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# MARYEL TAROT DECK GUIDEBOOK

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You've taken that first step . . .

You now hold in your hands a tool of exploration, delving into the deepest, most hidden parts of your Self and the universe woven around us—the Marvel Tarot Deck and Guidebook. The Marvel Tarot is for both novice and experienced tarot readers. Each character has stepped forward to claim their place as the representative of the card. Each card takes you on a journey of self-discovery. Look closely at the intricacy of the cards and the hidden messages within.

Complexity is born from layers of simplicity. Like one of Spider-Man's webs, our lives are spun from fortune and fate, silky delicate threads that can create what we hope or tangle us within petty notions and mundane thoughts.

Who **you** are burns within, hot flames torching the fear that holds us back.

You can run toward your greatness—who you are meant to be and to your destiny. Or, you can try running away. But one thing is for certain: you can't hide—no matter the story you spin for yourself, no matter the mask you may wear for a time, your power lies inside for you to share with the world.

Are you ready to take off that mask you wear, discover your power, and recreate your own story? If so, you've come to the right place.

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAROT DECK

"Face front, true believers!" -Stan Lee

The divinatory art of reading tarot may seem daunting if the practice is unfamiliar. Take heart, dear reader! There are no wrong answers, no hard and fast rules. The Marvel Tarot Deck art on each card immerses you in a hero's journey: your own. The Marvel Tarot Guidebook helps you navigate meanings, symbols, and the archetypes these cards represent.

A total of seventy-eight cards make up the Marvel Tarot Deck. Each card, each character within the Marvel Tarot represents an idea and a special, unique meaning. You'll find that within this guidebook, each card possesses an introduction and what that card represents when drawn from the deck in an "upright" position or a "reversed" position. Although a reversed position is usually the opposite of the upright meaning, in no way is it bad. On the contrary—it oftentimes illustrates what block holds you back or that hidden part of you underneath the mask that needs revelation.

The first twenty-two character cards in the Major Arcana showcase a Marvel character on each card, representing a universal archetype or theme, major principles, and life-changing situations. Each card—from 0 to XXI—represents a facet of our lives, telling



a story of mythical proportions. It is an overarching hero's journey—our own. Beginning with the naive Fool (card 0), who strikes out on the adventure knowing nothing, and culminating in the wholeness and enlightenment of the World (card XXI)—and the cycle begins again.

The balance of the cards is the fifty-six Minor Arcana cards, which are divided into four suits with an equal number of cards: Wands, Cups, Swords, and Coins. Each suit contains four unnumbered "Court" cards: King, Queen, Knight, and Page, and the remainder of each suit contains cards numbered Ace to X. The Minor Arcana represents our everyday experiences—highs and lows, struggles and triumphs. These cards contain layers of meaning, giving depth to the question, issue, and reading at hand.

# SUITS

#### "FLAME ON!!"

—The Human Torch/Jonathan "Johnny" Storm, Fantastic Four (1961) #2

The Suit of Wands is the suit of creativity, ideas, and inspiration. The birth of an idea resides here. Within the Wands suit, creative passion burns. Wands correspond to the element of Fire. Once that creative spark is lit, it's nearly impossible to snuff out.

"I am a super hero and I am here to tell you that feeling insecure is nothing to be ashamed of. We all have anxieties, but—and this may sound crazy—they're actually kinda what makes us awesome! . . . Let's not let our feelings control us, but let's instead use those feelings, turning them towards productive personal growth!"
—Squirrel Girl/Doreen Green, Unbeatable Squirrel Girl (2015) #8

The Suit of Cups is the domain of emotions, feelings, and relationships. It's the place of the heart and love of all kinds. Cups correspond to the element of Water. Great depth to a situation or question resides here.

"Waves are but water. Wind but air. And though lightning be fire . . . yet it must answer thunder's call." —Thor, Astonishing Thor (2010) #1

The Suit of Swords represents intellect/mind, power, action, movement, and can be a harrowing place full of conflict. If a reading contains an abundance of Sword cards, it's an indication of storms and turmoil, thunder and lightning, and winds set to knock you off your feet. Swords correspond to the element of Air.

"I am Groot."—Groot, I Am Groot (2017) #1

The Suit of Coins is a grounded place dealing with the material world, involving financial issues, the physical world, home and health, career, or the literal Earth herself. Coins represent the Earth element. Dig deep within the Suit of Coins, and you'll find your story within the symbols.

# TAROT READINGS & SPREADS

# Meaning for You

Tarot is a divinatory system of interpretation meant to guide the reader intuitively—whether for self-exploration or as a vehicle for helping others. While the Darkhold holds dark magic and the Book of Vishanti possesses white magic, tarot is neutral. It's neither dark nor light, good nor bad, but used as a revelatory guide, as an oracular tool of possibilities, aligning with the House of Ideas, where all reality, all time, all wishes, all ideas are provided space to gestate and birth into the world. Perhaps Now and Then—or even Eternity—have spoken to you. And here you are.

The characters and symbols on each card represent the obvious—and, at times, the not-so-obvious. Everyone is a Fool at times. But the Fool has many aspects—and that's the joy of exploration in tarot. Remove any preconceived notions of a card and a reading. Remove the analytical side and rely on intuition and emotion. Have a gut feeling or a fleeting thought when pulling a card? Don't over analyze. Go with it. The facets and dimensions to one card, within one question, are limitless.

#### Care

View your Marvel Tarot Deck as an extension of your Self. Respect, love, honor, and care for it properly. It's full of possibilities—as are you. After each reading, place the cards back in the box and wrap in a cloth in whatever color or colors call to you. They'll rest and recharge well-protected until the next use.



# PREPARING FOR READING

# **Power Prep**

Daily circumstances barrage our psyches and physical bodies. While there's no way to avoid these, it's an absolute necessity to shield yourself from them for a finite time for your reading. You can read the cards anywhere. But be warned—avoid distractions. Your focus is on you: your question, your situation—and the deck.

Give yourself the space required:

Head space: Clear your mind. For the time needed, let the inner chatter fade away. Your sole focus is on your question or issue for the cards. Your mind requires focus.

Heart space: Let extraneous emotions sink away. Your heart requires calm.

Spirit space: Unfetter your spirit, and let it soar. Your spirit requires peace.

Physical space: Get comfortable: clothing, seating, environment. Your body requires solitude and quiet.

# **Practical Prep Assists**

To assist you in your journey, keep a notebook and pen handy. Only a writing instrument and paper will do-there's something about pen to paper that assists in processing the reading and solidifies the feeling. Write down the day of the week, the month, year, time. Journal a bit—what is happening in your life? What is your present situation? And then write down what you'd like guidance with. Close your eyes, and hold the deck to your third eye (middle of forehead) and breathe deeply: in and hold for a few seconds, and out. Then bring it down and hold it to your heart, breathing deeply, in and out thrice, knock three times on the top and bottom of the deck to awaken the deck itself. Take another deep breath in and out, repeat out loud what you need guidance with, and then shuffle the deck. You can shuffle like regular playing cards or in any manner you wish.

You are ready.

# TAROT SPREADS

"The Universe is so big, it has no center. We are the center."

> -Ms. Marvel/Kamala Khan, Ms. Marvel #18 (2015)

# Hawkeye's Guided Straight Shooter Pull

"Focus solely on your goal, regardless of your surroundings. Be in the now. Set up and draw. Inhale and prepare for what you are about to do . . . take responsibility for the outcome, for every shot."—Hawkeye/Clinton "Clint" Barton, Hawkeye & Mockingbird (2010) #3

This quick reading with a one-card pull is perfect for daily guidance—or for an unresolved question. With the unwavering focus of Hawkeye, clear your mind and concentrate on the question or issue in your line of sight or top of mind. That's your target. Hold that in your mind's eye and . . . pull. Let go of any preconceived ideas of the outcome. The card pulled is exactly what you need today—it's the arrow that guides you to the bullseye with a steady hand, a focused eye, a flexible spirit, and a composed mind.



# Uatu the Watcher's Determine Your Own Path Spread

"There are more realities than there are grains
of sand in the universe. With each reality, there are
different truths, different falsehoods."

—Uatu the Watcher. What If? (1989) #34

Our past, present, and future shape who we are. Physicists posit simultaneous existence—through time and space, parallel worlds, multiple universes. No one's path is straight, but zigzagged with turns, forks, twists, and dead ends. Shapeshifting like Mystique, we adapt to our circumstances.

Our minds create our reality. As Uatu said, with each reality, different truths and falsehoods exist. Each soul is unique like crystals of snowflakes. With billions of us on Earth, no one has the same experience. Uatu the Watcher doesn't influence, but observes, providing us with what's needed for our individual journeys.

As Albert Einstein stated: "... the distinction between past, present, and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion."

Uatu's reading assists in breaking through that illusion of time and self to determine your own path. Card placement reflects the non-linear nature of time, reality, and the journey. Your present—the now—is influenced by your past and future, and where your attention is best served.

Card 1: The PAST - This recalls a defining moment that set you on your current path, impacting your present, reverberating through the future. For Peter Parker, Uncle Ben's death tangled him in the silky-yet-sticky threads of the past—shooting through the present, and spinning the future.

Card 2: The FUTURE - Irene Adler/Destiny could see into the future, but the future isn't set in stone. With infinite possibilities, the number of choices can paralyze or overwhelm. Be still. What skills, powers, and information do you desire—or possess now—to jumpstart your new journey? This card illuminates what needs to be seen.

Card 3: The PRESENT – What, who, and where are you right now? Pull on the threads of the past and future to wrap your present. Time is an illusion; reality is malleable. Don't like your present? You have the power to change it. Like Black Widow, observe your current situation—and infiltrate what you perceive as your weakness. What you think is a weakness may be your greatest strength.



# Unlock Your Destiny: Ancient One Star Spread

"Close your eyes . . . settle your mind . . . and open your sight. You cannot see what you are unwilling to look for.

Open your third eye and see what lies on the other side."

—The Ancient One, Strange Academy (2020) #3

Time to unlock your current destiny—the one emblazoned in the stars. The star key awaits to unlock all you are meant to be. **You** are the Magic, **You** are the Star, **You** are the unbreakable circle. Each star point connects to encircle your destiny.

Card 1: Dreams - Dreams are infinite beginnings and unending. What do you dream about—or imagine yourself as? What we dream and visualize, we can make real. Like Franklin Richards, we can alter our own reality through our dreams.

Card 2: Secrets - What do you keep hidden from the world—or from yourself? What masks do you wear? What is your "secret identity"? Heroes have secrets. Which ones play a part in your destiny? Some make you strong, others weak. Know the difference.

Card 3: Desires - Where does your creativity exist within you? What makes you burn with passion? Passion drives us, and what we truly desire can lead us to fulfillment. Our desires can be noble—or they can be Galactus-level destructive.

