

SECRETS OF THE
Witch's Garden



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Introduction

The story brought you here... You've felt tickles of magic, like belly butterflies, as long as you've lived. You've created worlds with your spirit guides, conversed with animals, and traded energy with herbs. You traverse the shadows of wild woods where others fear to tread. You vision with your mind's eye and believe in your beating heart's desires strongly enough to make those dreams come true. Most importantly, you've always listened to the special voice inside of you that only you can hear. This is why you stand before me now. It is why you have been granted access.



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Tarot of the Witch's Garden. Allow me to introduce myself. I am the Magician (Sorceress or Witch, if you prefer) of the garden. You'll spy a painting of me on card number one. I've worked with the spirits, animals, and botanicals to bring this once-abandoned land back to life. This magical landscape has been crafted for magical beings just like us.

The witch's garden contains archetypal animal, vegetable, and mineral energy. Fantastical blossoms, nightshades, and wildlife populate the cards. Darting insects, mythological creatures, and infinite worlds of manifestation overflow. Everything inside this tarot is alive, electric, and available to stoke the vitality thriving inside of you.

Allow this tarot to become a field of experimental possibility. Here you can test out options and ideas before unraveling them into waking life. Some cards appear like a dream. Other cards flutter and fly with a mind and consciousness of their own. Be patient with the cards. Be patient with yourself. Sometimes it will feel like pulling information from a stone. Other times you'll be an open channel. A tarot practice is just that: a practice. Return to the deck repeatedly to develop your skills. Gardens are cyclical living things, just like us. Not everything found inside the witch's garden is perfect or friendly. Gardens are a reflection of the world and contain all possibilities, lessons, and challenges, even the ugly bits we'd prefer to avoid but must ultimately face. One thing can always be counted upon: the garden and tarot always bring us back to ourselves.

As the reader you are both a witch and an explorer of the garden. A true sorceress is not out there manipulating others. She works magic on herself. A witch dives into mystery at every turn. The garden is yours to enjoy as well as tend. You will find yourself taking on the



role of every card because tarot is a reflection of you. Pull your focus. Sometimes you are inside the card. Other times you are the gentle hand guiding energies, animals, and people toward their heart's desire.

Magic is real. Its sharp energy is as brilliant as sunshine and as mysterious as July's buck moon. This pulsing electricity infuses everything you do. It pumps through your veins to fill you with beauty, love, and ecstasy. Magic is such an acutely normal state of existence that it often goes unnoticed to those without eyes to see. Even the most enchanted among us sometimes disregard the efficacy of our power. Magic happens when the authentic essence of who you are comes into alignment with the expanding energy of the universe.

Tarot is a magical gateway. Its archetypes and symbols act as an organizing principle for the thoughts parading in the three-ring circus of the mind. Tarot offers an opportunity to step back, observe options, and make a conscious choice, thereby altering your destiny.

Cultivating enchantment in life is as pleasurable as picking wildflowers. The rules of magic and gardening are the same because they spring from the same source. Just as posy, cucumber, and pumpkin seeds are made to grow and flourish, so are the seeds deposited in the soul of your soul. Flowerbeds require sunlight, water, and space to grow. Magical seeds inside of you are cultivated with the light of intention, quenched with the thrust of emotion, and grown inside the sacred space of gratitude and compassion.

Listen to silence. Create empty space. It holds all potential. If you observe carefully, the expansiveness inside and around you will tell you what it wants to become. Limits encourage the energy of manifestation. Create boundaries around your magic the way you would a flower bed of snapdragons. Plant seeds in accordance to nature's



cycles. Use attention as a tending tool but don't interfere or rush the way magic unfolds. Trust. Everything happens in accordance to its own time.

Each one of us is the center point of a magical universe. To locate magical sparks, focus on what you are longing for. Talent, passion, and interests will point us in the right direction. Tarot is the perfect tool to access these treasures. Listen when the cards sing to you, and brace yourself when they shine the spotlight on what you'd rather avoid. Be brave with your cards. Search for information and clarity you don't already possess. We come to tarot to discover what we don't know. Don't ever be afraid to get the cards wrong. Everything required for a rich tarot practice is tucked away inside you. You need only unearth it.

How to Use These Secrets

This book is set up in four parts. If you are new to tarot, read this book all the way though. It offers all the information you'll need to work with the cards. If you have an established tarot practice, these secrets may offer fresh ideas to enliven your tarot routines.

Part 1 is tending the soil and preparing a personal tarot practice. It contains simple instructions and cartomancy basics. Part 2 is planting potent magical seeds into your subconscious that will empower tarot-reading skills. Part 3 is the cultivation of depth and meaning in a detailed card-by-card explanation of the deck. You will find the title of the card, a single keyword, and its Golden Dawn correspondence, plus a witching rhyme for spells and depth of archetype. You will find meanings and keywords for upright and reversed cards. Reversed cards are often met with dismay by readers and querents alike. A magical elixir has been included to mend the wound of reversals. The reversal can be righted by asking a suggested question. Flip a new card to



glean your answer. Part 4 is the harvest of tarot spreads and beguiling spells.

Take my hand; let's move deeper into the garden, my little witch. We'll root around in the dirt and see what potions, elixirs, and divinations we can dream up. The world bears your imprint. Everything responds to your touch. Nothing is wasted in the garden or in your precious life. I promise, by the time we are done, you'll be off on your broomstick soaring across the fields and casting the spell of who you are on the world beyond the garden wall.



Part 1



Tending the Soil

Earth is the garden's foundation, and a thriving garden requires healthy soil. A tarot practice also requires healthy bedrock. Here you will find card basics. Earth is where the body, self, and soul should be grounded every time you take up work with the cards. Take a moment to clear the mind and focus on the breath. Imagine the bottom of the feet rooting into the ground beneath you. This rooted connection will keep you tethered when you are off and flying with the cards. The imaginative landscape beneath will grow and expand with each tarot experience.



Card Handling and Care

Tarot is a sacred tool and a trusted companion. The cards are seventy-eight aspects of the self. They shimmer like facets of a gem. The deeper you care for your cards, the more direct and effective their guidance becomes. Tarot of the Witch's Garden is a wellspring of power. Harness it for personal and spiritual growth.

A magical tarot practice holds the same rules and requirements as all other personal relationships. Getting to know tarot is like starting a new friendship. Carve out time for the self and the deck. Clear the mind and focus on what the cards are expressing. Pass them through your hands. Examine each image one at a time. Become acquainted by observing the images without asking any questions.

SACRED RITUAL: To create a bonding experience, light a cone, bundle of dried herbs, or stick of incense. Smoke is ruled by the element of air. It opens our awareness to the celestial realm while forging connections with the spiritual and archetypal world. Pass each card through the smoke. Use a soft gaze to absorb the cards' images, colors, and energy.

Bring your cards to bed with you. Forge a subconscious connection by tucking the cards beneath your pillow. Set them on your nightstand. Pull a single card and journal about it. Gaze at your cards before drifting off to sleep and invite a specific card into your night dreams.

Tarot of the Witch's Garden aligns with nature's energy. Charge your deck with intuitive and psychic power by placing near a window under the vapors of the full moon. Infuse it with potential and new beginnings by doing the same during a new moon. Charge the deck



with expansion and joy by placing it by a window for a solar infusion on a sunny day.

HOW WILL YOU STORE THE CARDS? They can be left out or carefully secreted away. By leaving the deck out on a table, stand, or altar, you can observe them continually. They will be at hand for quick questions or consultations.

Often tarot readers like to protect their deck from roaming energies, people, and influences. To seal the deck away, wrap it in a silk cloth to preserve it when not in use. Tuck the deck inside a soft velvety bag, carved wooden box, or secret storage book. Crystals, herbs, and talismans may be tucked inside the tarot bag or box.

Decide in advance who will touch the deck. Some readers protect their deck's vibe by being the only one to touch the seventy-eight cards. Other readers like clients to shuffle during readings to imbue the cards with the question at hand. Readers often keep one special deck exclusively for private use and an additional deck for public readings. There is no right or wrong way, only personal preference. You can always change your mind.

Tarot Grimoire

A grimoire is a witch's book of spells. It is a personal repository of magical experience. Tarot is a book of magic whose pages change with every shuffle. Keeping a tarot grimoire is highly recommended. Writing the information received from the cards allows the reader to process it. Specific messages and insight will be recorded. Use it to mark intuitive and psychic hits. Keep track of synchronicity and magical results. Record observations and effective tarot spreads.



A tarot grimoire can be sweet and simple, with quick reference notes, or highly detailed. Ornate grimoires contain records of all magical experiences. Keep a page for every card, a section of tarot spreads and spells, sketches of the cards, notes, poetry, and questions. Describe events unfolding inside tarot meditations. Carve daily space to record inspiration and ideas.

Tarot Reading Essentials

The art of tarot reading is a mixture of observation, intuition, and storytelling. No two readings are ever the same. No two people read tarot the same way. A reading style is always specific to the reader and the reader's unique sensitivities. Go slowly. Take time.

Readings are an opportunity to foster intuitive flow and exercise psychic muscles. Psychic hits can be defined as information coming from outside the body. A psychic flash often feels like information delivered like a soft soap bubble popping in the head. Do not be surprised if you experience a psychic flash that is confirmed after your reading. Conversely, don't be discouraged if it doesn't happen right away. Psychic information from the outside world carries its own intelligence. It is usually beyond our control.

Intuition is a gentle knowing, a constant river moving through the body. Intuition appears as a quick and ready insight when reading the cards. Intuitive information comes from within. Tarot archetype, symbol, and color move past linguistic limits to speak directly to the intuitive self.

You are the reader when reading tarot for yourself or another person. If you read tarot for another person, they are called the querent, client, or sitter. Tarot cards are always read facing the reader's point of view.



Thoughtful questions are essential during a reading. Helpful questions are a direct course to the highest, most creative solutions. Questions blow open the door of possibility. Clever questions help the brain, heart, and gut operate with clarity.

Excellent questions acknowledge the role a person plays in their future and states the desired outcome. Questions beginning with “how” or “what” acknowledge personal power. *How can I attract a healthy romantic relationship? What can I do to increase my finances? How can I come into alignment with my highest self?*

To read the cards, either formulate a question and draw a single card to answer it or choose a tarot spread. Tarot spreads are designed with specific card positions to answer multiple aspects of a question. For example, if the popular three-card past, present, and future spread is chosen, the reader would formulate a question. *How can I find peace in my relationship with X?* The three cards of a three-card spread shine light on the past, what is currently in the present, and the most likely future unless an adjustment is made.

Shuffle the deck before pulling the cards. The shuffling technique doesn't matter as long as the cards are mixed. Mix the cards facedown on the table or shuffle like a casino card dealer.

TAROT TIP: Take special note of any card that leaps from the deck or falls on the floor while mixing and shuffling. These “jumper” cards can be saved and interpreted at the end of a reading. A jumper card is an unexpected yet urgent message from the tarot to the reader.

Place the cards in a stack facedown once the shuffling is complete. Flip the desired number of cards over from left to right, as if opening the pages of a book, and place them into the required spread position.



It is important to pull cards from left to right to ingrain it into the hand's muscle memory. Once this becomes habit, it will always be apparent if the drawn card is upright or reversed.

Reversed cards appear upside down to the reader in a tarot spread. Ignore reversed cards until ready to incorporate their meanings. Turn a reversed card right-side up. Continue with the spread. It is acceptable to leave reversed cards as they appear and interpret as the intuition guides. Once the reader is ready to integrate reversals, they can be read in numerous ways. A reversal can reflect the opposite of the card's normal meaning, energetic blockages, the cards requiring extra attention and focus, and shadow issues you instinctively shy away from but shouldn't. It doesn't matter how reversals are read, but it is important to determine how you will choose to deal with them before laying out the cards.

Read Tarot Immediately

Fear of being "wrong" is the biggest impediment of all potential readers. Don't be afraid to get it wrong. Nothing throws up insurmountable barriers like fear. Is tarot steeped in hundreds of years of esoteric theory and rich, highly structured meaning? Yes. Is this something to study that will add depth and richness to readings? Absolutely. Is all that information required now? Nope. Take it slow.

Trust what is in front of you. No one sees, feels, and experiences the world like you do. Tarot's power lies in the abstract nature of symbol. Symbols are subjective. Every human carries a unique symbolic dictionary within them. Basic symbols, images like sun, moon, or skull, hold universal and cultural meaning. Larger concepts like lovers, mother, and father are archetypal and thereby embedded cross-culturally, yet how a symbol is interpreted is unique to each reader. If a card's symbol strikes a chord in you, it holds meaning. It is your golden ticket. This is your message.



A message appears once an item or story in the card catches your attention. It can feel like an attractive stranger catching your eye across a crowded room. Something comes alive inside the body. Use that spark by figuring out what the message means in the context of the question at hand. Examine the symbol. If a character's gesture catches your attention, consider what it means to you. If you were a figure inside the card, which one would you be? Make up a story about a card as if you were reading a picture book to a child. What is the message of the card?

Daily Practice

A card-a-day-practice is profound yet simple. It requires a few minutes each day. Craft a question and select a card. Spend a few moments contemplating the meaning and message. Make a single card pull part of your daily routine. The gift of daily practice occurs when the clear and precise guidance gleaned from the cards overflows into daily decision making.

Clear the mind. Formulate a question. Close the eyes. Take three deep inhales and exhailes. Shuffle the deck. Ask: "What do I need to know?" Flip the top card over and greet the image. Let the story, observation, or impression of the card wash over you. Write down the intuitive message received.

Return to the daily card later in the evening or before bed. How did the card relate to the events of the day? Was there a synchronistic experience? Was there a spot-on insight? Did the card take on a new meaning in the context of the day's experience? Did you feel you embodied the energy of the card at any point? Did you meet someone who matched the card's energetic nature? Did a situation unfold that applies to the card's basic meaning? Note your observations and ideas in your tarot grimoire.



Part 2



Planting Seeds

Once a garden bed is prepared and the soil is prepped, it is time to plant the seeds. Seeds have tiny roots secreted away inside. Once the roots take hold, the plant uses ingrained intelligence to grow into whatever it is destined to become. The same is true for personal magic and a tarot practice.

This section offers jumping-off points to understanding what the cards mean and how they fit together inside tarot's structure. Use and integrate the information in your own way. No two people interpret tarot or read it in exactly the same manner. The deeper you gaze into the cards, the more you will see. Learn as many different techniques and systems as possible.



Deconstruct the deck by pulling out the cards referenced in the following sections. Lay the cards out in order. Examine them in detail to learn how they relate to each other as a whole system.

The Major Arcana

Tarot's seventy-eight cards are broken down into the major and minor arcana. The word *arcana* stems from the root word *arcane*, meaning "secret." The entire deck is broken into major secrets and minor secrets. The major arcana is numbered zero through twenty-one, the Fool through the World. Major arcana cards reflect influential and major life moments.

The major arcana reflects the story of the witch's journey. The witch's journey is the initiation of learning and experience leading to soul growth and evolution. The witch discovers what she is made of and how she interacts with the emotional, intellectual, physical, and spiritual qualities of being alive. It is a cyclical journey ending and beginning many times during a witch's lifetime. A witch's journey is as constant as the seasons of the year and as rhythmic as the lunar cycles caressing the earth. May you journey well.

The Witch's Earthly Journey

FOOL-CHARIOT

The Fool is numbered zero because she contains all things. Cards one through seven reflect the earthly journey and formation of personality. The Fool is the active intelligence and animating principle of the witch. She sets off in search of adventure and experience. The Fool encounters a series of personalities, each more intriguing than the last, and learns from each of them: a charismatic Magician, a mys-



terious High Priestess, an expressive Empress, an imposing Emperor, and a teacherly Hierophant. The Fool explores the ecstatic, passionate Lovers card and sets off in the Chariot. The earthly journey culminates and the spiritual journey begins.

The Witch's Spiritual Journey

STRENGTH-TEMPERANCE

The Fool discovers the inner world of spirit and soul that extends beyond the physical body and provokes the active imagination. Power is received in Strength; the Hermit examines the nature of the soul. The Wheel embraces the mystical mechanics of reality. Justice unravels the higher purposes. The Fool contemplates and integrates all lessons in the Hanged Man, only to lose everything in Death. At Temperance the Fool begins again on a higher level of understanding.

The Witch's Celestial Journey

DEVIL-WORLD

Having overcome and faced profound fear and internal repression in the Devil, in the Tower the Fool releases all attachments and control over the uncontrollable. Newly freed, the Fool ascends to the heavens as reflected in the Star, Moon, and Sun cards. Judgement calls out with one final test. The Fool rises to the occasion and enters a state of transcendence, the greatest possible reward, in the World card.

The Minor Arcana

The minor arcana reflects day-to-day life moments. While the major arcana tends to be soul shaking, the minors are the ins and outs of regular life. It is composed of the four suits and aligning court cards.



Swords: Air

ACE-10, PAGE, KNIGHT, QUEEN, AND KING OF SWORDS

Swords reflect thoughts, ideas, and stories. They are the inner and outer voice. Swords reflect how a person perceives their role in the world and how they think. Swords are decisions, how one speaks to others, how the words and opinions of others affect the individual. Swords reflect the quality of the mind.

Swords align with the element of air. Air moves as fast as the mind. It is the quality of wind during a storm of thoughts. It is the buoyancy of oxygen filling the lungs and the pace of the breath, depending on how one perceives what is happening to them. A sword slices through the air quickly. Swords, like words, can wound or protect. Swords are often the scariest suit of the deck because they are where personal judgments are made. Swords reflect the witch's inner voice.

Cups: Water

ACE-10, PAGE, KNIGHT, QUEEN, AND KING OF CUPS

Cups reflect feelings, imagination, and dreams. They are the appreciation of art, love, and beauty. Cups contain the entire emotional spectrum, from raging anger to all-encompassing love. Cups are emotive highs and lows and feelings of utter darkness and blinding light. Cups are the pool of compassion from which empathy and love spring.

Cups align with the emotional ever-changing nature of water, from the quiet pond of contentment to raging seas of heartbreak. The element of water is river-like feelings, clouds of imagination, and misty fantasies. Cups contain pelting ice of shame, falling snow of wonder, and gentle rain of delight. Cups are a container to be filled with any emotion.



Wands: Fire

ACE-10, PAGE, KNIGHT, QUEEN, AND KING OF WANDS

Wands are energy, passion, and virility. They reflect desire, romance, and career. Wands are intentions, belief, and divinity. Wands are the heat of intensity, the internal fire of objectives, and spiritual devotion.

Wands align with the element of fire and emulate the sun itself. All things germinate and grow with the application of solar energy. Crackling, consuming flames sustain life by warming the body and cooking food. Wands are the burning ember of desire and the hot coals of passion. The symbol aligns with the spellcaster's magic wand.

Pentacles: Earth

ACE-10, PAGE, KNIGHT, QUEEN, AND KING OF PENTACLES

Pentacles reflect everything seen, smelled, felt, tasted, and touchable in the physical world. Pentacles are friends, family, and pets as well as the house and home, personal finance, and resources. Pentacles are the food we prepare and consume each evening—the flesh, blood, and bones of the body. Pentacles are everything that can be measured and counted.

Pentacles align with the element of earth. They represent the security of loamy, fecund dirt and the compostable quality of regeneration. Pentacles are tectonic plates of change and the manipulation of material projects. A pentacle is circular like the molecules composing all earthly matter.

Court Cards

ALL PAGES, KNIGHTS, QUEENS, AND KINGS

Court cards represent aspects of the self, psyche, and personality. They are the different roles cycled through in any given day. Court



cards represent people. They are the self, friends, family, and coworkers. Court cards are the people you partner with, the children you care for, strangers passed on the street. They are characters in movies, plays, and novels. Court cards offer strategies and attitudes for any task at hand.

Court cards are often gendered. It is helpful to think of court cards in terms of energy. Everyone contains masculine and feminine, youthful and mature energy that can be balanced or emphasized as needed throughout the day, according to preference and circumstance.

- Pages carry childlike energy.
- Knight carry teen energy.
- Queens carry mature female energy.
- Kings carry mature masculine energy.

Tarot and Astrology

Farmers through the ages used celestial energy for effective planting and harvesting. Fruit-bearing crops (like corn and tomatoes) thrive when planted during the waxing moon, while flowering bulbs and root vegetables (carrots and beets) are best planted under the waning moon. The gravitational pull of the moon affects root development. Western magical practitioners have long assigned astrological correspondences to each vegetable, fruit, herb, and flower in existence. The tarot also has its own uniquely assigned astrological associations.

