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**GUIDE BOOKLET** 



#### KORE



#### Beginnings \* Innocence Spontaneity

#### Kore reached for the narcissus, unaware that her life was about to change forever.



#### Action \* Potential Creativity

#### Hermes soars on winged sandals, delivering messages between earth and heaven.

# THE HIGH PRIESTESS

HECATE



#### Intuition **\*** Wisdom Spontaneity

#### At the crossroads between realms, Hecate offers guidance to the lost.





#### Creation \* Nurturing Abundance

## Golden-haired Demeter, bringer of the harvest and mother of spring.



ZEUS



Order \* Authority Security

As King of the Gods, Zeus rules Olympus with a fist full of thunderbolts.





#### Tradition \* Institutions Commitment

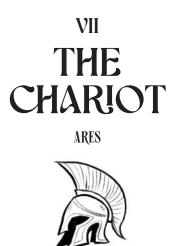
Hera blesses the sacred bonds of marriage—and damns those who betray them.





#### Love \* Choice Attraction

#### Hades and Persephone rejoice in their newfound love beneath the pomegranate tree.



Triumph **\*** Ambition Determination

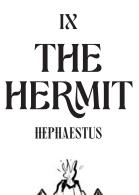
In the heat of battle, nothing stands between Ares and ultimate victory.





#### Fortitude \* Courage Compassion

#### Despite all Dionysus has endured, he always shows kindness to those left behind.



#### Solitude \* Introspection Compassion

Hephaestus works tirelessly at his craft, hidden away in his mountain forge.



#### INE FAILS



#### Destiny \* Luck Change

#### In the end, even gods cannot escape the inexorable pull of the Fates' threads.



#### ATHENA



Law **\*** Balance Consequences

Athena shows great favor to honorable heroes, but is quick to strike down those who cross her.

## XII THE HANGED MAN PROMETHEUS



#### Sacrifice **\*** Surrender Enlightenment

Prometheus braved Zeus' wrath to bring fire to humanity, granting them the gift of civilization.



#### THANATOS



#### Endings \* Closure Transition

As mortals take their final breaths, Thanatos appears to guide them from this life to the next.



HESTIA



#### Serenity **\*** Harmony Moderation

#### Hestia forsakes the power struggles on Olympus for the simple comfort of her hearth.



#### Obsession \* Greed Powerlessness

#### Consumed by the fear that his sons would usurp him, Cronus devoured all of his children.

## XVI THE TOWER

#### POSEIDON



#### Upheaval \* Chaos Destruction

Every sailor knows that Poseidon's fury can strike at any time, leaving nothing but ruin in its wake.

# THE STAR

#### APHRODITE



Hope **\*** Renewal Inspiration

Aphrodite's sublime beauty has inspired countless mortals throughout the ages.

## xviii THE MOON

#### ARTEMIS



#### Illusion **\*** Mystery The Subconscious

The light of the moon guides Artemis as she hunts in the darkened wilderness.



Joy **\*** Vitality Positivity

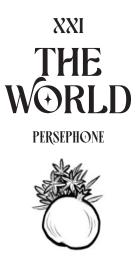
The sound of Apollo's lyre is like sunlight on skin, leaving listeners warm and content.





Awakening \* Rebirth Reflection

Hades offers Persephone the seeds that will forever bind her to the Underworld. What will she choose?



#### Completion \* Cycles Achievement

Persephone fulfills her destiny as Queen of the Underworld, bringer of life and death alike.



#### Peace \* Healing New Beginnings

#### Eos' rosy radiance banishes the night, bringing the promise of a new day.

## SUIT OF CUPS





#### New Feelings **\*** Love Spirituality

Second of Chaos' children were Nyx and Erebus, bound eternally in darkness.

## TWO OF CUPS

#### ACHILLES & PATROCLUS

#### Partnerships \* Attraction Connections

Achilles and Patroclus, a love that would transcend time and death.

## THREE OF CUPS THE GRACES

#### Friendship **\*** Community Collaboration

The Graces can be found at every divine banquet, serving nectar with great cheer.

## FOUR OF CUPS NARCISSUS

#### Apathy \* Contemplation Stagnancy

Narcissus grew blind to all around him, enthralled by his reflection in the moonlit waters.

## FIVE OF CUPS DAPHINE

Sorrow **\*** Regret Disappointment

Apollo sorrowed that he would never hear Daphne's voice again—though one wonders if he ever truly listened.

