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0. THE FOOL

A novice traveler ventures out into the world, eager to seek his destiny. Clinging to the lad's back, a small demon whispers temptation into his ear, while the moon above tries to guide him down a righteous path.

Upright Meaning:

A beginner. Breaking out of one's comfort zone and embarking on new challenges. Seeking one's potential. Relying on instinct. Faith in your abilities.

Reversed Meaning:

Inexperience. Someone unprepared for life's adventures. Self doubt. A trusting or gullible person easily manipulated. Not taking life seriously.



I. THE MAGICIAN

A crafty magician dazzles onlookers with a captivating array of tricks and illusions. The 3-legged table he demonstrates on shows that the foundation of his skills are still incomplete. Regardless, he uses his own legs of flesh to prop up his confidence and continue the grand performance.

Upright Meaning:

Developing skills. Exploring one's unique abilities and potential. Manifestation. Resourcefulness.

Reversed Meaning:

Waste of potential. Manipulation. Taking shortcuts. A cheat. Resistance. A fraud.



II. THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Surrounded by a curtain of roaring flames, the High Priestess stands as a mysterious enigma upon a pile of ancient books. With hands clasped in prayer, she focuses her intentions inward, channeling the vibrations of the Universe through her soul.

Upright Meaning:

Knowledge. A passion for learning. Feminine wisdom and power. Sacred secrets. Keen intuition or introspection.

Reversed Meaning:

Ignoring intuition. A hidden problem. Lies. False information.



III. THE EMPRESS

The matronly Empress casually strolls through her moonlit garden, making sure everything is in perfect order. Although known for her strict demeanor, she often exposes her softer side to those who understand her true intentions.

Upright Meaning:

A strong leader with a hidden tender side. Motherly dominance. An unquestionable and often overbearing female figure. Someone once youthful now well past her prime.

Reversed Meaning:

A weak leader. An uncaring or neglectful mother. Someone who can't maintain order in the household or workplace. Setting a bad example for your followers.



IV. THE EMPEROR

The regal Emperor marvels over the empire he has created over the course of his life. Although he has struggled much in his rise to power, he has rightfully earned his noble position.

Upright Meaning:

Self-discipline. Domination. A self-made person. A life of structure. Stability. A strong and respected father figure.

Reversed Meaning:

Misuse of power. A weak or incompetent leader. Rebellion. Lack of respect. An undisciplined person.



V. THE HIEROPHANT

The Hierophant presides as a moral pillar in a spiritually corrupt society; or so it is believed. Kneeling before him, two penitent demons beg for forgiveness as the tears they shed begin to flood the streets.

Upright Meaning:

Tradition. Rigid beliefs. Doing things by the book. Unquestionably accepting societal norms. A mentor or role model. The need for guidance.

Reversed Meaning:

Defying tradition. Unconformity. Questioning the accepted truth. Self-guidance.



VI. THE LOVERS

United by the magic of the full moon above, a demon and a maiden embrace on a flowery hill. Although an unlikely match, the couple stands ready to seal their love with a passionate kiss.

Upright Meaning:

Love. Commitment to another. Finding ones soul-mate. Choice in a relationship. Unification. A partnership. Strong communication and harmony. May indicate temptation.

Reversed Meaning:

Separation. Ending a relationship. Unrequited love. Lack of harmony. Distrust.



VII. THE CHARIOT

With courage and determination, the fearless General rides into war on his glorious chariot. Regardless of the risks that lie ahead, he is willing to die in battle rather than return home defeated.

Upright Meaning:

An intense sense of purpose. Making progress. Taking the required action needed to achieve a worthy goal. Focus. Unwavering willpower. A success orientated mindset. Taking charge and leading the way forward.

Reversed Meaning:

Having a vague sense of purpose in life. The lack of direction. Lose of motivation and focus. Letting others lead you around.



VIII. JUSTICE

Clad in impervious armor and adorned with flowing robes, the champion of justice stands as an unshakable fixture in the courtyard. The scales she holds are balanced and unbiased in regards to the law, while her upright sword shows her ability to make decisive decisions.

Upright Meaning:

Legal concerns. Upholding the law. A fair and impartial judgment. A favorable outcome. Truth. Taking the high moral ground. Retribution and consequences.

Reversed Meaning:

Unfair decisions. Legal complications. Corruption and dishonesty. Immoral behavior unpunished. May also represent a judgmental person.



IX. THE HERMIT

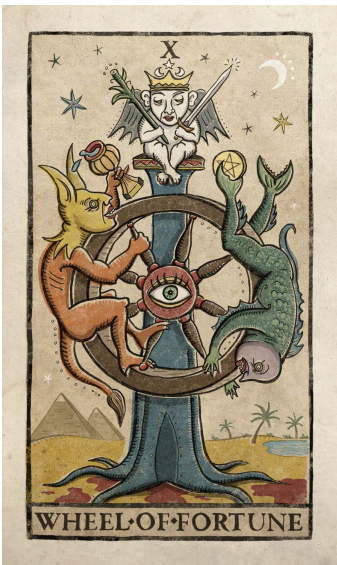
Alone on a precipice, the old man looks out over the quiet valley below. Since leaving the bustle of civilization behind, he has gained valuable spiritual insight and wisdom which he will one day share with the entire world.