Modern astrological tarot associations were assigned by a secret society of artists, intellectuals, and magicians called the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn. The Golden Dawn formed in London at the turn of the twentieth century. Their membership included author Bram Stoker, literary icon W. B. Yeats, and the creators of the Rider-



Waite-Smith deck, occultist Arthur Edward Waite and visual artist Pamela Colman Smith. The group used tarot as the organizing principle of their magical practice.

The Golden Dawn tweaked tarot's structure (switching Strength and Justice's traditional placement) to fit the arcana into their astrological system with a near-perfect symmetry. The astrological associations in this book align with the Golden Dawn's assignments. You'll find the astrological association of each card tucked beneath the card's keyword.

Tarot and Numerology

Numbers and patterns come in handy when interpreting card meanings. Just as a peach pit sequentially moves through stages of growth and becomes a tree, so do the numbers in tarot express how a situation is developing. Numbers become a shortcut to reading and interpretation. The card's number will describe where the situation is and how it is developing. All the reader needs to do is examine the number and include the quality of the suit. For example, a spread containing many aces suggests multiple new ideas and options. Twos and threes suggest the beginning stages of a cycle. Conversely, a spread containing multiple tens suggests the situation is ending. Eights and nines reflect culmination. Fives are the halfway point of a cycle and suggest the struggle or challenge to be overcome.

- 1's = new beginnings and fresh ideas; the seed.
- 2's = choices to be made before you proceed; the sprouting stalk.
- 3's = creativity and cooperation are required; leaves and tendrils.



- 4's = stability supports you; healthy roots are established.
- 5's = challenges and strife; drought, storms, blights.
- 6's = gifts and good feelings abound; the first bloom.
- 7's = uncanny luck and synchronicity everywhere; unexpected blossoming.
- 8's = ease, flow, and results appear; strong, healthy plants are ripe for propagation.
- 9's = you are getting what you want; savoring the harvest.
- 10's = situation reaches its conclusion; turning over for winter.

Clandestine Colors

Color can be interpreted like a symbol. Use color for energetic information. The key to interpreting color is personal experience. Does sky blue make you feel dreamy? Does grape purple shower you with regal feeling? Does yellow make you want to sing like a canary? Does your blood pump faster when you spy smoldering red? Does shimmering silver make you feel luxurious? Consider how you feel about colors and use it to interpret the message in the cards.

Reading Color Example

Here's an example of how to interpret color in a card. A girl named Jack asks Tarot of the Witch's Garden, "What can I focus on to have the best day ever?" She shuffles, flips, and receives the Three of Wands. The card's glowing pink and purple hues remind her of gentle intuitive pops. Her message is: "Listen to the inner self to stoke my magic today. The choices that count are the ones that spring from inside me." She examines the rest of the card. Wands reflect energy. She sees it is a good



day to focus on moving forward. The figure sets a spell in motion. Jack interprets it as an opportunity to embark on something new.

Meditative Journeys

Book knowledge is useful; however, to truly get to know tarot, one must experience the cards. Soft gaze meditation is the key to unlocking aspects of the cards that otherwise go unnoticed. Just as meditating into an herb or flower will unlock its secrets to you, meditations into tarot cards unleash visceral worlds of wonder.

To meditate into a tarot card, carve out private time where you will not be disturbed. Clear the mind of all distraction. If annoying thoughts intrude, notice them and let them go. Take three deep inhales and exhales. Observe the chosen tarot card. Use a soft gaze to observe. See the quality and shape of the card's illustration. Move deeper by venturing into the card with your mind's eye. What do you see beyond the borders of the card? Does the landscape continue? What sounds catch your attention? Is a dog barking or leaves rustling? Do you catch the scent of a flower or wood smoke? What does the card feel like? Can you touch a refreshing pool of water or feel the tickle of fairy wings under your nose?

Culminate the meditation by requesting a message directly from the heart of the card. Write down the message in your grimoire. If the message or advice does not make sense at first, give it some time. Sit with it rather than rushing to pull another card or get a secondary message. Always end your meditation with a gesture of gratitude. Acknowledge the message with a gentle thank you. Always treat your cards with manners and respect. We ask a lot of tarot and must remember to give back to the energy of the cards as we would in any relationship.



Part 3



Cultivating Depth and Meaning

Now that the seeds of a tarot practice have been planted, it is time to dig in, dive deep, and explore each card. The following seventy-eight card descriptions include:

- a number to aid in numerological shortcuts
- a single keyword provided as a shortcut into the card's meaning
- an astrological association assigned by the Golden Dawn
- a charm, rhyme, and incantation for tarot spells



- an explanation: the cards contain infinite pools of wisdom and meaning; readers are encouraged to develop their own personal meanings and relationship with each card
- upright and reversed meanings: shortcuts to tarot's visual language and core interpretations
- "To right the reversal": reversals are often viewed as energetic blockages. If you are uncomfortable with the reversed meaning, a single question is provided at the end of each reversal. Pull a second card to answer. The first upright card drawn will give you answer and insight into how you can right the reversal.



0 · Fool

Beginning
Air

*Fresh as sparkling morning dew
Once upon a time came you.
Never mind, the steps are steep
Trust your fate: take the leap!*

The witch's journey begins with the arrival of a mysterious stranger. Her name is the Fool. The Fool's appearance marks a fresh start. It is a new chapter in an unfolding story. Zero is her number. The Fool reflects the soul's pure potential. The Fool is beginning and end. She is all infinite possibility. The entire tarot exists inside of her. The Fool is the seed of the tarot deck.

The secret of the Fool card is trusting in what unfolds in every moment. Her face tips toward sunlight. She walks without a care in the world though the path leads to a jagged precipice. Her path regenerates as her feet touch the ground. There is no fear, anticipation, or danger. Trust in the journey.

The Fool is not weighted by past incarnations. She carries only what she needs. The garden hoe foreshadows work. The leather sack swinging from the hoe contains past experience. A discarded book marks lessons learned that are left for another traveler to discover.



An alchemist's white rose decorates the cover of the book she holds. The white rose represents the union of opposites giving rise to new evolution.

The symbol of elemental air is embroidered upon her chest. Manifestation is seen in her boots and blossoming flowers. A gleeful dog leaps beside her to represent joyful animal communication and companionship. No one walks alone. The Fool indicates a fresh new adventure.

UPRIGHT: New beginning. Flowering potential. Freedom and travel. Innocence and optimism. Odd and silly behavior. Outlander. Fresh chapter.

REVERSED: Blindness. Ignorance. Childish. Reckless. Indiscreet. Irresponsible.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I start over?



I · Magician

Mastery
...
Mercury

As above and so below

Elementals infuse summer's glow.

Stir the air; the spell remains

Witchcraft pulses through your veins.

I conjured the witch's garden from the abandoned shell of a battered farmhouse on dusty, dry land. Through care, attention, and enchantment, I have lovingly transformed a once-dead land into fecund fields and forest. The garden is open to curious hearts, those in need of healing, and anyone who embraces the mystery of love.

I stand behind an engraved table crafted from apple wood, used for divination, fortunetelling, and healing spells. My tools are symbols of the four suits—sword, pentacle, cup, and wand—awaiting my command. My right hand gestures toward the sky. My left hand channels this energy into an explosion of white lilies.

My waist is cinched with a snake belt, red like the roses surrounding me and connecting to fire's fierce transformative love. The snake devours its tail at the clasp, the sacred symbol of infinity. The symbol of mercury on my chest marks communication and the ability to walk between worlds.



An emerald vine casts a lemniscate above my head. It reflects energy that is never created nor destroyed; it merely transforms. Astrological glyphs are carved into the table, marking my ability to work with the tapestry of celestial energy. A black cat, fox, spider, and lizard reflect the four corners of the universe.

I appear to affirm your power and ability. You are the magician who has crafted the world around you. Respond to the world rather than react. Be who you are and bask in radiant power.

UPRIGHT: Enthusiasm. Initiative. Charisma. Flexibility.

Powerful action. "As above, so below" bestows the harmony of heaven and earth. You are the universe; the universe is you. Be the magic to cast it.

REVERSED: Arrogance. Powerlessness. Poor communication. Hidden talents.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What am I here to do?



II · High Priestess

Introspection

· · · Moon

Answers bubble, waters flow

Bask inside her lunar glow.

Book of life, quiet night

Soul's alignment feels just right.

Silvery tendrils of moonlight wake you from deep slumber. You float like a specter—*are you dreaming?*—through the evening garden and the water's edge in a secret glen. Shadow and fog twist into a vision. Brightly shining eyes peer through a veil with a subtle hum of electricity.

The High Priestess gazes inward. She is the essence of the spirit but also the stirring of leaves, wisdom of willows, and formlessness of water. She is the authenticity of the soul. The High Priestess as the revealed psyche contains all wisdom therein. She is the hush of night and the calm whispers of intuition.

The High Priestess's secret is silence. All probabilities of the seen and unseen world exist inside stillness. She is the pause between the inhale and exhale of breath. She is the quieting of the mind before the shuffling of the cards. She is the blueprint of authenticity and all hidden secrets.



Her gentle pearl garment melts into liquid. She is the font of tidal waters and the essence of flow. She travels through every card hereafter as the interconnectivity of rivers, streams, and oceans. She moves without blockage and exists without resistance.

This moon creature is marked by her toes resting upon a reflection of the crescent moon. Her triple moon crown reflects emergence, manifestation, and release. She holds a scroll, the book of you, in her hand. The scroll cannot be read. It can only be lived. The scroll's seal contains a cross, the intersection of the invisible spirit meeting the physical world of the body. She is the source of everything you have once been, are now, and will ever be.

UPRIGHT: Stand in self-knowledge. Access inner power.

Honor the sacred self. Intuition. Silence. Knowing who you are. Blueprint. Eternal. Authenticity. Mystery. Perfection. Divinity.

REVERSED: Prisoner of the world. Trapped and confused. Loss of faith. Out of step.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What thrives inside me?



III - Imaginal
Creativity
...
Venus

*A mother's hand and lover's lip
Babies coo and grasp her hip.
Creative love abounds for you
Place love inside of what you do.*

Golden morning light illuminates your room as dawn breaks. You wake to discover a pot of tea, toast, and raspberry jam have been set out for you. You wipe the last crumb from your chin and set out for a walk, feeling wide awake and inspired. It is the perfect day to explore the wildflower fields beyond the garden. You follow the sloping path with a neat rock wall meandering alongside it. A peaceful willow tree rises in the distance and you turn into a rippling wheat field to make your way toward it. You recall how grain, bounty, and harvest are sacred to Greek goddess Demeter as a figure stops you in your tracks. You blink twice to be sure this stunning vision of a woman is not a figment of the imagination. "Hello," she says. "I am the Empress."

The Empress's regal, all-seeing eyes embrace you as they do all creatures. She is the archetypal mother who gives literal and metaphorical birth to all things in the universe. The twelve dazzling stars



on her crown mark each sign of the zodiac. The mark of Venus, planet of beauty, love, and pleasure, decorates her pillow. A golden pomegranate wand reflects fertility, as does the soft, round baby bump she protects beneath the folds of her cherry red gown. Her sickle marks agricultural bounty and the change of seasons. Her book is gathered knowledge of heaven and earth—the secrets of the manifest world and all feminine aspects.

Her magical secret is imagination. The Empress appears as an explosion of the creative impulse. The Empress marks desire, style, and sensuality. She reflects expressive gestures, innovative action, and boundless developing energy. She reflects an individual's ability to give form and shape to what spouts in the mind's eye and nurture it into existence.

UPRIGHT: Abundance. Mother. Birthing waters. Menstruation. Compassion. Creativity. Nature. Enthusiasm. Initiative. Art. Harvest. Expansion.

REVERSED: Suspicious behavior. Inconstant manners. Cruel thoughts. Selfish actions hide fear-based thoughts. Problematic parenting. Creative blockage.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What can I nurture?



IV · Emperor

Authority
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Aries

*Set the boundary, lay the land
Gather effort, raise your hand.
Ability thrives when set in stone
Feel your mastery, flesh and bone.*

A bleating goat causes you to turn away from the Empress. You spy her spiritual consort across the field. A man appears as solid as the ancient rock barrier he sits on. You are caught in the crosshairs of their gaze. His frock is made of the same fabric as the Empress's gown. The Empress has gathered his hair with golden ribbon. His crown is fashioned from the wood of her tree. This is the Emperor.

The Emperor is the Empress's spiritual partner. He reflects an ordering impulse to Empress creativity. Emperor energy provides form and shape to boundless expansion of creativity. Every painting requires a canvas. He is musical cadence, poetic musculature, and nature's molecular structure. The couple reflects yin and yang, inhale and exhale, and the rhythmic nature of expression and formation.

His action is tied to ancient Roman and Etruscan augural rites. The secret of the Emperor is boundaries. He uses a staff to draw a line in the sand. This gesture is the protection of personal space, powerful



habit, and utilizing firm control when required. The Egyptian symbol of eternal life, an ankh, shapes his staff. Emperor vision and sight are embodied in the golden eagle at his shoulder. His ambition and independence takes form as an Irish goat. His right hand holds a golden pomegranate identical to the glimmering fruit found on the Empress's sceptre. The symbol reflects their spiritual partnership. His strength comes from a willingness to adapt and adjust. The Emperor's flexibility is what fosters his power. He sits upon a rock wall but his limits are not set in stone. The Emperor adjusts boundaries as required.

UPRIGHT: Set your sights. Embrace powerful habits. Exercise firm control. Foster leadership. Create a moveable system of rules. Harbor self-discipline. Secure the self. The present situation requires seriousness.

REVERSED: Father issues. Domineering impulse. Arbitrary decisions. Stubborn indecision.

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To right the reversal, ask:
*How can I be flexible
in this moment?*



V · Hierophant

Advisor
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Taurus

*Use the key, unlock the door
Solve a mystery, uncover more.
A well-lived life unravels time
And lessons hide inside the rhyme.*

A mossy path of grass and creeping thyme leads back to the garden. You walk slowly, pondering all you have seen since arrival. A thatch of scarlet roses rambles along a wall. Foliage grows dense, and sunlight is blocked by the tree canopy. The heady perfume of roses makes you dizzy and lightheaded. A cat brushes your ankles and darts toward gentle laughter up ahead. Moving forward, you spy a crone, a grandmother witch. She is called the Hierophant.

The Hierophant opens a door to young students. Her gesture is metaphorical as she stands at the threshold between seen and unseen. The Hierophant contains mysteries of the collective and is all cultural philosophy and religion. She is the teacher who has gathered the secrets of magic, nature, and the universe.

Elixirs and potions hang from the Hierophant's waist. She wears a three-tiered crown reflecting the lower, middle, and upper realms. She directs her students inside with a traditional hand sign of



blessings. A key hangs at her wrist while crossed keys mark the crest of her door. The pillars of her door reference the pillars of the kabbalistic Tree of Life. The Hierophant's body is the middle path of the tree as integration and the combined polarity of life, love, experience, and knowledge.

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett tops a pile of books. Spiritual experience is best suited for poetry, music, art, and literature. Arts are the expression of ineffable mysteries that can't be articulated or put into words. The secret of the Hierophant is that every person is a universe.

UPRIGHT: Teacher and student. Mentorship working both ways. Aid and kindness. Traditions and rituals. Groups and educational settings. Teaching through actions. Lifelong learning.

REVERSED: Power hungry and unyielding. Shallow and deceptive. Absent and irresponsible.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What lesson must I learn?



VI · Lovers

Eros
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Gemini

*Deep inside the orchard's green
On fleshy apple's lusty sheen
Rosy passion pricks the thumb
Entwining bodies joined as one.*

You are overcome with giddiness stepping toward the garden's vast orchards. Wet, warm air circulates through glossy fruit weighing heavily on branches. Dusty bees drip pollen while buzzing between flowers. You have entered the glistening field of magic most desired in spells. You have entered the Lovers card.

The Lovers stoke the most potent force in the universe. A juicy rosy red apple is bitten. Love's consummation leads to immediate manifestation as seen in creeping vines and morning glory tendrils. Life's sweetest magic is tasted.

Consensual love is transcendental, occult, and metaphysical in nature. Souls entwined become fluid and free and are no longer weighted by the body. The view is expanded. Love opens channels of communication where no words exist.



The secret of the Lovers lies inside the potency of what is possible, not what is sustainable. Soul shaking, overwhelming, bite-the-bottom-lip-till-it-bleeds love is a natural high. Physical, biological, and spiritual goals are embodied. But there is no need to mourn erotic love as it slips away or transforms into something else. A witch's most treasured secret is to infuse passionate love into every nuance. Thread love with the needle of intention into every aspect of life.

UPRIGHT: New romance. Attraction and erotic desire. Root chakra and source of life. Passionate relationship. Choice and vulnerability. Devotional energy. Life force.

REVERSED: Misunderstanding and contradiction. Repulsion and rejection. Ill timing. Stumbles and challenges for lovelorn couples.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I love myself?



VII · Chariot

Movement

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Cancer

Ambition propels one who steers

Journey forth, erase all fears.

Horses' hooves ring thunder's call

Chart a course, inspire all.

The galloping flurry and chip-chop of wooden wheels startles you as recognition simultaneously floods the body. This energy has been sensed before in journeys, enacted plans, and projects. It explodes when accepting reins to the swift machinery of momentum. It is the archetype of the Chariot.

The symbolic nature of the Chariot invokes the mythic imagination. The Chariot's four-cornered canopy reflects the four elementals. Celestial fabric represents infinite vastness of potential. All outcomes are possible. The carriage overflows with summer's bounty. It is bringing forth personal talents and gifts to the world. A rustic fertility spirit hitches a ride. The satyr's presence is a reminder of the magical nature of commitment. Invisible helpers and newfound energies are drawn like moths to a flame when one commits to take action.

The Chariot's crown is crafted from starlight. The center of his vehicle reveals the lunar magnetism of the moon's three phases. It



is the adaptability and willingness to change course as conditions require. A pair of horses—one coffee colored, the other as pale as lunar shadows—represent oppositional forces. Combined tension creates the energy to move forward.

The secret of the Chariot card is initiative. The Chariot marks movement through liminal space. It is flying between the boundaries of the known and unknown once a course of adventure and determination is set. It is all the unforeseen assistance, gifts, and circumstances erupting to aid along the way.

UPRIGHT: Willpower and self-discipline. Travel and excitement. Victory, success, and achievement. Certainty in action even when the outcome is unclear. Deep, complete trust and commitment.

REVERSED: Slow and stifled. Listless and limp. Momentum lost and falling to the wayside. Languid pools of boredom. Offtrack.

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To right the reversal, ask:
Where do I want to go?



VIII · Strength

Power
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Leo

Blueberries burst with summertime glow

Stroke inner grace, let it flow.

Strength isn't something to declare

Trust yourself and know it's there.

Backtracking into the woods, you happily stumble upon a blueberry patch. You toss juicy, sweet berries into your mouth and roll them across your tongue. You spy figures between the branches of the blueberry bushes and move in closer to discover the archetype of Strength.

Two furry bear cubs look on while their mother trusts a human to tend to her open mouth. The mama's sharp claws are visible. Coming between a mother and her cubs is the most dangerous of situations, yet Strength is perfectly at home. She doesn't use force but applies a gentle touch. A basket full of berries reminds us of gifts, especially when we harness self-destructive and fearful tendencies.

A glowing lemniscate above Strength's head marks the effortless fusion of energy. Leo's sun symbol rests upon her heart, marking the astrological association of the card and the fierceness of summer. Strength opens and closes the mama bear's mouth like a gauge.



Energy is stoked not by controlling others but by opening and closing inner reserves of power. A gentle touch is stronger than brute force. The secret of Strength is self-control.

UPRIGHT: Patience and gentle courage. Outwitting others.

Endurance and fortitude. Using lessons of the past to forge the present self.

REVERSED: Weakness and cruelty. Sloppy, lazy work. Brutal acts stemming from a sense of inferiority.

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To right the reversal, ask:
*How can I cultivate kindness
to others and myself?*



IX · Hermit

Seclusion
Virgo

*New moon tethers dark of night
Truth revealed in lantern light.
Stillness roams as instincts flow
Move within, find what you know.*

Night's velvet curtain falls upon the garden. Scented tendrils of lavender and lemon balm lead you to the heart of the herb garden. Cozy firelight illuminates the herbiery. A garden witch steps from the cottage and closes the door behind her. She wears a protective green cloak with hood up to cover her knowledge. Her waist reveals a charm bag and herbal bundle reflecting her sequestered plant magic workings. A potted juniper tree is the elemental protector of all knowledge gained within. She raises the lantern of her wisdom as a quiet mischief of mice gather in front of her. This is the Hermit card.

