



GOTHIC
WHISPERS
LENORMAND



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome into my studio, let me share a little bit about myself. My name is Eva, and I have been reading cards for almost 30 years now. About seven years ago (feels like yesterday still!) I discovered Lenormand cards. I love the system, it's simplicity and it's brutal honesty. I was discouraged by the lack of decks out there. I mean, you couldn't go five feet without tripping over some new and unique tarot deck - but when it came to Lenormand the pickings were a bit slim. It is what drove me to start designing, and that year I released my very first deck, the Tudor Lenormand.

Since then I have been blessed with being able to be a stay at home mom while still designing and reading. While my initial skills were in paint and canvas I was hit with some debilitating health issues that really robbed me of a lot of things, the energy to drag all my supplies out to paint being one of them. Over the last couple years I have transitioned over to using an iPad and Procreate to do my designing. There are so many brushes out there that mimic watercolors, oils, inks, etc... and it certainly is friendlier on my wallet! Today probably about 80% of my work is created digitally, and I find that I am more open to experimentation when I don't have to buy thousands in art supplies.

The Gothic Whispers Lenormand will be my TENTH deck, and I think is my new favorite! I hope that you feel the same way. I appreciate each and every person that supports my business, because without you I wouldn't be where I am today. So thank you - I look forward to continuing to create for you.

Eva Sawyer

SO WHAT IS LENORMAND?

Lenormand is a captivating form of cartomancy, a divination practice using cards, consisting of a precise system of 36 cards. Similar to tarot, each Lenormand deck contains specific cards with unique meanings, creating a structured yet mystical method of fortune-telling. This system has enchanted seekers of knowledge since the 1800s.

In the 1800s, a renowned French fortune teller, known for her readings for nobility, including Empress Josephine, the wife of Napoleon, became the inspiration behind the Lenormand deck. Interestingly, she never actually used Lenormand cards. After her death, a German publisher sought to capitalize on her fame by naming their new card game after her. The original decks contained 54 cards, but over time, this evolved into the 36-card system we cherish today.

The Gothic Whispers Lenormand draws upon this rich history, merging the legacy of ancient divination with the dark, enchanting vibe of gothic tales. Each card is a portal to understanding the mysteries that lie beneath the surface, offering a blend of historical depth and contemporary allure.

WHERE DID THIS DECK COME FROM?

The Gothic Whispers Lenormand is a creation born from my profound love for the dark, gothic aesthetic and the haunting allure of tales like Dracula. In today's world, filled with chaos and uncertainty, I believe it's crucial to embrace and understand the

shadowy aspects of life. This deck embodies that philosophy, blending the enigmatic allure of gothic imagery with the practicality of Lenormand readings.

More than just a tool for divination, the Gothic Whispers Lenormand is a gateway to a realm where shadows unveil truths and whispers carry wisdom. The art and symbolism in this deck resonate with our turbulent times, offering a unique mix of darkness and playfulness that I hope will inspire and guide you in your readings.

Creating this deck was a journey into the heart of gothic storytelling and a celebration of the beauty found within darkness. It's designed to help you navigate life's complexities with a sense of intrigue and wonder. Each card serves as a portal to understanding the hidden depths of our experiences, providing clarity amidst the chaos.

As you delve into the pages that follow, I encourage you to explore the spreads, and utilize the note pages at the back to record your own insights and intuitive feelings when working with this deck. Let the Gothic Whispers Lenormand be your guide through the shadows, revealing the wisdom that lies within.







1. RIDER

KEYWORDS

NEWS
MESSAGES
VISITOR

Nouns: news, message, visitor, haste, delivery

Verbs: arrive, witness, inform, send, announce

Adjectives: speedy, versatile, active, progressive

Timing: speedy, soon, (1 day / 1 week / January)

Body: legs, knees, feet and joints

Cartomancy: The 9 of Hearts symbolizes success, victory and satisfaction. It can also speak to dreams coming true or getting along with others.

Notes: This card is one of those who can also represent a person. If so, it tends to indicate an eligible young man, or the "other man". When using to read about a message the card that the rider is facing can give a great indication as to what the news/message is about.

The Rider card features a striking image of a hooded figure astride a rearing black war horse. The horse, adorned with ornate armor, embodies strength and determination, while the figure's crimson cloak flutters dramatically, suggesting urgency and action. Beneath the horse's powerful hooves, a scroll with mysterious glyphs unravels, hinting at important messages or secrets. In the distance, a silhouetted cityscape under a full moon adds a layer of intrigue and destination.

The Rider is a harbinger of news and swift movement. This card heralds the arrival of significant information or a person who brings change. The dynamic energy of the Rider suggests that whatever is coming will arrive quickly and have a noticeable impact on your situation. In a positive context, the Rider indicates good news or a positive change. This card can signify a long-awaited message, the beginning of an exciting journey, or the arrival of someone important. However, in a challenging context, the Rider can signal unexpected disruptions or news that forces you to adjust your plans swiftly. Be prepared for rapid changes and the need to stay adaptable.

When this card appears, consider what news or change you are anticipating. Look at surrounding cards to understand the nature and impact of the Rider's arrival. Use the energy of the Rider to embrace new opportunities and act on messages swiftly. The Rider card, with its powerful imagery and dynamic symbolism, encourages you to be open to new information and ready for quick changes. Let it guide you in recognizing the significance of timely messages and the need for swift action.



2. CLOVER

KEYWORDS

LUCK
OPPORTUNITIES
REWARDS

Nouns: lick, small gain, ease, humor, game, lottery, fun

Verbs: a risk, gamble, win, chance

Adjectives: fortunate, opportune, spontaneous, happy-go-lucky

Timing: now or immediately (2 days / 2 weeks)

Body: nervous system or aura

Cartomancy: The 6 of Diamonds indicates that help will be there when you need it.

Notes: This card tells us that luck is fleeting, lottery wins or financial gains are small. Everything is a risk or a gamble, although not as dangerous a risk as the Scythe card.

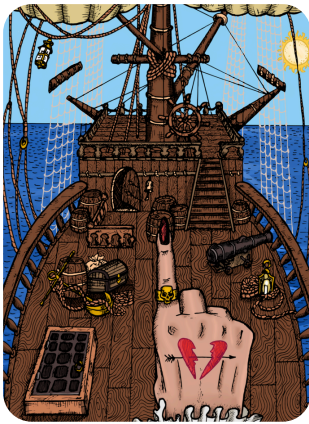
The Clover card presents an intriguing image of two individuals facing each other, their expressions intense as they engage in a silent confrontation. Behind them, the vibrant colors of stained glass windows cast a glow, infusing the scene with a sense of sacred significance. Between the figures, a lush green four-leaf clover stands prominently, symbolizing luck and opportunity. Scattered gold coins add a touch of fortune, suggesting the potential for unexpected gain.

The Clover card is a symbol of luck, hope, and fleeting opportunities. It signifies moments of serendipity and the potential for small but fortunate changes that can have a positive impact. In the context of a reading, this card suggests that luck is on your side, and you may encounter a brief window of opportunity that can lead to beneficial outcomes.

In a positive context, the Clover indicates good fortune and unexpected blessings. It might suggest a lucky break, a chance encounter, or a small win that boosts your spirits and brings joy. However, the Clover also advises caution in not taking luck for granted; these moments are often brief and should be seized promptly.

When this card appears, consider the opportunities that might be present in your life. Look at surrounding cards to understand the context and potential outcomes of these lucky moments. Use the energy of the Clover to remain optimistic and ready to act on fortunate events swiftly.

The Clover card, with its vivid imagery and powerful symbolism, encourages you to recognize and embrace the fleeting moments of luck and opportunity that come your way. Let it guide you in making the most of these serendipitous events, turning small chances into meaningful gains.



3. SHIP

KEYWORDS

TRAVEL
JOURNEY
MOVE

Nouns: overseas, voyage, journey, trip, vehicle, wish

Verbs: travel, translate, yearn, navigate, pilot, go, motivate

Adjectives: foreign, wandering, strange, distant

Timing: within 3 months

Body: liver

Cartomancy: The 10 of Spades indicates that things are moving at a good pace.

