

THE  
empyrean  
TAROT

threads of fate

The Empyrean Tarot

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# THINGS TO NOTE

## **Is there a difference between this tarot deck and the weaver tarot decks?**

The art on this deck is incredibly different. It is also a lenticular deck, so there are 2 images per card. The content in the booklet is longer and more focused on the internal world than the Weaver Tarot is.

## **Are the empyrean tarot and oracle connected?**

They are connected through imagery and style, but the content varies quite a bit. They work very well together though, as the oracle is a more broad perspective while the tarot is more specific (like all tarot decks).

## **What types of questions should I ask this deck? Does it differ than what I'd ask a standard tarot deck?**

You can ask any question! It differs in its creative expression but it is expansive is useful in any inquiry.



# MORE THINGS TO QUOTE

## the fool



<b>ELEMENT</b> air	<b>PLANET</b> uranus
<b>HOUSE</b> 11th house	<b>SIGN</b> aquarius
<b>UPRIGHT</b> leap of faith spontaneity new beginnings optimism innocence	<b>REVERSED</b> recklessness naivety indecision foolishness misused opportunity

### THE ART

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upright:  
new relationship  
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flirtation

**reversed:**  
stuck relationship  
fling

**CAREER**  
upright:  
new inspiration  
creative outlet  
passionate work

**reversed:**  
feeling stuck  
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**RESOURCE**  
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new income  
financial support  
new opportunity

**reversed:**  
financial risk  
added expenses

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On the black pages, you will find fictitious journal entries. Each suit within the minor arcana features a different voice and journey, as does the major arcana. These are meant to be read individually.

On the left you will find one of the flips from the card, including art notes and keywords.

On the main pages, you will find the upright and reversed meaning of the cards.

## the fool

### UPRIGHT

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The Fool can also be a moment of rebellion. We've been conditioned to ignore our inner authority, often looking around toward the herd to see what they're doing, what we're missing, and if we are doing things "right." This card is where we truly embrace our own path.

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When upright, there's a beautiful affirmation of choosing the open road ahead, inviting that big jump. But if The Fool reversed finds you, there's likely something coming up for you that is preventing you from embodying this energy in an authentic and real way.

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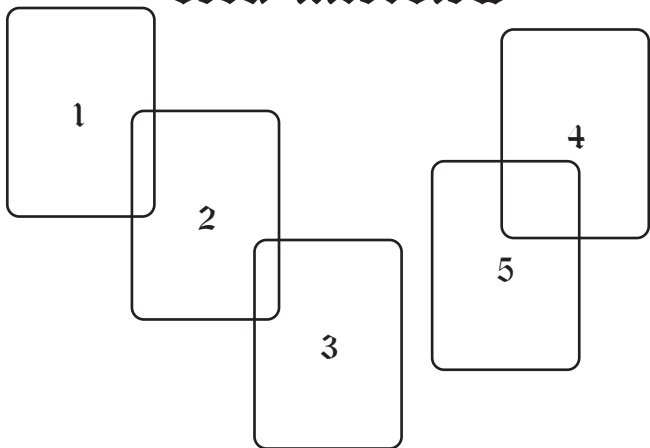
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# SPREADS

## deck interview



1. In what ways will you best support me?
2. How can I best learn from you?
3. What card best embodies your energy?
4. What underlying theme will we initially be working on?
5. How will I know when we've moved on from this theme?

# meeting the realms within you

AN EXERCISE

your limiting  
subconscious  
beliefs

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you after  
working  
through it

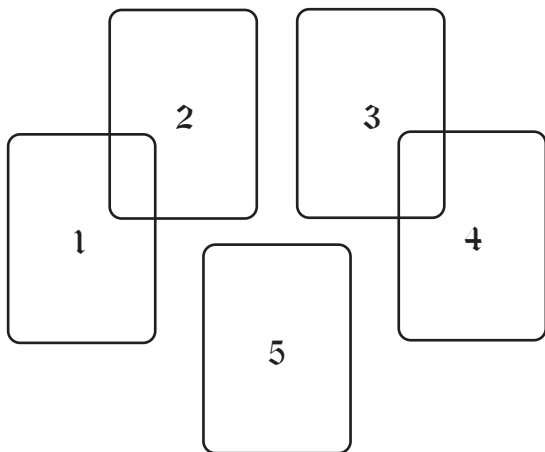
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## After pulling each card, do the following:

1. Spend a minute looking at the card, letting it settle into your body.
2. Put the card down and begin to energetically connect to it. Journey to the realm of this card.
3. **Card 1:** What do you notice when you get to this realm? What feelings come up? What lessons are here for you? Spend a few minutes in this place and perhaps ask what it needs from you.

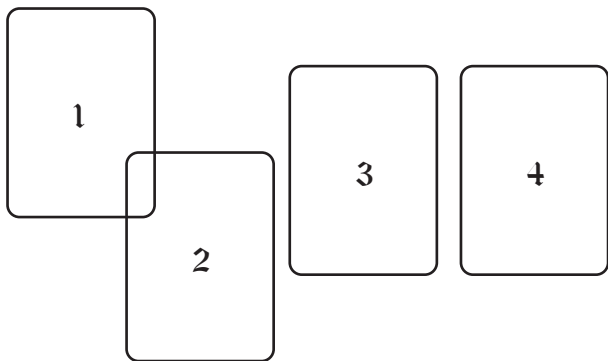
**Card 2:** How do you feel in this realm? What parts of you feel more liberated? What feelings come up? Spend a few minutes here and perhaps ask it how you can integrate more of this into your daily life.

# unbinding



1. In what ways am I willing?
2. In what ways am I unwilling?
3. What wound do I keep circling that's preventing me from making the changes I want to make?
4. How can I work through this wound?
5. What do I need to remind myself as I work through this?

# exploring the shadow



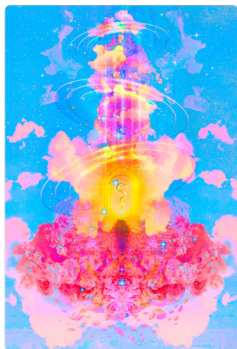
1. What's the core feeling I'm avoiding?
2. What's the defense mechanism I'm using to avoid it?
3. What false beliefs or stories am I telling myself?
4. How can I move through it?



# major arcana

we follow a journey of reclamation, healing and  
discovery through fictitious journal entries to  
understand the card in a real way.

# the fool



## ELEMENT

air

## HOUSE

11th house

## UPRIGHT

leap of faith  
spontaneity  
new beginnings  
optimism  
innocence

## PLANET

uranus

## SIGN

aquarius

## REVERSED

recklessness  
naivety  
indecision  
foolishness  
missed opportunity

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# the magi



## ELEMENT

air

## HOUSE

3rd house

## UPRIGHT

creation  
skill  
mastery  
manifestation  
passion

## PLANET

mercury

## SIGN

gemini

## REVERSED

blocks  
stuckness  
overthinking  
hesitation  
manipulation

## THE ART

The Magi carries the essence of all elements in this artwork, symbolizing earth, air, fire, water, and ether. At the top, you'll notice a graceful snake mirroring the infinity symbol from the Magician card of Rider-Waite. This highlights the profound concept that energy remains constant and undergoes an eternal cycle of renewal in this card. It serves as a powerful reminder that energy cannot be created nor destroyed, always maintaining its presence in the cosmic flow.

## LOVE

*upright:*  
initiation  
attracting love  
confidence

*reversed:*  
misalignment  
lack of direction

## CAREER

*upright:*  
skill  
action  
leadership

*reversed:*  
indecision  
self-doubt

## RESOURCE

*upright:*  
manifestation  
resourcefulness  
opportunity

*reversed:*  
financial blocks  
irresponsibility

She told me her name today. Willow. But she told me I could call her “the Shepherd butcher” to my friends. I cringed inside, knowing that I have indeed called her that before.

Her small house smelled rich and the fire in the hearth roared against the rain outside. There were jars and bottles of different color liquids and paper scattered everywhere. She put a knife in front of me and told me to chop my Mugwort as finely as possible. She was silent as I chopped, just intently watching me the whole time. When I was done, she asked me what I was thinking about - I told her I was thinking about how she was watching me. She laughed so loudly it made me jump. Then she looked directly at me, the lines on her face rearranging themselves, her eyes sharp.

“you must talk to the plants, Treva.”

“what do I say?”

“you tell them what you need. you pray to them. and you must always thank them.”

She gave me a handful of roots and told me to try again. I felt quite stupid, but I did as she told me.

# the magi

## UPRIGHT

As the second card in the deck, we meet The Magician, who has just taken a leap of faith. Without being certain of their destination, they have embraced the journey, simply trusting that they can navigate whatever comes up.

In the silence we often find as we make a big, exciting move in life, we also find a space to receive and create. This is the place where we can evaluate all that we have brought with us, the tools and abilities we have entered this journey with, and what we can do with them.

It is in this opening that we can truly listen to whatever wants to come through us. The Magi is the meeting place between the unseen and ourselves. We serve as a vessel for the Universe, opening ourselves up to the creative flow that wants to move from the ethers and out into the world. This doesn't mean it must be a real and shared external manifestation of our inspiration. It doesn't need to be public for it to be important. Creation can also be just for us, in the quiet moments that only we can witness and still know how sacred and vital they are.

This card asks for you to be open to your channel of communication and to listen to potential new channels that want to be opened. The Magi is an affirmation of your skills and abilities - it is here to let you know just how capable you are, so embrace your confidence and go for it.

## REVERSED

When we meet the Magi reversed, it tends to indicate a block in the flow found in the upright version of this card. We may be feeling stuck, like we don't know where to go from here.

We may be thinking about how we've spent so much energy to take this big leap and are asking, "now what?" We may be overthinking and feeling that whatever we do must be worth the risk we took. It must be big enough, stable enough, and it must have a purpose.

But often, the overthinking found in the Magi reversed is what gets in the way of the flow. The Magi asks us to simply be present with our abilities, listen, and act on our inspiration. It doesn't need to make sense, have purpose, or go somewhere. It is experimentation and exploration. It will continue to unfold organically, so it doesn't need to make sense right now.

Embrace your creativity and let it move through you.

# the high sage



## ELEMENT

water

## HOUSE

4th house

## UPRIGHT

intuition  
wisdom  
introspection  
psychic realms  
mystery

## PLANET

moon

## SIGN

cancer

## REVERSED

confusion  
disconnect  
blocked intuition  
repression  
lack of center

## THE ART

The deity in the center represents the three face goddess, Hecate, who carries magic, the night, the moon, and the unseen forces. The light in the forehead is a symbol of the 3rd eye being lit up. The portal of pillars symbolizes the passage and initiation this card holds. The water points toward the psychic and intuitive energies the High Sage carries.

## LOVE

*upright:*

spiritual connection  
sacred relationship  
emotional balance

*reversed:*

hidden desire  
distrust

## CAREER

*upright:*

insight  
intuition  
inner calling

*reversed:*

secrecy  
fogginess

## RESOURCE

*upright:*

investing  
privacy  
trust

*reversed:*

impatience  
hidden factors



After a week of not getting a lesson with Willow, I finally made it back to her house today. She was quiet, and spent the first few minutes just shuffling around the kitchen. She told me to take a seat, close my eyes, and open my hands. I did as I was told and she put a handful of leaves in them.

“what does this plant have to teach you?”

“I don’t know.”

She scoffed behind me. “feel what it has to say to you. you talked to the plants last week - now listen.”

And I felt stupid last week, and even more stupid this week. But I sat there in silence, asking the plant what it does.

It took many minutes, but I started noticing a warming sensation near my sternum. So I asked her “is it in the chest?”

“Hawthorn protects the heart, yes.”

And so we went, many handfuls of plants. Some were harder than others, but what I felt was right each time, much to my surprise. She told me to do this on my walks alone in the woods and then rushed me out the back when someone knocked on the door. I thought that was strange, because everyone in a 20 mile radius fears her, who could be visiting?

# the high sage

## UPRIGHT

There's an incredible amount of depth to the High Sage, as this card rules the emotional and intuitive realms. We are so often encouraged to go out, to go up, to reach higher. There can be this idea that the answers, the wisdom, and the magic lies outside of us. That the cards we pull are answers from a Higher Power and not ourselves. That our teachers know *The Answer*. That the medicines we may partake in have answers and are not just reflections of ourselves. The High Sage insists that you be still. To drop into yourself and notice what's there... what is asking to be seen? What is asking to be tended to? What do you already know that you didn't even realize?

When we actually engage in relationship with ourselves, we stop insisting on a linear journey where we will "arrive." We start understanding that we are like the ocean. And like the ocean, some parts are still and calm. Others are tumultuous and chaotic. While others are steadily pushing toward the coast. When we push past our expectations of ourselves, trying to make it neat and easy, we can see what is beyond the surface. The more we traverse our own depths, the more wisdom we can bring out.

The wonderful thing about being dedicated to having a relationship with yourself is witnessing the unfolding. Even the most grounded among us, if they are doing it "right," they will constantly evolve. We will always be in between who we once were and who we could be tomorrow, which is absolutely incredible! The more you deepen your relationship with yourself, the more you get to move into each phase with more and more clarity.

## REVERSED

This feeling can create a lot of confusion for us, but often people can make it worse for themselves by continuing to ask questions. It can trigger a little panic for people who typically feel grounded and in touch with their intuition. There may be a desperate feeling to return to our normal and “clear” space, that we begin trying different things to get back there.

Typically, when this happens, and we’re feeling unlike ourselves, unable to sort through the confusion, the best option is just to surrender.

Pulling this card indicates it’s a good time to shift the focus a bit. Instead of meditating an hour a day trying to break through the fog, consider trying an art project. Or spend some more time with friends. Or deep clean your space! It’s the perfect time to tackle those things you’ve been putting off because they feel tedious.

One thing I’ve found to be helpful in these spaces is just to laugh and say, *“everything is going to make so much sense when I get to the other side of this!”* And it’s true every time. It can take time to reach that level of surrender, but every time we get “blocked,” it’s a perfect opportunity to practice. Trust that it is all happening for you.

# the pillar



## ELEMENT

earth

## PLANET

venus

## HOUSE

2nd house

## SIGN

taurus

## UPRIGHT

abundance  
fertility  
nurturing  
creativity  
growth

## REVERSED

stuckness  
disharmony  
discomfort  
codependency  
overbearing

## THE ART

The Pillar carries a lot of earthly and nurturing energy, so with this card we see a figure who is very much a deity of the earth. Mosses and fungi and plants are growing from them as they are one with the land. The figure faces two different directions, depending on the flip of the card, indicating this card's ability to hold so much at once, to see so much at once.

## LOVE

*upright:*

fertility  
sensuality  
nurturing

## CAREER

*upright:*

creativity  
opportunity  
success

## RESOURCE

*upright:*

wealth  
security  
growth

*reversed:*

disharmony  
codependency

*reversed:*

stagnation  
imbalance

*reversed:*

mismanagement  
instability

I did chores most of the morning. Baked with my mother. And finally found a moment of freedom in the late afternoon.

I wandered down to the river and laid in the high grass, listening to the bugs buzz and birds sing. After spending the past few weeks talking to plants, I have to say, it felt different. It no longer felt like laying against the earth, it felt like being the earth. I felt so held. So taken care of.

And then I realized how the earth had been listening to me the whole time. Had watched me gather plants but know nothing about them. But heard my heart. And they sent me Willow, and what a gift she has been.

# the pillar

## UPRIGHT

Meeting with the Pillar is an opportunity to expand your container of receptivity. Most of us have been conditioned to give, act, produce, and move ever-forward. But we meet The Pillar as the fourth card in the deck because it's imperative that being present, receptive, and aligned with pleasure is a part of our foundation before we continue forward.

If we try to continue on our journey without developing this ability found within The Pillar, we will tend to find roadblocks. We can't always be pressing on, we must also be comfortable simply being present and open.

There's a lot of nurturing energy in this card - whether we nurture our work, the people around us, or ourselves. The Pillar teaches us how to nurture life. It teaches us to prioritize our own care so our container can grow and, in turn, support more of what needs it. As we continue our work with this card, we will be deepening our relationship with The Mother. This force, so much larger than any person or archetype, teaches us how fierce presence can be. How much strength can be drawn from within. How so much of what plagues us, our anxiety, overthinking or reaching for more, comes from patriarchal conditioning.

There's so much that comes with The Pillar, but underneath all of it, the feeling is: what else will you find when you create more stillness? Because it is in the stillness that we will discover these parts of ourselves we were conditioned to forget.

## REVERSED

The Pillar reversed tends to indicate a stuckness. A lot of the time, this stuckness comes from us being unwilling to slow down and align with the sacred receptive force. We may come up with many different reasons as to why this is happening, but it often comes down to feeling deeply uncomfortable with pleasure, receiving, and being present. We may feel like we need to keep pushing forward, and with the reversal of this card, could be harming us in ways we don't see.

For a couple of years, I refused to do this work. I knew I needed to, but I honestly didn't really understand how. I did on a conscious level, but not in an actionable way. Eventually, I was forced to. In hindsight, this was such a gift because this part of me continues to serve me and my life in so many ways. We often don't realize what we're missing while we're in it. But The Pillar reversed asks you to stop pushing and cultivate presence.

# the anchor



## ELEMENT

fire

## HOUSE

1st house

## UPRIGHT

leadership  
structure  
stability  
foundation  
ambition

## PLANET

mars

## SIGN

aries

## REVERSED

instability  
controlling  
lacking direction  
avoidance  
insecurity

## THE ART

With The Anchor, I wanted to create the feeling of movement and empowerment. We see a figure on a charging horse, looking down as if they are overseeing what is going on below them, evoking the sense of leadership, ambition, and authority found in this card.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

protection  
commitment  
security

### *reversed:*

domineering  
lack of commitment

## CAREER

### *upright:*

authority  
organization  
discipline

### *reversed:*

chaos  
power struggles

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

wealth  
ambition  
investments

### *reversed:*

overspending  
instability



This afternoon when I arrived to Willow's house for our lesson, she was running all over the kitchen, opening her drawers and cabinets, pulling things out of them. I asked her what she was doing and she told me there was an emergency with one of the children in town.

I asked her how she knew, since she's never mentioned anyone, and the people in town avoid her like the plague.

I will never forget the look in her eyes when she said "who do you think saved your father when he had that blood infection? Now wash up, they will be here soon."

I hadn't told anyone about Willow, but I guess the whole town will know now. A boy named Charlie was carried in, covered in blood and a deep gash in his thigh. We spent hours cleaning and disinfecting and applying poultices and then finally, Willow stitched him up.

It was strange how his father looked to me to help, and even how Willow expected me to know what to do. And I guess I did, somehow.

Charlie was taken home late in the evening, and Willow told me to check on him and clean his bandages in the morning.

# the anchor

## UPRIGHT

When we meet The Anchor, we're being invited to step into a space of structure and authority. This is where we bring movement to the gifts we discovered within the Pillar. It is where we dare to claim our strengths and our space in the world without shame.

This card being so early on in the journey is a reminder that you do have a right to be here, to take up space, and to share your gifts with the world exactly as you are right now. We will always grow and learn more and (hopefully) change our minds many times and expand, but that doesn't mean our worthiness lies in the future. The Anchor can feel challenging because it beckons us into spaces that could feel uncomfortable. We may not always feel ready, but it is an affirmation to step into that larger role and more expansive space.

I think something that needs to be mentioned with this card is that The Anchor archetype can get twisted. We have many people who run headfirst into leadership roles and actions without second-guessing themselves. They adopt toxic mindsets and attempt to push it on others. They're driven not by supporting others for the sake of helping but solely by "making it" as an individual.

So this can feel difficult for those of us who want to lead but aren't sure what that looks like. We don't want to be like the unhealthy Anchor, so we may subconsciously block ourselves. The Anchor asks us to check in: what are we in alignment with? How are we being of service? What is driving us forward?

This card is also an invitation to embrace your practical mind, your discipline, and your leadership as you move into these spaces that may or may not be uncomfortable.

## **REVERSED**

With The Anchor reversed, we often meet the Anchor in excess. This typically comes from a place of deep insecurity. We may be a bit too controlling and taking up too much space. We may be covering up fears and clinging to ways of being that we hope will help us succeed.

The Anchor in excess is often someone who hasn't integrated their Pillar. So pulling this card is a reminder to learn to create safety and security within yourself. As hard as it is to believe, we can cultivate safety for ourselves no matter what is happening outside of us.

On the other end of the spectrum with this card is feeling powerless and small. You may feel like you don't know how to create more empowerment for yourself. You may have deep wounds around unworthiness. In this case, The Anchor reversed is a gentle reminder to tend to these limiting beliefs and wounds.

# the hierophant



## ELEMENT

earth

## HOUSE

2nd house

## UPRIGHT

tradition  
mentorship  
authority  
ethics  
conformity

## PLANET

venus

## SIGN

taurus

## REVERSED

rebellion  
breaking molds  
powerlessness  
abuse of authority  
fear of being seen

## THE ART

This is one of the few cards without any human figures or forms, as I wanted to create the feeling of systems and structures found within the Hierophant. The keys represent our ability to access new spaces within ourselves, like our abilities to teach and to learn and to honor tradition. But so often we only feel removed from these things due to our perception - we always have the keys.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

commitment  
shared values  
guidance

### *reversed:*

unconventional love  
conflicting values

## CAREER

### *upright:*

mentorship  
education  
structure

### *reversed:*

non-conformity  
lacking support

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

stability  
financial advice  
support

### *reversed:*

unique opportunity  
breaking norms

.I spent the morning at Charlie's house taking care of him and teaching his parents how to do it once I left.

They seemed weary but grateful that I was there. While Charlie slept, they asked me what to take for a cough. It was interesting, listening to David (Charlie's dad) cough for minutes on end but then seem so fearful about asking. I told them about what plants to use and showed them how to make a tincture for it. When Charlie woke up, he was so kind and I wondered how long it would take him to turn against me like the town turned against Willow.

But he was interested too. Wanted to know everything. So I told him everything I knew while his parents listened. They even wrote a few things down.

It's such a silly thing to be so afraid and hostile. To need us but reject us. I wonder how this all started? Who decided that healers and alchemists were a threat?

I do not know. But I hope it changes someday.

# the hierophant

## UPRIGHT

The Hierophant can be a complicated card, as so much of how it lands with us really depends on our relationship with authority. This card is most often read as tradition, student-teacher relationships, and long-established systems. On the Rider-Waite deck, the figure on the card looks similar to the Pope, which symbolically represents a person who serves as a bridge to the divine.

For myself and for many other people I know, this old interpretation can cause friction because so much of what it represents is what we're working to unlearn. The idea that there's this patriarchal figure that somehow knows what's best for us can feel challenging. And honestly, the concept that someone else holds our connection to the divine originates from an oppressive system meant to disempower the people.

So how do we meet the Hierophant? As always, it's up to you. My feeling about it has changed over time, and now I tend to read it more as a reminder to examine my relationship with myself as a teacher. When we look at tradition, mentors, and authority, we find confident energy. These established people and systems often believe in themselves more than they should. There's a knowingness, even when misguided.

What could you do with such a knowingness? If you took your skills, magic and passion, what could you bring to the world if you never doubted it? It's cliché, but there's that old question of "What would you do if you knew you could not fail?" The Hierophant asks you to embrace your wisdom and inner authority. It asks you to trust yourself as you navigate your journey and especially to trust yourself if and when, you

do accept teachers into your life. To remain sovereign and wholly empowered as you navigate relationships with inherent power dynamics.

Perhaps more than any other card, I believe the meaning of The Hierophant is still being shaped by the collective, and we need your exploration of it as well.

## **REVERSED**

Sitting with the Hierophant reversed, we meet power and authority at the extremes. This card could signal feeling absolutely powerless, whether this is in a general sense or with someone in your life.

This card could also mean an unhealthy view of authority that might be standing in your way. So many of us struggle to embrace the teacher within because we have been wronged by authority figures in the past. It can be hard to reconcile our desire to expand in this way while also having an acute awareness of how power can be abused.

The Hierophant reversed may also mean you're struggling to feel capable and worthy of being a teacher to yourself or others. We may fear being seen or being responsible in a bigger way.

This card serves as a reminder that you are fully capable of stepping into The Hierophant role in a way that is healthy, productive, and compassionate.

# the lovers



## ELEMENT

air

## HOUSE

3rd house

## UPRIGHT

love  
choice  
partnership  
commitment  
polarity

## PLANET

mercury

## SIGN

gemini

## REVERSED

conflict  
detachment  
love addiction  
lacking commitment  
disharmony

## THE ART

The Lovers, to me, is all about devotion and the choice to continue to show up. We see two figures that are not in reverence to one another, but to the moon, which holds so much symbolism for spiritual practice, and in that, our relationship with ourselves. The figures, along with the moon, form a triangle, representing mind, body and spirit.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

new relationship  
deeper connection  
choice in love

### *reversed:*

disharmony  
unhealthy attraction

## CAREER

### *upright:*

choices in work  
business partnership  
new work relationship

### *reversed:*

tension at work  
creative differences

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

financial decisions  
shared ventures  
prosperity

### *reversed:*

financial disputes  
mismanagement



This morning my parents confronted me about where I've been going. I told them I had been spending more time with my friends but apparently they already knew where I was going. My mom had followed me one day.

They told me I had to immediately stop going to Willow's for my lessons.

I told them I wouldn't.

We spent the next couple of hours fighting about it. Until I told them I knew that even they have been to Willow for healing. They got quiet.

I am not sure what came over me in that moment, but I stood up and said "I will keep up my lessons. I don't care if the whole town thinks I'm a witch. And someday, you will be grateful I did."

I love the plants and this work too much to give up on it. And after years of them controlling me, it seems that the plants have given me courage too.

# the lovers

## UPRIGHT

Everyone loves receiving this card! And for good reason. It can indicate a new partnership, new love in our life, and deeper connection, but it's also much bigger than that.

Meeting The Lovers is an invitation to continue to choose love: for yourself, for others, for the land you live on and the world you're a part of.

When I sit with The Lovers, I think about the fractal nature of our feelings. How the difference between love and hate can be hair-thin. How irritation and frustration can be quickly transmuted into surrender and faith. The more we continue our transformational work, the more and more we understand this.

The Lovers is not just about love with another but the love that we are able to cultivate within ourselves. It's a devotion that we continue to tend to. It's an inquiry of "Where else can I soften? What is the most loving way I can view this?" So much of this is about choosing to love ourselves. It is far easier to be loving of others over ourselves, but it's imperative that we do.

This card is about continuing to align with this deep well of love. It is in this space that we attract more of it into our life. It's where we begin seeing the same people with new eyes and where we will connect with new people who prioritize love in their lives too. It's so easy to spend years working on ourselves, healing, finding more and more hurt and struggle that we didn't know was there. But that is only a small part of the work. The goal is to ride the waves and continue to come back to this space of joy and love.

The Lovers is a reminder that it is a practice. One that we must do in the present moment, not when we feel more healed or that we've worked through "enough."

## **REVERSED**

When The Lovers reversed finds us, it tends to point to a block around embracing love. When I think of this card, I am reminded of the years I was trapped in cynicism, viewing everything around me through a negative filter. When we're in survival mode or subconsciously attached to our stuckness and struggle, we may reject the idea that we even want love. We may be so stuck in our negativity that we don't pause and wonder how things could be different.

The Lovers reversed calls for an opening. It asks you to be more receptive to love within and around you.

# the chariot



## ELEMENT

water

## PLANET

moon

## HOUSE

4th house

## SIGN

cancer

## UPRIGHT

ending + beginning  
success  
determination  
movement  
journey

## REVERSED

pushing  
hesitation  
reluctance  
impatience  
lacking direction

## THE ART

With The Chariot we see two horses, riding along a powerful wave (the element of this card). We have a meeting place between the masculine and feminine energy meeting, creating expansion as the journeyer begins a new chapter.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

initiation  
new connection  
taking control

### *reversed:*

aggression  
obsession

## CAREER

### *upright:*

new opportunity  
motivation  
leadership

### *reversed:*

lacking ambition  
relentlessness

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

taking charge  
financial changes  
motivation

### *reversed:*

fear or hesitation  
impulsiveness

The morning after the fight with my parents about my lessons with Willow, I woke up feeling even more determined.

It felt like a fire was lit under me. I realized how much more I wanted to learn. And for the first time in my life, I have an idea of what I want to do with it. I feel like I have a purpose. After years of being told that my life would begin with marriage, I finally feel like I have a purpose. My own purpose. That my parents can't arrange or fix for me. That I truly want to do.

Once I got to Willow's I told her I wanted to learn everything she could teach me and that I would be here every day.

She rarely does, but she smiled in response. Like she had been waiting for me to realize it for myself.

She was still tough and demanding, but something had shifted.

She sent me home with a bunch of handwritten books too and told them to guard them with my life.

Finally, my life is starting to feel like mine.

# the chariot

## UPRIGHT

As the final card in the first line of the Major Arcana, The Chariot ushers in a new journey. Not only is it the powerful energy we ride, carrying us from one place to another, but it brings an ending and a new beginning.

As this card is carrying us from the first part of our journey and into the next, this is a good time for reflection. What have we learned up until this point? What has been integrated, and what are we taking with us? What do we want to leave behind?

When I think of The Chariot, I am reminded of leaving the first home I knew as an adult. After moving to Brooklyn at 17, I spent the next 8 years there. I never thought I would leave - it was such a huge part of me. But things change. I began to change. I had found my spiritual path and was being called to new places inside me. I began to feel friction with this place I loved so much... like a plant outgrowing its pot. The Chariot was that spark I felt to leave, the courage I held to make such a big change, and the determination to make it work even though I was surrounded by uncertainty.

We can also look at this card as riding a Chariot as far as we can until we can go no further, at which point we find a new one to continue our journey forward. This card is filled with movement and asks for your determination, willpower, and focus as you progress forward.

## REVERSED

When the Chariot reversed finds us, it's often an indicator of reluctance moving forward. Sometimes we know we want to make big changes in our life or know we need to move on from something but feel like we can't actually do so.

We may be focusing on all that we do not know, all that feels uncertain and scary. We may also be telling ourselves things like, "when I get fired, I know it will be time to move on," or "When my partner cheats on me again, I know it will be time to leave." Unfortunately, with this type of thinking, we may continue to move the mile marker back further and further.

This card asks you to be open to moving on and to take small steps toward doing that. Be gentle with yourself as you meet your fears and the unknown.

The Chariot reversed may also indicate that you're in a rush to move on. This impatience may even be manifesting as disrespecting where you've come from, telling yourself that everything about where you're at is bad and you just need to move on. But when we're pushing, we're creating resistance. So if you're feeling this, it would be a good time to accept where you're at and trust you'll be moving forward when the time is right. Often when we stop pushing, there will be a shift.

# strength



## ELEMENT

fire

## HOUSE

5th house

## UPRIGHT

determination

love

bravery

patience

fortitude

## PLANET

the sun

## SIGN

leo

## REVERSED

insecurity

fear

dysregulation

lack of control

self-doubt

## THE ART

Strength features abundant plant matter and blooming flowers. We see the scene is floating in the sky, embodying the shift from innocence to security and marking the entrance into a new realm. The presence of the Lion pays homage to the Strength card in Rider-Waite, while the wings symbolize the elevation found in this card.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

courage in love  
compassion  
understanding

### *reversed:*

insecurity  
detachment

## CAREER

### *upright:*

influence  
career moves  
quick growth

### *reversed:*

self-doubt  
imposter syndrome

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

persistence  
endurance  
foundation

### *reversed:*

instability  
survival mode



Willow sent me to the market this morning for some honey and it seems that word has finally spread.

None of the sellers would look at me, but took my money. Wherever I would walk, people would get quiet.

I saw my friends near the tree they always sit under and when I walked over toward them, they quickly turned and walked away.

I wish I could say I didn't care. But the truth is, I felt humiliated in a way I never thought possible. It felt like every cell in my body was on fire. I also wish I could say that despite it all, I held my head high, but I didn't. I felt ashamed.