The Hermit's secret is introspection. Teachers and guides offer inspiration, clues, and codification, yet the individual must journey inward for answers. Truth is cultivated when focus turns inward. Contemplative practice breeds wisdom.

The Hermit's cottage marks physical isolation. It is removal of the self from the influence, thoughts, and energies of others. The



Hermit's path of self-knowledge springs from examining the self. It is the unraveling of thought, somatic knowledge, and dissection of emotion. The Hermit card appears when it is time to temporarily remove the self from the company of others. Doing so allows the inner light of inspiration to shine for others.

UPRIGHT: Introspection and solitude. Removal and sequestered isolation. Cautiousness and inward exploration. Using inner light as a beacon for others.

REVERSED: Exhaustion from overextending to others. Being there for everyone else but yourself. Hiding away, disguise, and escape. Avoiding what must be embraced. Stowaway.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I put myself first?





X · Wheel of Fortune



Time
...
Jupiter

*Breathing pulse and Father Time
Universe expands while clocks chime.
Whirlwinds of space you will enter
To stay the course, keep to center.*

A glen of fractured sunlight pulls you closer to the sound of whirling water. A buzzing in the belly pulls you toward a pulsating energy source. You arrive to discover you are not the only one drawn to this magical spot. You stand before the Wheel of Fortune.

A pink lotus flower blossoms at the center of the wheel. Lotus flowers root into deep, murky mud. They rise to the surface and open their petals in sunlight each day. It echoes the human nature of moving from darkness to light. A mandala is the mapping of space. Four spokes mark the four directions with alchemical symbols of earth, air, fire, and water. Four more spokes divide the space and are engraved with the letters TARO. It arranges to make the words ROTA, which is Latin for “wheel,” and TORA, a version of the Hebrew word meaning “law.”

The animals around the wheel mark various stages of the cycles of life. All passages are included: from decades to years, from days



to minutes, from the cycles of the moon to the seasonal rhythms of nature. A wise all-seeing owl at the summit of the wheel marks clear vision, wisdom, and stability. A snake moves down the wheel as declining energy and return to earth. A fox moves up the wheel, marking ascent and rising of vitality.

Four corners are marked by the tertramorph of child, fairy, snoozing feline, and faun, whose flute music casts a dreamy spell. These figures are associated with the four elements and four corners of the universe.

The Wheel of Fortune's secret is fluidity. Life is flux, not fixed. Keep your inner gaze fixed to the flowering self, the lotus flower, to maintain equilibrium. It is the only way to keep steady amidst life's ebbs and flows.

UPRIGHT: Movement. A change in luck. Going with the flow.

A favorable turn of events. Cycles and universal energy.

REVERSED: Feeling stuck, off-balance, and out of control.

Anxiety.

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To right the reversal, ask:

*What can I focus on
to bring peace?*



XI · Justice

Rules Libra

*Karma tips the scales of fate
Put in the work; it's not too late.
Fortune favors brave and bold
The future's truly yours to hold.*

The powerful gaze of a figure stands beneath a pergola. Her fierce and certain nature stops you in your tracks. Her eyes lock with yours and you know without speaking the scales of balance stand before you. The figure has been out and about collecting. You know immediately that you stand before the arcana of Justice.

Justice's traditional blindfold is pulled down around her neck. Justice uses her gift of sight to observe all actions and consequences. The work put in equals the returns enjoyed. Justice lays out the rules of the game. The secret of Justice is karma.

Justice is a reminder of personal vision and responsibility. Self-determination regulates the rules you live by. Every choice creates a ripple effect; every action, a response. Traditionally, Justice reflects societal law and order, contracts, and legal agreements. Esoterically, Justice speaks to higher truth and discrimination, spiritual cycles, and inner morals and codes.



Two wooden pillars frame Justice as the middle pillar on the mystical Tree of Life. Justice's figure integrates expansion and contraction as the synthesis of oppositional polarities. Her baskets are full and balanced. Justice's sword is rooted to the ground as a reminder to trust the inner compass of truth.

UPRIGHT: Action bears fruit. Moral issues. Sense of right and wrong. Rules. Legal issues and law-related affairs. Court proceedings and contracts. Laying down the law. Strength in responsibility and fairness. The delegation of rules.

REVERSED: Outlaw. Unfair. Lawless. Irresponsible. Unbalanced. Blackmail.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What am I responsible for?



XII · Hanged Woman

Pause
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Water

*Spanish moss and ancient tree
The answer's right in front of me.
Slow it down, find your grace
Then you'll unravel time and space.*

You tread soft earth along the Wheel of Fortune's waterway. The stream grows wider as it empties to the mouth of a large river. The river water is deep, dark, and thick with Spanish moss. A figure is suspended from a weeping willow. It is the Hanged Woman.

The wisdom of the willow imparts many lessons to the Hanged Woman. She visions into tree energy and learns to sink the roots of her soul into deep fecund earth while reaching up and outward. A porcupine sits close. His quills look soft as fur although they are sharp and will protect them both.

The Hanged Woman's secret is immanence. Her suspension allows her to gaze entirely into the heart of what is before her. She sees through the appearance of any given person, place, or thing and is entirely within that thing. Doing so, she observes sparks of divinity in everything surrounding her. The world is alive with a pulsating



stream of effervescent magic. Nothing is as it appears on the surface.
It is transcendence.

UPRIGHT: A change of perspective. Waiting. Peering deeply
into the heart of mystery. Yoga and introspection. Mystics and
artists. Divine mystery and profound change in which to view
the world.

REVERSED: Amazement, motion, and second sight. Receiving
an energetic transfusion. A reversed Hanged Woman card is
as vibrant as it is upright.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I gaze deeper?



XIII · Death

Transformation Scorpio

Decay and death, skull and bone

Old order is overthrown.

Fear not, there is no need to mourn

Rise anew to be reborn.

The bony fingers of chilly air tickle your neck and stroke your cheeks. Leaves release a satisfying crunch underfoot as you enter a graveyard. A woman drops before a headstone. Her tormented cries slice the air like a blade. You have entered the arcana of Death.

Death marks the transition of energy from one form to the next. On its surface, the archetype echoes cycles of life, especially endings. A girl of about six offers Death a baby pumpkin. She has not yet been taught to fear what is natural.

Death, on an esoteric level, marks the initiatory quality of witchcraft. The witch seizes her power and explores the world through a new pair of eyes. She dives through the skein of reality. She may undertake shamanic practice, work shadow magic, and embark in herbal communication, astral travel, etc., but her old self is discarded. Death's secret is that death is not the opposite of life. Death is the energy of transmutation making all life possible.



PART THREE

UPRIGHT: Fundamental change and transformation. Root chakra. Endings and loss. Destruction and entropy. Release. The occultist's initiation into higher levels of exploration and learning.

REVERSED: Unwilling to accept change. Clinging to what has vanished. Stagnation.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I let go?





XIV · Temperance



Complexity
Sagittarius

*Fusion floats as birds fly
Raise your gaze, delight the eye.
Ideas fresh as morning dew
Alchemical magic mixed by you.*

A witch hovers over the water with one foot on land and one above the surface. Inside a complex biosphere of manifestation is the archetype of Temperance.

Temperance is often interpreted literally as the word of moderation, restraint, and abstinence, yet the moment you lock eyes with her, you cultivate richer meaning. Temperance intermingles possibilities with her cups. She merges life and death energy. She mirrors yin and yang while inhabiting the space between silence and fluidity. She is movement between the spiritual self and the earthly self. Temperance appears to mark the honing of skills. To temper an object is to make it sharper. It is getting better at what you do.

Complexity is Temperance's secret. Opposing thoughts and ideas are equally held and blended together in unexpected ways. Synergy replaces repression, and a space of grace and dignity flowers into shimmering possibility. An evolutionary path unfolds.



UPRIGHT: Complexity. Harmony. Integration. Soul alchemy.
Communication. Balance. Healing. Forging. Mixing all
possibility. Soul alchemy.

REVERSED: One-sided conversations. Poor communication.
Impatient. Careless with self and others.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I listen?





Control
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Capricorn

*Anger, brimstone, fire, hate
Jealousy's tempts: skip the bait.
Devil's seduction are illusions set
Shatter to beat the faulty bet.*

The witching hour passes, and you find yourself in an inky pool of languid darkness. A piercing cry of maniacal laughter breaks the stillness, and the hair on the back of your neck prickles. The sour taste of fear rises in the back of your throat and fills your belly, but you are helpless to stop moving toward it. You are led by a force greater than yourself to follow the sound. It leads you to an incendiary glow in the distance. You creep through the bushes to get as close to the vision as possible without giving yourself away. A terrifying female basks in furious delight. The Lovers are chained like dogs at her feet. They could easily remove the chains from their necks, but instead they glower at each other. Is this an outcome or a choice? Welcome to the archetype of the Devil.

The secret of the Devil card is ego. The angrier the Lovers are, the stronger the Devil grows. The Devil's sustenance includes shame, anger, repressed sexuality, jealousy, addiction, cruelty, hatred, and



personal justification. Low self-worth and blaming the other breed chaos and rob the individual of meaningful experience.

The Devil's chains of desire keep the individual from experiencing peace in the present moment. The Devil is distraction. Esoterically, the witch must transcend the devil to propagate her magic. The witch need not slay the demon. Ego and fear's basic function keeps the individual safe from harm. The witch's work is to understand how fear and ego operate in order to not be controlled by it.

UPRIGHT: Disorder of the mind. Addiction and confusion. The shadow self. The ego. The chains that enslave you. Chaos and cruelty. The overwhelming need to control a situation.

REVERSED: Cowering fear. Being timid when fierceness is required. Allowing others to control you.

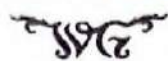
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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I step into who I truly am?





The Tower



Release

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Mars

Thunder, lightning, rolling storm

Embrace the Tower to transform.

Let go—it's safe; take the hit

What was clung to never fit.

It is a warm and languid day as storm clouds gather. Thunderheads pile up like snow before a plow. You doubt the two children you saw earlier climbing into the tree house have noticed the change in weather. You take off in their direction to warn them but arrive too late. The tumultuous sky sends a monster lightning bolt smack into the tree. Luckily, two badgers and a fairy have come to the rescue and saved them from a deadly fall.

The Tower reflects unexpected destruction and upheaval. It is loss, terror, and disruption. But the secret of the Tower is emancipation. Releasing expectation and attachment to desire is the natural outcome of integrating the arcana of the Devil. Once illusions of control are released, everything changes; anything that did not fit into life falls away. The Tower reflects the disruption of an old way of being. It is the clearing space—the end of the old cycle. What is no longer



useful is swept away. Life rearranges itself as soul healing extends to every nook, cranny, and corner of the witch's life.

Deep, evocative internal healing is often intertwined with the disruption in the external way a life is lived. Relationships fall away, old habits are broken, and real world changes are made. The soul evolves in alignment with the authentic High Priestess self. It is the last link in the Lovers' chain, which held together something that no longer works. Metamorphosis is uncomfortable; why else would the self fear the very thing it desires? If it were comfortable, you wouldn't have resisted it to begin with.

UPRIGHT: The field is cleared. A light bulb moment of awareness. Immediate understanding. Clash and destruction of what was never meant to be. Release of attachment. Losing what didn't fit.

REVERSED: Terrified of change. Refusal to face facts. Hiding the head in the sand to avoid confrontation.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What am I holding back from?



XVII · Star

Renewal
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Aquarius

*Inspiration flows from starlit night
Everything finally feels just right.
Emotive flow, crystalline sight
Invoke the muse: tonight's her night.*

It is a moonless night. Iridescent starlight cascades across the sky, and you find yourself intoxicated by the scent of night-blooming jasmine. You walk along, skipping from one shadow to the next, when you spy a soft glow ahead of you. You walk closer to find a luminous font of energy, as fluid as a ghostly specter, reclining with her face tilted back toward the heavens. It feels as if your hand might pass right through her if you reached out to touch her. She pours celestial liquid from a jug across her fingertips. Meet the Star.

The Star card is healing and quietude following the Devil and Tower's mayhem and destruction. All psychic and traumatic energy is released. Her energy is absorbed into you. Belly butterflies tickle your stomach with flutters of excitement as the Star siphons energy from the firmament. Plaguing questions are answered. Physical pain departs. Optimism fills you like helium in a balloon.



The Star's secret is the loss of self-consciousness. The ego has been tucked away. Fear has been placed in check. There is no blockage between the lower and higher self as energy moves freely. It is the place of artist and muse, inspiration and illumination. The Star is the open channel.

The communion of this card marks the nature of artist and muse. Inspiration flows as the channel opens. The Star, in many ways, is divinity manifest on earth. She is glimpsed, seen, and felt in transcendent moments. The Star is the unfolding imagination. The snowy peacock symbolizes energetic power, hypnotic strength, and manifested divinity. The waters are the essence of the soul. It is cosmic unity and all fantasies come true.

UPRIGHT: Inspiration. Healing. Calm after the storm. Clarity.
Flow. Transcendence. Peace.

REVERSED: Shallow fears. Blockage. Feeling cut off. Clinging to the past to avoid moving forward.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What can I accept?



XVIII · Moon

Emergence
Moon

Bewitched moonlight; wolves howl and bark

Creeping shadows, yawning dark.

Bringing forth new stories told

Embrace the unknown; let paths unfold.

A witch moves up and out of the water toward a distant mountain while channeling the moon's lunar glow. Two crawfish float in the water on each side of her. The witch embraces the night, summons its power, and infuses it into her body. A path extends before her. Two wild animals frame the path, offering freedom of instinct. The witch's garden is but one stop on the path to manifestation. It leads to a mountaintop, the highest space of manifestation in the material world.

The soul was wiped clean in the Star card. There is no interference between the highest and lowest aspects of the soul, just perfect communion. With clarity a new possibility springs from the subconscious, as reflected in the pool. The image of the card offers dual dimensionality because the moon is a reflection of sunlight. It shows us what is possible through the subtle, the subconscious. The Moon allows us to embrace the sticky, prickly, fearful unknown leading to



greater understanding. Once we become familiar with what terrifies us, we can integrate it into our life. It is the card of prophecy and dreams unfolding into reality.

UPRIGHT: Sleep and dream life. Psychic nature. Subconscious becoming conscious. Emergence. Shadow becomes light.

REVERSED: Repressing primal urges. Uncomfortable with one's own power and magic. Unable to integrate inner duality.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What wants to emerge through me?



XIX · Sun

Manifestation
Sun

*Brimming light and solar glare
Shows us what was always there.
Brimming health, laughter, fun
Comes rushing in with brilliant Sun.*

It is high noon, the polar opposite of the Moon card's inky midnight. A glowing sundial centers the card. A pair of twins—a reference to earlier Sun cards in historical tarots—ride white horses. A regal pageantry fills the card. Two birds tie a ribbon in unity. Regal sunflowers integrate the garden's solar energy and mark manifestation, growth, and expansion.

The Sun card, like the Moon, offers a duality of “As above, so below.” It is a reminder that what is true for us is true for the world. We examine inner and outer natures of the self. Our happiness is reflected in others. We come into alignment with ourselves and a new world emerges. The Sun marks the ability to accept all possibility and greet all things with exuberance and openness.

Witches understand the secret of the Sun card. There is enough joy, love, and resources for the self and the whole world. We have



more than we could ever need. The Sun reminds us of light's abundance inside us and in the world. This card appears in readings to mark pleasure, health, and manifestation.

UPRIGHT: Abundance. Love. Joy. Excellent health. Heart chakra. Expansion and exuberance. Destiny.

REVERSED: Sadness. Depression. Seclusion. Darkness. Dour feelings. Self-destructive behavior.

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To right the reversal, ask:
*What goodness can I
let into my life?*



XX · Judgement

Revolution
Fire

*Wake up, rise, new days begin
Heed the call and bare your skin.
Embrace the fullness, rejecting lack
No turning round, no going back.*

An ethereal air spirit blows a golden trumpet. Garden creatures, plants, and people reach out and respond to her music. Your wish has been received and is echoed by the universe. The call of the heart rises to the surface. There is no going back, and nothing will ever be the same.

The Judgement card echoes the tectonic plates of change carrying you along into your next evolution. It is the metaphor of being born again into your own skin. This card appears as a message you can't ignore. It is a call from the outer world that aligns with your inner call. The doors of possibility are blown open. The secret of this card is heeding the call. It is the glorious truth of who you are: open, viable, and breathing. Judgement shows us what it means to be free. You have transformed, and the world changed along with you.



UPRIGHT: Ecstasy and accomplishment. Heeding the call. The message you have been waiting for. Life force. Born again but into yourself. Rising up. Alive and awake.

REVERSED: Refusal to listen. Nonconformity. Abandoning hopes and dreams.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What helps me come alive?



XXI · World

Integration
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Saturn

*Dance of freedom, pleasure's gaze
Spirits gather in magic's haze.
Perfection threads your every move
There's nothing left at all to prove.*

The culmination of magical lessons, life, and love unfold as the witch becomes the World dancer. She holds a wand in each hand as enchantment radiates through the body. The scarlet feather in her hair connects her to the Fool; they are one and the same. The World card appears to signify outstanding work and smashing success.

A witch's cauldron represents spell work, tarot cards reflect divination, and the toad stools mark a fairy circle. The witch's hat, a siphon of power, rests next to a black cat, the representative of feminine feline energy. The garden wreath reflects the circular nature of a lifetime, life cycle, and the cyclical nature of the universe along with the Fool's number, zero. The World dancer has spun the wheel into existence.

The World marks utter joy and completion. The witch embodies the full power and pleasure of the garden and thus herself. It is the card of restoration and perfection. It is absolute integration



and delight. Magic exists in connection to the moment. The inner cadence of the soul meets the outer call of the universe. Goals are attained and accomplishments abound but with the deeper pleasure and true gift of knowing, owning, and honoring the self. Lost in the whirling ecstasy of music, movement, and pleasure, transcendence is at hand. A bewitching dance unfolds as you step into alignment with everything planted inside your tender, beautiful, exquisite soul.

UPRIGHT: Flow. Manifestation. Travel. Glory. Culmination.
Perfection. Dance. Celebration. Expression. Completion.
All desires granted and wishes met. Perfect alignment.

REVERSED: Close to the finish line. Fear of having what you've always dreamed of.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What helps me live in the moment?



Ace of Wands

Ignition

Root of the Power of Fire

Passion's fire, soothing light

Soul desire, heart in flight.

Coax the flame, stoke it well

Sparkling wands sustain your spell.

Twilight falls like an ephemeral curtain upon the witch's garden. The witch's hand brandishes a torch. It is the essence of fire. The flaming wand is her gift to you. The Ace of Wands is the source of all fire. It marks newly formed passion ripe for development. It is the burning desire to wake in the morning and lift new projects off the ground. It is thrilling joy and exhilaration.

A gentle snake curls at her wrist because snakes align with elemental fire. The hand emerges from the mists of manifestation. It marks the doorway between invisible and visible worlds. The house, gardens, and pastoral landscape are evocative of being at home in the world and in the self. The secret of the Ace of Wands is that the ace is the seed of all forthcoming fire element cards.

The Ace of Wands wakes the soul by illuminating new possibility. It is as exhilarating as falling in love. The ace marks a path forward. Let destiny play its part by allowing the self to open to the wisdom of



synchronicity as it illuminates your path. Acknowledge magic when it sparkles. Show up. Allow the essence of fire to warm the heart and soul. You are a child of the incendiary nature of the universe.

UPRIGHT: Strength and power. Tremors of passion. Toe-curling desire. Virility. New options blaze to life. Miraculous spark. Beginning. Origin. Source.

REVERSED: Extinguished energy. The smothering of desire. Apathy and unworthiness.

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To right the reversal, ask:
*How can I focus on
the stirrings within?*



Two of Wands

Insight
Mars in Aries

*Moss and mist and flaming flare
Weighted longing fills the air.
Desire's gaze harbors eyes so keen
Enchantments work a force unseen.*

Twilight drips upon a grove of ancient willows. They protect a young witch as she contemplates sorcery. She will conjure her heart's desire with careful consideration. A crystal ball rests in her palm. She sees her goal inside her imagination and thereby aligns her desired future with her present reality. The fingers of fate curl around her.