Notes: Look for a journey outside of your immediate region. This card can indicate any method of transport or vehicle. It can indicate directions based on the other cards near it: East (bouquet), South (sun), West (scythe), or North (lily).

The Ship card immerses us in the scene of a pirate vessel, viewed from the perspective of someone standing on the deck. The intricate details of the ship are captivating, from the wooden planks underfoot to the ropes and sails above. Amidst this, a prominent hand extends forward, with only the pointer finger directed outward, guiding us towards the horizon. The hand bears a striking tattoo of a broken heart pierced by an arrow, adding a touch of personal narrative and emotional depth to the imagery.

The Ship card represents journeys, exploration, and adventure. It signifies movement, whether it be physical travel, personal growth, or new ventures. This card often heralds a time of setting sail towards new horizons, embracing change, and seeking out new experiences. The presence of the broken heart tattoo suggests that this journey may also involve healing and moving forward from past emotional wounds.

In a positive context, the Ship indicates progress and the thrill of adventure. It may suggest travel, new opportunities, or the pursuit of dreams. This card encourages you to embark on new paths with courage and curiosity. However, in a more challenging context, the Ship can signify the turbulence and uncertainty that often accompany major transitions. It reminds us that growth and exploration can sometimes be daunting, but they are essential for personal development.

When this card appears, consider what journeys you are about to embark on. Reflect on the changes and movements in your life and how they align with your goals and desires. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and potential challenges of these ventures.

The Ship card, with its rich and evocative imagery, invites you to embrace the spirit of adventure and exploration. Let it guide you in navigating the seas of life, whether you are charting new territories or seeking to heal and grow from past experiences.



4. HOUSE

KEYWORDS

HOME
FAMILY
RESIDENCE

Nouns: home, household, comfort, headquarters, nuclear family, brand

Verbs: dwell, reside, shelter, inhabit, settle

Adjectives: domestic, familial, internal, local

Timing: morning or December

Body: the whole body

Cartomancy: The King of Hearts symbolizes an older devoted man.

Notes: This card is all about where you live and deals with family and domestic affairs. It can also refer to a real estate deal, safety and stability, even a home based business.

The House card depicts a grand, castle-like complex rising majestically from the waters, with numerous ships navigating to and from its docks. The structure is imposing, with intricate architecture that conveys both strength and elegance. Surrounding the castle, distant mountains stand tall under a sky filled with swirling clouds, adding a sense of stability and permanence to the scene.

In a positive context, the House suggests a period of stability and security. It may indicate that you are firmly grounded in your personal or professional life, enjoying the support and comfort of a strong foundation. This card can also signify a focus on home improvements, family gatherings, or the establishment of long-term roots.

However, in a more challenging context, the House can highlight issues within the home or family. It might suggest that you need to pay attention to your personal foundations and address any underlying issues that could disrupt your sense of security.

When this card appears, consider the state of your home life and personal foundations. Reflect on what provides you with a sense of security and how you can strengthen or protect it. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and nuances of this stability or any potential disruptions.

The House card, with its majestic imagery and rich symbolism, invites you to focus on your home and family. Let it guide you in nurturing your foundations and creating a stable, secure environment where you and your loved ones can thrive.



5. TREE

KEYWORDS

LIFE
HEALTH
LEGACY

Nouns: patience, DNA, well being, blueprint, network, system, karma

Verbs: grow, slow down, endure, heal, extend, bear

Adjectives: slowly, boring, long lasting, healthy

Timing: very slowly, Spring

Body: mind and body health

Cartomancy: The 7 of Hearts symbolizes happy visits, good thoughts and satisfaction

Notes: This card is another one of those that is dependent on the cards around it for additional information. Because it is a card that often speaks to health, surrounding cards can help pinpoint area of the body. If it is near the Mice or Coffin it can indicate poor health.

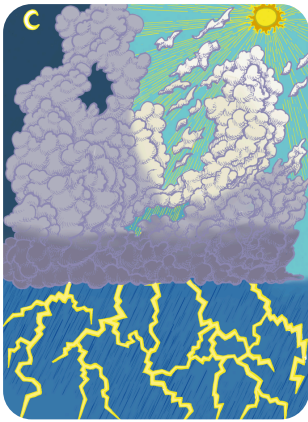
The Tree card presents a striking image of a tree embodying all four seasons simultaneously. One section blossoms with spring flowers, another boasts the lush green leaves of summer, a third reveals the vibrant hues of autumn, and the final section is bare, touched by the chill of winter. At the base of the tree, amidst its roots, eerie bright green eyes peer out, adding a sense of mystery and hidden depths to the scene.

In a positive context, the Tree indicates robust health, personal growth, and the strength that comes from being deeply rooted. It may suggest that you are in a period of growth, whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually, and that this growth is sustained by strong foundations and connections.

However, the presence of the glowing eyes among the roots adds a layer of mystery and caution. It suggests that there might be hidden aspects or secrets within the foundation that need to be addressed. This could indicate unresolved issues or subconscious influences that affect your well-being and growth.

When this card appears, consider the state of your personal health and growth. Reflect on your foundations and roots, and ensure they are strong and nurturing. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and any hidden aspects that might need attention.

The Tree card, with its rich seasonal imagery and underlying mysteries, invites you to appreciate the cycles of life and the importance of strong roots. Let it guide you in fostering your growth and health, while also being mindful of the hidden depths that contribute to your overall well-being.



6. CLOUDS

KEYWORDS

CONFUSION
UNCLEAR
DEPRESSION

Nouns: confusion, head trip, thoughts, suspicions, bad weather

Verbs: avoid, hide, question, doubt, muddle

Adjectives: overcast, depressed, cloudy, crazy, troubled

Timing: November

Body: lungs and respiratory system

Cartomancy: The King of Clubs symbolizes an intelligent and influential man.

Notes: The clouds speak to an element of confusion surrounding the situation, and the outcome is unclear. Because the cloud card has a light side and a dark side, pay attention to the cards on either side.

The Clouds card vividly portrays the ever-changing nature of the sky, reflecting the duality and transience of life's challenges and clarity. In the top left corner, we see the serene darkness of nighttime, with a crescent moon casting a gentle glow. The top right corner bursts with the brightness of daylight, where the sun shines brilliantly and birds soar freely. Contrastingly, the bottom half of the card is consumed by a fierce thunderstorm, with jagged lightning bolts illuminating the turbulent clouds and heavy rain.

The Clouds card signifies confusion, uncertainty, and the potential for clarity. It reflects the dual nature of life's situations—how moments of obscurity and doubt can eventually give way to understanding and brightness. This card often points to situations where things are not clear and there is a need for patience until the fog lifts and clarity returns.

In a positive context, the Clouds card suggests that confusion and uncertainty are temporary. Just as storms pass, so will your current difficulties, leading to a period of clarity and enlightenment. It can also mean that you are in the process of seeing through a situation that has been clouded with doubt, and you are on the brink of gaining a clearer perspective.

However, in a more challenging context, the Clouds card warns of confusion and misunderstanding. It may indicate that you are in the midst of a turbulent situation where clarity is hard to find, and you need to be cautious of miscommunications and misconceptions.

When this card appears, consider the areas in your life where you feel uncertain or confused. Reflect on the possibility that this confusion is temporary and look for signs of emerging clarity. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the potential for resolution.

The Clouds card, with its dramatic depiction of the sky's shifting moods, encourages you to navigate through uncertainty with patience and hope. Let it remind you that storms pass, and with them, they bring a clearer, brighter perspective.



7. SNAKE

KEYWORDS

DIFFICULTIES
BETRAYAL
SEDUCTION

Nouns: difficult woman, rivalry, treachery, betrayal, envy

Verbs: complicate, meander, twist, poison, tempt, manipulate

Adjectives: jealous, complex, shrewd, clever, exotic

Timing: February

Body: intestines

Cartomancy: The Queen of Clubs symbolizes a dark haired woman who is both intelligent and influential.

Notes: While this card can often mean a dark haired woman, it can also reference betrayal and backstabbing. It brings challenges and complications that can be clarified by surrounding cards.

The Snake card presents a captivating and intense image of a tattooed demon woman on her knees, pouring water from a golden cup onto the ground. Her body is entwined by a large green snake, which is consuming its own tail in an ancient symbol of eternity and cyclical nature. The scene is set against a backdrop of roaring flames, adding to the dramatic and foreboding atmosphere.