Card 4: Talents - What are your natural talents—and which have you developed? Were any talents triggered by circumstance or necessity? Some of us have natural-born abilities—like the X-Men, but without the mutation. Some talents, like Black Widow's martial arts, acrobatic, and weapons skills are honed by determination and drive, while other talents arose from a bite of fate, like Peter Parker. This card demands you discover your own super powers: find where your talents and creative desires mesh—and where there is friction. There is power in both.

Card 5: Thoughts - As with dreams, our thoughts are infinite. This card assists in cutting through the noise. What are the thoughts that rise from the depths like Namor? Don't let negativity infiltrate your mind. You are the mage of your own thoughts—like Charles Xavier... harness, control, and direct them. As with dreams, our thoughts impact our world. Choose wisely. They propel you forward to your destiny.



# One Above All's Infinity Super Spread

"I am the One Above All. I see through many eyes. I build with many hands. They are themselves, but they are also me. I am all-powerful. My only weapon is love. The mystery intrigues me." —The One Above All, Ultimates 2 (2016) #100

Your life is multifaceted, just like gemstones cut with precision, the prism of infinity and mystery held within. That is you, your life, in totality and everything in between. This spread will assist you to recognize, illuminate, appreciate, and cultivate all that you are and can be. Every piece of you—what is your total self—is connected. What happens to one part of you affects the other parts. So it is with your life—one facet of your existence impacts every other facet. By mastering one aspect, you're better able to utilize the next. As with the Infinity Stones, one facet amplifies the other, the connection forming a supercharged circuit: you. Throw down the gauntlet and challenge yourself to master the best in your life-it's time to be the scribe of your own story. An infinite, mysterious universe full of love resides within you.

Card 1: Mind - Your mind possesses unlimited power. It can shape reality, assist your soul's desires, design your time, catapult you through space—and bring you back to your base of ultimate power.

Card 2: Power - Tap into the ultimate in power—the universe full of love for yourself and others. A mysterious place full of untapped potential—this is your place of power. This is your base—your headquarters.

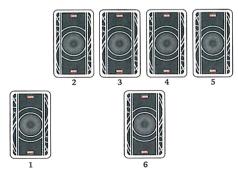
Card 3: Time - Time is an illusion created by mortals.

This card encompasses your past, present, and future.
You are the hero of all three.

**Card 4: Soul** - Your soul is your true Self, your eternity, your life force. It knows no bounds.

Card 5: Reality - Yes, reality is in the now. But reality is also more than we see—it's shaped by space, time, and perception. You have the ability to hold both the now and the ultimate—and change them.

**Card 6: Space** - You are not limited by physical space. By establishing your homebase and rooting your power, it allows dreams and thoughts to take shape. It carries you anywhere—and everywhere.







# O+THE FOOL Deadpool/Wade Wilson

"I can't keep looking backwards. I'll waste my life.

I have too much to look forward to."

—Deadpool/Wade Wilson, Deadpool (2015) #11

Hey YOU! Yes! I'm talking to you, you Fool! Well, you pulled this card. Know what that means? Life! Adventure! Action! Excitement! You've just stepped into the unknown. Chin up! Eyes straight! Whistle! Take a chance! And don't waste a single minute! The Fool—you, me, everyone—has absolutely no clue about the final destination.

#### **Upright**

Like Deadpool, you're now embarking on a lifechanging adventure. The best part is that you don't have to know where you're going. Become the hero of your own story—and that begins here! All you need to do is trust in the universe and in yourself. Be fearless, be silly—and be happy as you travel!

#### Reversed

Aha! Gotcha! Don't want to get moving? Don't want to take that first step? Tsk-tsk. The universe really doesn't like that. You're going to be miserable until you step into the abyss. Don't be afraid of change. Maybe you need a map? Great! Draw your own. Make a plan. Reinvent yourself along the way.



# I+THE MAGICIAN Doctor Strange/ Stephen Strange

"Just remember that things are seldom what they seem!"
—Doctor Strange/Stephen Strange, A-Next (1998) #3

The Magician—Doctor Strange—appeared today to deliver a message: You are the Maker of Magic. You possess all the tools needed, all the knowledge needed to channel magic, dreams, and ideas in reality. You are the Magus of Manifestation, the Architect of Alchemy. Draw down the ethers to create a solid form. An elixir of innate talent + unbridled enthusiasm & ambition + unlimited action creates form from dreams. Dr. Stephen Strange learned the hard way that magic exists: through a life-changing accident that severely injured his hands and led to the end of his career as a surgeon.

#### **Upright**

Supreme magic begins with the fact that you know nothing. Manipulate the magic all around you. What may look like a non-opportunity or nothing special to someone else may hold the key to the door to transformation. Just as a life-changing accident transformed Doctor Strange's arrogant, egotistical surgeon-self into a powerful wielder of magic—the Sorcerer Supreme—you too can transform even the

worst circumstance. Tap into the talent within you to transform the situation. But know that talent, enthusiasm, and ambition aren't enough—your magic must keep moving! Your ego serves you well here, but keep it in check. There's a fine line between confidence and hubris.

#### Reversed

The ego is a stubborn part of ourselves and the worst form of entrapment. It always says we know it all—but in truth, we know nothing. Arrogance kills magic, and arrogance can putrefy the best intentions. This reversed position pull indicates that you should admit to your beginner status and welcome new

experiences. Trust in yourself and believe in your dreams. Together, you are magic.



## II+ THE HIGH PRIESTESS Storm/Ororo Munroe

"When I was just a girl, I called myself goddess... and I lived in the sky... I'm a mutant with the power to control the weather. Here's where I belong... every nerve connected with the wind, the clouds, the vapor." —Storm/Ororo Munroe, Storm (2014) #1

High Priestess Storm stepped out from behind the clouds of mystery today to assist on your journey. Like Storm's ability to influence and control weather, your connection to the universe manifests itself in a variety of ways. She is the connection—between intuition and knowing, between the subconscious and conscious mind, between the calm and the storm. Knowledge begins with intuition—and the High Priestess asks you examine the secrets hidden within.

#### Upright

Two types of power exist: the hidden and the apparent. Storm embodies this dichotomy. As clouds gather, they build power. Shrouded behind those clouds, an array of possibilities twist, with electricity awaiting discharge. Storms gather strength in their own time. You're your own best advisor—trust your intuition and gut when diving into tumult. Perhaps things aren't quite what they seem—be still within the storm swirling around you. Harness the

whirlwind of outof-control energy. You'll be ready when the clouds clear and the storm passes, leaving you with unobstructed clarity and bright blue sky.

#### Reversed

Look into your shadow, the secret side hidden from others—and perhaps even from yourself. Clouds obscure your sight, and you



may find yourself turned around and confused. But like Storm, you possess the ability to control the weather of your own emotions. Truths wait patiently in the darkness of a tempest, awaiting illumination of discovery. In the eye of every storm, there is the center: the calm, the focus. Allow the quiet and gentle winds to blow aside any doubts about the situation, while rain washes away confusion. The heart of the mystery lies within.

# III + THE EMPRESS The Invisible Woman/ Sue Storm Richards

"Family isn't just who you're related to—It's who cares for you and takes care of you."—The Invisible Woman/ Susan Storm Richards, Fantastic Four (2013) #14

Susan Storm Richards is the Empress: the Mother who nurtures, loves, and protects her family, her team, and her creations with a fierce yet gentle and compassionate power. Her invisibility protects, and her influence projects force and power. She is the Yin—the Divine Feminine that exists within all of us. Like Mother Nature—woe to those who anger her . . .

#### **Upright**

Compassion and unconditional love for yourself and others permeates the situation in question. No matter what, the Empress Mother energy surrounds you in her invisible field, buoying you, allowing your creativity and creations to thrive. If you're feeling invisible right now, don't despair. Love is the invisible force that connects all. It's all about love, love, love: of yourself, of others, of nature. As Sue Richards knows, love is the strongest power of all.

#### Reversed

Why so hard on yourself? All of that empathy, understanding, and love for others doesn't mean you should ignore all of that for you. Nurture yourself: your mind, your body, your ideas, and your dreams. We take love for granted, but feel empty when it's absent. The Empress is the Mother: both creator and destroyer. Create the life you want, and destroy the ideas that have you stuck.



## IV+ THE EMPEROR Mister Fantastic/ Reed Richards

"Lack of understanding leads to fear. That fear is already there, festering. Without the law, what comes next is too horrible..." —Mister Fantastic/Reed Richards, Fantastic Four (1998) #542



Reed Richards is the Emperor: the Father who wields absolute power, a scientist who draws order from chaos, and the authority who thrives following rules and laws. Like the universe itself. he possesses high intelligence. He is the Yang—the Masculine energy of expansion within all of us, and

the perfect complement to his wife and partner, the Invisible Woman, Sue Richards.

#### Upright

Order. Everything has its place—and everyone has their part to play. The Emperor sees to that. Expand upon every facet of your life: your power, your ideas—but have a plan! Stretch beyond your self-imposed limitations. Maybe you think playing by the rules gets you nowhere. Know this: every rule is a framework and guideline for the unseen opportunity within. Respect yourself and others, and approach everything you do with dignity. It elevates the situation to the highest good—and that's what Reed Richards, The Emperor, requires for a well-run team.

#### Reversed

Chaos. It's all around. But out of chaos comes a new order. It's an opportunity to construct something new for yourself and your life. Allow the power of the Emperor to expand, and reorganize the situation. The universe expands in chaos. Twist the chaos to remake the rules in your own life. Don't be too rigid in all of that new order. Strength and stability don't mean rigid—always, always be as flexible as Mister Fantastic.

## V+ THE HIEROPHANT Professor X/Charles Xavier

"Seeing past their **differences**, humans and mutants share a common **unbreakable** bond. No amount of words . . . can change the truth that each of us . . . man, woman, Black,

Hispanic, Jew, Asian, Native American, homosexual, mutant, everyone... underneath all the "words"... we are related. We are all family."—Professor X/Charles Xavier,

Uncanny X-Men (1992) #294

Doctor Charles Xavier—Professor X—is the Hierophant: mentor, teacher, founder, protector, and leader of the X-Men. As with any great teacher, he helps students unlock their gifts and talents. Mentors guide their pupils, show them the way, demonstrate by doing—and rarely telling. Because how many of us listen when told?

#### Upright

Schools mean rules. Teachers can be enforcers—right now, this is exactly what you need. You're craving structure and the aha moments lessons bring, as within Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters. Great! Study your situation. Break down the chaos. You're a seeker on the path to knowledge and enlightenment. Are there teachers/leaders in your life (in person or books) to whom you can turn? They're the keys to wisdom. In turn, lead by example. Take

care about what you say and how you say it. Mutatis Mutandis ("changing [only] those things which need to be changed")—the school's motto—is your guide. Do your best.

#### Reversed

As a seeker, you crave knowledge and experience. Sometimes a structured environment or a "normal" teacher isn't what you need. Cast your mind and energy into the universe. The teacher most needed appears, and it can be someone or something unanticipated. Be open to knowledge from unexpected people and situations. Welcome the unforeseen. Bend structure, break with tradition,

laugh at authority, and think/ experience for yourself to get what you need. Charles Xavier broke the rules when creating the X-Men— sometimes you need to follow your own path. Identify yours!