Upright Meaning:

Introspection. Self-imposed isolation from society. A time for meditation and reflection. Peaceful solitude. Enlightenment. Recovery. Study.

Reversed Meaning:

Exile. Banishment. A recluse. Feeling lonely. Retreat.



X. WHEEL OF FORTUNE

The timeless Wheel of Fortune spins away the years, as fools hold on trying to catch a momentary ride. Though some might manage to maintain their grip longer than others, all will inevitably fall off and sink to their deaths in the sands of eternity.

Upright Meaning:

Luck. Fate. Destiny. Taking a chance. The cycle of life. The passage of time. Changing circumstances.

Reversed Meaning:

Bad luck. A twist of fate. Unforeseen misfortunes. Delays. A setback.



XI. STRENGTH

The mighty lioness carries a large stone pillar which she has broken off from a distant temple. Although the pillar is extremely heavy, she manages the weight with ease due to her unbridled feminine strength.

Upright Meaning:

Strength. A powerful person; either physically or emotionally. Confidence. Courage. Vitality. Being able to skillfully influence others. Taming one's wild impulses. Positive beliefs in one's own abilities.

Reversed Meaning:

Weakness. Fear. A coward. Being a victim. A lack of confidence. Feeling powerless. Low energy.



XII. THE HANGED MAN

Encased in a cocoon, an apathetic man dangles above a bottomless pit. Although in a precarious position, he seems quite comfortable and has little desire to change his circumstance. Meanwhile, a snake coils around the man, keeping him a prisoner of fear and excuses.

Upright Meaning:

Procrastination. Delays. Indecision. Distractions. Feeling stuck. Confinement. Dissatisfaction. Resistance. Limiting beliefs.

Reversed Meaning:

Realizing you must change. Gaining momentum. Feeling inspired to take action. Leaving one's comfort zone.



XIII. DEATH

Standing on devastated land, the Countess of Death plunges a sword through her rotted skull, mocking man and his Earthly folly. Though today she is victorious, a defiant infant rips through her polluted womb and extends its finger to a small bird.

Upright Meaning:

Unexpected change. Transition. Mortality. Illness. Loss. Destruction. Something good coming from a bad situation.

Reversed Meaning:

Fear of the unknown. Resisting change. Attempting to delay the inevitable.



XIV. TEMPERANCE

The patient angel stands along the river's edge, pouring water from one chalice to another in a mixture of blissful harmony. In the distance, an elephant dips its trunk into the stream, soaking up wisdom and experience with the passing current.

Upright Meaning:

Balance. The flow of time. Moderation. Peace. Tranquility. Self-control. Frugality. Chastity. Bringing dual forces together as one.

Reversed Meaning:

Imbalance. Turbulence. Excess. Impatience. Corruption. Immorality. Incompatibility.



XV. THE DEVIL

The insidious Devil makes his way along a scorched path, looking to bind humanity with lies and false promises. Comprised of multiple creatures, he is a master of deception and trickery.

Upright Meaning:

Bondage. Servitude. Materialism. Earthly pleasures at a cost. Dark fantasies. Sexuality. Succumbing to temptations. Seduction. Addiction or dependency.

Reversed Meaning:

Breaking free of bad habits or unhealthy addictions. Resisting temptation. Taking back your personal power.



XVI. THE TOWER

In a spectacular display of fury, lightning bolts shoot from a dark cloud, striking a stone tower and setting it ablaze. Two wretched demons leap from the structure as it begins to crumble, yet nothing can save them from this catastrophe.

Upright Meaning:

Utter destruction. An unexpected upheaval. Sudden change. Unforeseen disaster. Chaos and confusion. Taking action too late.

Reversed Meaning:

A close call. A warning sign to prepare for the worst. Take action before it's too late. Resisting an inevitable change. A time to rebuild.



XVII. THE STAR

High in his tower, the astronomer observes the most radiant star he has ever encountered glowing in the midnight sky. Through his meticulous calculations, he was able to predict the exact time and place of this stellar phenomenon.

Upright Meaning:

A hopeful sign from the heavens. Synchronicity. A prophecy coming true. A once in a lifetime event. Good fortune yet to come.

Reversed Meaning:

Miscalculations. A rare opportunity missed. An omen of bad luck. An underwhelming occurrence.



XVIII. THE MOON

A sea-demon rests his head on the shore in peaceful slumber. Half in and half out of the water, he is in a twilight state of consciousness. Meanwhile, the moon overhead influences the demon's dreams with wild intensity.

Upright Meaning:

Intuition. Illusions. Subconscious thought. Subliminal messages. Dreams. Manipulation. Deception.

Reversed Meaning:

Suppressed feelings. Secrets coming to the surface. Internal confusion. Waking up to reality.



XIX. THE SUN

A demon-boy and a cherub meet by a garden wall in a facetious display of friendship. Although they appear to the world as brothers, they stand ready to kill one another in a moments notice. Thankfully, the omniscient Sun above maintains the harmony and keeps the pair on their best behavior.

Upright Meaning:

Radiant vitality. Friendship. Happiness. Positive energy. Extreme joy. Warm personalities. Abundance.