A borrowed grimoire, a witch's written repository of spells, sits upon the table. Tarot cards cast in careful divination aid her in the timing of her enchantment. Five candles dance in a rowan candelabra. Potent oils and potions dance inside sealed glass bottles. They will be uncorked when the timing is right.

She has gathered kindling and firewood. They reflect the sustainable tools of passion. The flames are carefully fed. Bare feet root her into the earth. A small, silent, focused lizard keeps watch at her feet.



The Two of Wands appears as an omen reminding you to observe latent desire and embark on vision quests. Careful consideration reveals what is wanted and why. Steadfast attention is required to navigate aspirations into fruition. Remember who you are. Follow seeds of longing to chart your course. The secret of the Two of Wands is the duality of fire. The moment elemental fire splits to mirror itself, the energy transforms. It has the potential to become sustaining or explosive. Keep a long view, reach out to collaborative resources to stay the course, cultivate sustained health, and make your dreams a reality. Watch as the universe pulses though you and sparkles with helpful guides, nudges of inspiration, and pleasant surprises along your path.

UPRIGHT: Looking ahead. Plotting and planning. Visioning.

Observe the lay of the landscape to align with your desire.

Bring together equal opposing forces and ideas to foster the energy of transformation.

REVERSED: Stunted plans. Inability to imagine the future.

Exhaustion and apathy toward the situation at hand. Nothing feels worth the bother.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I take one small step?



Three of Wands

Ritual
Sun in Aries

*Moonlight pours across the skin
Acknowledged magic thrives within.
Triple fire lights the night
Send your wish, call forth tonight.*

The witch from the Two of Wands has made her intentions known to the universe. Her spell is cast. She culminates her magical work by placing three glowing lanterns into the water. Wands are the suit of action and energy. This card reflects doing the work required. It is the convergence of intention and action that breeds results.

The Two of Wands was planning and plotting. The Three of Wands appears when it is time to gather everything needed. There is boldness in action. A message or letter needs to be sent. Articulate what is wanted. What can be done differently this time around?

The moon's sliver is a reminder of being in alignment with the High Priestess aspect of yourself. The tremors of the universe will respond to authenticity and truth. No call goes unheeded. Believe in magic. The secret of the Three of Wands is the creative nature of fire.



UPRIGHT: Magic in action. Setting your ships out to sea.
Creativity and advancement. Strength in the self and
knowing who you are. Believing in yourself. It is time to cast
your lot and make your mark. The poetic trinity of the self,
universe, and unseen mystery merge into the active magic and
manifestation of personal action and intention.

REVERSED: Fear holds you back. Procrastination bred from
unworthiness. Using your own gifts and talents against
yourself.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I support my intention?





Four of Wands



Revelry
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Venus in Aries

*Summer parties burning bright
Enchantment, laughter, sweet delight.
Belles of balls are dancing round
Euphoric revelry's now unbound.*

Summer celebrations erupt and you are the guest of honor. Dancing flames leap as the portal into midsummer opens. The Four of Wands is a card of pleasure and achievement. Fires burn brighter when shared with community. Ripe fruits of success are savored.

Four equidistant wands mark stability in the four corners of the universe. Two birds lift passion's ribbon together in blissful union by binding the solar energy of the sunflower garland. A bonfire radiates flames of passion as the celebratory center point. Revelers gather like moths to the flame of brilliance. It marks a meeting place, a gathering like moths to a flame.

The Four of Wands appears when there is reason to celebrate. It harkens birthdays, weddings, graduations—all ceremonies and gatherings. Individuals are brought together. Early harvest is reaped and shared with the community. On the deepest level, the number four binds elemental fire with security and foundation. It is profound



success and activity with work and career that has borne results. Mark this moment. The secret of the Four of Wands is the sustainability of foundational fire. Passion, energy, and virility are blazing.

UPRIGHT: Gatherings close to family and friends. Endless evenings, wild dancing, and delight. Sustaining the real-world results of passion projects. Stopping along the way to enjoy the journey.

REVERSED: Ruining a good time. Yucking another's yum. Refusing to join in the fun. Poisonous attitude. Treachery.

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To right the reversal, ask:

*How can I make space
for gratitude?*



Five of Wands

Friction
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Saturn in Leo

*Sparks fly as wings do beat the air
Know clever thoughts are always there.
Doubt sometimes throws you off your game
Bounce back and you will feel no shame.*

A faint glow rises above a field. It is visible for miles around. A “war of the worms” has broken out between five summer tanagers in a feeding frenzy. Fat earthworms fight back, not so ready to become dinner. Matchsticks illuminate the soft, newly seeded soil.

The Five of Wands is about stirring passion. It marks conflict, skirmish, and excitement inside social groups. The flames of the fire inflame friends, colleagues, and family. The energy is combustible but exciting. It generates new ideas and unexpected outcomes. The secret of the Five of Wands is the spark of potential inside heated action.

The Five of Wands indicates the moment a crowd is whipped up in frenzy. Drama is unfolding. Will it draw you in and distract intended focus or point you in a new direction? Are others feeding personal energy in a positive way? Assess the current location and quantify future goals. Current energy has the potential to distract or inspire. Make choices accordingly. It is possible to participate or walk away.



UPRIGHT: Action and sparring. Everyone fighting for themselves. Whipping people up. Combustible energy. Excitement and furor. A fun, action-packed match of wits and strength.

REVERSED: Drama stirred out of boredom. Amusing the self by provoking others. Unwillingness to fight.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What is at stake for me?



SIX of WANDS

Inspiration
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Jupiter in Leo

Parades of lighthearted merriment

Eroding paths of detriment.

Laurel leaves mark victory won

Bask in glory; more's to come.

A fire witch returns to an expectant crowd in the witch's garden. She brings forth messages, good news, and cause for celebration. Good tidings and fortune is shared with those holding their torches in her honor. The horse offers a knowing glance. He senses something the others do not. A new chapter is yet to reveal itself. The story is far from over.

The secret of the Six of Wands is the fusion of combustible energy. The figure passes the fire of inspiration to those beneath her. The secret is opening the earthly self to inspiration from the higher self. This insight will take form and shape in personal lifestyle, work, and a passion project.

The Six of Wands appears as a reminder that we all stand as figures of inspiration to those around us. It is important to share enthusiasm. It is standing in power and attending to the work you were put here to do. Experience and expression are guides. Accept compliments



without belittling them. Radiating self-confidence inspires those around you to do the same.

UPRIGHT: Victory and advancement. Blazing hearts.

Inspiration. Personal ideas catch on. People wishing the best. Good graces. Bringing out the best in others. Success, with more to come.

REVERSED: Downplaying talent. Inability to accept compliments. Stuck in a negative spiral. Inability to experience the pleasure of the self.

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To right the reversal, ask:

How can I inspire myself?



Seven of Wands

Soul Fire
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Mars in Leo

*Flames of fire accept it all
Send the message, make your call.
Mystical seven will aid you well
As you cast true passion's spell.*

A witch twirls gracefully on one toe. Her hair flies as wand energy spirals upward. She has gleaned inspiration from the witch on horseback in the Six of Wands and now has stepped forward to cast an enchantment of her own. The Seven of Wands reflects putting inspiration into action with big, bold gestures.

Six figures below, each with torches in hand, lend the witch their combined energy. It is the essence of shared group vitality. Wands mark the conduit of magic pulsing through each participant. Energy erupts when communities fuse and focus to create something new and beautiful.

The Seven of Wands is heeding the call of spiritual dance. It is taking good advantage of a power position and fostering action to make it stronger. The secret of the Seven of Wands is the illumination of something new and unexpected. Just when it seems your story has concluded, a new chapter unfolds. You stand on higher ground than



ever before with a new, inspired vision; you move onward to new heights with power and precision.

UPRIGHT: Action and energy. Focusing on advancing the position. Personal knowledge used for empowerment. Knowledge lights the way. Advance. Risks pay off. Help arrives when least expected. Unanticipated surges of power. Let go and trust the process.

REVERSED: Defensive and fearful. Vicious attacks. Venom replaces pleasure. Inspiration turns to violence.

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To right the reversal, ask:
Where is my advantage?



Eight of Wands

Speed

Mercury in Sagittarius

Arrows of love when sprung will fly

Shooting sparks across the sky.

Make intentions, trust it now

Calls are heeded but don't guess how.

Eight wands electrify the night as they are launched. The witch culminates her spell with a final sent intention. It is time to close sacred space. Offerings and gratitude are made. Words and action count. Calls are heard. The secret to the Eight of Wands lies in how to assure a spell's success. Trust and release attachment to the enchantment's outcome.

The Eight of Wands is the card of magical intentions in motion. All has been done for the moment. Needs and wishes have been sent. There is nothing to do but let go. The following card in a spread often indicates how and where desires manifest.

If the spell comes to fruition, it was meant to be. If the call or desire does not manifest, there is a lack of alignment. Recalibrate through contemplation, introspection, and experimentation. Trust the universe and the present moment to always deliver exactly what is needed.



PART THREE

UPRIGHT: Everything put into the world counts. Love letters.

Send messages. Call and response. Prayers in motion. Action in flight. Results are soon to be revealed.

REVERSED: Miscommunication. Lack of belief. Try again.

Launch failure.

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To right the reversal, ask:

*How can I approach this
differently?*



Nine of Wands

Daring
Moon in Sagittarius

*Bravery radiates through the skin
Fiery triumph courts the win.
The easiest way to lift your curse
Is always doing the hard thing first.*

The dark and looming forest is kept at bay by the blossoming magic of the garden. A clever young witch breaks through the threshold into safety. She is accepted without judgment, cared for, and nurtured. It is everything she has been looking for. Her bleeding cheek and disheveled clothing reveal the challenges she has overcome to get to her destination.

The Nine of Wands appears when a wish, work, or desire brings one to a new plane of existence. It is a rich territory that has always existed, yet it is the first time the individual has been granted access. Arrival comes as a result of pushing past personal boundaries and using perseverance.

The Nine of Wands' secret is manifestation. Everything a person could desire is often available if it is recognized in other forms and shapes. Elemental fire reduces qualities to their essence. The true





nature of a thing is recognized. Seek shelter in safe spaces. The magic you seek dwells inside of you.

UPRIGHT: Breaking boundaries. Stepping into unknown territory. Pushing past what is possible. Formidable opponents. Strength and knowledge through embraced challenges. Experience breeds confidence.

REVERSED: Overwhelming obstacles. Oppression. Feeling as if the odds are stacked against oneself. Unable to navigate through current situation.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I change my course?



Ten of Wands

Culmination

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Saturn in Sagittarius

A cycle ends at journey's start

Gather goods, take leave, depart.

Fire's glow will light the way

Don't put off what's done today.

A witch departs the garden. She has gathered items for her journey, recovered what was lost, and now strikes out on her own. She carries a child along with the wisdom of experience. A red fox, an elemental of fire and spirit guide of the child, moves with them. The witch holds a single torch to light her way while nine more are bundled behind her. She has gathered everything required for a successful journey. She carries illumination, maps, and spells. The road ahead is wild and uncharted, but she has sown all previous lessons into a web of protective energy. It is time for you to do the same.

The Ten of Wands marks an exodus. It is excitement and absolute certainty in one's goal. A mission is at hand, yet this is not the Fool's journey. The witch has others depending on her; she is not as free as the Fool. The dependence of others emboldens her resolve. The stakes are greater than ever before. The secret of the Ten of Wands is a journey begun after a shift in priority.



PART THREE

UPRIGHT: A cycle is complete. Setting out on a new path. The body regenerates. New adventure. Walking between worlds. Embracing responsibility.

REVERSED: Stifled. Blocked. Stuck. Uninspired.

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To right the reversal, ask:

*How can I help those
who depend on me?*



Ace of Cups

Flōw

Root of the Power of Water

Cup runs over, bubbling affection forth

Raven helps to find true north.

Offer expansion freely, then you'll see

Every gift returns times three.

A witching hand holds an overflowing chalice. It is emotion's cup. The chalice is engraved with a lunar symbol reflecting shifting emotions and transient energies. The moon marks the changeability of temperament. Each tear shed in happiness, every heart-wrenched cry, and all feelings in between spill from the cup in humanity's magical elixir.

A raven descends upon the cup like an angel touching ground for the first time. It carries the gift of a pentacle. The offering is a reminder of real things unfolding in life due to emotional solvency. The raven reflects the shapeshifter within. It carries the shadow side of emotion and challenging feelings to be integrated rather than repressed. This action guarantees flow.

The secret of the Ace of Cups is how emotional vibration attracts like-minded energy. Like attracts like. This is why dark and sticky emotions that are integrated do not attract more of the same.



Dragonflies and fish are drawn to the cup like moths to a flame.
Spontaneous intensity attracts and amplifies energy.

Lotus flower petals are open and receptive. The sacred lotus roots deep into subterranean mud, silt, and sand while the flower opens to sunlight and inspiration from above. The Ace of Cups is the seed of all cup cards. It pours forth the story of the heart time and again.

UPRIGHT: An open heart with emotions flowing. Unbounded love. Beautiful beginning of affection. A fresh, artful approach to life. Splendid feelings. New opportunity in all emotional sectors. Heart opening.

REVERSED: Burying emotion that needs to be let out. Overly emotional for the sake of being dramatic. Valuing one's own emotional state while disregarding the feelings of others. Cutting the self off from love.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I heal?



Two of Cups

Mesmerize
Venus in Cancer

*Deep devotion calms the soul
Broken hearts are soon made whole.
Raised cups caress a lover's lips
Who returns your potent kiss?*

A couple sits upon a swing beneath the branches of an ancient tree. This is the most prized and sought-out tree in the witch's garden. It is the tree of enchanted love. Anyone who sits in this tree's swing will see their heart's reflection coming toward them to take a seat. It is a mirror of infatuation, romance, and affection.

The Two of Cups is the card of marriage and amorous vows. It is a slow and steady companionship that will sustain a couple through months, years, and decades. The Two of Cups often reflects romantic relationships but also speaks of other meaningful and joyful pairings such as a treasured pet, beloved child, or devotional work.

The secret of the Two of Cups is not to rush it. Everyone has the tree of love inside them. When we rush headfirst into experience and emotions are forced, we often wind up swinging with a less-than-ideal partner. Take the time to align with the moment. You'll swing for eternity on the tree of life and love with the right partner(s) by remaining true to the beauty of who you are.



PART THREE

UPRIGHT: Sweet romance. Amorous attraction. Pleasure and delight in another person, place, or thing. Heart's reflection. Recognition. Intimacy. Secret marriage.

REVERSED: A relationship is not as expected. Disconnection. Rejection.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I cultivate boundaries?



Three of Cups

Friendship
Mercury in Cancer

*Apples glisten and garnet wines flow
Whispered secrets best friends know.
Three souls gather, unite as one
There's no spell that can't be spun.*

Three spellbinders gather at an apple-dunking barrel. They toast with the enchanted liquid from the barrel. It is the wine of friendship. Rosy cheeks betray their deep joy of togetherness. They are lifting and raising spirits of unity and devotion. The Three of Cups, on its deepest level, represents the magic of coming together inside the mutual support of friendship.

The secret of the Three of Cups is the creativity inherent to feelings of belonging and togetherness. Crisp fall leaves float on autumnal breezes. Gourds, pumpkins, and grapevines abound in symbolic manifestation. Three toads join the witches in their revelry, each reveling in a different stage of intoxication. One laughs, the other dances, a third has passed out cold. It marks the emotional stages of creative output from beginning to end. Wine spills onto the ground to show happiness returned to the earth.



The Three of Cups appears when there is reason to celebrate. It reminds the reader that there is the potential of joy in each moment of the day. The magic of fall harvest is always there just beneath the surface. All you have to do is believe it to see it.

UPRIGHT: Friendship, revelry, and celebration. Lifelong relationships. Gathering with those who are closest to you. Fruits of success. Divine feminine. Sharing gifts with others. Others sharing gifts with you.

REVERSED: Passive-aggressive behavior. Trouble within a friend group. The inability to be happy for another's success.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I reflect the light of others?



Four of Cups

Surprise
Moon in Cancer

*Sadness, gloom, depressions creep
And all you want to do is sleep.
If darkness falls, peek around
For treasured gifts will soon be found.*

A fairy shelters beneath a spongy mushroom cap. Her crossed arms and furrowed brow suggest a troubled mind and cranky attitude. Three cups sit before her. She cannot see her friend who is about to surprise her with a fourth cup. The Four of Cups appears to mark gifts arriving when they are least expected.

The Four of Cups reminds us that the nature of emotions is as fickle as spring weather. The nature of the card is grounded in emotional stability. It speaks to a strong disposition, yet no one feels happiness all the time. The ability to feel and process all emotions, including melancholic moods, is a sign of good mental health. Emotions are perpetually experienced in flux; the key is feeling emotions without identifying with them. The Four of Cups is a reminder of how fast we can move from one to the next. It also reminds us to always stay open to the unexpected.



The antidote to wallowing in self-pity is to look beyond the self. Introspection has its place, but use your active awareness and personal curiosity to explore the outside world. Cultivate a sense of attention outside the self, discover a landscape of wonder, and let those you delight in lift your spirits.

UPRIGHT: Emotional indulgence. Not seeing the forest for the trees. Situations changing in the blink of an eye. Staying open to the unexpected. Hidden gifts are about to be revealed. Remove personal blinders.

REVERSED: Emotional blockage or unexpected outpouring. Seek help, take advice, and balance emotional issues.

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To right the reversal, ask:

*How can I look beyond
the current situation?*



Five of Cups

Depression
Mars in Scorpio

*Sadness, heartbreak all must face
When sorrow strikes a gentle place.
The medicine is to feel our pain
Pick up the pieces; try again.*

A witch stands in a bleak and mournful landscape. Her gown is clasped by a gathering of forget-me-nots, the flowers of remembrance and regret over lost love. Blue petals decorate her plaited hair with sadness as deep as ancient riverbeds. Three cups are overturned. Blood red, bile green, and toxic yellow liquid spills into the river grass. It is a poisonous melancholia. Two cups stand behind her. Will she fill them with more of the vile brew and drink more? Will she change course and cross the stone arch bridge? The house offers the comfort and warmth of a hearth fire and shelter from the foreboding sky. She is beyond the help of others and must cross from one reality to another of her own volition.

The Five of Cups appears in a reading to mark the choices we face alone. Sadness and addiction are at hand. Will you revisit the continual source of pain and emotional suffering or break the cycle once and for all? To break the spell, it is essential to cross new horizons.



Only then can you fill your cup with elixirs of health and happiness, delight and satisfaction. The choice is yours. No one can save you but you.

UPRIGHT: Disconnect. Lack of feeling. Addiction, sadness, and depression. A choice to repeat or to change the pattern. Bleak times but the freedom to move forward. What you need is right in front of you.

REVERSED: Old patterns are released. Avoiding emotional pitfalls. Letting go of what does not serve your highest purpose.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I fight for myself?



Six of Cups

Gift
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Sun in Scorpio

*Fairy favors, cups' delight
Between the fairies who rest from flight.
Tucked beneath a garden den
Sweet remembrance warms the fen.*

The Six of Cups reveals two fairy creatures tucked away in a subterranean chamber beneath the garden. A purple beet's tendrils extend like a witch's fingers. A pill bug offers a comfortable seat to a fairy boy while millipedes chug by like fleshy steam trains searching for food. A female fairy gazes upon the gift. The cup glows with a shining, vibrant energy. It is sprouting sprays of ivory flowers, symbolizing the manifested essence of beauty and innocent love. The secret of the Six of Cups is that giving and receiving are two sides of the same coin.

The Six of Cups marks gifts of the heart, reminiscent of childhood delight. The feeling is pure and absolute adoration. It is a place of comfort and familiarity—a walk down memory lane. It is remembrance filtered with rose-colored glasses. It reveals the possibility of past pleasures in the present. Nothing is gone forever. The worms remind us of the “wormholes” of golden threads connecting us to special people. It is the eternal connection of love.



UPRIGHT: Giving and receiving. Gifts from the heart.

Memories, happiness, and comfort. The feeling of coming home to what you love. Connection and gratitude. Happiness and delight. Offerings of love.

REVERSED: Giving yourself away to those who cannot return your love and affection. Unable to accept gifts and tenderness. Replacing joy with anger and love with fury.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I practice acceptance?



