a reminder that although it can feel as though life is an uncontrollable force like great waves crashing down on you, you are still able to make choices, to grab the wheel and "steer the ship." But not always—some things are just meant to be.

Reversed: If you are rigid in your opinions, activities and overall patterns, this may keep you in a lackluster mindset. Try to remain open to new perspectives in creative and financial endeavors.



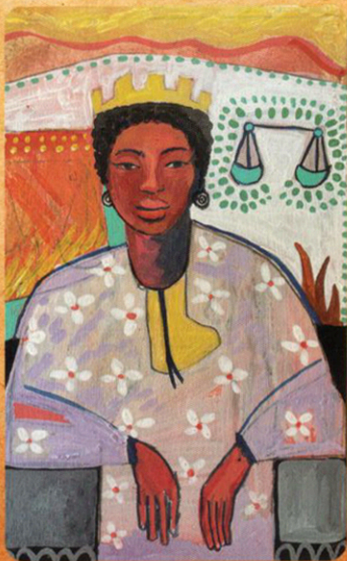
Wheel of Fortune

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11. Justice:

Justice shows a woman comfortable in her own skin with a deep understanding of what it means to share in equity. The scales in the background represent balance, and the consequences of our actions. Her strengths lie in her ability to recognize the outcome of certain choices, to face those consequences and own up to them. And although she holds a very logical perspective, her thoughts are not without love and compassion. She wants you to seek balance and fairness in your life, pay attention to cause and effect, enforce accountability and take responsibility.

Reversed: If you have unfinished business, it is a good time to finish what you have started. Remain truthful and honest in your work and communication with others.



Justice

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12. The hanged man:

The Hanged Man, or in this case The Hanged Woman has chosen to look at her life from an upside down perspective—a new perspective, and as a result she deconstructs her ego. She is making the conscious decision to pause before taking action—a courageous choice to be at peace with the unknown and the patience to let life unfold before her. She encourages you to pause before taking your next step, become comfortable in the uncomfortable, and in doing so the path ahead will become clear.

Reversed: This is a reminder to pause and take time away from your routine to connect with a new way of thinking—do not protest these pauses. Do not distract yourself from issues in need of attention. After inward reflection and pause, change is inevitable, and life will begin to shift and move again.



The Hanged Man

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13. Death:

Roses bloom from black stems and petals; a dry desert landscape stretches into a fertile sea; the sun pushes up behind a temple, and the horse, built to run, moves through all of life's changes gracefully. In one's lifetime there are many new beginnings and many endings, transformative cycles that represent new chapters, new eras, and new versions of ourselves. At times we are aware of these transitions and at other times we may not be conscious of them. Whether we choose to shift, or events take place forcing us to change, it can be painful to let go. However, the ending of a cycle is necessary for new growth and can be exciting and fulfilling as we experience new versions of ourselves. Death appears to assist us in processing these changes, letting go and remaining open to new ways of being.

Reversed: If you are feeling resistant to change and stuck in an unresolved past, or sad about an ending, remember that with each ending there is a new beginning. Change creates growth, no matter how difficult it is at the moment.



Death

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14. Temperance:

Temperance is the card of synthesis, alchemy and steadiness. This archetype is both grounded in the material world and in flow with the celestial and subconscious realms. The figure wears a blue shirt to represent water and the subconscious, and a yellow skirt to represent land and the material world. Her shirt is decorated with yellow irises to represent our communication with the divine. Temperance teaches us that for an individual to manifest their fullest potential, they must first balance their paradoxes. The union of opposing forces, light and dark, can bring our natural gifts and talents to a higher level.

Reversed: This is a time to integrate balance into one's life. Meditate on integration and unifying the contradictions in your life.



15. The Devil:

The Devil card directs one's attention to unhealthy behaviors or problems. It encourages one to face these problems head-on, with both humor and stability, and without consideration of others' opinions. To release ourselves from the binding hold that our dysfunctions may have on us, it is important to take ourselves less seriously. This card also reminds us to follow what we are attracted to as well as what we connect to at our deepest level.