Reversed Meaning:

Pessimism. A dim outlook on life. Unhappiness. Separation. Low energy. Lack of clarity. Sadness.



XX. JUDGMENT

The Angel of Judgment appears from a cloud, rousing the dead with his mighty trumpets. Three trembling corpses rise from their tomb in fear, knowing the time has finally come to account for the choices they made in life.

Upright Meaning:

Rebirth. A spiritual awakening. Redemption. Being called to a higher purpose. A hard decision. Transformation. Reaping what you have sown.

Reversed Meaning:

A poor decision. Sleeping through life. Bad karma. May also indicate stagnation and the fear of unknown changes that lie ahead.



XXI. THE WORLD

The voluptuous matron celebrates life as she dances merrily on top of the world. Though the four winds blow at her feet and try to knock her off balance, she allows nothing to disrupt her joy.

Upright Meaning:

Achievement. Fulfillment. Well earned success. A glorious culmination. Celebrating one's accomplishments. Travel.

Reversed Meaning:

A huge disappointment. Incomplete projects. Being ambitious but not taking action. Failure. Stagnation.



KING OF SWORDS

The King of Swords holds his blade upright while focusing intently on the path ahead. Through sheer self-discipline and determination, he has achieved a position of unquestionable power. Those who oppose his jurisdiction should beware, for he will slit the throats of anyone who stands in the way of his ambitions.

Upright Meaning:

Authority. Power. A military strategist. A stern leader. A strict father figure. A high performance individual. Someone with high moral standards.

Reversed Meaning:

Abuse of power. Dictatorship. Brutality. An unstructured or undisciplined leader. Weakness.



QUEEN OF SWORDS

The weary Queen returns home from a ferocious battle, bearing a bloody sword over her shoulder while dragging the other blade in the dirt. Although tattered and disheartened, she was not defeated in her struggle, but merely did what needed to be done in order to maintain her dignity.

Upright Meaning:

A protector. A strong mother figure willing to fight for her principals, no matter the cost. High moral values. No regrets. Independence.

Reversed Meaning:

Emotional turbulence. A pessimist. An unforgiving or vengeful person. A coward.



KNIGHT OF SWORDS

With his mighty sword raised, the brave knight prepares to strike a deadly blow against a vile demon. Above, the bleeding moon serves as an omen of war, showing that the knight will fight to the death to achieve his grand ambitions.

Upright Meaning:

Unbridled ambitions. Massive action against a daunting problem. A quick thinker. Jumping on an opportunity. Relentlessness. Courage. A warrior.

Reversed Meaning:

Loss of passion. Being unfocused. Fleeing from opportunities. Arrogance. A bully. A rude or tactless person. Ignoring danger.



PAGE OF SWORDS

The novice page holds his small sword with both hands as he attempts to fend off a loathsome serpent. As he gains experience against such adversities, his skills will grow and enable him to conquer greater foes in the future.

Upright Meaning:

Someone in training. A student eager to learn. Practice. Trial and error. A quick study. Developing ones intellect.

Reversed Meaning:

Neglecting ones studies. Not paying attention. A dull wit. Trouble learning.



TEN OF SWORDS

Imprisoned by pain, a helpless citizen cries out for help that will never come. Ten mighty swords penetrate his coffin; pinning his wretched soul to everlasting misery and torture.

Upright Meaning:

Extreme pain or unbearable emotional torment. A terrible crisis. A violent attack. An unyielding curse. Victim-hood. A tragic ending. Mortality.

Reversed Meaning:

Surviving a traumatic event. Temporary salvation. Dealing with a catastrophe the best you can. May indicate the need to grow stronger in order to endure a tragedy.



NINE OF SWORDS

Holding his head in anguish, a worried man dwells upon negativity while focusing his thoughts on the worst possible outcome. Nine swords hang heavy above his mind, threatening to manifest his concerns into reality.

Upright Meaning:

Extreme anxiety and apprehension. Unshakable fear. Terrible nightmares. Insomnia. Deep dark depression. Paranoia. An unhealthy obsession.

Reversed Meaning:

Coping with or facing your fears. Hope in the midst of darkness. Faith when all seems lost. Letting go and allowing events to transpire naturally.



EIGHT OF SWORDS

Immobilized and muted, a hapless citizen stands bound to eight hefty swords. Although liberation seems impossible, the glowing full moon above represents the potential to escape this confinement.

Upright Meaning:

Restriction. Imprisonment. Oppression. A crisis. Brainwashing. A negative outlook. Being blind to the obvious. Victim-hood.

Reversed Meaning:

Escape. Freeing one's self from limiting beliefs. Expanding your awareness. New insights. Seeing a way out.



SEVEN OF SWORDS

A cunning thief sneaks away with five stolen swords under the cover of night. With arms full, he could carry no more and left two others behind.

Distracted by a circus performance, no one seems to notice this dastardly confiscation.

Upright Meaning:

A strategic plan. A cunning plot. A spy. Betrayal. Deceit. A false friend. A backstabber. A sneaky thief.

Reversed Meaning:

A foiled plan. Poor execution of an idea. A fraud exposed. Revealing the truth. Admitting guilt.