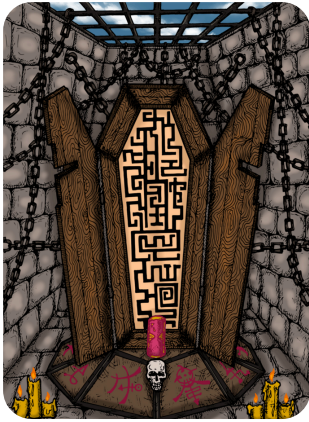
The Snake card symbolizes deceit, danger, and transformation. It often represents a hidden threat or a situation where caution is necessary. This card can also signify a cunning individual, manipulation, or the presence of temptation. The imagery of the demon woman and the self-consuming snake highlights the dual nature of danger and the potential for profound change or renewal.

In a positive context, the Snake can indicate the need for strategic thinking and the ability to navigate complex situations with wisdom. It may suggest that you are in a phase of shedding old skins, undergoing a significant transformation, or learning important lessons from challenging experiences.

However, in a more challenging context, the Snake warns of deceit and hidden dangers. It urges you to be vigilant and cautious, as there may be someone or something in your environment that is not what it seems. This card serves as a reminder to look beneath the surface and protect yourself from potential harm.

When this card appears, consider the areas of your life where you feel uncertainty or suspicion. Reflect on the possibility of hidden threats or the need for careful, strategic action. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the danger or transformation you might be facing.

The Snake card, with its vivid and intense imagery, encourages you to be mindful of deceit and aware of the potential for profound transformation. Let it guide you in navigating the complexities of your situation with caution and wisdom, and embrace the opportunities for growth and renewal that may arise from facing these challenges.



8. COFFIN

KEYWORDS

TRANSFORMATION
ILLNESS
LOSS

Nouns: bankruptcy, nothing, death, funeral, deadline, misfortune

Verbs: end, discontinue, decline, forge, blackout, refuse, evacuate

Adjectives: mortal, sick, final, numb, empty, boxed

Timing: midnight or a few months away

Body: head

Cartomancy: The 9 of Diamonds represents delays, obstacles and setbacks.

Notes: The coffin typically symbolizes an important life transformation - the end of a relationship, change of residence or even retirement. It can also indicate an ongoing illness.

The Coffin card depicts a striking and eerie scene of an open coffin set within a stone chamber, likely underground. Through the barred ceiling, a glimpse of the sky offers a stark contrast to the enclosed space. The back wall of the coffin features a labyrinthine pattern, suggesting complexity and entrapment. Surrounding the central red candle, which sits prominently on the platform, are glyphs and symbols, adding a sense of mysticism and the unknown. The dim light from the candles casts flickering shadows, enhancing the atmosphere of finality and transformation.

The Coffin card symbolizes endings, closure, and transformation. It represents the end of a cycle, the conclusion of a chapter, or the necessity to let go of something to make way for new beginnings. This card often points to a period of significant change, where something must be relinquished or completed to move forward.

In a positive context, the Coffin suggests that an ending will lead to a new beginning. It can signify the closure of a difficult period, the resolution of lingering issues, or the opportunity to transform and renew oneself. Embracing this transition can bring about growth and new possibilities.

However, in a more challenging context, the Coffin warns of loss, finality, and the need to confront difficult truths. It may indicate a period of mourning, the necessity to let go of something cherished, or the recognition that a part of your life is coming to an irreversible end.

When this card appears, consider the areas of your life where you are experiencing or anticipating endings. Reflect on what needs to be released or completed to make way for new growth. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the transformation you are undergoing.

The Coffin card, with its evocative imagery and deep symbolism, encourages you to face endings with courage and openness. Let it guide you in embracing the transformative power of closure and the potential for new beginnings that follow.



9. BOUQUET

KEYWORDS

GIFT

BEAUTY

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Nouns: gift, selection, talent, perfume, color, fashion, self image

Verbs: give, design, enjoy, make, decorate

Adjectives: surprising, skilled, various, artistic, delightful, pleasurable

Timing: Spring

Body: face, smile or hair

Cartomancy: The Queen of Spades is symbolic of a dark haired woman who is intelligent. She tends to be widowed or divorced and likes to meddle in other affairs.

Notes: The bouquet is an unexpected gift or something pleasant. It is about beauty, grace or the appearance we show the world. It brings a smile to your face.

The Bouquet card features a striking arrangement of roses in various shades of red and maroon, beautifully contained within a glass vase. Delicate spiderwebs spread across the background, their intricate patterns adding an ethereal touch to the scene. The rich colors of the flowers evoke a sense of passion and appreciation, while the spiderwebs introduce an element of fragility and complexity.

The Bouquet card symbolizes joy, beauty, and appreciation. It signifies moments of happiness, gestures of gratitude, and the recognition of beauty in one's life. This card often points to occasions of celebration, such as gifts, compliments, or expressions of love and admiration.

In a positive context, the Bouquet suggests a time of joy and celebration. It may indicate that you will receive a token of appreciation, experience a joyful event, or simply find beauty and satisfaction in your current circumstances. This card encourages you to acknowledge and embrace the delightful moments and gestures that bring happiness into your life.

However, in a more challenging context, the presence of spiderwebs might imply that joy and beauty are intertwined with complexity and vulnerability. It may suggest that while there is much to appreciate, there are also delicate situations that require careful handling to preserve the happiness you experience.

When this card appears, consider the sources of joy and beauty in your life. Reflect on the gestures of appreciation and love that surround you, and take time to celebrate and cherish them. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the happiness or appreciation you are encountering.

The Bouquet card, with its vivid and intricate imagery, encourages you to embrace the moments of joy and appreciation in your life. Let it guide you in recognizing and celebrating the beauty around you, while also being mindful of the delicate and complex aspects that may be intertwined with these moments.



10. SCYTHE

KEYWORDS

DANGER
ACCIDENT
SUDDEN ENDING

Nouns: break, accident, surgery, rupture, wound, disconnection

Verbs: cut, sever, divide, reap, gather, harvest, collect, remove

Adjectives: curtailed, sudden, sharp, dangerous, risky

Timing: sudden

Body: teeth, nails and mouth

Cartomancy: The Jack of Diamonds symbolizes someone who brings something new - generally a light haired man.

Notes: This card is all about fast cuts - cutting away a problem, ending a relationship, having a surgery. Something is about to happen and it will have a permanent effect.

The Scythe card depicts a central figure draped in purple robes, wielding a large scythe in one hand and holding a bundle of wheat in the other. Behind this figure looms a massive clock, symbolizing the passage of time and the inevitability of certain events. The scene is set amidst a field of wheat, with the golden crops ready for harvest, emphasizing themes of reaping and endings.

The Scythe card signifies sudden endings, decisive actions, and the need to make cuts or sever ties. It represents moments where swift and sometimes painful decisions are necessary to move forward. This card often points to situations that require clarity, precision, and the willingness to remove what is no longer needed.

In a positive context, the Scythe suggests that cutting away the unnecessary or harmful aspects of your life will lead to growth and new opportunities. It can indicate a period of clearing out the old to make way for the new, or a decisive action that brings about beneficial change. This card encourages you to take swift, clear actions to address any issues or obstacles.

However, in a more challenging context, the Scythe warns of abrupt endings and the potential for loss. It may suggest that a sudden change or decision could lead to unexpected consequences, or that you need to be prepared for something to come to an end. The presence of the clock behind the figure emphasizes the timing aspect, suggesting that these changes are inevitable and often beyond control.

When this card appears, consider the areas of your life where decisive action is needed. Reflect on what needs to be cut away or ended to allow for new growth. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the actions or endings you are facing.

The Scythe card, with its vivid and powerful imagery, encourages you to embrace the necessity of endings and decisive actions. Let it guide you in making the tough decisions that will ultimately lead to renewal and growth, while being mindful of the timing and impact of these changes.