Reversed: If you take yourself too seriously, remember to laugh at yourself. This will give you the emotional room to let go of unhealthy attachments to reach one's higher self. Confront your inner fears, and explore your darker impulses, perhaps through a creative project.



The Devil

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16. The Tower:

The Tower symbolizes the deconstruction of outmoded ways of being or conditioned parts of one's personality. If you break down your persona and shed the parts that do not truly align or represent you, you can rediscover and resurface your authentic nature. Now is a time for redemption, remembering what truly ignites your being and cutting away the unnecessary. In doing so, great healing occurs along with ultimate peace.

Reversed: Remember that restoring one's life can be painful, but with this significant personal transformation, much more can be gained.



The Tower
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17. The Star:

The Star card illustrates the importance of self-trust and that we are our own guiding stars. Having the ability to confide in ourselves, we become capable of manifesting our dreams into tangible realities. When we arrive at this profound confidence, our spontaneity and creativity, like water, can flow with ease. Flowers bloom, and we are radiant and flourishing.

Reversed: This is a reminder that you are your own best guide. If you are experiencing a loss of faith or hope in the universe, revisit an area of your life where you have full confidence, this will help restore your self-esteem.



The Star

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18 The Moon:

The moon is representative of the ever-changing and shifting divine feminine. The Moon can expand and move water and, like water, if we remain open and vulnerable we can expand and flow also. This card reveals the choices we must make to be our truest authentic self. Giving in to our authenticity rather than concealing it will reveal who you are and what we desire.

Reversed: Continue to release negative and false views of yourself. Follow your inner voice, continue to make authentic choices, and let the universe move you.



The Moon
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19. The Sun:

The Sun represents the tireless energy within you. As a natural generator and motivator, collaboration becomes possible and fulfilling. Like a child, remember to play and explore your creative endeavors. This is a period in which you have plenty of physical energy, enthusiasm, and a sense of good health.

Reversed: This reminds you to reconnect with your inner child. Give yourself permission to leave work behind for a moment, and play. This will clear your mind and cloud your vision, leading you in a brighter direction.



The Sun

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20. Judgement:

Judgment reminds one to look at the whole picture; this includes history and wide-ranging perspectives. When examining our histories, it is important to evaluate from a place of forgiveness for both our shortcomings as well as our successes.

Reversed: It is time for reflection and self-evaluation. Something bigger awaits you, but fear may not allow you to see it.



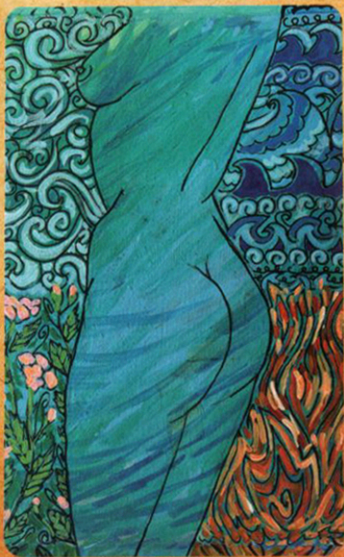
Judgment

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21. The World:

The World symbolizes the completed process of transformation of the self and the unification of polarities within oneself. It represents the feeling of completion, home, and sanction within ourselves. This feeling of wholeness allows you to express yourself full-heartedly and with love. Remember to express gratitude for what you have created, and continue to be yourself unabashedly.


Reversed: A reminder that if you are seeking closure, embrace the now, let go of the past, and move on. You may be close to finishing a project or goal, but you may need to get more creative to finish your goal.



The World

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Suit of Swords



Ace of Swords:

The Ace of Swords indicates breakthroughs and mental clarity. The roses symbolize victory, and the white cloud surrounding the sword is a sign of divinity. The mountains suggest difficulties along the path, but the power of this card gives one the strength to maintain a strong mental state to navigate even the hardest of times. This comes as a sign of encouragement and new opportunities.