# VI+ THE LOVERS Spider-Man/Peter Parker & Mary Jane Watson

"He always tries to protect me. It's what he DOES. He doesn't understand. It's not that I don't want to be protected, because sometimes I do. But sometimes I want to protect HIM, and I can't do that when he's too busy protecting ME. When he's keeping secrets. But I have to respect his secrets. Because that's what I do. I keep people's secrets."—Mary Jane Watson, Amazing Spider-Man (1999) #511

Spider-Man and Mary Jane Watson are the Lovers—and don't forget Peter! Two strong-willed people always face challenges in a relationship. MJ is the strong, confident partner that Peter Parker needs—and she is the home base that Spider-Man requires. Once Peter reveals his secret identity to MJ, she becomes one of his greatest strengths.

#### Upright

The Lovers upright represents harmony, synchronicity, trust, open heart, joy, respect, adventure, and true friendship. Choice resides at the heart of every relationship. You choose your partner, happiness, and harmony. Relationships are a push/pull; opposition/attraction—and two become one for a stronger, more powerful team. Opposites

attract—we find in another that which we're lacking to complete ourselves. Ultimately, it's about balance; to achieve that, knowing yourself is the first step. MJ knows herself well—and helps Peter discover himself. With Spider-Man, MJ's world grows bigger. The Lovers indicate a decision facing you: follow your heart, not your head. You're at a crossroads: choose.

### Reversed

Sometimes we become entangled within the spider web of desires, and it's difficult to free ourselves. Caught up in the passion of a relationship (romantic or otherwise), we lose ourselves until we're unrecognizable—even to ourselves. Don't lose



your mind within the discord. We enter relationships wearing masks. Over time, our secret identities are revealed. Unless you're willing to remove your mask, you can never free yourself of illusion. Again, the choice is yours to continue as is . . . or not.

# VII+ THE CHARIOT Captain America/ Sam Wilson

"If Captain America can't stand for the dream on the very worst day—when America is fallen—then there is no Captain America. Because our worst day is only where we start from. Where we rise from."—Captain America/ Sam Wilson, Captain America and the Mighty Avengers (2014) #4

Sam Wilson—Captain America—personifies the Chariot: the inner and outer Warrior, strength of body and mind, triumph in the face of all obstacles and resistance. He's ready to fight for what's right, for others, for the cause, for the country, for a noble idea. Overcoming conflicts in the face of all odds. A noble warrior, Sam Wilson is no stranger to adversity. As Falcon, one of the first African American super heroes, Wilson endured hardships from society as well as the villains he faced, but he received the ultimate recognition when a resurrected Steve Rogers could no longer execute his duties as Captain America, and Steve relinquished the mantle of the shield and stars and stripes to Sam.

#### **Upright**

The Chariot in this position signifies successful forward motion and momentum. By sheer force of will, the mission, the journey, the adventure continues until you reach your goal. Sam Wilson never stops! Obstacles faced in pursuit of your dreams are overcome with sweat, tears, and sometimes blood. Don't stop! Stay in motion, and keep pushing forward!

### Reversed

Everyone at some point feels like giving up. Many times, it's because you don't have a plan or back-up plans. The situation or mission spins out of control—sending your energy and efforts into flight. You begin to doubt yourself: you doubt your capabilities, and you even doubt if the goal is worth the effort, the



pain. But the reversed Chariot—Captain America himself—never gives up, no matter what, no matter the doubts that arise. Keep your heart true and your eyes focused on the horizon.

# VIII+ STRENGTH She-Hulk/ Jennifer Walters

"Don't think. Act. Heroes always do the right thing.
So I've learned that as long as I do something, justice
will ultimately prevail. It's a test of faith . . . a trial of
strength."—She-Hulk/Jennifer Walters,
Fear Itself: Fearsome Four (2011) #3

Strength is typically thought of as brute force. But She-Hulk muscled her way into your pull today to say: Hey—not so fast! Jennifer Walters represents the epitome of Strength: control over your mind and emotions for forward momentum. While heroes may possess physical strength, without willpower and control, only mayhem and destruction ensue. A true hero uses their Strength to help themselves—and to assist others on their paths. Raw power without intellect and heart to guide it transforms a person from civilized to brute. Examine every side, embrace the situation—and transform it!

### Upright

Willpower resides here. Jennifer Walters learned to harness the power of her mind and the strength of the She-Hulk to retain her humanity, her intellect, and her heart. While cousin Bruce Banner's Hulk desires to SMASH, Jen's She-Hulk channels the



smash to smarts.
Transforming wild rage into wellthought action requires the ultimate strength and self-control. Like a lion, time to roar!
Strength runs from savage to sensational. If you pulled the Strength upright—be sensational!

#### Reversed

If you pulled Strength reversed,

be aware of the intellectual and emotional triggers wrapped tightly hidden within the situation. It only takes one tiny tap—and BOOM!—you've turned green and exploded. Remember: the choice of control is yours. Don't allow rage to consume you. If you begin to "see red"—Stop. When anger flares... breathe. Jen Walters realized that anger and losing control weaken a person. Don't talk. Don't move. Be still, but not brittle. And sometimes, strength means walking away from a situation so it doesn't ignite and walking away from a person or place for their own protection—and yours.

# IX+THE HERMIT Silver Surfer/ Norrin Radd

"Your shadow ... cannot be erased. You cannot defeat the dark. But you can find the light inside of you. Protect it. Keep it from harm. Care for it. For it will be fragile.
And then, when it is strong ... share it. Give it away.
Shine it down upon those still trapped in the shadows.
And in time ... perhaps ... the brilliance of your light will outshine the void within."—Silver Surfer/Norrin Radd,

The Hermit, like the Silver Surfer, keeps their own counsel in pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, and introspection. The Silver Surfer glides solo in silence amongst the stars. You pulled this card. You have need of the Silver Surfer. He's your guide through the darkness in times of turmoil and strife. There is power in silence, and within silent introspection lies wisdom.

### **Upright**

You're surfing into solitude, seclusion, soulsearching, and the spiritual side. Sometimes life overwhelms—time to step back, turning attention inward. Explore your shadow side, digging deep for self-discovery. But in darkness and shadow, your inner light shines brightly—let that be your guide to true wisdom. Just as the stars across the universe act as illumination for the Silver Surfer, you're guided by the illumination of your own soul star. You are the universe!

#### Reversed

Beware the isolation trap. Humans, by nature, aren't solitary creatures. Unlike the Silver Surfer, you cannot ride the universe waves alone. If you pulled the Hermit in reverse, it may mean you've isolated for too long. Situations sometimes demand isolation, but when the time is right, get back into the world. Put the knowledge accumulated and the lessons learned out into the universe, and help those who need assistance. Helping those who need it most helps

you. Your friends, family, and fellow beings await! Allow the Power Cosmic to wash over you, and realize you aren't



# X+THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE Gambit/Remy LeBeau

"Playin' for **keeps** is still **playin'**, mon ami. So, take a card... **any** card!" —Gambit/Remy LeBeau, Avengers West Coast (1985) #101

Laissez le bon temps rouler! Hey there, cher!
Take a chance! Roll the dice! Spin the Wheel of
Fortune! Try your luck! What have you got to lose?
Like Gambit, shuffle those cards! Guess what? While
fate and fortune play their parts, you play an active
part in making your own luck—so prepare! Life is
unpredictable—roll with it or get flattened.

### Upright

Things are looking up, mon ami! Luck seems to be on your side! But! Expect the unexpected. See, that's the thing with luck, fate, and fortune: it strikes out of the blue—but not really. It's timing, preparation, and being at the right place at the right time loaded with ambition and swagger. The tides of fortune ebb and flow—and good fortune flows to you! Like Remy LeBeau, take that potential energy in your life, transforming it into kinetic energy. What's in your potential? Lady Luck loves gamblers who act! Très bien! Life looks pretty good right now! Do yourself a favor for fate and fortune: save up and bank what you have. Life is unpredictable. Luck spins in cycles,



taking a turn without notice. Bonne chance!

#### Reversed

En garde! Just when you think everything's hopping along, BAM!—that Ace of Spades hits you right between the eyes. Everyone experiences bad luck—some more often than others.

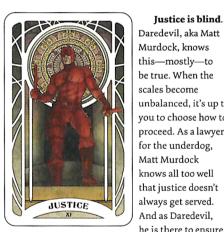
Merde happens.

A twist of fate, a change of luck, a

bad roll of the dice—it's coming for us all. The wheel always turns. Just like Gambit, luck and fortune are attractive and charming thieves. They'll steal your hopes, dreams, ambition, and every last penny you have if you let them. Don't let them. Seal them away and prepare. Fearing the future is for fools. Don't be a fool now. Que dame chance brille sur vous!

### XI+JUSTICE Daredevil/Matt Murdock

"We're only human . . . We can be weak. We can be evil. The only way to stop us from killing each other is to make rules. Laws. And stick to them. They don't always work. But mostly, they do. And they're all we've got."—Daredevil/ Matt Murdock, Daredevil (1964) #184



Justice is blind. Daredevil, aka Matt Murdock, knows this-mostly-to be true. When the scales become unbalanced, it's up to you to choose how to proceed. As a lawyer for the underdog, Matt Murdock knows all too well that justice doesn't always get served.

the scales are balanced back again. Justice is about fairness, right and wrong, the rule of law, and the consequences of actions.

### **Upright**

Every action spurs a consequence, so every choice made in the past, in the now, and in the future has consequences: for yourself and others. While you need to navigate your own map with your moral compass, choosing the direction right for you, also consider your choice as a whole, and how that fits into the greater good. Like lawyer Matt Murdock, fight for what is truly right. Rules exist to preserve our humanity. With karma in mind, act with integrity, think fairly, and choose wisely.

#### Reversed

Something isn't right, and you can't sleep at night. Hard times and experience provide a new and different perspective to fairness. Blindness isn't only loss of sight. We can also shut our eyes to the plight of others. There is something about the situation in which you find yourself that doesn't sit well with you. Perhaps someone has acted unethically—maybe it's you. Daredevil realizes that justice occurs when the totality of a situation is seen, examined, and processed. He rights miscarriages of justice. How will you correct your choice—and how will you choose differently?

# XII+THE HANGED MAN The Winter Soldier/ Bucky Barnes

"There are things from the Winter Soldier days that I'm just remembering. Weapons left in the field . . . dangers I can still prevent. I think maybe that's the path . . . a way to the redemption I've been looking for."—The Winter Soldier/ James Buchanan "Bucky" Barnes, Fear Itself (2010) #7.1

Suspended between life and death in icy waters, Bucky Barnes became a martyr for America's cause. When revived, Bucky was no longer Captain America's sidekick—he became the Winter Soldier. With no recollection of his past, Barnes was reprogrammed as an enemy operative, the perfect assassin. When he began to disobey orders, he once again became a Hanged Man, suspended between life and death in a cryo-freeze. Friends and teammates helped him regain his memories, but life moved on—and he needed release the past. He's now a seeker, a man suspended between the past and present, moving toward the future.

