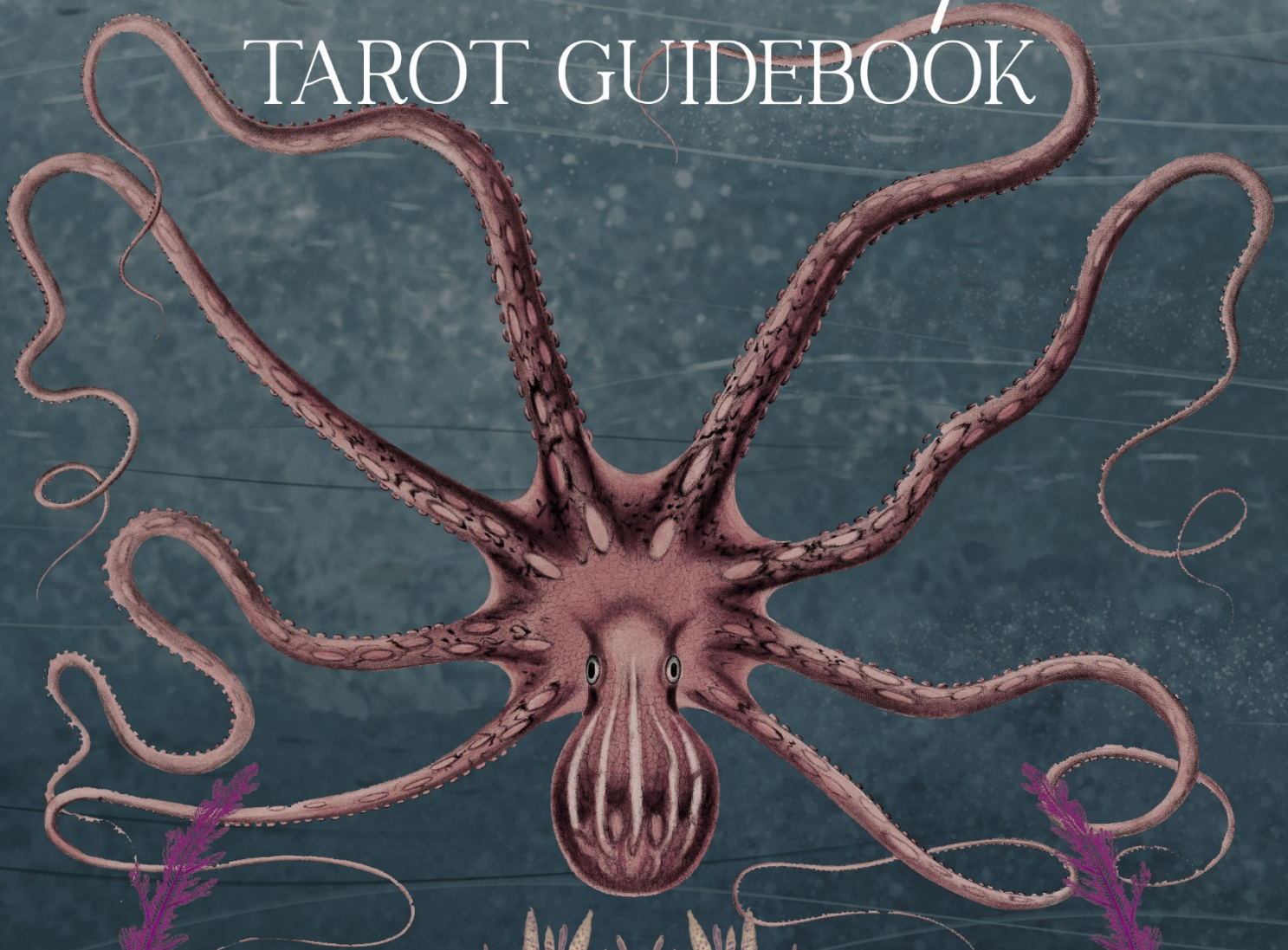


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TAROT GUIDEBOOK



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Foreword

BY LYN THURMAN

For as long as I can remember, I've heard the call of the sea.

Growing up in London, the call was faint, only becoming a roar when we'd visit my grandparents on the south coast. The highlight of our infrequent weekend visits was a trip into Brighton on Sunday mornings before heading back home. The smell of the sea, the constant sound of waves breaking on the shore, the pebble beach, the pier and the aroma of fish and chips wafting on the breeze – these memories would stay with me until the next visit.

Over the years, the call never diminished and eventually I left London for the south coast of England when I was in my mid-thirties. Our house in Hampshire was about 4-miles away from the beach and a dream come true for a sea-loving Londoner. In 2020, we swapped the ten-minute drive to the sea for a 10-minute stroll by moving to beautiful North Wales on the cusp on national lockdown.

Every day during lockdown, my husband and I would walk for miles along sandy beaches. We'd come back home with washed-up treasures: driftwood, slate and shells. My Pisces soul totally at home and at peace by the sea.

So, you can see, there was never really a question on the theme of my tarot deck.

And tarot itself? That's been part of my life since my twenties, which is now a considerable time in the past. It's a love affair that hasn't petered out over the years and one that I share with my husband.

The Wisdom of the Depths is a lockdown baby; the initial idea came in late summer 2020 and it was finished a year later. It's a collection of digital collages with the bulk of the imagery taken from illustrations of the 1800s then reimagined, recoloured and repositioned in sea scenes. It has been a delight to create.

I've based the deck on the Rider Waite Smith tarot. I didn't want to stray too far from the concepts already laid out and well loved by thousands of tarot readers. It's not an exact clone and I've used creative license to tweak *The Wisdom of the Depths* into its own creation. If you're already familiar with the RWS tarot, you'll have no difficulty picking up *The Wisdom of the Depths* and reading straight away.

My husband Paul witnessed the birth of all the cards as I completed them. He was my sounding board as I contemplated each card and he gave good feedback when I'd finished the cards. We huddled around the TV in the front room, casting the 78-card images onto the screen and going over them with a critical eye. The deck you have is slightly different from the prototype – Judgment and the Moon didn't make it. I'm happy about that because the new Moon might be my favourite card in the deck.

You'll notice that many of the cards have creatures that live in or near the sea. All of the court cards have animals in them.

- Wands have sea mammals.
- Swords have birds (mainly seagulls because that's what I see an abundance of).
- Pentacles have shelled creatures to indicate that they take their home/security with them.
- Cups are fish.

You might also notice that seals pop up in cards. They're special to me. I like to think of them as a beautiful representation of anyone who picks up a tarot deck because you need to straddle the seen and the unseen worlds. Seals are at home on the shore but they thrive in the water, although they cannot stay in the sea indefinitely.

Selkies appear on the Death card. They already shapeshift from human form to seal but the presence of the death-horse takes the transformation one step further. The Kraken appears on the Tower (the image is based on my photo of the lighthouse near me at Talacre). You'll also find mermaids scattered

throughout the deck as well as quirky characters like the Hermit and the High Priestess that have no part in mythology.

The Seven of Swords and the King of Wands feature illustrations of real pirates. The King is Black Beard, who is now a red beard in the deck. I thought the confidence and swagger (minus the actual piracy) that comes with being a notorious pirate would be fitting for the King of Wands.

The Five of Pentacles shows the *Titanic* in the background. This card is often read as poverty, ill-health or being excluded. I wanted to hint that perhaps there are blessings in those times of life when we feel down on our luck. The poor unfortunates in the foreground of the card could end up far luckier than the richest passengers of the ill-fated ship.

I hope you enjoy *The Wisdom of the Depths*. I encourage you to make it yours, find your own stories in the images and to let the spirit of the sea guide you to deep understandings.

Introduction

Even though I'm unskilled in most arts, save drama and writing, I have a vast imagination. So much so that it's difficult for me to be moved by other people's interpretation of things. I prefer books to movies and descriptions to most artwork. In short, unless my imagination is intrigued, visuals don't do it for me.

That being said, there are some pieces of art that captivate my imagination such as *The Mona Lisa* by Leonardo da Vinci and *The Starry Night* by Vincent van Gogh. I could gaze at these masterpieces for hours, lost in alternate realities. I mention these artists only because they are the first to come to mind. There are many less known ones that inspire me as well.

One such person is my wife, Lyn. Whether her creative medium is painting or digital collage, her conceptions always appeal to me. Like the works of art I mentioned above, they fire up my imagination and fill my mind with endless tales. Needless to say, when she offered me the opportunity to write this guidebook, I jumped on it.

Tarot has been a large part of my life for four decades now. When I first began to learn it, there were three decks to choose from (Rider Waite, Thoth, and Tarot of Marseilles). Each came with small white books with antiquated key words. Because I resonated with the pictures, I chose the Rider Waite set. Although I initially struggled with the key words, I eventually became an accomplished tarot reader.

Nearly 20 years later, I bought *The Mythic Tarot* by Juliet Shaman Burke. For those of you not familiar with it, it is a marvellous deck in which four Greek myths are played out in the minor arcana. This deck taught me that a story is an

excellent way to make the meaning of a card memorable. Thus, I created a tale for each of the major arcana in *this deck*

I also chose to add an advanced three card spread for each for a couple of reasons. First, I wanted to share some personal creations that were helpful to me in various points of my life. Second, I wanted to offer some variations that might inspire you to create unique and specific spreads for yourself.

Because I didn't want to create a work that would frustrate novice tarot readers, I included three general tarot spreads in the back of the book.

I hope you enjoy the stories about these beautiful cards as much as I enjoyed writing them and that my spreads will motivate you to take your tarot practice to a new level.

The Tarot

People have been using tarot cards for several centuries to foretell futures and assist in self-discovery. At the most basic level, tarot cards are just bits of sturdy paper with images printed on them. It's through the symbology of the images and artwork, as well as the guidebooks laid down by the founders of modern tarot decks, that we can tap into deeper meanings and understand the world, life-patterns, and ourselves in greater detail.

TAROT HISTORY

There have been some fantastic claims to the origin of Tarot but in truth, no-one knows for sure where Tarot originally came from.

Many Tarot enthusiasts have spent countless hours trying to uncover this mystery and have come up with quite a few suggestions as to the birthplace of Tarot:

- Arabia
- Babylon
- Germany
- Greece
- Egypt
- Israel
- Italy
- Morocco
- Persia
- Spain

What we know as fact is that the oldest Tarot decks in existence are from the mid-fifteenth century and show pictures of life in the Italian court. It's believed that the modern Tarot deck evolved from a card game known as Tarocchi with wealthy Italian families hiring artists to create sets of cards. There are surviving cards from this time period scattered around museums across the world.

From the introduction of these Italian cards into society, they travelled across Europe to other courts and influential families. The artwork remained pretty much the same until the beginning of the 20th Century when Arthur Waite designed a Tarot deck with pictures on all the cards, not just the Major Arcana. This modification paved the way for new artists to expand and enrich Tarot artwork, eventually leading to a wide range of decks to choose from today. This deck was inspired by the Rider Waite deck.

HOW TO USE TAROT CARDS

Generally, people use spreads to glean wisdom from the tarot. Spreads are a pattern of cards where each card position has a particular meaning attached to it. There are no limit to the amount of cards you can use in a spread nor is there any set pattern to follow.

After you have decided which spread to use (there are spreads in this guidebook), shuffle the cards. When you feel called to stop, begin laying the cards down in the pattern of the spread. Then you interpret the card in relation to its position (and the meaning given to it).

You don't have to use spreads. You may like to free flow with the cards, drawing them for advice as needed. A good way to get to know your deck is by drawing a card in the morning for guidance or in the evening for a retrospective reading.

The Major Arcana

THE FOOL TO THE WORLD





The Fool

KEYWORD

Beginnings

INTRODUCTION

Fools are dreamers that tend to dive into potentially dangerous situations without considering the consequences. Although this action appears ignorant to most people, fools are privy to an ancient truth. If a person steps out believing that they cannot fail and that everything will turn out exactly as it should, spirits tend to appear to protect and guide them to their eventual success.

THE FOOL'S TALE

The fool in this tarot deck is a woman that wished to learn the wisdom of the ocean.

One day she set sail with a well-seasoned captain. When she expressed her desire to him, he was impressed. He warned her that the sea would not just hand such a precious treasure over. She needed to be ready for a gruelling journey and to fight for her life. Although she appreciated his concern, she believed with all her heart that she would prevail without such preparations.

Convinced she was an idealistic idiot, the captain helped her into diving gear. Before he lowered her into the depths of the ocean, he gave her a knife to protect herself with and explained how to use the ropes to move forward and to signal him when she was ready to be pulled up. She waved cheerfully before she jumped overboard. That was the last he ever saw of her.

Once she'd reached the bottom, she took the knife and cut the ropes and the breathing tube. "The poor idiot," the captain said when he saw the remains float to the surface. He turned the boat around and returned home.

Perhaps the captain wouldn't have been so judgmental had he have experienced what the woman did. Upon setting foot on the bottom of the sea, she had noticed a starfish and intuitively recognised it as a sign of hope in spite of the skull of a past seeker lying nearby. Seconds later, a white seal had appeared and introduced itself as her spirit guide. It encouraged her to cut all ties with the world above and follow it.

Though no one can say whether this woman found what she sought or even if she survived, there's a legend of a great healer that just emerged from the sea one rainy day bearing a shell tipped wand. At her side was a white seal. She settled in a small fishing village and people would travel from all over the world to receive healing.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You're starting down a new path
- It's time to take a risk
- The universe has your back
- Don't listen to neigh sayers
- Step out in faith

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You're putting yourself at risk
- You've become stagnant
- It's time for practicality
- You're experiencing a lack of faith

Ultimately, every journey begins with a series of steps and a leap of faith. Before you can get to where you want to be, you must take that all important first step. Oddly, it is often scarier to take that step than it is the leap at the end. Once you're in motion, the leap becomes nothing more than the obvious and joyful conclusion of the momentum you've generated.

In this spread you are going to discover four things that are crucial for you to build the momentum you need to make the leap.

- 1- This is the challenge that's frightening me and causing me to freeze
- 2- This is how I can overcome this challenge
- 3- This is the first step towards the outcome I want
- 4- This will support me and make that first step less difficult

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THE MAGICIAN

The

The Magician

KEYWORD

Intention

INTRODUCTION

Magicians are powerful people that are capable of working in partnership with the elements to create anything they want. Using their wills and elemental power, their dreams become reality.

The only thing that can short circuit a magician's power is self-doubt, as you can see from this magician's tale.