Reversed: Remember that the sword is doubled-edged, and with this gift comes great responsibility to use one's powers in the best way and with justice and conviction. It is necessary to spend more time meditating on your idea before it can reach fruition, asking yourself if your goal truly lines up with your higher self.

Two of Swords:

The Two of Swords can either indicate that your currently facing a difficult decision and avoiding it, or you have already made peace with a difficult decision. The ultimate goal presented here is to bring two polarities into harmony. The person is blindfolded signifying that there may be significant information missing and as a result, they are blind to the problem as well as the solution. The Swords are in a state of balance, representative of weighing both options. With the moon a symbol for our intuition, and the water illustrating emotions, you must use both your head and heart to reach a solution and find peace on a subconscious level.

Reversed: A reminder that if you are feeling unable to move forward, it is important to quiet your mind to attune to your deepest feelings. All difficult decisions come to pass, one just needs to choose with the best intentions.

Three of Swords:

The Three of Swords is sometimes referred to as the "sorrow" card. You may have been hurt deeply in the past. Instead of releasing this sorrow, you are carrying it around with you as it continues to release pain into your life. This burden of grief is making it difficult to move forward with your life. Now is the time for release; by taking small steps towards letting go this grief can shift into wisdom. Time to release, cry, and express the pent-up grief and emotional sediment that has gathered. Stay focused on your own goals; these challenges are allowing you to grow.

Reversed: If you are overly self-critical, this is a reminder to shift your thoughts towards positive ones. It can be difficult to move on from a painful loss; the first step to healing is acceptance.

Four of Swords:

The Four of Swords symbolize resolution and regeneration. If you have found peace within an aspect of your life, it is now important to rest before your next chapter. This resolution has brought new thoughts and new ways of being into your life. It is critical to find seclusion to let these breakthroughs fully sink in.

Reversed: Now is a time for resting and recharging. This is a reminder that sometimes remaining inactive is the most revitalizing act someone can do for themselves, even if it comes at the cost of declining invitations from others or stimuli from the outside world.

Five of Swords:

The 5 of Swords symbolize defeat and fear. You may be experiencing fear in the current moment from a past defeat. Perhaps a failed relationship or failed idea has left you too afraid to get involved again. Your self-confidence is suffering, however, the only way one can move forward is to try again, and have courage. This card could also signify that you are feeling alone and saddened by the losses as a result of the confrontation. Is your point of view more important than relationships? Pick your battles. Remember to accept defeat and move on.

Reversed: A reminder that if you are feeling hopeless, it is time to move on to more constructive and restorative activities. Old wounds and residual resentment will only weigh you down, find outlets and solutions to release these feelings

Six of Swords:

The Six of Swords marks a rite of passage and transition. While you move through sadness and loss, you are leaving behind the weight of trauma and only taking with you the sweet memories and wisdom that bloom from the experience. While the water may seem rough at the moment, serene seas lay ahead. Grief can be a familiar place that you turn to, and despite the difficulty in leaving these solemn places, it is essential to look towards the unknown.

Reversed: If you feel stubborn or fearful to make a change that you know is necessary, it is time to take the plunge. Whether it's an unhealthy relationship, career, or state of mind, deep down you know change is necessary. Trust yourself, trust the small voice within you, encouraging you to move on.

Seven of Swords:

The 7 of Swords may indicate disloyalty either by you or someone in your life. It is telling you to stop trying to avoid something that lies ahead.

Reversed: You feel like a fraud—imposter syndrome. Trust in yourself, instead of deceiving yourself.

Eight of Swords:

The Eight of Swords illustrates a sense of self-doubt, indecision, and over analysis about a situation or choice that needs to be made. The water surrounding the figure represents intuition; this gives one the ability to feel their way into a decision rather than directly focusing on it. When you are feeling stuck or bound by indecision it is important to take a step back before ultimately deciding.

Reversed: This is a reminder that old wounds may be affecting one's mental clarity. Emotional clutter and sediment could be affecting your decisiveness. The first step is self-acceptance.