### Upright

The best plans mean nothing when you're knocked off your path unexpectedly. That's life! You never know what's waiting. Forget about salvaging those plans—what do you need **right now**? Let go of

those carefully crafted plans, tightly held beliefs, and situational perspectives. Like the Winter Soldier, who cannot recall the past, be in the **now**. Release mental, emotional, and physical attachments to the situation. Sit with what's in front of you, and take the time to examine it in its entirety. Face the challenge head-on, but strategize and employ a different set of plans.

### Reversed

Like Bucky Barnes, you find yourself suspended between the past and present, stuck in a confounding situation or left hanging with impossible choices. You feel trapped by the situation you're in or paralyzed by the choices currently before you. Fighting is futile.



Something will need to be sacrificed.
Release expectations.
You'll get back on your path, but only when the time is right. Be patient.

# XIII+ DEATH Phoenix/Jean Grev

"We come into the world alone, and we leave the same way.

The time we spend in between—time spent alive, sharing, learning together—is all that makes life worth living."

—Jean Grey, Uncanny X-Men (1981) #303

Like the mythical Phoenix itself, Phoenix/Jean Grey flew into your reading today to herald a new beginning for you! Don't fear the Death card. If you pulled Phoenix/Jean Grey, change awaits! Embrace it and purture the new!

### **Upright**

Change happens whether we wish it or not. Death is the inevitably of life, a necessary transition: something must end for the new to begin. Without transition from one stage of our lives to another, we wither. Fire burns away what no longer serves us, and then, like Jean Grey as the Phoenix, we rise from the ashes, renewed and stronger than before. The cycle of change allows rebirth in your life: ideas, dreams, goals, relationships. For the fresh and new to rise, though, the old must release to fuel the next phase. Just like Jean Grey, this rebirth won't be your last. If Death and Phoenix/Jean Grey have shown themselves today, a huge change burns on the horizon! Celebrate!

#### Reversed

The more you resist, the unhappier you become. Change is hard. You're resisting something that needs to end—it's going to happen regardless of what you want. Let go. Let the fires of the future transform you. The Unknown frightens us all, but look at it as an adventure. You pulled this card for a reason: the Phoenix Force lights a fire under you to move forward! But don't play with the fire too long—you'll get burned!



# XIV+ TEMPERANCE Shang-Chi/ Zheng Shang-Chi

"I do not seek power. I seek only peace."—Shang-Chi/ Zheng Shang-Chi, Master of Kung Fu (1974) #28

If Shang-Chi presents himself today, he asks for patience, moderation, and balance. Shang-Chi balances body, mind, and spirit, calming himself in whatever situation arises.

### **Upright**

Staying calm under pressure is hard. But within that calm lies the ultimate control over yourself and any situation. Moderation balances the mental, spiritual, and physical, working together in harmonious alignment. Do you crave power? Or yearn for peace? By bringing balance to yourself, you not only stabilize a situation, but assist others. Patience, calm, and harmony allow quiet power to engulf you. Like Shang-Chi, utilize the balancing life force to alleviate any fears, letting doubt and disquiet flow around you—but not affect you.

#### Reversed

Excess and a loss of self-control lead to chaos. Losing control leads to actions and words you'll regret. Losing control of his emotions unleashed blinding fury, causing Shang-Chi to kill a man—something he vowed never to do again. Reversed Temperance also indicates conflict and lack of patience—both within yourself and with others. Sometimes turmoil is necessary to pull you back to the path of balance. Breathe and center yourself. Recognize when something isn't working, and have the calm courage to walk away.



# XV+ THE DEVIL Loki/Loki Laufeyson

"No, mischief is a small thing, a toy I've well used and discarded. This isn't mischief. This is **mayhem**. Just watch."—Loki, Siege: Loki (2010) #1



Watch out! If the Devilish Loki. God of Mischief, has horned his way into the cards today, you had better believe that trickery is afoot! A charming, smooth-tongued talker, Loki tempts with false promises and whispers of power. But what do you need to give in return? The Devil offers you your

deepest desires, but there's always a price to pay.

### Upright

Temptation surrounds you: hedonistic desires and promises of money, status, power, possessions, or something else you covet abound. But remember: if something seems too good to be true . . . it probably is. Lies can sound sweet when wrapped in smiles and promises, so you'll need to peel back the layers to get at the truth. You'll need to rein in your ego: bad behavior, temper tantrums, mean-spirited jokes, and trickery will drag you down. Identify what holds power over you—if you let it. Beware the chains of temptation ready to enslave you or the fires of those false promises set to burn you. Don't fall for Loki's special brand of mischief and materialism. It leads to utter mayhem.

### Reversed

Confronting the Master of Mischief head-on breaks the chains of any addictions holding you down. You've been able to discern the snares left for you. If the Devilish Loki has presented himself in the reverse, make no mistake: you're back on the right track and **you** are the one in control. Banish him from your life, no matter the promises he speaks. You're free!

# XVI+THE TOWER Galactus

"No living thing dares **ignore** my call. For I am that which has **always** been, since **this** Universe was birthed from the ashes of the **last**. I am the **hunger** that dooms worlds. I am he who is **beyond** such frail concepts as **good** and **evil**. I am **Galactus**."

—Galactus, Silver Surfer: Dangerous Artifacts (1996) #1

Galactus destroys and consumes worlds. If the Tower is in the cards today, brace yourself. Galactus marches into your life in a surprise attack to destroy and consume your world, as well.

### <u>Upright</u>

When the Tower appears, try not to panic. A major shock, a shake-up that will rock you to your foundations is coming. While we view this herald of destruction and chaos as a tremendous calamity, the only way the universe sees a fresh start for you is to swiftly and completely demolish what you perceived as strong structures. Galactus, like chaos, always hungry for more, appears when your world needs a complete overhaul and rebuild. You may feel as your life is falling apart. But be brave and welcome it. Remember that Galactus, as a cosmic being, can both resurrect the dead and create life out of thin air.

Welcome Galactus—he has come to destroy the old and rebuild something new.

#### Reversed

There is nothing to be done when destruction arrives. Denial and resistance won't prevent it from happening. Like Galactus, destruction is unstoppable. What do you choose to do? How do you choose to behave? You can scream, you can curse the gods, but the high towers you've built for yourself crumble to pieces. Look up. Now that the old structures have toppled, you can see blue sky and stars. You're free to rebuild a new life.



### XVII+THE STAR Photon/Monica Rambeau

"I strongly believe in the importance of each of the cultures that make up our country, and the pride we should each have in them . . . No one should have to be ashamed of their culture, or who they in large part are."

—Monica Rambeau, Captain Marvel (1989) #2

The Star represents a shining symbol of hope and inspiration, as does Monica Rambeau. Whether known as Photon, Pulsar, Spectrum, or Captain Marvel, Rambeau emits the some of the brightest light in the universe.

### **Upright**

If you pulled Photon/Monica Rambeau, consider yourself surrounded by infinite, pure energy to travel with you on your journey! The Star contains the spectrum of the rainbow, encompassing the positive energy of the universe. Embrace your light. Be the shining star for others. As Photon, Monica Rambeau possesses the ability to absorb, generate, and manipulate energy. Star energy and light glimmer from afar, but buoy us in the darkest of times. Let Photon's energy and the Star's light inspire and guide you on your chosen path.

#### Reversed

In our darkest nights of disappointment and despair, it's easy to lose hope in ourselves, our goals, or our dreams. Our way forward is obscured by clouds and fogged vision. But the ambient energy and soft light of the Star always burns brightly behind that darkness, waiting, ready to light the way and guide us to our destination. Reach out, and the energy of Photon is ready to take your hand.



# XVIII+ THE MOON Moon Knight/Marc Spector

"My brain is Moon-silvered, lunatic, cratered with a god's fingerprints. The deep structures of my mind have been irreversibly changed by communion with an ultraterrestrial intelligence. This is my poisoned ground.

This is my temple. But I take my weaknesses and turn them to my advantage. I take my scars...

and make of them my weapons."

—Moon Knight/Marc Spector, Moon Knight (2021) #2



The Moon, full of illumination and illusion, shows us two faces: the bright side reflecting the sun and the dark side, mysterious, hidden—always in shadow and never in the light. The Moon Knight, Marc Spector, also shows many faces, each personality with its own strengths.

### **Upright**

The world looks different in the light of the moon. Bathed in silver luminosity, illusion covers the colors of the daylight world. But secrets and mysteries await us in the shadows. People and situations are not what they seem, so you'll need to scratch beneath the surface. There's more than meets the eye. Just as Khonshu is a multifaceted deity, and just as Moon Knight/Marc Spector displays many faces, you, too, possess much you keep hidden.

### Reversed

Intuition holds out her hand, beckoning you to trust yourself even when joining her in shadows. Explore the unseen in the world and the secrets of your own soul. Don't be afraid to reach into the dark to get to the truth. Leverage the bright light of a full moon, her reflection provides introspection and illumination into your soul and the soul of any situation. At times, you may find, like Moon Knight, you experience prophetic dreams. These are a window to your inner self and soul. Pay attention.

# XIX+THE SUN Ms. Marvel/Kamala Khan

"Good is not a thing you are. It's a thing you do."
—Ms. Marvel/Kamala Khan, Ms. Marvel (2014) #5

If the Sun and Ms. Marvel/Kamala Khan bounded into your reading today . . . rejoice! It's the dawn breaking following a long period of darkness! Some say the Sun is the most powerful card within the deck. The power of positivity is contagious—pass it on! Jump right into life!

### **Upright**

EMBIGGEN! Your life, your sense of self! There are no limits. Life burns as bright as the Sun. You hold a new zest for your life with unbridled joy and positivity. Child-like optimism bursts in your chest, rays of hope emanating from your core. Jump right into the happiness of your own life with both feet. Even though you may not be able to shift your shape and body like Kamala Khan, you can shape-craft the life you desire. Success and over-the-top exuberance are on the horizon. Like Ms. Marvel's idealistic outlook to make the world a better place, so can you!

#### Reversed

The spark of joy resides in you, but right now you just can't see it. Right now, perhaps routine, boredom, failure, or disappointments are dragging you under. Realize every challenge is temporary. Time to recharge with the Sun's power and Kamala Khan's love of life. It's okay to go through a bad stretch. But think about this: by experiencing this part of life, won't the **other** side be so much greater!?



# XX+JUDGEMENT Black Panther/T'Challa

"This is not our destination . . . This is where our journey begins."—Black Panther/ T'Challa, Fantastic Four (1998) #607



When Judgement appears, a turning point in your life is unfolding. As Black Panther/T'Challa knows, a person is judged by others and self—through words and deeds. Be proud of what you're becoming, but take care when choosing those words and actions. Consequences

follow. The transition from who you are to your future self is never easy, but it frees your potential.