### SIX OF CUPS PERSEPHIONE'S RETURN

#### Nostalgia **\*** Memories Childhood

"It is good to see you again, Mother. Shall we get to work?"

## SEVEN OF CUPS PANDORA

Possibilities **\*** Daydreams Choices

Pandora never could have imagined what lay in that little box.

## EIGHT OF CUPS OEDIPUS

Abandonment \* Letting Go Avoidance

Only a prophecy so grim could compel Oedipus to turn his back on everything.

## NINE OF CUPS circe

Contentment \* Pleasure Satisfaction

On the distant isle of Aiaia, the sorceress Circe lives in a paradise of wine and pleasures.

## TEN OF CUPS EROS & PSYCHE

#### True Love \* Happiness Harmony

Through all the trials and tribulations, Eros and Psyche were finally able to live happily ever after.

## PAGE OF CUPS HEBE

Curiosity **\*** Sensitivity Intuition

Hebe is tasked with carrying the ambrosia of the gods, that which keeps them eternally youthful.

## KNIGHT OF CUPS adonis

#### Romance \* Charm Emotional Intelligence

Adonis, favorite of Aphrodite, was famed for his beauty. When he died, her tears adorned him in roses.

## QUEEN OF CUPS AMPHITRITE

Empathy **\*** Nurturing Introspection

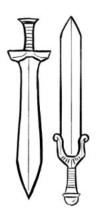
Deep beneath the waves, Amphitrite holds the denizens of the sea in her loving embrace.

## KING OF CUPS ASCLEPIUS

#### Maturity **\*** Wisdom Compassion

Sick travelers can find a cure for every ailment in Asclepius' sanctum.

## SUIT OF SWORDS





Focus **\*** Clarity Breakthroughs

Star-mantled Ouranos followed Gaia, the sky that embraces the earth. From them the Titans were born.

### TWO OF SWORDS PERSEPHONE'S DECISION

#### Impasses \* Stalemates Difficult Decisions

As winter ravaged the world above, Persephone realized she had to make an impossible choice.

## THREE OF SWORDS ORPHEUS & EURYDICE

Heartbreak \* Grief Betrayal

When Orpheus looked back, it was already too late: Eurydice was dragged back into Hades.

## FOUR OF SWORDS HYPNOS

#### Rest \* Recuperation Meditation

Hypnos' gentle touch sends gods and mortals alike to the realms of sleep.

## FIVE OF SWORDS medusa

Aggression **\*** Hostility Defeat

As his blade met the Gorgon's neck, Perseus thought he heard a sob in her scream.

## SIX OF SWORDS CHARON

#### Departure \* Moving On Rite of Passage

Charon ferries the dead from the shores of the Styx to the misty fields beyond.

## SEVEN OF SWORDS THE TROJAN HORSE

Deception \* Betrayal Trickery

Ten years of war ended in a night.

### EIGHT OF SWORDS ANDROMEDA

Confinement \* Restriction Helplessness

Chained to a rock and soaked by the waves, Andromeda awaited her grim fate.

# NINE OF SWORDS SISYPHUS

Anxiety **\*** Fear Hopelessness

In the depths of Tartarus, Sisyphus carries out his hopeless task under the unblinking eyes of the Hundred-Handed Ones.

# TEN OF SWORDS ICARUS

#### Failure \* Ruin \* Bad Endings

Icarus' wings burned to ash under the sun's unforgiving heat.

# PAGE OF SWORDS PERSEUS

Curiosity **\*** New Ideas Communication

With Hades' dark helm and a mirrored shield, Perseus was able to deflect Medusa's stony gaze.

# KNIGHT OF SWORDS medea

#### Action **\*** Intelligence Assertiveness

Jason learned too late that Medea was not one to sit idly by, whether for love or vengeance.

# OUEEN OF SWORDS THE ERINYES

#### Honesty **\*** Skepticism Directness

The Erinyes' eyes pierce into the souls of the newly-departed, laying bare every sin.

# KING OF SWORDS ODYSSEUS

#### Logic \* Reason \* Integrity

Armed only with his wit, Odysseus braved the sea and the fury of the gods to return to Ithaca.





Creation **\*** Inspiration Expression

From a single ember of Chaos, bloomed all the stars of the Universe.

TWO OF WANDS

#### THESEUS

Planning **\*** Discovery Progression

The Minotaur devoured every unfortunate soul sent to its twisting Labyrinth, but Theseus had a plan.

# THREE OF WANDS

#### Foresight **\*** Horizons Exploration

Only the Pythia can perceive and untangle the threads of Fate.