Nine of Swords:

The Nine of Swords is a warning that you are inflicting negative thoughts and feelings on yourself. This can become a pattern of "self-cruelty" by dredging up old grief that reinforces feelings of inadequacy. These tendencies leave you feeling immobilized, the soul is hurting while the mind inflicts self-harm. To break this cycle, practice bringing your attention away from what is going wrong in your life and focus on what is going right.

Reversed: If feeling isolated in your negative headspace persists, it might be time to seek outside help to help relieve and release. This is also a reminder to be sweet to yourself, be gentle with yourself, and forgive yourself.

Ten of Swords:

The Ten of Swords can indicate the fear of a relationship or endeavor in ruin, and as a result, one feels deeply hopeless and helpless. You are in the throes of grief, and although this change is difficult, it is necessary. One must not deny this pain, instead let it pass through you, and remember there is a sun on the horizon.

Reversed: Don't resist this grief, it is necessary to move on. The more you fight it, the harder it becomes to continue through life. Everything happens for a reason, trust and let go.

Knight of Swords:

The Knight of Swords indicates a deeply emotionally driven person on a mission to accomplish their goal. You know your purpose and are highly passionate about it, and at this point, there is nothing that will stand in your way. You are the creator of your future; you are empowered, and on a mission!

Reversed: It may be that you are full of energy and drive but finding it challenging to liberate the energy. If it is timing or an individual delaying you, this is a reminder that your goal will come to fruition even if you must wait for it. Stay focused and on task.

Page of Swords:

The Page of Swords symbolizes breakthroughs in ideas and ways of communicating. This is a very energetic time when one has the energy to embark on a new project. This comes as a sign to go for it!

Reversed: If you find yourself reserved and hesitating to fully express yourself, remember to let go of your fear and be courageous in your new ideas. Have faith in the universe that, in time, your gifts will flourish.

Queen of Swords:

The Queen of Swords represents a counselor with a childlike curiosity; she possesses intellectual clarity and unbiased judgment. She is swiftly cuts through façades and finds the truth in any given situation. This card may indicate the need for a counselor, or to hone your counseling abilities.

Reversed: This is a reminder that if your emotions are overruling one's ability to think intellectually, it is time to seek objective guidance. Do not fear your ability to get to the truth of the matter, remove the mask, and release your truest nature.

King of Swords:

The King of Swords is an authoritative figure, a master of intellect and courage. They have the lucidity of mind to follow their endeavors and reach success. This is a period in which one's emotions are calm, and logic is steering the ship.

Reversed: Remember that strength and leadership can be quiet and must come from within. Take caution to not let your ego become too inflated.

Suit of Cups



Ace of cups:

The Ace of Cups illustrates emotional harmony, and balance between the spirit and the personality. This card represents deep self-love and strength in vulnerability. At this moment you are receptive to creativity and embracing oneself and others with love and compassion.

Reversed: This could signify the repression of one's emotions or the desire to keep one's emotions private. It is important to express these emotions, so now is a good time to find a private and quiet form of self-expression—writing, drawing, and being in nature.

Two of Cups:

The Two of Cups marks a time of significant love and passion shared with another individual, project, or place. There is a flow of love and connection at this moment, and this card encourages you to fully embrace and immerse yourself in this love.

Reversed: This is a reminder to develop one's self-love and make decisions that you know are in line with your truest nature. Once you develop a deep love and understanding for yourself, the love will flow from you outwardly toward other people and projects.

Three of Cups:

The Three of Cups symbolizes an abundant time of celebration, friendship, and sisterhood. This card encourages you to spend time with your closest friends, and let them know and feel the appreciation and love you have for them. Let the love pour out of you freely.

Reversed: This may indicate that you need to work independently and move forward alone, and eventually, there will come a time when you can share with others.

Four of Cups:

New opportunities flow towards you, but you turn them away. Only accept new projects that align with your future. If you are feeling apathetic or bored with life, you must go inwards, gaining solid footing before you can move forward. Creating space within oneself so there is room for future possibilities.