SIX OF SWORDS

Using her pain as inspiration, a young maiden creates a vessel to escape dire circumstances. With hope as her guide, she courageously makes her way across the sea in search of a new life and grand adventures.

Upright Meaning:

A major transition. Moving locations. A long journey. Leaving trouble behind and exploring new horizons. Seeking opportunity in the unknown. A search for peace.

Reversed Meaning:

Stalled progress. Unexpected delays. A sudden change of plans. Being trapped in an unhappy environment. The fear of change.



FIVE OF SWORDS

Using two swords like a giant pair of scissors, a distraught woman attempts to snip off her own head. From behind, her third hand raises another sword and readies to plunge it into her back. Two remaining swords stand in a mound of dirt, waiting to finish this deadly task should the others fail.

Upright Meaning:

Competition. Conflict. A bully. Intimidation. A criminal act. Aggression. Unprovoked violence or hostility. Self sabotage.

Reversed Meaning:

A resolution to a tense situation. Compromise. Reconciliation. An end to hostilities. Making amends.



FOUR OF SWORDS

A young sprite peacefully meditates inside a beautiful flower. Although life's pain threatens from outside, she dreams unbothered, for she is shielded and protected by the beautiful petals.

Upright Meaning:

Introspection. A time to retreat from the world. Sanctuary. Silence. Meditation. Peace. Calmness. Recuperation. Physical or mental restoration. Conserving energy.

Reversed Meaning:

Exhaustion. Mental fatigue. Temporary isolation. May also indicate an awakening in mind, body, and spirit. Getting back to the world feeling refreshed.



THREE OF SWORDS

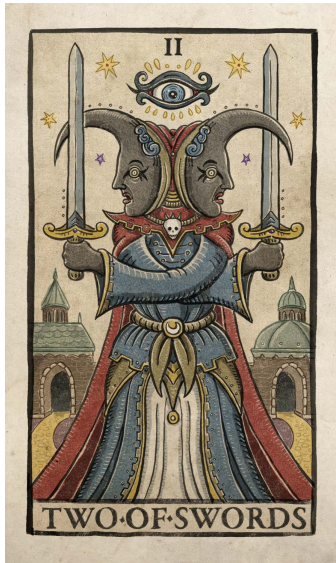
Distraught by love gone bad, a sorrowful man opens his overcoat, revealing to the world his bloody heart pierced by three swords.

Upright Meaning:

Betrayal. Drama. Overreaction. Grief. Depression. Heartbreak. Sorrow. Severe emotional distress.

Reversed Meaning:

Overcoming grief or sorrow. Optimistic revival. Forgiveness. Reconciliation.



TWO OF SWORDS

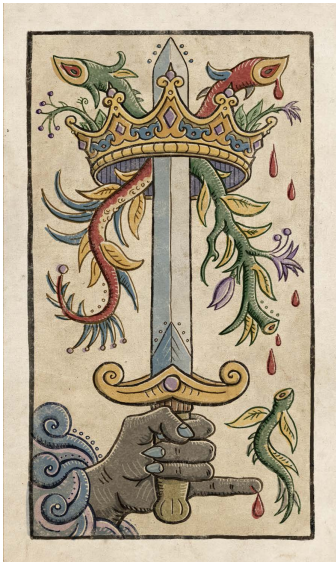
A young warrior faces a divergent path in her travels. Knowing that each will lead to a different and unknown destination, she stands immobilized by the choice lying before her.

Upright Meaning:

A stressful decision. Stubbornness. Equal opposition. Deadlock. An impasse. Stalemate. Indecision.

Reversed Meaning:

Giving in. Compromise. Imbalance. Flexibility. compliance. Underestimating a rival. An agreement or breakthrough.



ACE OF SWORDS

Upright Meaning:

Bold new ideas Mental clarity. Concentration. Focus. A clear vision or plan. Gaining an advantage. A righteous victory. Upholding the truth.

Reversed Meaning:

A weak intellect. Foggy thinking. The inability to focus or concentrate. Injustice.



KING OF CUPS

The joyous king holds his golden chalice high, toasting the wellness of his kingdom. His watery cloak flows smoothly into the sea, illustrating his free and easy going temper.

Upright Meaning:

A compassionate figure. A calm and caring personality. Emotional wisdom and maturity. Overflowing generosity and kindness.

Reversed Meaning:

Emotional immaturity. Creative frustration. A moody person. Volatility. A self serving individual.



QUEEN OF CUPS

The good hearted queen carries a gigantic chalice across the river. Though it may seem to some like a heavy burden to bare, the chalice is actually lightweight due to the queen's overflowing love and warm energy.

Upright Meaning:

An emotionally mature and secure female figure. An extremely loving and compassionate person. A healer. Abundant generosity. Intuition. Flowing creativity.

Reversed Meaning:

Selfishness. An emotionally needy person. A draining personality. Blocked creativity.



KNIGHT OF CUPS

The charming knight rides his elegant mermaid across the sea.. Though not as physically strong as other knights, he is considered the most courageous of all since he is willing to leave the comforts of home to explore his unknown destiny.