### **Upright**

No one is perfect—that's a universal truth. But the human condition strives toward perfection: the perfect life, the perfect relationship, the perfect job. Perfection is prison, an illusion, an infinite, invisible trap in which we're caught—if we allow it. Stop and reflect on how far you've come. Evaluate your self to break out of the self-imposed perfection prison. Yes, there is always room for improvement. Learn from mistakes. Forgive yourself. Forgiveness is freedom! Liberate your mind from needing acknowledgment and recognition. It's time to wake up! Black Panther/ T'Challa recognizes that service to all of humankind is one of the highest callings.

#### Reversed

Your actions and words have consequences. Right now, you're doubting yourself: did I do the right thing? Why did I say **that**? You're too hard on yourself, replaying old mistakes, harsh words, actions you did—or didn't take. All of this doesn't serve you, keeping you stuck, mired in the same patterns and cycles. Learn from your mistakes—you can and will do better. That's part of the journey. To move forward, let go. That's the only way to become who you are meant to be. T'Challa didn't need to be the ruler of Wakanda to be a king.

# XXI+THE WORLD Captain Marvel/ Carol Danvers

"Have you ever seen a little girl run so far she falls down?
There's an instant, a fraction of a second before the world
catches hold of her again . . . A moment when she's outrun
every doubt and fear she's ever had about herself and she
flies . . . And maybe, if I fly far enough, I'll be able to turn
around and look at the world . . . And see where I belong."
—Captain Marvel/Carol Danvers, Captain Marvel
(2014) #1

The World represents wholeness, completion, and a journey that reached its conclusion. As a woman from two worlds, Carol Danvers only becomes whole when she integrates her human and Kree side, the super hero and mortal side—and becomes stronger because of it.

#### Upright

Congratulations! Everything you've done to get here guided you to wholeness. A world of opportunity awaits—and a new cycle begins! Reward yourself for your tenacity, open heart, and learning the lessons experienced along the way. You're flying high right now! Like Captain Marvel/Carol Danvers, turn around and look at the World—and where you belong! Time to take a short break, recharge, open yourself to the

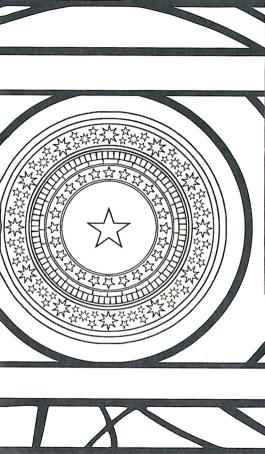


next adventure and what lies ahead!
You'll know when it's time to begin—and you're back to playing the Fool.

### Reversed

It is hard to let go! Attachment to the people you've met, the places you've visited, and the lessons you've learned sink deep within your Self, integrating with the

core of who you've become. Right now, you're stuck in the past journey, hanging on by your fingertips or gripping the past until you're white knuckled. To move forward, pry yourself from this last journey, and all of those things that no longer serve who you've become. Transform all that potential energy into physical energy! Move forward!





# **SUIT OF WANDS**

# KING OF WANDS Beast/Hank McCoy



### **Upright**

The charismatic, passionate King of Wands inspires with vision, imagination, and intellect. Like Hank McCoy, this leader strives for collaboration, looking at the common good and big picture. Dreams and goals are achieved only through mutual respect and support. If the King

pounced upright today, listen to others' opinions and perspectives about the situation with an open mind and heart. Use creativity, imagination, and intellect to manifest your desired outcome.

#### Reversed

The Beast becomes unleashed and unrealistic. Reversed, the King's expectations run amok, losing control of the collaborative vision, creative process, and anyone else's ideas or perspectives. Beware of impulsiveness, unreasonable expectations from yourself and others, and the thought that you know better than everyone else. Stop. Listen. Inspiration roars within a whisper.

# QUEEN OF WANDS Ironheart/Riri Williams

### **Upright**

The Queen of Wands commands respect and attention. A force of nature, she pushes forward toward her goal no matter what. Genius is a fiery mix of intellect and creativity. This Queen possesses both. Confident in what she does, she inspires others to do the same. An inventive super genius, Riri Williams forges her own path into unexplored places. She reverse-engineered Iron Man's armor to build her own suit of armor, and you, too, can move forward by sheer force of will.

#### Reversed

That fire for a project, endeavor, or idea may have burned itself down to an ember. But it hasn't gone out. It smolders. Take heart! Don't retreat, don't lose confidence. You are more than enough. Like Riri, it's time to once again forge your own path.



### KNIGHT OF WANDS Shuri

### Upright

Fearless, fierce, and fiery, this Knight burns with passion for action and adventure. As an innovative inventor, Shuri finds creative ways to bring her new tech and ideas to life. As a warrior, she trusts her instincts, going with her gut, head, and heart. The Knight of Wands tells you to utilize your creativity to animate your dreams, to trust your instincts, and to act, moving forward undaunted.

#### Reversed

Ambitious Knights become impatient and frustrated when dreams, plans, and goals are thwarted. As any master strategist like Shuri knows, if the best-laid plans go awry—create a new



strategy. Revise your tactics. Frustration only leads to mistakes. Be patient. Don't expect instant results.

# PAGE OF WANDS The Human Torch/ Johnny Storm

## <u>Upright</u>

This rebellious, fiery free spirit flies high with creative ideas and passion plans! The sky's the limit when it comes to how far the Page of Wands blazes new trails. When the Human Torch crackles into your cards today, the flames of enthusiasm for life and all it holds, burn brightly! This charming maverick smolders with optimism, without care



for risks. Beware: don't get burned.

#### Reversed

Impulsive, immature, impetuous, and immensely naive. Just because you've got the spark of an idea doesn't mean it's going to catch fire without hard work. One errant ember creates an out-of-control inferno. You need discipline to extinguish any misguided actions—don't leave a scorched earth or burn bridges.

# ACE OF WANDS Staff of One

### Upright

Nico Minoru offers the Staff of One for all the magical fire of creative passion burning within your blood and soul. The spark of creativity catches fire, growing into a blazing inferno of ideas as the Ace of Wands fuels new energy. The Staff of One's spells can only be used once to achieve a desired result: now's your one chance to uniquely ignite each fresh idea or opportunity in its current form. Use it wisely!

### Reversed

You're feeling devoid of creative fire, inspiration, and passion. Something sent your spells swirling askew. You need to remove roadblocks, and rekindle that inner flame, the passion for your ideas and

dreams. Your own blood spell brings forth your Staff of One, releasing and rekindling the inner flame of excitement and creativity.



# II OF WANDS Cerebro



### Upright

Plans lead to progress, so map your journey. Two paths unfold. Confidently decide which one to take. Cerebro locates talented mutants for Professor Xavier—and he has located you. As a gifted individual, know that each path possesses unique opportunities, experiences, and gifts. Use your intuition and initiative to envision

each, and shapeshift into what the situation requires.

### Reversed

Uncertainty, unpreparedness, and indecision lurk as your enemies. Maybe you've been burned or your life's in flames. Stop spinning out of control, and center yourself. Utilize Cerebro's power to amplify your **own** power, clearing the smoke from your vision. What's left behind may be the unknown—one of humanity's greatest fears. Use your head and heart to chart your path, but to get to where you're going, action is required.

# III OF WANDS bockheed

### Upright

Your path is planned with passion fueling forward momentum. Opportunities arise when vision, hearts, and horizons widen—including expansion of your team! No one travels alone—forget flying solo. Like Lockheed, your potential grows when meshed with like-minded members. Adventures await with a team who wants your success. Breathe creative fire to incinerate obstacles and doubts and to blaze new trails.

#### Reversed

Expect the unexpected, shoot for the stars, and plan the best you can. Look long-range; don't be deterred by the current smoldering situation.



Impatience creeps in, but the adventure demands one step at a time. Lean on your team, communicate your goals and intent, and don't shrivel in the heat of the moment. Learn from Lockheed's keen sense of swooping in for better opportunities—however they show up.

# IV OF WANDS Jubilee's Fireworks

### Upright

It's a celebration! Break out Jubilee's fireworks!
Whether it's a family fête, a major milestone, or a triumph over tough times, you feel proud and complete, connected to your inner self and greater community. A sense of belonging envelops you as you sink into the whole. Revel in it! You



deserve it! But don't become complacent. Security and stability surround you now, but keep in mind that stress can create Jubilee's fireworks...

#### Reversed

Stress shakes your support system and solid foundation of home, family, friends, and situation. If you're on shaky ground, the fireworks can turn destructive instead of celebratory, exploding the stable foundation you need. Find the source of friction causing the cracks in the foundation, the points of stress, and set to repair any damage.

# V OF WANDS Zodiac Key

### Upright

The Zodiac Key embodies conflict, clashes, competition, and chaos wielded by the V of Wands. Perhaps the Key's unresolved struggle between good and evil is at play. Conflict exists within and without. Lock your ego away. Really listen to diffuse and transform turmoil. Question yourself and others, analyze what's



being said, and communicate using your head and heart. Communication is the key to resolving the conflict.

#### Reversed

A harmonious outcome necessitates hard work. Trust yourself and the universe to guide you with focus and unobstructed vision. Don't avoid conflict—deal with it in a thoughtful, graceful, yet firm manner. Perhaps you've addressed the conflict and are now in harmony within yourself and others. Remember that the Zodiac Key is sentient. Don't feed the fire of its conflict-generating nature.

# VI OF WANDS Wand of Watoomb

### Upright

You're on **fire!** All your plans, blood, sweat, tears, and talents stoked your success—everyone celebrates you! Controlled by the thoughts and mind of its wielder, the Wand of Watoomb focuses, harnesses, and enhances energy—and you've put this to excellent use! Bask in your achievements and the adulations from others!

#### Reversed

Don't allow doubt and dings in confidence to cloud your sight. You've worked hard, but not everyone—and oftentimes not **anyone** but you—recognizes that. Disappointment fans the flames of lack: of confidence, of self-worth, of connection.



Comparing yourself to others, allowing jealousy or your ego to seep into your psyche scalds any successes. Reach out to your team for support, and utilize the power of the Wand of Watoomb to heal your attitude and block negativity.

# VII OF WANDS Jane Foster's Helmet

### Upright

Others desire your success. The VII of Wands says: competition is fierce, but so are you. Fight for what's yours: the ideas, beliefs, and dreams that propelled you. As a mortal, as Mighty Thor, Goddess of Thunder, and as Valkyrie, Jane Foster epitomizes a relentless, fierce fighter with courage, no matter the foe, tragedy, or challenge. With inner and outer strength, stand firm and stand up for yourself and your achievements.

### Reversed

Fighting the good fight is exhausting. Overwhelmed with a constant barrage of disappointments, criticisms, judgement, and

roadblocks, the excitement you once felt goes up in smoke. Don't wait for lightning to strike. Heed the rumble of thunder. Rest and recharge. Then decide if your dream is worth the storm. If not, admit defeat and pursue another.



# VIII OF WANDS Space Stone

### Upright

Life blazes ahead at lightning speed! Within the VIII of Wands, the Space Stone's power to control and shift space infuses its essence! Your preparation and planning pay off! Expect the unexpected—be ready to respond and act quickly, with positivity. Allow inspiration to feed the flames of your endeavor. You may feel as if



you can be in all places at once, burning through tasks simultaneously—that's the power of the Space Stone at work!