THE MAGICIAN'S TALE

Having been born and raised in one of the most dangerous locations under the sea and relentlessly pursued by the sharks that devoured his parents, the wizard in this tarot deck never felt safe. That's why he decided to create a powerful entity that would police the underworld, avenge his parents and obliterate all predators.

Pouring every waking moment into his obsession, he learned to focus his will to call upon the elements to help him in his endeavours when he played diverse notes on a conch shell.

Thirty gruelling years after he had begun his work, the magician knew the time was right. He had reached the apex of his power.

He meticulously prepared his altar with objects that honoured the elements, entered an altered state, and played a haunting melody on the sacred shell.

Lightning flashed as earth, air, water, and fire appeared in all their terrible power and glory. As the magician continued to play, they wove together in intricate patterns to create a monster so savage that none of the worlds had ever seen

the like. When they were finished, they called upon the magician to give it a name and purpose.

At that exact moment, just when he was about to achieve everything that he'd sacrificed the rest of his life for, a horrible thing happened. The insecurity he'd always felt rose up inside him and filled his mind with doubt. As dreadful as the monster was, he was not sure it could do what he desired. Feeling his lack of focus and confidence, the enraged beast grabbed the magician and ripped him limb from limb. With the person responsible for giving it a name and purpose dead, it unravelled into nothingness.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You have all you need to succeed
- Stop dreaming and start manifesting
- With focus and willpower, you can have exactly what you want
- Act with confidence

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You're second guessing yourself
- Now is not a good time for manifesting
- You're creating something that will disappoint you
- You need more time to figure out what you truly want

If there is something you wish to create but have no clue as to how, this spread is for you.

As a creator, you can potentially bring absolutely anything you desire into existence. All you need is intention and the partnering of the right elements. Lack either and the most you'll be able to conjure is a dream.

- 1- Additional information about what I intend to create
- 2- What elements do I need to partner with?
- 3- How I might convince them to work with me
- 4- How my creation will impact myself and others

Should you still wish to manifest your desire after considering the above, please keep in mind that it requires work and might take weeks, months, or even years to get the full outcome you desire. The more complex the end result the more that must come together.



The

The High Priestess

KEYWORD

Intuition

INTRODUCTION

High Priestesses are the individuals that synch so perfectly with the Source that they have a knowing. Nothing surprises them because all the secrets of the universe flow through them.

Although hierophants and high priestesses reside in this world and the spirit world simultaneously, high priestesses feel no obligation to share their knowledge with others. Operating between worlds, they reveal what's behind the veil at their discretion.

THE HIGH PRIESTESS' TALE

When it comes to oceanic hybrids, most people are only familiar with the merfolk. You may be surprised to know that there are thousands of others sharing the ocean depths with them.

Although the high priestess in this deck is an oceanic hybrid, she is different. She is the only one of her kind.

When her father, a prideful and arrogant merman chieftain, first beheld his newborn daughter, his face grew purple with rage. To him, she was more than a disappointment. She was an abomination. In his mind, there was no way that this disgusting creature could possibly be his. He drew his trident and would have skewered her on the spot had it not been for her mother's piercing scream.

Torn from his maniacal trance, her father's arm froze, the spear tip just nicking the skin on his daughter's chest. His eyes turned to his wife. "This thing could never be mine. Whose is she?" His frightened wife tried to tell him that she loved him and hadn't been with anyone else. Looking at her through eyes of disbelief

and hate, the merman said, "You have made a mockery of me. I will not kill you or your child because I once cared for you. However, you are no longer welcome in this tribe. And when I spread the word of your betrayal, there won't be a merfolk tribe that will take you in or a hybrid race that will have pity on you. You and your monstrous baby will live in exile until death comes for you."

Just like that, mother and daughter were thrust from their home into a life of alienation and hardship. As her father had promised, they were shunned by all the sea folk. Unable to live with the shame, her mother pined away.

All alone with no place to go and nobody to connect with, the young oceanic hybrid turned to the creatrix to find solace. What she found was so much more. The creatrix revealed that she was the one that had designed her to be the guardian of secrets and that was why she was different.

She explained that not all secrets should be known by everyone. Some are not important, some are dangerous in the wrong hands, and some will cause unnecessary anguish if they are exposed. Therefore, she had spawned her to be a high priestess. It would be her duty to stand before the veil that all answers dwell behind. When people come before her seeking answers, she must decide if it is in their best interests to know them. If so, she must open the veil so they can step through to see and accept the answers for themselves. On the other hand, if knowing wouldn't benefit them, she must refuse to grant entrance.

With a heart filled with love for the creatrix, she humbly accepted her position.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- The answer is within you
- You're seeking for a deeper truth

REVERSED MEANINGS

- It is not beneficial for you to know the answer
- Stop seeking and let it go

Sometimes we become convinced that we must have the answer to something that is greatly troubling us. In those times, we seem to lose all sense of reason and we approach a high priestess with such resolve that she sometimes agrees, against her better judgment, to allow us to glimpse briefly behind the veil.

Use this spread sparingly and only when you can't find any succour from letting it be.

- 1- Is my resolve enough to move one of the guardians of the veil to let me look beyond it?
- 2- What I see behind the veil?
- 3- How I can make good use out of the information
- 4- How I can prevent or limit the ill effects from what I now know



The Empress

KEYWORD

Nurturance

INTRODUCTION

Recognising that all are one, Empresses love everyone regardless of alignment and actions. When given the chance, they will give every waking hour to creating something. Comfortable with all aspects of themselves, they exude sensuality.

THE EMPRESS' TALE

Sitting on her throne, the empress from the *Wisdom of the Depths* reflects upon her life prior to attaining her present status. Her royal parents had arranged her marriage with the heir to the emperor when she was just a week old.

As you can imagine, this arrangement strongly affected all areas of her life. Every waking moment was spent in preparing her for her eventual reign. Life was one lesson after another. There was never any time for her to create the wondrous things she envisioned in her dreams. Needless to say, such a life didn't sit well with her. Her confinement dampened her spirit and caused her to feel apathetic.

When the heir of the emperor was brought to meet her for the first time, he was saddened at how lifeless his bride-to-be was. Being a man full of passion, he imagined how miserable ruling a kingdom would be for the both of them. He needed someone that could inspire and complement him. Someone that could help him create a kingdom that would please his subjects and inspire them to pledge their fealty to him.

Gently as he could, he expressed his concerns to her. Tears came to her eyes as she shared, "My lord, how can I find joy when every hour is spent learning how to do everything just so? I don't mind having boundaries but unless I have the freedom to express the magic I see between them, I will always be as I am now: a lack lustre creator with my hands tied behind my back."

Deeply moved by her words, the heir promised her current situation was only temporary. "Once I've ascended the throne and you've become my bride, I'll personally see to it that you have the freedom you seek," he said. She took him at his word, and she never regretted it.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- The situation you're pondering requires you to come up with a creative answer
- You need to view the situation with more compassion
- You need to take some time out of your busyness to create something
- A possible pregnancy

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Something or someone is stifling your creativity
- It's time for tough love
- It's time to reign in your creativity for awhile
- Your situation requires a practical, no nonsense, approach

Empresses love to nurture everyone. They are truly beautiful people that will do anything to better the lives of others. Although this way of approaching life is admirable, it sometimes results in a weakness that can extinguish the brightness of these lovely souls. Sometimes empresses are so focused on nurturing others that they forget the importance of first nurturing themselves.

This spread is for you gentle and loving spirits that give so much to improve the lives of others but often forget to minister to yourself.

- 1- In what area of my life could I use the most nurturing?
- 2- How can I physically make that area more comfortable?
- 3- What would be a more effective way of thinking to strengthen that area?



The Emperor

KEYWORD

Leadership

INTRODUCTION

Charismatic, generous, strategic, and diplomatic, emperors are natural leaders. Delegation and setting boundaries are their fortes. They inspire fierce loyalty in those that follow them and impress even the most uncompromising of competitors. When emperors have a destination in mind, they will do whatever it takes to ensure that they and their followers make it there with the least number of defeats.

THE EMPEROR'S TALE

The tenth successive emperor in his family line, the emperor of the *Wisdom of the Depths* tarot is well aware that good leadership is tantamount to staying on the throne. In addition to being a strategist, he must always be at the top of his game in diplomacy and generosity. Should he slip in any of these skills, his subjects would turn against him and that would be the end of his dynasty.

When he was a boy, his father spared no expense in getting him the best teachers in the land. This meant that when he wasn't travelling with his father on business to distant kingdoms, he was on the castle grounds studying or perfecting his martial skills. This rigid way of life forged him into a confident communicator and warrior, but it left him no time to develop his creative side.

Although this was as it must be, he knew that his skills were not enough to create a happy and prosperous kingdom. He needed someone who could work along the side of him. Someone loyal that could help him to create his vision.

Naturally, his father was well aware of this and had already taken action to ensure his son would have just such a person at his side. Upon the birth of his heir, he arranged for the boy to marry the daughter of one of his loyal dukes.

When the soon to be emperor first met his bride to be, he was concerned because she seemed so apathetic. However, when he heard her reasoning, he understood. In a passionate moment, he made a vow to her that he would guarantee her desire of freedom to create once he ascended the throne. And it was because he kept this vow that the two of them now rule over a vast oceanic empire of satisfied subjects.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- It's time to set some boundaries
- It's time to step into a leadership role
- Strategic planning and diplomacy are beneficial to your cause

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Your boundaries are weak, allowing others to victimise you
- You don't have the necessary skills to lead at this time
- Your strategies or/and your diplomatic skills need improvement

The only difference between a leader and a follower is the courage it takes to step forward and take the lead. Sometimes, one becomes a leader because they feel a calling. At others, they feel compelled to because nobody else will take the initiative.

Use this spread when you know it's time for you to take the leading role.

- 1- What is my best leadership quality?
- 2- How can I most effectively use it to obtain what's necessary?
- 3- What or who can help me keep my ego in check?



The Hierophant

KEYWORD

Authority

INTRODUCTION

Of this world yet not of this world, hierophants are paradoxes and enigmas. Not impressed with the status quo, they instinctively travel through time and space to obtain wisdom from ancient beings and powers. When balanced, they use their findings to help, heal and awaken others. However, when unstable, hierophants use what they learn to rigidly advance their own agendas at any cost.

THE HIEROPHANT'S TALE

From the time he was a child, the hierophant in this tarot deck found himself grieving for the world's pain. Wanting to find ways to relieve it, he enlisted in the merchant navy as soon as he was able. After travelling for many years, obtaining the rank of captain, and speaking to the wisest people, he returned to his community to share and help them implement his newfound wisdom. Although a few heeded his advice, most had adapted to their misery and refused to change their beliefs and actions.

Believing that he could still make a difference, albeit a small one compared to his original grandiose ideas, the hierophant purchased his own ship. Manning it with those that found no comfort from the current state of affairs and who were willing to listen to the wisdom he'd acquired, he put out to sea.

The joy and contentment of the people aboard his vessel became legend. One day, his success reached the ears of the creatrix, who had to experience it for herself. Disguised as a distraught woman, the creatrix pretended to be drowning near the hierophant's ship. When he saw the woman struggling to keep herself afloat, he rescued her and offered her sanctuary.

After several days of marvelling at what the captain had accomplished, the creatrix took him aside and revealed who she was. "Captain, you are to be commended. Very few have accomplished what you have. I want you to continue your work for as long as the world exists. In order for you to accomplish this, we will see to it that your earthly body does not deteriorate until the end. Each time the population on your ship dwindles, we want you to gather others to teach."

And so, it is.

When you reach the place of being dissatisfied with everything and you're willing to do whatever needs to be done to find joy, seek out hierophants. They will be able to help you find redemption. Who knows? Perhaps you might even encounter the one mentioned in this tale.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- The answers you seek are not in this realm
- You need someone with other worldly wisdom to intercede

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You have adapted to useless traditions or bad habits
- You are refusing to accept wisdom that could alter your life for the better

Hierophants travel the worlds with the sole purpose of sharing what they learn from the spirits. Sometimes the knowledge is for specific individuals whilst at others it's for an entire community.

If you have a question or challenge that nobody else has been able to help you resolve, this spread might be what you're looking for. It gives you a chance to be your own shaman and get advice directly from spirit, provided that one of the veil guardians doesn't intervene. Should you reveal a high priestess in any of this spread's positions, you will need to deal with her to get an answer. You can do this by using the spread presented under the high priestess.

Remember to use your common sense and intuition when considering what the spirit reveals. Not all spirits give information that will improve your situation or solve your problems.

- 1- What type of spirit steps forward to give me advice?
- 2- What advice or information does the spirit give me?
- 3- Should I accept the answer or advice given, what's likely to happen?
- 4- Should I ignore the answer or advice, what's likely to happen?

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THE LOVERS

The Lovers

KEYWORD

Union

INTRODUCTION

Lovers are two complete individuals that connect seamlessly to form an even greater completeness. A relationship such as this begins with serendipity but continues and thrives with choice. Once the two halves meet, they must both choose to be united. Although most tarot decks portray this union with a romantic couple, the relationship can be platonic. Think friends and business partners for example.

THE LOVERS' TALE

The lovers in this tarot deck are comprised of two unique merfolk. From birth, neither was able to shift into the three forms that all the others can (human, half human half fish, and fish). Both could shift from being half humans to being fishes easily enough. It was when they attempted to become fully human that their diversities became apparent. One could not transform their tail into human legs whilst the other was incapable of growing a human head.

Because merfolk tribes are fiercely loyal to all their members, no word was ever spoken of their obstacles. Even so, both felt isolated. Both would enviously watch their friends and family fluidly shift from one form to another at will. Although both pretended to be at peace, the truth was they weren't truly comfortable in their own skins.

Then one day during a merfolk festival, the two met by chance. The sporting events had ended for the day, and everyone had gathered in the banqueting hall for the feast. Chance or fate, depending on your uptake, saw that the two ended up sitting next to one another.

What started out as pleasantries, became deep conversation. Within a short period of time, the two found themselves sharing their most private details with one another. From that moment, the two became inseparable. Both grew in confidence and grew to fully appreciate themselves as well as each other. Together they performed great feats, giving their tribes great renown.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You have to decide if you want to complete a greater whole with someone
- Someone sees you as partnership material
- It's time to form a union with someone or something to accomplish a greater goal
- You can achieve better results with a partner

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You aren't the right fit for the person you're thinking of
- It's not a good time to form a close union with someone
- You're better off on your own at this time
- You don't need a partner to get what you currently desire

Many people erroneously believe that a romantic relationship is necessary to blend seamlessly with another and have the feeling of contented fulfilment. Some of the most satisfying partnerships are platonic.