When I got home, I walked to the river, laying down in the shallow water, letting it wash over me. It hit me how hard this will be. How I really don't know how I will do it. But I also know I have to. I know everyone who whispered and shunned me will need help someday. I know we have this sickness of shame that needs to be snuffed out. I know I will have to find a way to change things. Somehow, I will.

# strength

## UPRIGHT

Strength highlights the well within us that holds infinite determination and grace. Have you heard the trope of how a mother can lift a car if her child is in danger? That's very much the Strength card energy.

We all gravitate towards these stories of feats of strength in the face of danger. I think part of us wants to believe we could do it if needed, but these stories also show us how much potential we have. What hidden ability lies dormant within us? What can we discover about ourselves?

When you pull the Strength card, you aren't about to run into a literal burning building. But you may be metaphorically. So Strength is saying: there is superhuman strength within you. There are parts of you that are so calm, so powerful, so unable to be touched by anything because they are that big and infinite. Tap into them!

A big layer of this card is love because what calls out superhuman strength is not only fear but love. This love can call us through very dark periods where we feel scared of facing what lies within us.

When we are fearful, we may be feeling defensive or triggered, but this card is calling us to lead with love. To rise to the occasion in a way that creates resolution, either within you or outside of you. To be courageous is to feel fear but to do it anyway. The easiest way to create that courage is to find the purpose. That purpose is the thing you love so much that you are willing to meet your fear with a new way of being.

## REVERSED

There tends to be a bit more nuance with Strength reversed because it really depends on our relationship with fear. Again, this can be biological and we tend to default to one or two nervous system responses. Are you someone who tends to fight? Flight? Freeze? Fawn?

The reversal of this card tends to point toward our nervous system being activated, and we aren't able to tap into that deep strength within.

If this is the case, the number one priority is regulating ourselves. We want to bring ourselves out of activation and into our window of tolerance. This is a card that signals: *time to open the toolbox, kid.*

What resources are available to you? What do you really feel you need to navigate this moment? Sometimes we have to let ourselves be for a second, too. If this means binging Netflix for a couple of days, that's okay. What we do here is set ourselves up for success when we get back to a space of clarity.

When courage feels difficult for us, and I mean like an absolute no, it is likely for a reason. If we are stuck in survival mode, it is really difficult to feel brave. So we want to start this process of teaching ourselves, of finding safety within ourselves. At the heart of this is the belief: *I am not okay.* So we must find the okay-ness within. We need to believe that no matter what happens, *I am okay.* And to do that, we really do have to begin with our nervous system and begin to build that safety for ourselves.

# the hermit



## ELEMENT

earth

## HOUSE

6th house

## UPRIGHT

introspection  
taking space  
solitude  
seeking  
reflection

## PLANET

mercury

## SIGN

virgo

## REVERSED

avoidance  
isolation  
anti-social  
avoiding alone time  
return to world

## THE ART

I took a lot of creative liberty in this deck, but The Hermit is directly tied to The Hermit found in the Rider-Waite deck. We see a veiled figure, head facing down, holding a glowing crystal (on the other flip). This all symbolizes the turning inward found within this card. This figure is in their own space and focused on themselves, not bothering with what is happening around them.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

reflecting on past  
examining needs  
self-development

### *reversed:*

loneliness  
isolation

## CAREER

### *upright:*

reflecting on work  
taking a break  
working alone

### *reversed:*

workaholism  
feeling lost

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

budgeting  
saving  
seeking opportunity

### *reversed:*

avoidance  
excessive stress

Sadly, I am not the only one who has been shunned by the town. My family has also.

And they've told me to leave. I am no longer welcome at my family home unless I stop my work. Which I refused to consider. And after increasing my time at Willow's, I am no longer just learning about the plants. She has begun teaching me all sorts of alchemy. So I guess I am the witch they fear.

I suspect I will only see my family in town from now on. Willow told me I can stay with her, further cementing myself as the town pariah. She laughed when I told her, she said she "never anticipated it being more than a club of one."

Today is my last day in this house. Since they told me a month ago, I have holed myself up in my room with my books. I've retreated so far into myself, which I really can't blame myself for. It feels like some part of me is so shattered that I can't try right now.

So much has happened since I began working with Willow 7 months ago, and perhaps naively, I never anticipated this happening. The truth is, I am sad to go. While so different from my family, I still felt at home here. The future is so filled with uncertainty that I cannot think beyond tomorrow.

# the hermit

## UPRIGHT

When we meet The Hermit, it's truly an invitation to pull back and be alone. It signals a period of time where we really aren't engaging with the external so much. Instead, we are moving within.

This can often be your subconscious mind saying, "okay, it's time to integrate," because we can't really force integration. We can do a lot of work on ourselves, but it will always take time to settle into our cells, and it can happen when we least expect it. It just happens... and it happens in its own time and place.

In these spaces, we can feel a bit out of sorts. We feel suspended in time. We may just want to watch movies all day or lay in bed. We may have no energy to do anything. But alone time is key - whatever you're doing, whatever it is you're finding yourself leaning on, trust it!

And to me, it's this energy of "wow, you have just done so much. You have really found the edges, you have really expanded, you have really grown.... it's time to let your subconscious sift through it all." You may feel lazy, but trust that there is a lot happening that you can't see!

A crucial part of The Hermit is that this archetype is a seeker, but they are seeking within themselves. So, of course, solitude is so crucial here. For most of us, we go within so we can go back out with what we have found.

## REVERSED

For those who view alone time like a prison, The Hermit reversed may be what they draw when it's very clear that they need it. Some of us really thrive on social interaction and being on the move constantly, so when everything is pointing toward slowing down, we may enter it kicking and screaming.

I often tell people, "the time doesn't count if you're resisting it." While that's not true all the time, of course, the main point is: if you're wrapped up in wanting to do something else, you're unable to receive the medicine of the moment.

Mindset truly makes a difference in everything we do. If we can't surrender to what's happening, the more likely we are to prolong our situation. This can often lead to us finding ourselves in an even worse situation down the road.

An example would be someone who over-packs their schedule, lives on caffeine, and loves working out. Maybe they injure themselves a bit but refuse to take time off and just push through, thinking they are doing well by toughing it out. After some time, they may think they beat that injury, only for adrenal fatigue to set in, leaving them barely able to get out of bed. If we keep resisting the work and the lesson, the Universe will force us. There aren't too many shortcuts in this work, but not resisting is a major one.

Another aspect of The Hermit reversed is on the opposite end of that spectrum: there's a chance you've isolated *too* much, and you need to go out into the world a bit more to shift some energies you're getting stuck in.

# wheel of fortune



## ELEMENT

fire

## PLANET

jupiter

## HOUSE

9th house

## SIGN

sagittarius

## UPRIGHT

cycles  
ebb and flow  
seasons  
fate  
luck

## REVERSED

ungrounded  
overcontrolling  
cycling in extremes  
bad luck  
unstable

## THE ART

We see Jupiter as a central symbol in this card, carrying opportunity, joy, and luck. The Phoenix perched on top symbolizes the cycle of death and rebirth - bringing in the subconscious aspects of letting go and allowing this cycle to happen. The Phoenix embodies 2 elements at once, fire and air, to create combustion and new opportunity.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

reflecting on past  
examining needs  
self-development

### *reversed:*

loneliness  
isolation

## CAREER

### *upright:*

advancement  
favorable change  
progress

### *reversed:*

instability  
obstacles

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

prosperity  
good luck  
opportunity

### *reversed:*

instability  
setbacks



I've been waking up in this new life for a week now. A new bed, a new house. No family, no friends. Just me and Willow. Things have been smooth, despite it all.

While waves of grief come up, for the most part, I feel hopeful. I continue to get to know myself, more and more, with each passing day. And this deeper relationship I now have with myself keeps me going. I feel strong for the first time in my life. And I know I just have to continue to follow this feeling. This feeling of strength in myself and purpose in my work.

# the wheel of fortune

## UPRIGHT

The wheel always keeps spinning. Through the ebbs and the flows, life cycles on, and we don't always get to decide what happens next. Sometimes the best-laid plans go sideways. Sometimes we feel that all is lost, only for a sequence of events to weave everything together in a magical way.

The magic in this card is learning how to be empowered and stable, no matter which way the wheel is turning. The cosmic force found at the heart of The Wheel of Fortune is a neutral force. It is our responses that give these ebbs and flows meaning. There are true, terrible things that happen in the world - I am not saying that it is only a matter of perception. But we can cultivate internal safety and security so that we are not blown around with each turn of The Wheel.

The more we can find this stability within ourselves, distinct from the ever-changing external world, the more empowered we will be. While The Wheel will turn in our favor, we don't want to ride those highs. We want to honor them, capitalize on them and use that expansion as we move forward. But we don't want to get swept up in them either. We don't want to use them to feel better, to feel safe or abundant or confident, because then they can be taken from us when The Wheel turns once again.

The Wheel of Fortune is an invitation to access this well of strength and groundedness within, to be able to find your way home, back to your center, no matter what is happening around you.

## REVERSED

While the Wheel of Fortune upright is an invitation to finding your center amidst the ebbs and flow of life, the reversal tends to bring the message that you're being swept up in the extremes. You may be feeling like you're chasing peace and security or avoiding pain and suffering.

On the other hand, you may be resisting the changes that are trying to take place, and this resistance is preventing you from moving forward and finding your balance. Instead of accepting the natural flow of life, you may be clinging to what is familiar or trying to control every aspect of your circumstances. This resistance can create more chaos and frustration in your life.

This card is a reminder to focus on finding your center and trust things will fall into place.

# justice



## ELEMENT

air

## HOUSE

7th house

## UPRIGHT

balance  
truth  
clarity  
revelation  
fairness

## PLANET

venus

## SIGN

libra

## REVERSED

unfairness  
dishonesty  
fogginess  
unjust  
feeling slighted

## THE ART

In this piece, we see a woman holding scales, her eyes covered with wings, an homage to the Rider-Waite Justice card where the figure is blindfolded. This symbolizes being unbiased in the pursuit of truth and justice. This card is ruled by Venus, so we see Venus in the scales. Venus represents beauty, but in this card, beauty is focused on the collective and creating the space to be heard - beauty for all.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

balance in love  
compromise  
settlement

### *reversed:*

conflict  
stubbornness

## CAREER

### *upright:*

career choices  
fairness at work  
impartiality

### *reversed:*

unethical behavior  
unjust situation

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

financial equality  
accountability  
fair compensation

### *reversed:*

cheating  
financial dispute

For weeks now, Willow has worked me to the bone. Day and night we are making medicine. Practicing spellwork and psychic work in the spare moments. She has been pushing me so hard, I don't know how much longer I can go on like this.

And on top of that, I don't understand why we're doing any of it. We're making massive amounts of remedy and then they disappear in the night. I don't think anyone in town would be needing this much.

And then sometimes, she gives me a list in the morning and then disappears, only returning after nightfall.

She won't answer any of my questions, just tells me to keep working. And honestly I feel frustrated and stuck. I have nowhere else to go... no one else to turn to.

I'm going to try to find out what's going on but I really don't know where to start.

# justice

## UPRIGHT

At the heart of the many layers of the Justice card is balance. Whether we're looking at this from a large cosmological perspective (ie, Karma) or our day-to-day, we all have an inherent understanding that life wants to be in balance.

So when this card shows up, it's a tap on the shoulder to examine the way balance lives in your life. A lot of times, we may push up against things because we can sense that something is not in balance. Other times we may have no idea, and there can be a slow illumination of that truth.

Truth is an important aspect of this card. We can never find Justice without truth. When we look at any justice system, it is built on the pursuit of truth (no matter how wrong that may end up going).

This card prompts us to embrace truth in its purest form - both in our external interactions and within the depths of our hearts.

## REVERSED

When Justice is reversed, it's like the Universe giving you a little nudge to check-in. Life is all about balance, and Justice reversed is a sign that things might be a bit off-kilter.

Maybe you're feeling some unfairness or a lack of balance in certain areas of your life. It could be in your relationships, work, or even within yourself. You might be struggling with some decisions or experiencing the consequences of past actions catching up with you.

This card is an opportunity for self-reflection and making things right. It's a reminder to be honest with yourself and others. Take a moment to assess your actions and choices.

Are you being fair and treating others as you'd like to be treated? Are there any unresolved issues or conflicts that need addressing? Are you being wronged and facing an injustice? Perhaps you're unable to release your anger, or maybe you're repressing your feelings about it. It's time to own up to your mistakes and seek a path of reconciliation if that's needed. Or, if you need to stand up for yourself, do so. Take it as an opportunity for growth and learning - by facing the truth, you will be able to find balance.

# the hanged one



## ELEMENT

water

## HOUSE

12th house

## UPRIGHT

chrysalis  
pause  
sacrifice  
surrender  
flexibility

## PLANET

neptune

## SIGN

pisces

## REVERSED

resistance  
stubbornness  
indecision  
stagnation  
opening

## THE ART

With this card, we see a figure suspended upside down as the world is shifting around them. We see clouds and water and galaxies mingling, creating an effect of vertigo, the world around feeling hard to traverse. There's an inner reflection here as well where the seeker is finding space to ask "what do I really need?" This creates the feeling of falling upwards that's offered in this card if we surrender to it.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

new perspective  
sacrifice  
patience

### *reversed:*

opening in love  
change

## CAREER

### *upright:*

unsure about career  
delay in work  
temporary setback

### *reversed:*

frustration  
resistance to change

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

pause in income  
delays  
letting go

### *reversed:*

bad timing  
money anxiety



Willow left yesterday. I am not sure where she went. She just told me she would be back within a week's time. She gave me a list of things I need to do here and what to practice but to be honest, it's feeling challenging. I feel incredibly stuck - the only person I have in my life left me here without any warning or explanation. And I just feel so confused.

I gave up so much to be here and to do this work and now I am wondering if it was worth it. I don't feel that I can trust Willow anymore. Maybe I never could.

There's so many things I am questioning and doubting and wondering about. I don't know what to do. And I feel angry that she expects so much from me but offers me nothing. Maybe I should just leave and go start another life somewhere. I don't know. I really don't.

# the hanged one

## UPRIGHT

The Hanged One ushers in a period of suspension, lack of control and transformation. The Hanged One can't just decide to climb down when they feel like it. They are hanging there until they aren't. We can look at this like a butterfly in chrysalis - they are hanging upside down, transforming, until the time comes to expand beyond it.

When we are in our hanging moment, we are in deep transformation. There's often this Great Clearing of sorts. When we are calling more into our life, whether emotional, experiential or material, the Universe and your Higher Self get together and say: "Oh, you want that? Okay, we will make space for that."

When you are working to feel more worthy, more confident... you may find that certain relationships no longer work for you. You may find that there are patterns that can no longer come with you. The caterpillar has to give up scooting, but it gets to fly.

If you are new to The Hanged One experience, and maybe it's not your first time but it's also not your fifth time either, it may feel a bit uncomfy. It can take a few times for us to learn to surrender here, so consider this a practice in that. You may feel activated or impatient or like you just need to do something... but try to resist the urge.

Understand that things are being reorganized within you. We don't want to try to build a home in a gravel pit, we want to make sure it's level first, and that's what is happening here. You are getting level.

With this card, this surrender, you are really being asked to trust that everything is happening for you. So we want to remember that in moments of questioning.

## **REVERSED**

The Hanged One reversed is typically a sign of resistance, or it's a signal that life is opening up - but most often, it's resistance!

If it has always been important for us to feel in control or have an idea of what's going on, when we're thrust into a pause, we may go into it kicking and screaming.

Think of someone you know who is all about work - to the point where it is their entire identity (as we all tend to know someone like this). If they were to lose their job, do you imagine them spending time relaxing? Even if they had plenty of savings? They likely would immediately try to find a new job, start a new business or figure out something to do. **ANYTHING** but take a break!

That is the perfect Hanged One reversed. They're being invited into this liminal space, but they have a lot of fear around it. Rather than work through that fear, they are trying to create a lot of white noise so they can't hear it knocking.

If this is you - embrace the pause! Perhaps reflect on why you struggle with it. Do you feel your worthiness is related to your productivity? What is the worst thing that will happen if you take a break? What feelings will surface if you find stillness?

# death



## ELEMENT

water

## HOUSE

8th house

## UPRIGHT

endings  
new beginnings  
transformation  
transition  
change

## PLANET

pluto

## SIGN

scorpio

## REVERSED

resisting change  
fear  
avoidance  
purging  
deep change

## THE ART

For Death, I used a skeletal figure with Pluto in the background. The figure, Death personified, carries a paddle in one hand, as they ferry us through our biggest transitions in life, similar to how Charon ferried those who had recently passed across the river Styx. And of course, Pluto is the ruler of death and transformation so we see it on this card. I also wanted to use colors and layers that created a high contrast and chaotic energy to depict how this card often feels.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

relationship change  
relationship ending  
releasing patterns

### *reversed:*

avoiding change  
resisting self-work

## CAREER

### *upright:*

career transition  
starting anew  
leaving job

### *reversed:*

stuck in career  
fear of change

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

changing patterns  
financial loss  
paying off debt

### *reversed:*

income stagnation  
money fears

It's been three weeks and I've been alone in this house. Willow has not returned.

I stopped doing the work she left for me... I don't think she will be coming back for it anyway. I don't know what has happened, and I am trying not to be angry, but I am.

I am filled with rage. And devastation. That I gave up everything in my life and trusted someone to guide me and they've abandoned me.

I will not do this again.

I will not put my future in someone else's hands. It went from my parents to Willow and I refuse to allow this to happen anymore.

# Death

## UPRIGHT

This card does **not** mean death is coming, but it is all about the life-death-life cycle. Just as the dead leaves on the forest floor in the winter provide nutrients for the soil, the endings in our lives continue to fuel new life within us.

But there is grief here, no doubt about that.

Endings and change are difficult for all of us. I am someone who tends not to have much resistance toward change and will often overlook its impact, that is, until my body feels sore and I get more headaches, and I feel tired. It is those physiological symptoms that alert me: I must honor these deaths rather than just charge forward.

So when we meet the Death card, there is an acknowledgment of this transition you're embarking upon or need to embark upon.

Sometimes this card finds us when we have been resisting change - it will pop in to say, "It's time to let that go." Or other times it will ask, "What is feeling stale and dead in your life? What is no longer serving you? What needs to die?"

Do your best to embrace this cycle, honor your feelings, and reflect on any resistance where you need to. You're in a moment of transformation. Trust that good things are on their way.

## REVERSED

Death is a card that's all about change and transformation. It's like a caterpillar turning into a beautiful butterfly – major life transitions and new beginnings. But when it's reversed, it's a sign that you might be resisting change or struggling to let go of something that needs to go.

Sometimes, we fear change or worry about what's on the other side. But remember, change is a good thing! It paves the way for growth and new opportunities. So, don't be afraid to release what's holding you back and embrace the possibilities ahead.

Change is a part of life – like the seasons, it's inevitable. Embrace it, learn from it, and let it lead you to a brighter and better version of yourself. Be kind to yourself and patient with yourself. Honor your feelings of grief and fear, but don't let them hold you back from the changes that need to happen.

# temperance



## ELEMENT

fire

## HOUSE

9th house

## UPRIGHT

balance  
moderation  
stability  
healing  
expanded outlook

## PLANET

jupiter

## SIGN

sagittarius

## REVERSED

extremes  
imbalance  
excess  
chaos  
stress

## THE ART

With Temperance, I wanted to create the feeling of lightness and empowerment. We see the Pegasus as the focal point in this piece to represent movement, a higher perspective, and wisdom. We see Jupiter in the back which brings the expanded perspective found in this card - its energy being amplified by the two rings of light.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

consideration  
cautiousness  
relationship balance

### *reversed:*

extreme swings  
impatience

## CAREER

### *upright:*

work-life balance  
adaptability  
steady progress

### *reversed:*

conflict  
turbulence

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

financial balance  
wise investments  
financial flow

### *reversed:*

overspending  
cash flow imbalance



Two more weeks have passed and I am still alone. But I turned to the land and it has held me.

And the rage has melted. The despair has transformed.

I realize I am not as alone as I thought. And perhaps I was angry with Willow when I shouldn't have been. I don't know what has happened with her, but I don't think she did this on purpose. I believe she would be here if she could be.

I am not sure what my plan is but for now, I will keep walking the land until I discover one.

# temperance

## UPRIGHT

Temperance is the last card of the second line of the Major Arcana. It's like a breath of fresh air after all the ups and downs of our journey. With Temperance, we're finally getting that much-needed balance, stability, and healing.

After all the twists and turns we've been through and all of the dark passages, something magical happens. Our perception starts to expand, and it's like we've leveled up in understanding. We're no longer just scratching the surface; we've delved deep into the heart of all that's happened.

This deeper understanding brings a whole new level of truth and balance. We're not stuck in black-and-white thinking anymore; we can see the shades of gray. We are able to see things from a more expanded perspective, allowing for multiple truths to exist at one time. This creates more presence, more stillness as we move through life. As opposed to mountains and valleys with sharp dips and inclines, we have slow-rolling hills.

With this newfound wisdom, we learn not to get carried away or rush into things headfirst. It's all about finding that sweet spot of alignment and harmony. No more pushing and forcing things to happen; we've learned the art of going with the flow.

## REVERSED

With Temperance reversed it's a sign that you might be struggling to find that sweet spot of equilibrium. Maybe you're feeling all over the place, trying to balance work, relationships, and self-care, but it feels like you just don't have enough hands. It could also be that you're riding the highs and lows as opposed to being grounded and stable.

Temperance reversed can also hint that you might be overindulging in one area of your life and ignoring things that need your attention. It's time to check yourself before you wreck yourself and find that sense of moderation.

This card is a reminder to take a step back, breathe, and reassess. Find those areas where you're out of sync and start making some adjustments. Take it one step at a time, and be patient with yourself.

# the devil



## ELEMENT

earth

## HOUSE

10th house

## UPRIGHT

restriction  
attachment  
addiction  
powerlessness  
shadow work

## PLANET

saturn

## SIGN

capricorn

## REVERSED

detachment  
freedom  
empowerment  
release  
recovery

## THE ART

With The Devil, I chose to use Medusa as the central figure. She has always represented so many different things, to some a monster and to some a symbol of feminine rage. To me, she is often projected upon by the viewer's shadow. I also like the visual of the many snakes, as that is what the Shadow within us can feel like - it may feel like there are these other versions of us that are present that we don't have control over.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

intensity  
obsession  
hedonism

### *reversed:*

liberation  
detachment

## CAREER

### *upright:*

self-sabotage  
power struggles  
excessive ambition

### *reversed:*

release  
regaining control

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

materialism  
financial traps  
irresponsibility

### *reversed:*

financial recovery  
paying off debt

I have been telling myself I am determined to figure out things on my own, but the last couple of days I have felt overwhelmed with grief and worry.

I am wondering if I made a huge mistake. If I should just return home to my parents. I don't think I can do any of this on my own. I know no one. Willow has left me. I don't think I can survive by myself.

So I've been thinking I will return to my family by the end of this week. I have to figure out what to say to them. I assume they will turn me away but I have to try. I don't know what I will do if they don't let me come back home.

# the devil

## UPRIGHT

The most traditional way of interpreting this card is that The Devil is a showdown with the subconscious. We are coming up against ourselves: the part of us working to grow is meeting with the part of us that simply wants to survive. And remember, to our brain, survival = staying the same, so growth is threatening.

But typically, when we meet The Devil, we may be a bit entrenched in the fear and doubt space. Our brain is SO GOOD at convincing us to stay put. It is so easy to keep doing what we're used to.

When we have the desire to shift, to change, and to expand... The Devil on our shoulder is so skilled at saying, "but wouldn't it be fun to go on a shopping spree?"

These periods can feel super confusing. And often, if we don't feel like we're doing what we are "supposed to," we can get stuck in a shame spiral. This is what we want to avoid. Honestly, the whole invitation in The Devil card is: can we trust ourselves so much that we don't trust ourselves at all?

In other words, can we trust our potential and our hearts so much that we don't trust that voice in our head? It's a delicate balance and practice to learn the nuances of what voice in our head is speaking to us, the ones that want us to stay stuck and those that want to grow.

So when we look at what may be preventing us from moving forward in the way we want to, we must touch our wounds.

We must dive into the pattern and know that sometimes the only way out is through. You may feel so shameful, so down on yourself because you are physically unable to choose a different behavior. But as long as it isn't putting you or others in a dangerous situation, walk through the fire with that heightened awareness. Sit in the stuckness. What keeps us stuck is resisting it. If we can say to ourselves: "This is where I'm at right now, and that is okay. I trust I will move through it," we create more freedom of movement. This applies to any pattern you're pushing up against.

## **REVERSED**

With The Devil reversed, we may be really buying into the contraction and fear found in this card. We may hear the voices in our mind come up with reasons and blocks and limitations and think, "oh yeah, that sounds right."

With this card, we often dig ourselves into a negative or pessimistic space. A big clue of this is when someone may be helping us problem solve or shift our perspective, and we argue with them about how we need to stay pessimistic or how things won't work out.

When we're in this place, it's a good time to take a beat and breathe. Try not to follow the spiral down but just acknowledge the feeling of discomfort and fear coming up without projecting it into the future.

# the tower



## ELEMENT

fire

## HOUSE

1st house

## UPRIGHT

destruction  
transformation  
revelation  
breakdown  
awakening

## PLANET

mars

## SIGN

aries

## REVERSED

resistance  
gradual change  
avoidance  
preparation  
fear of change

## THE ART

For The Tower, I decided to have it floating in space to symbolize the ungroundedness that happens in this card. We see lightning and rocks tumbling away from the tower, indicating chaos and a crumbling foundation.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

upheaval  
crisis  
sudden breakups

### *reversed:*

healing  
repression

## CAREER

### *upright:*

unexpected shift  
chaos  
job loss

### *reversed:*

stability restored  
dodging disaster

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

financial loss  
crisis  
instability

### *reversed:*

bouncing back  
resilience



Three days ago, two women knocked on the door of Willow's cottage. When I opened it, they rushed past me without explanation and started rifling through the cabinets. I asked them who they were and what they wanted, and they finally looked at me.

They told me to sit, so I did.

Over the next hour, they told me that Willow had gotten injured on the way to them. She hasn't been able to walk and could not get back here, but she asked them to come get me.

I asked who they were and how they knew Willow.... they told me that they were all a part of an underground group of alchemists. Apparently my village, despite the ostracization, is kinder to us than others. Apparently, thousands of alchemists are being held in cells all over the country. And they've been working together to sneak them out of captivity.

In the 7 months of working with her, Willow never uttered a word of this. And I had never heard of anything like this from anybody else in town. It feels like my whole world has slid out from under me. I've been traveling with them for days. Walking through woods and over mountains. I cannot wrap my head around how much my life has changed within a matter of two months. I will likely never see my family again, and I have no idea what awaits me whenever we get to where we are going. They have hardly told me anything. They barely even speak to each other. Everything is unfamiliar. And yet, I have nowhere else to go.

# the tower

## UPRIGHT

So many people shudder when this card appears in a reading. But that's really just because, for the most part, humans fear change, and The Tower brings change in spades.

This is not your run-of-the-mill change but deep, foundation-shattering change. When we find ourselves in a Tower moment, it can feel like we are losing a lot, that everywhere we look, we are just seeing loss. Our life can feel unfamiliar, and we may wake up feeling jarred by our new reality. So, no, The Tower is not always an easy card.

When I look at the Tower moments in my life, they feel like cosmic re-routes. They certainly didn't feel good while I was in it, but I have found the more faith I place in the process, the easier it feels.

The medicine in The Tower card is truly one of liberation. It is knowing that The Tower wouldn't come for us if our purpose wasn't bigger. If the Universe wasn't actively sending us toward our highest good.

We are always building our life - through our daily thoughts, choices, and actions. And sometimes, we build a life that isn't meant for us. Maybe we borrow someone else's materials. Or we see another person's house and think, "that looks nice - I will build the same!" but it isn't aligned with our truest self.

The Tower moment is the reckoning of those early choices. It is leveling out any falsehoods we've built our lives around, freeing us from the constraints of our current life so we can build new ways of being that are more aligned with our core essence.

Keep in mind it doesn't always have to be external. It can be an internal shift in our foundation, where we are taking inventory

of our belief systems and really calling them into question and letting many go. Sometimes, The Tower can feel really great. The things we have been wanting to change in our lives may finally be doing so, and we are excited. Even with desired change, however, it can still disrupt our nervous system and equilibrium, so we want to respect that as part of the process.

When I think of my Tower moments, they are the most profound and transformative periods, despite feeling completely obliterated while I was in them. If you find yourself here, wondering how things could possibly get any better, keep going. Life has a beautiful way of unfolding for us.

## **REVERSED**

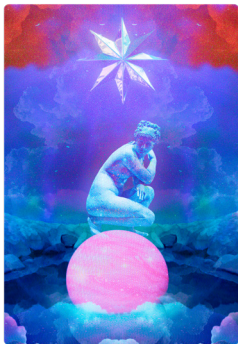
When we meet The Tower reversed, we are truly examining the layers of our life and deciding what gets to come with us and what doesn't. This is a period of internal upheaval, one that we are walking into because we simply can't *not* do it.

It may start with questioning a long-held family value. As you keep pulling the thread, you realize so much of what you believe and feel is simply not true. The Tower reversed is a period of significant change happening within our internal landscape. These are the stories we've told ourselves. It is the way we see the world. The beliefs we've held onto. This can feel like a dark night of the soul, and the medicine here is to stay open - keep pulling that thread!

There is also often a feeling of resistance when this card finds us. We may feel significant change looming around us but we are still sticking with the status quo.

The status quo is our survival, so there is no shame in clinging to it longer than we "should." It is a difficult thing to walk into The Tower willingly, but likely if you're reading this, you already know that's where you're headed. So try to surrender and allow to the best of your ability. I promise - your Star moment is coming your way after this!

# the star



## ELEMENT

air

## HOUSE

11th house

## UPRIGHT

positivity  
hope  
renewal  
healing  
faith

## PLANET

uranus

## SIGN

aquarius

## REVERSED

stagnation  
hopelessness  
disappointment  
blockage  
uncertainty

## THE ART

With The Star, I wanted to display the stillness found within this card. We see a woman crouching down in a contemplative position, looking down as if she's in reflection. She sits atop Uranus, which brings welcome reformation and change after a period of darkness.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

connection  
harmony  
hope

### *reversed:*

self-trust  
disillusionment

## CAREER

### *upright:*

inspiration  
high hopes  
guidance

### *reversed:*

creative block  
discontentment

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

stability  
opportunities  
reaching goals

### *reversed:*

instability  
wasted opportunity

We arrived to their land a few days ago, and despite the overwhelming amount of fear clinging to me, it is quite beautiful. I have found time to walk it and get to know the spirits here. Have eaten their wonderful food. I even got to speak to Willow. She told me how sorry she was for not being able to tell me anything about the war on the alchemists. She also said she was sorry for not being able to come back to me.

I asked her what do we do now and she said “fight.” I do not know what that means for me yet. But she told me I was powerful. Powerful enough to lead someday. Which feels like a lot to hold given that I am just trying to process all that has happened. I feel like I’m unable to turn my head toward the future right now as my body is still in the past. Still catching up. Still confused about how we got here and what is happening.

I think she saw the overwhelm in my eyes because she said “not today or tomorrow, but someday. now you rest with us and we figure out where to go from here.”

After our talk, I slept for 17 hours and woke up feeling stronger, more ready. More open to hear about this world I didn’t know existed.

# the star

## UPRIGHT

The Star tends to find us after a dark period. In the Major Arcana, it comes right after The Tower, where we experience major change and a crumbling foundation. When we think about stars in our galaxy and the way they shine through the black night, a lot of that magic can be found in this card. There's an energy of renewal with The Star. We have made it through the tumult, and now we can see things a bit more clearly.