11. WHIP

KEYWORDS

REPETITION
ARGUMENTS
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Nouns: dispute, argument, research, sexuality, physical workout, violence, aggression

Verbs: discuss, argue, practice, punish, run, vilify, strike

Adjectives: repeating, sexy, abusive, rough, persuasive, active

Timing: over and over, September

Body: muscles and tendons

Cartomancy: The Jack of Clubs is symbolic of a dark haired young man who is powerful and knows how to succeed in business

Notes: This card often represents heavy conversations that turn into arguments. Because of its association with violence it can also represent sexual passion, BDSM or abuse.

The Whip card presents a dramatic and dynamic image of a naked witch riding a broomstick, her flowing red hair covering her breasts, and her body adorned with mystical glyphs. Below her, numerous hands reach upwards, striving to grasp her as she ascends. The backdrop of the full moon casts a magical glow, enhancing the intensity and movement in the scene.

The Whip card symbolizes conflict, discipline, and repeated actions. It often points to situations involving arguments, strife, or intense interactions that require a degree of control and mastery. This card can also represent the necessity for discipline and the act of engaging in repetitive tasks or actions that are either constructive or destructive.

In a positive context, the Whip suggests the need for discipline and the drive to tackle challenges head-on. It may indicate that you are in a period where focus and repetitive effort will lead to success, or that you need to confront and resolve conflicts to move forward. This card encourages harnessing your energy and determination to overcome obstacles.

However, in a more challenging context, the Whip warns of potential conflict and strife. It may suggest that you are caught in a cycle of arguments or destructive behaviors that need to be addressed. The reaching hands symbolize the pressures and demands from others, indicating a need to assert control and maintain boundaries.

When this card appears, consider the areas of your life where conflict or discipline is prominent. Reflect on how you can harness your energy to address challenges and break free from repetitive, negative cycles. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the conflicts or repetitive actions you are facing.

The Whip card, with its vivid and powerful imagery, encourages you to confront conflicts and embrace discipline. Let it guide you in using your energy and determination to navigate challenges and maintain control in tumultuous situations.



12. BIRDS

KEYWORDS

CONVERSATIONS
COMPANIONSHIP
NERVOUS ENERGY

Nouns: gossip, phone call, anxiety, rumor, announcement of pregnancy

Verbs: excite, spout, chatter, phone, state

Adjectives: talkative, nervous, curious, hectic, vocal

Timing: currently, now, twilight

Body: throat and vocal cords

Cartomancy: The 7 of Diamonds represents arguments, conversations and annoyances

Notes: Birds signify things that are orally related - phone calls, rumors, etc... they are interested in things, so curious natures spark discussions. They can also announce pregnancy since there is now more than one.

The Birds card is depicted with a variety of owls perched on a series of twisting branches, set against a backdrop of a starry night sky. Each owl, with its distinct appearance and expression, adds to the sense of vigilance, wisdom, and communication inherent in this card. The intertwining branches create a network that symbolizes connections and interactions.

The Birds card symbolizes communication, conversations, and social interactions. It represents the flow of information, the exchange of ideas, and the importance of staying connected with others. This card often points to verbal exchanges, meetings, or the dissemination of news.

In a positive context, the Birds suggest that engaging in conversations and staying connected with your social circle will bring about beneficial outcomes. It may indicate that you are about to receive important news or that a conversation will provide you with valuable insights. This card encourages you to be open to communication and to share your thoughts and ideas with others.

However, in a more challenging context, the Birds can warn of gossip, misunderstandings, or excessive chatter that may lead to confusion or conflict. It may suggest that you need to be cautious about the information you share and the conversations you engage in. The presence of the owls, symbols of wisdom, reminds you to seek clarity and discernment in your interactions.

When this card appears, consider the nature of your current communications and social interactions. Reflect on the flow of information in your life and how it affects you. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the conversations or news you are dealing with.

The Birds card, with its intricate and meaningful imagery, encourages you to engage in meaningful communication and to be mindful of the impact of your words and interactions. Let it guide you in navigating the complexities of social exchanges with wisdom and clarity.



13. CHILD

KEYWORDS

CHILD
YOUTHFULNESS
INNOCENCE

Nouns: novelty, beginning, innocence, wonder, debut, small

Verbs: start, wonder, trust, begin

Adjectives: young, new, immature, simple, inexperienced, fragile, uncomplicated

Timing: August

Body: skin

Cartomancy: The Jack of Spades is symbolic of a young dark haired man or boy. It can also mean hypocrisy or malevolence

Notes: The child stands for things that are small, new, or just getting started. It can also indicate a childlike wonder or immaturity. Not only the physical aspect of youth but the emotional as well.

The Child card features a central figure of a child, symbolizing innocence and new beginnings, encircled by two hands. The child is depicted with dual aspects: one side is angelic with a halo and golden wing, while the other is demonic with a bat wing and small horns. A vibrant rainbow arcs behind the child, signifying hope and potential. Above the scene, a storm with lightning represents turmoil and challenges, while below, flames symbolize passion and transformation.

The Child card signifies new beginnings, innocence, and potential. It represents the start of a new phase, a fresh project, or a youthful, curious approach to life. This card often points to situations that require a childlike perspective, embracing openness, wonder, and the joy of discovery.

In a positive context, the Child suggests that you are entering a period of growth and new opportunities. It may indicate the birth of new ideas, projects, or relationships that bring a sense of renewal and excitement. This card encourages you to approach situations with curiosity and optimism, seeing the world through fresh eyes.

However, in a more challenging context, the dual nature of the child with both angelic and demonic aspects warns of the complexities that new beginnings can bring. It may suggest that while there is potential for growth, there are also underlying challenges or dualities that need to be navigated. The storm above and flames below highlight the need for balance and awareness of the surrounding influences.

When this card appears, consider the new beginnings or youthful perspectives in your life. Reflect on how you can embrace innocence and curiosity while being mindful of the challenges and complexities that accompany new starts. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the new beginnings you are experiencing.

The Child card, with its rich and symbolic imagery, encourages you to embrace new opportunities with a sense of wonder and balance. Let it guide you in navigating the dualities and potentials of fresh starts, allowing you to grow and transform with awareness and optimism.



14. FOX

KEYWORDS

INTELLIGENCE
CLEVERNESS
CUNNING

Nouns: trickery, theft, stealth, self employment, lie, scam, mistake

Verbs: survive, cheat, steal, manipulate, take advantage of, outsmart

Adjectives: wrong, cunning, guilty, clever, predatory, underhanded

Timing: noon or a few months off

Body: nose

Cartomancy: The 9 of Clubs speaks of advantageous propositions.

Focus is more on the material then the emotional/spiritual

Notes: The fox can be symbolic of a job. It is what you do to put food on the table and a roof over your head. It can indicate that you need to be careful of traps, lies and disloyalty. Also an unconventional relationship.

The Fox card features an auburn-haired woman adorned with a jeweled crown, peeking out from behind a fox masquerade mask. Her eyes are sharp and calculating, suggesting intelligence and cunning. The ornate crown signifies status and power, while the fox mask symbolizes stealth, cleverness, and a touch of mystery.

The Fox card symbolizes cunning, strategy, and deceit. It represents situations that require careful planning, resourcefulness, and sometimes a bit of trickery. This card often points to someone or something in your life that is not entirely what it seems, urging you to look deeper and be wary of hidden motives.

In a positive context, the Fox suggests the need for strategic thinking and adaptability. It may indicate that you need to be clever and resourceful to achieve your goals. This card encourages you to use your intelligence and wit to navigate complex situations successfully. However, in a more challenging context, the Fox warns of deceit and manipulation. It may suggest that someone around you is being dishonest or that there are hidden agendas at play. The presence of the mask and the woman's calculating gaze emphasize the need to be vigilant and discerning.

When this card appears, consider the areas of your life where strategy and cleverness are required. Reflect on the possibility of hidden motives or deceit and how you can protect yourself from being misled. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the cunning or deceit you are dealing with.

The Fox card, with its intricate and symbolic imagery, encourages you to approach situations with a keen mind and a discerning eye. Let it guide you in using your intelligence and strategy to navigate challenges and uncover the truth behind appearances.



15. BEAR

KEYWORDS

STRENGTH
POWER
WEALTH

Nouns: strength, power, force, benefits

Verbs: protect, empower, accumulate

Adjectives: strong, overwhelming, big, large, dominant, obese, muscular

Timing: not for a long time (15 weeks / 15 months)

Body: stomach and muscles

Cartomancy: The 10 of Clubs represents financial satisfaction, large amounts of revenue and beneficial gains.