Reversed: In need of alone time, but be careful that you do not shut out the world entirely. Try to just accept this withdrawn space and use it for introspection.

Five of Cups:

The Five of Cups illustrates that one is feeling deeply disappointed, and carrying this feeling with them through life. This fixation on past failures is prohibiting you from seeing new opportunities. The bridge symbolizes the path of transformation you must walk to the other side to transform this disappointment into strength.

Reversed: Do not become isolated in your pain. Instead, confide in others to help ease the feeling of being alone. This will start the process of moving forward and releasing the trauma.

Six of Cups:

The Six of Cups shows that one has moved past their past regrets and disappointments and is now in a period of emotional renewal and regeneration. This card symbolizes the joy of childhood memories and innocence, and where you are today in the present moment.

Reversed: This comes as a reminder that if one is holding on to painful memories of the past, it is time to let go and get in touch with the present. Go easy on yourself, let your inner child be curious and play, it's the small things in life.

Seven of Cups:

The Seven of Cups represents the possibility of new opportunities and decisions, but one must be conscious of unrealistic ideals. Make choices that will be most fulfilling in the long term, rather than for instant gratification.

Reversed: If one is facing several different choices and feels overwhelmed, focus on long-term goals. What choice best aligns with your soul, body, and mind?

Eight of Cups:

The urge to walk away from a disappointing outcome. The sense that something is missing on an emotional and spiritual level. Repression of emotions.

Reversed: Caught between deciding to stay or go. Listen to your heart about your next step.

Nine of Cups:

Contentment and satisfaction in all aspects of your life. Basking in the abundance you have created. Wishes come true, aspirations are granted. Remember to express gratitude.

Reversed: It appears that you have everything, but feeling that you are missing something deep down--material gain rather than spiritual fulfillment. Instead of looking outside for happiness, look inside.

Ten of Cups:

The Ten of Cups indicates deep emotional fulfillment and completion. There is joy and unending love in one's relationships. This is a time in which one's heart is open and expanding.

Reversed: If you are feeling disconnected in relationships, this is a reminder to live in tune with your core values. Communicate with honesty and integrity, and do not neglect your innate need for self-expression.

Knight of Cups:

The Knight of Cups illustrates the ability to live fully and openly with one's heart. This individual is in tune with their intuition and emotions, has a deep understanding of themselves, and can extend compassion and understanding to others. This card indicates that you are energized and inspired by the beauty in the world. One has the momentum and joy to move forward with a project guided by creativity and intuition.

Reversed: Daydreaming about a creative endeavor is the first part, but one must step beyond this to see their ideas into fruition. This card urges you to take action with a project, it only takes one step at a time to reach your goal.

Page of Cups:

The Page of Cups spontaneously presents the chance to go for a new project or adventure. You are in flow, do not try to limit your creativity, instead, let it take you somewhere! By maintaining child-like curiosity, anything becomes possible!

Reversed: This comes as a reminder that self-doubt can hold you back. Instead of doubting yourself, free yourself from fear and take a chance.

Queen of Cups:

The Queen of Cups can represent the "nurturing mother" archetype and is perfectly balanced and grounded in her emotions. She is capable of listening to others and extending her presence without absorbing their emotions.

The self-confidence and comfort that she possesses allow her to receive intuitive messages, as well as creating with the flow


Reversed: This is a reminder that if one is feeling overwhelmed by others' emotions it is time to go inward and care for oneself. Once you are confident and balanced within yourself, it is easier to be there for others as an unbiased and nurturing confidant.

King of Cups:

The King of Cups remains steady and confident in the most tumultuous of times. You can acknowledge your feelings without becoming overwhelmed by them. As long as you keep their necessary boundaries, you will be well balanced between "the ruler" and the heart.

Reversed: This acknowledges that at times one can become overwhelmed by their own emotions, leading to self-doubt. This stems from a lack of self-confidence. Trust yourself and trust your intuition.

Suit of Wands



Ace of Wands:

The Ace of Wands is a sign of inspiration and self-discovery. In this moment you can remove any negative obstructions in your path to reach your highest potential. There is a surge of energy towards a new path, this is the time to follow it full-heartedly.