This doesn't mean things will feel easy right away. It's not that suddenly we feel better and are able to move forward. The Star ushers in healing and restoration but also more acute awareness. Our mind now has more space to process without as much overwhelm, and in that, we can feel our wounds in a new way. We are able to see more of the patterns around them and how they continue to unfold in our life. The Star is an invitation to being with this pain and new awareness in a new way.

We can think about the Star like the period after a physical injury or surgery. There's a stillness that allows for deep reflection with this card, and sometimes that clarity can feel confrontational. This period can feel like a reconciliation between our past and what we know needs to change for our future. It is reflecting on the upheaval and making sure we don't continue on those same patterns.

Within The Star, we find deep healing. We find that we have more tools and strength than we thought. With this discovery, we feel hopeful about our future. We can see how we are being guided and are able to step into the future with more faith.

This card asks you to be patient in this process. Sometimes we feel like we have to immediately make up for lost time or rush to get our life “back on track” after our tumultuous period. But The Star insists you take your time. When we allow for this period to unfold naturally, it will plant seeds that will nurture you on the rest of your journey.

## **REVERSED**

When we meet The Star reversed, we are likely resisting what’s coming up in one way or another. We may be trying to force things and go back to how our life used to be. We may be feeling so much grief from the dark period we recently moved through that we aren’t able to comprehend how to feel faithful or hopeful. We may be feeling resentful that we are even finding ourselves in this position - that the Universe allowed it to happen.

No matter what you’re feeling, The Star reversed is an offering to find your faith. To heal in ways you haven’t been able to before. To notice the small things and find deeper connections to yourself and Spirit that may be feeling a bit frayed at this moment. Prioritize your inner self right now above the external and trust that things will fall into place.

# the moon



## ELEMENT

water

## HOUSE

12th house

## UPRIGHT

intuition  
complexity  
dreams  
imagination  
emotions

## PLANET

neptune

## SIGN

pisces

## REVERSED

deception  
misunderstanding  
repression  
deception  
fear

## THE ART

With The Moon, I wanted there to be a little less form to symbolize the murkiness found in this card. We see two moons and two winged lions in a haze. I wanted this card to feel a bit less grounded than others, more focused on the Moon itself, as oftentimes when we are in a Moon period, we don't feel very grounded. There is little "tethering" us, and in this card, it is only the moon holding the viewer and the winged lions.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

sensuality  
romance  
mystery

### *reversed:*

secrets  
insecurity

## CAREER

### *upright:*

confusion with work  
hidden talents  
lacking information

### *reversed:*

deception  
clarity

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

caution with money  
cycles  
financial instinct

### *reversed:*

risk  
unpredictability



Despite feeling completely in over my head, I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone here on the land.

For the first time in my life, I have friends. I think I have laughed more in the last couple of weeks than I have in my entire life. But below this new kinship, below this laughter and joy, is a deep sense of confusion. I feel like I am in this limbo, where I am no longer in my old life with my parents, but no longer in my new life either. I don't even know what that new life will be.

That purpose I once had for myself, to heal those in my small village that needed it, is no longer available to me. I don't know what my purpose is anymore. Willow says to fight, but I don't know if that is something I am capable of. I fear I have no place in the old world, and also no place in this new one.

All the others come from long lines of alchemists and have studied their whole lives. I've only been studying for seven months. I fear no one will have any use of me. At one point, I chose to give up everything I ever knew in order to be a healer, and now it seems it was all for nothing in a way. I find myself now in the middle of a way that I am still trying to understand.

For now, I will keep laughing. Keep wading through this confusion. And hope that soon things will make sense.

# the moon

## UPRIGHT

When we find ourselves in a Moon period, we are floating in the deep waters of the subconscious and emotional realms. While this is not exactly a dark period, it can feel like you are walking in darkness on unknown terrain.

This can feel like not really knowing how we're feeling. We may feel like we're changing on a foundational level. We may be deep in a process and all of a sudden feel like we've lost the ground beneath us. We may not be experiencing much change in our external life, but after all the changes we've been through, our subconscious is now shifting a bit. We don't know what is happening in this deep rewiring in our brains, but we can sense it and feel the shifts in how we're thinking and feeling.

While this is a powerful space, an intuitive and psychic space, it can still feel uncomfortable. It's not easy to be in the in-between. To be walking through the mist and not really know where we're heading. It's a period of realizing that what we thought we knew may not be true after all. There's questioning and uncertainty here, and so we need to trust ourselves and our intuition more than ever.

## **REVERSED**

With The Moon reversed, we may be bucking under the discomfort found in this unknown space. This can look like clinging to logic and the known, hoping that will help things make more sense. It can also look like getting a bit more control with the things we feel are in our power.

This card calls for deep surrender. To make yourself at home in this unknown space and develop the things that are available to you. Your intuition. Your emotional realms. Let yourself feel uncomfortable and perhaps channel that into creativity and reflection.

# the sun



## ELEMENT

fire

## HOUSE

5th house

## UPRIGHT

success  
happiness  
positivity  
opportunities  
enlightenment

## PLANET

sun

## SIGN

leo

## REVERSED

ego  
insecurity  
shadow  
low energy  
self-doubt

## THE ART

In the center of the piece, we see a Rose window, which is a stained-glass window. Around the window, we see a circular row of lions, representing the sign Leo and the Sun. The multiple layers of wing petals represent success and optimism. These pieces come together to depict a flower that has blossomed in response to the Sun's rays.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

radiance  
harmony  
connection

### *reversed:*

blockage  
concealment

## CAREER

### *upright:*

success  
fulfillment  
enthusiasm

### *reversed:*

overconfidence  
stagnation

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

abundance  
prosperity  
blessings

### *reversed:*

financial setback  
overspending

This last week, I have been able to use all that Willow has taught me in action. 17 alchemists were rescued and brought back to the land - but in quite bad shape. I have hardly had any time to sleep because I have been one of 3 healers taking care of them.

It also has reminded me of why I started this work. I was feeling so defeated these last couple of months, but I can see it clearly now. I can see that I am skilled at this, that I am meant to do this. Not only that, but I even surpassed those who have been doing it much longer than I have.

I have asked if I can start training, so I can join in on the rescue missions and was accepted, so I begin that next week.

After so much uncertainty, I feel renewed in my purpose. And even beyond that, I know I may not even be able to see the bigger picture, but I know I am going to continue to show up. I am committed now, no matter what happens.

# the sun

## UPRIGHT

Ah, finally, the clouds have parted and we can feel the sun shining. Coming after the hazy and liminal space of The Moon, The Sun brings a new day with optimism, joy, warmth and positivity.

All the work we've done up until this point, the seeds we've planted and have been tending to in the darkness with faith, are finally seeing the sun. All the things we've been uncovering and working through are being illuminated. You can now see the path you've been following only on faith and now you have new clarity. You are ready to step out and be seen. All that you've been working on is ready to be shared with the world.

This card signifies not only success and achievements but also the deep fulfillment that comes from reaching your goals and triumphing over challenges. It illuminates the path before you, bringing clarity of vision and understanding, allowing you to gain new insights and perspectives.

The Sun card is a beacon of optimism, reminding you to maintain a positive outlook and nurture a belief in the inherent goodness of life and your own capabilities. It encourages self-expression and celebrates your unique creativity, inviting you to unleash your authentic self upon the world. With its vital life force energy, this card infuses you with enthusiasm and empowers you to wholeheartedly embrace the fullness of life. It calls upon you to reconnect with your inner child, to rediscover the innocence, playfulness, and spontaneity that reside within you.

## REVERSED

When we encounter The Sun card in reverse, we find ourselves in a moment of shadows and cloudy skies. The Sun, which usually radiates joy and positivity, seems to be playing hide-and-seek. It's not all sunshine and rainbows; instead, we might be facing some challenges or feeling a bit downcast. You may be fearful of embracing a brighter day, expecting that it won't last very long and some unexpected darkness lies right around the corner.

This card nudges us to pay attention to any patterns of negativity or self-doubt that might be creeping in. It's a gentle reminder to take a step back and reassess our perception. We might need to shed some light on the areas of our lives where we're holding ourselves back or avoiding necessary growth. The Sun reversed beckons us to be honest with ourselves, confront any shadows, and work towards finding a more balanced and authentic sense of self.

Sometimes, the reversed Sun can also indicate a need to take a break or seek some time for self-care and rejuvenation. By honoring our emotions and allowing ourselves to go through this phase with patience, we can pave the way for The Sun's rays to once again illuminate our path.

# judgment



## ELEMENT

fire

## HOUSE

8th house

## UPRIGHT

transformation  
awakening  
rebirth  
completion  
resurrection

## PLANET

pluto

## SIGN

scorpio

## REVERSED

self-doubt  
procrastination  
regret  
delay  
unresolved

## THE ART

With this piece, I wanted to translate the massive potential that lives in this card after finding clarity. We see a winged woman who looks forward, arm raised, seeing the power that lies around her. We see her floating with a portal behind her, which also points to the amplified but formless energy Judgment carries.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

renewal  
reconciliation  
commitment

### *reversed:*

unresolved  
self-judgment

## CAREER

### *upright:*

accountability  
recognition  
career change

### *reversed:*

being in limbo  
feeling unfulfilled

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

return on investment  
prosperity  
financial clarity

### *reversed:*

stagnation  
debt



I've started the physical training required for the rescue work. It's been over three weeks of work that I didn't even think I was capable of... but I am proud to say I've made it past that first hump. I didn't know I was so strong or fast, and it's made me reflect a lot on my life of how domesticated I was.

How my parents wanted me to be ladylike and docile and fragile in a way. I was expected to take care of housework, but they refused to let me play outside with other kids. Wouldn't let me do anything really. I don't know why beyond making me a good wife someday, but I have been absolutely shocked to find this version of me that was lying in wait.

Each morning, I wake up with more understanding. More clarity. More ambition. I am learning to both heal and destroy - finally I am fit for this world.

# judgment

## UPRIGHT

Coming after the clarity and energy found in The Sun, Judgment ushers in an awakening born from that illumination. With this card, we find expansion, higher perspectives and transformation.

This is such a powerful card because we're finally feeling like we can make the changes we've been wanting to. Even when we have clarity and know what we need to do, it's not always something we feel empowered to act on. Sometimes we are so intensely gripped by our old patterns that none of the changes we try to make end up sticking. While this is a normal part of the process, with Judgment we find an opening and a true awakening.

This period is filled with potential. As we continue to transform, we will discover more and more of ourselves. This is a process of liberation. We are continuing to shed more of the things that keep us stuck while laying the foundation for an entirely new reality.

Judgment is also a card that frees us from judgment: toward others, ourselves, and the things we thought we understood. This awakening is shifting our entire perspective, taking us from the prisons in our mind to a place where we feel free to create new experiences and patterns for ourselves.

## REVERSED

When Judgment reversed finds us, it tends to point to some stuckness. We may be feeling ashamed and are judging ourselves. We may be judging others. We may be resisting examining some things that really need our attention. It could also be that we're being called to big transformation and are trapped by some fear.

When we pull Judgment reversed, it's an invitation to softening. While this isn't always easy, it would be a good time to bring some awareness to your thought patterns. Which ones serve you? Which ones send you into a negative space? Can you think of some more neutral or positive things in your life that you can shift your focus to when you start thinking in limiting ways? Creating more mental space to allow for the awakening that lies within Judgment to surface would be helpful.

# the world



## ELEMENT

earth

## HOUSE

10th house

## UPRIGHT

completion  
accomplishment  
wholeness  
triumph  
integration

## PLANET

saturn

## SIGN

capricorn

## REVERSED

lack of closure  
obstacles  
unfulfillment  
shortcuts  
delays

## THE ART

With The World, we see a woman lounging on Saturn's rings and pouring water. My intention with this composition was to show her as being removed and relaxed. I also feel that it looks like she is reflecting on where she has come from, creating the sensation of completion found in this card.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

connection  
union  
harmony

### *reversed:*

feeling unsettled  
unfulfilled in love

## CAREER

### *upright:*

recognition  
achievement  
accomplishment

### *reversed:*

work delays  
lack of purpose

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

financial success  
prosperity  
abundance

### *reversed:*

money obstacles  
loss

I was given the ok to join the next alchemist rescue excursion. They're bringing me not only for my physical skills but also my healing abilities. I never saw my apprenticeship going in this direction. And while it's not ending, it kind of feels like it is. It's my first real test - my first opportunity to prove myself. I am no longer just Willow's student. I am entering a whole new journey now... one that I expect will get more and more difficult from here.

But I'm ready. Maybe for the first time in my life, I am ready to be out there in a big way. And as long as I have the land and the plants and the animals and the spirits, I will be okay.

# the world

## UPRIGHT

With The World, we reach the final card of the Major Arcana. This is where we can find completion, wholeness, and the ending of a cycle. This can come as a major relief and may also feel like a triumph. We may feel liberated as we're moving out of all that we've outgrown.

But this card can feel different depending on who you are. It doesn't always feel like the relief found with completion. It can still feel like we have a lot to do, manage, and tend to. We may feel like we have a lot to wrap up before we move on to the next chapter.

The World can also feel like a profound moment of alignment. Our inner and outer world perfectly match one another, and we feel an overwhelming sense of unity and enlightenment.

This card is a reminder that you are connected to everything and everyone in the Universe. You are a part of something bigger than yourself, and an important and valuable part at that.

## REVERSED

When The World reversed crops up, it can feel like we're stuck in a state of limbo. It's that feeling of having one foot in the door and the other out, not fully committed to moving forward or letting go. We might crave closure, but it isn't possible at the moment. The World reversed nudges us to acknowledge this state of non-resolution and gently explore what it means to us.

This card can leave us feeling a bit disconnected from ourselves and our usual spiritual practice. It's like the usual flow and harmony we experience with our inner self and the Universe has hit a temporary snag. We might find ourselves questioning our beliefs or feeling a lack of spiritual grounding. The World reversed encourages us to take a pause, reflect on our spiritual journey, and find ways to reconnect with our inner wisdom and intuition.

Feeling impatient and frustrated is not uncommon when The World reversed finds us. We might be eager to move forward, but this card reminds us that sometimes life unfolds at its own pace, and rushing things might not lead to the desired outcome. Patience becomes our ally as we navigate through this phase of non-resolution, allowing things to unfold organically and trusting that closure will eventually find its way to us.

The World reversed invites us to embrace the journey rather than solely focusing on the destination. It reminds us that growth often happens through the process of navigating through uncertainty and exploring the deeper layers of our experiences.

# Wands

ELEMENT

fire

ASTROLOGY

aries, leo, sagittarius

we follow a journey of creativity, intuition and  
empowerment through fictitious journal entries  
to understand the card in a real way.



PASSION  
CREATIVITY  
DESIRE  
INSPIRATION  
EXPANSION  
AMBITION  
WILLPOWER

# ace of wands

## UPRIGHT

creation  
excitement  
growth  
burst of energy  
ambition



## REVERSED

lacking direction  
false start  
burnout  
unfocused  
impatience

## THE ART

With the Ace of Wands we have a burst of energy, so we see a single wand with a lot of movement behind it. In both flips of this card, we see a portal behind the wand with galaxies and energy exploding outward, conveying the spark of creation.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

new passion  
new love  
desire

#### *reversed:*

conflict  
fizzling out

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

new projects  
ambition  
inspiration

#### *reversed:*

lacking motivation  
blocked creativity

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

prosperity  
opportunity  
new income stream

#### *reversed:*

risky decisions  
income loss

For the first time in a long time, I felt like writing. It came out of nowhere. I was standing on a street corner somewhere in the east village and I felt this wave crash through me. There was suddenly too much sitting inside me that needed to get out. All these unspoken words. Words that have gotten lost in the monotony of work.

So I found a cafe nearby and sat and wrote for hours and I don't want to get ahead of myself, but I think I have a pretty good book idea.

# ace of wands

## UPRIGHT

The Ace of Wands signals the very beginnings of the journey with fire. Since this suit represents our vitality, life force, creativity, and the internal “fire,” the Ace of Wands ushers in a whole new type of energy within us.

The magical thing about this card is that it arrives without force. There isn’t anything we can do to bring it about or create this type of energy. It is very much like a portal opening up: a river of energy that we can jump into and ride for as long as it takes us.

So when we pull this card, there’s this idea of capitalizing on working with what’s coming up for us. Our energy will wane at some point, but this spark is so powerful because this is when the vision comes to us. We can see the potential, the energy is rising, we are getting excited, and we know what this creative force could become. This is our guiding light throughout the rest of the journey. It’s the things that can keep us going when we are wading through the liminal spaces and endings that come later down the road.

Internally, this is such a moment to bask in. It’s also a moment to be careful with - when we have these bursts of energy, there’s a tendency to count on them or to think they’ll last forever. While that would be AMAZING, we don’t want to sign up for too much when we’re here. We want to keep this energy focused and close to us. If we get too amped on this energy, we can burn out more quickly or end up resenting the things we “have to do.”

## REVERSED

The Ace of Wands reversed can go in a few different directions. I often view it as a false start. It can feel like trying to create fire at the wrong time. The act of lighting a match, but the flame gets out of hand way too fast. Or maybe the match flickers and then dies immediately. As mentioned in the upright, the magic in this card is in the unexpected.

But we are silly lil' humans that try to control things and make them how we want them to be. We are the species that decided to grow watermelons inside during winter. So we are also the species that will get into our heads, over-analyze our lives, and then think, "I gotta do this thing differently." So we decide we are going to eat differently. And workout every day. And not watch TV. And read a book a week. And not doom scroll on our phones. And meditate for 30 minutes every morning. And then, 3 days in, we are flatlined on the couch in a Law + Order binge while scrolling endlessly with one hand and junk food in the other.

It could also mean that you're fearful of the energy at your fingertips. So many of us get trapped in the ho-hum of life that when we are given the opportunity for expansion, we freeze. Our subconscious mind is wrapped around this idea that life is the middle road, so stepping into the high road and creating or feeling that new wave of energy can feel alarming. Our nervous system might react and say, "no, this is threatening," and then we shut down.

When we pull this card, we want to examine how we respond to these bursts of energies or how we try to create them for ourselves. In both situations, the balm is to start small.

What is one habit you can begin that will make you feel like you're making progress moving forward or will make you feel like you're breaking out of your shell?

# two of wands

## UPRIGHT

risk taking  
vision  
making decisions  
discovery  
first steps



## REVERSED

poor planning  
inaction  
fear  
confusion  
overanalyzing

## THE ART

With the Two of Wands, we see a mountain on top of a pillar, representing the world and future we have our hearts set on, but must work to get there. I created some distance with this card because I wanted there to be a sensation of “the world lies at your feet,” but we must figure out what path we will take.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

planning future  
new partnership  
exploring new paths

#### *reversed:*

indecision  
impatience in love

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

career vision  
decisions  
work potential

#### *reversed:*

lacking direction  
delays with work

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

investment  
expansion  
new foundation

#### *reversed:*

setbacks  
failed plans

I'm thinking about taking a writing class. I checked out a few near here that look cool but haven't decided on anything yet. I feel like I don't really trust myself to keep writing if I don't have anything holding me accountable though.

So many times in the past, I've had a moment of inspiration and then watched it fade into nothing. I don't want to ride the waves anymore. I want them to come from inside me. I know everyone talks about having a muse and writer's block and whatnot, but that sounds so frustrating to me. I feel like there has to be another way.

# two of wands

## UPRIGHT

The Two of Wands lives in that afterglow of the Ace of Wands. The exciting burst of new energy and potential has passed, and there's a bit of that question: *what now?* So the Two of Wands says, "okay, you want to do this thing? You must do things differently." It is where we embark on the journey in a real way.

Yet at the same time, we don't quite have clarity. We aren't certain what needs to be done, who we need to help us, and what it will take to get there. We may still be stuck in the old way of doing things. This is that liminal aspect - we know where we want to go, but the *how* may be eluding us a bit. We may need to release the people and things in our lives that won't be able to stay in this new space we are creating.

This is also a period of discovery where we begin exploring new avenues for ourselves and our work in the world. This is a card that may signal taking a class, learning a new skill, or acquiring new resources that will take you where you want to go.

There is some needed maturity in this card as well. Despite being at the beginning of the journey, it's essential to understand you can't force it all to happen now. There is some patience and intuition required, a knowing of when to play a hand.

An immature Two of Wands moment is thinking, "I need someone to build a website," and asking your cousin's girlfriend to do it for you without asking if she's the right fit. Not all forward momentum is progress. In fact, it could end up setting you back. This is where you need to feel comfortable in the liminal: your head may be making lists and wanting to move forward quickly, but the energy here is asking you to be patient



and to do it right. It's asking you to see the bigger picture and wait for the right moment to light the match.

I love the Two of Wands because it feels like such a potent moment. There certainly is a risk to it, as we are really following our instincts and going forth. This is the card where you stay up late at night when the world has gone quiet and begin making something out of nothing.

## **REVERSED**

The Two of Wands reversed can indicate we are feeling fearful of what the future may bring. The reality check that the Two of Wands offers can bring everything into focus. We may end up shrinking back and feeling like we aren't ready. Why do we want to move forward? It is where we plug into that vision we formed in Ace of Wands that can help us break through the blocks.

This card can also indicate some major impatience. We want everything to happen now. And typically, this impatience is not coming from the place of "I want this out in the world because people will love it." Most often, it comes from an ego-driven place: "I want to prove them wrong", "I want to be rich", "This will make some really cool Instagram posts", etc. It's not to say these thoughts are bad. We all have these layers of motivation within us. We just want to make sure the ones we are acting on are the ones that are aligned with our highest good.

Despite the thoughts we want to act on, the ones that won't serve us or what we're working on, we need to ground into the aligned ones. When we are living in that space, in the love of what we are doing, we end up caring so much for what we are making we won't push it faster than it needs to go. We aren't trying to prove anything. We are only trying to make something we love, and that doesn't have a timeline.

# three of wands

## UPRIGHT

looking ahead  
growth  
long term planning  
vision  
initiative



## REVERSED

obstacles  
delays  
restriction  
lack of progress  
limitations

## THE ART

With the Three of Wands, I wanted to incorporate the energy from the Ace of Wands. There's a lot of movement in the background, but now we have a figure who is charging forward. While this is an in-between space, as represented by the background, there is a lot of motivation and excitement - we are ready to move forward.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

relationship growth  
working together  
building foundation

### *reversed:*

obstacles in love  
disagreements

## CAREER

### *upright:*

exploring work options  
new opportunities  
promotion

### *reversed:*

feeling stuck in career  
lack of challenge

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

new income stream  
profit  
laying foundations

### *reversed:*

disputes  
missed opportunity

Well, I went to my first class.

It was not what I expected. I felt like a kindergartner in there honestly. I was not expecting it to be such high level writing. I guess I didn't realize everyone in this city is not only an amazing writer but also takes classes. I didn't even understand why half of them were there, I felt like they could easily publish a book already. I got so much feedback on my piece and I just don't see how I will be able to get where I want to go.

It's hard, going from being the star of the class in school to being here. But I guess I'll keep going until they ask me to not come back.

# three of wands

## UPRIGHT

The Three of Wands often comes up when we're feeling pretty motivated and are looking to the future. It brings an expansive energy where we can feel the huge potential waiting for us.

That being said, we are still early in the Wands journey here. While we may be working hard on our vision, we may also still feel like we are in the in-between. The Three of Wands can signal a liminal space. We may feel ready, excited, and certain in one way but also impatient, overconfident, or even stuck.

When I think of my past personal experiences with the Three of Wands, I always felt like I was further along than I was. In hindsight, I wish I had allowed for the process to unfold more naturally. In attempting to rush to get where I wanted to be, I just created a longer timeline for myself. And this, too, is also a part of the journey, so don't worry about it if you sense you may be doing this!

The Three of Wands is a wonderful invitation to allow ourselves to savor this in-between space. It invites us to feel the potential of what is to come while making progress and being comfortable with not being there yet. We may still feel like a beginner or unprepared in some ways but that is okay.

The Three of Wands is an excellent opportunity to trust the journey. Trust that the tools and resources you need will be presented to you when you're ready. Trust yourself as you navigate the ebbs and flows. You can move a bit slower, with more intention, and still get to where you want to be.

## REVERSED

The Three of Wands reversed often signals that we're feeling stressed about where we're at and where we're trying to be. We may not be seeing things particularly clearly and have some tunnel vision happening.

I often feel like Three of Wands reversed is when we're attached to an outcome and are struggling to re-adjust our expectations. When we have a vision in our head and reality isn't exactly matching that, sometimes we keep pushing and forcing and trying to make it work so we meet that end goal. But rarely does it work out when we force things, and we may have to start over or scrap the project. We have to think about creating harmony with the energies present. If we're finding resistance or that the timing isn't right, it may be a good idea to check in with what is actually best to move forward.

I want to be clear that resistance does not mean you need to pause in every scenario. This is not the Universe telling you *no*. Some of the best triumphs in history have arisen because someone pushed through resistance. But it does mean to check in with your intention. Is it an attachment to the outcome looking a certain way? If so, consider shifting tactics.

The Three of Wands reversed can also indicate a transition and perhaps shifting focus from one thing you were feeling really excited about to another thing. This also doesn't mean the first thing cannot be revisited in the future.

This card could also signal feeling blocked, stuck, or resistant to stepping out of your comfort zone. If this resonates, take it one baby step at a time and try to focus on the present moment and what's in front of you instead of the end goal, as that can sometimes be overwhelming.

# four of wands

## UPRIGHT

community  
family time  
celebration  
stability  
relaxation



## REVERSED

instability in home  
lack of support  
feeling alone  
lacking roots  
resisting relaxation

## THE ART

The Four of Wands is all about tenderness, in my opinion. We reach this opening in our journey where we get to take a breather and spend time with those we love. It rejuvenates us and fortifies us before we continue on. I wanted to capture this space of joy and connection through 2 people leaning into one another, surrounded by stars and clouds.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

deeper commitment  
celebrating love  
quality time

#### *reversed:*

tension  
conflict

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

job satisfaction  
vacation  
stability

#### *reversed:*

instability  
incompletion

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

financial stability  
return on investment  
abundance

#### *reversed:*

loss of investment  
pushing for more

I took a week off from the class just so I could re-connect to my creativity after being so destroyed by all the criticism. All of a sudden it didn't feel like mine anymore.

So I've been enjoying my week by going to the park and writing there and just being in nature. I feel more refreshed and am trying to remind myself that it doesn't matter what anyone says. As long as I like my work and think it's good, who cares what they say?

It's hard to let go of that need for it to BE something but writing for other people doesn't feel right to me. So I am going to try to keep taking this time for myself and see how it goes.

# four of wands

## UPRIGHT

The Four of Wands brings big vacation energy. It lets you know that you've been working hard and have been making progress, but it's time for a pause.

This card reminds me of the harvest. After a year of working the soil, planting, and tending to crops, we finally have the opportunity to bask in the fruits of our labor.

As a stopping point on our journey with the Wands, this space offers us the ability to catch our breath, relax, and disconnect. We can spend time connecting with ourselves and our loved ones in a more meaningful way.

I think it's also important to remember that while our work has paid off, there is still more to come. This card is such a blessing because it gives us the time we might need in order to get some clarity before we dive back in.

The Four of Wands is also an affirmation of the foundation you've been building. Your home life is feeling good and supportive, and this growth has allowed you to be able to enjoy this new space and harmony in a new way.

This card is a testament to all you've been tending to and working on - take that in and celebrate yourself!



## REVERSED

The Four of Wands reversed tends to point to feeling resistant toward pausing, celebrating, or relaxing. If you're a workaholic or someone who tends to keep pressing toward the next thing, this is an important warning.

If you don't take time for yourself, you will eventually be forced to. And we don't get to say how that happens - which isn't always pleasant. In hindsight, my forced breaks were always painful, and while I don't carry regret, it certainly would have been easier to embrace them from the beginning.

This card can also come up when we're feeling ready to dive back into our work after taking a break. If that's the case, this is your sign to dive back in!

# five of wands

## UPRIGHT

conflict  
confrontation  
power struggles  
clashing egos  
challenges



## REVERSED

cooperation  
restoring peace  
resolution  
avoidance  
reparation

## THE ART

The Five of Wands can bring conflict and confrontation, so I created a composition with that sort of friction. There are three people at odds, with five wands adding to that chaos. There's a snake wrapped around them, which to me, elicits the feeling of "what are we actually fighting here?"

## LOVE

### *upright:*

disagreements  
turbulence  
competition

### *reversed:*

restoring harmony  
resolving conflict

## CAREER

### *upright:*

competition at work  
toxic workplace  
power struggles

### *reversed:*

resolution  
overcoming blocks

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

struggles  
setbacks  
financial conflict

### *reversed:*

agreement  
improvement

I really don't know why I'm still going to this class. I feel so defeated.

We turned in our short stories, and you're supposed to read everyone's throughout the week. So today, everyone gave feedback on each other's stories, and everybody got such good feedback, like just minor changes, but there was so much enthusiasm until we got to mine, and then the energy just shifted. Like it felt AWKWARD.

They told me I have plot issues, character development issues, grammar issues, etc. I feel really sad. And I feel like, I believed I was meant to be a writer for so long and now it's been taken from me. Like everything I thought I knew was just wrong? I don't know, I feel like maybe I should just stop going? I'm going to think on it but it just doesn't feel good right now.

# five of wands

## UPRIGHT

With Five of Wands, we see a lot of conflict energy. This can be internal or external, but it's often coming from this deep space of fear within us.

In Rider-Waite, we see the Five of Wands as five men holding long wands, all fighting amongst each other. So there's a lot of chaos here, and this card is often interpreted as being so focused on fighting that no one is listening. Honestly, it's like a scene in a reality TV show where everyone is trying to yell over one another.

When we are looking at this card as an internal issue, we could feel conflicted, angry, or all over the place. There's some inherent messiness in this card, like all these pieces of ourselves are fighting with one another.

When we start digging at this, we can trace it to some deep places within us. Typically, when we are feeling this way, when we are activated in a big way, there are some deep-rooted fears.

Are you afraid of not being heard?

Are you afraid there won't be enough for you?

Are you afraid you will be outshined?

Are you afraid you won't get what you deserve?

Are you afraid you can't keep up? Or that you need to keep up?

Fear is a primitive emotion, one that serves us in our survival, but it can come out in so many ways that don't necessarily help us. When this card comes up, we are being invited to meet with this fear, not push it down. We can use it as a lantern, letting it guide us into our next moves.

The key to this card is vulnerability. When we come across these instincts, these fears for survival that are masked as greed, jealousy, control, etc., we have this amazing opportunity to move through them by naming them. We can say “I am afraid of — but I want to move through this in a different way.” This is where progress is made, if we continue to act from an activated space, from an instinctual space, we keep ourselves stuck in the pattern. We want to create a new way of being, which means meeting these moments of conflict with new behaviors and thoughts.

## **REVERSED**

The Five of Wands reversed typically indicates the light at the end of the tunnel: the conflict is settling, and clarity is coming through. This may be a card that shows up after you have met with confrontation as your more evolved self as opposed to the version of you stuck in the old patterns.

If things still feel unbalanced for you, there may be some avoidance happening. Are you trying to repress your feelings to avoid any type of conflict? Are you just wanting to keep the peace? Keep in mind this also comes from your survival brain. If we feel our survival is threatened when there is conflict, we become people who will place peace above wellness when those are not always the same thing. We must show up for ourselves and our needs, even if those around us cannot understand.

# six of wands

## UPRIGHT

triumph  
confidence  
forward movement  
recognition  
achievement



## REVERSED

setback  
arrogance  
delay  
not appreciating self  
minimizing success

## THE ART

With the Six of Wands, we enter a space of achievement and triumph. I chose to use a woman on a winged horse, charging forward with her arm raised. She has been empowered through her journey and is ready to take on whatever comes her way. We see Jupiter nearby, honoring her success and expansion.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

success in love  
progress  
new milestone

#### *reversed:*

miscommunication  
arrogance

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

victory  
recognition  
achievement

#### *reversed:*

setback  
delay

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

financial stability  
success  
progress

#### *reversed:*

financial loss  
overconfidence

I gave it one more class, which didn't go so well, and then told the teacher I wouldn't be coming back.