Use this spread to locate a special companion that you can team up with to bring a greater fulfilment into both of your lives. Keep your mind open. You may find a romantic partner, a best friend to navigate life with, or a business partner.

- 1- What type of location am I most likely to meet my special companion in?
- 2- This is how I might more easily recognise them
- 3- I should do this to ensure I have a space for them in my life

VII



THE CHARIOT

The Chariot

KEYWORD

Control

INTRODUCTION

With just enough space for a single person to stand and steer, chariots are light, two-wheeled vehicles. Many ancient cultures used them for racing, hunting and in warfare as mobile platforms to fire arrows from.

When the chariot comes up in a reading, it symbolises travel. Depending on the context of the question and the surrounding cards, it is suggestive of either an external or an internal journey

THE CHARIOTEER'S TALE

The charioteer in this tarot deck was once a fisherman that dwelled in a small village by the sea. One afternoon, when it was time for him to pull in his catch for the day, a strange thing occurred. No matter how hard he tried, he simply couldn't haul his net in. Concerned that he might lose a day's work not to mention a hot meal, he dove into the water to see what he'd ensnared. To his surprise, he discovered a giant flying fish.

Dreaming about all the wealth he would receive for such a large specimen; the fisherman pulled his knife from his belt and advanced upon the entrapped fish. Just before his blade hit home, a voice in his head caused him to pause.

"Before you cut me to pieces, I can assure you that I'm worth much more to you alive. Unlike most flying fish, I can glide for thousands of miles through the air before I need to return to the sea to replenish my strength. In addition, I have travelled around the world many times over the centuries. During that time, I have been privy to many of Her greatest secrets. I can answer nearly any question you'll ever have."

"How do I know you're not lying to save your skin or that you won't betray me in some way in the future?" the fisherman asked.

"I come from a time and place where one's words are sacred. If I were to do as you suggest, others of my kind would find and devour me," replied the fish.

The words rang true to the fisherman. After making the fish promise it would never try to escape, he cut the net. Seconds later, the fish joined him on his boat and asked him what he wanted. Only three things would make the fisherman happy: wealth, a loving partner, and a luxurious house.

"Hop on my back and I will show you how to obtain your desires."

The fisherman mounted the flying fish, and the adventures began. For 10 years the flying fish was the fisherman's advisor and mount, providing transportation to distant lands as well as wise advice. By the end of the 10 years, the fisherman was married, living in a beautiful home and had so much money that he would never have to work again.

Wanting the fish to be as happy as he was and realising that it could not be living the life of a servant, the man released it from its oath. Combined tears of joy and sadness flowed from their eyes as the fish gave a nod of respect and thanks before it took to the air and disappeared into the setting sun.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You are in control of the situation
- You need to direct the situation one way or the other
- A journey within to find answers
- A physical journey (usually with the purpose of gaining information or knowledge)

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You've allowed the situation to spiral out of your control
- It would be better to allow someone else to handle the situation
- Don't waste time travelling inside, what you seek is not there.
- Now is not the time for travel

All people sometimes become frustrated because they feel unable to control situations or other people. When this happens, they are living the delusion that it's possible and then getting uptight about their lack of ability to do so. It would be laughable if the frustration experienced didn't cause bad feelings and other

problems. The only thing people can control is their reactions to what's going on around them.

This spread is to help you return to a grounded, knowing place when you forget that you're only ever in control of your responses.

- 1- What's causing me to believe that I'm in control?
- 2- I need to let go of this to return to centre
- 3- By focusing on this, I can gain more clarity





KEYWORD

Strength

INTRODUCTION

The strength card in the tarot represents the perfect balance of musculature, mental and moral powers. It's the ability to physically or mentally dominate but choosing not to do so because you believe it would be unethical or immoral.

A TALE OF STRENGTH

Once upon a time there was a unique woman. Unlike the majority of us, she had no difficulties in maintaining her balance. No matter what befell her, she was a pillar of strength.

Personal freedom was hugely important to her, not just for herself but for others as well. She felt everyone should be free to pursue their dreams and do whatever it was that made them happy as long as they didn't intentionally harm others to meet their needs.

Although this demure and gentle woman could be considered an idealist, she could never be considered an idiot. From a young age, she was well aware that this life is filled with predators, those that would devour you without a second thought if it could advance them in the slightest. She was also aware of an inner calling to stand up for others against such beasts of prey.

The difficulty was in knowing exactly how. Although she wanted to foil the plans of all predators, realistically she knew she was just a single person, and she would have to limit herself to one vocation. But, which one? For months she pondered on this.

Then, one day, when she was walking down a sandy beach deep in thought, she heard a terrified scream. When she looked out toward the sea, she saw a small

girl trying frantically to make her way to shore. Small amounts of blood oozed from her grazed knees, drawing the attention of both a shark and an eel.

Without hesitation, the woman ran to the water's edge. After pulling the girl to safety, she quickly reached out, seized the two carnivores by their tails, hauled them out of the sea and gave them a good shake before hurling them back. From that second, she knew what line of business she would get into. She would become a lifeguard.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- The current situation requires a balanced and poised approach
- You need to act in a manner that's congruent with your morals
- To get the best outcome from this situation you need to use the physical, mental, and moral aspects of your strength equally

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You are out of balance and responding to the current situation in a manner that is against your moral code
- You're not using all aspects of your strength and it's causing the current situation to be more painful than necessary
- Your weaknesses are overshadowing your strengths

Often those that push or bully are seen as strong individuals. However, the exact opposite is true. Strong individuals have the ability to dominate, but for ethical or moral reasons choose not to. Instead, they elect to use their strength to serve others

This spread will show you what you need to do to become stronger. Because different things will be needed to improve your overall strength at different times, it would be beneficial to revisit this spread every three to six months.

- 1- This will help improve my health at this time
- 2- This will help improve my mind at this time
- 3- This will help improve my spiritual essence at this time

IX



THE HERMIT

The Hermit

KEYWORD

Inner wisdom

INTRODUCTION

Hermits are paradoxes. They prefer a solitary life of reflexion and communing with spirits above being a part of a community. Yet, when someone is lost, confused or in need of guidance, they leave their solitude to assist them to a safe place before retreating back from whence they came.

THE HERMIT'S TALE

Like all hermits, the hermit in this tarot deck is impossible to find. If she wants to get in touch, she will find you. She has complete empathy but a very low tolerance for all races, the human race in particular. Over the centuries she has witnessed the unspeakable devastations brought on by countless selfish souls, beings that take what they desire, uncaring of how their actions affect others.

She's not sanctimonious, she realises that she hasn't always done what's fair. However, her self-seeking thoughts and actions never sat right with her. At the age of 50, quite a young age for one of her kind, she was fed up with everything and everyone. She left her bustling community, purchased a comfortable sized conch shell, and retreated to a forgotten tide pool. Each passing day of her solitary existence brought her more joy as she communed with spirits and reflected upon her life and what she could have done better. Because there was nobody around to distract her, her knowledge and wisdom flowered.

Because it's impossible not to become notorious when having something the outside world needs within you, someone became aware of her existence and spread the word. Before long, she was being sought by thousands. Most of the seekers just wanted to say they'd met and spoken with a wise one; they had no intention of actually acting upon her words of wisdom. However, there were

some that truly needed help, people that had lost their way and were incapable of finding it without a pathfinder.

Her heart went out to these lost souls. In them she saw a mirror image of herself before she'd come under the tutelage of the spirits. Stealthily, she approached them in the night and gave them wise counsel. She returned every night until their challenges were resolved, then she disappeared into the shadows, never would they see her again.

When she returned to her tide pool after helping the first lot of serious seekers, she realised she was addicted to helping others find their way. To this day she continues her work. Quietly slipping out of the shadows, imparting wisdom to those that will act upon it, then returning to her tidepool to recharge and learn more from the spirits. Should you ever find yourself lost along the highway of life and you feel that you've reached the end of the road, don't be surprised if she, or one with her gifts, mysteriously turns up in your life.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- It's time to retreat from the world and seek divine inspiration
- You are in the position to guide someone to a place of refuge

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You're attempting to run away from your problems
- It would be beneficial for you connect with your community
- You could use the help of a guide

Although hermits prefer solitary lives and the company of spirits above their fellow beings, they are not insensitive to the world's pain. When they become aware of others stumbling in the dark, they are quick to slip out of the shadows long enough to shine a light and guide them to a place of safety.

Whether you, like the hermit, withdraw from the world by choice or you simply get so caught up in what you're doing that you lose connection with it at times, this spread will bring your awareness to someone that could use your help. It is a great spread to use for random acts of kindness.

- 1- My skills and time could be used to assist this kind of person
- 2- I can find this person in this place
- 3- This is specifically how I can help this person



Wheel of Fortune

KEYWORD

Change

INTRODUCTION

The wheel of fortune in the tarot carries a double message. Everything is occurring exactly how it must for the greater good for all involved and your situation is about to take a turn. If things are smooth now, be prepared for some rough times. In contrast, if things are currently harsh, you can be looking for them to steady out.

THE WHEEL'S TALE

It is said that captains control the destinies of their ships. This is only partially true. Captains use their knowledge and experience to steer their vessels safely from port to port to the best of their abilities. However, their successes are not based solely on their expertise. They can only fully triumph if they can navigate around all the obstacles that would prevent them from reaching their destinations. Sometimes the obstructions are too great in number or size to be reckoned with.

Unaware that he was doomed from the day he decided to set sail for home, the captain in this tarot deck impatiently watched the sky. Foul weather had kept him in a foreign country for over six months. At first, he hadn't minded because he was able to see new sights and try new things. However, when days turned into weeks then months, he began to long for the comforts of home.

Finally, a bright, beautiful sun burned its way through the clouds and lit up a magnificent blue sky. The captain beamed with happiness as he rounded up his crew and set out.

All went well for the first few weeks. Even though the weather ranged from fair to rough, the captain knew exactly what to do to keep his ship safely on course.

Then one day, something outside the scope of his experience took place. The four Greek winds (Boreas, Zephyrus, Notus and Eurus) got into a dispute over which of them could create the most fearsome windstorm.

Hours of heated debate ended in the same manner that most quarrels among Greek pantheon members do, a hardcore challenge that usually ends with hundreds if not thousands of human fatalities (most Greek gods are ambivalent towards the human race).

Each of the four wind gods agreed they would launch their most powerful winds against the first ship they came across. Whichever of them did the greatest damage would be exalted as the most powerful wind and would get to take the destroyed ship's wheel home as a trophy.

As fate would have it, the first ship they encountered was that of the homebound captain. Zephyrus went first. Imagine his embarrassment when his greatest effort produced a gentle breeze that brought a cheery smile to the captain's face. Next came Notus. Although he produced a greater gale than Zephyrus, he was barely able to alter the ship's course, causing the captain merely a little inconvenience in steering. Eurus unleashed his volley third. Without mercy, the waves bucked and pitched the ship. Even so, the stalwart captain clenched the wheel and continued to navigate the ship in a straight line towards his home. Feeling nothing but disdain for the efforts of the other three, Boreas went last. Calling up his greatest rage, he clenched his fist and made a punching gesture towards the ship. So great was the force of the winds he unleashed that the ship was blown apart. It happened so quickly and without warning that neither the captain nor his crew had a chance to respond. Blasted into the sea and thrust deep beneath its surface, not a one of them survived.

Pleased with his victory, Boreas smugly sifted through the ruins and removed his prize. After giving the other three gods a look of disdain, he headed home with a smile on his face.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Change is happening
- Everything happened as it had to for the benefit of all involved
- Your situation is about to go in the opposite direction

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You could have handled the situation better
- Nothing is going to change

Throughout life, a person's fortune is always in motion. It is either ascending or descending. There are highs, lows, and comfortable periods. We cheer for the highs, rejoice in the comfortable times, and do our best to adapt to the lows. Round and round goes the wheel of fortune, bringing inevitable change with every rotation.

Sometimes fortune's wheel spins so fast that we get dizzy and confused as to what phase we're in. When this happens, we can mistakenly take actions that can worsen our lot, waste needed energy, and generally get ourselves into unnecessary problems.

Use this spread to find your current position on the wheel of fortune and what you can do to make the best of it.

- 1- This is where I am on the wheel of fortune
- 2- This is the most beneficial thing I can do with my finances at this time
- 3- This is how I can adjust to my current position
- 4- This is what I can do now to prepare for the next rotation



Justice

KEYWORD

Consequences

INTRODUCTION

Most people believe justice has prevailed when a law is enforced or when a situation is handled in a manner that benefits them. These are false perceptions. Justice is an ideal that is beyond the law because it is contextual rather than rigid and it often cuts people to their cores. It only occurs when all people in any given situation get exactly what they deserve, good or ill.

THE TALE OF JUSTICE

One dark morning in a land far away, a young mother wrapped her two-day-old nameless baby daughter up warmly, placed her in a small wooden crate, and set it adrift in the raging sea. Then without looking back, she quietly returned to her village and went to sleep.

By all reckoning, the baby girl should have been tossed from the wooden box and pulled down to a watery grave. However, this was not to be her fate.

Miraculously, the crate washed ashore on a tropical island and was discovered by a native woman. She had been praying for a child. The crate had mysteriously arrived in the time of the hammerhead shark with a child that had clearly been marked by the spirits (the baby's sightless eyes), the woman named her Justice and raised her as her own.

According to the tribal beliefs on the island, those born in the time of the hammerhead shark are destined to be honourable warriors and defenders of the truth. So, from the tender age of five, Justice was trained to oversee the island and ensure that all its inhabitants lived ethical lives. Her mentors taught her to judge every conflict with her intuition rather than her intellect and to only use violence when it was absolutely necessary.

At the age of 25, the student became the master. As a token of her rite of passage and a tribute to her unrivalled proficiency, the village blacksmith crafted her a golden crown, a war hammer, and a sword. Being an artisan of the highest order, he fashioned the weapons to resemble the two most loved totem animals on the island, a hammerhead shark, and a swordfish. To the islanders, the shark represents truth, and the swordfish represents speed and ruthlessness.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Every action has a consequence
- Everyone involved will get what they deserve
- For good or ill, you will reap the results of your thoughts and actions

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Justice will not prevail
- Someone has or will sidestep justice

Justice is a mercenary's double-edged blade that slashes in all directions. People tend to convince themselves that their philosophies and courses of action are right, and that justice occurs when it slices away any that oppose them. This is arrogance at its height. Universal justice favour's no one, it sees that everyone gets exactly what they deserve.