#### Reversed

You're knocked off course, no matter the plans. That speedy, forward momentum starts to sputter. Disappointments and delays frustrate you. Have patience. The Space Stone returns you to the now. Resituate yourself. Your view may be askew, but readjust your specs, breathe, and reassess the landscape to move forward.

# IX OF WANDS Daredevil's Billy Clubs



### <u>Upright</u>

As the Man Without Fear, Daredevil stands strong in the face of adversity. The IX of Wands indicates challenges that knock you off balance. Know your territory and defend your boundaries. Using billy clubs for balance and battle, Daredevil and his experiences—blindness, mental breakdown, death, and prison—strengthened

his resolve, so he stands triumphant against all odds. Persevere. Be courageous and fearless, even if you're fighting solo. Friends and allies stand ready to assist your fight—just reach out and ask.

#### Reversed

You're full of fear: of the future and of failure. Of confrontation and commitment. Right now, you're not a risk-taker. You're your own worst enemy full of doubt, mistrust, and small-mindedness. Your dreams die without courage. Beat back that fear with Daredevil's billy clubs to move forward!

# X OF WANDS Ultron's Helmet

#### Upright

The X of Wands indicates a phase laden with responsibilities, heavy burdens, intense struggles, and intricate negotiations fraught with challenge. From Hank Pym's greatest desire—to better the world—comes its greatest threat, a challenge the entire universe must face: Ultron.

#### Reversed

The X of Wands indicates that the heaviest burdens and biggest obstacles on your journey encumber no longer. A relief! A respite! But: rest up! The weight shouldered by others—friends, family, team—may become yours. Both heroes and villains stood together against the singular threat Ultron

posed to humanity. Your loyal team may need you, but know those burdens aren't carried by you alone. Help is on the way. Do what you can. Release the rest.



# **SUIT OF CUPS**

# KING OF CUPS Vision

### <u>Upright</u>

The King of Cups cares—about people's thoughts and feelings, relationships, and the world. Of paramount importance is the support this father figure provides friends, family, teammates—and strangers. As a synthezoid, the Vision strives for his humanity—realizing emotions are what make us human. As a controlled and commanding figure, yet gentle guide, this King signifies selflessness. Be wise. Fair. Kind. Balanced. In every situation, with every person—but most especially the one currently in question—it's a powerful program for optimization.





The King reversed symbolizes emotions gone haywire. What is happening right now causes you, the relationship, or the situation to become unstable. A reset is required. Power down for a nanosecond. Complete a circuit check. Don't allow emotions or a manipulator to press your buttons.

# QUEEN OF CUPS Squirrel Girl/ Doreen Green

## <u>Upright</u>

The Queen of Cups is a fierce mother figure and monarch of emotions. She utilizes keen intuition to dig to the heart of matters. Queen Doreen Green's not squirrely about feelings—she wants to understand, help, and protect her family, friends, and the world. She's an expert communicator—the key to compassion.



When Queen Green shows up today bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, know that someone cares, ready to help.

#### Reversed

Incessant chatter makes you nutty. Emotions and thoughts scamper around while grasping for branches to prevent a fall. Stop! It's self-care time. Gather sustenance for the long winter. Use a bushy tail for balance. It's okay to climb high or go out on a limb, but remember: if you fall, you can't help the ones you care for the most.

# KNIGHT OF CUPS Cyclops/Scott Summers

### Upright

This visored Knight in shining armor is caring, emotional, gallant, and connects with others deeply. Like the chivalrous, highly principled Knight of Cups, Scott Summers strives to do the right thing. As the X-Men's fearless leader, Scott is also a dreamer, a handsome charismatic romantic, with many loves in his life. If this Knight gallops into your reading, exciting changes are coming! New opportunities, adventures, or love await.

#### Reversed

The tide turns when the Knight reverses: from the charming and compassionate champion to the unstable, jealous, and immature child. Low



self-esteem and lidded emotions are a volatile mixture. Confront what you're avoiding. If not, it'll sear you from the inside out. Blinded by lies, jealousy, and disappointments, you see ruby red. Beware of anything new—it may burn with deceit

# PAGE OF CUPS Spider-Man/Miles Morales



### **Upright**

The Page of Cups is the curious child and eternal optimist! Miles Morales swings in, weaving a brilliant web of a multiverse of possibilities! He's a loyal friend who helps others before himself. Positive vibes magnetize the world, attracting happiness, love, opportunities, growth, and change for the better! That

Spider-Sense buzzing in your body heralds good news on the way!

#### Reversed

This childish side weaves a tangled web of immaturity, lack of self-confidence, toxic emotions, indulgences, and obsessions. If Miles hangs upside down, a venom blast will knock sense into you! Bad news may lie ahead. Reversed or not, this Page is about positivity. Wake up! Work on yourself! Express the true you in an uplifting way and rewrite your history for a better present and amazing future!

# ACE OF CUPS Iceman's Powers

## Upright

Welcome to a sparkling fresh, brand-new you! Drink from the waters of joy that the Ace of Cups offers! Positivity, gratitude, and love bubble up. Embrace the giddiness of new things: love, beginnings, friendships, and awakenings! Water gushes with versatility in its flow and appearance as solid ice, liquid water, or vapor, changing its structure from one form into another—just as Iceman manipulates water. Water—just like you—possesses unlimited potential, so indulge in this abundance of fresh starts.

#### Reversed

The Ace of Cups turns upside down, spilling its contents. You're drained by a tempest of emotions—

or frozen by overwhelming emotions. The crystalline ice and pure cold created by Iceman indicate a coldness, emptiness, and emotional loss. Your emotions are frozen and brittle, causing cracks in your emotional health. Just as Iceman freezes, he can also thaw. You can't enter the flow of life if you're as cold as ice.



# II OF CUPS Wiccan and Hulkling

### **Upright**

The II of Cups is one of the most auspicious cards for relationships—and Wiccan and Hulkling embody the essence of this card! Whether the relationship is romantic, professional, or platonic, the super-charged positivity of this card brings harmony to life! Infinite possibilities await within this relationship, with unity,



equality, mutual respect, and balance at its core.

### Reversed

Reversed, the II of Cups indicates a partnership broken, a balance disrupted, with two people out of step. Where's the breakdown? Communication is key. Words matter. Sit a spell and reflect on resentments, broken promises, unspoken grievances, roads not taken, and the roles you've both played. There's a happy ending on the horizon when balance is restored.

# III OF CUPS Luke Cage and Iron Fist

### **Upright**

Friendship and happiness overflow with the III of Cups! Luke Cage and Iron Fist celebrate a tight, honest, and authentic friendship. This card bursts with bonds shared with special people in your life, whether you see/hear from them daily or not. Just because you don't see your family or friends frequently doesn't mean your bonds aren't strong. When you reconnect, it's like you've never been apart. Celebrate that reunion!

#### Reversed

Drowning in busyness, commitments, and work, you've lost connection to those you care about most. You've become stale and stagnant, losing your sense



of humor. When was the last time you had fun? Stay true to the real you and reconnect with those you cherish. It takes effort, but it's worth it! Don't cut yourself off from the world.

# IV OF CUPS Time Stone

#### Upright

You're taking existence for granted. Perhaps you're bored with life or indifferent to others' struggles.

Something—or a cascade of events—has numbed your emotions, wrapping you in a duvet of discontent. The Time Stone controls the past, present, and future.

Yours. You have the power



to control your present and future—and your time.
Use it wisely. Discover your universe of unlimited opportunities again.

#### Reversed

The Time Stone allows viewing the circular continuum of time. New ideas, inspiration, opportunities, relationships, and paths swirl around you, parts of life's beauty. Grab these gifts! It's all about the **now**, the biggest, most awesome present. Don't dwell in the past—learn from it. Don't live in the future—plan for it. Exciting adventures await!

# V OF CUPS Crescent Dart

### **Upright**

The Moon possesses two faces: one of bright reflection, one of dark absorption, transitioning through multiple phases night-by-night. Moon Knight, too, possesses many faces. The V of Cups conjures disappointment, discontent, depression, and despair. Managing life's multiple aspects is challenging, but it's transitory. Reflecting on the past you can't change deepens sorrow. In the Moon's reflection, see your life as it is. Be courageous. Dive into your dark side, explore the deepest wounds, and begin healing. Learn from past mistakes, and

transition to your next phase.



Bringing together all aspects of yourself for healing is key. Facing your feelings, engaging with emotions, and processing the pain is necessary to move forward. Like Moon Knight, your life's purpose can be resurrected, once you've learned lessons from the past.



# VI OF CUPS Lucky the Pizza Dog



## <u>Upright</u>

Lucky the Pizza Dog's advice: Run in the sun! Roll in the grass! Unleash joy! The VI of Cups says: Enjoy life! Look at your childhood: What did you like to do, watch, listen to, play the most? How did you feel? Dwelling in the past isn't necessary to appreciate its gifts in the present. Time to play again! And eat lots of pizza.

#### Reversed

Dogs live in the now, possessing no concept of the past or future. Reminisce with wonder and love, but don't get stuck in the mud of the long-gone. The past is a new path into the future. In the meantime... a big, beautiful present awaits! When you let go of obsessing about the past, you'll get a new leash on life!

# VII OF CUPS Darkhold

### Upright

Imagination and illusion, indecision and deception, fantasy and dreams, with infinite options runneth over in the VII of Cups. Too many big dreams and delusions of grandeur corrupt your purpose. When using the Darkhold, you can lose your mind with the seductive siren call of possibilities and power. Your head's in the



clouds with exciting, yet untethered dreams—ground yourself and focus on one thing at a time. Only action transforms dreams into reality.

## Reversed

Temptation clouds your choices. Like the seductive spells within the Darkhold, the dark magic of diversionary dreams muddies the waters of your waking world. Confusion caused by illusion, forever existing in a waking dreamscape only drains your emotions dry. Wake up under reality's running waters. Go forward with focus and clarity of purpose.

# VIII OF CUPS Soul Stone

### Upright

The VIII of Cups signifies a soul-deep transformation. The Soul Stone projects "The Cold Light of Truth." Use that light to illuminate your higher purpose. Actively choose change. Restlessness runs deep—whatever you're doing now isn't what you're meant to do. Walk away from what's causing unhappiness. Walk toward your deepest dreams.

#### Reversed

The Soul Stone's desire to imprison souls in an idyllic world traps you in your mind's perfect prison of possibilities. Contemplating escape, you sink deeper into the mud. Fear is powerful: fear of



change freezes you solid, and fear of loss shrivels souls into shadows of our true potential. Now is the moment of hard decisions: allow the waves of chance to wash over you and start swimming toward the shore.

# IX OF CUPS Domino's Luck

### Upright

Wishes and dreams do come true! With the IX of Cups, satisfaction and success cause massive celebration. After a long journey packed with joys and sorrows, emotional, spiritual, and material fulfillment arrives! You kept the faith—in yourself! Drink deep from the in-between moments, gazing at Domino's "Luck" power, as she happy-dances between the life chain of impacts and trajectories. Those moments are stepping stones, propelling the journey forward.