Seven of Cups

Possibility
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Venus in Scorpio

*Where cups flow
The heart will go.
Take it slow and you will know
Read this rhyme and it is so.*

A witch sits in a potting shed holding a lavender transplant in her palm. She pauses to work with the lavender's energy as it casts its spell on her, transporting her to the netherworld of psychic protection, healing, and inner calm. Her imagination takes flight. The magical results of tried and true spells sit about the shelves. It is as if a grimoire's results stand on full display. It is a reminder that the richest, most effective magic is always right in front of you. Use your witching eyes to see it.

The Seven of Cups is about possibility and imagination. The seven cups reflect opportunity, direction, and choice. Each cup is connected to a major arcana card. There are seven secrets to the Seven of Cups that are described in the following passage, which moves from the top center cup and then accordingly from left to right:



CUP #1: A vibrant victory wreath rises from the cup, connecting it to the World card. The alchemical symbol of Saturn is engraved on the cup. A skull sits to the left as a reminder of the deceptive illusion of success.

CUP #2: A female micro goddess of Eros in a Greek-style dress emerges from the cup. The sign of Venus is engraved on the cup, connecting her to the Empress card's sensuality and tactile creativity.

CUP #3: A snake rises from the cup inscribed with the astrological glyph of Mercury. This connects to the Magician's traditional snake belt and fills the cup with the energy of conjure.

CUP #4: A veiled figure rises from within. The waxing moon is engraved on the cup, connecting it to the High Priestess. This cup connects to all aspects of lunar power.

CUP #5: A dragon rises from the cup. The alchemical symbol of the sun connects this cup to the Sun card and the growing power of solar energy.

CUP #6: A castle whose turrets connect it to the Tower card rises from the cup. The symbol of Mars is engraved in the cup to extend its energy of desire and action.

CUP #7: Glittering jewels rise and sparkle in kaleidoscopic light in the final cup, which is connected to the Wheel of Fortune. The symbol of Jupiter is engraved on the cup to extend its properties of luck and good fortune.



UPRIGHT: Multiple possibilities. Choice. Options. What waits to be made manifest. Decisions. Unbound imagination. Casting effective spells manifesting with individuality and unique beauty.

REVERSED: Blockage preventing clarity of the big picture. Undervaluing personal gifts. Giving magic and attention away by focusing on others instead of the self.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I cultivate focus?



Eight of Cups

Departure

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Saturn in Pisces

Take your leave

The timing's right.

Your moment's come

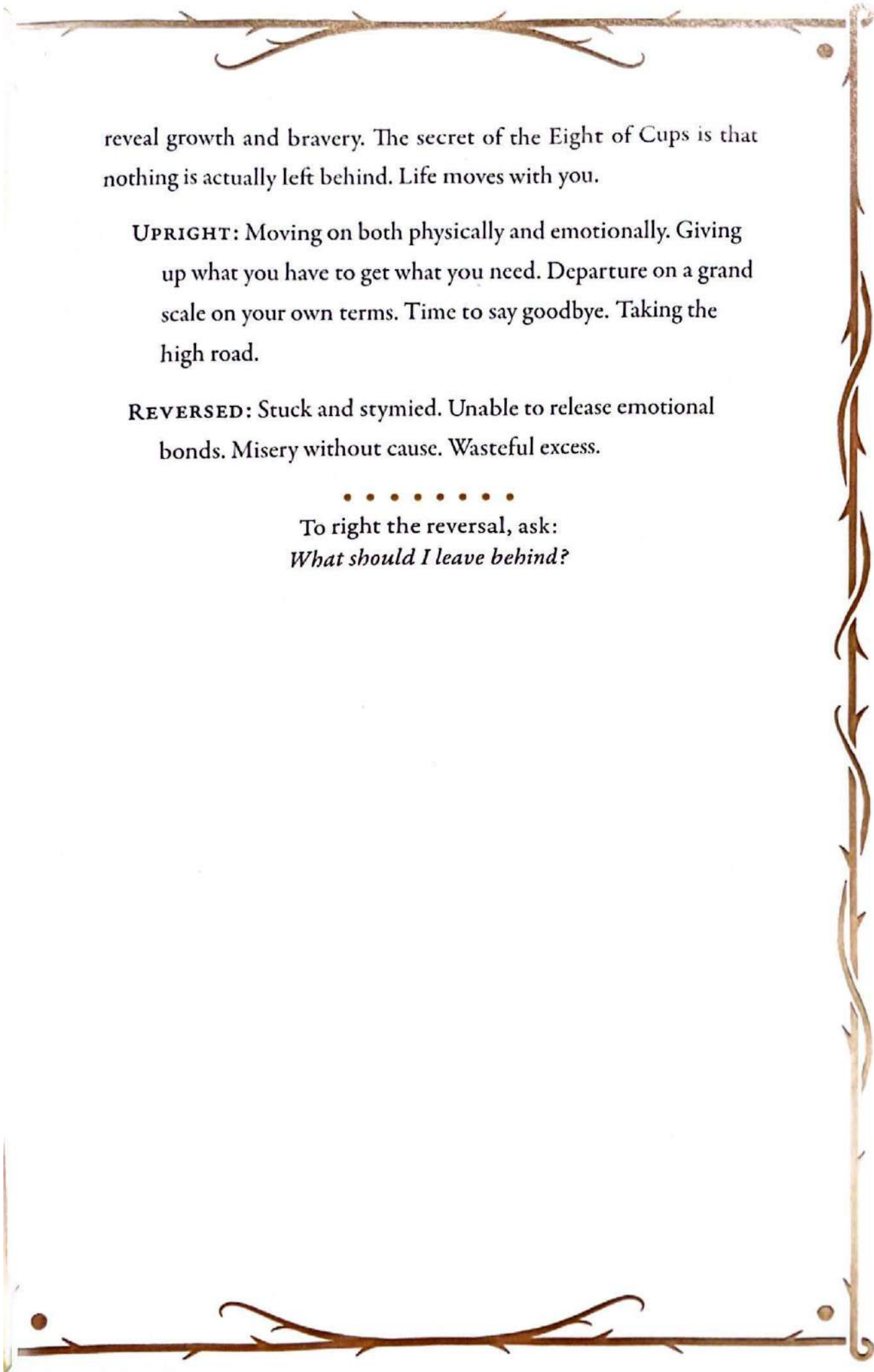
Embrace the night.

The Eight of Cups appears during rare moments when you are ready to give up what you have in order to gain what you need. A cloaked figure moves away from eight stacked, empty cups. She uses a walking stick to move up a stony path. The moon has moved across the sun, marking a solar eclipse. Strange double shadows fill the scene as the shadow band of the eclipse engulfs the landscape. It sprays a faint glow across on the mountains during this moment of transition.

Tarot's cups are generally filled with the sunny side of good feelings. The empty cups reflect what is worth leaving behind. There is no risk because there is no attachment. Honest curiosity and a willingness to embrace the unknown fill this card.

The Eight of Cups makes the first step of the Hermit's journey. It is the journey of inner knowledge and wisdom. It is the ability to walk away from all attachments—good, bad, and in between—that





reveal growth and bravery. The secret of the Eight of Cups is that nothing is actually left behind. Life moves with you.

UPRIGHT: Moving on both physically and emotionally. Giving up what you have to get what you need. Departure on a grand scale on your own terms. Time to say goodbye. Taking the high road.

REVERSED: Stuck and stymied. Unable to release emotional bonds. Misery without cause. Wasteful excess.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What should I leave behind?





Nine of Cups



Yes
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Jupiter in Pisces

*Water under the bridge extends
Green-eyed nymph makes amends.
Deep inside you always knew
What you wanted would come true.*

Your wish is granted! A mythical water creature emerges from the stone arch bridge. Like a genie in a bottle, she offers you the very magic you've been searching for. Nine cups stand on the bridge, reflecting all the contained emotion of your hopes and dreams.

It is time to splurge, indulge, and taste life's pleasures. It is the delight of dreams coming true and the bliss it contains. The bridge marks the transition from one point of reality to the next. This is the boundary where life changes forever.

The secret of the Nine of Cups is the Pandora's box in the form of a locked treasure chest tucked beneath the bridge. It contains the consequences (good, bad, and in-between) of a granted desire. Be mindful of what you wish for. This card appears to tell you that you will get it. Bask in the satisfaction.



UPRIGHT: The answer is yes. Wish fulfillment. Pleasure and happiness. Delight and alignment. Getting what you want.

REVERSED: Disappointment after receiving just what you asked for. The desire to turn back time. Unable to enjoy gifts. Too little, too late.

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To right the reversal, ask:

*What is the unforeseen
consequence?*



Ten of Cups

Bliss

Mars in Pisces

Peace and pleasure, love and light

Bask in joy to share delight.

With love and light and harm to none

We do declare emotion's spell is done.

The Ten of Cups reveals familial bliss. A couple stands with arms drawn around each other while opening their hearts to a rainbow supporting ten dazzling cups. Distant mountain peaks recall the Fool's journey. It is the ability to treasure all emotionality and life lessons. Joy and celebration are celebrated in the community and family you have created.

A boy and girl dance while a sleeping feline and her canine friend snuggle close. The farmhouse, gardens, and field are crowned by a rainbow. It is a reminder of the home we make for ourselves in the world. All people wish for joy, love, and happiness.

The farmhouse stands in the distance along with the gardens and fields, hills and trees of the property. The river is in view, and the garden is lush all around the card. Ripe tomatoes—what French call *pomme d'amour*, meaning “fruit of love”—burst from the stalk.



This card is the culmination of hard work, love, and the magic flowing forth. It is alliance with your chosen family. The Ten of Cups, in its highest aspect, represents being at home in yourself and therefore at home in the world. It is the “happily ever after” card. The secret of this card is there is no happily ever after; there is only right now.

UPRIGHT: Celebration and delight. Home, happiness, and contentment. At home in the world. True pleasure. Deep love. Everything will be okay.

REVERSED: Tense home life. Family instability. The family is crowding you in. Cabin fever. Old stories and habits bring out the worst.

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To right the reversal, ask:
*What small adjustment brings
everyone together?*



Ace of Swords

Inception

Root of the Powers of Air

*Gleaming sword, bats in flight
Something happens before the night.
Trust your instinct; what's done is done
Step light now your spell is spun.*

Noon bells ring through the valley as the clear light of day illuminates the realm of thought and the mind. Mental acuity reveals itself in a razor-sharp blade held firmly in the grip of the witch's hand. Shadow and light play off the two sides of the blade, revealing brilliance and darkness in equal states of interconnection. All sides are considered.

Clouds gather as an entry point from the invisible world. A new illumination, a single fresh idea, has the power to change a life's course and thus the world. The secret of the Ace of Swords is to trust the first instinct. Drawing this card is a reminder to trust the ideas springing to mind.

The golden crown suggests a winning mind aligned with the highest self. Yarrow (held for courage), pink orchids (whose roots are ground for love charms), and violets (slip beneath your pillow for prophetic dreams) tumble, bloom, and fall from the monarch's



crown to reveal manifestation. Spectacular results blossom as a result of well-executed plans. Stay the course. Trust in yourself.

UPRIGHT: Clear thinking. Winning thoughts. Trusting what you know. Excellent plans. Sharp instincts. Triumph. Your first thought is well conveyed. Ideas come swiftly. Action is sure to follow.

REVERSED: Nailing down your plans. Standing strong in what you know. Refusal to budge.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What is my mantra?





Two of Swords



Meditation
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Moon in Libra

Cross your heart, hope not to die

Stick a thistle in your eye.

Advice to all: Go! Stay away!

Swords keep acid thoughts at bay.

The Two of Swords reveals a witch who has purposefully blindfolded herself. To escape confusion, she moves inward to cultivate wisdom and clarity. Stop listening to incessant chatter. Lean into the calling of the soul. Heed the inner voice that springs from your High Priestess self.

Plants around the figure grow toward the witch. Wild mint (add to lemonade for clear communication), spiky rosemary (improves memory) and purple thistles (absorbs negativity) thrive. They scurry toward her as the manifestation of the opinions and thoughts of others.

The witch holds two swords in a protective stance over her heart. The secret of this card is how to raise protective shields. She will not wound anyone who wishes to aid her, yet her decision must be made alone. The Two of Swords marks the private contemplation of the self.



UPRIGHT: Heed the inner voice. The advice of others is
unneded. Draw from experience. A choice appears that only
you can make. Inner sanctum of thought. Block distraction.
Step away from others. Protect the heart.

REVERSED: Confusion and mental turmoil. Relying too much
on the advice of others. The risks arising from letting others
determine what is best for you. Distraction.

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To right the reversal, ask:
*How can I stop caring about
what others think of me?*



Three of Swords

Heartbreak
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Saturn in Libra

*Piecing, wounded, shattered heart
Soft tissue pierced, betrayal's art.
Expel the pain, release it well
As it mends the heart will swell.*

The Three of Swords reveals a witch on the ground with her back arched as if something has been pulled from her chest. Her hair spills out like the emotion of a broken heart. It is heartbreak, pain, and betrayal due to a love triangle. It is the pain of rejection, discovering the one you love does not love you back and has betrayed your trust. It is the card of grief, loss, and sadness.

Look deeper to discover how the Three of Swords is a card of shamanistic healing. For venom to be removed, it must be sucked out. When disease is extracted, it leaves an empty hole. It is the card of heartbreak but also the removal of what no longer serves the individual. Pain is lifted up and away by three precise swords of truth. Crows are shapeshifting messengers who bring healing. Rose hips are the fruit of a rose bush and associated with love, healing, and psychic power.



Give the self space and time to heal. Newly found vulnerability brings with it opportunity. Evolve past old patterns and worn-out stories. The secret of this card is heart opening. Heart opening hurts. Beauty and pain both open the heart to become more pliable. It is not a comfortable process, but it is essential.

UPRIGHT: Heartbreak, betrayal, and sadness. Heart opening. Shamanistic healing. Journey into the heart of who you are. Rewriting the story. Stay present with discomfort to move past it.

REVERSED: Avoiding pain that must be confronted. Old patterns have healed. Freedom from one who hurt you.

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To right the reversal, ask:

*How can I stay present
in the face of discomfort?*



Four of Swords

Rest
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Jupiter in Libra

*Powdered hops gift restful slumber
Calming thoughts as one dives under.
Dreams come quick with valerian sleep
Offers eventide visions to keep.*

A woman thick with insomnia has come to the witch's garden for a sleeping spell. Lavender and valerian root lull her to sleep. Her raging thoughts cease and her mind rejuvenates. She and a garden cat rest in a sweet ball of warmth inside an ancient structure that has fallen into exquisite decay.

Perfect slumber is evoked in the Four of Swords. It is the card of a peaceful mind completely at rest. The number four connects this card with the stability of thought in every way. A sense of peace has been cultivated. You trust what you know. Thoughts, ideas, and stories do not run wild. Ideas are considered and released. New thoughts are observed without becoming entangled in the ego. New and interesting ideas arise. Two swords up and two swords down show vulnerability as well as the ability to protect the self if need be. The secret of the Four of Swords is the importance of self-care, for only healthy witches cast effective spells. It is love and protection extending to the realm of mind and thought.



UPRIGHT: Stable thoughts. Pleasure in decisions. Resting well.
Assured mind, spirit, and body. A pause providing room to
imagine and contemplate well into the future. A well-sent
message. Restful nights. Restoration of mind, body, and soul.

REVERSED: A mind in utter disarray. Not trusting what is
imagined or seen in the mind's eye.

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To right the reversal, ask:

*How can I remove
mental distractions?*



Five of Swords

Cruelty

Venus in Aquarius

*Oleander is the sweetest killer
Cruelty throws us all off-kilter.
The pot of wits is to be stirred
When witches wield a poisoned word.*

A frightening scene unfolds in the skeletal remains of an ancient greenhouse. A severe yet regal woman stands on a spiral staircase pointing a sword at a young witch. The aggressor protects two swords she seems to have snatched away. A young girl peers through a window as if she has just stumbled upon the violent scene.

The Five of Swords reflects a scene of unbearable cruelty and taking unfair advantage over another. Older and younger figures are depicted to make note of inherited trauma and behavior. We change the pattern when we stop unconsciously reacting and begin to respond to the situation in front of us. How can we greet challenge in a new way? The greatest villains of the world justify their actions. The peering figure is a witness to cruelty and injustice. What responsibility does the witness bear?

The Five of Swords appears to reflect victimization and aggression. The secret of this card is the fact that how you treat others is



how you feel about yourself. People lead with their issues. To know this is to know the person sitting across from you. The card's bitter medicine conveys the cruelty of words. Venom against another is venom toward the self. The sharp wounds of words last for months, years, or a lifetime.

UPRIGHT: Victimhood and betrayal. An unfair fight. Mean-spirited confrontation. Delight in cruelty. Take responsibility for what is said and done. Acknowledge the role you play in relationships.

REVERSED: Avoiding painful situations you used to be drawn into. Refusing to partake in a crowd-sourced drama.

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To right the reversal, ask:
*How can I speak kindly to
those who intimidate me?*





Six of Swords



Journey
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Mercury in Aquarius

Water laps at distant shore

What has been can be no more.

Steel sword leads, sharp wisdom knows

Unravel the path by following what glows.

A witch sits in the fore of a thin wooden boat quietly slicing through still water. A sword extends from her heart chakra and hovers above her open palms. It is the guiding force of instinct and intellect. She follows the compass point of the soul. The sword glows with inherent magic.

The Six of Swords is setting off in a new direction. It is following the inner compass, discovering your true north. The sword lights up her face in a cozy glow. It is being alert and entirely focused. Clear sky and still water portray a calm mind. Five swords fan behind her. She carries her lessons well. She does not forget from whence she came. A mysterious ferry person moves the boat. The figure evokes the crossing on the River Hades. A child's head rests on the witch's thigh to reflect nurturing and trust. This is not a solitary journey.



The three figures mark the three stages of life and our ancestral connections. It is a tapestry of family. We are each the living embodiment of who came before and who will come after. Heal the self to retroactively heal those who came before and those who come after you.

UPRIGHT: Traveling with companions. Transforming the present reality. Better times lie ahead. Deep emotional bonds. Trusting instinct and insight to navigate forward, even in darkness and confusion. Knowledge that you are never alone. Forging a new path. Travel and movement.

REVERSED: Stuck when it is important to move forward. Consider your head and heart in equal terms.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I move ahead?





Seven of Swords



Deception
Moon in Aquarius

*Escape quick as intrigues spin
Time your plan: it must begin.
Move with care the sequestered plan
Avoid suspicion's dangerous fan.*

The Seven of Swords appears to represent the multiple realities of an escape plan. Dual crows observe and call to the figure from above. They reflect an inner sense of morality and the knowledge that everything you do is seen by the eyes of the universe. You may think you are getting away with something, but are you? Everyone pays off their karmic debts. Your secret plan may not pan out. Weigh the risks before proceeding.

The secret of the Seven of Swords is the magical power of taking only what is needed. Editing is important. The figure looks behind her; is she obsessed with the past? Is she motivated by old ghosts or integrating what is happening in the now? Does she strike out on her own because she needs to or does she shun the company of others? The most important aspect of this card is to understand one's own motivations in order to ensure success.



UPRIGHT: Getting away with it. Moving under the cover of darkness. Taking what you need. Escaping without being seen. A secret worth protecting. Willing to risk it all.

REVERSED: Greed and wanting everything for the self. An idea will backfire. Losing everything gained.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I reassess?



Eight of Swords

Restraint
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Jupiter in Gemini

*Reflect beneath a stormy moon
What is stirring wakes up soon.
Floating bound the eyes can't see
The mind dreams horrors up for thee.*

Something wicked this way comes. A stormy full moon lights the Eight of Swords. An ancient stone reflecting pool is a portal to the otherworld. Moonflowers and deadly nightshade grace its perimeter. A bound witch hovers above the portal with a sword beneath her heart chakra and six more stuck in the ground.

The Eight of Swords is the card of restraint and being held captive in a situation beyond your control. The esoteric reading and secret of this card reveals occult initiation. The witch gives herself over to a harrowing ordeal so that when she emerges and removes the blindfold, she will see the world with a new set of eyes. She will be reborn. Apply this esoteric reading to your life. You alone must face your greatest challenge. Will you greet it willingly? Call for help or request guidance in advance, but to conquer inner demons and repetitive patterns, you must fix it.



UPRIGHT: Shamanic initiation. Entrapment. Isolation. Violence toward the self. Struggling internally. Trying to control what cannot be tamed. Give yourself over to the challenge to conquer it.