Use this spread to discover if you'll receive what you perceive to be justice, universal justice, or something other in your current situation.

- 1- What do I see as justice in this situation?
- 2- What would universal justice be?
- 3- What is the likely outcome of this situation?



The Hanged Man

KEYWORD

Sacrifice

INTRODUCTION

Hanged men are people that are knowingly or unknowingly stuck in situations they can't see ways out of. Once they realise they're frozen, they can do one of two things. They can yield to the situations and remain in perpetually painful cycles, or they can choose to accept them long enough to become enlightened and break free. Either way there will be sacrifices.

THE TALE OF THE HANGED MAN

One day out on the family boat, something beyond belief happened to the woman pictured on this deck's hanged man card. One minute she was smiling and handing her husband a sandwich and the next she was upside down, underwater, entangled in a fishing net.

As her blood rushed to her head and she was nearing suffocation due to the lack of oxygen, she realised that she had to find some way to free herself from the net. Being an intelligent woman, she knew she would only survive if she stayed calm. She closed her eyes and just allowed herself to float for a few seconds, allowing her subconscious mind time to take over and come up with an escape plan.

When she opened her eyes a couple of seconds later, she was resolute and fearless. She knew exactly what she must do. Slowly, she reached into a hidden pocket in her blouse and removed a pair of sheers that she'd forgotten she'd put there just that morning after having altered her daughter's dress. A few quick snips and there was a hole in the net large enough for her to swim through.

Breaking the surface so she could get some air, the woman looked up to see her husband sitting on a deck chair placidly munching the sandwich she'd handed

him before he'd thrown her overboard. She stealthily boarded the boat, snuck up behind him without a sound and with one plunging motion, she used her sheers to free herself for the second time.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You're currently in a situation you can't break free of, so it would be wise not to make any drastic decisions or take any strong actions at this time (unless your life is in danger)
- It's time to decide whether you're going to yield to your situation or seek enlightenment

REVERSED MEANINGS

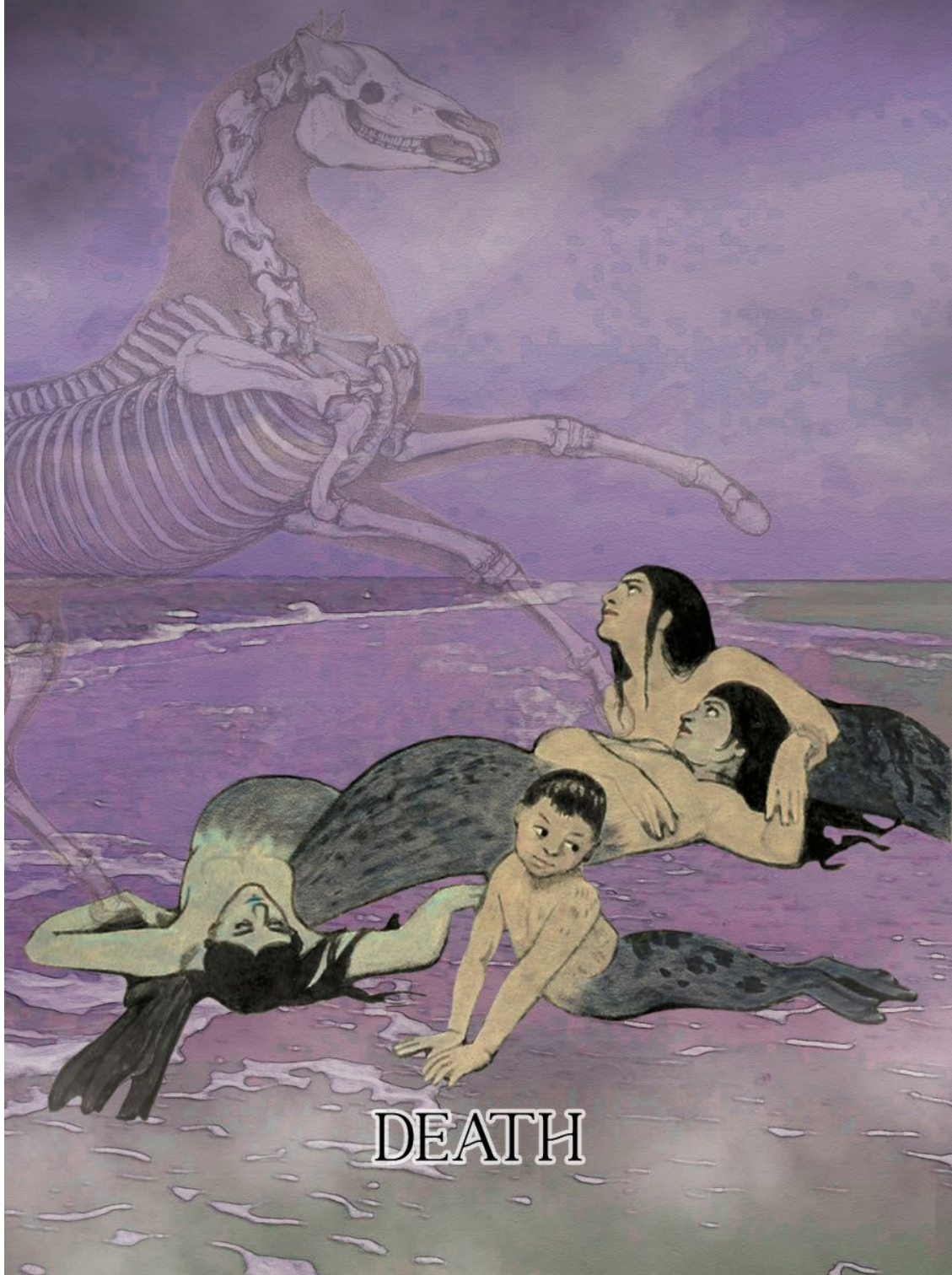
- You've gained what wisdom you can. It's time to free yourself from the situation
- There's nothing to be learned from the situation. You're suffering needless pain

Breaking free from a stagnant position always comes at a cost. Something must be sacrificed in order to move forward. Depending on your situation and the outcome you desire, the tariff may be small or great. Regardless, there is no way forward without relinquishing something you hold dear. Ironically, once you do, you may find that clinging to it was more painful than letting it go.

Use this spread to show you what's holding you back and what you can do to move forward.

- 1- What is holding me back from getting the outcome I want?
- 2- This is the sacrifice I must make to get what I want
- 3- How will being stuck affect my life if I decide the sacrifice is too great at this time?

XIII



DEATH

Death

KEYWORD

Transformation

INTRODUCTION

Many are afraid of death because they mistakenly believe that it is Her that ends all things. In reality, it is time that performs this function. Death comes after the end to guide what's dead to the next experience or transformation (this applies to situations as well as to life).

From a human perspective, it's hard to come to grips with the partnership of time and death. Grief and fear take us because there is so much we do not know. We find ourselves asking questions such as: where does death take the dead? Is the next experience anything like this life? Will I be able to reconnect with my dead loved ones in the next experience? Although this is understandable and often necessary to ultimately find peace, it is also a shame. Because when we are lost in raw emotions, we forget that what we really should be doing is honouring the dead, celebrating rites of passage, and welcoming in the new.

A TALE OF DEATH

One bright morning a young selkie lad, full of bravado, snuck away to shark infested waters. Enraged about the tales he'd heard about them eating his kind, he sought revenge.

No sooner had he entered the shark's territory, he was set upon by three giant great whites. When he got a close look at them, he realised his foolishness. With a terrified shriek he bolted away. Due to his small size and lack of experience, he couldn't out manoeuvre them. He shrieked piteously as one of the sharks ripped a hole in his belly.

Suddenly his three sisters were at his side brandishing spears. In the end, they managed to kill the sharks and get their little brother to safety. It wasn't until they were resting on the beach that their adrenaline dropped enough for them to notice that two of them had been fatally wounded. Seconds later, death appeared to guide them to their next experience.

The surviving sister watched in awe as death took the form of a skeletal horse and allowed the souls of the dead selkies to mount. Unable to forgive himself, the boy turned away, missing his chance to say his final goodbyes.

It wasn't until years later that the boy finally understood that his two sisters had died not because of his silly deed but because it was their time. Had he not done what he did, something else would have happened that day to bring about their deaths.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Be it a situation or a lifespan, something is coming to an end
- It's time to stop grieving, honour your loss and celebrate the right of passage
- Something's time has come to an end. Make your peace and let it go

REVERSED MEANINGS

- It's not yet time to give up on a situation or person
- Before you can move on, you need to take time to grieve and ask questions
- You need to pour your energy into energising something or someone

Letting go is one of the most difficult things in the human experience. Although this is most noticeable when one is faced with the anguish of letting go of a loved one (person or animal), it's equally true of hopes, dreams, and beliefs. However, life is transient, and nothing lasts forever. Clinging to something or someone will keep you forever grieving and prevent you from enjoying the miracles of the present.

Use this spread to determine what you're relentlessly clinging to and what you can do to return to the present.

- 1- I'm relentlessly clinging to this
- 2- This will help me let it go
- 3- Remembering and honouring it will bring me these benefits
- 4- Letting it go will bring me these benefits



Temperance

KEYWORD

Balance

INTRODUCTION

In the tarot, Temperance is a card of alchemy and evolution. It symbolises the mixing of two or more existing ingredients to create something completely different and superior.

TEMPERANCE'S TALE

Temperance was created to inspire humanity to evolve by artfully combining the elements that surround them to create beautiful things, things that will benefit themselves as well as the entire universe. With such a charming purpose, you would expect her to be filled with joy. Sadly, this is not the case. Temperance spends most of her time in tears, grieving.

When the Creatrix sent her on her first mission, Temperance was radiant and filled with joy. She approached a group of humans that were sunning themselves on the beach and explained to them that they could use the power within them to create paradise. They looked perplexed so she decided to give them an object lesson.

After a few minutes of thought, she reached into a pocket of her robe and took out a piece of lead. Closing her palm around it, she uttered a few words. When she opened her hand again, she held a piece of gold. One minute the humans were standing before her with their mouths gaping, the next they were begging to be told how she did it. Since this was the first time Temperance had ever dealt with humans, she failed to understand the depth of their avarice, so she cheerfully taught them.

Although they learned the art of alchemy that day, the humans never used it in the way it was intended. Rather than creating things that would benefit others, they began creating things that would prosper only themselves.

At first, she believed she'd run into exceptions to the rule, surely the majority of humans were better than this. Finally, after centuries of watching the universe decline due to the creations of mankind, she gave up hope.

It has been said that if it were not for the Creatrix's insistence, Temperance would long ago have refused to associate with humans. For some unexplainable reason, the Creatrix still extends her grace despite the fact that few wield the power of alchemy the way it was intended.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- The situation you're inquiring about is complicated because it's a cocktail of many events
- Combine the best of two or more ideas to obtain success
- Balance is needed in a situation

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You lack what it takes to get the result you want
- There will be no forward momentum unless something new is introduced to the current situation
- Life is out of balance

If you want to create something unique and long lasting, you'll need to combine two quality, proven ingredients. The challenge is in knowing the types.

Use this spread when you want to create something superior that will stand the test of time.

- 1- This is the first ingredient I need to get the outcome I desire
- 2- This is the second ingredient I need to get the outcome I desire
- 3- This is the heightened results of the fusion



The Devil

KEYWORD

Temptation

INTRODUCTION

The devil card in the tarot represents the state of being addicted to something or someone, causing you to be bound by your limited beliefs. Although you could free yourself by adopting different thought patterns, you don't see the need.

A DEVIL'S TALE

One day whilst the woman in this tarot card was taking a leisurely swim, she was approached by a hideous sea monster. She would have been afraid had his grin and mannerisms not been so charming. He told her how beautiful she was and how she deserved only the finest. She giggled and blushed as he continued to stroke her ego. By the time he was finished, she was more than willing to follow him into the depths of the ocean to see the treasure that, according to him, she alone was worthy of possessing.

Her eyes lit up when she saw the abundant wealth. She didn't even mind when the sea monster informed her that the treasure belonged to her only as long as she stayed in the depths. Having taken his prior flattery to her heart, she allowed herself to be chained to the battered chest.

Years passed as she happily played with her box of baubles without the slightest complaint. When the sea monster saw that she wasn't the least bit concerned about returning to the surface, he became bored with her and released her from her shackles.

"I want nothing more to do with you!" he said, "All those years ago I outright lied to you. I thought you would suffer being separated from your home, and I intended to feast on your pain."

She laughed and said, "After some time, I figured out what you were doing. I just chose not to say anything because you were right. I am the worthiest to own this stash. Although you are a player, you must keep your word and you promised me the treasure is mine as long as I remain in the depths. I refuse to leave."

To this day, the woman never strays further from the chest than her chain once would have allowed. Exactly what goes through her head, none can say. However, she seems strangely content to remain just where she is. The sea monster, in contrast, has moved far away and found a victim he can prey upon.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Your limiting beliefs are stopping you from evolving
- You've been tricked into accepting limiting beliefs
- It's time to snap out of it and take control

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You're not fooled by the person or event that's seeking to control your thoughts and actions
- You've taken your power back
- You recognise what's holding you back and causing your limiting beliefs

Everyone has limiting beliefs that cause them to give their power away and end up chained to people or events that bring suffering into their lives. The good news is that they can free themselves from this anguish anytime. They need only rid themselves of these toxic beliefs. It's a simple case of, "Resist the devil and he will flee".

The only thing that can make this process challenging is that most people act on limiting beliefs that they're not aware of.

Use this spread often to find these elusive limiting beliefs and discover useful ones.

- 1- What is currently preventing me from examining and correcting my limiting beliefs?
- 2- This is my chief limiting belief that is draining my power
- 3- This is the belief I need to replace it with to regain my power



The Tower

KEYWORD

Destruction

INTRODUCTION

When the tower card shows up in a tarot spread it serves as a warning that something extreme is about to take place. Whatever the predicted event turns out to be, going through it will change you.

ONE TOWER'S TALE

Once upon a time there was a wizened, old lighthouse keeper that never left his post. All of his needs were catered to by local tradesmen.

When his wife of many years was murdered on her way into town, so great was his grief that he vowed he would never leave the safe tower of the lighthouse. So great was his resolve that he'd be there to this day had it not been for the tragic event that took place one dark and misty night.

The moon was full but obscured by dark clouds. The lighthouse keeper stroked his beard and stared out to sea. Something was amiss, his senses told him so. Yet, everything seemed calm and docile. He began to pace back and forth. Although there was no sign of a straying ship, he couldn't shake the feeling that something terrible was about to happen.