Upright Meaning:

A alluring and romantic person. A unique offering or invitation. Fearlessly pursuing one's passion. Social grace. Chivalry.

Reversed Meaning:

A moody individual. An emotional manipulator. Creative resistance. Reneging on an offer. A heartbreaker.



PAGE OF CUPS

The young page wades into the shallow sea in search of a refreshing drink of brine. Although he quenches his thirst, he continues to consume copious amounts of water regardless of his bursting belly.

Upright Meaning:

Youthfulness. The onset of puberty. Naive ideals. A dreamer. Someone eager to get their fill of life. Indulging in new things.

Reversed Meaning:

An emotional baby. Foolish excess. Over abundance. Childhood traumas or anxieties.



TEN OF CUPS

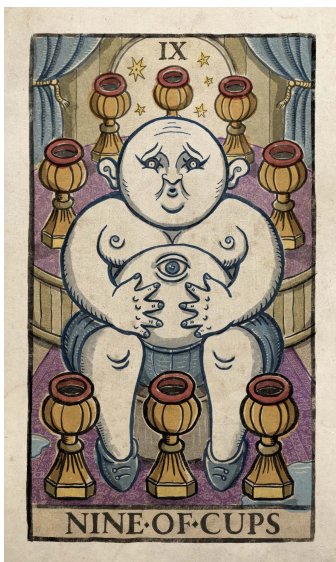
Rising tall from the ocean depths, a united family rejoices. Above, a glorious rainbow signals the end of rain and the promise of better times to come.

Upright Meaning:

Happiness. Contentment. Extreme joy. Emotional satisfaction. Harmonious relationships. Domestic tranquility.

Reversed Meaning:

Unfulfilled relationships. Family dysfunction or disconnect. Feeling empty or dissatisfied.



NINE OF CUPS

Immersed in luxury, the Moon-boy holds his bloated belly after consuming the contents of nine golden chalices. Although satisfied, he finds himself slightly uncomfortable, having taken in more than his fill.

Upright Meaning:

Achieving one's dreams after hard work. A wish come true. Complete satisfaction. Feeling proud of your accomplishments. Self-confidence.

Reversed Meaning:

Feeling unfulfilled despite your achievements. Discouragement. Giving up before realizing a dream.



EIGHT OF CUPS

After tolerating a bleak and unrewarding condition for too long, a dapper young man finally realizes his true worth and makes a dedicated stride towards more favorable prospects.

Upright Meaning:

Extreme disappointment. Abandonment. Escape. Separation. Leaving an unfulfilling situation behind. Self discovery.

Reversed Meaning:

Fear of change. Accepting and staying in a bad situation.. Low self-worth. Feeling helpless or unable to move on.



SEVEN OF CUPS

High upon the clouds of imagination, the universe presents seven possibilities that may manifest into reality. Although such dreams and desires can come true, it is up to the viewer to put in the work needed to attain such magnificent treasures.

Upright Meaning:

Illusion. Hallucinations. Daydreams. Imagination. Living in a fantasy. Choices. Multiple opportunities or options.

Reversed Meaning:

Having too many choices. Feeling overwhelmed. Difficulty making decisions. Lack of imagination or vision. May also signify limited opportunities.



SIX OF CUPS

Bathed in the glow of a glorious morning, an elderly woman gifts a golden chalice to her childhood self. Butterflies rise from the vessel, representing the beautiful yet fleeting memories of a lifetime well spent.

Upright Meaning:

Nostalgia. Fond memories of the past. Childhood. Innocence. Goodwill. Sharing.

Reversed Meaning:

Being stuck in the past. May indicate the need to let go of past traumas. Maturity. A lost childhood.



FIVE OF CUPS

Disillusioned by life, a sorrowful citizen dunks his head under a rain cloud and soaks himself in misery. Although his treasures lie submerged in tears, they can be easily recovered should he choose to do so.

Upright Meaning:

Regret. Pessimism. Heartbreak. Disappointment. Loss. Abandonment. Mourning or grief.

Reversed Meaning:

Picking up the pieces and moving on. Resiliency. Recovering from a setback. Learning from experience.



FOUR OF CUPS

No longer finding joy and laughter in life, a disheartened jester squats on the river bank beside three full chalices. Although the cups are full, he finds no satisfaction in the contents, and disregards the angel above offering him even more blessings.

Upright Meaning:

Apathy. Discouragement. Lack of motivation. Stagnation. Withdrawal. Lethargy. Feeling hopeless or depressed.

Reversed Meaning:

A second wind. Becoming aware of new opportunities. Focusing on a promising future. Gaining momentum.



THREE OF CUPS

A rambunctious trio of barmaids raise their chalices high, toasting life and all its absurdity. Drunk with life, they revel throughout the night, uninhibited by other people's opinions.

Upright Meaning:

Celebrations. Friendships. Harmonious relationships. A happy reunion or social event. Creative collaborations.

Reversed Meaning:

Breaking from the crowd. Going out on your own. A disappointing or canceled social gathering. A lack of friends.



TWO OF CUPS

Two young lovers meet clandestinely on a bridge, toasting their love and dedication to each other. Bound by shimmering lunar blessings, the happy couple gaze into each other's eyes, where they foresee a future filled with harmony and contentment.