REVERSED: Treachery and unforeseen circumstances. Everything thrown into disarray.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How do I save myself?



Nine of Swords

Ruminating
Mars in Gemini

*My head's a hive of wasps who sting
Swords and pain the shadows bring.
Calm the mind to cultivate rest and peace
Only then will you find release.*

A witch wakes from a nightmare during an afternoon nap. She has slept too long. The sun sets behind her. She is dazed and confused. Bees swarm from a nest in a knotted tree. The bees represent the buzzing of dark thoughts. A cat backs away in fright. Our familiars feel what we feel. Glowing eyes peer from the darkness—more thoughts just waiting to pounce.

The Nine of Swords appears when you find yourself in a destructive thought cycle that has no purpose or point. Rein in doubts and insecurities by focusing attention away from the self. Twilight is the boundary between inner/outer and thoughts/reality. It is the hazy space where we form the inner world. The Nine of Swords reflects the point at which thoughts become unbearable. Fighting for the mind and mental health is essential. Be your own best advocate by finding tools and resources to help deal with anxiety and stress.



The secret of the Nine of Swords is to recognize that thoughts by themselves have no power if you don't identify with them. See a thought for what it is. Feel the thought. Let it go. Just because drama unfolds in the mind, there is no need for it to bleed over into our waking life.

UPRIGHT: Darkness of the mind. Paralyzing anxiety. Lost.
Self-flagellating. Sleeplessness. Nightmares. Night terrors.
Destructive thoughts. Anguish. Dread.

REVERSED: Searching for answers. Avoiding the heart of the matter. Disappointment and despair.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I shift my perspective?



Ten of Swords

Conclusion Sun in Gemini

*Opioid poppies aid in sleep
Troubles brewing generations deep.
"Sacrifice the self," they say,
"And you will live another day."*

We do not argue with nature over the season's change. We accept the gifts of crisp air, crunchy leaves, and scarlet sunsets as summer turns to fall. Yet, when it comes to clinging thoughts, habits, and ideas, why is it so hard to say goodbye? The secret of the Ten of Swords is knowing when to let go.

The Ten of Swords marks the death of the ego. It is the end of a thought cycle that has kept you imprisoned. The barrier between you and possibility collapses. The witch is impaled on her sacral, solar, and heart chakras. She drives the final sword deep into her heart. Swords hit our emotional centers, marking how we feel about ourselves and therefore the world.

Just as Oz's Wicked Witch of the West used poppy fields to lull Dorothy and her friends into sleep, the witch dreams in a poppy field. The poppy—from which opium is harvested to make codeine, heroine, and morphine—is fed by the witch's dripping blood. The cycle is complete, but the experience remains.



The Ten of Swords is the card of metaphorical death. The field witch sacrifices her old self so she can be young again. The fountain of youth rests in the freedom of the mind. Old cycles need to be put to bed once and for all.

UPRIGHT: What is done is done. Resolution of drama. Sacrifice. Important endings. Metaphorical bloodshed feeds new life. Death of the ego. The peace of finally letting go.

REVERSED: Wanting to free yourself but not knowing how. Confusion.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How do I end this kindly?



Ace of Pentacles

Seed

Root of the Powers of Earth

Witching hand and morning dew

Something's coming just for you.

Spider's silk and foxglove bells

Time is ripe to craft your spells.

The sunrise spills across the witch's garden as bewitching fingers caress a green and gold pentacle. The witch gathers the energy of universal manifestation in her palm. The pentacle reflects the seed of all creation in the world. Opportunity is at hand.

The witch's hand emerges from piles of thick white clouds. Clouds appear in tarot as the doorway between invisible and visible realities. The Ace of Pentacles marks an appearance, inheritance, or opportunity involving money. It is new material things such as a possession, home, or car. It also suggests a child or new friend as pentacles reflect the people who populate our lives.

A spider working a silver strand suggests spinning stories about self-value. Personal worth is revealed in the way we covet the belongings of others. What do you think you deserve? A path unfolds beneath a stone arch leading through the garden boundary and out into the world. The homecoming awaits. The secret of the Ace of



Pentacles is how you determine your own destiny. Claim who you are and cherish your gifts.

UPRIGHT: Miracles of manifestation. An opportunity comes your way. Having the resources required. Beginning a new project or new venture. Gifts are showered upon you.

REVERSED: Holding back when something wants to emerge. Hiding funds away for yourself at the expense of others. Not having what you need due to feelings of unworthiness.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I give?



Two of Pentacles

Division

Jupiter in Capricorn

Step lively, hurry up, quick!

Creatures scurry the forest thick.

Options appear, so make your choice

Always heed your inner voice.

A miniature earth elemental manipulates two pentacles revolving in the glow of a lemniscate. A squirrel and chipmunk are transfixed and hoping a magic token might drop. They want to store it away for winter.

The Two of Pentacles reflects the evolutionary scale of division. A single pentacle has become two. Options appear. Money and resources increase. The secret of the Two of Pentacles is that energy never disappears; it just transforms. The earth girl knows this and captures energy for her own use.

Life is a balancing act. Keep a light foot to enjoy the dance and try to avoid taking things seriously. Enjoy the energetic cycles of life and learn to harness them. Rest when the time is right. Work when options appear. Go with the rhythm of nature, and its energy will infuse your every gesture, intention, and action.



UPRIGHT: Delightful choices. Evolution and growth.

Opportunities arrive. Joy in creation. Magnetic attraction based on what is put forth into the world. Duality. Enjoy the journey. Rejoice in the dance.

REVERSED: Keeping secrets. A refusal to let talents shine.

Fear of theft.

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To right the reversal, ask:

How can I lighten up?





Three of Pentacles



Collaboration

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Mars in Capricorn

Craftsmen work, drafters draft

Fairies see the enchanted path.

Each one has special gifts, you see

Magic pulses through the number three.

An artisan witch works diligently at a trellis with a triad of pentacles embedded at the top. An intellectual groundhog and fairy flower spirit look on as the three work together. Moonflowers evoke the invisible essence of garden magic. Tools, paints, and creative objects are scattered about. The artisan witch tucks a flower in her hair and special violets into her back pocket.

The Three of Pentacles is collaboration leading to manifestation. Everything in life is a give-and-take energetic exchange. Gathering talents and abilities makes for unique projects and new friendships and alliances. The secret of this card is a reference to Freemasonry in the connection of the artist's bench, apron, and tool. It speaks to the ancient secret society who recognized that the life we build around ourselves reflects the inner temple of the soul.



Honor the works that want to be born inside your hands. Ask for help when you need it, and collaborate with those who share talents and inspiration freely. You are building something beautiful.

UPRIGHT: Working well with others. Calling in the experts.

Renovation of house and home. Building something for yourself. A project bears fruit. Craftsmanship and collaboration.

REVERSED: A project comes screeching to a halt. Effort outweighing results. Power plays among collaborators.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I collaborate kindly?





Four of Pentacles



Stability
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Sun in Capricorn

*Hard as rock, granite thick
Careful investment does the trick.
Resources grow and life is nice
Don't let it become your only vice.*

A greedy man has crept into the garden without permission. He attempted to steal the treasures within. He failed to realize all who steal from an enchanted land are turned to stone. The figure, evoking King Midas, is so attached to his obsession with wealth that it became his demise. Creeping vines have the same grasping feeling.

The Four of Pentacles appears when you have reaped solid results in the material world. Savings are amassed; business is strong and stable and sustaining itself. Good relationships exist. The secret of this card is knowing when to change systems and habits. It was okay to be obsessed with building wealth when there was a need for it. But are you attached to an attitude that no longer serves you? The Four of Pentacles marks stability but also the warning to focus on things that truly matter.



UPRIGHT: Desperate bid to keep what was never yours. Holding tightly to resources. Stability and growth are yours, but do not let them become a prison. Solid, self-sustaining, stable foundations.

REVERSED: Nothing seems to stick. House of cards that keeps blowing down. Gather your resources to make them work.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What am I grasping at?



Five of Pentacles

Hardship

Mercury in Taurus

Spring snow marks a bitter plight

Raise your eyes to see the light.

A moment's pause and you will see

What you seek's in front of thee.

It is the dark night of the soul. Dense wet snow weighs down tender vegetation. A couple moves through the zeitgeist. Ancient stained glass windows are engraved with mysterious symbols. The gentleman crumbles in despair while his companion steadfastly urges him to keep moving.

The Five of Pentacles appears to reflect the highs and lows of long-term relationships. The card specifically reflects quarrels and challenges regarding security and financial matters. Thoughts about money are often directly tied to feelings of self-love and personal value. We inherit patterns and learned behaviors, and sometimes they aid us. Danger lies in continuing to apply what is no longer useful.

The secret of this card is in the warm, sustaining light of the window. What they seek is right in front of them if only they could see it. Disregard what is already known to find the appropriate solution.



Overcome the current challenge by finding a new way in which to express what is needed.

UPRIGHT: Hardship and loss. Old arguments rear their ugly head upon fresh matters at hand. Get through this moment to get through anything. An opportunity to solve long-standing financial problems. Sticking together through thick and thin.

REVERSED: Triggering situations overcome. Financial pitfalls avoided. Deep soul work regarding issues of value, worth, and money.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What can this challenge teach me?





Six of Pentacles



Generosity
Moon in Taurus

*Dear ones close and gifts abound
When what was lost is quickly found.
There's no reason to be scared
When what you have is freely shared.*

A witch sits on the roots of a grandmother willow. She holds a scale brimming with gifts for all. Her scales are equal. She passes no judgment nor does she assign value to what she dispenses. All of nature is attracted to her gifts as deer, squirrels, and birds descend on this daughter of Gaia.

This card marks moments of giving and receiving. The secret of this card is not to measure generosity. It is the ability to accept as well as offer. The two sides of the same pentacle are equal. Gifts that are not given freely are not gifts at all but ego weights and measurements. Remember that you are the gift the world has been searching for.



UPRIGHT: Gifts from above and below. Charity. Sustenance bestowed. Love gifted freely in the form of material objects. Charity and reciprocity.

REVERSED: Judging those who you aid. Feelings of superiority. Using money to stoke an ego.

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To right the reversal, ask:
Why am I judging others?



Seven of Pentacles

Harvest

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Saturn in Taurus

Early harvest comes on quick

Choices beg for you to pick.

Take your time; go slow and prep

Before you take the next step.

A Halloween witch stops to consider her future. Pumpkins reveal the manifestation of her hopes and dreams. She has claimed early success through a clever and precise magic. Her story is not over; there is more to come. She is pleasantly surprised that her goal is exceeding expectations. Everything happened earlier than expected. Now it is time to unexpectedly pivot her plan. She wants more and needs more, but she is unsure of what to do next so she consults her cards.

The Seven of Pentacles appears when results manifest quickly. The secret of this card is when results are quick, it is a sign that you are in alignment with magic. To keep going, consider a broader picture and rethink final goals. The most effective magic is always surprising.



UPRIGHT: Results seen. Pondering what is left to do. Your hard work has paid off. Thinking about what is next to come. Viable resources at your fingertips and lots to work with.

REVERSED: Disastrous plans gone awry. Disruption. Inability to gather yourself together. Unfocused.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What decision can I make?





Eight of Pentacles



Right Work
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Sun in Virgo

*Busy work, creative glow
Life's abuzz when you flow.
Heartfelt work comes on quick
Know yourself; it does the trick.*

The Eight of Pentacles bursts with the sparkling sunlight and gorgeousness of a perfect midsummer afternoon. A gardener oversees an outdoor workspace. Vines and flora cascade down a pergola where she has placed handcrafted pentacle flower crowns. She displays her handiwork. Child apprentices work alongside her. A fairy looks over her shoulder, another gazes up at the hanging crowns, and a third fairy sits contently with the young girl. Time stops as all are engaged in a perfect state of flow.

The Eight of Pentacles appears to reflect you performing work you love. It is the card of craftsmanship and mastery. It marks displaying the work you do proudly for all to see. It is also sharing your gifts by mentoring others. It is passing art forms from one generation to the next. The fairies appear to represent the forces of nature working alongside you. You are in alignment and hard at work with what you love. The secret of this card is pleasure in one's work ethic.



UPRIGHT: A safe space for work. Delight in preparation.

Artisanship, commissions, and craftsmanship. Taking pleasure in what you do. Sharing gifts and techniques with others while proudly displaying your handiwork.

REVERSED: Taking a break away from work. Feeling stifled in work. Taking on too much responsibility. Share your workload with others and delegate responsibility. You aren't in this alone.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What tools do I require?



Nine of Pentacles

Pleasure
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Venus in Virgo

*Pleasure drips from the vine
First the grape, then comes the wine.
Linger in luxurious care
Life's as sweet as a sun-ripe pear.*

An enigmatic and powerful woman stands among purple grapes, green leaves, and golden pentacles. She is full of emotion, pleasure, and power. Winemaking connects to heritage and ancestors. We are woven into the tapestry of our family trees. Ancient winemakers passed their secrets and estates down through generations. Pentacles reflect our family DNA and what has been passed down to us by those who have gone before. The triad of pentacles on the wine casket marks continuing creativity.

The glass of wine shows that what you work at should be enjoyed. A hedgehog enjoys her own delicious treat. The witch uses a leather falconing glove to support her feathered familiar. The creature is not blindfolded and thus displays the second sight. The falcon is the embodied ability of the woman to see the bigger picture, to have built relationships built on loyalty and trust. It is pleasure in the self. The secret of the Nine of Pentacles is knowing who you are.



UPRIGHT: Pleasure in one's own company. Loyalty. Taking time to savor the finer things. Quality. Symbiotic relationship with the animal world. The manifestation of what was always yours.

REVERSED: Missing out on earthly pleasure. Chasing imagined dreams bearing no semblance to reality.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What can I depend on?



Ten of Pentacles

Culmination

Mercury in Virgo

*Gather round, the magic's spun
Love has grown and all have won.
With love and light and harm to none
We do declare our spell is done!*

What began as a seed has fully blossomed. The Ten of Pentacles reflects the manifestation of all things in the material world. Everything required is at your fingertips. There is nothing left to do. No further effort is required. It is time to rest, relax, and enjoy the magic of pentacles. The Ten of Pentacles signifies wealth to the fullest extent. This card signifies the bounty of health, family, and contentment.

A mother sits upon the stone wall, a barrier between the manifest and unmanifest world. Lush red roses signify passion in the height of bloom. She lays one hand upon her partner and the other upon a child. Her energy moves between both figures while the boy shares attention with his trusted furry companion. A second dog is dreaming of what is yet to come. A basket of culinary delights hints at sweet fruits of delight.



The family has more than they could ever ask for, yet there is more than meets the eye. The secret of this card is the crone figure, who contains experiential knowledge and has the ability to peer through the material world and deep into the heart of magic and sacred manifestation. She wears a purple cape covered with zodiac markings and she comes forward with a basket in hand. The crone holds the key to all mysteries behind the world of pentacles. Now that the family has more than they could ever need, it is time to unlock the secrets of manifestation existing inside the world of pentacles. This is the card of ultimate manifestation and abundance.

UPRIGHT: Everything unfolds in abundance. Having all the resources and support you could ever need. Bountiful family life and a connection to those who came before and those who follow in your footsteps.

REVERSED: Disruption at home. Seeding chaos and discontent in those who are closest to you. Harmony is possible but requires work.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What are the ties that bind?



Royal Rulers



Wands

The wand family is composed of molten fire creatures. Follow dancing flames, flickering candles, and lightning bolts to locate their gifts. They bestow inspiration, passion, and excitement. They glow with solar energy and rule the element of kundalini fire found at the base of the spine. Wands mark personal energetic reserves, our individual power, and determination. They help us navigate career choices and erotic desire and can be called on to alter the course of destiny.

Wands attract attention like moths to a flame. They are hot to the touch. Their soft glow can illuminate a room with gentle shadows or consume a swath of forest in explosive fire. Their magic moves humans to challenge and transform themselves.





Page of Wands



Spellcaster
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Season of Summer

Creature of fire, child of light
Lost in wonder, visions bright.
Anything's possible right on track
Spirit animals and guides watch your back.

The Page of Wands reflects primordial passion in an adventurous soul. She springs from the fire of a lightning bolt at the roots of an overturned tree. She is the weaver of spells, a fire starter, a shooting spark of excitement. She is fueled by the desire of her imagination and gives complete attention to what arrests her. The Page of Wands appears in a reading to reflect states of excitement and wonder.

Adventure and the open road sing a siren song when she sits on your shoulder. Her laughter leads you toward the grand adventure. Her spirit animal is the white fox, who reflects playfulness and good luck. Curiosity is her teacher. Cleverness shines through her passionate gaze.



UPRIGHT: Follow passion. Trust instinct. Play with what intrigues you. Good luck abounds. Freedom surrounds you. Stoke enthusiasm. Youthful energy.

REVERSED: Jealousy and temper tantrums. Waste valuable energy. Break out of a rut. Explore new horizons. Is it possible to forget everything you think you know?

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I be young again?



Knight of Wands

Protector

Sagittarius (Mutable Fire)

Off and away do speedy flames fly

Streaking comets across velvet sky.

Make haste—when timing's right, you choose

Because there's nothing at all to lose.

The Knight of Wands is an endorphin rush, an explosive personality who uses passion's ignition to light their way. Ripples of desire course through their veins. The knight's energy is matched by their steed, whose ember eyes glow like fiery coals. If the Page of Wands was the spark, the knight is the combustion of fire.

The Knight of Wands represents the captivation of romantic attraction. It is stopping at nothing to win the heart's desire. Emotions may be exhausting, but if you are successful, it will all be worth it. What is the quest you find yourself on? What is the prize you are searching for? The knight asks you who or what will satisfy your hungry soul?



UPRIGHT: Gather energy and charisma to achieve desires.

Surprise yourself. Let go. Moving forward quickly. Be careful not to run out of steam. Romantic messages and passionate sentiments.

REVERSED: Get up and move. Exercise for the body and soul.

Pent-up aggression needs to be worked out. Take a chance. Go out on a limb and challenge yourself.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How far am I willing to go?



Queen of Wands

Charismatic
Aries (Cardinal Fire)

Solar flares breed enigmatic power

Captured magic, hearts aflamer.

Passion erupts inside the skin

Know thyself from outward in.

The Queen of Wands is the creative force of fire. She radiates solar energy, can grow seedlings with a single glance, and carries the essence of fire in every gesture. The Queen of Wands harnesses her passionate nature but does not let passion override her senses. Pleasure is her organizing principle. She has many lovers, an insatiable curiosity, and warms all who draw near.

Sunflowers symbolize solar deities, her natural confidence, and strength. Never underestimate how you inspire others. Her hand holds a sustaining flame. She is warm to the touch but will never singe as her fires create and sustain life. Her feline spirit animal suggests intuition, self-control, and a laser focus.



UPRIGHT: Charisma and charm. X factor. Dedication and passion. Renewal. Warmth inspiring others to shine. Claim your birthright.

REVERSED: Out of bounds. Rein it in. Turn attention to something useful. Discomfort stems from not being true to oneself. Follow the inner light.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I fuel the fires within?





King of Wands



Leader
Leo (Fixed Fire)

*July's Buck Moon and moth's flame aflutter
Send scorpionic energy to another.
Inspiration strokes the lion's mane
Upon a throne you'll sit again.*

The King of Wands reflects the organizing principle of fire. The King of Wands will steer you clear when desire threatens to engulf you. He is the regulatory system of chemistry and ignition. The King of Wands keeps home fires burning while collaborating with the other elements to keep everyone in check.

His throne denotes the astrological sign of Leo. A scorpion plays at his wrist and fireflies punctuate this Beltane king's gentle night. Fuzzy moths are drawn to his torchlight. Fire shoots from his crown chakra above his crown of antlers. His action inspires great social movements.



UPRIGHT: Spirituality is a key factor in your situation. Adopt a lionlike attitude. Be equitable and honest in your dealings. Trust your original vision and see it through to its rightful conclusion. Great power resides within.

REVERSED: Listless. Time to begin again. The spark has extinguished.

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To right the reversal, ask:
*Is it okay to walk away
from this behavior?*



Royal Rulers



Cups

The cup family is composed of water creatures. Find them near water, lakes, and oceans. They bestow imagination and dreams as well as create rainstorms and flooding. Cups collaborate with fish and flora. Cups rule over the kingdom of feelings. They mark emotional highs and lows, helping us navigate empathy and love. They assist us through darkness to cultivate light.