He agreed that it likely wasn't the right space for me.

And I decided.... I don't care what they say. Maybe I am a shit writer. But I'm still gunna try. I can't let 11 people out of all the billions in the world decide what I can do.

I like what I write. And I know there are some others that do too. And I enjoy writing, so why wouldn't I keep trying?

# six of wands

## UPRIGHT

Oh, what a happy moment! The Six of Wands invites us to celebrate and appreciate ourselves. While we often think of celebration following a major achievement, this card is not about our external success. Of course, if you've got something big to celebrate, definitely do so.

But at the heart of Six of Wands is finding a new level of self-appreciation and empowerment. This can result from a long process where we finally realize just how far we've come, how much we've changed, and how much we've done.

Embracing ourselves, no matter what happens in our external lives, is critical. How we feel about ourselves cannot be dependent on milestones that society places upon us. Cultivating a deep appreciation for ourselves, even with the things no one else can see, can never be stripped from us.

The Six of Wands reminds you how well you're doing and encourages you to reflect on your relationship with yourself. Is it easy for you to celebrate yourself? In what ways do you appreciate yourself? How often are you complimenting yourself? Do you tend to default to the next thing you must tackle instead of taking it all in?

Make sure to learn how to bask in a Six of Wands period - you deserve it.



## REVERSED

The Six of Wands reversed indicates that we may not fully appreciate ourselves. We may be in some negative thought patterns that are contributing to us feeling a bit down on ourselves.

This card could also signal that you resist celebrating yourself or your accomplishments. It may also point to a deeper pattern of feeling like good things can't happen without the rug being pulled out from under you.

The Six of Wands reversed asks you to reflect on your relationship with celebration and appreciation toward yourself. Was discomfort modeled for you? Were your achievements always downplayed by others? When you think about celebrating yourself, what is the worst thing that could happen?

# seven of wands

## UPRIGHT

defense  
perseverance  
challenge  
resilience  
protectiveness



## REVERSED

giving up  
yielding  
overwhelm  
insecurity  
surrender

## THE ART

The Seven of Wands brings in some hyper-vigilance and defensiveness. I chose an eagle in a defensive position, gripping one of the seven wands. Mars is in the background, which brings in more of the intense and aggressive aspects found in the Wands suit, which we often meet with in this card.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

defensiveness  
challenge in love  
being at odds

#### *reversed:*

tension  
insecurity

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

perseverance  
resilience  
persistence

#### *reversed:*

overwhelm  
insecurity

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

scarcity mindset  
money blocks  
overcoming challenge

#### *reversed:*

loss  
uncertainty

I found a new writing class. The first one is tomorrow and I honestly feel really apprehensive.

I went into the last one feeling really good and confident. I was so excited. But I feel like, what if the same thing happens again? I feel like it will be harder for me to believe in myself if a second class of people clearly have a problem with my writing.

I'm feeling way more insecure than I ever have with this and I feel really nervous. Like when I think about going, my body tightens up and I feel anxious.

I'm going to try to detach and just watch movies today and not think about it and hopefully I feel better tomorrow.

# seven of wands

## UPRIGHT

The Seven of Wands tends to point toward defensiveness, but not without cause. It often highlights old patterns we need to sit with. It comes after success found in the Six of Wands, so when we meet this card, there is a bit of a question: Where are you being hyper-vigilant? What old stories are driving your thoughts?

Imagine someone who was raised in poverty, violence, and crime. They have lived in survival mode for a very long time. Let's say they win the lottery in their 20s - enough money to last them and anyone they know a lifetime. While this would be amazing, of course, we could also anticipate that they wouldn't necessarily feel more secure. How could they? Their subconscious brain is built around survival and scarcity. They likely would still be incredibly hyper-vigilant and in survival mode, and to no fault of their own.

This analogy may feel dramatic to some. For others, this may be their reality. There are very real, external, systemic factors at play that inform our relationship with this card. Where has your survival been threatened? How does that show up for you now?

The Seven of Wands indicates that the threat may have passed, but we still live in that trauma in some form. This is the nature of the work for our entire lives! When this card finds us, it's a pretty potent check-in. By it simply showing up, we are being told that we have more room to move than we think we do.

## REVERSED

The Seven of Wands reversed often signals that we are deep in our trigger and don't have the ability to access another perspective. The nervous system is convincing! So when we're here, detaching in any way we can is super supportive.

On the other end of the spectrum, however, is abandoning ourselves in a way. It may be that we are feeling really tapped out and unable to meet the needs of our lives. It could also mean that we are trying to avoid confrontation, so we don't stand up for ourselves in a way we really need to.

# eight of wands

## UPRIGHT

excitement  
travel  
energy  
expansion  
momentum



## REVERSED

haste  
setbacks  
chaos  
frustration  
lack of preparedness

## THE ART

With the Eight of Wands, we see eight glowing wands pointing upward, symbolizing the growing energy in this card. We see Jupiter in the background, pointing toward the expansion, progress, and joy found with the Eight of Wands.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

open communication  
deeper connection  
progress in love

#### *reversed:*

miscommunication  
rushing love

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

progress  
promotion  
new opportunities

#### *reversed:*

hasty decisions  
obstacles

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

growth  
progress  
income opportunity

#### *reversed:*

stagnation  
impulsive spending

I really can't believe it but EVERYONE in my new class liked my story!!!

I am just flabbergasted. I turned in the exact same story that the other class hated but everyone loved it! I got such good feedback. And I don't think they were lying either, though a small voice in my head is wondering that.

But the feedback they gave was really good and valuable. Like I really got something out of it, but almost everyone said they really wanted to know more and were interested in the characters. Even the teacher liked it! And I just feel so much better, and even more excited to keep writing.

# eight of wands

## UPRIGHT

The Eight of Wands is one of my favorite cards, I mean, who doesn't love lots of momentum and expansion?

This card can feel like a portal opening up. You may have been working on something for a long time and struggling and feeling like you'll never break through, and then it feels like almost overnight progress. It can feel like things are clicking and the Universe is responding in a more obvious way.

You are being called into a new stage, and now is not the time to doubt yourself. Imposter syndrome can crop up with this card, as can perfectionism and not feeling ready. I've noticed that often when people feel ready, they may be disappointed with any subsequent mistakes. People who don't feel ready are more likely to go with the flow and figure things out.

The point here is it doesn't matter if you feel ready or not. The feeling doesn't mean anything, and it has zero ability to predict how you'll navigate the next phase. We are all learning as we go! If the opportunities are coming to you, trust them and take them.



## REVERSED

When the Eight of Wands reversed comes up, it's indicating either an internal or external block.

If it's external, like delays with other people or timelines, miscommunications or disruptions, we often feel stagnant, frustrated, and impatient. We may be trying to push and just "get there." But if this is happening, we need to take a beat and let the process unfold how it needs to. It's often when we find peace with where we're at, despite any setbacks, that major progress happens.

When it's internal, we may be feeling very fearful. We could be clinging to our perfectionism, feeling anxious about moving to the next phase and flat-out unready. This is where an amplified version of imposter syndrome sets in, holding us back from where we logically want to go. If this is what's happening - remember that the world is filled with imposters, and they aren't wondering if they're not good enough.

It's often people who really know what they're doing that question their ability. Don't overwhelm yourself and try to dive in head first, but do not engage with the "doubt" voice in your head as you work on moving forward.

# nine of wands

## UPRIGHT

determination  
fatigue  
persistence  
grit  
devotion



## REVERSED

rigidity  
stubbornness  
quitting  
stuckness  
needing rest

## THE ART

The Nine of Wands is really about charging forth through resistance, fatigue, and through challenge. I chose an ancient warrior figure, holding a wand in their hand, looking forward. We also see Mars (twice) that brings in some more warrior energy.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

perseverance in love  
self-empowerment  
dating fatigue

### *reversed:*

stubbornness  
one-sided relationship

## CAREER

### *upright:*

persistence at work  
feeling drained  
determination

### *reversed:*

burnout  
not being flexible

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

protection  
resilience  
stagnant investment

### *reversed:*

loss  
pressure

I've been so busy working that I haven't had much time to write any of my happenings, but after a couple of months of this class and really feeling like I've made a lot of progress, my teacher told me that what I've been turning in could easily be a book. I was shocked but also so excited that I just started writing non-stop.

Even at work, when I should be doing other stuff, I just feel like I need more time for this book. I am reaching a deep level of exhaustion, though. I know there's no rush, but I guess when someone encourages you so much, you just feel like you have to do it right away.

That being said, I don't have that much more to do, honestly. I've written 36 chapters. Which is a lot for me. I don't know if all of it is good or if it will all need to be rewritten. I hope not because, honestly, I don't think I can do that much of a re-write. And beyond that, I'm worried I won't feel inspired enough to finish as it is, let alone the real work that starts after finishing.

# nine of wands

## UPRIGHT

The Nine of Wands is such a special card! We often see a dying fire start blazing when we're in this space.

You know in those movies where the hero has been battling for what seems like forever, and they're just tired? These are the moments where it appears they might lose. We see them in a weak position, their enemy holding a sword above them, and it seems like hope is lost. Then our hero digs deep, pulling out one last burst of energy and triumphs.

This is very much Nine of Wands energy.

Can you think of a time when you were bone-tired but couldn't stop? And not because you were told to, but because you were dedicated to what you were working on?

I think of people who are so intent on being the best students they possibly can be (I was not one of those), and they are absolutely on another level during finals week. I couldn't understand this, but these students care! They want to graduate with honors and a 4.5 GPA. Their dedication to the vision they have for themselves is what carries them through that last push of effort.

And that is critical to Nine of Wands - we are nearing the completion of something, and this is the final push.

So when you meet with this card, you are likely feeling flatlined. It's that all-consuming feeling of desperately needing a break. You just want to crawl into bed and come out next season. You are not sure how you can go on, but you are so driven by your purpose you have reserves of energy to get you through these last few hurdles.

The beautiful news with this card is that when we pull it, we are being told that there really isn't much longer to go. We are so, so close. Knowing that alone can carry us through because knowing it's close to ending is freeing enough in this moment.

## **REVERSED**

When Nine of Wands comes up reversed, there might be part of you that is absolutely refusing to stop or take a break. It may also be that part of you is refusing to go forward.

If a refusal to stop is present, it would be important to explore what the attached belief is. What do you fear might happen if you were to take a break? Maybe you think all progress will be lost. Maybe you think you'll never be able to get back into the swing of things.

We can do the same if we are not wanting to move forward. What do you fear may happen if you *do* move forward? Are you fearful of failure? Of success? Do you fear the potential responsibility and commitment that may become yours?

# ten of wands

## UPRIGHT

responsibility  
burden  
stress  
obligation  
struggle



## REVERSED

breakdown  
collapse  
relief  
delegation  
independence

## THE ART

With the Ten of Wands, we see a winged woman holding all ten wands. She is tired and sagging a little bit, leaning into the wands. We also see how far she has come on her journey by the distant city in the background.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

extra responsibility  
stress in love  
burdened by love

### *reversed:*

release  
falling out of love

## CAREER

### *upright:*

overworked  
achievement  
feeling abandoned

### *reversed:*

independence  
burn out

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

overcommitment  
obligation  
struggling finances

### *reversed:*

relief  
finding assistance

I've been working so hard, like literally writing constantly, and I'm reaching this space of feeling so burnt out. All of this is exciting - I feel so encouraged that people have responded so well to my work. AND that people who really know what they're doing are all clamoring to help me. It is hard though because I don't have any time to myself now.

It's been weeks and I have not had much time to recharge or get inspiration and I am honestly really worried how this will impact my work. I am not sure what to do though and if this is how all professional writers live, I do not know how they do it.

# ten of wands

## UPRIGHT

When the Ten of Wands comes up, it often signals that it's a good time to take an inventory of your life. This card indicates that we've been going and going for a long time, and we are getting tired. Ten of Wands crops up in moments of burnout when we've pushed ourselves a bit too far and have reached a space of deep exhaustion or shut down.

This is when we may start noticing that we don't feel as passionate or connected to our work as we once did. We may feel less joy and more anxiety. It could also be a time when we notice our body feeling a bit more fatigued and irritated, like getting more headaches or digestive upset. We have hit the "energy" button in our body too many times. Our body may not be able to keep up with its everyday duties quite as well, and we can feel those effects a bit. Even feeling like our memory is a bit hazy indicates this!

The Ten of Wands is also an indicator that you may need to reach out to those around you and ask for support. And if it isn't something you feel you can hand off, even having another opinion on what wand you can put down is helpful. Sometimes, we think they're all super important and can't be dropped, but another person may have some insight that we haven't considered.

This card could also remind you to check your boundaries. Sometimes, we put more on our plates to help others, which depletes us. Even certain types of conversations can be draining when you're feeling overwhelmed. I know I have put up boundaries with people around certain topics when I have gone through periods of being at capacity. We don't want to default to this place because our work is not about making sure other people accommodate our needs, but if this feels good for the short term, it's something to consider.



The Ten of Wands asks you to reflect on how to move through the moment and find freedom from this pattern if this has happened many times for you. In what ways do you accumulate more responsibilities? Is this self-imposed, or do you often feel they're pushed on you? How can you put things down in the immediate moment? When was the first time you remember feeling this way? What is the core feeling of this pattern? What story can you begin telling yourself to help you get free of this pattern?

## **REVERSED**

When we meet the Ten of Wands reversed, it's indicating that the overwhelm we're experiencing is reflecting a deeper pattern that needs our attention. While this can be true in the upright version of the card, the reversal lets us know that we're subconsciously creating our suffering and aren't really examining it.

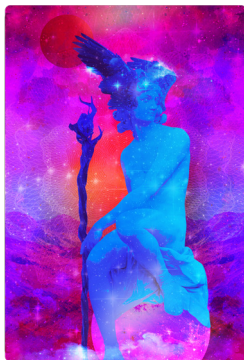
When we find ourselves living in a state of overwhelm, the first thing we must acknowledge is that it is self-created. For example, if you often felt overwhelmed as a child, this will be a part of your "program," and you will continue to find ways to feel that way as an adult.

This card asks you to reflect on the times you've felt overwhelmed. Did you receive any messages in your early life that this is the norm? Was accepting help frowned upon? Did it somehow make you more valuable to be burnt out? What is the worst thing that could happen if you paused on all the things you feel like you need to take care of? Because this is a deeper pattern, what can you put down for the next 7-10 days that feels manageable?

# seeker of wands

## UPRIGHT

exploration  
optimism  
curiosity  
new change  
enthusiasm



## REVERSED

pessimism  
distraction  
blocks  
limiting patterns  
negative thought loops

## THE ART

In this piece, we see a figure with small wings on their head in a sitting position on top of Mars. They hold a dark wand to their side but are looking forward. I used this to create the feeling of split energy. There is a lot of energy at their disposal, but it can get stuck here, and progress may be slow. There is a lot of energy from Mars, but it isn't moving because the figure is sitting.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

discovery in love  
potential love  
making a change

### *reversed:*

indecision  
lack of commitment

## CAREER

### *upright:*

curiosity  
new project  
enthusiasm

### *reversed:*

boredom  
feeling stuck

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

new opportunity  
new money plans  
exploring options

### *reversed:*

procrastination  
overspending

So my teacher told me I need to start sending out manuscripts to agents and also really work on my social channels. So I have spent the last couple of weeks mailing out packages, sending emails and posting videos talking about my book. The only problem with this is that I haven't had much time to write and also I'm just not feeling motivated to do it anyway.

I have started working on some other stuff though where I'm combining drawings and digital collages I am making with some writing, and I'm really enjoying that thank goodness. Honestly this has all gone so fast that I haven't really had time to think much about anything, but I am definitely feeling drained.

# seeker of wands

## UPRIGHT

The Seeker of Wands ushers in new experiences, ideas, and passions. There's a lot of lust for life and that thirst to do something, prove something, create something.

When this card shows up, there's often what appears to be a lot of momentum. There's a bunch of communication happening, a bunch of ideas being exchanged or written down, and of course, the excitement of potential.

But notice that I said there *appears* to be a lot of momentum. Oftentimes with this card, there's a flurry of energy but no actual progress. Because so much is happening, there's this false comfort of getting things done.

Have you ever heard the quote, "youth is wasted on the young?" We see some Seeker of Wands energy in that. The quote is commonly agreed to mean that young people often have excitement, vitality, and passion, but they can squander opportunity and potential. They may favor fun over seeing something through. And let me be clear here: There isn't anything wrong with that exactly; it's a part of the process. It's also a universal quote because it's a relatively universal experience! Even when people work super hard in their younger years, they often reach mid-life and wish they had done it differently; they wish they took more risks and followed their dreams. They just couldn't see the bigger picture at the time.

So when we come across the Seeker of Wands, we're being pointed to this pattern of not moving forward, despite having an abundance of gifts. If we're looking at Wands being our life force and vitality, we have this double dose of vibrancy while also being stuck in this cycle that isn't really taking us anywhere. If you imagine it like tending to a fire, this cycle is like lighting a match, watching the flames grow but forgetting to feed it and it going out quickly... so you light another match and so on and so forth. To break out of this cycle, we need to begin to make small changes.

If we have this pattern of abandoning our ideas and passion, it means we have some subconscious blocks we aren't taking the time to be mindful of. If we can meet with this old conditioning and create awareness around it, we are more easily able to move forward.

This card is an invitation to examine your internal fire and notice what's working for you and what isn't. Where do you usually get stuck? What feels most difficult about moving from the excitement phase to the grounded progress phase? Oftentimes because the Seeker really wants to make their mark on the world, their big vision can actually be very scary because it is uncharted territory. To move forward, we want to shift the focus onto ourselves and make the project focused on our love for it as opposed to what it could do. It's like how athletes can get in their heads about high-pressure situations, they often have to remind themselves, "this is just a game." If we let our thoughts run rampant and spiral into too big of a scenario, it will create some resistance. Remember that we DO believe our own thoughts, so choose ones that will make it easier for you to move forward in a real way.

## **REVERSED**

When Seeker of Wands is reversed, think of it as a more entrenched pattern, where the blocks have really "cemented" themselves, so to speak. They may be so significant that we don't really engage in the excitement of this card. We don't let ourselves fantasize about the possibility and potential of an idea, we may shut it down before we get there.

These limitations can be worked through, but again, we believe what we think. So this is really an important sign: what is happening in your head? It's time to be super mindful and question those thoughts that often flicker through the mind without notice.

The Seeker of Wands reversed is saying: whatever it is that's preventing you from going after what you want is not true. The story you tell yourself, the negative thoughts you think, whatever the perceived blocks are, they are really only that: perceived. You can move through them. Again, start with small changes and begin by exposing yourself to more positive things, like listening to inspiring podcasts! The little changes we make can create big ones, so start small!

# conqueror of wands

## UPRIGHT

confidence  
courage  
free spirit  
adventure  
energy



## REVERSED

anger  
arrogance  
impatience  
domineering  
haste

## THE ART

With this card, we meet bold change and the invitation to share more of ourselves with the world. I felt that a griffin translated this well, as both the lion and the eagle found in the griffin carry a fierce intensity. The griffin carries a wand in its mouth, flames bursting from it, bringing movement, energy, and transformation.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

impulsiveness  
hot and cold  
passion

#### *reversed:*

frustration  
impatience

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

brave decisions  
taking initiative  
adventure

#### *reversed:*

unreliability  
delays

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

proactive  
expansion  
risk

#### *reversed:*

wasting money  
frustration

So I told my agent and editor and teacher that I won't be doing all the publicity and social media they've been having me do. It isn't sustainable for me and at the end of the day, my work is the most important thing to me. Even if no one gets to read it.

So I have laid out to them how I will work, what they can expect from me and what I am willing to do, and I told them to come up with a plan that works for me. They seemed surprised, and argued with me a bit, but I held really firm. And I'm really proud of myself. I told them if I can't get this non-writing work to fit my life then I won't be moving forward. They actually understood when I said that and promised to come up with some options. Thank goodness!!

# conqueror of wands

## UPRIGHT

The Conqueror of Wands ushers in a bold change in terms of how we move through the world.

You may feel like you've found a new reservoir of passion and confidence within yourself. You may also be feeling called to change how you express yourself in the world.

The Conqueror of Wands often indicates that we've been on a journey of learning to appreciate ourselves and our unique offerings in a new way, and now we're being called to share more of what we've found with the world around us.

After coming into new clarity, ideas, and creative spark, this card brings action. We are ready to move on to what has been brewing within us. You may be feeling more motivated than you ever have, as you have a big vision, and you're ready for the world to see it too.

This could also be happening internally. You may have been experiencing a long transformation process, and how you want to exist in the world is changing. Coming closer to your authentic self and your individuality brings you the strength needed to navigate the world around you. Knowing and trusting who we are allows us to weather any storms we may come upon, so embrace this urge you've been feeling.

This card is an affirmation of the moves you want to make. While there can be some recklessness with the Conquerors, it is also a part of the process. Don't be impulsive with big decisions while you're feeling this new and passionate energy, but also don't try to tamp out the fire either. Stay balanced and trust your journey.



## REVERSED

When we meet the Conqueror of Wands reversed, there's likely been a stagnation or block in the new bold energy we've been tapping into. We may feel like we have places to go and things to see but are unsure how to get there. We may have a big project we want to put out into the world but lack the resources. We may also be doubting ourselves and are afraid of how others around us will react.

This card is a reminder to start small if you need to. I've had many big ideas that I needed to grow into before I could start working on them. Start with what feels manageable but also challenging. Something that feels like you must rise to the occasion but isn't paralyzing.

# sovereign of wands

## UPRIGHT

optimism  
confidence  
determination  
energy  
passion



## REVERSED

demanding  
insecurity  
vindictiveness  
overbearing  
bully

## THE ART

The Sovereign of Wands is where purpose, magic, and leadership meet. I chose an anatomical heart as the central focus, symbolizing all the wisdom and transformation we carry. The flames wrapped around it represent the movement taking shape from this magic we carry within us.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

confidence  
independence  
openness in love

### *reversed:*

jealousy  
overbearing

## CAREER

### *upright:*

leadership  
inspiration  
purpose

### *reversed:*

domineering  
lack of motivation

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

strong decisions  
determination  
energy

### *reversed:*

insecurity  
overspending

Things have been progressing really well with this book! Ever since I put up my boundaries around my working style and what I will / will not do, things have just seemed to be clicking. I feel like I'm embodying a bolder energy and people are responding to me differently.

Honestly, making my creative work the priority and letting everything else be negotiable has completely shifted things and it feels so much better. I don't feel desperate anymore or hoping people will like what I write or if they will be willing to work with me. I honestly didn't know it was possible to feel like this and I'm so grateful.

# sovereign of wands

## UPRIGHT

All the magic! Sovereign of Wands is an alchemist, and they know it. So this card is a profound invitation to stand in your magic. It asks you to take your place as a leader in the spaces where it suits you.

Most of us who end up in healing spaces have gone through it. We have inherited and lived trauma, we have experienced oppression, and we have been bullied, talked down to, and minimized. So much of our work is in unraveling these stories and reclaiming the magic that is authentically ours, that was born in us and is unable to be stripped from us. This is a process, and the Sovereign of Wands is a powerful ally in that journey.

This card reminds us what is inherently ours. It demands that we embrace it. Continuing to minimize or doubt ourselves is an incredible disservice to ourselves and also the world around us.

It can be easy to compare ourselves, even our healing journeys or spiritual practices. Our wounds tell us stories of not-enoughness. But the Sovereign of Wands lets us know that we don't need to be all the things. We just need to be ourselves. We have gifts that have yet to be explored, and wisdom still to be discovered. Embrace this journey and know that you are exactly enough as you are.

## REVERSED

When the Sovereign of Wands reversed crops up, we might be struggling to embrace our inherent magic fully. We may secretly believe we are capable but are unsure how to embody that. We may be unsure or unable to fully trust ourselves on the path toward being a leader in our community.

This card could also indicate that you're feeling insecure and doubting yourself. You could also be feeling a lack of passion for the work you're doing in the world.

In general, the Sovereign of Wands reversed brings a lot of “not-enoughness”: not smart enough, not magical enough, not capable enough, not powerful enough, not passionate enough, not creative enough, etc. But, truly, pulling this card is an affirmation that you are enough for whatever you dream to do. Take it one day at a time, one small step at a time.

# ruler of wands

## UPRIGHT

vision  
boldness  
leadership  
daring  
charisma



## REVERSED

tyrant  
intolerance  
inaction  
egotism  
powerlessness

## THE ART

With the Ruler of Wands we see the full moon, representing the completion of the journey through the suit of Wands. The ouroboros is a symbol of transformation and transmutation, while the hawk wings symbolize higher perspective, clarity, and vision. Combined, these symbols create the earned leadership and empowerment found in the Ruler of Wands.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

charisma  
new energy in love  
passion

### *reversed:*

dominating  
impulsiveness

## CAREER

### *upright:*

achievement  
charisma  
respect

### *reversed:*

inefficiency  
tyranny

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

confidence  
generosity  
stability

### *reversed:*

passiveness  
lack of ambition

It's funny, since I've been sharing my thoughts and feelings more about writing and the publishing industry, more people are listening to me. Even people who are "higher up" in the world are responding to me in a way that makes me feel seen.

It took me by surprise because I was just speaking my truth, but I was invited to speak to a room of executives on how to change along with this rapidly changing world. I am a bit nervous, but I also feel like I have important things to say having gone on this journey in publishing this last year. Even though I am not as experienced, I know I have valuable insights. So, they better be ready!

# ruler of wands

## UPRIGHT

The Ruler of Wands brings in major leader energy. So if this is coming up for you in a reading, it's a good idea for you to embrace this within you. It may be signaling that your life around you is asking you to step into a new role for yourself and others that you feel others haven't been able to do.

I think it's really important to note the fraught relationship so many of us, but especially collectively, have with leaders and leadership. It's not often people approve of leaders - they are very easy to scrutinize. And also, we have plenty of examples of poor leadership, whether that's in our 9-5 job or our global leaders. We have a lot of people who have abused power. There are a lot of people who have let us down.

This doesn't exactly make it easy to step into that role and embrace that within us, especially because we may not have personally encountered any good role models! But the Ruler of Wands is an invitation to trust ourselves in this way, to know that we can lead from a space of integrity and care.

This card also signals that you may have a big vision that you're sitting with. There are likely powerful creations you want to put out into the world. This card is definitely an affirmation of those - it not only lets you know that you're capable but that you must tap into the determination and passion to get it done. This card can often be about venturing into the unknown. There is a trailblazing element here, and it's important to really trust your instincts. There will always be people to tell you what they think you should do, but if they haven't been there, don't pay too much attention. Keep your eyes on your vision.



## REVERSED

When the Ruler of Wands reversed crops up, it tends to point toward a tense relationship with putting yourself out there, being seen, and being a leader. You may be feeling insecure and doubting your value. You may be overcompensating for your insecurity and being too forceful or egotistical with those around you. Coming from a space of needing external validation, respect, and power tends to create a lack of it. When people can sense deep insecurity on an energetic level, they will often respond in a way that perpetuates that pattern of insecurity.

When we are feeling unworthy, people will pick up on it. They won't know it, but they will often subconsciously send that back to us without realizing it. This can result in a spiral of feeling overwhelmed by doubt and feeling like we lack value.

So when this card comes up, it's asking you to work on this - because the world needs you. This card is an affirmation of how capable you are, but there are some deeper stories and patterns that may be holding you back a bit. Shifting these will free up a lot of space for you, which will help you do what you do best - create!

# cups

ELEMENT

water

ASTROLOGY

cancer, scorpio, pisces

we follow a journey of heartbreak, loss and  
discovery through fictitious journal entries to  
understand the card in a real way.

EMOTION  
INTUITION  
SUBCONSCIOUS  
SPIRITUALITY  
HEALING  
RELATIONSHIPS  
IMAGINATION

# ace of cups

## UPRIGHT

creativity  
intuition  
compassion  
awakening  
opportunity



## REVERSED

emptiness  
blocked  
feeling unloved  
unfulfilled  
emotional loss

## THE ART

We see a single cup sitting under water with 2 Beta fish. Beta fish are a symbol of courage, beauty, and power. The pearls are symbols of abundance and gifts, which we uncover through doing the work with the Cups.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

new romance  
deepening intimacy  
fulfillment

#### *reversed:*

imbalance  
separation

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

new emotions  
satisfaction  
success

#### *reversed:*

uninspired  
stalemate

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

gifts  
creativity  
prosperity

#### *reversed:*

scarcity  
greed

I finally reached the space where I refuse to keep living like this anymore. I was doing the laundry yesterday, my arms completely full, and the doorbell rang. I yelled to Dylan to get it and assumed he did. Until it rang a second time.

I ran to the door, assuming he went upstairs and didn't hear it, only to see him sitting at the kitchen counter watching a video on his phone. It was the last straw honestly. I have felt so alone in this relationship for so long that I realized I should ACTUALLY be alone.

I left ten minutes later. He was so dumbfounded honestly I don't know if he thinks I'm joking but I'm not. I will never go back. And I am going to live differently now, life is TOO SHORT.

# ace of cups

## UPRIGHT

The Ace of Cups is the beginning of our journey with the Cups. This card ushers in our work with the watery realm: our emotional body, feelings, love, intuition, and relationships. How fulfilled are you? How full is your heart? How connected are you to yourself and others? How do you show up for yourself?

There are so many of us who grew up shoving this part of ourselves to the side. We continue to focus on what's next because nothing is ever enough. So the Ace of Cups is really asking "Okay, what actually fulfills you?" What do you need to do in your relationship with yourself and others to bring more joy and happiness to your life? At the end of the day, this is truly what matters most in life.

This is not to say we don't want to keep calling in more to our lives if that's what we want, but we do want to remember: none of it matters if we can't choose to be happy.

So when we pull this card, it signals a new chapter with this work. An Ace of Cups moment is where we finally decide to settle into ourselves and prioritize our feelings. This may come in the form of removing people from our lives, beginning a meditation practice, or seeking out people who are on the same wavelength as us. There is often a turning within and a reaching out simultaneously.

We also tend to become more discerning in our lives with the Ace of Cups. I think this often happens naturally when we reach a certain age. We begin to realize that life is too short. It's too short to spend time with people we aren't happy with... not even a minute of our time!

When we make this shift from our old patterns and prioritize new ones, we create space. In other words, we empty a bunch of cups, and in turn, we have more we can fill. Maybe you stop going out, and you start reading. Maybe you go to the gym 3x per week instead of 6x... You are clearing out and finding new parts of yourself. You may find your life slowing down, and even more surprising, you find you're okay with it!

There's this blissful feeling to Ace of Cups because it's where we come home to ourselves, maybe even for the first time.

## **REVERSED**

When we pull the Ace of Cups reversed, it typically indicates a block in our emotional space.

There are so many people who were raised to repress their feelings and to be tough - I was one of them! I often look back and am astounded at how depressed I was during certain periods of my life when I thought I was doing "fine."

Unfortunately, if I had pulled Ace of Cups in those periods of depression, I would have never realized. When we have such significant blocks to ourselves and our feelings, we don't think anything is wrong.

To me, this level of repression can be found in the Ace of Cups reversed. Likely not in such a significant way, but it can sometimes point to something we're blinded to that needs our attention.

The Cups represent our unconscious self - it's hard to be aware of that part of ourselves! So when we pull this card, it can be a nudge to step outside ourselves and look at it the way we would a stranger.

# two of cups

## UPRIGHT

partnership  
integration  
closeness  
unity  
balance



## REVERSED

disharmony  
break-ups  
self-love  
rejection  
withdrawal

## THE ART

With the Two of Cups, we see a figure holding a goblet, raising it toward the moon. She is mirrored, symbolizing the meeting of two halves of the self. The full moon above her symbolizes transformation and wholeness - the opportunity that is being offered through this card.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

equality  
commitment  
new relationship

#### *reversed:*

disharmony  
codependency

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

collaboration  
synergy  
understanding

#### *reversed:*

discord  
rivalry

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

security  
trust  
cooperation

#### *reversed:*

dispute  
mismanagement



After the breakup, I moved in with my parents for the time being, and I've been very surprised how smoothly things have gone.