Notes: The bear can represent your finances (investments, income, cash flow) It can also represent a mother, grandmother or matriarchal figure - a woman of power. With it's connection with the stomach and obesity it often appears in readings when people are dieting.

The Bear card features a massive brown bear seated majestically on a throne, flanked by purple silks that add an air of regality and authority. Above the bear's head hovers a crown, symbolizing power, leadership, and dominance. The bear's fierce expression and imposing presence underscore themes of strength, protection, and influence.

The Bear card symbolizes power, authority, and protection. It represents a figure of influence and strength, someone who commands respect and wields considerable control. This card often points to situations involving leadership, guidance, and the need to assert authority or protect one's interests.

In a positive context, the Bear suggests that you are in a position of strength and influence. It may indicate that you have the power to lead and protect those around you or that you are being supported by a strong, authoritative figure. This card encourages you to embrace your inner strength and assert your authority confidently.

However, in a more challenging context, the Bear can warn of overbearing behavior and excessive control. It may suggest that someone in your life is exerting too much dominance or that you need to be cautious of becoming too controlling yourself. The presence of the throne and crown highlights the need for balanced leadership and the responsible use of power.

When this card appears, consider the areas of your life where strength and authority are prominent. Reflect on how you can use your power and influence constructively and protectively. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the leadership or protection you are dealing with.

The Bear card, with its vivid and powerful imagery, encourages you to embrace your strength and authority. Let it guide you in wielding your power responsibly and protecting those who depend on your leadership, ensuring that your influence is a force for good.



16. STARS

KEYWORDS

NETWORK
CONNECTED
INFINITE

Nouns: inspiration, wishes, science, direction, hopes, prophecy, dreams

Verbs: guide, show, bless, clarify, improve, align, expose

Adjectives: clarity, northern, clean, wireless, psychic, innovative, idealistic

Timing: night or forever

Body: skin

Cartomancy: The 6 of Hearts symbolizes happy dreams and harmony

Notes: This is a LUCKY card! It is an indication of dreams coming true and encourages you to keep moving forward. This card gives us clarity and precision for good judgement. It can also be an esoteric card - representing psychics, metaphysical pursuits and philosophy.

The Stars card features grand gothic windows adorned with star motifs in the stonework, providing a view of a night sky filled with twinkling stars. The intricate design of the windows and the serene, celestial backdrop create a sense of awe and inspiration, highlighting themes of guidance, hope, and aspirations.

The Stars card symbolizes inspiration, guidance, and dreams. It represents a time of clarity and insight, where your path becomes illuminated by the light of your goals and aspirations. This card often points to a period of renewed hope, where you are encouraged to aim high and follow your dreams.

In a positive context, the Stars suggest that you are on the right path and that your goals are within reach. It may indicate that you are receiving guidance, whether from within yourself or from external sources, helping you to navigate your way forward. This card encourages you to trust in your vision and pursue your aspirations with confidence.

However, in a more challenging context, the Stars can warn of illusions or overly idealistic thinking. It may suggest that while it's important to dream big, you should also remain grounded and practical in your approach. The grandeur of the gothic windows and the vastness of the night sky remind you to balance your dreams with reality.

When this card appears, consider the goals and aspirations that guide you. Reflect on the sources of inspiration and guidance in your life, and how they help you navigate your path. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the inspiration or guidance you are receiving.

The Stars card, with its beautiful and symbolic imagery, encourages you to reach for your dreams and trust in the guidance you receive. Let it inspire you to aim high and pursue your aspirations with clarity and hope, knowing that the stars are lighting your way.



17. STORK

KEYWORDS

BEGINNING CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Nouns: migrant, alteration, birth, nurture

Verbs: alter, relocate, return, transferring, care

Adjectives: changeable, moving, improving, restless

Timing: March, spring or spring equinox

Body: legs

Cartomancy: The Queen of Hearts symbolizes a fair haired woman who can help in a variety of situations

Notes: Storks bring change and movement, and may indicate restlessness. It is time for change - spring cleaning, a move or even a birth. Surrounding cards can give you an idea as to what kind of change to expect.

The Stork card features a majestic stork in flight, soaring towards its nest perched atop a gothic church roof. The bright sun illuminates the scene, casting a golden glow that enhances the sense of purpose and direction in the stork's journey. The gothic architecture of the church adds an element of stability and tradition to the dynamic movement of the stork.

The Stork card symbolizes change, transition, and new beginnings. It represents the arrival of something new, whether it be an idea, a project, or a phase in life. This card often points to positive changes and improvements, signaling that progress and transformation are on the horizon.

In a positive context, the Stork suggests that you are entering a period of significant growth and change. It may indicate that you are about to experience a major life transition, such as moving to a new home, starting a new job, or welcoming a new addition to the family. This card encourages you to embrace these changes with optimism and to look forward to the new opportunities they bring.

However, in a more challenging context, the Stork can warn of upheaval and the need to adapt to unexpected changes. It may suggest that while the change is ultimately for the better, it could bring temporary disruption and require adjustment. The gothic church roof represents the need for a stable foundation during times of transition.

When this card appears, consider the areas of your life where change is occurring or needed. Reflect on how you can embrace new beginnings and make the most of the opportunities that come with change. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the transitions you are facing.

The Stork card, with its vivid and inspiring imagery, encourages you to welcome change and transition with open arms. Let it guide you in navigating new beginnings and making the most of the transformative power they hold, ensuring that you build a stable foundation for the future.



18. DOG

KEYWORDS

FRIENDSHIP
LOYALTY
RELIABLE

Nouns: friendship, trust, help, loyalty, instinct, follower, senses

Verbs: keep faith, support, comply, obey, guard

Adjectives: faithful, trustworthy, warm, patient, dependable, familiar

Timing: not soon or July

Body: senses of sight, smell, touch, sound and taste

Cartomancy: The 10 of Hearts is about great joy, love, friendship and success

Notes: The dog is your friend, companion... someone who is faithful and supportive. This card can also symbolize a relationship with a man.

The Dog card features a faithful dog laying on a gravestone in a fog-shrouded cemetery. The dog's expression is one of loyalty and sorrow, capturing the essence of devotion even in the face of loss. The surrounding gravestones and the misty atmosphere add to the themes of memory, loyalty, and companionship that this card embodies.

The Dog card symbolizes loyalty, friendship, and faithfulness. It represents a reliable and trustworthy companion, someone who stands by your side through thick and thin. This card often points to relationships characterized by steadfast support and enduring trust.

In a positive context, the Dog suggests that you are surrounded by loyal friends and allies. It may indicate that you can rely on someone for support and guidance, or that you yourself embody the qualities of a faithful friend. This card encourages you to cherish and nurture these loyal relationships.

However, in a more challenging context, the Dog can warn of misplaced loyalty or blind allegiance. It may suggest that you need to reassess your relationships and ensure that your loyalty is well-placed. The setting in the cemetery reminds us that loyalty should not lead to self-neglect or being taken for granted.

When this card appears, consider the relationships in your life that are defined by loyalty and trust. Reflect on how you can strengthen these bonds and ensure mutual respect and support. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the loyalty or friendship you are experiencing.

The Dog card, with its poignant and evocative imagery, encourages you to value and uphold the principles of loyalty and friendship. Let it guide you in fostering trustworthy relationships and being a reliable companion to those who matter most.



19. TOWER

KEYWORDS

STRUCTURE
AUTHORITY
PERSPECTIVE

Nouns: institution, office, business, policy, conventions, tradition, law, state

Verbs: promote, retain, rule, certify, authorize, strive, oversee

Adjectives: high, lofty, tall, proud, legal, political

Timing: coming soon or within a year

Body: spine

Cartomancy: The 6 of Spades indicates some hassles in life, but that you are dealing with them from a stable place

Notes: The tower is anything official, ambitious, administrative. It can appear to give guidance on the motives of your employer, but also personal motives. Can include courts, universities and banks.

The Tower card features a towering gothic castle or church, so massive that its upper sections are shrouded in clouds. The structure is imposing and majestic, symbolizing authority, endurance, and isolation. The moon and the birds flying around the tower add a mystical touch to the scene, enhancing the sense of grandeur and solitude.