When nothing happened after three hours, he convinced himself that he'd let the eerie night get the best of him. Shaking his head, he poured himself a cup of coffee and took a seat at his battered table. Just as he was starting to relax, he heard a thunderous crack, and the lighthouse began to sway.

Never having had such an experience, the lighthouse keeper reeled in shock. Once he'd caught his breath, he peered out one of the windows. To his utter horror and disbelief, he saw a kraken. Its long tentacles were wrapped around

his beloved home, and it seemed determined to rip the building from its very foundations.

Filled with anger he took an antique spear from his wall and hurled at the kraken. Sadly, all his frail attempt succeeded in doing was angering the monster. With a high-pitched scream, the kraken shook the lighthouse even more furiously. Within a few seconds the building could take no more and it crumbled into the sea.

Fortunately for the lighthouse keeper, the final violent quake threw him from his beloved home seconds before it crumpled to ruin. Although he was stripped of everything, he still had his life, and for that he was thankful.

He walked into the nearest town and began a whole new life. He now realised how much he missed interacting with a community. Although he was offered his position back when a new lighthouse was eventually erected, the man chose to stay in town and run a pub.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A life changing event is about to occur
- What you think you know is about to be shaken and destroyed
- Prepare for a rough ride

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You've made it through a life changing event
- It's time to make something from the broken pieces
- It's time to move forward

Tower events are powerful and life changing, and we generally don't see them coming. When they strike, we find ourselves initially overwhelmed. Then, when the smoke clears from the devastation, we find ourselves standing in a ruined terrain filled with rubble. Although it looks ominous, this debris is our salvation. We can take it and create something more pleasing and secure.

Use this spread after a tower event to regain hope and to create something more fortified.

- 1- I can do this to help me ground
- 2- This is the most beneficial thing for me to create from the rubble
- 3- What is the simplest way to go about it?
- 4- This is the extra protection and hope it will provide



XVII

THE STAR

The Star

Because they illuminate the darkness, humans have regarded stars as beacons of hope since the first people lifted their eyes to observe the majesty of the night-time sky. No matter how dismal a situation is, there are always miraculous possibilities as long as there is light.

KEYWORD

Hope

A TALE OF STARS

She believed she was the most blessed woman in the world when she married a man that had all the attributes she'd dreamed of and began living a life of bliss. Every day her young husband would bring her roses and tell her how much he adored her and how he would always be there for her. This went on for six months, and then something unanticipated happened.

Early one morning, he kissed her goodbye, told her he was going into town to see an old friend, and assured her that he would be back before sunset with an extra-large bouquet of roses for her trouble. She sleepily smiled and told him to be safe.

Sunset came and went, and he did not return. Although she couldn't vanquish the nagging feeling that something was wrong, she placated herself with the idea that he must have decided to spend the night at the inn. Perhaps, by the time he was done visiting his friend, it was too late to make such a long journey. Before she settled down to sleep, she went outside and wished upon a star that he would return to her safe and sound.

The next morning, there was still no sign of him, so she wandered into town to find out what happened. When she asked around, nobody could recall seeing her husband the prior day. She went home feeling deflated. Where was he? Bedtime came and she had no idea what else to do, so she wished upon a star for his safe return and went to sleep.

When the sun came up, nothing had changed. Again, she went into town to see what she could turn up. Everyone denied having seen her husband yet again. As the day before, she went home exhausted, had a quick meal, wished upon a star, and collapsed into a dreamless sleep. Seven years later there was still no word of him. Because she loved him so much, she refused to give up on him and she optimistically continued the pattern her heart told her was right.

One day after the seventh year, just after she was finished wishing on a star, she lowered her gaze from the heavens and there he was coming towards her with an enormous bouquet of roses. She raced to him and embraced him tight.

When she asked him where he'd been and why he'd been gone so long, a haunted look crossed his face. All he could remember was passing near the ocean on his way to town and hearing the most beautiful voice he'd ever heard. Curious, he went to the edge of the water and looked down. All of a sudden, a pair of hands grabbed him by the head and pulled him in. From that point he could remember nothing else, except waking up that morning in the very place he'd been grabbed.

He had no idea that seven years had passed until he arrived in town and was told that his wife had been looking for him for all that time. Once he finally figured out that they weren't pulling one over on him, he rushed to get some roses and to return to her. When she heard his tale, she knew in her heart that it was only her perseverance of wishing on a star and not giving up hope that activated the magic that brought him back.

Now that they were back together, everything returned to bliss. Her husband still made frequent trips into town as needed. However, when he would hear the beautiful voice from time to time, he never again sought out the singer.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Things will be as you wish or even better providing you don't throw in the towel
- It will be a while before everything comes to a satisfying conclusion
- Have faith and keep your eye on the prize

REVERSED MEANINGS

- As it stands, your situation isn't likely to improve
- It's time to let go of your hopes for this situation
- Currently, there's not enough to invest your hopes and dreams in

When it seems as if the world is coming apart at the seams and that the apocalypse is at the door, hope is all that we can cling to.

Use this spread when it seems as if nothing is going your way and that you just can't win.

- 1- Why do I feel hopeless?
- 2- Working towards this can restore my hope
- 3- Doing this will make my hope pay off



The Moon

KEYWORD

Illusion

INTRODUCTION

When the moon appears in a tarot spread it implies that either something is being deliberately hidden from you or you are being fed false information. This may not be as sinister as it sounds. People often omit facts and tell partial truths in an attempt to protect themselves or spare your feelings.

Carefully consider whether you really want or need to know the truth before you pursue additional information. Sometimes, ignorance really is bliss.

A TALE OF THE FULL MOON

When the moon reflects off the sea, she creates a vast array of beautiful shimmering patterns. Should you gaze at one of these captivating displays, your mind will become mesmerised, and you will be able to perceive bits of reality that would most likely remain hidden. Often, what's revealed leads to blessings or new knowledge, but sometimes these truths are painful and move you to take drastic actions. Either way your life will not remain the same. So, before you let your gaze fall on a moonlit sea, be sure you're ready for a journey that ebbs and flows like the tide.

Once there was a man who appeared to have it all: money, fame, and the goodwill of all he met. He lived in a mansion with a beautiful wife. He was always thankful for what he had, and he never ceased to give generously to those that had little or nothing.

One night he looked into the heavens, saw a full moon, and decided it would be a beautiful night to go for a sail. When he was a good distance from the land, he lowered the sails, pulled out a chair, and sat down to appreciate the moon. Her beams reflecting off the sea revealed a diving whale. As its tail plunged beneath

the surface, the man's eyes became transfixed on the resulting ripples and his mind drifted peacefully into an altered state. Five minutes later, he was hyperventilating and clutching at his panicking heart. While focusing on the sea, the moon had revealed some secrets that he, upon consideration, recognised to be true.

His wife was in love with another man. They would have run off right away, but her lover was unable to afford the lifestyle she'd become accustomed to and he greatly desired. So, they had come up with a fiendish plan. She would stay with her husband for as long as it took to poison him to death and claim his wealth. Not having a speck of kindness in her heart, she'd always believed her husband a fool for acting charitably. She would not make the same mistake once he was dead.

Faced with the truth, the man was forced to make a choice. The way he figured it, he could either go back home and confront the backstabbing duo or he could simply let it all go and begin again somewhere else far away. A part of him really wanted to lash out and hurt the ones that were doing him wrong. But what good would come of it? His wife had no love for him, and he was industrious enough to amass another fortune if he wished.

Pensively, the man headed out to sea. Whether he lived or perished, none can say.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Something is being kept from you
- There's more to the story than you're being told

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Everything is as it appears
- You know all there is to know about the situation
- Everyone is playing it straight

There are many reasons people choose to keep the truth from you. Some of them are well meaning whilst others are treacherous. If you wish to know which it is, you must look beyond the illusion of daily life. Because the truth is seldom all we expect and knowing it can hurt the heart and destroy relationships, there is wisdom in only doing this when you strongly suspect betrayal.

Use this spread when your gut tells you that someone is backstabbing you.

- 1- Am I being double crossed?
- 2- Who is deceiving me?
- 3- Why aren't they being honest?
- 4- What will happen if I confront them?
- 5- What will happen if I do nothing?



The Sun

KEYWORD

Illumination

INTRODUCTION

When the sun appears in a tarot spread, everything is at its best. Everything you hope for and then some is on the horizon. Things couldn't turn out any better

THE SUN'S TALE

Even should you know of her existence, and very few do, you would not be able to find her. She'll come to you if she feels your need is great enough. The sea sprite pictured on the sun card is vastly powerful. She is capable of transforming the darkest and most terrifying situations into experiences so sublime that the recipient of her blessings is filled with ecstasy.

Once she travelled the seas in plain sight, visiting those that sought her help. When word got around that there was a sprite that could vanquish all cruelty with a wave of her hand, thousands sought her out.

Ministering to such great numbers began to take its toll. Never having time to regenerate, her power became less and less then one day, she was unable to rise out of bed. This would have been her demise were it not for her faithful seahorse. Seeing that its mistress and friend was almost gone, the brave soul took hold of her shirt and dragged her to a quiet place in the Thames Estuary. There, he cared for her, bringing her food and drink until she fully recovered.

Having learned her limitations, the sea sprite decided that from then on, she would limit her aid to those that needed it the most. To this day, she appears to those in the deepest of pain and dispels the darkness that is tormenting them.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Regardless of appearances, everything is going your way
- It's turning out even better than you imagined
- It just couldn't get any more amazing

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Things are about to hit rock bottom
- Everything is against your hopes and dreams
- There is no winning position in this situation
- It's impossible for you to get what you

When the sun shines, darkness and shadows flee. We become content and are grateful for all that we have. It's important we lavish in these times because dark clouds will soon appear over the horizon. It's the nature of life.

Use this spread when it seems all is well to get the most from your blessings.

- 1- What can I do to enhance my grateful feelings?
- 2- What blessing could I show even more gratefulness for?
- 3- What can I do to share my gratefulness with others?



Judgment

KEYWORD

Acceptance

INTRODUCTION

When judgment appears in a tarot reading, it's the day of reckoning. You are about to be made aware of the consequences of all your thoughts and actions pertaining to the situation you enquired about. What is done is done. Judgment is final. All you can do now is accept the ramifications of your actions and learn from your mistakes.

JUDGMENT'S TALE

Mighty indescribable forces surround us at any given time. So caught up in our own agendas, we rarely note their presence until they get directly in our faces and make themselves known. One such spirit is Judgement.

The Creatrix created Judgment to be a celestial enforcer. Its primary function is to ensure that every mortal reaps what they have sown. That is why the wise realise that Judgment walks silently by their sides every hour of every day and they act and think accordingly. Always seeking outcomes that will benefit everyone involved.

The pirates aboard the pirate ship pictured on this card spent their lives drunkenly stealing, killing, and raping. Never taking responsibility for their actions, they've destroyed innumerable lives. Believing themselves invincible, the pirates spurned every opportunity to repent.

One stormy day, they realised their stupidity when Judgment, taking on a well-recognised form, appeared flying above their ship brandishing a giant mirror. When they gazed up, all their atrocities were reflected back at them. As the anguish they unleashed on the world bored into their souls, a galleon they hadn't noticed opened fire on their vessel's stern.

It was over in seconds. The gaping holes caused by the cannon balls allowed the sea to claim her prize. The few pirates that survived were quickly dispatched by the soldier's pistols.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- It is time to pay for what you have done
- Your thoughts and actions have produced consequences
- For good or ill, you are about to reap the rewards of your thoughts and actions

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Your thoughts and actions are inconsequential to the situation
- You will not be held accountable for your thoughts and actions

Judgment is supreme justice that takes place at the end of life. It's possible for a particularly crafty individual to make it through life without getting everything they deserve. However, not even the most devious soul can escape judgment. Before they move on to their next adventure, they will be held accountable for every injustice they thought they had dodged.

Use this spread to remind you of any injustices you're guilty of and to suggest actions you can take so that you can approach judgment day without trepidation.

- 1- I am guilty of this injustice
- 2- What, if anything, can I do to make it right?
- 3- If nothing, what can I do to let it go and forgive myself?

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THE WORLD

The World

KEYWORD

Completion

INTRODUCTION

The world is vast and comprehensive, self-sustainable. When the world appears in a reading, a journey has been completed. Nothing more can be added or subtracted.

THE WORLD'S TALE

The ancient legends of the world being born through the heavens on the back of a giant cosmic turtle are only half the story, as any denizen from the depths of the ocean will quickly point out should you run into one that is open to sharing their wisdom with a mortal.

One day, thousands of years ago, the cosmic turtle realised it was nearly time for it to undergo its next transformation. The weight of the world that once felt as light as a pebble had become so burdensome that the turtle felt as if its back were about to give. Should such a thing happen, the world would collapse upon itself. There was nothing for the turtle to do but to find a successor.

It craned and twisted its neck to look over its shoulder and gaze into the world. After years of holding this awkward position whilst still navigating the solar system, the turtle was near its breaking point. It wasn't until its back began to tremble from all the effort, causing a series of earthquakes across the earth, that the turtle beheld a giant sea tortoise paddling along the coastline. Using its loudest voice, the turtle called to the tortoise and explained the situation. Flying to the turtle's side, the tortoise shifted the world onto its back, where it remains to this day. After groaning with pleasure, the turtle said its goodbyes and swam beyond the border of this universe to begin anew as something else.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- It's time to celebrate your victories and cut your losses
- Nothing you can do or say will change a thing
- You've made it through one of your life journeys
- It's time to pause and consider what you've learned along the way

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Nothing has been determined, you still have time to change things
- Speak and act with caution, your words and deeds could drastically alter the situation
- You still have some distance to travel in this life journey
- You need to experience more before you can make the best decision

Ending a journey can be as exciting as starting one if you take the time to contemplate both what was accomplished, even if it is something other than what you expected, and what you've learned along the way.

Use this spread after you've reached the end of one of your life journeys in order to fully appreciate it.

- 1- This is what my journey has accomplished
- 2- This was the greatest lesson I learned along the way
- 3- This is how I can apply this lesson to my greatest benefit



The Depths

KEY WORD

The unknown

INTRODUCTION

The Depths introduces us to a concept that is as elusive as it is profound: At first glance, the imagery on this card might provoke trepidation. A spiral reminiscent of a tentacle plunges downward into the abyss of the sea. Yet, this imagery is not meant to instil fear but to evoke the reverence and humility that comes with surrender.