I was really nervous they would be over the top and really invade my privacy the way they have in the past, but they've been very chill. I have even had some really good convos with them about the end of my relationship and they had great insights.

I'm feeling like maybe I really needed to be here. There's no such thing as an accident with stuff like this, so I'm feeling like being here to work through some limiting patterns and also create new relationships with them might be the best possible outcome? We will see.

# two of cups

## UPRIGHT

With the Two of Cups, we're deepening our connection with ourselves. Traditionally this card is read as relationships with other people, and while that's valuable and can be very true, I think this card tends to point toward integration within the self. And, of course, this can often be born through our relationship with others.

We all have shadow aspects and parts of ourselves that we've rejected. When we're beginning our journey with the Cups and through the emotional and psychic realms, we will take an inventory of our suffering, our struggle, our stuckness, and how we want to feel. In that inquiry, in pulling the thread of discovering where we are now and where we want to be, we will find that there's so much we've been taught to repress and be ashamed of. Often the first steps we take are working to integrate these parts that have been shunned.

The Two of Cups can guide us in that integration. Sometimes we find that the people we love and those around us can really support us in that. Often the people we love embody these qualities we've repressed, and we're drawn to them because of it! It's called "shadow hugging." So simply in being near them, we can be inspired to step into embodying these qualities.

Establishing this deeper connection with ourselves is so important as we continue the journey with the Cups. This relationship is the most important one we have and is the container that allows us to continue on with the work. The Two of Cups invites us to examine this. Do you feel like

you have a good relationship with yourself? Do you feel that you carry shame? Do you think you struggle to accept yourself? Reflect on what comes up for you and see if there's anything that is asking for your attention or parts of yourself that need to be integrated.

## **REVERSED**

With the Two of Cups reversed, we may be feeling resistant toward sitting with ourselves. Our relationship to the self may be at the bottom of our priority list, and we also may feel like we don't need to examine anything. Sometimes when we carry so much shame, so many repressed emotions, we will harden around ourselves.

We may think we're completely happy with ourselves, but we aren't. There can be a lot happening beneath the surface that we don't realize. So this card is a gentle invitation to open up with yourself more. We don't want to pull the covers back too fast but instead allow for a slow awakening to these deeper aspects.

# three of cups

## UPRIGHT

creativity  
friendship  
community  
collaboration  
gatherings



## REVERSED

loneliness  
imbalance  
scandal  
alone time  
isolation

## THE ART

With the Three of Cups, we see three women embracing in a shell, which can symbolize protection and sanctuary. This card offers magical transformation and collaboration through all of our relationships. With that, we see the figures leaning into one another like they're gaining support and strength from each other's presence.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

happiness  
friends to lovers  
quality time

#### *reversed:*

disconnection  
tension

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

teamwork  
achievement  
celebration

#### *reversed:*

misunderstanding  
conflict

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

extra cash  
community support  
new milestone

#### *reversed:*

scarcity  
waste

It's finally settled in a bit that I am basically starting my life over in ways.

I never thought I'd be here and it feels really jarring honestly. But despite that, the way my family and friends have rallied for me has been nothing short of amazing. There's been multiple times where I've bawled my eyes out from gratitude. It's really given me courage to keep going even though everything feels very uncertain and scary.

# three of cups

## UPRIGHT

The Three of Cups points toward collaboration, and this can be external or internal. Certainly, this card can mean that we're finding deeper connections in community. It can also mean that we are gathering the many forces within ourselves and the unseen around us.

I think our relationships are critical in our journey with the Cups because it is through our relationships that we're able to learn more about ourselves. It can be so easy to feel isolated and alone as we do this work, but being able to lean on those around us can fortify us in a way. It increases our resilience, reminds us of who we truly are, and encourages us to keep going.

As our spiritual practice grows, we may find that this card calls our attention to our relationships with our guides, ancestors, the land we live on, and the spirits that are present with us. Establishing and nurturing these relationships early on in our Cups journey is so important because we will continue to get stronger as we return and deepen these connections.

The Three of Cups is an invitation to examine your relationships. Are you present for them? Are they a priority for you? In what ways do you feel fulfilled through them, and in what ways do you not? How can you create a more meaningful connection?

## REVERSED

With the Three of Cups reversed, you may be finding that you're feeling a bit isolated. This could be your own choice and something you're happy about. It could also be something that has happened to you that you wish didn't. It may also be that you're isolating as a form of avoidance, and you must challenge yourself to return to the world a bit more.

This card asks you to sit with where you may be retreating into yourself - and if this is a needed break for you or if it is coming from a place of avoidance. A lot of times, we may feel so stuck that we can't imagine engaging with other people when being around others can help us shake off that stuckness. Sit with how this isolation is coming up for you and if it aligns with your authentic desires.

# four of cups

## UPRIGHT

discontentment  
withdrawal  
melancholy  
apathy  
boredom



## REVERSED

acceptance  
depression  
awareness  
renewal  
clarity

## THE ART

The Four of Cups tends to point toward uncertainty around the options in front of us. In this nightscape, I created 3 larger cups that are darker and transparent, with a fourth glowing cup that's further away. To me this symbolized not being ready for it, but there being a path forward, even if all we can see is the murkier options. Clarity will come if we give it space to reach us.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

unresponsiveness  
boredom  
solitude

### *reversed:*

reconnection  
engagement

## CAREER

### *upright:*

lacking progress  
disinterest  
stagnation

### *reversed:*

adjustments  
teamwork

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

hoarding  
envy of others  
neglect

### *reversed:*

generosity  
openness



Things feel like they're crashing down on me. I still am so supported and held by those around me, but at the same time, it's almost like I can't stand it. I even got a new job opportunity, but I don't know if I should take it. I am feeling so overwhelmed, so trapped in darkness, that I can't even feel grateful for the things I have.

I am wondering if I made the wrong decision in the breakup. I am unsure about what I should be doing with my life. I just feel so ungrounded and exhausted all the time. And I feel this anxiety, like what if I never get out of this space? All I want to do is binge Netflix am not interested in doing anything else.

# four of cups

## UPRIGHT

The Four of Cups can come up for us when we're feeling stuck and unsure about how to move forward. Traditionally this card is interpreted as isolation, remorse, and missed opportunities. But it also can be viewed as being unsure about what opportunity to go with. This uncertainty can create apathy and stuckness where we just freeze because we can't decide which path is "best."

And the reality is that none of the opportunities that await us will feel right until we shift our energy a bit.

This card is the perfect opportunity to disconnect from the many potential paths before you and become more present. Also, maybe shake things up a bit. If we turn our focus to another area of our life, maybe a creative project or diving into some books we love, re-organizing, or maybe volunteering, we are freeing up a lot of our stuck energy.

Fours within the tarot signal a space of deep integration, grounding, resting, and foundation building. This break and integration is needed - we can't move forward until our past lessons have been integrated a bit. Old patterns will continue to repeat themselves or come up if we haven't worked through them.

So while, yes, opportunities are there, this card is saying: "They don't mean anything until we get clear." And that may take time. We will need to trust that they'll still be there or that even better ones will be when we are ready.

## REVERSED

While the upright Four of Cups is a card of apathy and rest, when we meet this card reversed, it often signals that the uncertainty has passed and it's a good time to open up again.

This card affirms being in a space of clarity and ready to engage with the opportunities around you. There's a solidness in the Four of Cups reversed that is very much a nod to your work. When we surrender to moments of confusion and cloudiness and accept them for what they are, we are allowing deep work to happen on an unconscious level.

Coming out of this place, we are gifted not with external certainty but internal certainty. This means that even when things feel shaky and unstable, we can feel absolutely certain that we will navigate what lies ahead. This is the silver lining that can be found in all periods of uncertainty if we are doing the work to get there.

Personally, I think the Four of Cups reversed can really bring this understanding of “wow, I am moving through this pattern differently.” Most people continue to circle around the same feelings of fear and loss. They continue to create that experience over and over again. When we trust ourselves to move through the darkness differently, we see the world with new eyes once the sun rises.

# five of cups

## UPRIGHT

regret  
disappointment  
mourning  
failure  
pessimism



## REVERSED

self-forgiveness  
acceptance  
optimism  
recovery  
moving on

## THE ART

In this scene, we see three cups floating in the ocean while two remain upright on shore. From the viewer's perspective, we must deal with the cups in the water first before we reach shore. This card asks us to process our feelings, particularly old wounds, so we can fully appreciate what we currently have (the two upright cups) - there's so much opportunity, but we must tend to what needs it.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

despair  
grieving break up  
tension

### *reversed:*

healing old wounds  
reconciliation

## CAREER

### *upright:*

pulling back  
loss  
disappointment

### *reversed:*

lessons  
rebound

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

inadequacy  
regret  
waste

### *reversed:*

relief  
opportunity

The grief has finally hit and I feel completely submerged.

For a minute there I honestly thought this break-up wasn't affecting me that much but here we are. I don't even feel like getting out of bed in the morning. My parents are wondering what changed because it seemed like I was handling everything so well for a bit.

They seem alarmed and are trying to get me to snap out of it but then I just feel ashamed that I can't just keep up with life around me. I feel like how understanding they've been is going to end and they're just going to kick me out. I don't know. But it feels like the walls are closing in.

# five of cups

## UPRIGHT

If we don't make room for grief, it will make room within us. The Five of Cups ushers in that moment: time to feel all those feelings.

If we run from this potent moment, these feelings find small spaces within us to curl into. They take root in our bodies and can create dis-ease. We find we're more tired than usual. We feel more reactive. We don't have as much room to move within ourselves.

Knowing the nature of grief, we know that this card coming up doesn't always mean "you are going to lose something now." In a world that doesn't allow for much slowing down, the Five of Cups can be a beautiful invitation to pause and dig up the grief that has been buried within you.

For those of us who cannot help but feel our feelings, who do not struggle in accessing them or allowing ourselves to feel, this card will indicate that there's a lot that's been activated. The feelings of loss, fear, and disappointment are coming up for you right now. Let yourself swim in them. Push whatever you can from your to-do to another day and shift your focus from productivity to simply being.

No matter what is coming up for you, this card does signal a link to the past. There is something lingering there that must be processed. To me, this card is not about merely letting go of the past so we can see the opportunities around us - this card shows us how our perspective shapes our reality.

Here is the important caveat: unless we truly feel our feelings, we are doomed to repeat them. We will be stuck in fear and loss and a negative perspective until we process the losses we have sustained. You still won't be able to feel grateful for, let alone see, new opportunities until you do that work.

The Five of Cups is saying: **you can do it**, so let's do it.

## REVERSED

The Five of Cups reversed finds us when we've been processing a significant loss or wound and have started to feel the fog lifting. We've been in the thick of it, but this card points toward us continuing to see things shifting. It won't happen overnight, but it is unfolding - our perception is shifting, and we can see more light in our lives. As we continue to see that, we will continue to receive the gifts and opportunities offered. You are creating more space to move, but no need to rush it. This card affirms just how much of your work is paying off.

# six of cups

## UPRIGHT

comfort  
joy  
nostalgia  
healing  
sentimentality



## REVERSED

independence  
living in past  
forgiveness  
moving forward  
release

## THE ART

With the Six of Cups, we see a figure feeding a horse while under moving water (lots of bubbles!). Being underwater felt important because this card indicates a lot of subconscious work happening that we may not even understand. The figure feeding the horse, to me, is heart-centered and tender. It is in our relationship with animals that we most often find our inner child, which is very present in this card.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

healing from breakup  
innocence  
rekindling

### *reversed:*

bitterness  
clinging to past

## CAREER

### *upright:*

reunion  
learning lessons  
cooperation

### *reversed:*

repeating patterns  
leaving job

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

generosity  
financial gifts  
prosperity

### *reversed:*

independence  
inequity



The grief has passed a bit. It rolls in like waves but they are becoming slower and easier to manage. And I've felt more of an opening. I don't know if it's being here in the house I grew up in, with my parents, but so much of my childhood has been coming up. Remembering toys and songs and clothes and movies I loved. Getting to talk about them with my parents has been cool and we've also watched a few of the movies.

It feels weird, noticing the distance between then and now and how much has happened in between. And there's sadness, sitting with all the things I held so close and felt so important to me that just faded away. I miss who that kid was and I am grieving the loss.

# six of cups

## UPRIGHT

The Six of Cups is really the card of nostalgia. There is a return to ourselves, our homes of the past, and the child within. This happens spontaneously. We are being called to it on a deep level. We often don't know why, but we can sense this need for it on an unconscious level.

Have you ever just felt the need to look through old pictures of home movies? To go to your childhood home or school? This is Six of Cups energy.

Our bodies know there is medicine in revisiting our past. We can feel the joy, and the sadness - we can look at it with fresh eyes.

This period can also come after we've gone through a painful experience or loss - we feel this need to go back to a time when things felt safer, made more sense, or perhaps more joyful.

I often revisit shows that I loved when I was younger. It feels super cozy for me, especially in times of a lot of stress. Being able to be with characters that got me through the roughness of teenagehood reminds me that I can get through this moment too.

This card often comes with a warning, like "Don't get stuck here," but honestly, I never see that actually happen. I know for me, in these moments, I will feel anticipatory sadness knowing that someday soon I won't want to watch my old shows anymore, and I will go back to the real world.

It really is a trip, a quick stay at an AirBnB in the yesteryear within you. My feeling is: trust yourself to come back. Our brains really deserve more credit. We often get irritated with ourselves or judge ourselves for something we are doing, but much of the time there is a purpose! Let it unfold organically.

## REVERSED

With Six of Cups reversed, we are dealing with stuckness or disconnect. For upright, I mentioned that you don't often see people get stuck in their childhood nostalgia as adults, and I stand by that. But what I think you do find is more of a resentment of your current life.

Nostalgia often comes from wearing rose-colored glasses, especially if you're going through a rough time. There may be this resentment towards our reality and a desire to go back in time. When we reach this place, we really want to embrace the idea that everything is happening *for* us. Which, I know, may feel like a major stretch. But our hardest times are our armor, in a sense - they help us learn resilience, empowerment, creative solutions, faith, etc. This is not to encourage anyone to avoid the pain of reality. This world is hard - full stop. But mindset really does affect our reality, so we want to try to shift our perspective. If we are in this place where we are longing for yesterday and unable to be with our todays, it's a sign to try to shift.

With Six of Cups reversed, we may also feel like we are not in touch with our inner child whatsoever and have lost joy in our lives. So another perspective shift is required here! This would be a good time to choose to go back and revisit the things you loved when you were young and try to integrate more of that part of you.

# seven of cups

## UPRIGHT

illusion  
fantasy  
wishful thinking  
options  
imagination



## REVERSED

disarray  
clarity  
making choices  
grounding  
focus

## THE ART

The Seven of Cups is a hazy, dreamy space, so I wanted to create a bit less definition with this card. We have an underwater scene that's quite dark and foggy, symbolizing the uncertainty and liminal energy found here. The pearls and Beta Fish appear for the 2nd time in this suit, symbolizing abundance, potential, and gifts.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

caution  
uncertainty  
possibilities

#### *reversed:*

chaotic love life  
pragmatism

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

choice  
options  
opportunity

#### *reversed:*

lack of options  
missed opportunities

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

opportunities  
risks  
uncertainty

#### *reversed:*

lack of goals  
financial clarity

I've been feeling more optimistic recently which feels good. I've been making vision boards and really thinking about what I want my life to look like. I've been a bit all over the place and I think my parents are slightly concerned because I keep telling them about all these things I want to do. This isn't normal for me, but I don't really feel like I'm standing on firm ground. And so I'm stretching and reaching and dreaming. And after so long of NOT dreaming, this feels really nice.

# seven of cups

## UPRIGHT

When we come across the Seven of Cups, we are in a daydreaming space. There are many options and dreams that are “up” for us right now, and we may be unsure which to pursue.

There also may be too much daydreaming happening, where we are actually in between our real life and the one we wish we could have.

There isn't anything concrete happening in this card, but we are certainly more aware of what is happening within us. We feel ourselves dreaming and wanting and feeling very open to many things at once.

So this card is an invitation to continue that dream but to develop a healthy relationship with it. We want our desires to fuel us toward action, not to exist as a pipe dream. In other words, if you're seriously hoping to win the lottery, I recommend finding a new dream, one where you are an active participant.

A note about this card is that there really doesn't need to be action attached to these dreams right now. Think of it like casting a wide net, seeing what you pull in, and how it takes shape. It is when we have decided which path we want to pursue that we need to take action.

Right now is the perfect time to see how these dreams land in your body and which ones take root.

## REVERSED

When the Seven of Cups reversed finds us, it's likely a good time to get grounded. While the upright version of this card is all about dreaming but finding a good balance, the reversed deals a lot more with illusion. There also tends to be a lot of avoidance with this card.

Have you ever felt super scarce with your finances and avoided looking at your bank accounts? This is normal, of course. We have a tendency to ignore the things we think will make us feel bad. But the problem is that we typically continue spending like normal and hoping any financial issues will go away. When in reality, if we empower ourselves to be on top of things, we can make better decisions for ourselves and our future.

So you could call Seven of Cups reversed a reality check. It is time to take inventory of what you're daydreaming about, what baskets your eggs are in, and if you're building a future on quicksand.

This card can be difficult to receive. Typically when we're avoiding something, it's for good reason. We are just avoiding the feelings we think are inevitable if we acknowledge reality. And the truth is, it may not feel good to come back to Earth. We may feel hopeless. We may feel really let down by ourselves. But just like checking our bank accounts, if we do the tough work of facing the truth, we can make better decisions and find ways to empower ourselves that don't involve avoidance.

While hope is super powerful and important in life, we don't want it to be the only thing we have. Otherwise, it is an illusion. This is a reminder to make sure we are looking around at the world while being super unbiased and then moving forward from there.

# eight of cups

## UPRIGHT

letting go  
searching for truth  
abandonment  
withdraw  
transition



## REVERSED

monotony  
stagnation  
accepting less  
fearing change  
reluctance

## THE ART

The Eight of Cups ushers in the ending of a chapter, and I felt an underwater and above-water view would encapsulate this really well. We see cups that have spilled into the water in the midst of their slow descent downward. It's possible that we could save a few of them, but we've accepted that this is what needed to happen.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

abandonment issues  
unfulfillment  
departure

### *reversed:*

fear of being alone  
clinging

## CAREER

### *upright:*

vacation  
leaving job  
transition

### *reversed:*

hesitation  
fear of change

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

changing investment  
saving money  
shifting perception

### *reversed:*

money fears  
stuckness



Well, I am moving out. My parents have been so kind and patient but I'm ready to be on my own again. It was so nice to be able to return here and feel safe and not feel so pressured to find a new place to live and drain the little I have in my savings.

I know not many people have parents they can rely upon like I could and I feel so grateful for that. I will be sad because it's honestly been nice being here but I am really, really ready. Excited for the next chapter!

# eight of cups

## UPRIGHT

With the Eight of Cups, we find we're feeling ready to end a chapter in our lives. You may have been feeling this coming on for a long time, perhaps even wanting it. Other times it may be abrupt. Sometimes this card indicates a subtle transition or release of stagnant energy as a result of your internal work. When we pull Eight of Cups, we have finally reached the space of acceptance around this and are officially letting go.

We will always cycle through this process of shedding and expansion, and when we've come to a space of realizing we need to venture down a new path, it doesn't mean it's easy. There's likely mixed feelings or even grief at this ending.

This card is often read with disappointment attached to it, but that doesn't have to be the case. Sometimes we have reached the end of the road with something we've been really dedicated to but it's just no longer aligned with us. Maybe things didn't turn out the way you hoped, but it doesn't have to be a negative thing.

This ending could also be bringing a lot of relief and excitement for the next thing. Whatever is coming up for you is normal, as we all have different relationships with change and life transitions. The Eight of Cups is an affirmation that this is the right move for you, but it's also important to let yourself *feel* as you navigate the transition.

I also want to note that while this card signals ending, it doesn't mean that you need to expect a big transition in your life. While this card is often read as a loss, you don't need to worry about your relationship or job or some other ending in your life.

If you receive this card and nothing is coming to mind, consider any old patterns you're currently releasing or what this card may say about your internal landscape right now.

Here are some questions to reflect on for Eight of Cups:

- When you think of the chapter that's ending, what are you grateful for?
- What lessons were you able to learn and integrate? What about this experience are you leaving in the past?
- What do you want to take with you?
- As you begin a new chapter, what new experiences are you calling in?
- Where are you wanting to see growth in your life?

## **REVERSED**

When Eight of Cups reversed crops up, we may be feeling stuck and unsure how to move forward. This card often appears when we intuitively know we need to make a change but can't seem to find a way forward. We may also be avoiding the inevitable change.

This could also mean that you've recently moved through a lot of change or an ending and are in that liminal space before the rebuilding. If this is the case, consider this card an affirmation of that new chapter beginning soon.

# nine of cups

## UPRIGHT

satisfaction  
success  
pleasure  
recognition  
contentment



## REVERSED

arrogance  
underachievement  
complacency  
greed  
dissatisfaction

## THE ART

The Nine of Cups ushers in a new and happy space in this journey. In this piece, I placed a very relaxed man in the center of a shell with a large pearl behind him. He has found success and has time to take in his accomplishments, but we can also see more blessings and abundance coming through the presence of the pearl.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

appreciation  
happiness  
positivity in love

#### *reversed:*

unfulfillment  
inner work

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

satisfaction  
respect in work  
achievement

#### *reversed:*

unmet expectations  
dissatisfaction

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

abundance  
reward  
success

#### *reversed:*

failed goals  
greed

I have been feeling so good in my new space. There have been twinges of sadness, that reminder of how I have had to start my life over, but overall, I feel really excited about what's ahead.

I don't know how I am going to get to where I want to go, but I already feel so much better. It feels like there's potential, which I haven't felt in years, so that is a breath of fresh air. We will see what happens but I feel hopeful and also like I have some clarity with where I want to go. Which is a RELIEF.

# nine of cups

## UPRIGHT

When we meet the Nine of Cups, we are nearing the end of our journey with the Cups. This is a space we find ourselves in when we've been devoted to doing the work and have seen some success. This card brings the energy of hoping, dreaming, and wishing. What a happy card! It's an affirmation of how far you've come and how much you've accomplished. This card also signals that you're feeling fulfilled and really appreciating yourself. There's definitely harmony and happiness with the Nine of Cups.

That being said, there's more we want to do. As we eye the big vision and continue to tend to our dreams, we can sometimes feel nervous.

As we continue to grow and expand, we will continue to meet our perceived "ceilings." These are the subconscious limitations we need to push through in order to get where we want to be. We may feel so close to our goal but also feel the apprehension and, perhaps, disbelief. When we intend to reach levels we've never been to, our brain is unsure of how to handle it.

The Nine of Cups is an invitation to feel these hopes, dreams, fears, and uncertainties but to do it anyway. Things won't always transpire the way we want, but giving birth to these dreams we've held is a gift. Focus on how much you're enjoying the process, and be courageous as you pursue your vision.

## REVERSED

The Nine of Cups reversed indicates some stagnation around your hopes, wishes, and dreams. The unrealized potential of your vision is at the forefront of your mind, and with that, the subconscious fears are swimming in your periphery.

I often find that the Nine of Cups reversed signals the fear of failure, as well as the fear of success. Because this card is often at the precipice of a new level, after having already accomplished so much, there's this knowing that we have never been where we want to go. With that uncharted territory comes subconscious fears.

When we're in this place, it can be helpful to think about the times in our life when we felt similarly and reflect on the unintended consequences of those situations. Maybe we were successful in something and then felt handcuffed by it. Or maybe we failed and were shamed by our family. We don't always need to find the *why* for our feelings, but sometimes it's helpful for us to realize that what was true then is no longer true. Try to remind yourself of that when you can.

# ten of cups

## UPRIGHT

alignment  
divine love  
emotional stability  
security  
bliss



## REVERSED

misaligned values  
disconnection  
conflict  
unhappy home  
stress

## THE ART

In the Ten of Cups, we see all ten cups upright and in a pyramid shape. This points toward completion - you built the foundation and kept working until you reached this space which is harmonious and peaceful. We see the full moon behind the cups, which also signals completion and transformation. The water spilling out of the moon indicates an abundance of joy.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

long term stability  
next steps  
unity

#### *reversed:*

fling  
external issues

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

camaraderie  
fulfillment  
accomplishment

#### *reversed:*

tensions + hostility  
isolation

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

satisfaction  
abundance  
security

#### *reversed:*

instability  
wastefulness



It's been a couple of weeks and I haven't felt any grief. I don't want to jump the gun, but I feel like I may finally be over this break up? Every day I'm waking up and feeling so hopeful and excited about what lies ahead. Which is amazing!

My perception has changed so much, I'm no longer feeling so negative and fearful. And all of my interactions with people have shifted too. Like everyone seems to be kinder? It feels like I have momentum and things are finally shifting. It's been a long road but I'm so happy!

# ten of cups

## UPRIGHT

The Ten of Cards is an incredibly happy card, as it signals harmony and contentment with ourselves, our loved ones and our current life. But this doesn't mean this harmony is a reflection of the external, but more that you have reached a new layer of being able to access joy. This is truly a meaningful shift within yourself - your container has expanded to a place where you're able to hold many realities at one time.

The internal always precedes the external. While there may also be external progress, it's imperative that our joy comes from within. Otherwise it isn't ours... it belongs outside of us, which means it can be stripped of us at any time. So the Ten of Cups can be that internal shift before the external world shifts to reflect it. It can be deep peace and contentment despite any stressors we may also be navigating.

The Ten of Cups asks us to really live in our joy. It asks us to notice it as much as we can, and also learn the ways in which we can create more of it for ourselves. It's learning about this place within us so we can continue to source from within and to find a way back to it when times feel dark. It's also a reminder to remember the immovable aspect of it - that it exists within us at all times, even if we can't always feel it.

This joy and contentment is a result of all of the work you've done. It is a direct reflection of what you have built. Be proud of it, but more importantly, *trust* it as you continue forward.

## REVERSED

When the Ten of Cups reversed finds us, there's often some sort of missing link in our joy pathway. We may be struggling with stress and tension in our lives that we feel we need to "fix" in order to feel better.

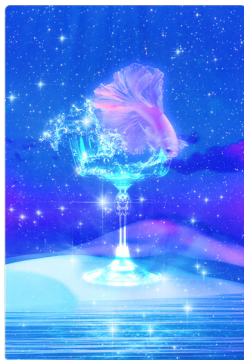
This focus on the external is what keeps us trapped in this loop of seeking and believing our happiness is outside of us.

This card is a reminder that joy is cultivated in the present moment. In this tiny space, nothing exists beyond the present, where our reality is shaped by our thoughts and feelings, and we can decide the meaning of what comes up. If we can continue to push ourselves back to the present and away from the thoughts that keep us caught up in overthinking and anxiety, the better able we will be to tap into joy despite the external.

# seeker of cups

## UPRIGHT

dreamer  
inner child  
innocence  
awakening  
curiosity



## REVERSED

immaturity  
vulnerability  
escapism  
delusion  
new ideas

## THE ART

With the Seeker of Cups, we have a new beginning. It tends to indicate being more in the conscious mind than the emotions and subconscious, so we see a single cup upright on the sand. There is only a small amount of water present, which is lapping at the shore and in the cup. This points toward starting a new chapter where we haven't reached the depths yet, but are eager to, like the Beta Fish in the cup.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

sentimentality  
new perspective  
wonderment

#### *reversed:*

unrequited love  
emotional immaturity

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

creative outlet  
learning  
daydream

#### *reversed:*

insecurity  
creative blocks

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

unrealistic goals  
lacking execution  
minimal effort

#### *reversed:*

wastefulness  
avoiding decision

Now that I'm finally feeling settled in this new apartment and with my new job, I feel a much deeper shift happening inside me. Like I feel the need to be alone and to slow down. And I'm really feeling more of a call to deepen my spiritual practice. I'm realizing how much I neglected this part of me the last few years of being with Dylan, but since we broke up I have this need to reconnect to this part of myself.

While I feel so much better in my everyday, I wouldn't say I feel completely fulfilled. There's still this void that I know can't be filled with anything "out there" so I am going to work on creating more time for myself and my practice.

# seeker of cups

## UPRIGHT

The Seeker of Cups brings new beginnings within the realms of emotions, intuition, creation, and the unseen. For this reason, it can often crop up at the beginning of someone's spiritual journey or awakening, or it may find us later in the journey when we are uncovering a new layer of our work. This card really invites us to explore ourselves in a new way and reclaim the parts of ourselves that have been hidden away. A lovely aspect of this card is that it can be a gentle nudge of "let's get you back to yourself."

When this card shows up, we may be living our lives in a rigid way, doing what we need to do but ignoring our depths. There may be parts of ourselves that are wanting to stand up and stretch. There may be journeys we want to take and there may be feelings that want to be witnessed. This card brings the message of exploring those waters in a more meaningful way. Try to get as creative as you can!

Oftentimes when we are having a Seeker of Cups moment, we are experiencing more activity in the watery subconscious areas of our life. Our dreams may be on another level. We may be feeling more intensely with more triggers but not know why. We may want to get creative all of a sudden. This is the perfect time to indulge in that.

At other times, we are very aware of what's coming up for us, and there is no choice but to hold it. It can sometimes signal the surfacing of feelings that cannot be stopped. A door has been opened and things must be processed. We are being forced to meet with ourselves in a new way.

This card is really asking for you to embrace these watery subconscious pieces of yourself and explore them. This is where we make progress!

## REVERSED

When the Seeker of Cups reversed crops up, it can indicate a pattern of resistance. At the core, we are just resisting ourselves. The subconscious is not a comfortable place to be for everyone, we tend to favor what we know. We tell ourselves the stories we are used to, and we look for things that affirm our views. There is a fear of looking behind the curtain because *what if there's something wrong with me? What if I begin spilling out of myself and can't control anything? What if my life changes? What if I find something I don't want to?* It really is Pandora's box, and if you don't love discovering yourself, it can be quite intimidating and scary.

I think an important layer of this card is the Western culture's push for purpose. Everything must have a purpose, it must go somewhere, and it must be productive. So for many people, there is resistance to meeting with themselves because *what's the point?* How will it pay dividends? The subconscious mind can't really be quantified, and there is such a level of uncertainty with it, that it's impossible to predict how someone's journey may go when they start getting in those trenches. Why risk their comfortable, stable life to express their long-repressed creativity? Why make art if it can't be sold? Why go to therapy unless it's for a very specific thing?

If you find yourself feeling this resistant, it is ideal to start super small. Engage in hands-on things that you don't have a ton of resistance toward. Maybe that's cleaning out a closet or scrapbooking. Maybe reflect on things you loved to do when you were younger and see if any of those feel accessible to you right now.

# conqueror of cups

## UPRIGHT

tactful  
negotiation  
beauty  
charm  
diplomacy



## REVERSED

moody  
unrealistic  
avoiding conflict  
vanity  
unreliable

## THE ART

The Conqueror of Cups brings a lot of movement to our emotional work and can often signal overwhelm. I chose to place our Conqueror in a sitting position to indicate the uncertainty and deluge of emotions. The presence of the eagle brings that air energy, that swift movement and change that comes with this card, and through that, the exploration and expansion as well.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

unrealistic expectations  
affection  
attraction

#### *reversed:*

avoiding conflict  
disillusioned

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

idealism  
diplomacy  
creative solutions

#### *reversed:*

avoiding conflict  
inflexible

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

new opportunity  
partnerships  
investments

#### *reversed:*

disappointment  
inconsistency



After spending the last month really deepening my spiritual practice....I've been meditating every morning and connecting with my ancestors and really being mindful....I am feeling like I'm having an existential crisis??