The Tower card symbolizes authority, structure, and protection. It represents established institutions, long-term plans, and the need for a solid foundation. This card often points to situations where structure, order, and rules are prominent, emphasizing the importance of stability and resilience.

In a positive context, the Tower suggests that you are in a position of strength and stability. It may indicate that you have built a solid foundation for your goals and ambitions, providing a sense of security and protection. This card encourages you to rely on established structures and long-term plans to achieve your objectives.

However, in a more challenging context, the Tower can warn of isolation, rigidity, and the potential for being trapped by too much structure. It may suggest that while stability is important, there is a need to remain flexible and open to change. The clouds surrounding the tower highlight the possibility of becoming disconnected from reality or others due to an overemphasis on structure and authority.

When this card appears, consider the areas of your life where structure and stability are prominent. Reflect on how you can maintain a balance between building a solid foundation and remaining adaptable. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the authority or structure you are dealing with.

The Tower card, with its majestic and powerful imagery, encourages you to build and maintain strong foundations while being mindful of the need for flexibility and connection. Let it guide you in finding the right balance between stability and adaptability, ensuring that your structures serve to protect and support rather than confine.



20. GARDEN

KEYWORDS

GROUPS
SOCIALIZING
NETWORKING

Nouns: event, community, venue, marketplace, group, teamwork

Verbs: open, gather, party, celebrate

Adjectives: public, sociable, obvious, communal, mutual

Timing: afternoon

Body: overall health and immune system

Cartomancy: The 8 of Spades can announce danger, pain and deception on the horizon.

Notes: This is a card to look to when you want to know how an event will go. It represents goof times. It can speak to suburban areas, the countryside, or the world at large. In some decks this card is also called "the Park". It can also symbolize someone not in a committed relationship who enjoys "playing the field"

The Garden card features a beautiful, lush garden with a central fountain adorned by a classical statue. Surrounding the fountain are well-manicured bushes and vibrant flowerbeds, all under a clear, sunny sky. The garden is an inviting space, suggesting themes of social interaction, community, and the enjoyment of nature's beauty.

The Garden card symbolizes social connections, community, and public spaces. It represents gatherings, events, and the interactions that take place in communal settings. This card often points to opportunities for socializing, networking, and engaging with others in a positive and open environment.

In a positive context, the Garden suggests that you are entering a period of increased social activity and community involvement. It may indicate that you will be attending events, meeting new people, or enjoying the company of friends and family. This card encourages you to embrace social opportunities and to cultivate your relationships with others.

However, in a more challenging context, the Garden can warn of superficial interactions or the pressure to conform to social expectations. It may suggest that while socializing is important, you should also be mindful of maintaining genuine connections and not getting lost in appearances. The idyllic setting reminds you to find balance and authenticity in your social engagements.

When this card appears, consider the social aspects of your life and the opportunities for community involvement. Reflect on how you can build and strengthen your connections with others, and look for ways to engage in activities that bring people together. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the social interactions you are experiencing.

The Garden card, with its inviting and picturesque imagery, encourages you to embrace the joys of social interaction and community. Let it guide you in fostering meaningful connections and enjoying the beauty of communal experiences, while also being true to yourself and your values.



21. MOUNTAIN

KEYWORDS

OBSTACLE
BLOCKAGE
CHALLENGES

Nouns: obstacle, estrangement, boundary, limit, enemy, weight, distance

Verbs: separate, remove, block, delay, border, concentrate

Adjectives: remote, hermetic, heavy, inland, impassive

Timing: delayed/far off - this is a SLOW card

Body: head and mind

Cartomancy: The 8 of Clubs is all about money. It usually indicates that money will be incoming soon.

Notes: The mountain represents things we can't get over easily so it often shows itself as a blockage, obstacle or limit. Look into the surrounding cards to see what is being blocked and what is causing the block.

The Mountain card depicts a towering and rugged mountain range under the light of a full moon. The peaks rise sharply into the sky, surrounded by a layer of clouds. At the base of the mountain, two tattooed arms reach upward, symbolizing the effort and determination needed to overcome such formidable obstacles.

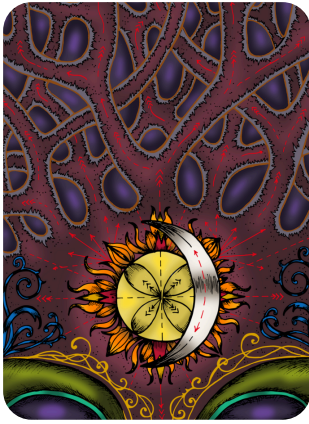
The Mountain card symbolizes challenges, obstacles, and endurance. It represents significant hurdles that must be faced and the perseverance required to overcome them. This card often points to situations where progress is slow, and determination and resilience are necessary to achieve your goals.

In a positive context, the Mountain suggests that although the path ahead may be difficult, you possess the strength and determination to overcome any obstacles. It may indicate that you are about to face a challenge that will test your resolve, but success is achievable through perseverance. This card encourages you to keep pushing forward despite difficulties.

However, in a more challenging context, the Mountain can warn of significant barriers or delays. It may suggest that you are encountering resistance or obstacles that seem insurmountable. The presence of the moon and the clouds highlights the potential for uncertainty and the need to find clarity and direction amidst the challenges.

When this card appears, consider the challenges you are currently facing or anticipating. Reflect on how you can harness your inner strength and determination to overcome these obstacles. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the challenges you are dealing with.

The Mountain card, with its powerful and evocative imagery, encourages you to face challenges head-on with resilience and perseverance. Let it guide you in navigating the obstacles in your path, reminding you that even the highest peaks can be conquered with determination and effort.



22. CROSSROAD

KEYWORDS

CHOICES
DECISION
JUNCTIONS

Nouns: way, choice, option, trail, road, map, route, freedom, adventure

Verbs: choose, go, decide, approach, drift, wander, walk, explore

Adjectives: planning, unfaithful, unconventional

Timing: April

Body: circulatory system

Cartomancy: The Queen of Diamonds can symbolize a jealous and meddling woman. It can also represent a rival or hypocrisy.

Notes: This card gives you two paths, two solutions to a problem. This is the ultimate card of free will, because you have the power to decide which way to go. Look to cards on either side for details on the options available.

The Crossroad card features an intricate and mesmerizing design, centered around a sun and moon combination symbolizing duality and choice. Surrounding this central symbol is a network of branching paths, suggesting numerous directions and decisions. The swirling patterns and vibrant colors enhance the sense of complexity and the critical nature of the choices to be made.

The Crossroad card symbolizes decisions, choices, and the potential for multiple paths. It represents moments in life where you are faced with significant decisions that will shape your future direction. This card often points to situations that require careful consideration, as the choices you make now will have lasting consequences.

In a positive context, the Crossroad suggests that you have multiple opportunities available to you, each with its own potential benefits. It may indicate that you are at a point in your life where new paths and possibilities are opening up, giving you the chance to explore different directions. This card encourages you to weigh your options carefully and make a choice that aligns with your goals and values.

However, in a more challenging context, the Crossroad can warn of confusion and indecision. It may suggest that you are feeling overwhelmed by the number of choices available, or that you are struggling to find clarity in your decision-making process. The intricate network of paths reminds you of the complexity of the situation and the need for thoughtful deliberation.

When this card appears, consider the choices and decisions that are currently in front of you. Reflect on your goals and values, and how each potential path aligns with them. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the decisions you are facing.

The Crossroad card, with its intricate and symbolic imagery, encourages you to approach decisions with clarity and purpose. Let it guide you in navigating the complex landscape of choices, ensuring that the path you choose leads to growth and fulfillment.



23. RATS

KEYWORDS

STRESS
ANNOYANCE
COMPLICATIONS

Nouns: loss, theft, decrease, decay, mess, sabotage

Verbs: lessen, reduce, undercut, consume, spoil, infest

Adjectives: burgled, dirty, filthy, infectious, stolen

Timing: right now/ shortly - FAST MOVING card

Body: nervous system

Cartomancy: The 7 of Clubs indicates benefits and small financial gains

Notes: Worry and loss are hallmarks of this card - it is a reminder that nothing lasts forever. Because mice/rats work and think as a collective it can stand for group consciousness

The Rats card features three ominous rats holding skulls, each rat crowned with a pentagram. The background is engulfed in flames, adding a sense of danger and destruction to the scene. Below the rats, a cavernous mouth opens, filled with sharp teeth, hinting at decay and hidden threats.