Upright Meaning:

Unification. A valued or loving partnership. Mutual attraction or respect. Equality. Balance.

Reversed Meaning:

Distrust. Separation. Incongruity. Imbalance. Inequality. Domination.



ACE OF CUPS

Upright Meaning:

Overflowing feelings of love and happiness. Fulfillment. Extreme joy and contentment. Abundance. May also signify conception and pregnancy.

Reversed Meaning:

Repressed emotional pain or sadness. Difficulty expressing love. An unfulfilled soul. Infertility.



KING OF WANDS

The dandy king strolls along the castle path holding his walking staff in his claw. Being a man of refinement and self-expression, he has fearlessly shaped his life to match his exotic tastes.

Upright Meaning:

A visionary leader. A free-thinker. A passionate role model. A cultured figure. A charming personality. An energetic father.

Reversed Meaning:

A weak role model. An uninspiring leader. A close minded man. A bore.



QUEEN OF WANDS

The elegant queen makes her way through the countryside with grace and style. Although she exudes an unwavering air of confidence, she is unaware of the misanthropes that whisper hatred behind her back.

Upright Meaning:

A strong independent female. An assertive figure in charge. Wielding one's power. Faith in one's abilities. Courage. Unbridled passion. Determination.

Reversed Meaning:

Jealousy. A manipulator. Lack of self-confidence. A weak or dependent female. A know it all. Spite.



KNIGHT OF WANDS

The temperamental knight rides his beast across scorched ground in search of adventure. Unlike most others, the fires that burn around him will not deter him from seeking his destiny.

Upright Meaning:

A risk taker. An unexpected venture. Bravery. Success achieved after overcoming obstacles. A romantic. A hero. An attractive and confident individual.

Reversed Meaning:

A coward. Letting things get in the way of your ambitions. Dampened spirits. Reckless behavior.



PAGE OF WANDS

The curious page reaches for a large blooming flower growing from a tall wand. By stretching beyond his perceived limitations, the boy will surely acquire this marvelous specimen with ease.

Upright Meaning:

New discoveries. Untapped potential. Youthful optimism. Pushing beyond one's limits. Exploring one's passions. New and inspired ideas.

Reversed Meaning:

Fear of failure or success. Not pushing yourself hard enough. Staying small. Not being all you can be. Lack of passion.



TEN OF WANDS

Under the heat of a blistering sun, a burly demon trudges home with ten freshly chopped wands over his shoulder. Through backbreaking hard work, he has gathered more in a single day than most would in an entire week.

Upright Meaning:

A heavy burden to bare. Overwhelming responsibility. Hard work. Toiling away. Daily stress. Drudgery.

Reversed Meaning:

Loss of stamina. Working hard but not accomplishing anything meaningful. Shirking one's obligations. Physical or mental collapse.



NINE OF WANDS

A lone warrior stands guard upon a bloody hill after fending off an opposing force in a brutal battle. Though battered, he is not beaten, and he will maintain this piece of ground regardless of the cost.

Upright Meaning:

Holding down the fort. Persistence. Courage in the face of a perceived defeat. Resolve. Resourcefulness. Resilience

Reversed Meaning:

Weakened willpower. Wanting to give up. Fatigue. A lack of courage. Feeling beaten. Not being up to the challenges ahead.



EIGHT OF WANDS

Eight fiery wands scream through the air at demon speed. Their velocity increases as they hone in on their intended target, and will soon strike with explosive accuracy.

Upright Meaning:

Speed. Fast movement. Swift change. Momentum. Quick actions. Energetic excitement. May also indicate travel.

Reversed Meaning:

Delays. Impediments. Restrictions. Loss of momentum. Cancellations. Leaving projects unfinished.



SEVEN OF WANDS

A steadfast and courageous warrior holds her position against an invading force. However, one can also interpret this depiction as a determined group protecting themselves against an encroaching evil.

Upright Meaning:

Fighting for your rights. Defending one's morality or honor. Fending off multiple attackers. Maintaining territory.

Reversed Meaning:

A coward. Giving up. Defeat. losing ground. Drained stamina. Overwhelmed by enemies. Loss of one's authority or respect. Mutiny.



SIX OF WANDS

A celebrated general sits nobly upon a pedestal, exalted high by his demon army. Through his competent leadership, he has achieved unprecedented glory for his loyal followers, as well as himself.

Upright Meaning:

Fame. Success. Accolades. High self-worth. Victory. An astounding or well deserved achievement. Celebrity. A successful campaign.

Reversed Meaning:

Infamy. Losing support. A disgrace. An egotistical person. Failing to achieve one's potential glory.



FIVE OF WANDS

Five fierce devils fight for dominance on the battlefield. Although all are skilled and dangerous, only one will remain alive and standing in the end.

Upright Meaning:

Conflict. Quarrels. Battles. Competition. Tension between diverse groups. Aggressive actions. Lack of harmony. Divisiveness.

Reversed Meaning:

Avoiding confrontations. Peace after conflict. An end to hostilities. Overcoming differences. Cooperation at last.



FOUR OF WANDS

Four wands form a gate in front of a quaint stone cottage, which stands out amongst the surrounding woodland. Though this dwelling is small, it is strong and secure.