This is NOT what I was expecting, but for the second time this year, I'm feeling like I've screwed my life up. I trust that breaking up was the right decision and I feel at peace with that now, but now I'm wondering why I have tied myself down to a new job and a new apartment when all I really want is freedom??

What if I don't want to live how everyone else lives? And every single day I sit in meditation, I have this urge to run away from everything and I just honestly wasn't expecting this. I wanted to keep feeling better but now I don't even know how to feel besides overwhelmed and frustrated and just questioning

# conqueror of cups

## UPRIGHT

With the Conqueror of Cups, we are often meeting with some emotional intensity. We may have a lot coming up internally and are feeling a bit out of sorts, or we may be experiencing some highs and lows through a relationship in our lives.

The marriage between the action-oriented Conqueror and the emotional realm in the Cups can bring a lot of movement. This can feel like a lot of upheaval. We may not be fully sure of what we're feeling, or we might be feeling really overwhelmed.

There may be some things happening in our lives that we're having a hard time navigating. Maybe we've been activated and older, uncomfortable feelings are resurfacing.

With all of this movement, there's an opportunity for deep work. No matter what's happening, this card calls for an expansion of our container. Finding balance amidst movement and overwhelm can be a process. With where you're at, how do you think you can move toward that space?

This card also indicates an expansion and exploration of your emotional realms. You may find that you're feeling differently or possibly feeling called toward new experiences. For example, if you have felt stuck and depressed for a long time, you could be feeling called to experience as much joy as possible. Embrace the journey, whatever it may be for you.

## REVERSED

When the Conqueror of Cups comes up reversed, you may be feeling incredibly overwhelmed. There could be a lot of chaos, and you may be struggling to find a moment to catch a breath amidst all that is surfacing. You may be struggling with balance, and likely there is a needed perception shift so you can experience some necessary distance and clarity.

This card can also indicate stagnation in your emotional and creative realms. You may be feeling like you are far away from your dreams and are struggling with embracing your authentic self as you traverse the path forward.

Take things slow and one step at a time.

# sovereign of cups

## UPRIGHT

healing  
warmth  
emotional stability  
compassion  
intuition



## REVERSED

self-care  
codependency  
martyrdom  
fragility  
self-love

## THE ART

The Sovereign of Cups is all about being empowered, creative, nurturing, and wise. For this, I used a woman on a shell made of thrones as the central focus. She sits upright in a way that shows readiness. The water and full moon at her feet symbolize wholeness, transformation, and intuition. The water being low and around her is indicative of her being in control and not submerged by the depths it offers.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

deeper connection  
devotion  
caring nature

### *reversed:*

clingy partner  
manipulative

## CAREER

### *upright:*

caretaking  
empathy  
collaboration

### *reversed:*

self-neglect  
exhaustion

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

generosity  
wisdom  
prudence

### *reversed:*

irresponsibility  
scattered resource

I'm feeling more grounded in my spiritual practice and no longer feel like running away from my life, which is good. I don't know how it shifted but it feels like I have more space to hold everything.

I can hold my job and these dreams I have in this world, while also holding my need for freedom and this deep spiritual practice. I want to have and experience and explore. It's a relief to not feel constricted or tied down and to trust that I can create what I want.

I don't know how I will get there exactly but I am finding balance and that feels really good. I'm also finding that when things come up for me internally, like when I feel triggered, I am not getting carried off by it anymore. I am able to stay grounded and I actually feel powerful, which I can't say I've ever felt before!

# sovereign of cups

## UPRIGHT

The Sovereign of Cups is such a powerful card because we are truly embodying the most wise and empowered version of ourselves. Of course, this part of us will continue to grow, change, and mature as we do. But it is in this space where our experiences, suffering, and lessons have integrated, and we have a new well of wisdom that we have access to. We will also find that our container has expanded and we're able to nurture others in a more meaningful way while simultaneously ensuring we are taking care of ourselves.

I always pull this card when I am at my most intuitive. It feels like a richer intuition, where I feel aligned with myself, my vision, and the earth around me. It is when I truly feel connected to all things. It is also when I can clearly see a path forward and am shedding any of the fears that have been holding me back. It is reaching this place where we have journeyed within ourselves enough to come back to the world with clarity, truth, and a deeper understanding.

When the Sovereign of Cups finds you, it's an invitation to stand in your truth, your power, your intuition, and your wisdom. It's asking you to let the sprawling and wild landscape within take up more space. It's inviting you to relax in this refuge inside you. To not rush or force, but to trust your path so fiercely that you know you don't need to.

## REVERSED

When the Sovereign of Cups reversed finds us, it may be an indicator that we need to spend some more time with ourselves. Often times this card arrives when a lot of our energy is spilling outward and is focused on the people around us.

The Sovereign of Cups reversed is an affirmation of how powerful you are, but it also gently lets you know that there may be more useful ways to use that power.

Do you feel that your mental and physical energy primarily goes to other people? Do you feel like you're filling your own cup? Do you have enough space to nurture your spiritual practice, emotional well-being, and creative pursuits? Use this card as an opportunity to expand into new emotional spaces.

# ruler of cups

## UPRIGHT

head + heart balance  
devotion  
service  
wisdom  
guidance



## REVERSED

volatility  
manipulation  
imposter syndrome  
overwhelm  
moodiness

## THE ART

With the Ruler of Cups, we see a man standing in shallow water with pearls around him. Neptune and the Moon are behind him as well. He is standing on the top of the calm water signifying the ability to be attuned to and in rhythm with the water, emotions, and balance. The pearls signifying the richness and wisdom that comes with moving through the suit.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

compassion  
devotion  
success in partnership

#### *reversed:*

lacking effort  
deception

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

leadership  
initiation  
understanding

#### *reversed:*

imbalance  
power struggles

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

optimism  
stability  
wisdom

#### *reversed:*

uncontrollable spending  
bad judgment



Today at work, I had a very good idea and shared it with a co-worker, who then took credit for it in a team meeting. This is something that would have immediately sent me off the handle a year ago but I didn't feel triggered. I stood up for myself and said "thank you so much for sharing my idea, I am so happy that everyone here thinks it's good. I just want to expand on it a bit" and then I shared a bit more. It was clear that it was mine and I wasn't even mad about it.

Not that it was okay for them to do that, but it's not about what they did, it's about what I make of it. They apologized after the meeting and I didn't make a problem out of it. I will be more mindful now with them, but I am so excited that I was able to not only NOT react even internally, but stand really strong in myself. Everyone responded so differently to me too which I think can only be reflecting how much I have changed internally. The work works!!

# ruler of cups

## UPRIGHT

With the Ruler of Cups, we reach the end of our journey with the Cups, and this is where all the lessons and experiences we've accumulated take shape in the external world. The Ruler of Cups integrates the heart and the head in a way that creates balance.

This card is a reminder to feel your feelings, to stay connected to your heart, but also not to forget logic and intellect. We must be able to hold both, but it can be hard to find consistency with them. When stressful events come up, we may default to one or the other. So the Ruler of Cups is a reminder of all that you've learned and integrated and asks you to make sure you're using the wisdom of your experiences.

This card is also an invitation to be of service. You have reached a level where others may need your energy, encouragement, wisdom, and mind. This can come in any form, but after we tend to ourselves in the Sovereign of Cups, we must look outward to support those around us. In what ways do you feel available? What gifts do you have that can move out into the world? How can you take on more of a leadership role within your communities?

## REVERSED

With the Ruler of Cups reversed, it indicates an imbalance. You may be focusing too much on others and not supporting yourself enough. You may be feeling overwhelmed by your emotions and aren't feeling grounded. It could also be that you're repressing your feelings which is leading to anxiety and overwhelm.

This card is asking you to reflect on the state of your emotional world. Are you feeling balanced and grounded? Are you feeling what's coming up for you? Are you taking time for yourself? And are you supporting those around you however you can?

# daggers

ELEMENT

air

ASTROLOGY

gemini, libra, aquarius

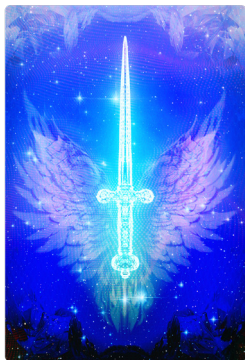
we follow a journey of limiting beliefs and  
inherited patterns through fictitious journal  
entries to understand the card in a real way.

INTELLIGENCE  
CHANGE  
COMMUNICATION  
COURAGE  
CONFLICT  
POWER  
AMBITION

# ace of daggers

## UPRIGHT

mental clarity  
breakthroughs  
focus  
success  
new ideas



## REVERSED

cloudiness  
chaos  
confusion  
discomfort  
obstacles

## THE ART

The Ace of Daggers is the beginning of the journey with our mind, intellect, and communication. In this piece we see a glowing dagger with wings. The wings represent the air element of the Daggers suit, while also symbolizing the ‘taking off’ of this journey.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

honesty  
communication  
epiphanies

#### *reversed:*

unresolved issues  
murkiness

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

mental clarity  
sharp focus  
new excitement

#### *reversed:*

disappointment  
confusion

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

money clarity  
more understanding  
rational thinking

#### *reversed:*

poor decisions  
uncertainty

I had this moment today while I was listening to my mom talk about money where it felt like the whole world slowed down and she was saying all these things that I think. And within a matter of a few seconds, I was flooded with memories of growing up and the conversations we had around money, and the way I feel about it and how I struggle with it and I was just thinking “do I really want to be feeling like her in 30 years?”

It's this feeling like I have to hold onto it so desperately...where I feel like I have to fight over it? Of course money is necessary but I don't think it needs to be such a contentious thing. I don't know how to work on it but I know for sure I do not want to be thinking that way when I'm her age. And it makes me sad that she does too but I know she wouldn't be able to understand why she should try to change it or that it's even possible.

# ace of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Ace of Daggers ushers in a new journey within our minds, thoughts, communication, and awareness. This card signals a period of understanding ourselves on a deeper level. A lot of the time, we enter this space by examining our long-held beliefs. Why do we think the way we think? Why do we believe what we believe? With this card, we're beginning to dig down within ourselves.

Given that the subconscious mind is formed by the time we are seven years old, there's so much in our being and in our mind that isn't ours. And yet, this is what drives our thoughts, behavior, and lives. For most people, it goes unquestioned. But when we have an Ace of Daggers moment, it brings this tearing down of the false layers of the subconscious.

A classic Ace of Daggers moment is an adult realizing that maybe their parents weren't right about everything! Which can be a scary but liberating moment. It's not an inquiry that is always done in a genuine way.

When I was 22, I started really questioning my dad's playbook. It wasn't working out for me. My life was not what I wanted it to be, but it didn't make sense because I always followed his "rules" for life. This is where I had that moment of "Ah, maybe he's not right, and this is why I am where I'm at; maybe I should try something new."

This revelation began an onslaught of memories, realizations, and questions. I was in this beginning place where I was getting to decide what my thoughts, beliefs, and opinions were and what I wanted to live by. Did I want to believe life was doomed and full of suffering? Or did I want to believe there was more potential?



This card is a true invitation to sit with our minds and bring a new awareness to ourselves and our thoughts. This may look like examining any thought loops we may be stuck in that aren't serving us. Sometimes after we've worked through a limitation or block, we look back and think, "*why was I stuck for so long?*" It can be a reminder that a new way of looking at something can truly free you from perceived limitations.

## REVERSED

When we pull the Ace of Daggers reversed, there's a lot that's happening. A lot is going on in the head, and there's probably some chaos and confusion. We can pull this card reversed when we're trying hard to define our thoughts and feelings and come to some sort of clarity, but it's not the right time.

Both the upright and reversed of this card say: don't rush to conclusions. But when reversed, of course, it's more intense. There is likely a sense of urgency or some discomfort with not feeling super grounded, so you may be trying to fake it.

Have you ever talked to someone going through a major transition where they should be feeling pretty out of sorts, but they're talking like they have it all together and know exactly what they're doing? There's a heavy layer of intellectualization happening because they are deeply uncomfortable with the idea that they're confused and their mind is going in many different places.

When we're having an Ace of Daggers moment, it's a good time not to make any decisions. This is a time just to ride it out and wait until things clear a bit. Understand that when the dust is kicked up in our minds, it can take some time to settle. We don't want to match that activity with more activity, we just want to witness it and take one step at a time. You may feel like a project you've been working on is stuck, but you have so much going on in your head you're unsure what to do... that's okay! Let it be like that until you can see the big picture.

# two of daggers

## UPRIGHT

denial  
tough decisions  
stalemate  
stuckness  
avoidance



## REVERSED

indecision  
anxiety  
action  
disempowerment  
lack of clarity

## THE ART

With the Two of Daggers, we are feeling a bit stuck and have some decisions to make but are unsure how to move forward. In this piece, I chose a veiled figure to symbolize feeling mentally clouded. The transparent daggers represent feeling like we are lacking tools, which the Two of Daggers can elicit.

## LOVE

*upright:*  
choosing  
tensions  
uncertainty

*reversed:*  
poor prioritizing  
progress

## CAREER

*upright:*  
taking sides  
work conflict  
indecision

*reversed:*  
stress  
stuckness

## RESOURCE

*upright:*  
lack of clarity  
avoiding decisions  
tough choices

*reversed:*  
taking charge  
powerlessness

So, since I had my epiphany about my family's relationship with money, I've been really working on mine. I have been very aware of when fearful thoughts come up and what is triggering them.

I am trying to look for things that prove my views on money to be wrong. But I am honestly feeling really confused. It feels like I am just band-aiding the issue and this stuff runs so deep, I don't know how to actually work through it?

It feels like my house is flooding and I'm trying to pick up all the water with a few paper towels. I don't want to speak too soon, but I really don't think this is working.

# two of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Two of Daggers indicates that we're at a crossroads. We may be feeling frozen in indecision. We could be overthinking and weighing our options but not getting anywhere. It could also feel like we aren't able to sense or grasp much of our current circumstances. Things may feel murky, and we aren't able to navigate through it the way we have in the past.

When we feel this way, our first instinct might be to drill down more. We may seek other people's advice. We may make extensive pro/con lists. We may consult many tarot readers in a short time. Our decks may be getting tired of us asking the same question over and over (that couldn't be you, right?!).

But truly, this card is saying, "Let's take a beat." You've tried all your usual methods, but something isn't sticking right now. There's something that needs to unfold, and usually, that happens when we stop forcing it.

Right now is the perfect time to detach from the situation at hand. Completely shift your focus, and maybe even give yourself a day/time that you will return to it for a check-in. But until that point, allow yourself to play and enjoy other things. Taking the pressure off tends to help us see things more clearly.

I think another important aspect of this card is that it can feel really big. Meaning the things that are up for us now feel very important. We may be afraid of messing something up and even regretting it for the rest of our lives. It's not an easy situation, but at the same time, this card asks you to have faith in yourself and your journey. Trust that you cannot get off course - there is no right or wrong here, so navigate this situation with that type of confidence and knowing.

## REVERSED

The Two of Daggers reversed can go a few ways. You could be feeling like you've finally reached a decision and are now ready for action. It could indicate that you're becoming more aware of how you've been biased with your situation and have been unable to see it clearly.

It could also point toward gripping so hard onto your old perception that you're attached to your indecision and, by extension, your own disempowerment. When we feel like we're so stuck and we can't decide and are coming up with all the reasons why something won't work or why we can't do it, we are truly working with a pattern of deep powerlessness. In this case, disconnect and do things that feel good for you. Engage in things that make you feel good about yourself. With that, reflect on the feelings you're experiencing... consider other times you have felt them, who taught you to be that way, and maybe consider how your higher self may work through it.

# three of daggers

## UPRIGHT

sorrow  
heartbreak  
trauma  
loss  
conflict



## REVERSED

forgiveness  
releasing pain  
healing  
relief  
reconciliation

## THE ART

The Three of Daggers is a space of hurt and shock. I chose a figure with their eyes covered, symbolizing that they didn't see it coming. The rain falling around them represents the grief and sadness we have to process. Of course, the heart at the center of this piece is pierced by three swords, which is a direct nod to the symbolism of the Rider-Waite tarot.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

betrayal  
distance  
unrequited love

### *reversed:*

reciprocity  
optimism

## CAREER

### *upright:*

hurt feelings  
hopelessness  
instability

### *reversed:*

expansion  
overcoming conflict

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

scarcity mindset  
unexpected expense  
old patterns

### *reversed:*

recovering  
new stability

Well... I thought I might have been making a little progress in my relationship with money but this morning I got a HUGE bill that I cannot even cover. I was immediately triggered and spiraling. I am still reeling from it and honestly have no idea what I'm going to do. I feel like, what's the point in trying to work on this if I am going to keep getting hit with stuff like this?

I don't know, I feel like I'm wasting all my energy and should just try to make enough money that this stuff doesn't even matter and I feel secure. Like, if I had enough money, that would fix it, right?

The wisest part of me knows I have to use this as an opportunity to work through it, but the other voices in my head definitely feel louder.

# three of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Three of Daggers has a sharpness to it. It brings an overwhelm and can feel a bit like a sucker punch. There's a little bit of a surprise here. We may be carrying on as usual, thinking everything is fine, only to be stopped in our tracks and blindsided by hurt.

Because the Daggers deal with our mental well-being, we can see the Three of Daggers as a trigger. This doesn't mean that there's no real hurt in the present. It just means there is a deep wound lying beneath the surface as well.

When these deep wounds get triggered, there is a tendency to focus on the present. We fight so hard to validate our feelings by focusing on the people or events that brought us to this moment. The Daggers in this card indicate looping thoughts here - this is a heart issue, but we are narrating this story in a way that will keep us entrenched in the pattern.

The way we view things is a direct result of our experiences. When we can release the old hurt, we can see new experiences in a new light.

So while the present hurt in the Three of Daggers may be very real, we can still shift to a more empowering place. We can acknowledge the trigger as being a doorway to an old wound. Then, rather than run from it (because that's what we're doing when we continue to narrate the pain), we can run **to** it.



## REVERSED

The Three of Daggers reversed is a major nod to your progress. It's saying, "you've been working on this trigger, and it's starting to loosen its hold on you."

This is such a fun moment! I remember a moment I had a couple of years ago when I was so entrenched in an old pattern around impending doom and money. I remember getting in bed and laying there for a minute, and for a brief 10 seconds, the pattern didn't exist. I could feel exactly how it would feel to have zero fear around the end of the world or an economic collapse. It was such a strong feeling, and I knew that's what I was working toward. I knew my brain was working so hard, creating new neural pathways and beliefs, and that moment was the acknowledgment of the work I was doing. The knot was loosening. It was very much a Three of Daggers reversed moment.

When this card comes up, it doesn't really bring a message of needing to do much of anything beyond what you're already doing. What you're doing is working; just keep showing up for yourself.

# four of daggers

## UPRIGHT

recuperation  
self-protection  
rest  
solitude  
contemplation



## REVERSED

isolation  
exhaustion  
distraction  
impatience  
burnout

## THE ART

With the Four of Daggers, we see a similar scene to the Rider-Waite. The pillow with the reigning skull takes the place of the knight in a period of rest after an unfortunate event. There's a feeling of honor and resignation with this one; one dagger sits below the skull, symbolizing power in the resignation.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

withdrawing  
break in dating  
solitude

### *reversed:*

reignite passion  
tension

## CAREER

### *upright:*

self-care  
vacation  
mental balance

### *reversed:*

feeling refreshed  
hyper vigilance

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

avoidance  
frugality  
healing money issues

### *reversed:*

extravagance  
recovery

I honestly have had to work so many extra hours to cover that surprise bill I got that I really haven't had the energy to try to work on my relationship with money.

I feel like while being in survival mode, I just don't have the space for it right now. Which I am choosing to be okay with. Usually I push myself so hard and don't always prioritize the right thing but right now I feel like I need to take my mind off of it.

I had so many realizations that I feel like I'm a bit off balance, I don't think I can push myself through it and need to let those things settle.

# four of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Four of Daggers comes after some painful experiences in the Three of Daggers, it gives us some respite, the perfect time to tend to our wounds and take a break.

When this card finds us, we are likely feeling tired. Like, fully exhausted. And we're just wondering: When will the onslaught stop? This card is basically saying: you have some time now, take it, because you're gonna need it.

We can look at this almost like a relay race: you've been running pretty hard for a while, you passed off the baton, and now you get to catch your breath. But we can't get comfy and sit on the ground, we are about to be tapped in to run again, so don't walk away from the race.

A true gift of the Four of Daggers is being able to pull back enough to see everything from a bird's eye view. With the pause in this card, we can see the ebb and flow of life. It can show us how everything is just a transition into the other, and that perceived negative periods are so important to our journey. It's possible to navigate these periods while fully believing we will succeed. If there's anything we want to truly grasp in this card, it's that the waves may toss us about, but we know we are okay because we get to create that for ourselves.

So we do get to rest, relax, and heal from our previous battles, but we also get to armor up here. To dig deep, to see all that we are made of. We can see how resilient we are and how strong we are to have gotten to this moment. To truly know that we will make it through whatever comes next.

## REVERSED

The Four of Daggers reversed can indicate a couple of different things. The first is that you may be ready to re-enter the arena and show up for your life with more presence and feeling a bit lighter.

It could also mean that you don't want to take a break and want to keep fighting. Sometimes when we have fought many battles, or beyond that, when we have been raised in an environment where there was always a problem, it's difficult for us to relax. We feel we have to be hyper-vigilant, always looking out for the next thing. This is typically a deep-rooted wound, one we must work to release as it likely is living within the nervous system.

If this is the case, mindfulness is very much required. If we feel we must always be ready for a fight, we will always be able to find one. But it is difficult to find growth in life when we continue to create battles everywhere we go. Work on regulating your nervous system so you can take advantage of the pause offered in this card.

# five of daggers

## UPRIGHT

aggression  
intimidation  
exploitation  
dishonesty  
ego-driven



## REVERSED

making amends  
remorse  
reconciliation  
releasing grudges  
compromise

## THE ART

With the Five of Daggers, we see a warrior who has fallen and remains in a defensive position, gripping onto a sword. This is someone who has been fighting but can't seem to give up their weapons even after the fight is over. We see Mercury in the background, which carries the energy of the Dagger suit and represents the mental blocks that may show up in this card.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

manipulation  
selfishness  
irritability

### *reversed:*

reuniting  
forgiveness

## CAREER

### *upright:*

undermining others  
office politics  
intimidation

### *reversed:*

compromise  
ethical practices

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

exploitation  
risky business  
scams

### *reversed:*

relief  
debt clearance

So I found out today that because I have been pushing for overtime so much, I received it over one of my co-workers. And I felt so good about being tapped for the overtime, but then found out that her daughter has been battling cancer and everyone lets her have the overtime so she can pay medical bills. I didn't know but I also feel like the worst person in the world.

She was kind of sharp with me this last week and I didn't realize why but then someone told me and I almost started sobbing. I feel so terrible. And I've been ignoring working on my survival mindset around money, even knowing I need to, but it was feeling good making more that I felt like I could just wait. I don't know. I feel deeply ashamed. And I don't think I can wait to do the work anymore.

# five of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Five of Daggers brings an interesting energy and the question: at what cost?

When I think of the Five of Daggers, I think of someone who has “won” but lost everything else that was important to them. It’s that moment when we see the victors turn to their opponents to brag about winning when they realize no one is fighting anymore, no one cares. It takes the sweetness out of the victory and triggers this moment of self-reflection: What was the point of all this?

This is a moment that can invite a lot of shame and regret, and we may get stuck in thought loops filled with self-blame.

The Five of Daggers can often find us when we’ve had tunnel vision to the point where we’re losing ourselves or our values. Sometimes this is true - sometimes, we have gone too far, or we have allowed the selfish part of ourselves to take up too much space.

To me, the Five of Daggers is a wake-up call, where the harsh light of day illuminates the things you wish you’d done differently.

With this card, it brings this moment of reckoning and also a bit of a warning. Sometimes this card finds us to let us know to slow down, to step out of the mindset we are currently in and try to shift our perspective before we reach a place where we’re feeling regretful.

And other times, this card finds us when the perceived damage is done. We may need to make amends here. We may need to be doing a lot of inquiry, finding a way home to ourselves, and exploring what shadow aspects led us to this space. No matter what has happened, there will also need to be self-forgiveness.



When I reflect on my Five of Daggers moments, sitting in the aftermath and those feelings, I can see what led me there. It was being deeply entrenched in old patterns of fear, scarcity, and self-preservation.

So when we are navigating the fallout of the Five of Daggers, we want to sit with: What are my ethos? What are my values? How can I live a life more closely aligned with these values? What patterns do I need to unravel to live in this space more easily and authentically?

## REVERSED

When we meet the Five of Daggers reversed, we have reached the end of the road. We are exhausted from the tension or competition and just want to move forward in peace. There's clarity around the fact that all parties involved will "lose" in some way, and it no longer feels worth it.

We feel a bit more removed, not as embroiled in the intense emotions and ego, and really just wanting to move forward.

The feelings of regret and self-blame are typically a bit lighter, or we have this deep understanding of: *I didn't know better then, so I really can't be too hard on myself.*

While that's true, sometimes it can be hard to apply to ourselves. But the Five of Daggers reversed has a way of showing us some darker aspects of ourselves, and it's not fair to blame ourselves when we didn't have the tools or resources to have worked through it in another way. Five of Daggers reversed can indicate a cellular understanding of this, one where our being avoids similar situations in the future because we truly know better.

# six of daggers

## UPRIGHT

journeying  
learning lessons  
transition  
releasing baggage  
progress



## REVERSED

obstacles  
setbacks  
stagnation  
feeling trapped  
repeating mistake

## THE ART

With the Six of Daggers, I chose to create a less grounded piece. The background in this card is quite formless which represents how this card ushers in a liminal space. The daggers pointing upward point toward the sharpness and mental defenses we may be struggling with.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

moving on  
accepting breakup  
transition

#### *reversed:*

unresolved issues  
fear of change

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

developing skills  
relocation  
new job

#### *reversed:*

self-sabotage  
complacency

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

new revenue stream  
stability  
progress

#### *reversed:*

avoidance  
overspending

So I've been working on my money mindset more recently and I'm feeling really nervous about it. If I don't care about money as much, if I'm not trying to get more of it, how will I survive?

It feels like giving up on this struggle and the fight for it will threaten my ability to live?

Like I feel deeply threatened by it and I'm honestly not sure how to work through it. I'm going to keep trying this time, but this feels really scary and I just feel so alone in it too.

# six of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Six of Daggers signals a period of transition. While this card is read as being a regretful situation, it's not always a super difficult time, and perhaps even something you chose. However, this doesn't mean that it's not challenging.

Moving into an unknown space can confront our nervous system, and we may find our body feeling out of sorts. Our subconscious mind may also react and trigger some deep fears we need to work through. Even when it feels like we're getting closer to what we want, these periods can still offer powerful opportunities to work through limiting beliefs.

When we find ourselves in these periods, it's always helpful to have a friend or ally we can rely upon. You may feel called to reconnect with people or seek out new connections. When we're in spaces of fear or uncertainty, sometimes we don't always want to be social. We must remind ourselves it can be helpful to lean on others who can provide grounding support.

I've noticed that in my life, during these periods of change, I may be living in a headspace from an old pattern that I don't fully realize yet. I may be buying into those old thoughts and beliefs, and sometimes, I feel completely certain that what I fear will 100% happen. The people closest to me, the ones who walk this path with me, are who I lean on. They're the ones who can say, "I know you feel like the sky is falling, but it's not." And it's not even what they're saying that I find helpful, but seeing that they're living in a different reality than mine. They're not even considering that the sky is falling!

While I am always aware that our perception creates our reality, it's something we may "forget" in moments of fear. Touching in

with our own beliefs and perceptions can be helpful, and of course, following another's lead can be healing when we need it.

During this transition period, take care of yourself as best as you can and do not forget to reach out for support if needed.

## **REVERSED**

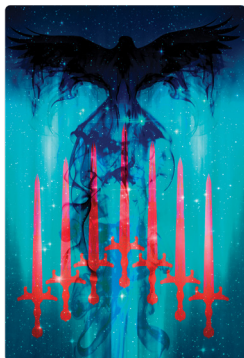
The journey that was supposed to bring relief and solace may be met with obstacles or setbacks. It may be a good time to check-in. You might be feeling reluctant to leave behind the past and step into the unknown or even clinging to the familiar and staying stagnant.

The reversed Six of Daggers invites introspection and reflection, asking you to confront the underlying fears or unresolved issues that hinder your progress. It reminds you that true healing and growth require confronting the deeper issues at hand. Be patient with yourself as you navigate this period of resistance and work towards embracing change and embracing a brighter future.

# seven of daggers

## UPRIGHT

scheming  
sneaky  
strategic acts  
deception  
cunning



## REVERSED

regret  
self-deceit  
exposure  
loyalty  
openness

## THE ART

The Seven of Daggers carries some deceptive and shadow energies with others or with ourselves. With this piece, we see seven red daggers and smoke in the shape of a bird. This lends to the illusion that can come with Seven of Daggers. We may think we know why we are choosing something, only to discover later that our intentions were not as they appeared.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

infidelity  
deception  
secrets

### *reversed:*

emotional intimacy  
loyalty

## CAREER

### *upright:*

secrecy  
gossip  
manipulation

### *reversed:*

collaboration  
consequences

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

unethical gains  
fraud  
risky investment

### *reversed:*

recovery  
transparency

As I keep doing this work, I've been noticing how so much of my mental energy is focused on the external world. It feels like I need more things so I can feel more worthy. So people I've known in my life will feel bad about how they've treated me. It honestly doesn't make much sense, but I am noticing all these disjointed thoughts but it all comes down to this place of feeling less-than.

And then it is channeled into this impulsive need for more. My parents modeled this exact thing for me, and also just made me feel unworthy all the time. So I have this relentless pursuit. But I really can't keep up.

# seven of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Seven of Daggers is most often read as someone in your life being deceptive or sneaky. While I won't say this is never true, we tend to encourage people to read their cards in the most empowering way: focused on themselves as opposed to what others may be doing. If you want to keep that traditional interpretation, please do!

When I sit with the Seven of Daggers, there's a focus on attaining more at any cost. In the Rider-Waite deck, we see a figure running away with five swords in their hands (two remaining behind them), looking over their shoulder to see if anyone is coming. I think the energy of this card tends to point toward the pursuit of accumulation. And we see this everywhere, especially online. It is this idea that we must get more, that something is missing in our lives and we must find it, and we need to find it even if we aren't truly aligned with how we got it.

Alignment is key with this card. I don't think pursuing things is bad, but we shouldn't be looking over our shoulders as we do so, either. The Seven of Daggers really invites us to reflect on this aspect of our lives. Because the Daggers represent our minds and our thought patterns, if our subconscious carries this story of "not enough," we will have thought loops that keep us stuck in that pattern and will constantly be running around looking for more.

This card is an invitation to pause and reflect: What thoughts, feelings, and actions am I engaging in that are not aligned with my highest good? How often am I looking outside of myself for safety and security? Are my everyday actions aligned with who I want to be? What is enough for me? And how can I cultivate safety and security for myself?



## REVERSED

The Seven of Daggers reversed tends to indicate that the pattern in the upright has become more harmful. I have seen this card a lot with people who have put their careers above everything - they've sacrificed time with family/partners/friends, other hobbies and interests, all because they want the house, the car, the wealth, and the status. When this card crops up, it's often when they're reaching the end of the road and are forced to confront this deep need they've carried and how they've neglected themselves.

While this may not be the scenario for you, consider how this need and pattern of focusing on the external has created pain or suffering in your life. When this card finds you, it is really time to address the root of the issue and prioritize yourself before things manifest in more uncomfortable ways.