The keyword associated with this card is "The Unknown." One of the hardest lessons in the human experience is learning to surrender to the unknown. Surrendering does not denote defeat or passivity. Rather, it encapsulates a conscious act of letting go, of yielding to the vastness that lies beyond our understanding and control. It is about recognizing the limitations of our perceptions and the constraints of our ego and willingly diving into the infinite mysteries of the universe.

But why is surrendering to the unknown considered the ultimate goal? The answer lies in the heart of human experience. Throughout our lives, we often strive to impose order, seeking patterns, answers, and assurances in a world inherently filled with uncertainties. We build walls of belief and create narratives to protect ourselves from the vastness of the void. However, the Depths remind us that true enlightenment does not arise from attempting to conquer or understand every mystery but from accepting that some things are beyond our grasp. In this acceptance, we find true freedom, growth, and a deeper connection with the universe and our own souls.

The Depths, therefore, is not a card of despair or fear but one of profound revelation. By embracing the unknown, we free ourselves from the shackles of certainty and open our hearts to the boundless possibilities of existence. As we

stand at the precipice of understanding, the Depths beckons us to leap with faith and find solace in the embrace of the mysteries below.

Like the Fool, the Depths beckons us to trust in a power beyond our own, urging a leap of faith. Yet, while the Fool anchors us in the realm of the known, the Depths pull us into the vast expanse of the incomprehensible.

EVERETT AND THE DEPTHS

Everett was a man ensconced in the comforting embrace of predictability. Each day reflected the one before, a series of meticulous moves through the urban maze. Yet, beneath his methodical exterior, an untamed yearning stirred, seeking the extraordinary.

One evening, while wandering the local park, a strange scene caught his eye. A crowd had gathered around a storyteller, entranced by tales that carried an almost magical allure. The one that seized Everett's attention was the tale of "The Depths."

According to the storyteller, The Depths was not just a place but a dimension existing on the fringes of known reality. Here, a gargantuan tentacle menacingly loomed, threatening all who dared approach. This tentacle, dark and undeniably ominous, repelled many. Those who managed to get a glimpse of The Depths often fled in horror, choosing the familiar troubles of their world over the perceived perils of this mysterious expanse.

Driven by a mix of dread and curiosity, Everett approached the storyteller after his tale. "How does one access The Depths?" he inquired; his gaze intense.

The storyteller, eyes alight with a knowing glint, answered, "It's not a place on any map. It's about the alignment of one's spirit. But be careful; The Depths isn't for everyone. It admits only the adventurous, those ready to confront and embrace the unknown."

With a newfound purpose, Everett delved deep into ancient books, mystic rituals, and arcane knowledge, hoping to tune his spirit to this concealed dimension. His search became an obsession, days indistinguishable from nights.

One eerie night, while chanting an ancient spell, an overpowering force gripped Everett. Suddenly, he stood on the edge of The Depths. The waters before him glistened ominously, but as he neared, the terrifying tentacle surged forth, its very presence a chilling reminder of the unknown dangers lurking beneath.

But Everett remembered the storyteller's caution. Steeling himself, he advanced, ready to confront the tentacle's threats. As he neared, he realized that while it was undoubtedly menacing, the tentacle was also a gatekeeper, guarding the secrets of The Depths.

Inside, Everett witnessed a world of wonder and astonishment. He comprehended the delicate balance of existence, the dance of light and dark, and the profound beauty hidden beyond fear. The Depths, although terrifying in its introduction, revealed itself as a realm of profound enlightenment.

Upon returning to his familiar surroundings, Everett was no longer the man he once was. He began sharing tales of The Depths, encouraging others to face their deepest fears, to challenge and embrace the unknown. For in that challenge lay the true depth of life's mysteries.

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Look beyond the fear
- Plunge into the unknown
- Believe there's more
- Let go of control
- Embrace the unseen

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You're filled with fear
- Stick to what you know
- You're not yet ready to face the unknown
- You must take control of the circumstances
- What you seek is right in front of you

Inspired by the spiral formed by the tentacle spiralling into the abyss, this spread challenges you to face your fears. It urges you to embrace the mysterious forces that surround you and invites you to take a courageous leap into the unknown.

The positions in this spread aren't for seeking clear-cut answers. They teach you the art of letting go, allowing the universe to reveal its secrets when it chooses. Dive deep into the enigma of existence, trust the infinite unknown, and resurface with insights that defy conventional understanding.

1. This is the immediate, tangible influence or energy that's pulling you toward the unknown
2. This is the barrier, fear, or hesitation that prevents you from completely surrendering
3. This is the potential wisdom, understanding, or growth that awaits as you delve deeper into the unknown
4. This is the actionable step or mindset shift you must embrace to move forward, to let go of the need for certainty, and to fully immerse in the mysteries of the universe.

Minor Arcana

ACES THROUGH TO THE TENS





ACE OF CUPS

Ace of Cups

A variety of fish swim past a glass display case. Inside, waiting to be consumed, is a silver chalice filled to the brim with the purest of waters.

KEYWORD

Connection

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Something or someone you love will become accessible to you within the next three months
- The beginning of a romance
- An opportunity to embrace an experience with all your heart

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Connection with something or someone you love will decline over the next three months
- You're looking in the wrong place for romance
- Something is preventing you from experiencing the desires of your heart



ACE OF WANDS

Ace of Wands

A dolphin fluidly glides past a glass case displaying a wand. This ancient tool lies waiting for an innovative person to lift the lid and claim it for their own. Whoever claims the wand must be ready to conjure and create.

KEYWORD

Passion

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Within the next three months a door will open for you to passionately use your creativity
- There's a creative project inside you waiting to be birthed
- Your passion and creativity are awakened

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Your passion and creativity are at a low
- Creating something or being passionate feels like a great burden
- Lack of passion is making you feel dead inside



ACE OF SWORDS

Ace of Swords

In the ice-cold depths, a penguin glides past a glass display case that contains a sharp double-edged sword. Whoever chooses to open the lid and remove the blade must be ready to both attack and defend.

KEYWORD

Ideas

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Your belief system or way of thinking will be challenged within the next three months
- Within the next three months you'll come up with a new idea that will upset the status quo
- You must choose to attack or defend a thought pattern or way of belief that's new to you

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You've become narrow minded and are finding it difficult to accept a different thought process
- You're fresh out of ideas of what can be done
- You're forced to accept the thoughts and actions of another if you want to keep the peace



ACE OF PENTACLES

Ace of Pentacles

Sensing something of power, a curious lobster nervously taps his claws on a glass display case that contains a pentacle. Whoever opens this display case and takes possession of the pentacle will have an opportunity to manifest something that will make them feel secure.

KEYWORD

Potential

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Within three months an opportunity to strengthen your security will present itself
- A new job or project that will enhance your current security level will soon be available
- Greater security can be yours soon if you keep your eyes open and are not afraid to take risks

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Within the next three months an event will take place that will threaten your security
- Beware of new jobs and projects for the next three months, they will play havoc with your security
- Avoid putting anything that makes you feel secure at risk, you'll lose your assets



2 of Cups

A blond mermaid gazes seductively into her human lover's eyes. One cup rests in the crook of her right arm whilst she holds the second cup gently behind his neck as she flirtatiously strokes his face with her tail fin.

KEYWORD

Harmony

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- An equal partnership
- A sharing of emotions or passions
- Two people working together flawlessly

REVERSED MEANINGS

- An imbalanced relationship
- Not feeling any cohesiveness in a relationship
- Two people operating in completely different manners



2 of Wands

An athletic woman sporting a diving mask, snorkel and flippers stands in a power stance on a balcony with her back to the sea. Her right hand is on her hip, whilst her left holds a globe. Rays of sunlight dance around her.

KEYWORD

Vision

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You are thinking about forward momentum and future possibilities
- Traveling is on your mind
- You're not content with things the way they are

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You want to continue with what you're doing at the time
- Travelling is inconvenient or impossible for you at this time
- Everything is at a comfortable level for you



2 OF SWORDS

2 of Swords

A woman in a formal dress crosses one sword over another in front of her face. In this position, she is expressing her unwillingness to consider her options.

KEYWORD

Stalemate

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You have to make a decision
- A decision is causing you to feel overwhelmed
- You're procrastinating

REVERSED MEANINGS

- It's not necessary to decide right now
- You feel relieved because the matter has been decided for you
- The pressure to make a decision is gone



2 OF PENTACLES

2 of Pentacles

A sea sprite struggles to keep his footing on a scrap of land as a crab unexpectedly claws its way to the surface. As he slides to the side, he attempts to maintain his balance with a pair of pentacles.

KEYWORD

Fluctuation

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You're seeking to balance two (or more) things that make you feel secure
- Although you derive great security from two things, you can't maintain them both. It's time to prioritise and let the one that brings the lesser security go
- Something is upsetting your security and forcing you to seek balance

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You're feeling out of control
- With some extra actions you can find a way to have the things you want
- There's no obstacle to your security at this time



3 of Cups

Three mermaids twirl merrily in circles. Each holds a cup in one hand and length of seaweed rope in the other.

KEYWORD

Companionship

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You could use some time out with friends
- A friend could use your company
- It's time for a reunion

REVERSE MEANINGS

- Better to be alone with your thoughts at this time
- For some reason friends are avoiding you
- Your friends need some space



3 of Wands

Using a wand for support, a tall captain steps out of a rowboat and raises his spy glass to his eye. In front of him are two more wands.

KEYWORD

Expansion

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Seeing beyond the obvious
- Planning for the future
- Recognising potential

REVERSE MEANINGS

- Tunnel vision
- Unimaginative
- Stuck in the now



3 OF SWORDS

3 of Swords

Three razor sharp swords bisect a human heart as it sinks to the depths of the sea.

KEYWORD

Pain

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Heartache
- A third party causes conflict between you and someone close
- An objective outsider prevents you and someone you love from hurting each other's heart

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Happiness
- The bond between you and one you love is tight. Nobody can get in and interfere
- There's no need for intervention. Everything is alright with your relationship



3 OF PENTACLES

3 of Pentacles

A young woman sorts through a sack of crabs, searching for just the right ones to prepare for supper. The seller watches her carefully, making sure she doesn't try to short-change her. In the sky above, three seagulls soar through some bright sun rays.

KEYWORD

Skill

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Competence in one's skillset
- Seeking the approval of others
- Being critiqued by others
- Attempting to get financial backing

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Feeling confident in yourself
- Others are not interested in your product
- Financial backing refused



4 of Cups

An apathetic woman sits beside three empty cups with her back to the sea. She leans on her right elbow, resting her head in her right hand. She's so caught up in her morbid thoughts that she fails to notice the playful dolphin balancing a fourth cup on his beak.

KEYWORD

Discontent

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Focused on the negatives
- Apathy towards life in general
- Not appreciating the wonders that surround you

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Feeling blessed
- Living in the moment
- Aware of the miraculous



4 of Wands

Two mermaids hold hands and glide between four wands. Both are flushed and shyly sneaking peeks at the other. In the background is a beautiful undersea castle.

KEYWORD

Celebration

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A wedding
- A celebration
- It's time to make merry

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Discord
- Break up
- Alienated



4 OF SWORDS

4 of Swords

A woman sleeps peacefully in a giant clam shell next to her sword near a sacred site. Four swords float above her.

KEYWORD

Restoration

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Rest
- Taking a break
- Getting away from the hustle and bustle for awhile

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Agitation
- Unable to get away
- Stuck in the grind



4 of Pentacles

A woman sits with her back to the ruins of an old abbey. Her right hand rests on her right leg, whilst her left hand grips a tentacle of a passing octopus. Pentacles rest on her head, her right leg, and beneath her feet.

KEYWORD

Stagnation

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Refusing to let energy flow
- Greedy
- Clinging on to securities
- Hoarding

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Sharing your wealth
- Trusting the universe to provide
- Taking only what you need



5 OF CUPS

5 of Cups

Clothed in black, a woman grieves over the spilled contents of three cups. She's so focused on the loss that she forgets all about the two filled cups sitting by her feet

KEYWORD

Sorrow

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Grieving over loss
- Stuck in the past
- Discounting the present

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Focusing on the now
- Cutting your losses
- Gratitude for what you have



5 of Wands

Five women adamantly grasp a life buoy. Each is struggling to pull it in the direction she believes is best. Consequently, the buoy stays right where it is.

KEYWORD

Competition

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Rivalry for a position or cause
- You need to up your game to get what you desire
- You'll have to prove yourself to get what you crave

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Sharing your wealth
- Trusting the universe to provide
- Taking only what you need



5 OF SWORDS

5 of Swords

A smiling woman in a green dress stands in the forefront. In her right hand she holds a single fish and in her left a basket containing four fishes and three swords. Behind her two downcast men walk away, having been bested by a fish seller.

KEYWORD

Defeat

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You've been outwitted
- You've taken advantage of someone
- Putting yourself first

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Putting others before yourself
- Someone is plotting against you
- You're causing others to doubt you



5 OF PENTACLES

5 of Pentacles

Two women cloaked in black terry on a boat dock with their backs to a luxury liner known as the Titanic. One stands looking ahead whilst the other kneels to pick up a starfish that has been discarded by one of the wealthy passengers.

KEYWORD

Defeat

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Not seeing your worth, someone has cast you aside
- It's time to forge your own unique path
- Look for connections outside normal conventions

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Acceptance
- Your company is desired
- This is a good time for you to blend in



6 of Cups

In the deeps, a blue haired water baby reigns in a giant black sea bass. As the movement grinds to a halt, a green haired water baby clings tightly to the other's waist. Directly below them, six cups sit on the ocean floor

KEYWORD

Nostalgia

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Reliving a past experience
- Remembering the past
- Comparing the present to the past

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Forgetting something important from your past
- Choosing to leave the past in the past
- Refusing to acknowledge a past person or event



6 OF WANDS

6 of Wands

A warship returns after helping to win a war across the sea. Standing in a crow's nest, a young sailor with a spy glass views his homeland from a distance. A sea gull glides majestically above.

KEYWORD

Victory

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Returning home in triumph
- You've conquered a challenge
- It's time to stand down and be at peace

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You need to retreat and regroup
- Someone or something currently has the upper hand
- It's time to be alert



6 of Swords

As his wife shares tales with the woman rowing, a man reclines in the front of the boat. In the rear, behind the rower, six swords stand.

KEYWORD

Journey

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You're no longer stuck
- A journey awaits you (could be material or spiritual)
- It's time to move on

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Something or someone has a hold on you
- Going on a journey now could prove disastrous
- Although moving on appears to be the sensible move, staying will prove more beneficial



6 OF PENTACLES

6 of Pentacles

Walking parallel to the sea along a sandy beach, a statuesque woman focuses on a pentacle that she's holding in her left hand. Dangling from her right hand, above the head of a white seal, is a string of five pentacles.