Reversed: If it feels difficult to discover one's purpose or passion, you are being encouraged to rediscover who you are. Sometimes in these moments of feeling stuck, it is wise to follow your bliss. Do what motivates you, what brings you joy, and what will lead to long-term success.

Two of Wands:

The Two of Wands represent the presence of possibilities and potential, but one is still in the planning phase. This is a moment when you can choose to move forward into the unknown, or stay within your comfort zone. To grow, you must take chances and discover new environments, jobs and relationships. It is time to make a clear plan and follow it accordingly.

Reversed: This is a reminder that if you are feeling undecided, it is time you go inward and reconnect with your purpose. What direction best aligns with your values?

Three of Wands:

The Three of Wands represents a person that is grounded, courageous, and committed to their plan. They have embarked on this new path, leaving behind the comforts of their past. The unknown outstretches before you and your plans are in progress. There may be challenges ahead, but if you remain aware and focused you can overcome these obstacles.

Reversed: This may indicate that you have chosen to go with what you know, rather than taking a risk in the unknown. As a result, this may limit oneself to new opportunities. This card may also illustrate possible delays, or the inability to be creative at this time. Remember that these challenges are all part of the process. If you are feeling overwhelmed, take very small steps to move forward.

Four of Wands:

The Four of Wands illustrates a momentous time of celebration. There has been great accomplishments in one's life, and now is the time to reunite with the familiar. After this hard work and positive growth, it is important to take time to appreciate your achievements and pause for self-reflection before moving forward. Rest assured, there is now a firm foundation in place and the beginning of a stable endeavor

Reversed: This may indicate the presence of one's shadowy side—feelings of insecurity, fear, and tension arise. Remember that movement and change are necessary even if they cause feelings of uncertainty

Five of Wands:

The Five of Wands can indicate a battle of contrasting thoughts and opinions. This makes moving forward a great challenge. Try approaching the conflict with a broader understanding of people's differences. Instead of being angry with the conflict, remain curious, and eager to create change.

Reversed: One's opinions are being challenged. This is not the time to deflect the challenge or attempt to avoid change, instead, realize this is a necessary shift.

Six of Wands:

The Six of Wands' magic is moving within you and around you, symbolic of a deep and resonating change at your core and creating an expansion in your creative process and life philosophy. This also signifies that you have finally finished a major goal after a long journey of challenges. Now is the time to be proud of your accomplishments, and allow others to be proud too. Remember there is still more to do, so let the energy of the six wands guide you!

Reversed: You have made some important progress, and perhaps you are not yet ready to share it with the world. These accomplishments are on your terms and not based on what people might deem as successful milestones. Keep your own council, remain humble, and continue moving forward.

Seven of Wands:

The Seven of Wands urges you to stay strong in your beliefs, no matter how people's opinions challenge you. Use these adverse opinions to fuel you forward and add to your desire to succeed and prove yourself.

Reversed: If you feel the heaviness of outside pressure and it is adding to your self-doubt, do not surrender. Instead, remain confident in your chosen path.

Eight of Wands:

In the Eight of Wands the energy and momentum are moving swiftly, and in this realm, you can work through emotions and/or complete a project rapidly. Now is the time to let this momentum carry you. With direct communication and action, it will take you forward.

Reversed: It is important to remember to plan the best you can, especially when there are many options at your fingertips.

Nine of Wands:

The Nine of Wands indicates that you have been working hard on a project, and are now feeling tired from the effort. If you are questioning whether you should keep pushing, this is a sign to use that original passion to fuel your journey. This requires great courage, but remember, this will pay off and you are worth it.

Reversed: Do not commit to other tasks at this moment, and instead focus on the task at hand. In the face of adversity, confusion, or weariness keep moving forward.

Ten of Wands:

The Ten of Wands indicates that you are burdened by something and, perhaps, this is self-imposed self-oppression. Are you afraid of expressing your authentic self for fear of what others might think? If you remain in this position you will become stagnant. Do not take on more work at this moment, instead simplify your life, there is a lot you are working through.