Cups are shapeshifters. They are clear liquid transforming into slippery ice, a deep pool, or billowy mist. Know them by their bluish green and jade watercolors with soft, full features. Their magic evokes feelings, laughter, and tears. They are the most elusive of all elements and exist in a constant state of transmutation.



Page of Cups

Dream Weaver

Season of Autumn

*Visions, prophecy, and drive
Feeling makes us come alive.
Make the call and raise the cup
See how things are looking up!*

The Page of Cups appears from a splashing puddle in the midst of spring rainfall. Does the page imagine the jumping fish or is it a happy surprise? Cheerful yellow marsh marigolds, forest green lily pads, and a sleepy old toad gather around this dreamy page.

The Page of Cups reflects the childlike quality of wonder. It is the delight in one's own imagination and remarkable intuitive ability. Page energy reflects the childlike essence and the dream state. This attitude is brought to the fore when engaging in the arts, friendship, and the rapt attention of curiosity.



UPRIGHT: Anything is possible. Psychic and intuitive powers are in full effect. Trust what is felt. Follow your highest vibe. It is safe to explore the vastness of your imagination. Take delight in simple pleasures. Play in the world around you.

REVERSED: Stop repressing emotions. Give yourself a break. Don't take the world so seriously. Take a breath, play music, and have some fun to cultivate balance.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I be more open?



Knight of Cups

Poet

Pisces (Mutable Water)

Sweet poets, romance, rhymes that flatter

The hearts beat fast, they pitter-patter.

Waters grace the gentle one

As aquatic spells are spun.

The Knight of Cups is sequestered in a lush aquatic grove beneath a willow tree. She stands with her gaze upon a cup while her webbed hand strokes her faithful companion, a water horse. The knight's armor is engraved with the alchemical symbol of water on the chest and decorated with seashells. Her protective armor has been laid on the shore.

The Knight of Cups is a traditional romantic seducer, the charmer of the deck. A key to her seduction is the ability to become vulnerable and show her softest side. Art and poetry inform the imaginative quality of the Knight of Cups. She pauses for beauty, listens to the language of emotion, and expresses what others can only dream. Watercolor brushes, soft paints in a seashell palette, and a sketchbook reflect the artistic qualities of this heartfelt soul. Cheerful daffodils issue forth the regenerative quality of spring and the gifts inherent to a new cycle of life and rejuvenation.



UPRIGHT: Romance and seduction using flattery and sweet nothings. Muse of art and poetry. A refusal to adapt to other's expectations. Focusing on what moves the soul. Slow, deliberate pleasure. Consider how to make your intentions known.

REVERSED: Ignoring the softer, sweeter elements of life. Rushing ahead without savoring pleasure. Lack of enjoyment due to emotional detachment.

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• To right the reversal, ask:
What emotional gifts can I offer?



Queen of Cups

Empath

Cancer (Cardinal Water)

Strength lies inside vulnerability

Flowing stream of possibility.

To comfort others is a gentle skill

Fill the cup and drink your fill.

The Queen of Cups card appears like a mirage at the base of a forest waterfall in a hidden glade. She is the creative essence of water. Find her in spring rains and summer rivers. She lingers near oceans and beaches. The Queen of Cups makes life possible through her buoyant, healing waters.

She dips her toe into a still pool of crocodile-green water. Fish, frogs, and all of nature gather around as she graces them with her magnetizing presence. She is the kindest of all queens.

She is graced with the gifts of understanding and deep empathy. She shares in feelings without judgment. As a natural healer, there is no animal, vegetable, or mineral she can't empathize with and understand. She holds space for others by allowing them to be themselves.

The Queen of Cups reflects a liminal space where potentials merge. Her hair turns to water as she gazes at an ornate chalice. She is listening to and feeling what the cup holds. She bears witness and



understanding to all creatures. She feels what they feel and sees what they see without judgment.

UPRIGHT: An attitude of compassion, understanding, and empathy is required to move to the heart of the situation. Becoming a container for others while placing boundaries of protection around yourself. Master of your own emotional state. Reach for the sublime.

REVERSED: Off-kilter emotions. Angry outbursts, emotional meanderings, and lack of boundaries with others. Childlike tantrums and needy qualities. To be a queen, you must rein it in.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I listen better?



King of Cups

Artist
Scorpio (Fixed Water)

*To sit upon a coral throne
One should strike a balanced tone.
For wise ones follow fortune's rules
And access secret daemon tools.*

The King of Cups is the gateway to elemental water. His pearly coral throne reflects a seat of stability amidst stormy ocean waters. The King of Cups has the ability to weather any storm. He does not control the ocean but allows it to be what it is. He controls by not controlling. With that, he is able to sustain all emotional ups and downs.

The King of Cups offers shape to emotional qualities. He is cup, container, and artist who can see his visions through to the end. He harnesses his emotions rather than being controlled by them. This makes him effective in all sectors of life as he responds to the world from an oceanic depth of feeling.



UPRIGHT: Artistic genius. Dependable and caring. Turn your attention to creative projects you can master. Celebrate all aspects of the emotional spectrum. Deep, dark waters give way to the incandescence of sunlight and pleasure.

REVERSED: Feeling sorry for yourself. Emotional immaturity. Cheating to get what you want. Hurting others out of spite. Time to grow up and take responsibility.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What can I bring to the surface?



Royal Rulers



Swords

The sword family is composed of air creatures. Find them in the upper atmosphere, manifesting through the breezes and oxygen of the earth. They bestow thought and clarity, narratives and story. They are the source of tornados and windstorms and collaborate with birds, butterflies, and flying insects.

The sword court displays sharp elfin features that match their startling intellectual ability. Their magic is to evoke ideas. They inspire the best and worst decisions you have ever made. They influence thought and conspire to craft mysteries for you to unravel. Keeping your brain busy, swords are the most restless of suits and move quickly through the deck.



Page of Swords

Sleuth

Season of Spring

Clever creature of the air

Awake, alive, and always there.

Court sprites that come of their own accord

To aid you with a clever sword.

The Page of Swords emerges from a snow squall as clean as the essence of a newly formed thought. She is the cleverest card of the deck, with an intellect as sharp as her silver sword. Her gossamer wings carry her to the far corners of the earth. She will solve any mystery and tackle the most firmly laid plans.

The Page of Swords reads between the lines and is never satisfied with the easiest answer. Her insatiable curiosity leads her into grand adventures led by the gentlest touch. She plants original thoughts and ideas into your brain.

A hawk symbolizing visionary power flies high above the page. This messenger of air reminds you of the circular nature of thoughts and higher consciousness. Remember to keep a bird's-eye view as you examine your cards.

The page has a map tucked away in her belt. Trust your way as it unfolds before you. You carry all the tools required to resolve your



situation. Trust your instincts. Rely upon your intellect to lead you exactly where you need to be.

UPRIGHT: Innovation and intelligence. Determination stemming from an acute thoughtfulness. Laser-like attention and pushing all distractions aside. Cleverness and daring.

REVERSED: No need to look any deeper into your situation. Take what is happening at face value. Do not overthink. Be easy. Employ a light touch.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What must be revealed?



Knight of Swords



Warrior

Gemini (Mutable Air)

The speed of thought and force of air

Rides upon a white winged mare.

Aid my spell with haste and speed

Heed my call; let's take the lead.

The Knight of Swords races from a cloud in a pure expression of movement, force, and expression. Her sword points toward the truth and her eye is focused on exactly where she wants to go. Her armor is decorated with the alchemical symbol of air, and the reins of her horse are a light chain of starlight. A waxing crescent moon reflects a developing situation. The witch's garden is visible below.

The Knight of Swords carries the fastest energy of the deck. This card appears in readings to mark a swift and speedy resolution. The Knight of Swords is quick to action and rarely misses the intended mark. This is the card of defending oneself or others. Cunning and clarity should be employed. The Knight of Swords often appears in love readings to suggest a flash in the pan romance or moving ahead too quickly.



UPRIGHT: The ability to defend oneself articulately and intellectually. Racing ahead of others. Speedy resolution to a problem. Take action now. Go for it. What is your highest ideal? Move toward it.

REVERSED: Not thinking clearly. Moving forward without a game plan is ill advised. Stop to consider options before making plans or communicating with others.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What action is required?



Queen of Swords

Author

Libra (Cardinal Air)

*A message sent is well received
The call is heard, 'twas well conceived.
Upon a gothic landscape so bare
Rules the mighty Queen of Air.*

The Queen of Swords is the expression of mind, thought, and articulation. She is the wind that blows pollen to seed, summons storms to bring rain, stirs soupy air, and milks the moisture out of moonflowers shimmering under the night sky.

The queen's billowing blue gown reflects the circulating quality of air and the movement of ideas. The queen's sword points toward the ground, implying embedded thoughts. Her hand extends to a raven, the messenger bird of the spirit realm. The Queen of Swords' ideas reach beyond this world to the next, calling to all corners of the universe.

Her crown is crafted with butterfly wings. A teardrop sapphire rests between her throat and heart chakra, marking words expressing the nature of the heart. Gloves protect her delicate hands, reflecting the thoughts she keeps to herself.



Her highest aspect is bright cleverness. She is articulate in expression; her words are never wasted and always to the point. Although a dark utterance from her may slice a person to the bone and bleed them dry, she wields her powers wisely.

She is an excellent judge of character and rarely has the need to second-guess herself. She is the energy behind every sandstorm and each tornado that touches ground. You can feel her pressing against your skin if you stop and feel the temperature and weight of the air brushing up against you. The Queen of Swords expresses mature emotional intelligence. She is the unfolding mind, the words on your tongue, the thoughts you articulate.

UPRIGHT: Trust how you communicate with others. Speak your mind with clarity and control. If something is required, ask for it; it shall be yours.

REVERSED: The time for demands are over. Stop talking and start observing. Speaking without thinking will only make matters worse. The situation needs time to resolve.

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To right the reversal, ask:
*How can I invoke beauty
through words?*



King of Swords

Intellectual
Aquarius (Fixed Air)

With owl and book, with sword and crown

The veil it parts at sundown.

To be clear, you can ask anything

Of air's kind and ruling king.

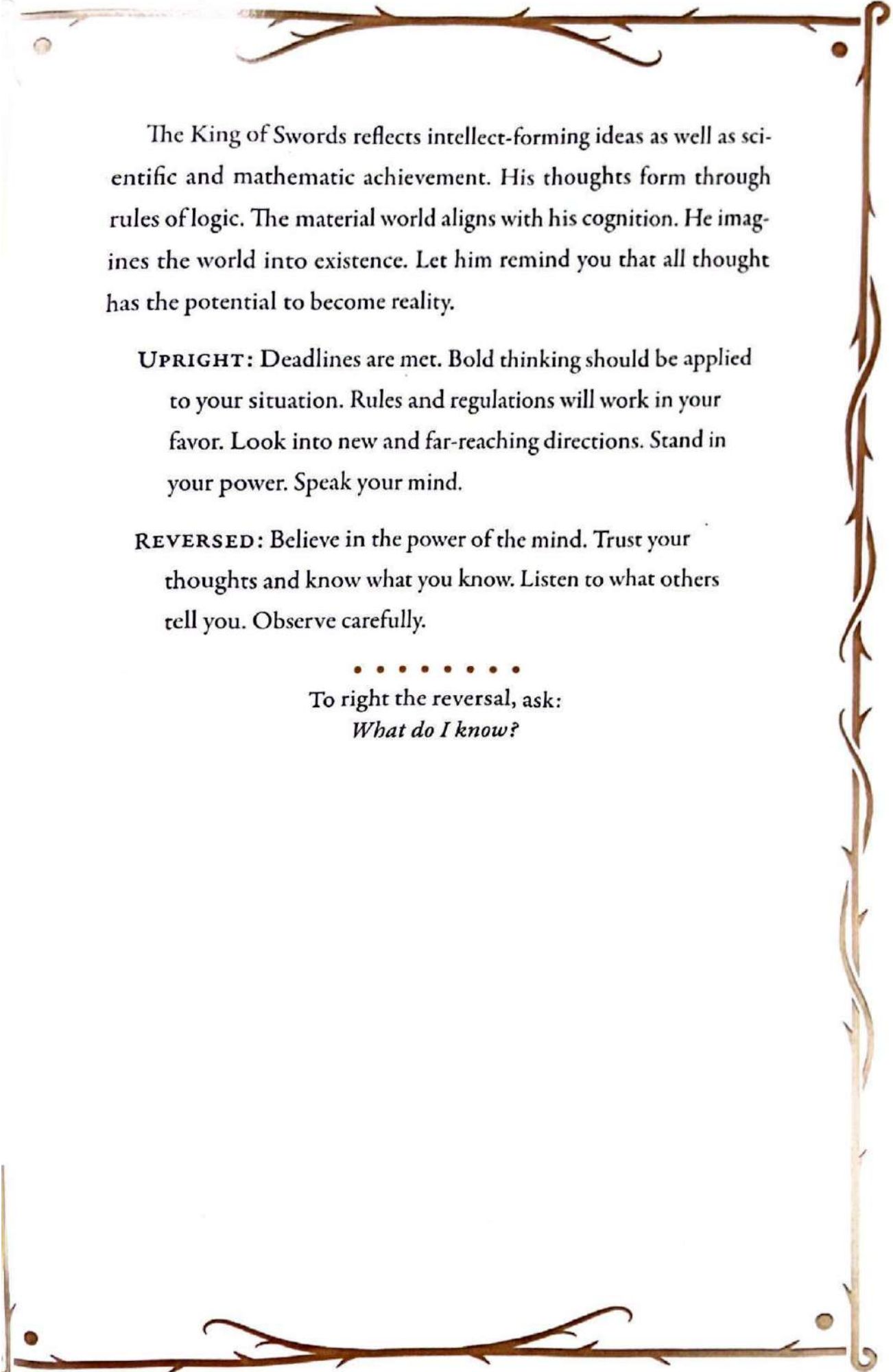
The King of Swords is the energy that forms words and creates the structure of the mind. He is the organizing principle of air; therefore, he decides how and where the winds shall blow.

The King of Swords is a master planner who sees the entire picture and understands everything required. He organizes the mind like the software of a computer. If the queen is the wind that blows, the king is the windmill who captures its power and channels it into energy.

The King of Swords sits upon the throne of air wearing a butterfly crown to match his queen. He is the master of discernment. His sword points straight to the sky as a channel for clarity. He holds the Book of Knowledge above his lap.

A snowy owl perches on the king's throne, which is inscribed with arcane markings. These mysterious engravings reveal the inner working magic of the mind. The owl represents clear vision and seeing through darkness.





The King of Swords reflects intellect-forming ideas as well as scientific and mathematic achievement. His thoughts form through rules of logic. The material world aligns with his cognition. He imagines the world into existence. Let him remind you that all thought has the potential to become reality.

UPRIGHT: Deadlines are met. Bold thinking should be applied to your situation. Rules and regulations will work in your favor. Look into new and far-reaching directions. Stand in your power. Speak your mind.

REVERSED: Believe in the power of the mind. Trust your thoughts and know what you know. Listen to what others tell you. Observe carefully.

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To right the reversal, ask:
What do I know?



Royal Rulers



Pentacles

The pentacle family is composed of earth creatures. They bestow bounty and form. Discover them in loamy fields and hidden caverns. They fill mountains and valleys, haunt canyons and caves. They offer physicality and grounding to all who draw near. They cast landslides and earthquakes and collaborate with gnomes and burrowing creatures.

Pentacle courts are earthy creatures that manifest vines and tendrils. These earthbound creatures provide safety and shelter, the nourishment of food, and the form of our bodies. Their magic is slow and steady. They are solid and dependable. Pentacles are accessible and reliable. They equate to money, resources, and human value.



Page of Pentacles

Student
Season of Winter

*Slow and steady is her pace
Pleasure ripples across her face.
Books are magic: their pages glow
Knowledge is what helps you grow.*

A Page of Pentacles rises from the earth with a pumpkin blossom cap topping her viney yet grounded body. The earthy Page of Pentacles is in love with knowledge and learning. A pentacle is held close to the heart chakra to express a pure connection and love of knowledge. This learning blossoms and grows into the maturity of the Queen of Pentacles.

The Page of Pentacles is the student of the deck and reflects learning for learning's sake. It is fascination with all the things that spark the imagination and developing thoughts and ideas. The energy is slow and steady, thoughtful and considered.



UPRIGHT: Look carefully into what fascinates you. Return to school or study. The answers are inside of you. Cherish those things you love with your attention. Everything is possible.

REVERSED: Looking for something that is not there. Break attachment to what was never yours to begin with. The season is concluded. Let go. If it was meant for you, it will come back around.

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To right the reversal, ask:
*What unseen troves of magic
support me and bring focus?*



Knight of Pentacles

Steward
Virgo (Mutable Earth)

Sensual, soft, taking time

Magic lies inside this rhyme.

Savor the moment: look deeper still

Take your time to feel your fill.

The Knight of Pentacles carries and protects her pentacle and caresses her bison with her other hand. She watches over land and animal, moving deliberately and only when need be. The alchemical symbol of earth is on her dress while bare feet connect her to beloved earth. The wrap cast over her shoulder is a symbol of protection and deliberation.

The Knight of Pentacles carries the slowest energy of the entire deck. When this card appears in a reading, it is a message to pause, take your time, and consider your options carefully. There is no need to rush ahead. Consider what is before you and how you can make the best of the current situation. You are part of nature, not separate from it.



UPRIGHT: Moving with mindfulness and ease. Gentle touch.

The struggles you face may be self-created; therefore, the answer you require can be found within. Connect to elements of earth and animals to ground into who you are.

REVERSED: Moving ahead without considering consequences.

Caring little about others. Taking what you need without giving back.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How does silence protect me?



Queen of Pentacles

Cultivator

Capricorn (Fixed Earth)

Goddess of earthly power rules

She protects nature's precious jewels.

Fertility's marked by a hare

Something new will soon be there.

The Queen of Pentacles marks physical expression in every sense. Her nudity expresses complete vulnerability balanced by strength. The Queen of Pentacles takes building blocks of the universe and fashions them into new forms. At her brightest aspect, the Queen of Pentacles uses all the resources to decorate, nurture, and spin magic from her fingertips.

She is the master gardener who senses how a vine wants to grow. She is the trellis supporting it to reach its full height. She landscapes her life and dives into depths. She makes soups that heal and spells that manifest. She has the power to make anything grow. Animals are drawn to her, children play at her feet, and all nature celebrates her. She is soft and sensual, slow and secure. She is the Queen of Earth.



UPRIGHT: Using every talent to create a luscious lifestyle.

Cooking, gardening, and decorating around the home add luxury and pleasure. Kitchen witchery and garden magic serve you well. Utilize natural energies and work in tandem with the earth.

REVERSED: Being obsessive about the house and home.

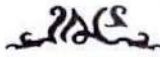
Creating problems where there are none. Attempting to control the natural order and flow.

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To right the reversal, ask:

How can I invoke beauty?





King of Pentacles



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Taurus (Fixed Earth)

*King of earth and fortune's gem
Sits happily in the forest glen.
Sensual pleasures sprout and abound
Court his favor for fortunes found.*

The King of Pentacles is the wealthy master of the material world. Deep magic stems from ownership and autonomy of his physical body. His sinewy muscles are used for building strong foundations. His gifts are used for his own pleasure and the pleasure of others.

The King of Pentacles rearranges the molecules of the universe to usher growth and manifestation. He is the stability of the physical world as reflected in the bounty of earth via vine, fruit, and fungi. Consider your physical self and how it can be used to your advantage. Recall how your young life was physical. Children play, run, and explore environments. Teens dance and play sports. Love is expressed through physicality. Our bodies crave touch and nurturing. Embrace the power of touch, the gift of sensate pleasure. Embrace your physicality.



UPRIGHT: Wealth and abundance. Knowing who you are.
Grounded and mature. Financial growth and material
stability. Having excellent business aptitude. Protecting
yourself and others through wise decisions.

REVERSED: Let go of what you think you need. Step away from
food and drink; they do not hold the answers you desire but
are temporary distractions. It is time to gather strength and
rebuild.

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To right the reversal, ask:
How can I invest in my future?



Part 4



Harvesting Magic

Ready to make some magic, my little witch? Now that you have the tools required for a proper tarot practice, it is time to make magic with the gathered energy of the witch's garden and beyond. Here you will find all the spreads and spells to start you on your way.