# eight of daggers

## UPRIGHT

imprisonment  
victimhood  
negative thoughts  
powerlessness  
feeling frozen



## REVERSED

empowered  
freedom  
open  
self-limiting beliefs  
surrender

## THE ART

The Eight of Daggers is all about illusion and not seeing our own power. We see eight daggers pointing downward, indicating that they are at our disposal. We also see a head with its eyes covered by wings. The wings covering the eyes symbolize our inability to see our power; but I chose wings to symbolize our potential to be able to break free of that perceived limitation.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

being passive  
fear of vulnerability  
feeling trapped

### *reversed:*

self-love  
clarity

## CAREER

### *upright:*

restriction  
feeling stuck  
lack of opportunity

### *reversed:*

breakthrough  
new confidence

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

feeling restricted  
money anxiety  
feeling powerless

### *reversed:*

abundance  
feeling free

I keep feeling completely stuck and unable to move through this. It's feeling like I am not making any progress and will forever feel like I'm in survival mode. And then yesterday I had this moment where I could feel what it would be like to be free of this.

I think it's really just about changing my thoughts a bit? But then today I felt back in this muck and completely stuck. So it's hard for me to view it from a higher perspective right now but maybe I just have to keep trying.

# eight of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Eight of Daggers is one of my favorite cards in Tarot. There is so much power in this one. In Rider-Waite, we see a woman blindfolded, tied up, and surrounded by eight swords in the ground. Upon first glance, this woman is completely stuck and trapped. But if we look a little bit closer, we can see that she is not bound too tight; she could definitely get free if she tried. And thus, the power of perspective!

Almost all of us want to change something in our lives, yet very few do. Why is that? Our inherited patterns, despite how uncomfortable and unbearable they are, are a warm place to come home to simply because we know them.

Our subconscious mind will keep pulling us back into old patterns. It will easily convince us that we are completely bound and have nowhere to go. When in reality, the changes we want are on the other side of those patterns. It is just the willingness to do the work to get through them.

Eight of Daggers offers you the opportunity to walk through the portal. It is a death to the old way of doing things, and it is welcoming in a new way of being. Even when your nervous system and survival brain try to fight this new way of being, trying to suck you back into the old way, you get to continue to choose transformation for yourself.

Eight of Daggers is the ultimate courage card. While yes, there is the message that you're more powerful than you realize, it really is asking that you be so courageous to change the place that you're stuck in. And I guess those are the same thing!

For many of us, stuckness comes from a place of having felt so powerless in the past that to be stuck is all we had. It was the only power we could hold over others or the systems around us.

So to meet with the Eight of Daggers is to welcome this death of your old way or to enter the process of releasing it. Honestly, over time, it's a dance. It will come and go, sometimes feeling strong, and other times you don't feel trapped by those old ways. But each new song offers an opportunity and a way of unraveling it. Things can be easier, and it is possible for you to feel how you want, but you have to take off the bindings and blindfold.

## **REVERSED**

When the Eight of Daggers reversed finds us, it can either feel like we've found more clarity or we're deeply entrenched in the muck.

Sometimes this card can have us feeling like, "wow, I am really stepping into my own now; I know how powerful I am, and I know I can create what I want for myself." It's after you've taken the blindfold off and your eyes have adjusted, and you're wondering how you could have ever believed otherwise. There may be some grief realizing that so much was stripped from you by others.

For me, sometimes the reversal of this card signals being in the throes of a pattern that I felt like I had previously "worked through." Revisiting it can feel exhausting, like "When will this ever go away?" It's a powerful reminder that they don't often fully go away - and that's not the goal! Can you imagine living long enough that you don't ever have feelings? I hope not. Emotions are biological. Fear, for example, helps us survive. Things will always come up, sometimes with a new face, so we get to work on it.

But the goal of this work is not to arrive. It is not to reach a place where we no longer have any issues. The goal is to feel so strong in ourselves, so fully capable and trusting, that whatever comes up, we know we are okay.

# nine of daggers

## UPRIGHT

worry  
nightmares  
isolation  
fear  
despair



## REVERSED

optimism  
release  
resilience  
recovery  
ease

## THE ART

With the Nine of Daggers we're meeting with a lot of powerlessness, so I chose to use a figure draped over Mars with nine daggers pointing downward. This is similar imagery to the Rider-Waite deck, bringing in elements of stuckness, despair, and feeling trapped. The presence of Mars points toward this being primarily in our minds.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

distrust  
regret  
overthinking

### *reversed:*

ease  
self-assurance

## CAREER

### *upright:*

lacking coping skills  
fear of failure  
stress

### *reversed:*

release of guilt  
delegating

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

panic  
overwhelm  
financial guilt

### *reversed:*

wise decisions  
financial relief

The last couple of weeks I was feeling a lot better. I wasn't feeling so overwhelmed by money and being trapped in survival mode. I felt like I was finally making some progress. And then the last couple of nights I have been trying to fall asleep and then all of a sudden my thoughts start going crazy!

I am just completely flooded by all these **what if's** and all these things I forgot about that I have to do and how much it will cost and I find my body reacting. Like my heart starts racing and no matter what I do, I can't get to sleep. I'm not getting to sleep until about 3am and I am not sure how to move through this.

# nine of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Nine of Daggers signals a lot of overwhelm - a racing mind, anxiety, and fear. So many of us go to bed only to stew in our anxiety and stress before drifting off to sleep. It is in this time, where the world is quiet, and our thoughts are loud, that they may seem to spiral. We pull this thread of worry into places that are highly unlikely, to events that probably won't happen. And yet, we sit and wonder what could happen and how terrible it might be.

This card indicates we are very much believing the voice in our head that thrives on fear. This can be hard to recognize because when we're in a very old, deep pattern, almost no argument works against our emotions. In other words, we simply cannot be convinced that what we're thinking is not real or isn't about to happen.

When we're in this mental space, we are often doing a lot of bargaining. To me, this looks like approaching deep emotions with logic. This can look like:

*"If I can get a second job or increase my income by \$300 a month, I'll feel secure."*

*"If I can get my partner to be more loving, I will feel better."*

*"If I move to another place, I will not feel depressed."*

We have these very intense fears and anxieties surfacing, and often our first instinct is to figure out how to make them go away. Then we spend some time coming up with a solution, only to come up with another problem or stressor we might encounter that we then have to solve! And this goes on and on.

Where we waste so much mental energy is in thinking we can come up with an external solution for a deep feeling. In reality, we will continue to experience our fears in some form or another, no matter what our external world looks like. I am not saying that very real



issues like finances don't have real-world consequences. What I am saying is that both things can exist at the same time.

Nine of Daggers asks: What is haunting you? Can you run towards it? Keep in mind, if you're not a veteran of internal work and really sitting in the darkness within, you may want to wait to do this with a trusted therapist or professional. There may be moments where you need assurance, and if you haven't reached a place where you've been able to talk yourself down or really tap into that internal strength to work through it, it will feel safer if you have someone else to lean on.

The goal in this work is to get free of the pattern. Deep fears, worries, and stresses are the doorway to doing that, and the more we try to bargain or push them aside, the more we will stay in them.

## **REVERSED**

When the Nine of Daggers reversed finds us, it often indicates that we have more clarity about our fears and anxieties. We are, at the very least, able to see where it comes from. Which is a plus! We are feeling less "on the hook" here and likely in a liminal space of "okay, so I understand this: now what?"

This is where we can plant seeds for the next time: What can we do now that will support us the next time this pattern is activated? Because it will come up again! In fact, we want it to because the trigger helps us get free of it.

This is a space where we really have an appreciation for all the things going on in our brain and how our perception can really, really shift things for us.

Moving through Nine of Daggers reversed can sound like: What can we do that will help us break free of it? What kinds of thoughts can we begin incorporating now that will be nurturing? What feelings do we want to have? For example, most people with money stress want more money because they want freedom. How can you cultivate the feeling of freedom right now?

# ten of daggers

## UPRIGHT

loss  
defeat  
chapter ending  
shock  
suffering



## REVERSED

improvement  
regaining  
avoiding disaster  
healing  
learning lessons

## THE ART

The Ten of Daggers is a painful card that brings an ending. It's a time when something has pierced us enough to really demand our attention, whether that is within us or outside of us. In this piece we see a winged figure, collapsed on the ground. The ten daggers are pointing toward them in an attacking position. The figure is looking down at a wound that they need to tend to.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

relationship ending  
unresolved issues  
rejection

#### *reversed:*

reconciliation  
emotional relief

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

career change  
job loss  
burnout

#### *reversed:*

persistence  
management

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

mismanagement  
loss  
stress

#### *reversed:*

prosperity  
new stability

The hits just keep on coming. After feeling like I've been making slow and steady progress over the last couple of months, I haven't been as stressed about money even though I haven't made any more of it... now I lost my job.

How am I supposed to work on this while literally struggling so much? I've wanted to leave this job for awhile but only if I had found something better and now I feel completely stuck and will probably have to move too, I have no idea how I can afford to live here anymore.

What's the point of trying to work on any of this? I have made zero tangible progress. In fact, it's just gotten worse!

# ten of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Ten of Daggers typically indicates a painful ending. This ending tends to be abrupt or takes us by surprise in some way. I've found with this card that as time wears on, I'm able to see that while it felt abrupt, it was a long time coming.

When we're sitting at a fork in the road of transformation, we face one path that comes from a place of willing and mindful change. This is the path we may stare down for months or even years but feel unsure how to break through our stuckness and walk forward. This tends to be when we're forced along path two, where the Universe shakes things up so much that we have no other option but to change. That's the Ten of Daggers moment.

I think this card has a bad reputation sometimes - it's not predicting a huge ending in your life. This card can find you when you've been calling in transformation and a small thing triggers you enough to finally prioritize change.

The Ten of Daggers can bring a lot of big feelings with it. They can be ones we've been repressing and finally have the courage or willingness to look at. While there's growth and transformation lying within this ending, it doesn't really feel easy. This card affirms the work you're doing and is a reminder to take your time with it. We can't always wrap things up in the way we want to, and we may have to process layers and layers before we feel like we've broken out of the darkness. But this is such a critical stage for our work and our journey, and it will be a period you look back on with gratitude.

## REVERSED

With the Ten of Daggers reversed, it can often feel like you're going through a big change, perhaps a surprising change, and you're struggling to accept it. Even when we know that something in our life must end, it can still be hard to navigate once we get there. We might begin regretting things or wish things were different. When this card finds us, we may be submerged in fear about the path ahead, and really struggling with the idea that we don't know what our life will look like.

This can be on a subconscious level too. When we are working to change limiting beliefs, fears will come up and we might try to bargain with ourselves so we don't have to step into the unknown. With this card, it may be helpful to touch in with our community or support system, as they can help us see the forest through the trees. Take your time, feel your feelings, but keep going.

# seeker of daggers

## UPRIGHT

new ideas  
being curious  
inspiration  
change  
bold thinking



## REVERSED

negligence  
lack of preparation  
cynicism  
narrow mindedness  
immaturity

## THE ART

The Seeker of Daggers ushers in bold and powerful change. In this card, we see a figure standing with a bright, full moon at the top of their head. The full moon is a symbol of insisting on shining. It being at the top of their head represents the powerful mental energy they have. They stand tall, with a dagger in their hand, ready to take on the world.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

intellectual connection  
lacking intimacy  
playfulness

### *reversed:*

immature relationship  
neglect

## CAREER

### *upright:*

ambition  
new project  
new career

### *reversed:*

job-hopping  
negligence

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

new income  
curiosity  
change

### *reversed:*

inaction  
ignorance

I couldn't help but say something to my mom about our family issues with money and survival and worthiness. It's been months and I haven't said anything, just worked on changing it myself, but today I just couldn't help it.

She was complaining about this company refusing to refund her, but she just got so intense about it. Like she was talking about writing bad reviews and reporting them and honestly it didn't sound like they did anything wrong.

So I asked her "wouldn't it just be easier to let it go and feel happy today?" And the **LOOK** she gave me! It ended up spiraling where I shared some things I've been working on and she basically told me it wouldn't work and that this is why I lost my job and someday I will regret not caring about money enough. I feel a bit jarred but also it was such a good reminder of why I'm doing this inner work.

# seeker of daggers

## UPRIGHT

There has been zero progress made in our world without some Seeker of Daggers energy. A bold statement for sure, but one that's true! The Seeker of Daggers is someone who dares to challenge the status quo.

There's an often-true saying: *there's no substitute for experience*. And while experience tends to bring wisdom, it is frequently a newcomer who can see a better way of doing something. The stuck, experienced folks may bristle at this. They want to do things the traditional way, but it doesn't mean a new way is wrong. How many times have you noticed something while new on a job that others haven't?

This card really speaks to those of you who are wanting to create, make, share, and put things out into the world. It's in these endeavors that our imposter syndrome is triggered: what if I'm wrong? What if no one likes what I have to say? What if people think my work is bad?

This card's response is: Some may, but it doesn't matter. There is no way to know all that there is to know. You will continue to make progress, but there is no such thing as an arrival or perfection. Your work is still valuable exactly as it is. If you're wrong about something, say so, but don't let the fear of it prevent you from speaking.

So the Seeker of Daggers is saying: dare to question things. Dare to find a new, better way. Dare to think outside the box. Be foolish enough to try!



## REVERSED

When Seeker of Daggers is reversed, there may be an element of brash headedness. Sometimes we see Seeker of Daggers reversed when talking to someone in college. This is a time in life when we are excited to learn so much but our life experiences are typically limited. College students also tend to have very limited exposure to a topic - take economics for example; they come home thinking they know the perfect solution for the global economy but don't think about the fact that if it were so simple, easy, and clear, it would have already happened. (It doesn't mean their ideas aren't great - it just likely is more nuanced and layered than they're realizing at the moment!) This is where you get those big holiday fights when the older generations laugh and belittle when they really should encourage learning. It is also where we should remember there is always more to learn and know - we can't think we have solutions for everything.

The Seeker of Daggers reversed could also be that you undermine yourself and believe that you don't have anything to add. While sometimes that may be true, we want to take ourselves and our intellect seriously. We want to value what we have to say, and this card reversed may be telling you that you have a lot more to add than what you think.

# conqueror of daggers

## UPRIGHT

being direct  
ambition  
action-oriented  
daring  
quick thinking



## REVERSED

forcefulness  
cowardice  
caution  
ruthlessness  
bullying

## THE ART

The Conqueror of Daggers brings in movement and momentum. In this piece, I chose a figure in mid-stride to symbolize taking charge. They are in front of mountains, lending an energy of “taking on the world” - they have their heart set on their big vision. They are holding a deer by the antler, which represents swiftness and gentleness.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

fearlessness  
impulsivity  
fear of intimacy

### *reversed:*

arguments  
hesitation

## CAREER

### *upright:*

efficiency  
problem-solving  
ambition

### *reversed:*

intimidation  
poor leadership

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

taking action  
assertiveness  
chasing goals

### *reversed:*

lacking creativity  
timidity

Since that conversation with my mom about our family's mindset with money and worthiness, I've had this feeling of "I will never be like them again." I feel completely deadset on continuing to grow because I will not go back to where I was.

I hired a new coach that works specifically with survival and scarcity patterns. And while I don't have super high hopes, I also really want to talk to people who can understand this. I've also been listening to a lot of podcasts because I am just trying to flood my brain with the opposite energy. And it's been helpful to hear that I am not alone!

# conqueror of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Conqueror of Daggers ushers in lots of movement. This card brings a big vision but also the willingness and momentum to do something about it.

The Conqueror of Daggers reminds me of when we reach a space of rock bottom or feel intense frustration and feel like, “I’m done with this; I am changing this.” It’s having a burst of energy that is pushing us forth. We have all of these pent-up feelings, wants, or thoughts that we are finally acting on.

It’s not just a momentary or fleeting feeling. The feeling of “never again” can sustain this momentum for a long time. Many people have made huge life changes in Conqueror of Daggers moments, and that drive and will found in this card has carried them through all the usual blocks they might get stuck at.

But of course, this card doesn’t necessarily mean a big life change. This card could point toward being in a busy space of creation or building. While the Conquerors tend to have a reputation for being energetic, brash, and even forceful, the Conqueror of Daggers isn’t careless. That being said, this isn’t a period of planning.

When Conqueror of Daggers shows up, we aren’t being methodical with how we go about our work. Instead, we are riding the momentum and energy, trusting that the chips will fall however they may, and we will be able to handle that. There’s a beloved phrase in the tech world: “Move fast, break things.” This is definitely some Conqueror of Daggers energy! This concept promotes faster innovation that comes with some mistakes over methodical, steady growth. If you’re in this space, lean into it, and trust your process.

## REVERSED

When the Conqueror of Daggers reversed finds us, we're likely embodying some of the extreme aspects of the Conqueror. We might be acting careless or thoughtless. We may be trying hard to force our plan or agenda, even when it's clear that now is not the right time.

I think of this card a lot when I see people who are so desperate to build something that they can't see clearly. They believe every idea they have is brilliant, they overlook potential obstacles, and they believe without a doubt that they will be successful. They're so attached to their outcome that they don't care how they get there at all, trying every path that is in front of them.

This card points to taking a breather and detaching. Let a plan come to you when it's ready, but you may need a good amount of time to decompress and shift your energy a bit. Take your time and trust that when you're ready, you'll know.

# sovereign of daggers

## UPRIGHT

strength  
objective  
independent  
discernment  
mental expansion



## REVERSED

imbalance  
overly emotional  
harshness  
repressing emotion  
bitterness

## THE ART

With the Sovereign of Daggers, we see a winged warrior with a dagger in hand. They know how powerful and capable they are. Sitting high in the clouds indicates they are able to see things from a higher perspective. The birds circling behind them represent their expansive and mental abilities.

## LOVE

*upright:*  
boundaries  
honesty  
wisdom

*reversed:*  
miscommunication  
imbalanced love

## CAREER

*upright:*  
directness  
decision making  
respect

*reversed:*  
deceit  
toxic workplace

## RESOURCE

*upright:*  
clear goals  
wisdom  
smart investment

*reversed:*  
financial dependence  
recklessness

In the last week or two, I have been feeling radically different. It feels like I've kind of been struggling with embracing these new changes and feeling like I haven't made much progress. But today I had a pretty big trigger (another unexpected bill!) but I didn't react!

I knew I would be able to handle it and didn't panic or get anxious, which is a huge change for me. In general, I am also just feeling more positive and that there are opportunities coming to me. I feel so much better, and honestly it keeps surprising me.

# sovereign of daggers

## UPRIGHT

The Sovereign of Daggers has an incredibly keen intellect. They are sharp, balanced, and a seeker of truth. This card indicates a period of mental expansion, where we might be feeling more empowered and confident in our thoughts and mental prowess.

This card is super powerful because it invites us to step into our strength more. It's letting us know how capable we are and how strong we are. Now we must embody it in a new way. I think of this card when we've been doing work for a long time and one morning, wake up feeling different. We no longer have to push ourselves to stand up for ourselves, no longer being timid or fearful around being assertive; we say what we think or feel without fear.

Sometimes we may not feel like this is possible for us. It may be a time when we're really struggling and doubting ourselves, and the Sovereign of Daggers may show up to let us know that we have the ability to cut through some of the mental chatter. If it's something you feel hesitant about embodying, can you think of anyone you know who does this with ease? How does it feel when you watch them engage in this way? What aspects make you uncomfortable? Do you think you can align with that energy in your body and attempt to step into it more?

This card also has a lot of discernment. Not everyone has access to the Sovereign of Daggers. This is because they've worked very hard to get to where they are - they realize how valuable their time and energy is. They are intent on inviting in people who are aligned with the same things they are. In other words: no one is dragging the Sovereign down. The Sovereign asks us to take ourselves seriously in this way. It implores us to truly value ourselves and make sure the external in our life reflects that.



## REVERSED

When the Sovereign of Daggers reversed finds us, it may indicate that we're struggling to find a balance between our heart and our head. We may be putting too much emphasis on our feelings without checking in with reality or what makes the most sense. We may logically know what is best for us, but we still can't let go of how we're feeling. Sometimes we need to go through this process, but when this card shows up, it tends to point us toward challenging ourselves. Despite what we want to do, we must hold ourselves accountable. We must place our growth above all else. That includes feelings that may be keeping us stuck in the same old patterns.

This card may also point to the opposite end of the spectrum - it may be time to check in with your heart a bit more. If you're repressing your emotions and trying only to follow logic and pragmatism, you may be doing yourself a disservice. We don't want to make decisions from an unemotional space because humans have emotions! They're biological - we do need to listen. We also need to pay attention to our intuition and body and ensure we are moving forward where all aspects of us feel aligned.

# ruler of daggers

## UPRIGHT

integrity  
authority  
morality  
intellectual power  
fairness



## REVERSED

controlling  
manipulation  
misused power  
irrational  
oppressive

## THE ART

With the completion of this suit, we meet the Ruler of Daggers, who has an abundance of mental prowess, leadership abilities, and the desire to share them with the world. In this piece, I used a seated figure, holding a sword but in a casual position. He has the sword but also has discretion and doesn't cling to it. He looks upward, receiving wisdom and ready to speak it. Sitting on Saturn, this represents the structure and authority.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

dependability  
respect  
balance in love

### *reversed:*

low standards  
selfishness

## CAREER

### *upright:*

authority  
intellectual mastery  
leadership

### *reversed:*

power hungry  
domination

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

discipline  
wise choices  
logic

### *reversed:*

lacking discipline  
overspending

So I had dinner with my family again last night. It's the first time I have seen my mom since our big blow up over our familial money trauma. I was nervous and felt like they were going to judge me, but I ordered a more premium option.

It wasn't the most expensive thing on the menu, but the entree was about \$45. It's not what I'm used to spending but I really wanted it and thought I would enjoy it, so I decided to just order it.

They did judge me (of course) but I didn't feel too bad about it. I just told them that I have changed and am prioritizing things that feel good, even if it costs a bit more than I would normally spend. I was shocked to find they didn't have much to say, which I took as a good sign that I have shifted even on an energetic level!

# ruler of daggers

## UPRIGHT

With the last of the Daggers suit, we meet the Ruler. The Ruler takes all of the lessons and wisdom learned in this journey and shares it with the world.

This card is an invitation to speak your mind, share your truth, and teach all that you've learned. The world needs your wisdom, and you now have enough experience for it to be incredibly valuable. Oftentimes we see people who are inexperienced but have read a few books and feel that they're ready to be teachers. Maybe they can market themselves, and they speak the language that hooks people, but energetically, something is missing. They haven't walked the path long enough to embody the wisdom they think they have. In other words, they haven't reached the Ruler of Daggers. This card finds us when we have reached this space and it's time to step outside and let ourselves be heard.

But just because we've reached this place doesn't mean we won't have fears come up. It can still be scary to be seen and open ourselves up in a public way, even when we know we're ready. But this card wouldn't find you if it weren't time, so it's important to face any anxieties you may have. It gets easier the more you try, so take it one step at a time.

## REVERSED

The Ruler of Daggers indicates our fear may be taking over. We may be feeling overwhelmed by putting ourselves out there. We may be super scared of being seen or heard, and all that comes with it. We open ourselves up to being misunderstood, judged, and ridiculed. Often when this card finds us, we aren't even sure what baby steps we can take. If you're finding yourself here, maybe start with some affirmations like: "I'm open to sharing my wisdom with the world" or "I'm open to being seen, and I trust myself to handle whatever comes with it." Don't put pressure on yourself, and just be open to the moment arriving.

On the other hand, this card may indicate that you've become too forceful as you're putting yourself out there. This happens when we aren't acting from an aligned space and are feeling like we need to push to get results. What we want to do is speak from a place of experience, passion, and purpose, trusting that we will attract the right people.

# globes

ELEMENT

earth

ASTROLOGY

taurus, virgo, capricorn

we follow a journey of health crisis, healing and  
education through fictitious journal entries to  
understand the card in a real way.

RESOURCE  
CAREER  
MONEY  
STABILITY  
FOUNDATIONS  
HEALTH  
AMBITION

# ace of globes

## UPRIGHT

manifestation  
abundance  
new opportunity  
expansion  
stability



## REVERSED

lack of planning  
scarcity  
material loss  
wasted potential  
riskiness

## THE ART

The Ace of Globes is the beginning of our journey with the material realm. I chose to create a hand reaching toward the globe because of all the Ace's, in my opinion, this one is where we see people taking the most action to work on. We may have a health issue or financial issue that demands our attention and we are forced to take a look at it. So with this card, we see the seeker reaching out, moving toward the offerings the Globes suit has to share.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

stable relationship  
abundance in love  
growth

### *reversed:*

fear of commitment  
money impacting love

## CAREER

### *upright:*

new opportunity  
success  
achievement

### *reversed:*

wrong career choice  
instability

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

new income  
future investment  
wealth

### *reversed:*

scarcity  
bad choices



I finally scheduled a doctors appointment because I really can't take this anymore. I feel so exhausted and sick all the time, I don't know how to function like this.

My life has completely changed in the last six months and I thought it would just go away but it appears that won't be happening. If I'm being honest, I am feeling worried and scared but trying not to think about it.

# ace of globes

## UPRIGHT

The Ace of Globes signals the beginning of our journey with resource. Resource doesn't strictly mean money. The Globes, or Globes suit, rules all things material. This could be your bank account, your bitcoin, your home/property, your physical body or your family. It is your investment in whatever manifests within the physical reality.

So for those of you who have worked on manifesting something, you know the drill. Maybe it's an amount of money or better health or a new car, but those beginning steps of planting those seeds, stating those intentions, and beginning on that path is very much Ace of Globes energy.

This card is really the beginning of our calling something in. We have no idea how or when we will get there, but we can see what we want. Something beautiful about this card is that we truly are announcing to ourselves, "I want something more." This doesn't have to be greedy or outlandish, it can be small and quiet too.

With the announcement of "I want something more," we are also setting out on the journey of "I deserve something more too." The Ace of Globes is planting the seed, and it is up to us to water and nurture it so it can grow. When we encounter challenges as we traverse this work, old thought patterns will surface. When that happens, we can come back to this Ace of Globes moment: **I deserve something more.**

When we declare this, when we start working toward it, when we honor and take care of our intentions, it can't **not** happen. So in this card, we are very much seeing the power of intention, the power of our minds, and signing that contract with ourselves that we will keep showing up.

Another thing I think can come up with the Ace of Globes is this encouraging reminder to enjoy the physical world. There's this inclination for spiritual people to look down on material wants, particularly money or finances, clinging to this idea that "money isn't spiritual." So with Ace of Globes, I often view it as: "The Universe wants this for me. I can drop whatever limiting stories I have around it." You can think of it as a formal invitation from Spirit to work on your relationship with resource, whatever that may look like for you.

## REVERSED

Similar to the Ace of Wands reversed, I often view the Ace of Globes as a false start. It can often be a new chapter that is being forced to begin, which is not the best way to start something. If you know anything about manifesting, you should know that we never want to create from a place of lack. We don't decide we want to make more money just because we look at our bank account, and it makes us nervous - that is very much Ace of Globes reversed energy.

When we're in a space of feeling desperate for a change or a new beginning, we may try to insist upon it without asking, "is this the right time?" Seriously, it's not always the ideal time to plant a seed! We want to look at our ebbs and flows and our personal cycles and really make sure we are working with them and not against them. So if you're in a space where you're feeling like pushing and having that mental chatter of "you're not doing enough," this card indicates it's a good time to slow down and take it one step at a time and then wait for the opportune moment and the right soil to plant the seed.

This card could also signal that you're doing too much or looking to take too many risks within the material realm. This is also a good time to slow down and look at the bigger picture or seek advice.

Ace of Globes reversed can also indicate there's some stuckness. You may be underestimating yourself and misjudging what's going on. If you were talking to a friend in the same situation, what would you tell them? How would you look at their skills, wisdom, and knowing? How would you encourage them to move forward in their wants and desires?

# two of globes

## UPRIGHT

adaptability  
multi-tasking  
juggling tasks  
scattered energy  
resourcefulness



## REVERSED

overextending  
unorganized  
mismanagement  
imbalance  
inflexibility

## THE ART

With the Two of Globes, we tend to be trying to hold all the things at once. With this image, I chose to use a two-headed snake, along with the two globes. The snake represents the way we may try to keep our eyes on all things and even make super-human efforts to do so. I chose a narrow waterway to represent the need to take one path at a time and choosing to narrow down the focus.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

imbalance in love  
adaptability  
mutual effort

#### *reversed:*

neglectful  
stubbornness

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

resourcefulness  
time management  
juggling projects

#### *reversed:*

overwhelmed  
poor time management

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

unstable finances  
overspending  
recklessness

#### *reversed:*

blocked income  
avoidance

I had my doctor's appointment and he ordered a ton of blood tests so now we just need to wait for the results. I am feeling so nervous now and am really afraid there's something seriously wrong with me.

I tried talking to my mom about it but she kinda brushed it off. She asked me if I could help her with some stuff, so now this weekend I will be helping her with her work because she's behind. I didn't mention to her that she wouldn't be behind if she was better with her time and that she's asking me to give up my free days to work for her.

My boss also assigned me to a new project, which normally I would be excited about but feeling so exhausted all the time, I just feel really overwhelmed by it and am honestly afraid I won't be able to do it the way it needs to be done.

# two of globes

## UPRIGHT

Are your hands full? Are some things feeling out of balance for you? The Two of Globes calls our attention to where we're putting our focus. This is a card of limited resource. This isn't about scarcity but more about your attention because the two globes may be balanced perfectly right now, but that won't last forever. This card asks you to take an inventory of what's on your plate and what you want to be there.

It's easy to take on responsibilities and tasks because we feel like we're the only ones who can do them. Maybe we don't want to ask for help or delegate it to someone else. It's possible we may not feel supported and actually have no one to ask for help. While I wouldn't really call this a 'warning' card, it reminds you that if your energy is all over the place, you won't be able to give enough energy to your dreams or the things you truly care about. So it's time to take an inventory of what matters the most to you and how you can make sure you have enough time for it.

What are you holding that you can pass off to another person or drop altogether? In what ways can you focus more of your attention and purpose on the thing(s) that make you feel alive? When we continue to show up for the things we love, the more energy we have for their expansion.

## **REVERSED**

With the Two of Globes reversed, we're meeting the extreme imbalance this card carries. This can be trying to be in too many places at once or having people in our lives who are demanding too much attention and taking up too much space. It's time to prioritize your to-do, cut out the draining things in your life, and put up boundaries where needed.

# three of globes

## UPRIGHT

teamwork  
shared goals  
learning  
mastery  
collaboration



## REVERSED

conflict  
ego  
incompetence  
lack of motivation  
tension

## THE ART

With the Three of Globes, we are in a building period. I chose to make a triangle shape with the globes to symbolize laying the foundation while continuing to build. We see two figures below the globes, meant to show how the globes are being held by the collaboration between them.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

projects with partner  
compatibility  
shared goals

#### *reversed:*

discord  
tension

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

diverse skills  
development  
teamwork

#### *reversed:*

stress + frustration  
inadequacy

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

growth  
budgeting advice  
learning

#### *reversed:*

unpredictability  
financial incompetence



I went back for my follow up appointment with the doctor and he gave me the results of my bloodwork.

The good news is that nothing serious is wrong.

The bad news is that my hormones are all over the place and my stress hormones have essentially stopped functioning which is why I have no energy, I guess. He told me I need to work on my diet and make sure I'm eating enough, but also that I need to work on stress.

Which feels impossible. But I did feel better talking to him about it and I actually felt like he cared. I made an appointment with a therapist too, so I can actually figure out how to remove stress from my life because I feel like it's just a part of it? Can life be lived without stress? I don't know.

# three of globes

## UPRIGHT

With the Three of Globes, the momentum is picking up a bit. This card opens up the potential for collaboration. While traditionally, it's read as multiple people coming together to make something work, collaboration doesn't always look like this. Sometimes we find inspiration in our relationships and those around us.

There's so much potential in this card because even if we're not formally partnering or collaborating with anyone, we may be leaning on people who can teach us the skills we need. We could be watching friends or colleagues do something and feel inspired to expand similarly. I've had this experience listening to Brit talk about what she does, and I thought, "Wow she does it so eloquently, and she has no problem with naming her expertise; I wonder if I could do that." Simply by following her example, I was able to develop this skill a bit more.