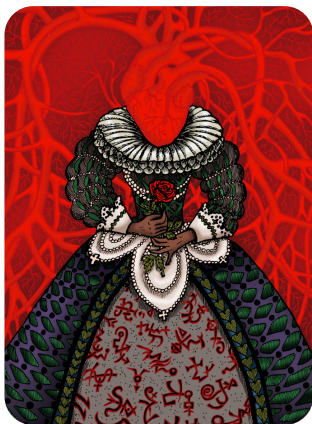
The Rats card symbolizes loss, decay, and hidden dangers. It represents situations where something valuable is being eroded or taken away, often in a subtle or insidious manner. This card often points to issues of theft, deterioration, or unhealthy environments that need to be addressed.

In a positive context, the Rats suggest that you are becoming aware of hidden problems that need to be tackled. It may indicate that you are uncovering deceit or corruption and have the opportunity to clean up and restore order. This card encourages you to be vigilant and proactive in dealing with issues before they escalate.

However, in a more challenging context, the Rats can warn of significant loss or damage. It may suggest that you are in an environment where trust is compromised, or that you are facing threats that could undermine your well-being. The presence of the skulls and the flames emphasizes the severity of the situation and the need for caution.

When this card appears, consider the areas of your life where decay or loss may be occurring. Reflect on how you can protect yourself from hidden dangers and take steps to address any issues that may be eroding your security or well-being. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the threats you are facing.

The Rats card, with its foreboding and intense imagery, encourages you to confront and address issues of decay and hidden dangers. Let it guide you in taking proactive steps to protect yourself and your environment, ensuring that you can restore order and security amidst the threats.



24. HEART

KEYWORDS

LOVE
ROMANCE
ENDEARMENT

Nouns: love, enthusiasm, attraction, passion, empathy

Verbs: flirt, be passionate about, attract, desire, emote, favor

Adjectives: affectionate, emotional, romantic

Timing: August/September (hottest part of the year)

Body: heart

Cartomancy: The Jack of Hearts symbolizes a serious young man with fair hair. He tends to have clear intentions.

Notes: This is one of the most straightforward cards in the deck. It is all about love - not necessarily romantic love. It can also indicate someone who is a fan or follower of your business. See what cards are in close proximity for details.

The Heart card features an elegant figure dressed in ornate, historical attire, holding a red rose close to their chest. The figure's head is replaced by a realistic anatomical heart, surrounded by a vivid red background filled with intertwining veins. This striking imagery highlights themes of love, passion, and deep emotional connections.

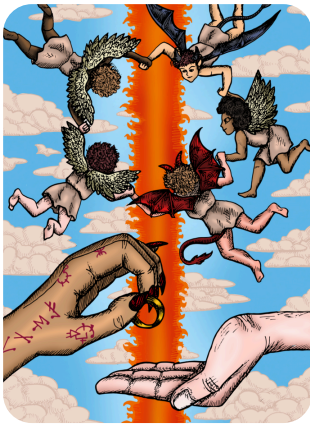
The Heart card symbolizes love, affection, and emotional bonds. It represents relationships, feelings, and matters of the heart. This card often points to romantic connections, but it can also refer to deep friendships, familial love, and the passion you feel for various aspects of your life.

In a positive context, the Heart suggests that love and affection are prominent in your life. It may indicate that you are experiencing a deep, emotional connection with someone or that your relationships are filled with warmth and mutual respect. This card encourages you to embrace and nurture these feelings, allowing love to guide your actions.

However, in a more challenging context, the Heart can warn of overwhelming emotions or unhealthy attachments. It may suggest that you need to balance your feelings with reason and ensure that your emotional connections are healthy and supportive. The anatomical heart and veins emphasize the complexity of emotions and the need for care in navigating them.

When this card appears, consider the emotional aspects of your life and the relationships that are most important to you. Reflect on how you can foster love and affection while maintaining healthy boundaries. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the emotional connections you are experiencing.

The Heart card, with its powerful and evocative imagery, encourages you to embrace love and emotional connections. Let it guide you in nurturing your relationships and ensuring that your actions are guided by genuine affection and care.



25. RING

KEYWORDS

COMMITMENT
AGREEMENT
UNION

Nouns: contract, bond, union, connection, agreement, oath, vow

Verbs: commit, unite, enclose, encircle, promise, swear an oath

Adjectives: cyclic, bound, enclosed, linked

Timing: It can take a while due to the circular nature of things

Body: immune system

Cartomancy: The Ace of Clubs is symbolic of success, victory, and triumph in all things

Notes: It is all about relationships and contracts. You can look at it as representative of patterns, repeating events or going in circles. It can symbolize job offers, business deals or proposals.

The Ring card features a dramatic scene with angels and demons encircling a central fiery pillar. Two hands are prominently featured at the bottom of the card: one hand, adorned with tattoos and holding a ring, is extended towards the other hand, which is open to receive the ring. The sky is filled with clouds, enhancing the sense of a divine or fateful moment.

The Ring card symbolizes commitment, agreements, and cycles. It represents bonds, contracts, and the promises that tie us together. This card often points to relationships, engagements, or any formal agreements that signify a commitment to a particular path or person.

In a positive context, the Ring suggests that you are entering a period of commitment and union. It may indicate that you are forming a strong bond, whether in a personal relationship, a business partnership, or another significant agreement. This card encourages you to honor your commitments and cherish the connections you form.

However, in a more challenging context, the Ring can warn of obligations and constraints. It may suggest that you are feeling bound by a commitment that is no longer serving your best interests or that you need to reassess the agreements you have made. The presence of both angels and demons highlights the dual nature of commitments, reminding you to consider both the positive and negative aspects.

When this card appears, consider the commitments and agreements in your life. Reflect on how you can uphold your promises and maintain healthy, balanced relationships. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the commitments you are experiencing.

The Ring card, with its powerful and symbolic imagery, encourages you to embrace commitments and honor your agreements. Let it guide you in forming meaningful bonds and ensuring that your promises lead to growth and fulfillment, while remaining mindful of the responsibilities they entail.



26. BOOK

KEYWORDS

HOME
FAMILY
RESIDENCE

Nouns: secret, knowledge, studies, diary, memory, oracle

Verbs: educate, hide, study, know, remember

Adjectives: wise, revealing, unknown, informed, secret

Timing: slow, not for a while or March

Body: brain

Cartomancy: The 10 of Diamonds is about movements, visits, and disruptions. The changes are not usually negative

Notes: This card means secrets, mysteries, knowledge and wisdom. It can stand for any book/body of knowledge or even philosophy. It also signifies the unknown.

The Book card presents an enchanting and mysterious scene within a gothic stone chamber. At the center lies an ancient tome placed on a pentagram, surrounded by glowing candles and arcane symbols. The chamber's arched stone walls and ceiling are draped with dark green curtains, creating an atmosphere of secrecy and knowledge.

The Book card symbolizes knowledge, secrets, and revelations. It represents learning, wisdom, and the pursuit of hidden truths. This card often points to education, research, or the uncovering of information that has been concealed.

In a positive context, the Book suggests that you are on the verge of discovering something valuable or that you are gaining a deeper understanding of a situation. It may indicate that you are engaging in studies, research, or any activity that broadens your knowledge and insight. This card encourages you to delve into the mysteries around you and seek the wisdom they offer.

However, in a more challenging context, the Book can warn of hidden information or secrets that may be affecting your situation. It may suggest that you need to be cautious about the information you receive or that there are things you are not yet aware of. The presence of the pentagram and the surrounding symbols emphasizes the potential for both enlightenment and misdirection.

When this card appears, consider the areas of your life where knowledge and understanding are crucial. Reflect on how you can uncover hidden truths and use the information you gather wisely. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the knowledge or secrets you are dealing with.

The Book card, with its evocative and mysterious imagery, encourages you to embrace the quest for knowledge and uncover hidden truths. Let it guide you in your pursuit of wisdom, ensuring that you navigate the complexities of information with discernment and clarity.