Upright Meaning:

Celebrations. A strong community. Family reunions and gatherings. A stable home. A solid foundation.

Reversed Meaning:

Unstable families. Canceled events. An unsupportive community. Shaky foundations. Not being wanted.



THREE OF WANDS

A young demon marvels at three flowers growing tall, which he started as seeds. Through rain and sunshine, he has kept a watchful eye over the plants progress and is amazed to see how far they've come.

Upright Meaning:

Planning ahead. Entrepreneurship. A worldly person with a grand outlook. Expansion. Travel and exploration.

Reversed Meaning:

A shortsighted plan. A failed venture. Limited thinking. Contraction. Fear of taking a risk.



TWO OF WANDS

Strolling along a garden path carrying a freshly cut flower, a demon suddenly encounters a similar plant growing on a hill. Realizing his original find might not be as special as he once thought, he contemplates whether or not to acquire the second one.

Upright Meaning:

Creative decisions. Convergence of ideas. United efforts. Business partnerships. Bright prospects. Global dealings.

Reversed Meaning:

Indecision. The inability to synthesis ideas. Lack of creativity. Disappointment. A life of mediocrity.



ACE OF WANDS

Upright Meaning:

Bold new ideas. Flourishing growth. Creative inspiration. Spontaneity. A fiery passion. Unlimited potential awaits. Fertility.

Reversed Meaning:

A creative dry spell. Lack of enthusiasm. Squandered potential. Boring and mundane ideas. A lack of passion.



KING OF COINS

The jolly king strides through the city streets holding his golden coin with pride. With his other hand, he grips a small doll that is powerless to move on its own or to break free.

Upright Meaning:

A disciplined business leader or entrepreneur. Capitalism. A savvy negotiator. Someone at the top of their respective fields. A high position of power and achievement attained through hard work.

Reversed Meaning:

A business failure. Corporate corruption. Incompetent leadership. Poor financial decisions leading to ruin.



QUEEN OF COINS

The portly queen tries to enjoy her succulent meal, only to be harassed by a pair of hungry cats. Although she has more than enough food to share, she refuses to part with even a crumb and holds her good fortune where none may reach it.

Upright Meaning:

A frugal female figure. Someone of high social status and class. Abundant wealth and opulence. Luxury. Love through discipline.

Reversed Meaning:

A cruel mother. Greed. Denying help or service to someone in need. A shallow or materialistic individual.



KNIGHT OF COINS

The sleepy knight wakes with a wide yawn while his dragon still slumbers. In the distance, the city is ablaze and in dire need of assistance.

Unfortunately, the only way to motivate the lazy knight to take action is by lowering a valuable incentive from the heavens.

Upright Meaning:

Someone slow to act. Not recognizing an emergency. Wasting time. A boring routine. Mundane surroundings. A bribe.

Reversed Meaning:

Irresponsibility. Not taking things seriously. An unreliable person. Lethargy.



PAGE OF COINS

The young page races after a winged coin in hopes of capture. Although he keeps a steady eye on his prize, he fails to notice the stream of water crossing his path. If he is not careful to pay attention, he will likely fall in and drown.

Upright Meaning:

Chasing a financial opportunity. Big money dreams. Ambition. The optimistic start of a new business venture. Financial neivety.

Reversed Meaning:

Financial folly. The pursuit of money over fulfillment. Procrastination. Letting a financial opportunity pass you by.



TEN OF COINS

An aging king sits among his pile of gold coins, happy and satisfied with the life he has lead. Wishing to pass some of his good fortune to a future generation, he bestows part of his fortune to grateful family members.

Upright Meaning:

Material accomplishments. Affluence. Generational wealth. Inheritance. Privilege. Enduring success.

Reversed Meaning:

Bankruptcy. Colossal debts. Financial ruin. End of a legacy. Illegal financial activity.



NINE OF COINS

Clad in a robe of rainbow feathers, a wealthy citizen stands in a garden lush with golden coins. A moon-faced parrot teeters on her finger, eager to learn all it can from the woman's successes.

Upright Meaning:

A luxurious lifestyle. Financial security and independence. Prosperity. Abundance. Enjoying the fruits of one's labor. A sophisticated person.

Reversed Meaning:

Financial dependence. Getting into debt. Leeching off the system. Dishonest money.



EIGHT OF COINS

Despite the blazing sun above, a worker digs in the garden looking for hidden treasures. Though he can't see what lies below and has no guarantees of discovery, he works with determination knowing his effort will one day pay off handsomely.

Upright Meaning:

Apprenticeship. Learning a trade. Developing valuable skills. Working towards mastery. Quality. Dedication to a craft. Steady productivity.

Reversed Meaning:

Mundane work. Poor effort. Lack of focus. Sub-par quality. Rushed work. Slow productivity.



SEVEN OF COINS

A young maiden pauses in her flower garden, utterly astonished on how well her plantings are doing. At the start, she believed such growth was impossible, but today's glorious display has given her new beliefs in her abilities.

Upright Meaning:

Investing in yourself. Having patience with one's work. Measuring progress. Giving yourself time to grow.

Reversed Meaning:

Shortsighted expectations. Impatience. Leaving projects unfinished. Lack of motivation. Frustration.