KEYWORD

Charity

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- To be whole, you must know how to both give and receive
- You're so focused on yourself that you're failing to meet the needs of others
- Promising that you'll give later isn't enough

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Your life is balanced because you know to return gift for gift
- Your life is imbalanced because you insist on giving without receiving
- It's time to allow others to minister to you



7 of Cups

Before you, seven unique cups are displayed. Each contains a distinct commodity. Each can be used well or misused. The object and how it's used is up to you. You can choose from a lobster, a starfish, a squid, a shell, a flying fish, a deep-sea fish, or a nautilus shell.

KEYWORD

Choices

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- It's time to make a choice
- You can handle the situation in a variety of ways
- The outcome is up to you

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Currently, you have no choice in the matter
- There's only one way to get what you want accomplished
- Someone else is calling the shots



7 of Wands

Guarding the entrance to a giant sandcastle, a muscular soldier stands poised to ward off an attack. Although he's outnumbered seven to one, his relaxed stance and rugged face show not the slightest hint of fear. With his left hand on his hip and his right holding a staff, he patiently waits.

KEYWORD

Defence

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- It's time to hold your ground
- Those that oppose you are near
- You're resourceful enough to stand against a stronger force

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Now is not the time to dig your feet in
- Although it appears otherwise, you're not under attack
- Consider getting some support



7 OF SWORDS

7 of Swords

In the background the sun beams down a desolate hut sitting on a little-known beach. In the foreground a red headed thief makes off with five of the seven swords that had been left outside. She is confident that the sound of the waves along with her stealth will ensure her success.

KEYWORD

Theft

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Someone is stealing from you
- Someone around you isn't who they appear to be
- Someone is using you for their own ends

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Someone has your back
- A soul you can trust with your life is near
- Someone close is giving their all to ensure you're safe



7 OF PENTACLES

7 of Pentacles

Sitting on a whiskey barrel, a sailor compares six pentacles attached to a strand of seaweed with a single pentacle that rests under his left foot. Holding an empty bottle in his left hand, he props himself up with a wand that he holds in his right hand.

KEYWORD

Reflection

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- It's time to plan the way forward
- You must choose whether to build on your current project or to start from scratch
- Before going forward, you need to reflect on your desired outcome as well as what you've accomplished so far

REVERSED MEANINGS

- It's time to take a pause and consider why you aren't moving forward
- Your mind is too muddled to make a good decision at this time
- You're confused about how to proceed



8 OF CUPS

8 of Cups

Traveling by the light of a full moon, a fisherman wearing a white wide brimmed hat veers away from the sea with a tremendous catch. He walks away from eight cups that he's worked his entire life to acquire. Believing that there is something even more fulfilling ahead, he refuses to be distracted by what he's leaving behind

KEYWORD

Release

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- It's time to pursue your heart's desire
- Your intuition is making it clear that there's something missing in your life
- You've become dissatisfied with your lot in life

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Fear or self-doubt is causing you to settle for less than what you want
- You're refusing to acknowledge your disenchantment with life
- You've tricked yourself into believing that you're where you want to be



8 OF WANDS

8 of Wands

Eight shell topped wands fly towards a glass bottle that's bobbing in the sea. Inside is an important message that may never be read.

KEYWORD

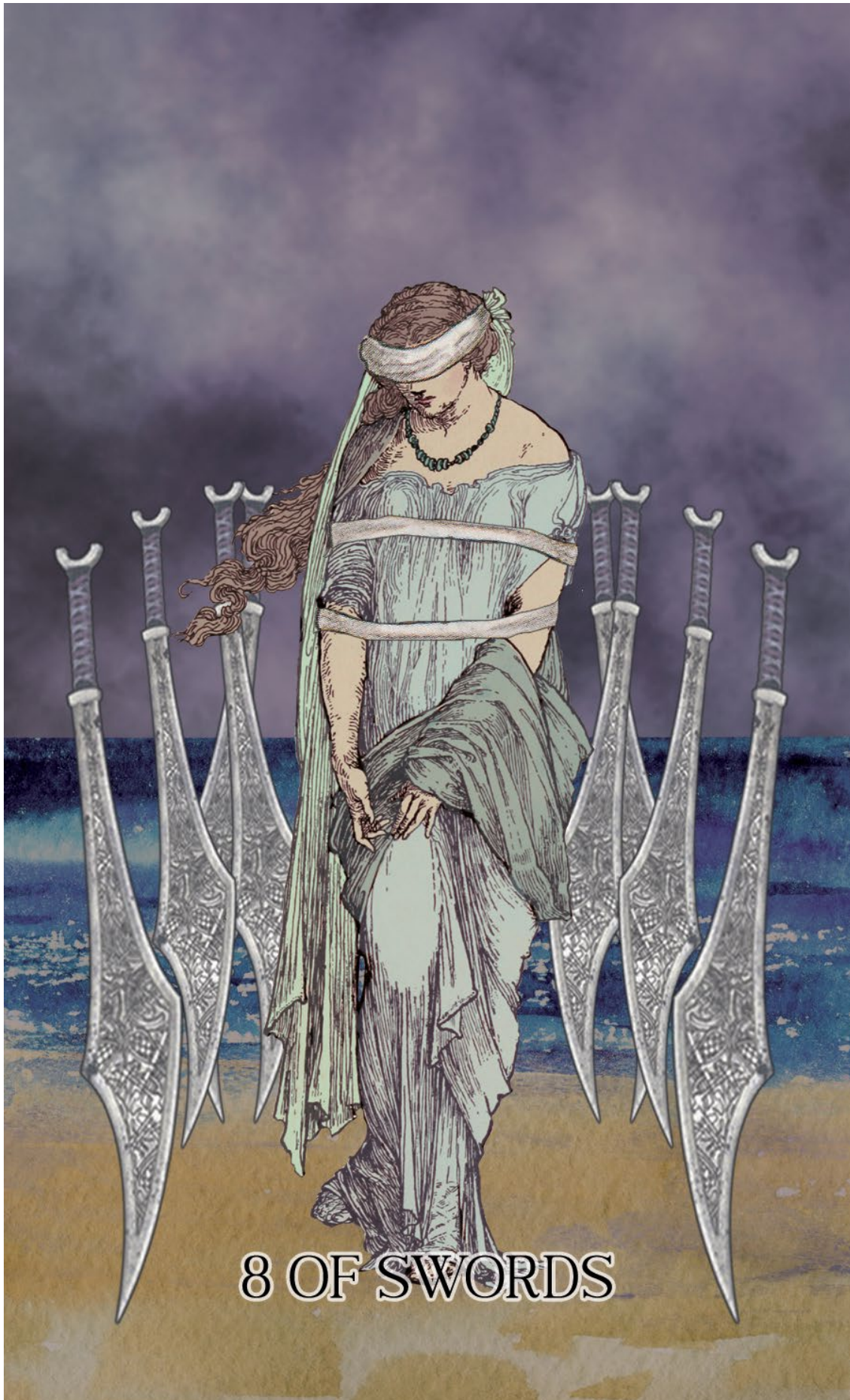
Action

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Everything is happening too fast to control
- You will soon receive an important message
- Someone is attempting to get hold of you

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Things are happening quick, but you're able to stay on top of them
- Someone is preventing you from receiving a vital message
- At this time, nobody wants anything from you



8 of Swords

Blindfolded and bound a despairing woman stands near the sea almost completely caged in by eight swords. There is a way out, but her feeling of victimisation prevents her from searching for it.

KEYWORD

Restriction

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Your thoughts are keeping you a prisoner
- You don't need to be a victim
- There is a way out

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Now that you've changed your thinking, you'll find the way
- It will be challenging to get free, but you know you can do it
- You realise that you're only a prisoner of your own devise



8 of Pentacles

A wizened sea witch with a black pointy hat (complete with a hag stone attached) sits on the seashore. Her right hand is positioned under her chin as she focuses on a strand of eight pentacles she holds in her left hand.

KEYWORD

Mastery

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You know exactly what you must do
- You understand everything about your situation
- It's time to stop playing small and show the world what you can do

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You don't yet have the information you need to move successfully forward
- You need to explore further
- You need a mentor to help you reach mastery



9 OF CUPS

9 of Cups

As the sea rages, a beautiful mermaid lifts a cornucopia of gold and jewels in gratitude towards the heavens. Above her, a bright rainbow containing nine cups unfolds.

KEYWORD

Fulfilment

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You are surrounded by all you need
- All of your desires can be fulfilled
- You can have whatever you want

REVERSED MEANINGS

- An obstacle currently stands between you and what you want
- Your desire can't be achieved at this time
- For now, you must settle for something less



9 OF WANDS

9 of Wands

With his left hand positioned on his hip, an unyielding man stands defiantly leaning his weight on a wand. Directly behind him is a barrel of eight wands that he won by overcoming his opponents.

KEYWORD

Recovery

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- It's time to stand down, the battle is over
- You've come through
- Any threat you feel is habitual

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Be on guard, there's still more coming at you
- You're through the worst, but you're not home free yet
- Although you're weary, stand strong for just a little longer



9 OF SWORDS

9 of Swords

In the depths of the sea, a dark-haired woman kneels in complete despair. Her left hand covers her anguished face whilst her right arm droops dejectedly at her side. She believes that there is no way past the nine swords that hang menacingly above her head.

KEYWORD

Despair

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You're living in the torment of your thoughts
- Things are not as bad as you perceive them to be
- The darkness you feel is self-imposed

REVERSED MEANINGS

- It's time to change things, your worst nightmares are becoming your reality
- Your situation is worse than you think, you need to remove yourself from it as soon as possible
- Trust your instincts, you're not imagining the severity of your circumstances



9 OF PENTACLES

9 of Pentacles

Standing outside the lantern room of a lighthouse on a catwalk embellished with nine pentacles, a woman glowing with pride stands looking out to sea. A seagull perches on her uplifted right hand as she grasps her staff of hope in her left.

KEYWORD

Sufficiency

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Take time to acknowledge how far you've come
- Having reached a point of independence
- Self-reliance

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You're not where you expected to be in life at this time
- Currently, you're too dependent on others
- Needing the aid of others to validate your worth



10 OF CUPS

10 of Cups

On a warm summer's day, a Victorian family celebrates on a beach. The elders chat and socialise whilst the children giggle and play in the sea. Decorated with ten cups, a bunting hangs above their heads.

KEYWORD

Reward

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You've achieved what you set out to do
- It's time to set some new goals
- It's time to celebrate

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You've yet to achieve what you said you would
- Setting new goals now will only frustrate and overwhelm you
- You need to accomplish more before you'll feel like celebrating



10 OF WANDS

10 of Wands

Clenching tightly to two ropes, a daring deep-sea diver is being pulled from the shark infested waters moments after he collected the tenth wand. In his mouth, is the knife he used to ward off predators during his mission.

KEYWORD

Oppression

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Adverse conditions are causing you to feel burdened
- You aren't sure you can go on without something giving
- Consider seeking counsel or support

REVERSED MEANINGS

- Though what you're experiencing is unfortunate, you are optimistic
- You are able to withstand the pressure
- You're well supported



10 OF SWORDS

10 of Swords

A pale woman grasps her knees and pulls herself into a ball. Sitting in the angry sea under a pitch-black sky with ten swords protruding from her back, she's encountering the dark night of her soul. Everything she ever believed is a lie.

KEYWORD

Disillusion

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- Nothing seems real to you
- You perceive everything to be dark
- Hold in there, your suffering is nearly over

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You're grounded enough to separate the truth from lies
- You don't fully accept your dark perceptions
- You're must act to remove yourself from the dark cycle you're in



10 of Pentacles

Two well dressed women (one with a large pentacle on her lap) sit back-to-back beneath a green striped umbrella emblazoned with nine pentacles. Beside them is their sea food picnic and two buckets of gold.

KEYWORD

Prosperity

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- You feel secure and comfortably wealthy
- You've reached a content place in life
- You've reached or exceeded your past goals, perhaps it's time to make new ones

REVERSED MEANINGS

- You're experiencing feelings of insecurity
- You're still searching for what will make you feel secure
- Perhaps you need to consider a different path

The Court Cards

PAGES, KNIGHTS, QUEENS & KINGS





PAGE OF CUPS

Page of Cups

On a hot, sunny day, a young dark-haired woman stands on a beach firmly grasping a chalice. A fish begins to emerge from her cup whilst two seagulls circle overhead.