On the flip side of this, sometimes we may feel inferior. We may compare ourselves or feel like, "I'll never be able to do that." We may even feel triggered by someone claiming that space that we feel we don't have access to. We don't want to get stuck in this. If we find ourselves comparing, feeling insecure, or less-than, we really want to try to transmute that into a space of inspiration. How can I be inspired instead of triggered? How is this person inviting me to embody my most authentic and empowered self? Where does this facet live within me, and what is my expression of that? How can I step into it more?

The Three of Globes is calling us forward into our expansion, so how does that look for you right now?

## REVERSED

The Three of Globes tends to crop up when we're experiencing some tension with people. This could be people we are collaborating with, but it could also be an internal experience.

Sometimes with this card, we're feeling really small and feeling like our work doesn't have value. The inspiration that's found in the upright message of this card has been turned on its head, and we're stuck in a loop of comparison.

Other times we're struggling with the people we're working with and having a hard time getting on the same page. This could be someone refusing to compromise, or it could be a mismatch in personalities and workstyles.

The Three of Globes reversed is an opportunity to align with our goals. Where do we want to be? What are we hoping to learn and achieve through our journey with the Globes? See what needs to be done here in order to align with that path.

# four of globes

## UPRIGHT

boundaries  
pause  
reflection  
frugality  
possessiveness



## REVERSED

overspending  
self-protection  
greed  
reckless spending  
generosity

## THE ART

With the Four of Globes, we pause to reflect on what's happening in our external world. I felt that this lion with his paw on a globe conveyed the energy of focusing and reflecting on what is going on. There are three other globes, but he chooses not to overwhelm himself with them. He is focusing on creating a solid foundation before moving forward with all four.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

clinginess  
holding onto past  
routine

#### *reversed:*

release  
overcoming jealousy

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

imposter syndrome  
preservation  
fear of risk

#### *reversed:*

letting go  
insecurity

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

stable  
saving for future  
material focus

#### *reversed:*

donating  
sharing

So through therapy I am beginning to realize how dysfunctional my life is. The therapist was kinda like.... “well duh you’re having all these health issues, look what you’re doing.”

We went over how I really don’t feed myself well and will often skip meals and then binge later on. I don’t drink enough water. I don’t exercise. I am so hyper vigilant about work that I don’t have much joy. And I am constantly putting other people ahead of myself.

And something I really appreciated was that when I started complaining about how everyone always asks too much of me... she told me that is my responsibility. They aren’t overstepping, I am too available. It makes me feel more capable of changing because before I just felt so put upon, now I can see how I am creating this stress for myself. So I have a lot to tackle but also I’m feeling really good knowing that I have a game plan.

# four of globes

## UPRIGHT

The Four of Globes traditionally inquires about wealth and if we're hoarding it or in balance with our finances. If this is how this card reads for you, please use that interpretation.

We tend to view the Four of Globes from a higher perspective. As we're moving through this journey with the Globes or resource, this card brings in the issue of foundation. Fours traditionally point toward stability, foundations, structure, and rest. So I don't really read this as being about hoarding and financial balance, but instead tend to see it as taking a pause and examining our relationship to resource.

This card signals that it's a good time to reflect, asking questions like: before I continue on through my journey with the Globes, what am I trying to build? What do I want my experience with resource to look like? While the Globes are traditionally finances, from an expanded perspective, they are: wealth, land, our home, our body, our energy. Where are you at in these areas? When it comes to these areas, what patterns do you want to release? What do you want to cultivate? What habits and thought patterns need to shift as you continue on this journey to get to where you want to go?

It's important we take care of what we have, our energy, our time, and our resources. We don't want to share so much that we feel depleted. On the other hand, it's important these things stay in motion! Supporting others in the ways we can is important to keep this energy moving and working for us. This card invites you to reflect on where you may need to change things moving forward.

## **REVERSED**

When Four of Globes reversed finds us, we may either be overextending ourselves or isolating. This card points toward us not being in balance with our time, finances, home, energy, or body. Do you have tunnel vision and are overworking yourself? Are you filling others before filling your own cup?

While the upright message asks us to reflect on our relationship with the area of resource in our life, this card indicates we need to implement some changes before we move forward.

# five of globes

## UPRIGHT

adversity  
survival mode  
isolation  
worry  
anxiety



## REVERSED

positive improvement  
feeling lighter  
perception shift  
overcoming  
expansion

## THE ART

With the Five of Globes, I wanted to create an ungrounded scene with a lot of intensity. With this card we are feeling overwhelmed, trapped, and existing in survival mode. The use of the reds, the closeness of the globes and that there are no earthly elements creates an “out of the body” sensation that I think comes with this card.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

insecurity  
neglect  
separation

#### *reversed:*

mutual support  
emotional growth

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

lacking opportunity  
outcast  
little growth

#### *reversed:*

increased confidence  
improvement

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

scarcity  
fear  
increased expenses

#### *reversed:*

repayment  
independence



Well I am somehow feeling worse. I thought when I started making these lifestyle changes, I would stop feeling so sick but apparently that isn't the case. My doctor is still being supportive but tests are confirming it isn't anything physical.

I am just feeling so overwhelmed and like I really don't know what to do anymore. I don't know how to get through this and it just feels like I'm going to feel like this forever. It feels like my whole life has fallen apart and I just can't keep up. I don't ever remember a time in my life where I have felt this bad on all levels. I really truly do not know what to do.

# five of globes

## UPRIGHT

The Five of Globes is traditionally read as financial loss or poverty. Please keep this if it resonates with you. From our work with this card, we've noticed it rarely comes hand-in-hand with financial ruin. And as always, we want to look at this from an internal perspective.

The Five of Globes signals that we may feel limited or are in survival mode. This doesn't mean what's happening to us isn't real. We could be really struggling with the material world right now and feeling hopeless. It could also be that a pattern of scarcity was triggered, and we truly feel there's no hope for the future. Sometimes this card shows up when we are in a health crisis and do not have the physical capacity to continue to show up for our life in the same way.

Whatever is happening for us, this card indicates that we're feeling this fear and limitation on a deep level. This is a space of nervous system activation where we are likely living in fight or flight. We may truly feel that we are not okay, that we aren't going to make it. When our body and subconscious mind believe this is what's happening, we really can't tell up from down. This card encourages you to take a pause and work on re-centering. Focus on caring for yourself and try not to make any assumptions about what will happen. Ask to be guided and stay open.

## REVERSED

With the Five of Globes reversed, we find that the overwhelm is lifting a bit. This isn't an overnight transformation, but we feel a bit lighter and can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Our perception is shifting and allowing us to see paths forward when we felt like we may never get through it.

This card is asking: What is feeling lighter? And where do you want to go with that? How are you going to move forward?

This is a perfect card for making a plan because you have more clarity and can see the opportunities around you, but you will still need to work through it.

# six of globes

## UPRIGHT

community  
receiving  
giving  
generosity  
sharing wealth



## REVERSED

one sided dynamic  
inequality  
extortion  
stinginess  
exploitation

## THE ART

The Six of Globes points toward a balance between giving and receiving. In this piece, I wanted to take the emphasis off of just our relationships with those around us, so I made the focal point three people supporting one large globe. To me, this conveys the idea that we may be too supportive of people but also things (like systems). How do those things support us? Are we acting like the globe to others?

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

acts of kindness  
harmony  
sharing

#### *reversed:*

taking advantage  
manipulation

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

fairness  
recognition  
balance

#### *reversed:*

exploitation  
one sided effort

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

donations  
stability  
abundance

#### *reversed:*

lacking support  
resentment

My boss has been pushing me so hard and giving me thinly veiled threats while doing so. I was trying to communicate how I've had some health issues and he said "well you probably want to keep your insurance then, huh?"

So I guess it's not so thinly veiled now that I think about it.

But I am getting more worn down with each passing day and I've only been feeling worse. I really don't know how to navigate this and the stress and fear around losing my job just makes it so much worse. It's been hard to take care of myself and stick to the game plan I made when I am having to do overtime. I don't really know what to do.

# six of globes

## UPRIGHT

In the Rider-Waite deck, we see a wealthy man holding scales and offering money to two people begging on the ground. This card is often interpreted as being the giver or receiver.

But this is a heavy card, and as our collective awareness and knowledge grows, so does our relationship with the Tarot. The Six of Globes calls our attention to balance and imbalance within ourselves, our lives, and the world around us.

Are you in a space of having more to offer? Your time, your skills, your labor, your wealth, your guidance? Or perhaps you are in a space where you need support but are unsure where to turn?

Do you need more? Are there people you can turn to? Do you have any emotional blocks that prevent you from seeking support? Do you have an attachment to individualism that may not be serving you?

This card is so important because the balance in our emotional world around resources and the external is vital. For example, if we are receiving and feeling like our survival depends on others, that is not an empowered place to be. On the other hand, we may reject support offered because we have been oppressed by those who have given to us, so we may also reject it from a survival space.

There are many ways this card can show up, but it is asking for your reflection and honesty. It's not always easy to be honest with yourself regarding this card but have courage - working through any limitations here will benefit you immensely.

## REVERSED

With the Six of Globes reversed, we find that any imbalances we had have grown and really require our attention. We may be giving way too much of our time, our money, or our connections. We may be giving too much energy and support in ways that are not returned and not filling our own cup.

It could also be that we expect too much from others and have pushed ourselves into a disempowered space. There are times when we may be absolutely dependent upon others. When we have health conditions or have gone through an event that has made it so we can't fully support ourselves - this is a part of life and not something to have shame around. However, if it becomes a pattern where we are expecting this help even when we're capable of it ourselves, this will lead us to a place of constantly feeling stuck and powerless. Reclaim your capabilities and gifts.

# seven of globes

## UPRIGHT

rewards  
perseverance  
sustainable  
long term  
growth



## REVERSED

limited success  
low effort  
waste  
procrastination  
impatience

## THE ART

The Seven of Globes brings us the opportunity to reflect. I wanted to create the feeling of being forward-thinking with this piece, so I chose a woman in a field of flowers (representing growth). She has six globes around her and one small one in her hand. She has plenty to focus on around her, yet we see her looking outward and toward the future. It is in this reflection that she can return to her Globes with renewed purpose or changes to be made.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

evaluation  
commitment  
anticipation

### *reversed:*

disillusionment  
uncertainty

## CAREER

### *upright:*

vision  
mastery  
patience

### *reversed:*

burnout  
re-evaluation

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

review  
slow progress  
profit

### *reversed:*

squandering  
low compensation



I'm reaching this point where I am finally realizing I can't go on like this. My body and health simply will not take it. I have to make a change.

So I've decided to quit my job. I can't keep doing it and sacrificing myself so a bunch of executives can make more money.

And what's interesting is once I decided to quit, my body pain eased a bit and I felt better. I don't expect that this one change will fix everything, I definitely know I have a lot more work to do with my health, but at least I will have the space for it now.

# seven of globes

## UPRIGHT

With the Seven of Globes, we are being invited to really reflect. We're at the halfway point of this journey and are able to step away and view things from a higher perspective. When we're in this space, we may not feel like we have made a lot of progress. But it's important to note you really aren't supposed to yet!

We don't harvest on the same day we plant. So with this card, we've planted the seeds and have been tending to our crop but haven't reached harvest yet. How are you feeling about your progress so far?

This is also a card of long-term vision. So often, we are reacting to things around us, but the Seven of Globes asks you to shift your focus. Not just to the coming season but the many that will come after.

When you shift your perspective to this space, consider reflecting on these questions: What are you working toward? How do you want to feel on the journey? How will the things you've planted impact the coming years? What is your long-term vision after you reach your current goals? Is there anything you need to change in the current moment in order to get where you want to go?

## REVERSED

The Seven of Globes reversed tends to indicate that you feel impatient. This card often finds us when we've been working on something for awhile and are feeling like things keep getting derailed. We may be feeling like we haven't made any progress. Maybe blocks and delays keep coming up. Maybe you're struggling emotionally with all that remains to be done.

When we meet with this card, it's a good reminder to take a breather and connect to your purpose. This part can often get lost in the flurry of to-do's, but it's the thing that can keep us grounded when we have a lot to navigate. Why are you doing this work? How do you want to feel with it? Can you align more deeply to your purpose and act from that space? Things will get smoother, but living in this headspace can make things feel easier while we're navigating the bumps in the road.

# eight of globes

## UPRIGHT

diligence  
focus  
apprentice  
skill  
quality



## REVERSED

bad reputation  
perfectionism  
shortcuts  
neglect  
lacking motivation

## THE ART

The Eight of Globes ushers in a period of work and renewed purpose. I wanted to translate that by placing a figure on a raised platform with eight globes close by her. She is tending to them and is feeling more confident in this journey. They have grown in response to that work, and we can see seven larger globes and only one smaller one below her, which represents what remains to be done.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

hard work  
commitment  
growth

### *reversed:*

imbalance  
neglect

## CAREER

### *upright:*

productivity  
mastery  
developing skills

### *reversed:*

unfulfilled  
lacking ambition

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

wealth building  
rewards  
steady income

### *reversed:*

overspending  
mismanagement

Well I quit my job, much to my boss' surprise and I have checked in to an in-patient holistic center to give my body a reset. I may be draining my savings in this process but I am realizing that my health truly is the most valuable thing.

The doctors told me I have a long road ahead of me but they said I should leave here feeling 50% better, which is more than I was hoping for, honestly.

Being here, I am also realizing that I have to make some big changes when I get back to my life. I am trying not to think about it too much right now, but I know that so much will have to be cut out and I will have to find a new way to live. I'm hoping I find a vision for that while I'm here without pushing for it.

# eight of globes

## UPRIGHT

The Eight of Globes signals a period of diligent work. We often arrive here after tending to something for a long time and have now reached a space of renewed passion or purpose.

People often meet the Eight of Globes when they move from an amateur space to a more professional one. This doesn't mean anything external has shifted, meaning we may not be receiving compensation or even sharing it with the world. What has changed, however, is our mindset.

The amateur mindset tends to be one of passion, but it also lacks discipline. This mindset is easily thwarted by disruption or stress, and tends to only sit down to work when feeling inspired. To be clear, there is nothing wrong with this, but it certainly does have its limitations.

The professional mindset is disciplined, devoted, and resilient. There is passion, yes, but this mental space is more driven by purpose and commitment than riding the waves of inspiration.

Growing into the Eight of Globes is a dedication to our mastery. It is continuing to show up, over and over again, whether it's a good day or a bad day, and tend to your craft. There's a willingness and discipline with this card that allows us to grow and expand in a new way as we finish up our journey with the Globes.

This card asks for your persistence and commitment as you continue on with your venture. Focus on the craft itself, the pursuit of mastery, as opposed to solely the outcome.

## REVERSED

When we meet the Eight of Globes reversed, we are coming up against some resistance. We may be finding that we lack motivation or commitment to our project. We may be impatient and want to “be there already.” We may also be underestimating how much it will take for us to find the success we want.

This card asks us to examine the blocks we’re encountering. Are you more attached to the external outcome than you are to the journey? What do you believe you will feel when you’ve achieved what you want to? Shifting our perspective to being purpose-driven and of service is often how we can overcome blocks like this.

If you’re feeling impatient and frustrated with the process, honor those feelings. Remember that surrendering to the process will make it easier, but meeting that impatience is a critical part of this journey.

This card doesn’t have an opinion on your venture, but it does ask that you be honest. Are you willing to do the diligent work? Would you still do it even if you didn’t find the exact success you wanted? Are you willing to keep going despite delays and disruptions? This is a great time to re-evaluate and decide if you want to move forward.

# nine of globes

## UPRIGHT

self-sufficient  
material security  
contentment  
abundance  
luxury



## REVERSED

overspending  
self-worth  
hustling  
financial dependence  
guarded

## THE ART

The Nine of Globes brings contentment, joy, and success. I used a bit of a softer palette for this card to display that. We see two angelic figures in the center, nine globes surrounding them. They are amongst the clouds, so there's this feeling of "being above it all." They hold flowers in their hands, a symbol of harvest.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

high standards  
self-love  
enjoyment

#### *reversed:*

being guarded  
unfulfilled

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

hard work, big reward  
career achievement  
self-reliance

#### *reversed:*

unbalanced work/life  
delayed success

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

wealth  
accumulation  
self-made success

#### *reversed:*

overspending  
lack of savings



After 3 weeks of being at this wellness center, I am feeling infinitely better. I truly am shocked. The food they serve is so healthy so I haven't had to worry about it but I am also moving more and the supplement support they've given has been amazing. I don't feel like my old self but am inching toward it.

I also have had the opportunity to live a little slower here. I am more intentional when I do things, and have realized that I have carried this need to rush and be productive in everything I do, so much that I overlook any opportunity I have to slow down and just be at peace. This is making a huge difference in my headspace.

I feel a bit nervous about not being able to maintain it when I get back home but I'm journaling a lot so hopefully I don't forget.

# nine of globes

## UPRIGHT

When we meet the Nine of Globes, we have finally reached the point of harvest. We have been so dedicated, continuing to show up for something and trusting that someday the results would come. And finally, they have.

This card indicates that you've reached a new level of material success. But it doesn't always mean something external. It can also mean that you've reached a new layer of internal abundance, allowing you to tap into safety and security in ways you haven't been able to before.

This is such an incredible time just to soak it all up. We feel content, grateful, and joyful. This is a time to celebrate and be proud of how far you've come. Sometimes it can feel difficult to be present with this. If you've been pushing for a long time, you may not feel comfortable or safe relaxing and enjoying the fruits of your labor. You may be feeling like there's something more you must be doing. But this card is like a big, flashing sign telling you to enjoy the moment without looking ahead.

## REVERSED

The Nine of Globes reversed can indicate a lack of fulfillment, even when we've reached our goal. You may feel an emptiness, despite getting what you've wanted. Many of us were not taught to enjoy pleasure and to be present. And the society we live in also encourages this disconnect that leads to a deep sense of dissatisfaction.

This card can also show up when we're in survival mode, even though we've reached a place of being able to relax and have security. Of course, our nervous system is not reacting to our new experiences but our past ones. The ones that tell us something bad will happen if we let our guard down or relax.

This card asks you to check in with yourself and perhaps do some nervous system work so you're able to be fully present with your success and break free of limiting patterns you've been trapped in.

# ten of globes

## UPRIGHT

family  
inheritance  
accomplishment  
foundation  
contribution



## REVERSED

conflict over money  
family challenges  
financial instability  
debt  
instability

## THE ART

With the Ten of Globes, I really loved the idea of having these two angel figures being elevated. We see them facing one another, sharing in this moment of expansion and joy. They've reached a new level of success, and have moved upward. I love that their heads are also facing upward in a moment of gratitude.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

stability in relationship  
family approval  
ancestral patterns

### *reversed:*

commitment issues  
unfulfilled

## CAREER

### *upright:*

stable future  
business success  
recognition

### *reversed:*

blocked progress  
insecurity

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

profitable investments  
real estate success  
wealth accumulation

### *reversed:*

retirement insecurity  
delayed inheritance

For my last week at the wellness center, my family surprised me. I was shocked they drove all the way here (8 hours!) but was really excited. They've gotten to be more supportive of this work that I have to do too. I think they were afraid of me quitting my job and what would happen, but I think they could see how much I was physically suffering and that I didn't have much of an option.

Last night we were able to have a private dinner and it was really amazing. I don't know if I've ever felt so good around my family. It felt like we were able to be more honest with each other than we ever have.

I honestly don't know if the issues I've been facing have anything to do with it, but I was so so grateful to have that experience with them and just notice how healing is contagious. I feel so happy to go home now and hopefully have better relationships with them.

# ten of globes

## UPRIGHT

The Ten of Globes can feel a lot like an arrival. We have reached a whole new level in our relationship with abundance in all forms. All that we've been tending to and growing and working on has expanded to a space that we never thought possible. What was once a small seed inside of us now has a life of its own.

This is a period of harvest, celebration, joy, and sharing with the people we love. There is very much a community aspect to this card. It brings the message: What is worth having if it can't be shared?

With this card, it's worth noting that not only is our work rippling out into the world, but so is our success. There is much to be shared, celebrated, and passed on. There is generational abundance, tradition, and heritage found within this card as well, so it asks you to begin thinking from that perspective. How are you impacting those who come after you? What are you leaving to them? This isn't just a material impact, but how are you tending to the land you live on, the world you're a part of, and the communities that are larger than yourself?

## REVERSED

The Ten of Globes reversed indicates that we aren't exactly happy with our harvest. There can be this feeling of "That's it?" Or maybe you feel regret and wish you'd done things differently.

I have found Ten of Globes reversed crops up when I've had high expectations of a project, and it didn't go as planned. Tending to that fallout and learning what old patterns I was partaking in subconsciously is a part of this card's medicine. When things fall short of our hopes, it is a beautiful opportunity to shed and grow and align more deeply with our authentic selves. This card reversed teaches us resilience and that we are more powerful than our perceived failings.

This card could also signal that our perception and self-doubt are really impacting how we view our harvest. While that's always true, you may not be able to see things as they are right now. You may be wearing old glasses and seeing the same old story. But you may very well be in a new place with more abundance and opportunity than ever.

Check-in with what feels right for you.

# seeker of globes

## UPRIGHT

manifesting  
goal oriented  
long term goals  
skill development  
practicality



## REVERSED

missed opportunities  
irresponsible  
bad news  
lacking focus  
lazy

## THE ART

The Seeker of Globes brings in a new chapter in this journey with the Globes. I chose a nude figure to indicate the feeling of newness and renewal. I placed a single globe at the top of the card with the figure reaching toward it to display the energy of seeking and pulling the thread. There is innocence in Seekers, which is also displayed by the small wings they're wearing on their head.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

commitment  
relationship growth  
new love

### *reversed:*

monotonous  
unrealistic expectations

## CAREER

### *upright:*

learning phase  
dreaming big  
making plans

### *reversed:*

wasted potential  
lacking effort

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

learning  
good habits  
new income

### *reversed:*

missteps  
financial worries



I'm back home after 2 months at a wellness retreat to restore my health. And I'm happy to say, after a week of being back, I am still feeling so good!

They told me I would feel 50% better when I left, but I honestly think it was closer to 75%.

Right now, I am working on finding a new job and just being more mindful in general. I have been cooking at home, walking a lot and meditating. And with this, I am realizing how my old job was just not aligned with who I am at all. I really think I need to be helping people in some way but I am not sure what that looks like yet.

I was so stressed about all the changes I knew I had to make when I got home, but so far it has felt really good. I don't feel as scared about them anymore, even knowing that there is still so much unknown ahead of me.

# seeker of globes

## UPRIGHT

With the Seeker of Globes, we find ourselves in a new chapter of our journey with the Globes. As we have been learning and growing more within this suit, we feel like we have a solid foundation on which we can build new dreams.

Often with this card, it's not just a new job or income, but we're feeling called forward toward our path. This is a place of purpose. This purpose is always unfolding, but it is with the Seeker of Globes that we find a new well of commitment and motivation. We don't have all the answers yet, and there is still so much we need to grow into, but we have an idea of where we want to go.

This card affirms that vision you are holding in your heart. Keep moving forward and stay aligned with your purpose. Stay committed to any skills you need to learn.

## REVERSED

The Seeker of Globes reversed tends to indicate stagnation. We may know where we want to go and what we want to do but don't feel capable of it. We may be feeling motivated but are uncertain about where to begin. We also may be feeling lost on what our purpose is and how we will find our place in the world. But this card asks you to move through the stagnation to the best of your ability. Take small steps, and trust that the potential is there.

On the other hand, the Seeker of Globes can also be overly enthusiastic early on. There may be a need to come back down to reality in a way and really focus on the day-to-day choices instead of daydreaming.

When this card finds you, it would be a good time to detach a bit and align with trust. Can you trust your path? Can you surrender to the timing of it? Can you imagine that even if things aren't exactly as you want them to be right now, it may be making an opening for things to fall into place?

# conqueror of globes

## UPRIGHT

efficient  
routine  
determination  
reliable  
hardworking



## REVERSED

workaholic  
boring  
perfectionism  
lacking initiative  
impatience

## THE ART

The Conqueror of Globes brings a presence to their hard work. I felt this was conveyed through this winged figure holding an instrument while atop a lion. They are moving forward and intent on where they're going (the lion), but they are also present in the moment (the instrument).

## LOVE

### *upright:*

reliable partner  
security  
demonstrative love

### *reversed:*

neglect  
lacking commitment

## CAREER

### *upright:*

planning + routine  
hard work  
driven

### *reversed:*

workaholic  
irresponsible

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

steady growth  
diligence  
practical

### *reversed:*

impulsive  
unrealistic expectations

So after such a long journey with my health, I'm finally feeling like I have some clarity. At the wellness center, I listened to how many people were struggling with these mysterious symptoms and not finding help. And so many things that helped them while they were there were small changes. It was so shocking to me how little we all know about our own bodies and minds.

So I think I want to go into a career in health. I am not sure what that looks like yet, but I've started a couple of courses at my local college to see what aspects call to me the most. Then I'm hoping to enroll in a masters program (and maybe more).

I've been able to maintain feeling good. It's not easy, and I have to be super intentional with what I do, but it is worth it. I wake up every day feeling better than I ever have, so I feel really committed to continuing. And I want to help others do the same!

# conqueror of globes

## UPRIGHT

With this card, we meet, in my opinion, the wisest of the Conquerors. While the others might rush into things and act impulsive, this one takes a more methodical approach. They're all about building a solid foundation and getting things prepared. When this card shows up, get ready for a period of hard work.

It might not be the most exciting or glamorous, but the Conqueror of Globes is about staying focused and determined. They're all about bringing stability, productivity, and practicality to their long-term goals. This Conqueror is grounded and deliberate, always taking their responsibilities seriously and paying attention to the little details.

The Conqueror of Globes teaches us the importance of working step by step and being patient. It's not about rushing things; it's about taking our time and doing things right.

This Conqueror teaches us to be reliable and dedicated, always showing up and doing what needs to be done. When they're around, you know you can count on them. They bring a sense of security and trust to any situation.

## REVERSED

When we meet the Conqueror of Globes reversed, we tend to find a Conqueror that is frustrated and impatient. They may be so focused on the end result that they're struggling with staying focused and avoiding the work that needs to be done. The impatience in this space can also take us out of being present with the building.

If you can focus on how good it feels to be taking care of your work because you love it, that can help free up some of the stuckness. When we align with a place of purpose, many things tend to work themselves out. Try approaching things from a place of devotion and show up for the work now. It will pay off in the future, and not just for you, but for those around you.

# sovereign of globes

## UPRIGHT

comforting  
nurturing  
homebody  
financial providing  
sensible



## REVERSED

insecure  
intolerant  
financial independence  
lacking  
work/life balance

## THE ART

The Sovereign of Globes plays on the Rider-Waite version by bringing in some of that symbolism. The roses in this piece represent earthly beauty and energy. The rabbit (also seen on Rider-Waite) represents fertility. Saturn carries the energy of the Sovereign of Globes by bringing in some structure and abundance.

## LOVE

### *upright:*

nurture  
home + family  
caring partner

### *reversed:*

selfish partner  
wrong relationship

## CAREER

### *upright:*

mentor  
dedication  
nurturing leader

### *reversed:*

instability  
issues + challenges

## RESOURCE

### *upright:*

practical decisions  
financial security  
supporting community

### *reversed:*

overspending  
neglecting needs



I've settled into a nice routine lately. To think, a year ago I could barely get out of bed! I'm being slow and intentional, but I'm finding a lot of excitement in the classes I'm taking.

And it's been pretty cool because my family has been so interested in everything. I've noticed they're curious about the changes I've made and are actually asking me for advice.

I think they've noticed how much I've changed and are wanting to feel better too. And honestly, that in itself makes my entire health crisis and ordeal worth it.

# sovereign of globes

## UPRIGHT

The Sovereign of Globes is an invitation to groundedness and stability. This card teaches us how to root ourselves into each aspect of our lives, engaging with the external in a mindful and intentional way.

This looks like caring for ourselves, the space we live in, and those around us. This card helps us expand our container, and we learn how to create balance in the many things we are tending to in our lives. This is an empowered place where we source our energy from the earth and become a student of nature. We begin to match its flow and find an infinite well of strength and abundant nurturing energy within us.

This card asks: Are you in your body? Are you caring for it the way it needs? Are you returning to the earth to find energy and support? Do you feel aligned with the rhythm around you? Where in your life needs a different approach? And can you approach it in a way that is more grounded and supportive?

## REVERSED

The Sovereign of Globes often points to struggling with balance. We may be approaching things in our lives with more pushing and more aggression than we need to. We may be feeling like there's no way we could slow down and take care of ourselves. We may know exactly what we need but are trapped in a survival space.

We often have a story looping in our head that is preventing us from really meeting ourselves in a way that feels supportive. And sometimes, this card can be about those around us, but I find it tends to mostly be about supporting the self. It comes up most when we cannot be the Sovereign for ourselves. So really, this card is an invitation to that.

What do you need to stop doing so you have more space and time? What stories do you need to release? Who and what do you need to say *no* to? What parts of yourself need more support and nurturing?

# ruler of globes

## UPRIGHT

security  
provider  
discipline  
leadership  
business



## REVERSED

exploitative  
possessive  
wasteful  
greed  
resistant to change

## THE ART

With the Ruler of Globes, we reach the final card of the deck. For this one, I wanted it to feel like an arrival. After a very long journey and a lot of hard work, we have reached our “happy ending.” We see a castle in the sky, representing an ideal destination, whatever that may look like for you.

### LOVE

#### *upright:*

provider  
stable partner  
grounded

#### *reversed:*

unfaithful  
controlling

### CAREER

#### *upright:*

entrepreneurship  
reward  
leadership

#### *reversed:*

unethical  
poor reputation

### RESOURCE

#### *upright:*

generosity  
milestone  
supporting others

#### *reversed:*

mismanagement  
materialism

I have finished my first term of classes in my masters program and one of my teachers offered me an internship position! He told me that it's clear how passionate I am about health and that he'd love to have me on their research team. I was so so surprised but I am insanely excited.

On a personal level, my family has continued with their interest in their wellness, which has truly shocked me. I thought it would be a phase, but it's now been months and they've continued to ask me for help and advice.

They're all feeling so much better, and while this whole ordeal with my health has been so hard, I feel so incredibly grateful that it has now made such an impact on those around me. Truly a miracle!

# ruler of globes

## UPRIGHT

The Ruler of Globes brings stability, wisdom, and abundance. Not just for ourselves but for those around us. When this card finds us, it means we're attracting opportunity, supporting others, and making decisions that will benefit us for years to come.

A visual I always get for this card is an apple tree, which sounds funny, I think, but stick with me. I think about the life of this tree. How it started as a small seed, fighting to reach the sun and grow. Then slowly growing, getting bigger and bigger. In those in-between years, the tree may look to be mature but may not be. It can take 4-8 years for it to produce fruit! But eventually, it does, and all of that effort in growing over the years is now feeding many people.

The Ruler of Globes has reached this maturity in life where they've fought many battles and have lived through them all. They have found a way to thrive and grow fruit so that the people around them can benefit. So this card truly is being in a place of service - it's embodying service and devotion.

When this card finds you, it is an invitation to stepping into this role. To living from a place of service and wisdom. Of really holding a long-term vision for you and those that come after you.

## REVERSED

With the Ruler of Globes reversed, we may not feel so stable. We may be feeling some imposter syndrome. We could be feeling like we aren't making the best decisions.

Because the heart of the Ruler of Globes is so much about service, I tend to read this card as having some stricture with that. I've pulled this card when I am feeling called to this larger purpose but am feeling fear around that. Fear of being misunderstood, fear of no one listening, fear of people laughing at me. And that fear gets in the way of being in service. Of course, we won't live life without ever feeling fear, but we don't want it to impede on us so much. We want to be able to keep showing up.

That can take some work, but because the Ruler of Globes is the last card of the deck, you don't have tons and tons of internal work to do to get there. You are ready, you just need a shift in perception. Call upon your fierceness - insist on continuing to protect those around you. This card knows you are ready.