Nature reveals how everything in the world conspires for your success. The impulse of the universe is expansion. Have you ever noticed how nature's patterns and cycles repeat? When nature finds a pattern that works, it sticks with it. Willow trees bear branches that look exactly like human lungs (and they clean the air), morning glory vines bear heart-shaped leaves, and snail shells contain the circular pattern of spiral galaxies. Nature's intelligence follows the path of least resistance. Every piece of



magic—from oceanic currents to a house spider and its silken web—continues season after season to do what it was created for.

Unique inner magic was imprinted into your essence long before you were born. A witch harvests personal talents, gifts, and heartfelt desire into the world during the course of her lifetime. Just as a hummingbird pollinates the flowers it feeds from, so are you here to unleash the specialness of who you are, thereby making the world a healthier, more vibrant place. Once we learn to get out of our own way, we discover magic flows through us and into the world.



Spellcasting Steps

Write out your magical intention.

Gather corresponding items.

Consider timing.

Cleanse.

Visualize.

Express gratitude.

Release.

Trust.



A spell's enchantment begins the moment the witch decides to cast it. If you had the power to ask for anything in the world, what would it be? Articulating a magical goal is the first step of spellcasting. Write down what you desire. Get detailed. Your writing doesn't have to be poetic, artistic, or grammatically correct. No one will see it. Figure out exactly what is to be asked. Spellcasting is like baking. If vanilla coconut cake were desired, the baker wouldn't use a cherry rhubarb pie recipe.

Imagine what life looks like once the desire is granted. Open your imagination and enjoy the contemplation of what is possible. Energetic pleasure combined with intention makes for stellar results. Imagine the pleasure of icing buttercream frosting across the cake, serving it to friends, and tasting the first bite. When your spell comes true, how do you feel? What is different? Write it down. Once you have envisioned the outcome, craft the intention of your spell into a single sentence. A sentence containing the specific desire is important. Emotion and imagination are the emotive heart of spellcasting. It is a magnetic force pulling universal forces to conspire in your favor.

Next, select your magical accessories. These are items whose energy supports the intended desire. Choose an aligning tarot card for the spell's essence. For example, select the Empress for creativity spells, the Emperor for boundaries and protection, the Star to activate the muse, and so on. Peruse sensual accessories and align with the spell's goal; candles (red candles for passion spells), clothing (silk slips for sleep spells), flowers (snapdragons for friendship), herbs (witch hazel for psychic protection), and essential oils (lavender for intelligence). A spell is your creative call to the universe. The spell can be as detailed or simple as you like.



Unless you are working with a friend or group, spellcasting is private business. It should be done alone. Do not speak about your spellcraft unless you are seeking advice from another witch. The potency of a spell's power reverberates when kept between yourself and the universe. Like repeatedly opening the stove to check and letting the heat out before the cake is baked, chatting about your spells scatters the energy before it has had time to unfold.

Consider timing when planning a spell. It is helpful (but not necessary) to align the spell's timing with outside forces such as the astrological season, the waxing moon (whose energy helps attract), or the waning moon (whose energy helps release). Cast a spell at the stroke of midnight, twilight, or sunrise, as these are the moments it is easiest to walk between worlds. Witches lead busy lives; sometimes the most potent spell is cast when a moment of privacy is carved out for the self. Work with what you have. Magic is adaptable.

Cleanse the body and aura with a salt bath, shower, or outdoor bathing in a pool, pond, river, or ocean. Waters clear away unneeded energies and attitudes. Let the water drain any negativity and blocks. Bathing offers meditative space in preparation for spellcasting.

To cast the spell, have all ingredients on hand. Call to the four suits (elements) to aid you in your spell while moving in a clockwise circle. This opens sacred manifesting space. Lay the chosen tarot card(s). Visualize the intention. Read your written goal. Feel the spell unfolding. Perform other activities, meditations, or invocations. Raise energy and direct it toward the chosen goal.

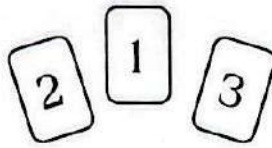
To end the spell, close the sacred space as carefully as it was opened. Move counterclockwise and thank each of the suits (elements). Offer gratitude and offerings to any helpful energy that was called upon.



The most important thing to remember is to let go of all expectations once the spell is complete. A watched pot never boils. Let nature play its part. Magic manifests unexpectedly. Don't stand in the way by holding the weight of expectation. The honeycrisp apple you asked for may show up as a blood orange. You'll discover blood oranges are even tastier. Trust in your magic. Be patient. Let go. If your spell doesn't work, there was a good reason for it; imagine if everything you ever wanted came true! The universe always provides what is needed. Trust in it.



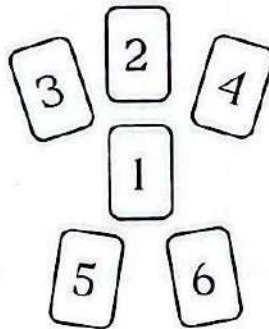
Love & Romance



Soul Mate Spread

Cast for the soul mates in your life.

1. Our eternal magical connection.
2. My heart.
3. Their heart.

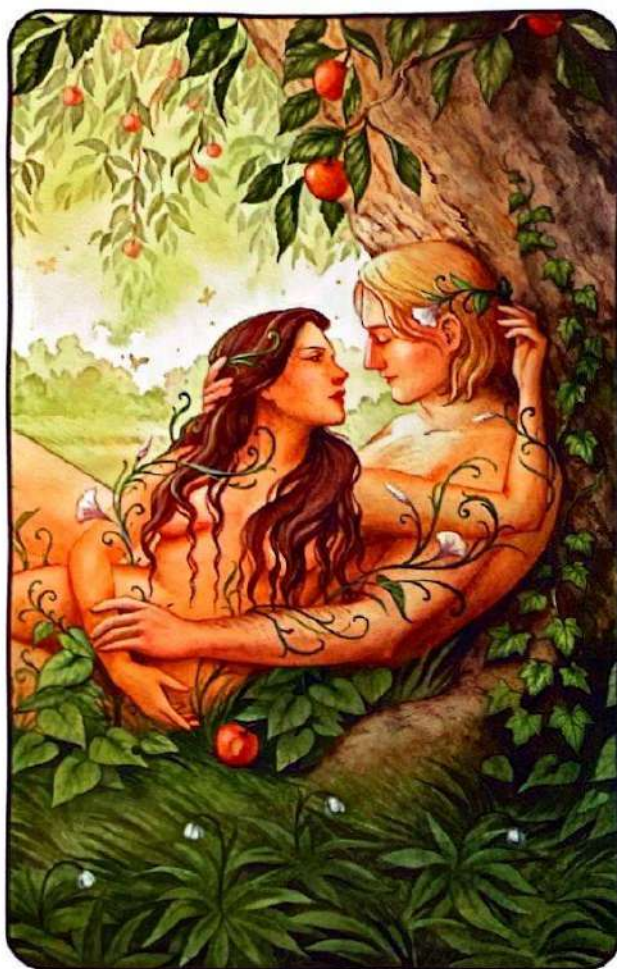


New Lover Spread

Examine the delight of a new romantic relationship.

1. Our strength.
2. Our challenge.
3. What draws them to me?
4. What draws me to them?
5. How to strengthen the connection.
6. Long-term forecast.





Spell for Romantic Love

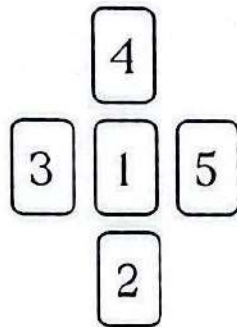
Spell to induce or strengthen erotic love.

INGREDIENTS: Lovers card, chai tea, cinnamon stick,
3 peppercorns, cream and sugar

Combine tea bag, cinnamon stick, peppercorns, and one cup of water in a saucepan over medium heat. Simmer for 10 minutes. Add cream and sugar to taste. Observe the Lovers card with a soft gaze. Envision your romantic ideals and fantasies. Sip tea while writing a love letter to the object of your desire. If you send the letter, post it under the cover of night, as night contains all possibility.



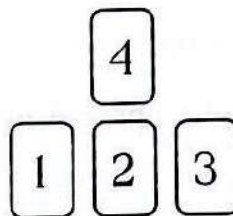
Home & Garden



Witch's Garden Spread

To bring clarity to life.

1. What intention shall I plant?
2. How can I cultivate inner magic?
3. Where do the winds of favor blow?
4. What weedy challenges appear?
5. The unseen help aiding me: _____



Finance Spread

To gain financial insight for a sound financial position.

1. What were past financial missteps?
2. What needs to change?
3. How can I empower myself?
4. New financial plan should include: _____





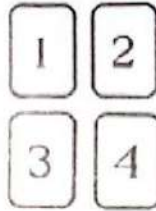
Spell for the Home of My Dreams

INGREDIENTS: Ten of Cups, a white rose, a red pen

Meditate on the Ten of Cups and imagine the home of your dreams. Pluck rose petals one by one. Using the red pen, write an aspect of your dream house on each petal. Examples: claw-foot tub, southern exposure, cozy attic, etc. When you have written on all the petals, place them around the Ten of Cups while envisioning happiness, joy, and success in finding your dream home. To culminate the spell, take the petals outside and release them to the wind.



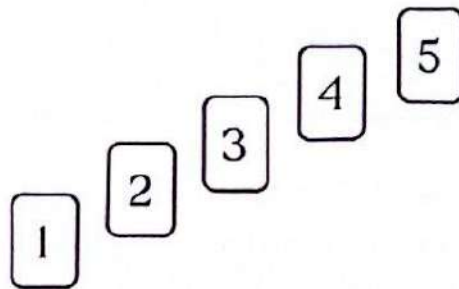
Family & Ancestors



Happy Home Spread

To cultivate peace in the home.

1. What is the energy surrounding me?
2. How can I improve it?
3. What can I let go of?
4. What is the hidden solution?



Ancestral Wisdom

To communicate with those who've gone before.

1. Who is with me?
2. What can you teach me?
3. How can I honor you?
4. What is my healing path?
5. How can I finish what you started?





Fairy Godmother Spell

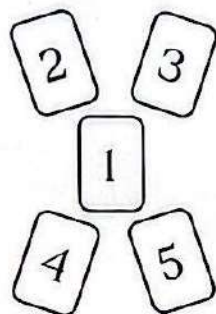
*Communicate this spell to your fairy godmother
by blowing bubbles with a handmade wand.*

INGREDIENTS: Star card, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dish soap, 1 cup water,
1 teaspoon cornstarch, pen, paper, metal wire or pipe cleaner

If you had a fairy godmother that could grant any wish, what would it be? Write your wish down in a single precise sentence. Memorize it. Repeat the sentence while combining soapy ingredients. Gaze at the Star card. Mentally invite your fairy godmother to join you. Bend the tip of the metal wire or pipe cleaner into a circle to form a bubble wand. Move outdoors and blow nine bubbles in a row, repeating your wish nine times.



Heart & Health



Love Spread

To open the heart to tenderness.

1. What is my heart's true nature?
2. How can I open to love?
3. How can I become vulnerable?
4. How can I be strong?
5. How can I align with my heart?

Health Spread

To maintain physical well-being.

1. What is the state of my health?
2. What do I need more of?
3. What do I need less of?
4. How can I heal?
5. How can I flourish?





Sound Night's Sleep Spell

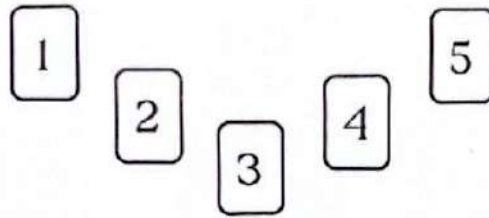
For a restful night's slumber.

INGREDIENTS: Four of Swords, sprig of lavender

Gaze at the Four of Swords while keeping the lavender at your nose. Place the lavender on your pillow and focus on the herb's scent until you fall asleep.



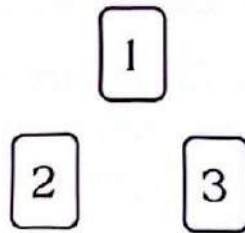
Transitions & Past Lives



Life Transitions Spread

To empower the self amidst transitional life moments.

1. What is the transition at hand?
2. How can I stay present?
3. How do I practice self-care?
4. What must be accepted?
5. What must I release?



Past Life Spread

To examine past lives.

1. Who was I in my past life?
2. What was my challenge?
3. What is the lesson of this lifetime?





Spell for Future Self

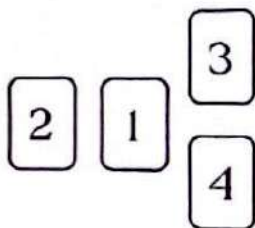
*Perform this spell when feeling out of alignment and lost.
The spell reaches out to future you for intuition and guidance.*

INGREDIENTS: High Priestess card, pen, paper, ribbon

Consider your current situation and challenges. Perhaps you ask a specific question. Set a timer and soft gaze into the High Priestess card for five minutes without waver. After the timer rings, envision your future self who has many answers for you. Write down words or phrases that your future self offers to you in a descending list. Take your time. When complete, bind the paper with ribbon and sit for a moment as the High Priestess. Keep the scroll in a safe space. Open and read whenever guidance is required.



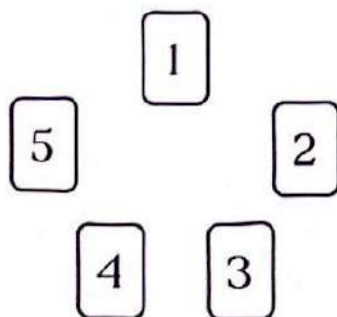
Life Path & Soul Evolution



Life Choices Spread

Perform when making an important decision.

1. What do I need to know?
2. What should I forget?
3. What should I do?
4. What shouldn't I do?



Sacred Soul Spread

To get in touch with the deepest, highest aspect of the self.

1. Why I am here?
2. What nourishes my soul?
3. How can I best care for the soul?
4. What wants to emerge?
5. How can I best honor myself?





Ace of Pentacles Garden Path Spell

Cast to open the threshold and tend to your life path.

INGREDIENTS: Ace of Pentacles card, avocado

Softly gaze into the Ace of Pentacles as you consider your life path. Consider where you are going. Open and eat the avocado while considering the rich gifts inside and how simple it is to align with your natural talent. Wash the avocado pit. Place it in your hand (like the Ace of Pentacles) and move outdoors. Matching your footsteps with your breath, walk rhythmically without an end point in mind. Move where you are called while stepping in rhythmic breath. Bring to mind something you want to manifest. Plant the idea of it along with the avocado pit in soft dirt. Arrive home refreshed.



Dreams & Spirit Communication

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Dreamwork Spread

Examine the deeper meaning of a sleeping dream.

1. What is the wisdom of this dream?
2. What does my subconscious want me to see?
3. What is to be learned?

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Meet My Spirit Guide Spread

To commune with a spirit guide.

1. Who are you?
2. How can we work together?
3. What do you see in me that I can't see in myself?





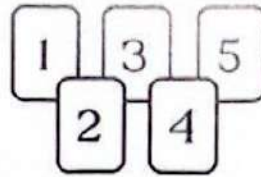
Spell to Banish a Ghost

*To banish noisy spirits from the home or
rid yourself of plaguing negativity.*

INGREDIENTS: Death card, 3 black beans, salt

Envision what is plaguing you. Fill in the following sentence:
“_____, I banish you from this home. Do not return.” Focus on the Death card. Envision Death’s figure cutting the energetic cord to your ghost with her scythe. Walk through each room of your home with the Death card. Repeat the sentence three times in each room. Open the front door and turn around. Throw three black beans over your shoulder, repeating the sentence each time. Lay a thin line of salt at your front door.

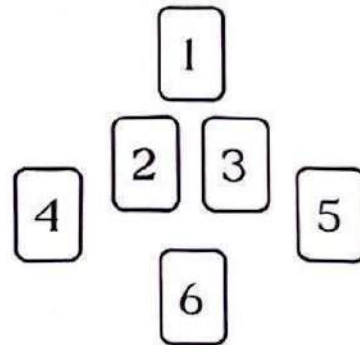




Sign of Things to Come Spread

Tending to personal energy brings new possibility to life.

1. What energy surrounds me?
2. What hidden truth is now revealed?
3. What adjustment can I make?
4. How can I indulge?
5. How should I protect myself?

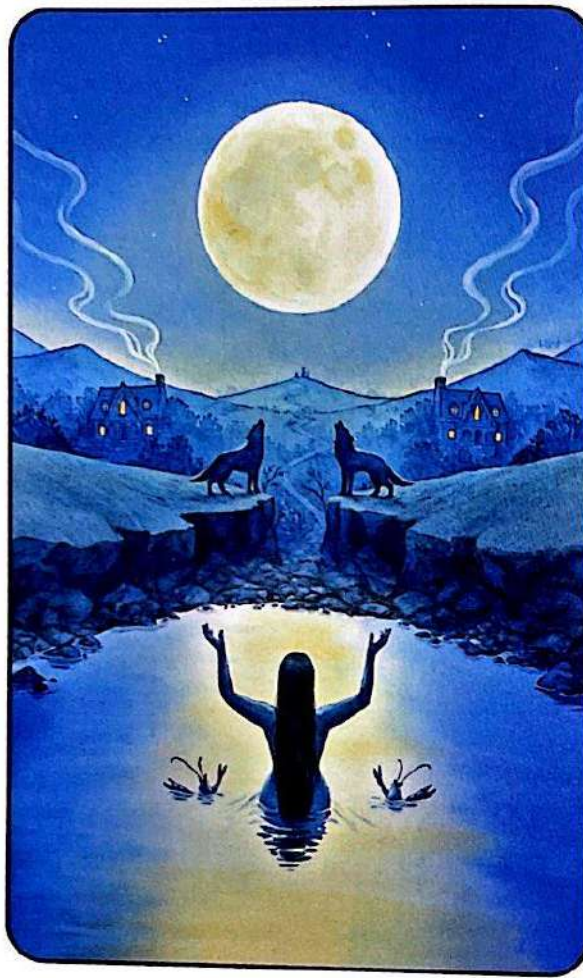


Destiny Spread

Take your future into your own hands.

1. Where am I going?
2. How can I get there?
3. What can I change?
4. What can I release?
5. What is beyond my control?
6. What can I count on?





Spell to Increase Psychic Power

To imbue yourself with the intuitive powers of the moon.

INGREDIENTS: Moon card, sacred cleansing incense of your choice, 6 drops lavender essential oil, bathtub or pool of water

Light the incense and move the Moon card between the smoke. Focus on the smoky tendrils as they move skyward and imagine the tendrils of personal sight and imagination moving outward. Fill the bathtub, dropping in the essential oil before entering. Imagine the Moon card is above you, as large as the tub. Merge with the witch pictured on the card and call down all the psychic powers of the moon.





Conclusion

There you have it, my little witch. A world of magic—all the energy of my garden, flowers, herbs, spirit guides, and fairies—now rests in your hands.

Tarot of the Witch's Garden is your safe haven to return to time and time again. It is a place of rest and repose. Nourish the body. Stay open to surprise. Record discoveries in your treasured grimoire. Read cards lavishly for others. Shower delights upon yourself. Nurture everyone with your gifts. Collaborate with the energy around you. Explore and play. Magic, above all things, is fun!



CONCLUSION

If you need me, I am here. I remain your constant companion. I am always here inside this deck to make magic alongside you. I knew you before you were born and will be with you long after you depart. I spy every piece of sparkling magic inside of you. There is no one in the world just like you.

Draw close and listen carefully as I must leave you with a last garden secret. Are you ready?



The secret is you.

You are the witch the world has been waiting for. No one knows what you are capable of—even you! You may have hints, ideas, and impulses, but the greatest magic erupts when surprising yourself by doing the very thing you never expected to do. Follow desire to discover where it leads. Put yourself out on a limb. Take the chances others ignore. See through the veil of pentacles to discover that things are more alike underneath than they appear on the surface. Deal with frustration and anger by acknowledging and then releasing them. Open yourself to the complexity and biodiversity of life. Embrace experience. Seek out what you don't yet understand. Most of all, turn your entire life into an enchantment by rooting into the moment and being exactly who you are. The world needs the sweet caress of your magic. Explore the mystery of who you are to transform the world one seasonal shift at a time.



The witch's garden is your key. Now it is time to open the secret of
you.

With love and light and harm to none,

I do declare this book is done.

Yet your story's just begun...