### Reversed

Congratulations! You got what you wanted! But something's off. You should be happy, but you're



not. You don't want to admit it—not even to yourself. Something's missing, but what? You've worked hard to get here—is it everything you dreamed? Look beyond the everyday to uncover those missing pieces. They're right in front of you.

# X OF CUPS Jeff the Land Shark



### **Upright**

Happiness, harmony, and having it all is what the X of Cups holds! Jeff the Land Shark shows that true fulfillment only happens when shared with family and friends. Jeff loves Gwenpool and Deadpool, completely dedicated to his team and adopted home. This little guy swims in a pool of positivity, shining with satisfaction

from having everything he ever wanted. Be grateful for the good in your life!

#### Reversed

Twisted ties and broken bonds litter the idyllic vision of happiness. Don't drift apart from your family, friends, and community. SOS! Throw a life preserver into choppy waters and pull! It'll take effort, but don't allow your life to sink. You may be tempted to cut bait and run, but clear communication breathes new life into relationships precious to you.

# SUIT OF SWORDS

# KING OF SWORDS Thor Odinson



### **Upright**

The King of Swords exudes power, commands respect, and communicates truth. Calculating, clear, and decisive, Thor suffers no fools. People become thunderstruck in his presence. He's calm and cool in the midst of raging storms. When Thor strikes today, a logical, sensible, and

no-nonsense approach is required for the current situation. With emotions tightly reined, march forward with a warrior's clear head and open heart.

#### Reversed

When the God of Thunder hangs in reverse, power has gone to his head and ego explodes like lightning bolts. This King is icy cold and detached from the compassion needed in a great leader. Even the greatest warrior faces defeat when irresponsible and over-confident. Don't become a ruthless berserker. Winning means nothing if you don't treat others as you wish to be treated.

# QUEEN OF SWORDS Elektra Natchios



### **Upright**

Independent and selfsufficient, the Queen of Swords radiates confidence and intelligence, with unparalleled composure traits Elektra possesses. Honed by years as a bounty hunter and assassin, this Queen is adept at rooting out deception, calling out truth as she sees it. With the truth

on her side, she fights for what's right, for others, and for herself, utilizing a combination of reflexes and intelligence. Remember your strength. Stay steady.

#### Reversed

A reversed Queen becomes angry, aggressive, manipulative, and inflexible. Elektra knows, from martial arts training, things break when rigid and off-balance. To avoid cracking, go with the flow—be flexible. Find inner and outer balance between body and spirit, heart and head. Emotions wish to control your decisions here—resist. Allow level heads to prevail—don't lose yours.

# KNIGHT OF SWORDS Misty Knight

### **Upright**

When the Knight of Swords gallops into your life, it's about action! That's Misty Knight: martial artist and detective, driven by will, determination, and selflessness. The Misty Knight of Swords charges into the heart of battle. Motivated by mission, she thinks on her feet, strong-arming her way to her goals. Whether acting alone, with others, or hiring another hero, this Knight slices through doubt to create the future she desires.

#### Reversed

Planning isn't a strong suit for the Knight of Swords—but it's required here. In reverse, the Knight must think before she acts, or frustration follows.

Actions have consequences. Create a plan. Dissect the situation with pros and cons. Like Misty Knight, become a dedicated detective, investigating every angle. Put together a team to help you achieve goals.



# PAGE OF SWORDS Ghost-Spider/Gwen Stacy

### **Upright**

Welcome the clever, curious, exuberant child energy of the Page of Swords! Gwen Stacy packs a punch, swinging with adventurer's spirit and excitement for exploration. Assemble your team of Web-Warriors, instead of spinning solo! Your world isn't the only universe! There's more than one way to weave a web. Life



is learning—expect mistakes. Always do your best. And remember, it's okay to ask for help!

#### Reversed

You think you've seen, heard, and know it all. But just because you've experienced one part of the world doesn't mean that you know how it works. Keep yourself open, humble, and hungry for knowledge. Reckless actions and thoughtless words have consequences. Listen to others. Think beyond yourself. You are only one strand of the Universal Web. Weave yourself a new way forward.

# ACE OF SWORDS Excalibur



### <u>Upright</u>

Welcome, power wielder!
Excalibur cuts through
mental clutter, confusion,
and chaos to get to the
essence of truth for a eureka
strike of epic proportions!
You feel invincible!
Everything is sharp: your
vision, decision-making,
skills, and focus! The Ace of
Swords Excalibur is the blade
of breakthrough, slicing

brain-fogged clouds and clingy cobwebs that hold you back. But power, like every blade, is doubleedged. It can be utilized as a weapon for freedom—or destruction. Wield it wisely.

#### Reversed

Excalibur weighs heavy in your hand, dragging you down into indecisiveness and distraction. When reversed, this Ace indicates shrouded sight, emotions overflowing into needed logic. You need clear vision before making a move. Like any great leader who wields power, now is the time to gather trusted advisors for counsel.

# II OF SWORDS Elektra's Twin Sai

### Upright

You're caught between two battling forces of equal power. Like Elektra, throw your mind into yourself, instead of relying on others' intellect. Use Elektra's mental shield to protect your vision and mind. A difficult choice faces you, causing paralysis, confusion, and anxiety. You can't ignore it. Use the power of twin sai—the II of Swords—to cut a swath through the stalemate. Be patient. Be cautious. And watch your back.

#### Reversed

Reversed, the II of Swords amplifies awareness of the action needed—and the inaction in which you are currently caught. Be clear. Don't be fooled: the choice

is between two difficult decisions, with neither outcome optimal. Do your best, use the power of your mind, wield the sai, and act. Choose. Then move forward.



# III OF SWORDS Wolverine's Claws

### Upright

SNIKT! Wolverine's
Adamantium claws represent
the III of Swords, full of
pain, betrayal, hurt, and
heartbreak. Logan knows
these well: the sharpness of
suffering and sorrow, claws
slashing through bone and
emotion, piercing the heart.
While Wolverine hides
deep-seated wounds with
focused fury, his logic and



wit transform the situation. Everyone falls, but your future depends on rising again, stronger, to fight. Swords display two sides. Pain is tempered with happiness. Appreciate joy when it comes your way.

#### Reversed

Quick physical healing is part of Wolverine's mutant makeup. However, other healing requires much more time. Don't dismiss the grief—you need to go through it all to get to the other side. But once you're there, let go of what no longer serves you. Release the pain of the past.

# IV OF SWORDS Mind Stone

### **Upright**

After deep wounds from a hard-fought battle, the IV of Swords indicates it's time to rest mind, body, and spirit. For now, the fight is over. You deserve peace, calm, stillness, and sanctuary. Using the Mind Stone, expand and elevate your mind and mental capacity. Solitude is required to gather fresh strength for the next skirmish. Recuperate and rejuvenate.

Do it voluntarily—or the universe will force you to.

#### Reversed

You're exhausted. There's nothing left to give anyone. Perhaps your body, soul, and heart want to relax, but your mind screams, "NOOOO!!!" Your mind, as powerful as it is, loves to play games, causing restlessness. Right now, rest isn't just something that other people do. It's for



you, and it's a requirement for the next leg of your journey.

# V OF SWORDS Power Stone

### Upright

The V of Swords indicates discord, disagreement with others, and deep-seated desire for power. Here, the Power Stone amplifies strength and stamina to staggering levels—meaning non-stop stress, hostility, and disputes. Perhaps you feel invincible. Conflict and chaos cut deep. Unfettered power and selfshness shatters



relationships. Temper the hot steel, rein in blame, and march forward with an all-encompassing view.

#### Reversed

The outward chaos raging around you sank into your skin, absorbed into your mind and soul. You're in self-destruct mode, overwhelmed with circumstance. The mental mind maze powers and perpetuates the same struggle repeatedly. It's madness! Stop. Breathe. Step back and allow the Power Stone to recharge your discernment abilities. What's most important? To be right? Or do you want to move forward with compromise and peaceful purpose?

# VI OF SWORDS Angel's Wings

### Upright

As a harbinger of hope or herald of destruction, Angel holds the VI of Swords high, indicating important lessons on the horizon. Leave the past's chaos and conflict behind, moving forward toward a brighter future. Transition is upon you—an unhappy, perhaps painful change. Release attachments: to thoughts, ideas, people, and situations that no longer serve you. The future is full of promise!

### Reversed

Change happens whether you want it to or not. As a founding member of the X-Men, Angel knows this well. Fighting it is futile. You're stuck in the quagmire of your overactive mind. Going over past mistakes or situations, replaying what you said or should have said or did stakes you to the ground, immobilizing



you. Instead, release the past to move forward with purpose.

# VII OF SWORDS Cosmic Cube



### **Upright**

The Cosmic Cube possesses the ability to warp reality, granting your deepest wishes—and nothing is as it seems. Illusion shimmers around you. The VII of Swords indicates trickery and thievery, scheming and sneakiness, and a situation full of secrets. Perhaps promises made fall flat, and you feel as if someone is

"getting one over on you." Let your gut guide your head. Be resourceful, rooting out the deception.

#### Reversed

The VII of Swords reversed, and the deceit lies within you. You're fooling yourself in some way. Here, you want to see what warped wishes the Cosmic Cube presents within you, whether or not it's actual reality. Your mind plays tricks on you. Breathe and be honest with yourself, allowing the truth of the situation to reveal itself.

# VIII OF SWORDS Doctor Octopus's Tentacles

## **Upright**

The titanium tentacles of Doctor Octopus encircle you, squeezing sense, life, and power from you. When the VIII of Swords appears, you've become paralyzed, feeling trapped and helpless. You can't see a way out, even if escape is simple and unimpeded. You feel powerless—but you are not. Rip away the blindfold. Don't give your power to anyone or



anything else. Grab the sword and take back control over your destiny.

#### Reversed

Time to face the fears running rampant. Free yourself from replaying the past mistakes torturing you, and slice through Doc Ock's life-squeezing grip. You're more than enough, full of power. Move forward with courage and kindness—especially for yourself.

# IX OF SWORDS Venom Symbiote

### **Upright**

Dark daydreams and gnawing nightmares infiltrate thoughts, binding your mind. Like the Venom symbiote, absorbing power and taking direction from its host—so do your thoughts. The IX of Swords slashes with stress, anxiety, fear, worries in the wee hours of morning, and guilt over the real and imagined. You're haunted and hunted by repetitive nightmares you can't release. Stop. Clear your mind. Concentrate on those things you can control.

#### Reversed

Just as the Venom symbiote learns about emotions from fear to happiness, you do, too. Reversed IX of Swords indicates exorcism of those



dark thoughts. Asking for assistance is key to healing, to free yourself from those demons bound to you. Put effort into your mental well-being, and the negative thoughts and emotions will recede into the darkness, vanquished.