Reversed: This is a reminder that you are not alone, nor do you have to do everything alone. Release the burden that is weighing you down, because it is no longer necessary to you. This could require you to say no to invitations or activities that are taking energy rather than giving.

Page of Wands:

The Page of Wands invites you to open your arms to new plans and adventures. At this time the doors are open to the unknown, just waiting for you to embrace newness. Don't become too hasty in this excitement, and stay grounded in what is right for you and your future.

Reversed: Sometimes when inspiration hits we are uncertain what we should do with it. Instead of acting from fear or pressure, let the inspiration fill up your entire being, Be patient, it will guide you.

Knight of Wands:

The Knight of Wands comes as an opening in the chaos, a clear action plan of your vision has emerged, and this is a moment to turn your inspiration into something bigger. With an open heart and a clear vision, your highest potential is possible.

Reversed: You are deeply and full-heartedly inspired by something in your life, and whatever it is you are creating it is not for the accumulation of wealth or attention, instead, it is simply to express what is in you.

Queen of Wands:

The Queen of Wands represents the transformation into knowing oneself fully. She is the knowledge seeker—the self-aware soul, always uncovering the mysteries from the shadowy side to the open and boundless heart. The black cat is there to remind her of the struggle that brought her to this point. From the past we draw wisdom and understanding.

Reversed: Bring focus inwards, on the self, so that you can transform into a more evolved self. Try to put the essence of yourself into everything you do.

King of Wands:

The King of Wands represents masculine and fire energy. You have a vision and can lead people into action.

Reversed: You are allowed to assume a leadership role, but do not feel ready to embrace it. Before you assume this role make sure you have not taken on too much. Also, check in with yourself to make sure you have not become too aggressive or arrogant. Stay humble.

Suit of Pentacles



Ace of Pentacles:

The Ace of Pentacles represents the combining of the spiritual and physical, and together they manifest a grounded and practical way of being. It is the mark of a new beginning and success in any aspect of one's life; spiritual, mental, emotional, or physical. Being grounded creates an ease with which you can accomplish your goals leading to prosperity

Reversed: If there is an opportunity presenting itself to you, yet you feel uncertain, return to the root of your life goals. Will this opportunity bring you long-term peace, does it align with your higher self, and are you willing to invest in it?

Two of Pentacles:

The Two of Pentacles symbolize balance in all aspects of life and the ability to juggle multiple tasks while remaining in this balance. There will always be ups and downs in life and it is important to be able to go with the flow and adapt to new situations as they arise.

Reversed: Sometimes being involved in too many tasks at once can be tiring and overwhelming. If this is the case for you then it is time to rest and take time to regain your strength and balance. During this rest, take a moment to examine your priorities as well as where you are using your energy. Your focus and attention may need to be adjusted.

Three of Pentacles:

The Three of Pentacles represents an external task that you are deeply committed to. Whether it is a collaborative effort or an individual one, there is nothing that stands in your way.

Reversed: While collaboration may be helpful at certain points along this project, if there are problems within the group, it could be time to work by yourself. Remember if you need help you can always reach out.

Four of Pentacles:

The Four of Pentacles can signify one's relationship with material wealth. Instead of being grateful for what you do have, you are focusing on things not in your grasp and the possibility of loss. Perhaps you are over-focused on your finances and need to adjust your priorities.

Reversed: This is a good indication that you need to reconsider what is truly important in life. Material gain will only fulfill certain aspects of life, but spirituality, emotional well-being, and mental clarity are equally important. Be careful that greed and overspending do not creep into your life.

Five of Pentacles:

The Five of Pentacles represent persistent and overwhelming worries about one's health or finances. This rumination does not help the present situation, but instead, puts your focus on the past or the future, rendering you unable to address their current problem. This can leave you feeling alone and hopeless, but if you can just lift your head and see that help is available, your worries might cease.