SIX OF COINS

A thirsty fish ignores the life saving water spilling from above and instead focuses its attention on six shining coins. Although the coins are beautiful, they will do nothing to save the fish from deadly dehydration.

Upright Meaning:

Charity. Caring for those in need. Sharing prosperity. A generous donation. Having a benefactor. Gratitude. Misguided priorities.

Reversed Meaning:

A scam. Greed. Selfishness. Being unable to pay back debts. Ulterior motives disguised as benevolence. Distraction.



FIVE OF COINS

A weary soul walks the frozen streets looking for warmth on a snowy night. She passes under the glow of an ornate church window, displaying five golden coins which she believes are unattainable.

Upright Meaning:

Financial struggle. Adversity. Hardships. Destitution. Having a poverty mindset. An outcast.

Reversed Meaning:

Financial recovery or improvement. Paying off debts. A light at the end of a dark tunnel. Acceptance.



FOUR OF COINS

Seemingly alone in his chamber, a wealthy miser gloats over four rare coins in his possession. In his fixation, he fails to notice the specter of death looming in the doorway.

Upright Meaning:

Clinging to one's possessions. A scarcity mindset. A hoarder or cheapskate. Fear of financial risk or loss. A hoarder. Guarding one's wealth. Savings.

Reversed Meaning:

Free or reckless spending. Loosing money. Financial illiteracy.



THREE OF COINS

A skilled goldsmith overseas the work of his son, who is also his new and eager apprentice. Together, they craft a golden coin which will complete an artistic triad over the mantle.

Upright Meaning:

Creative collaboration. Apprenticeship. Dedication to a trade. Studying a craft and learning from others. Compounding successful habits.

Reversed Meaning:

Disharmony. Mistakes due to ego. Poor growth. Lack of motivation. Lazy learning. Creating in isolation.



TWO OF COINS

A comical stage performer balances two gold coins in a grand spectacle. Regardless of the turbulent wind and waves around him, nothing is able to break his stride or knock him off balance.

Upright Meaning:

Balancing responsibilities. Adaptation to changing circumstances. Partnerships. Financial booms and busts. Rhythmic cycles.

Reversed Meaning:

An unbalanced life. Financial overwhelm. An unorganized person. Not being able to handle responsibilities.



ACE OF COINS

Upright Meaning:

An amazing financial opportunity. Prosperity. Manifestation of material abundance. Financial security.

Reversed Meaning:

Missing a golden opportunity. Lack of financial discipline. Scarcity. Running out of capital. Poor monetary strategies.

Alternate Cards

The following are alternate cards from different deck variations.



XVI. THE LIGHTNING

A shepherd gasps in shock as bolts of lightning flash from the sky, setting a tree ablaze. Flames fill the air, as his frightened flock scatters in terror.

Upright Meaning:

Unexpected devastation. An uncontrollable tragic event. True authority exerting its power over the masses. Being helpless and at the mercy of a catastrophic situation.

Reversed Meaning:

Realizing you are more powerful than you have been led to believe. Coming together to overcome tragedy. Composing one's wits to deal with a calamity.



XVII. THE STAR

As earthly creatures devour her body, a desperate woman pleads to the heavens for salvation. Without warning, a radiant star appears in the sky, offering her hope in troubled times.

Upright Meaning:

Hope. Waiting for a wish to come true. A promise from a higher source. A bright outlook. A belief that things will soon get better.

Reversed Meaning:

Not recognizing a hopeful sign. Pessimisms. Surrendering without a fight. Letting life get the best of you.



XX. JUDGMENT

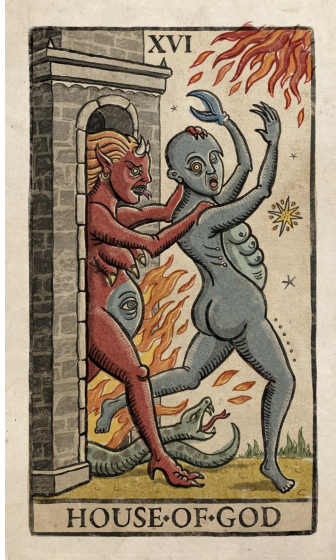
The mouth of Hell opens wide to ingest the souls of evil doers. Three terrified citizens shiver and pray as fire engulfs their wretched bodies. Once the mouth closes, the trio will be trapped in eternal misery and pain.

Upright Meaning:

Damnation. Paying a high but deserved price for wrong doings. A final verdict. Extreme punishment.

Reversed Meaning:

Leniency. Forgiveness. Getting a second chance. Realizing and rectifying one's mistakes before it's too late.



XVI. HOUSE OF GOD

A terrified woman attempts to flee a burning tower, knowing that to stay any longer would end in her utter destruction. Unfortunately, her escape will not be easy, as a wicked demon tries to pull her back inside.

Upright Meaning:

Abandoning temptation. Getting out of a destructive situation at all costs. A struggle to break free. Knowing it's time to leave before it's too late.

Reversed Meaning:

Staying in a bad situation. Being afraid to leave. A poorly timed escape. Succumbing to addiction. Resigning to an ill fate.