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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

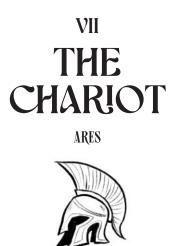
Hera blesses the sacred bonds of marriage—and damns those who betray them.





Love * Choice Attraction

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



Triumph ***** Ambition Determination

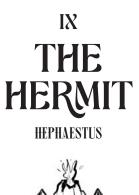
In the heat of battle, nothing stands between Ares and ultimate victory.





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

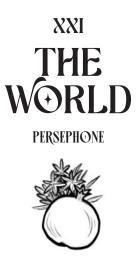
The sound of Apollo's lyre is like sunlight on skin, leaving listeners warm and content.





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

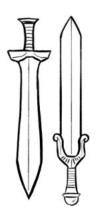
Deep beneath the waves, Amphitrite holds the denizens of the sea in her loving embrace.

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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