Reversed: This is a reminder that if you are consumed by material wealth, then as a result you will feel like something deeper is missing. The persistent worry that you don't have enough is tiresome. It is time to let that go and trust that all will be okay.

Six of Pentacles:

The Six of Pentacles indicates that if you continue to work hard, follow your intuition, and stay committed to your goal all of your hard work will pay off. If you are in a secure financial position then you can spread your wealth and be generous, knowing that what you give to the world will come back to you.

Reversed: Observe your relationships. Is there an imbalance in the amount of time, energy, and support that you are putting in but not receiving in return? This also may be a time when self-care takes precedence over care for others.

Seven of Pentacles:

The Seven of Pentacles shows a woman resting in her garden after putting in so much work. What you sow you will reap, but this does not happen overnight. Make sure you are putting your efforts in the most beneficial areas. As long as you take time to rejuvenate, you will prosper from your efforts.

Reversed: If you are feeling pulled in many different directions, losing energy trying to accomplish several tasks at once, or feeling unclear in your investments, then it is time to take a deep look at your priorities. How can you use your energy in the best way to reach what is most important to you?

Eight of Pentacles:

The Eight of Pentacles reassures you that all your hard work will soon pay off. You have created a space where you can work without distractions and you are mastering a skill. This can feel repetitive at times, but putting in the effort and focus each day will be well worth it.

Reversed: This is a reminder that being a perfectionist can limit your ability to try new activities or develop one's self. We all start somewhere, and usually, the beginning has very imperfect results. Remember that progress can be achieved in small steps each day, and these small steps eventually add up to something much bigger.

Nine of Pentacles:

The Nine of Pentacles is a prosperous and self-reliant card. You have been working with focus and determination, and as a result, it has paid off. You are not only financially stable, but you are also in tune with nature.

Reversed: Self-doubt can be the greatest barrier to achieving one's goals. If worrying about whether one is good enough starts to creep in, it is time to reflect on your success so far. Draw confidence from past accomplishments as well as that deep knowledge that you are worth it.

Ten of Pentacles:

The Ten of Pentacles gives a sense of deep gratification for one's accomplishments. You have laid a solid foundation and created abundance for future generations. Being in a position to share your success with others brings you great happiness.

Reversed: Remember that financial security cannot be the root of your soul's happiness; you must also be in balance with other aspects of your life—nature, relationships, and emotional development.

Page of Pentacles:

The Page of Pentacles is a student, welcoming a fresh start to a new endeavor. It is a time to learn a new skill or study a new spiritual practice. Begin this next chapter with openness and curiosity.

Reversed: Sometimes it is necessary to reconnect with the reasons behind pursuing a goal. This is a time to reflect and be grounded in what you wish to accomplish. Step back with an objective view.

Knight of Pentacles:

The Knight of Pentacles urges you to continue moving forward, and with a good work ethic, your momentum will sustain you through to completion. The fulfillment of your dreams is in your hands, so continue to work methodically and like a river, flow.

Reversed: At times one's routine can become boring and tiring. If this is the case, it is time for some spontaneity in your life. Get out of your comfort zone and seek adventure or fun, and remember we all need a change of scenery sometimes

Queen of Pentacles:

The Queen of Pentacles is a nurturer and provider, and she may represent a working parent figure—either you or someone in your life. She represents the importance of balancing home with work, the inner and outer. And although we are all essential to each other, independence can be necessary for stability.

Reversed: If you are finding it difficult to harmonize work and home life, it might be time to provide care and nurture to yourself. This can come in the form of more focus on one's own goals, independence, spirituality, creativity, or health. Follow the things that bring you joy and fulfillment to replenish your soul.

King of Pentacles:

The King of Pentacles marks the final stage of a creative endeavor. You have been very diligent with your work, and have finally accomplished something you feel proud of. Take great joy and pride in this.

Reversed: There are times when we focus too heavily on finances, and in these moments it is important to identify what matters in our lives. We can also find ourselves very set in our ways, and although this works for some things, it can limit our growth as human beings. Allow yourself the flexibility and freedom to see new perspectives.