#### FOUR OF WANDS PELEUS & THEFTIS

#### Celebration **\*** Community Gatherings

All the gods were invited to the wedding of Peleus and Thetis, save for Eris, bringer of strife.

# FIVE OF WANDS ERIS

#### Strife \* Conflict \* Tension

Eris, scorned and seething, fashioned a golden apple that would ignite a war for the ages.

### SIX OF WANDS NIKE

#### Victory \* Success \* Accolades

In the skies above a victory feast, one might catch a glimpse of Nike's wings.

### SEVEN OF WANDS PENELOPE

#### Perseverance **\*** Competition Defiance

The suitors kept pouring in, but Penelope stood firm.

#### EIGHT OF WANDS THE ABDUCTION OF PERSEPHONE

Travel **\*** Movement

Fast Change

"I just want to go somewhere on my own for once. Please?"

### NINE OF WANDS HERACLES

Resilience \* Persistence Challenges

For every head Heracles took, the hydra grew back two more.

# TEN OF WANDS

Burdens \* Drudgery Responsibility

For aiding the Titans, Atlas was condemned to bear the heavens on his shoulders.

### PAGE OF WANDS ATALANTA

Ambition **\*** Possibility Enthusiasm

Atalanta's wild strength and agility were unmatched by any man.

# KNIGHT OF WANDS

BELLEROPHON & PEGASUS

Passion \* Adventure

Fearlessness

With Pegasus' aid, Bellerophon vanquished the monstrous Chimera.

### QUEEN OF WANDS THE MUSES

#### Exuberance **\*** Warmth Imagination

Artists pray for the brilliant spark of inspiration that can only come from the Muses.

## KING OF WANDS JASON & THE ARGONAUTS

Leadership \* Vision \* Energy

Jason gathered a crew of incomparable Argonauts to seek the Golden Fleece.

# SUIT OF COINS





#### Abundance **\*** Manifestation Opportunity

The first scion of Chaos was Gaia, the fertile earth that nurtures all life.

### TWO OF COINS SCYLLA & CHARYBDIS

#### Balance \* Negotiation Adaptability

On one side Scylla, terror of the sea. On the other Charybdis, the allconsuming maw.

# THREE OF COINS THE TITANOMACHY

#### Teamwork **\*** Planning Collaboration

The sons and daughters of Rhea rallied to cast down the tyrannical Titans.

# FOUR OF COINS MIDAS

#### Saving \* Materialism Possessiveness

When even wine turned to gold on his lips, Midas realized he had made a grave mistake.

# FIVE OF COINS DEMETER'S LAMENT

#### Hardship \* Isolation \* Adversity

Demeter's overwhelming grief plunged the earth into an endless winter.

# SIX OF COINS TRIPTOLEMUS

#### Generosity \* Charity \* Success

Clever Triptolemus, blessed by Demeter, shared the secrets of the harvest with humanity.

## SEVEN OF COINS PYGMAILON & GALATEA

#### Effort **\*** Investment Diligence

Pygmalion toiled away, sculpting an ivory woman of incomparable beauty. He called her Galatea.

# EIGHT OF COINS ARACHINE

#### Mastery \* Skill \* Improvement

Arachne was known as the greatest weaver in the land... until she dared to challenge Athena.

# NINE OF COINS ELYSIUM

Independence **\*** Reward Achievement

Exalted heroes await an eternal paradise in Elysium's golden fields.

### TEN OF COINS Makaria, melinoe, and zagreus

#### Fulfillment **\*** Legacies Prosperity

The Fates foretold that Hades and Persephone would never have children, but even they could be proven wrong.

# PAGE OF COINS IRIS

#### Opportunity \* Diligence Good News

Iris soars on shimmering rainbows to bear tidings to every corner of the realm.

# KNIGHT OF COINS HELIOS & SELENE

#### Routine **\*** Reliability Productivity

Tireless Helios and Selene guide the sun and moon across the ever-turning heavens.

## QUEEN OF COINS RHEA

#### Practicality \* Support Resourcefulness

Rhea, fearing for her youngest son, devised a plan to save him from Cronus' madness.

# KING OF COINS cerberus

#### Security \* Protection \* Wealth

Cerberus stands at the gates of the Underworld, eternal guardian of its riches and shades.

#### ABOUT THE DECK

The Asphodelon Tarot is a combination of my longtime love of Greek mythology with the narrative themes of tarot. It was a labor of love for over 7 years, and I'm so excited to finally share it with you. Thank you so much for your support over the years!

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