# X OF SWORDS Ebony Blade

### Upright

The harrowing journey through Swords began with the blade's light side—
Excalibur. Now it ends with a dark edge of dread, the X of Swords, the Ebony Blade. Indicating a major disaster, some seismic, life-changing event will destroy your foundation. Unforeseen and unexpected, preparation can't protect you. Forewarned



is forearmed. Shore up reserves, stockpile strategies, and stay on guard with the light side of the sword in hand.

#### Reversed

You've survived the deep wounds from the blade of betrayal, destruction and disaster. Within the soul of survivors, seeds are sown for hope, healing, and release. Whether or not you think or feel it, your courage carries you out of the dark, lifting you from the ruins of destruction. Bury the Ebony Blade in the earth. Life gets better from here.

# **SUIT OF COINS**

# KING OF COINS Iron Man/Tony Stark

### Upright

With the King of Coins, your future burns bright with wealth, abundance, and worldly success! This driven, accomplished, magnanimous and charismatic King approaches life with practicality, persistence, and sweat, forging inventive ways toward success. Billionaire Tony Stark mastered these skills



through grit and determination. Act successful and confident! Believe in yourself. If you don't—who will?

## Reversed

Wealth rocks! But hero-worshipping the coin? Beware the King reversed. You've become prideful, obsessed with chasing, hoarding, and growing material wealth at the expense of everything else. Heed addiction: to work, adrenaline, food, substances. Tony Stark battles these daily demons, but strives for better, even in the face of failure. Worklife balance and self-care are essential. You're not your job, money, or possessions. Reassess your life.

# QUEEN OF COINS Black Cat/Felicia Hardy

## **Upright**

This resourceful Queen's ability to balance life is unparalleled. Utilizing her skills, smarts, and talent to grow abundance, she helps others in need. The Queen of Coins crafts her luck through preparation, creating a charmed life full of the finest things, landing on her feet like Felicia Hardy. Reclaiming her power, this Queen rejects victimhood, transforming her life, and demonstrating that nine lives aren't just for cats.

#### Reversed

Jinx! Coins slip through fingers when wealth becomes obsession. The Queen reversed represents



detachment from reality, unbalance and bad luck. Felicia Hardy's irrational need for greed and vengeance destroyed her balance. The Black Cat manipulates probability—and the probability—and the probability is you're out of balance, in manipulation's midst. Plant your feet firmly, then reassess and realign your life to reclaim equilibrium.

# KNIGHT OF COINS Ant-Man/Scott Lang

### Upright

When the Knight of Coins appears, it's details time.
Scott Lang's out-of-the-box action—stealing Ant-Man's suit from Hank Pym—is the small step he needed. This Knight signifies stability, steadiness, reliability, patience, and diligence in the mission, whether solo or a team member. Time for patience, persistence, dirty



hands, hard work, and heavy lifting to achieve your dreams. Like the industrious ant, put effort into endeavors and sweat into your steps.

#### Reversed

Some barrier to success looms when the Knight of Coins reverses. Bored? Distracted by S.O.S.—Shiny Object Syndrome? Those coins can blind you. It's time for a different plan, team, or place. Frustration stems from stunted growth. Your dreams and hard work can crumble into dust, while the coins rust. Seasons change—you need to, too.

## PAGE OF COINS Groot

## **Upright**

The Page of Coins Groot declares: I AM GROOT, heralding good news in money, business, education, or health. Exuberant about life's journey through the woods, the Page absorbs knowledge for sustenance, growing into a towering force for good, and bursting with new ideas, inspiration, and illumination. Prep for this growth with a curious mind, open heart, fresh skills, unique talents, and grounded deep roots.

#### Reversed

Sometimes plans don't blossom because of lack of focus, laziness, or exhaustion. If the Page of Coins is reversed, accept disappointment and branch out. Like exiled Groot, explore other galaxies. Don't waste



time on futile endeavors or procrastination. Be patient! Seed and water the ground, continuously tending to it before something new sprouts, grows, and thrives. Save without greed. The universe offers abundance—be ready.

## ACE OF COINS Small Groot

### Upright

I AM GROOT! The Ace of Coins indicates a variety of situations planted into the fertile landscape of your life! This sapling looks at life with childlike wonder! From an idea's smallest seed or the tiniest twig of opportunity, lies potential for prosperity! Sow your earth and nurture those ideas, opportunities, new beginnings. They'll take root, grow, and yield abundance. Take time to invest your energy. Be patient, yet excited—bounty is headed your way!

#### Reversed

Keep your eyes, mind, and heart open. Reversed, the Ace of Coins communicates squandered chances and missed opportunities, leading to scarcity.

Perhaps the current path's yield is lacking, or bugs lie in carefully laid plans. Instead of disappointment, embrace openness and seek advice from those successful people you trust. There are many ways to grow a bountiful grove. You just need to find yours.



## II OF COINS Iron Man's Gauntlet

## **Upright**

For Tony Stark, balance is key: the balance of wealth and power with charity, man and hero, fame and obscurity, and of selflessness with selfishness. The II of Coins is about balance. Life gets complicated when you juggle work, family, love, health, and finances. You're immersed in abundance, but deciding what the two most important



things are right now is key to success.

#### Reversed

Overload and overextension spill into every aspect of your life. The balance between your personal/family life and your work life is shutting you down. You want to do it all, but you can't. Don't over commit. Don't get pulled in different directions. And don't overspend—whether time, money, or any other resources. Laser-focus on what **you** really want and need, and put your energy there.

# III OF COINS X-Men Symbol

### Upright

Teamwork makes the dream work! Nothing epitomizes the essence of the III of Coins quite like the X-Men! Others around you possess unique talents and skills you don't, or perhaps sport to a lesser degree. If you want to reach your goal, assemble the best team possible: trusted advisors, enthusiastic and skilled collaborators who can assist in getting across



the finish line. This is not the time to fly solo!

## Reversed

For the team to work, clear communication of vision, goals, and plan is necessary. If too much ego (yours or another's) exists between team members, it leads to conflict, competition, and in-fighting. You've built this team for success! Make sure that everyone is

heard, motivation is high, and that their opinions are considered carefully for a winning outcome!

## IV OF COINS Bloodstone Amulet

#### Upright

Possession and possessiveness reflect the soul of the IV of Coins. When Belasco created the bloodstone amulet, he endeavored to raise the Elder Gods by harvesting, controlling, and possessing souls. Like Belasco, you've accumulated, controlled, and possess wealth. The IV of Coins indicates a possessiveness of this wealth. Protecting your wealth is good, but perhaps you've become averse to risk. Assess risk, keep resources in check, and spend wisely.

#### Reversed

When you grasp too tightly, the flow of wealth into your life cuts off. You become greedy, selfish, and overly possessive, this time possessed by the

hold money and material possessions has on you. To release the energy of abundance from a tight grip, be generous. Give to charity and to those who may not possess the resources you do. What you release will return to you.



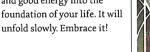
# V OF COINS Scarlet Witch's Wimple

## Upright

With the V of Coins, the family and financial foundations on which you build your life are shaky. Perhaps some trauma has occurred to rock you, making you physically, financially, emotionally, or mentally unstable. In the case of the Scarlet Witch, several incidents in her life impacted her mental state. As she reshapes reality, that reality is only illusion. Don't fool yourself, and don't ignore the omens appearing before you. Focus on shoring up resources for the coming challenges, to face those hardships head on.

#### Reversed

Although you have been hexed with hard times, those are ending. Positive change is coming. Adversity transmutes into recovery as you channel practical magic and good energy into the





# VI OF COINS Captain America's Shield

### **Upright**

Captain America's shield represents the spirit of the VI of Coins! Prosperity, generosity, abundance, fairness, charity, and equality circulate within this card. It's about the ebb and flow of wealth: what you give, you get back. Look to those in need and help those who need assistance. Conversely, if you need help—ask!



Freedom lies within the balance of giving and receiving.

#### Reversed

Give without expecting anything in return, without strings attached. This selflessness is at the core of Captain America. Additionally, look to the flow of money as it pertains to you. If not enough is coming in to cover costs, readjust your outflow accordingly. You can't help others if you don't help yourself first.

# VII OF COINS Reality Stone

## Upright

The reality of the VII of Coins is about planning, patience, and perseverance to achieve the pay off. While the Reality Stone allows its user to warp, mold, or break the laws of physics and nature of reality, the only reality here is this: keep your eyes on the prize, and put hard work and effort into your plans to harvest the rewards you so richly deserve.



#### Reversed

Procrastination, impatience, or lack of careful planning puts a dent in your projects. Reality here is harsh. The returns and rewards aren't what you thought they'd be. Readjust your tactics and redistribute resources, whether financial or energetic, to get back on the path.

## VIII OF COINS Black Widow's Gauntlet

### Upright

Self-confidence and unwavering focus are the keys to unlock mastery. Black Widow, highly skilled both as a spy and Avenger, always completes the mission, regardless of the obstacles in her way. Be committed to your craft, immersing yourself in the experience to achieve the outcome you desire. Believe in your talents, and don't let anyone detract you from your path.

#### Reversed

Lack of confidence, commitment, motivation, and quality of work can slow down progress. If you find yourself lagging behind with low energy, it might be time for you to refocus your vision on a different goal.



Don't waste resources and energy on something that no longer fits your passion.

# IX OF COINS Black Panther's Claw Necklace

## **Upright**

Your life is crowned with abundance. Black Panther's life in Wakanda provided him everything he needed: family, wealth, and security. Wakanda's independence and self-sufficiency brought happiness to Black Panther, as well as to those living within the country. If you pulled the IX of Coins



upright today, revel in the joy and freedom financial and familial security brings!

#### Reversed

Freedom from financial worry is amazing, but beware that your possessions don't possess you. Sometimes, having a lot provides a false sense of security. Reckless spending, keeping up appearances, and desire for more can leave you empty. Money is a wonderful tool, but you are more than your money and your things.

# X OF COINS Yggdrasill

#### Upright

Yggdrasill, the world tree, represents everything X of Coins: abundance, fulfillment, family, connections, and the future. Yggdrasill connects the realms from Asgard to earthly Midgard to Niffleheim and beyond. With branches reaching to the sky and stars, and roots plunging deep into the earth, happiness and satisfaction in your life are strong. Trees, like life's goodness, take time to grow. Plant firm and deep roots, and reach high for your future dreams.

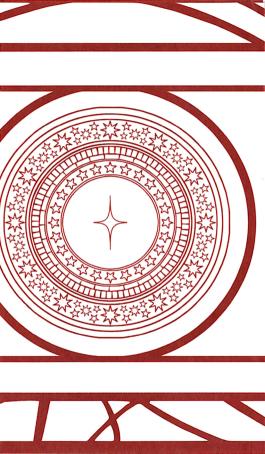
#### Reversed

Reversed, the X of Coins indicates struggles and chaos regarding family and finances on the horizon.

Know that even though storms may rage, a tree that's

firmly rooted can bend but not break in hard times; it survives and thrives. When life brings squalls, know that you can weather any storm with the support of friends and family.





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