KEYWORD

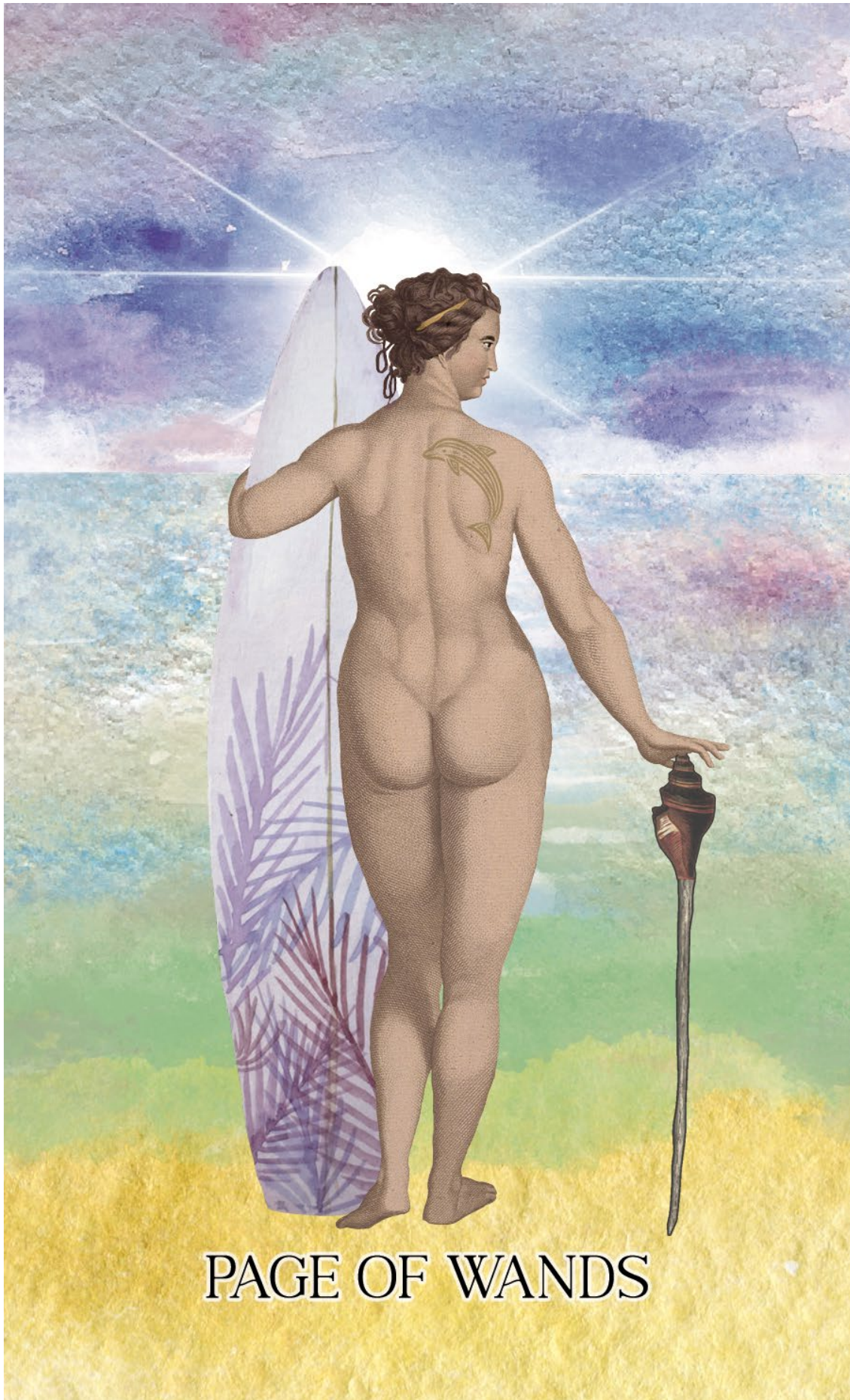
Awareness

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A young, inexperienced, or immature person who tends to be highly sensitive
- Your intuition is telling you that there is something going on behind the scenes
- You're aware of things that most others are oblivious to

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A young, inexperienced, or immature person who comes over as spacey due to their lack of awareness
- You're allowing your fears to make you overly suspicious
- At this time, you're finding it difficult to connect to spirit



PAGE OF WANDS

Page of Wands

With her left arm wrapped around a designer surfboard and her right arm extended down so her hand can rest on the top of a wand, a nude woman turns her head thoughtfully to the right. The beach and the sea appear hazy due to the sun gleaming through clouds.

KEYWORD

Creativity

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A young, inexperienced, or immature person who doesn't yet understand how to bring their creations to manifestation
- You're starting of a new project, but you're not sure how to bring it to completion
- Now is a great time to begin a new creation

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A young, inexperienced, or immature person who's frustrated with the creative process
- You're refusing to start a new project because you have no faith in yourself to complete it
- There's currently too many things taking up your time for you to successfully create something



PAGE OF SWORDS

Page of Swords

A svelte blond woman with a short blue swimming costume and a spell binding smile poses near a shipwreck. With her left hand, she presses her hat to her head, so the wind won't blow it away. In her right hand, positioned at hip level and toward her back so as not to be easily detected, she grasps a sword.

KEYWORD

Inspiration

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A young, inexperienced, or immature person who is quick witted and often says exactly what they think (regardless of how it comes across)
- You've just had a mind-blowing idea, but you don't know how to share it
- Poor communication has gotten you to this point

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A young, inexperienced, or immature person who is often intentionally hurtful
- Your thoughts are currently muddled
- At this time, you're finding it impossible to communicate



Page of Pentacles

At the bottom of the sea, a dark-haired woman reclines next to a giant open clam shell. Grasped between her legs is the pearl it possessed (a giant pentacle).

KEYWORD

Expansion

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A young, inexperienced, or immature person who seeks security above all else
- What you currently have is not making you feel secure
- Now is a good time to expand

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A young, inexperienced, or immature person who's afraid of security
- Although you feel insecure, you have an idea of what you need to do to change that feeling
- Expansion at this time will lead to despair



Knight of Cups

A dandy man wearing blue shirt and purple trousers is mounted comfortably on the back of a giant sea horse. His left hand rests comfortably on his lap and his right grasps a chalice.

KEYWORD

Romance

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A young, slightly experienced, or semi-mature person who is forever questing for romance
- Be careful, you're seeing the world through rose coloured glasses
- You're overcome with amour

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A young, slightly experienced, or semi mature person who has given up on romance
- A person or event has dampened your desire for an affair of the heart
- You find yourself feeling angry or bitter when love or courtship is mentioned



Knight of Wands

A brawny man dressed in a pink top and shorts calmly stands on the posterior of a humped back whale. His left hand grips a wand, his favoured weapon, whilst his right holds a strawberry ice cream cone, his favourite treat.

KEYWORD

Adventure

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A young, slightly experienced, or semi mature person who's independent and fights fiercely for causes they believe in.
- It's time to back a cause that you feel passionately about
- Adventure awaits, it's time to ride out

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A young, slightly experienced, or semi mature person who watches rather than get involved
- Stand down, the cause you're backing or about to back isn't what it appears
- Don't go off half cocked, it's important that you know what you're up against



KNIGHT OF SWORDS

Knight of Swords

Surrounded by orbs, a battle thirsty sailor sits awkwardly on the hindquarters of a giant puffin. His left hand clutches the birds neck feathers to maintain his balance whilst his left hand holds a sword ready to strike whatever he pleases.

KEYWORD

Chaos

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A young, slightly experienced, or semi mature person who takes joy in creating pandemonium.
- Your thoughts are in turmoil
- Your thoughts and actions are causing discord

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A young, slightly experienced, or semi mature person who is an anarchist in their own mind
- A synchronistic event has intervened and brought some peace to your chaotic thoughts
- Your thoughts have been in disarray, but you're beginning to get a handle on them



KNIGHT OF PENTACLES

Knight of Pentacles

Standing on the back of a plodding sea turtle, a burly, moustachioed man ponders on the future. His casual stance and comfortable manner, not to mention his choice of steed, make it crystal clear that he's in no hurry.

KEYWORD

Consistency

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A young, slightly experienced, or semi mature person who moves steadily forward in all aspects of life
- You need to slow down and flow with your environment if you wish to succeed
- Practicality is what's needed in your current situation

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A young, slightly experienced, or semi mature person who lacks logic and finds it difficult to be persistent
- You're in danger of stagnating, it's time to get moving
- Take a breath, you're not being rational



QUEEN OF CUPS

Queen of Cups

Standing in the sea, submersed to the waist, a woman with long, dark hair and her hands clasped behind her back ponders the past. Her purple garment and stately crown denote her as a person of wealth and stature. Below the surface of the water, a jellyfish swims at her side.

KEYWORD

Mystery

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A mature, experienced person who understands the depths of the human experience
- You're tapped into the pulse of the universe
- Listen to spirit for the answer you seek

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A mature, experienced person who's become jaded in their view of life
- Something or someone has you so agitated that you're finding it impossible to connect to spirit
- At this time, for some inexplicable reason, spirit remains silent to your plea



Queen of Wands

Dressed in brown, a proud woman wearing a crown stands considering what lies ahead. One hand rests on her hip whilst the other rests on a wand. Her companion and spirit guide (a sea lion) sits loyally at her side with adoration in its eyes.

KEYWORD

Independence

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A mature, experienced person who is self-sufficient and often has a no-nonsense persona
- You need to rely on yourself to get through your situation
- You don't need any help to accomplish your goals

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A mature, experienced person who doubts their inner mettle
- At this time, you need to lean on another to get what you want
- You currently don't have enough confidence to go it alone



Queen of Swords

A stern, imposing woman adorned in black and white stands on a beach looking down at a sandcastle. In her left hand, she grasps a sword. Her right hand is held up in a ward off gesture. Merciless and far seeing, a seagull gazes up at her.

KEYWORD

Clarity

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A mature, experienced person who is sharp in wit and often quite judgmental
- You're not open to another's thoughts
- You're looking down on another

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A mature, experienced person who is cold and manipulative
- You're finally starting to understand another's point of view
- You've realised that everyone's perceptions are as valid as your own



QUEEN OF PENTACLES

Queen of Pentacles

A resplendent, curvaceous woman saucily looks over her left shoulder with an all-knowing glance. With her right hand poised on her hip and her left holding up a pentacle, it's clear that she is more than comfortable in her own skin. A crab scuttles along by her side. An impressive residence with an anchor above the porch welcomes her home.

KEYWORD

Comfort

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A mature, experienced person who emanates sensuality and confidence
- Material comforts are easily obtainable for you
- You have the confidence and the charisma to get what you want

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A mature, experienced person who's unaware of their potential
- You have little material gain for all your hard work
- Your lack of confidence and self esteem is causing you to feel insecure



King of Cups

A mellow man sits comfortably in a cross-legged position in front of a giant scallop. His right hand balances a chalice that's sitting precariously on his left ankle whilst his left hand rests cosily on his left knee. In front of him, a sea horse frolics near a bed of coral.

KEYWORD

Champion

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A mature, enlightened person who is at complete peace in the realms of emotion and spirit
- Look for an opportunity to support someone or something that requires your emotional stability
- Your current challenge must be addressed with spiritual maturity

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A mature self-aware person who finds it difficult to deal with their emotions
- You must stabilise your own emotions before attempting to help others
- Your lack of connection to the spiritual realm is causing you to feel imbalanced



KING OF WANDS

King of Wands

Standing in a wide stance, a lanky red bearded pirate king gazes down the beach. His right hand holds a spy glass next to a money pouch at hip level whilst his left firmly grasps a wand. In the background a dolphin jumps out of the sea.

KEYWORD

Confidence

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A mature enlightened person who knows exactly how to get what they want
- It's time to step forward and claim what you desire
- You won't feel fulfilled until you expand

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A mature self-aware person who's unsure of what it is they truly want
- What you desire isn't yours to claim
- Now is the time to pull in the reigns



KING OF SWORDS

King of Swords

A spindly man stands on the seashore. His focus is wrapped up in a yellow kite that he keeps in flight with his right hand. In his left hand, he holds a sword pointed toward the kite. It's almost as if he's considering whether to cut the string or not

KEYWORD

Knowledge

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

- A mature, enlightened person who possesses a razor wit and profound diplomatic skills
- You have information that can ensure the outcome you desire
- Communication is the key to your predicament

REVERSED MEANINGS

- A mature, self-aware person who is a notorious schemer known for using divisive words
- Revealing what you know can potentially devastate someone
- It would be wise to remain silent at this time



KING OF PENTACLES

King of Pentacles

Holding a large pentacle on his lap, an athletic man wearing green shorts sits on a nautilus shell beneath a palm tree. To his right, a crab gathers near some cowrie shells. To his left, a lighthouse guards the entrance to the cove.

KEYWORD

Manifestation

UPRIGHT MEANINGS

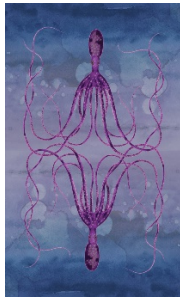
- A mature, enlightened person who knows the process of bringing things into existence
- It's time to set plans in motion
- You would do well to get the advice of someone that's done what you intend to do

REVERSED MEANINGS

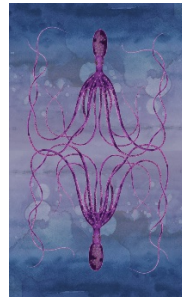
- A mature, self-aware person who has brilliant ideas but no clue on how to bring them into existence
- Now is not the time to substantiate your ideas
- Attempting to manifest your ideas will end in disappointment

General Tarot Spreads

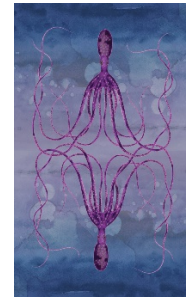
PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE



Card 1



Card 2



Card 3

Card 1 – Past

This card highlights the key thought pattern or action that brought you to your current place.

Card 2- Present

This card further defines your immediate state. It often calls attention to situations outside your current awareness.

Card 3- Future

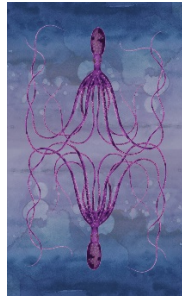
This card shows the likely outcome provided that you keep thinking and acting as you are now.

FIVE CARD RELATIONSHIP SPREAD

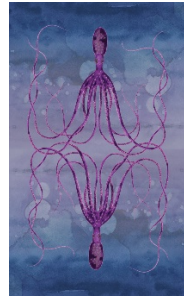
This spread should only be used when you are prepared to face the truth about your relationship.



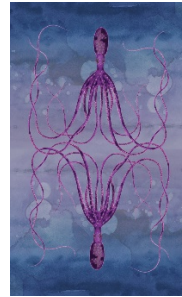
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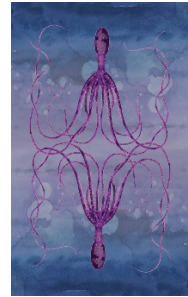
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Card 3



Card 4



Card 5

Card 1- How you truly view this relationship

Card 2- How your partner truly views the relationship

Card 3- What your relationship is based on

Card 4- Current state of your relationship

Card 5- The likely outcome

CELTIC CROSS

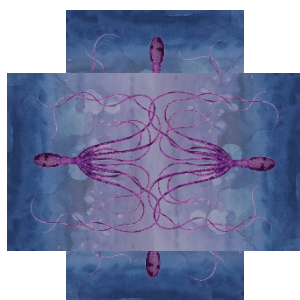
The Celtic Cross spread can be used for any situation.



Card 6



Card 3



Cards 1 & 2



Card 5



Card 4



Card 10



Card 9



Card 8



Card 7

Card 1- You in this situation

This card might validate something you believe to be true or it might reveal a hidden truth about you and your current situation

Card 2- Obstacles to be aware of

Card 3- An event in the past that brought you to your current position

Card 4- Something you're unaware of about your situation

Card 5- The likely outcome in three months if you continue to think and behave as you do now.

Card 6- What's likely to happen in six months if you continue to think and behave as you do now

Card 7- An asset you have that will aid you in your current situation

Card 8- How others interact in your situation

This card may reveal the over-all energies that others are adding to yours. It may also reveal adversaries or allies.

Card 9- Hopes and Fears

This card will reveal what you desperately want the outcome to be as well as your deepest fear of what it will be.

Card 10- What is likely to happen in a year's time if your thoughts and actions remain the same.