27. LETTER

KEYWORDS

CORRESPONDENCE DOCUMENT RESULTS

Nouns: message, newspaper, letter, card, schedule, diploma, evidence, agenda

Verbs: document, send, advertise, communicate

Adjectives: recorded, written, emailed, listed

Timing: shortly or June

Body: hands

Cartomancy: The 7 of Spades describes small arguments, melencholy grief and ailments

Notes: This is the card of written communication (unlike the birds who are oral in nature) that can come in any form - email, fax, newspaper, etc. It can also indicate business documents, legal or school documents. Where the card falls can indicate if the message was sent or received and what it is about.

The Letter card features an intricately detailed scene within a gothic chamber, filled with shelves of books, bottles, and curious artifacts. A table at the center holds a letter with a wax seal, while a hand reaches out as if to deliver or retrieve it. The chamber is illuminated by a candelabra, casting a warm glow that adds to the atmosphere of mystery and communication.

The Letter card symbolizes messages, communication, and the exchange of information. It represents correspondence, news, and the written word. This card often points to letters, emails, or any form of communication that carries significant information or news.

In a positive context, the Letter suggests that you are about to receive important news or that your message will be well received. It may indicate that a long-awaited communication is finally arriving or that you need to pay attention to the details in your correspondence. This card encourages you to be clear and thoughtful in your communication, as the information exchanged can have a significant impact.

However, in a more challenging context, the Letter can warn of misunderstandings or miscommunications. It may suggest that you need to be cautious about the information you share or that you are not receiving all the details necessary for a clear understanding. The presence of the gothic chamber and the mysterious artifacts emphasizes the need for clarity and precision.

When this card appears, consider the ways in which communication plays a role in your current situation. Reflect on how you can ensure that your messages are clear and that you are open to receiving important information. Look at surrounding cards to understand the broader context and the nature of the communication you are dealing with.

The Letter card, with its detailed and evocative imagery, encourages you to embrace the power of communication. Let it guide you in exchanging information thoughtfully and accurately, ensuring that your messages foster understanding and connection.



28. MAN

KEYWORDS

MALE PERSON
OF INTEREST

Nouns: male person, potency, boyfriend, husband

Verbs: generate, activate

Adjectives: male, masculine, proactive

Timing: April/May

Body: male genitals

Cartomancy: The Ace of Hearts represents joy, happiness and contentment

Notes: This card is the male signifier, so it is not a "speaking" card, but rather one that is spoken about.

The Man card depicts a strong, confident figure in elaborate armor, framed by an ornate design featuring skulls and mystical symbols. His resolute gaze and the battle-axe he holds suggest a character of strength and determination, standing against the backdrop of a stone fortress adorned with flaming torches.

The Man card typically represents a male figure in the querent's life or the querent themselves if they identify as male. It symbolizes masculine energy, embodying traits such as assertiveness, protection, and leadership. This card often signifies action, decisiveness, and a pragmatic approach to challenges.

In a positive context, the Man card indicates a person who is reliable, strong-willed, and capable of taking charge. It suggests that a male influence will play a crucial role in the situation at hand, offering support, guidance, or a solution. This card encourages the querent to embrace these qualities, to be bold and proactive in their endeavors.

Conversely, in a more challenging scenario, the Man card might highlight traits such as stubbornness, aggression, or domineering behavior. It could suggest a need to balance this assertive energy with empathy and understanding, or it may warn of a male figure who is overly controlling or inflexible.

When this card appears, consider the male influences in your life and how they impact your current situation. Reflect on your own relationship with masculine energy—whether it empowers or challenges you. The surrounding cards will provide further insights into the role and nature of this influence.

The Man card, with its powerful imagery and commanding presence, calls upon you to harness your inner strength and courage. It invites you to step into a role of leadership and to approach your challenges with confidence and clarity.



29. WOMAN

KEYWORDS

FEMALE PERSON OF INTEREST

Nouns: female person, fertility, girlfriend, wife, mother

Verbs: feminize, conceive

Adjectives: female, feminine, sensitive

Timing: May

Body: female genitals

Cartomancy: The Ace of Spades represents contracts and opportunities

Notes: This card is the female signifier, so it is not a "speaking" card but rather one that is spoken about. In readings where there is more than one woman this card can be used to represent a mistress

The Woman card portrays an elegant figure with flowing red hair, adorned with a floral crown, and dressed in a beautifully detailed blue gown. She stands against a backdrop of ornate designs, including mystical symbols and a star, all set within a stone fortress with flaming torches illuminating the scene.

The Woman card typically represents a female figure in the querent's life or the querent themselves if they identify as female. It symbolizes feminine energy, embodying traits such as intuition, compassion, and creativity. This card often signifies emotional depth, nurturing qualities, and a receptive approach to life's challenges.

In a positive context, the Woman card indicates a person who is nurturing, wise, and emotionally supportive. It suggests that a female influence will play a crucial role in the situation at hand, offering care, guidance, or a solution. This card encourages the querent to embrace these qualities, to trust their intuition, and to approach situations with empathy and understanding.

Conversely, in a more challenging scenario, the Woman card might highlight traits such as passivity, emotional overwhelm, or over-dependence. It could suggest a need to balance these nurturing qualities with assertiveness and self-care, or it may warn of a female figure who is overly controlling or emotionally manipulative.

When this card appears, consider the female influences in your life and how they impact your current situation. Reflect on your own relationship with feminine energy—whether it empowers or challenges you. The surrounding cards will provide further insights into the role and nature of this influence.

The Woman card, with its graceful imagery and serene presence, calls upon you to harness your inner wisdom and compassion. It invites you to embrace your emotional strength and to approach your challenges with kindness and grace.



30. LILY

KEYWORDS

PEACE
WISDOM
EXPERIENCE

Nouns: peace, calm, old age, winter, maturity, retirement

Verbs: age, bring peace, protect, snow

Adjectives: cold, restrained, serene, antique, virtuous

Timing: Winter

Body: eyes

Cartomancy: The King of Spades represents an older ambitious man who is powerful and protective

Notes: The lily is a card that has so many aspects that it can be a confusing card to read. Focus on the details in the surrounding cards to give you direction

The Lily card showcases a striking image of blooming lilies, vibrant in color, set against an elegant architectural backdrop with columns and intricate patterns. The flowers exude an aura of serenity and grace, symbolizing purity, virtue, and nobility.

The lily is often associated with purity, innocence, and virtue, representing a state of being untainted and signifying moral and spiritual integrity. Lilies have long been a symbol of royalty and grace, denoting qualities of elegance, sophistication, and a dignified presence. The serene appearance of the lilies suggests a period of peace and calm, indicating a time of harmony and balance in one's life. As flowers bloom, they signify growth and renewal, pointing towards new beginnings, personal development, and the flourishing of one's potential.

In relationships, the Lily card can suggest a relationship characterized by purity and genuine affection, or a time of peace and understanding between partners. In the context of career and ambitions, this card can indicate a phase of professional growth and success, marked by noble intentions and ethical practices, suggesting that integrity and hard work will lead to achievements. For personal growth, the Lily encourages embracing one's virtuous qualities and striving for inner purity, focusing on personal development and moral fortitude.

However, while striving for purity and virtue is admirable, this card may also warn against being overly idealistic or perfectionist, emphasizing the importance of remaining grounded and realistic. The peace and tranquility associated with the lily should not lead to complacency; it's essential to continue striving for growth and not settle into a passive state.

When the Lily card appears, it's a call to embrace your virtuous qualities and strive for purity and nobility in your actions. Reflect on areas of your life where you can bring more peace and harmony, and consider how you can continue to grow and renew yourself. The Lily card, with its elegant and serene imagery, invites you to embody the qualities of purity, grace, and tranquility, while also reminding you to stay grounded and continue your personal and spiritual growth.



31. SUN

KEYWORDS

SUCCESS
HAPPINESS
RADIANCE

Nouns: warmth, light, day, summer, holiday, goodwill, success, idealism

Verbs: enlighten, gain, recreate, heat, warm

Adjectives: cheerful, sunny, ambitious, south, bright, everyday

Timing: summer

Body: energy levels

Cartomancy: The Ace of Diamonds is about new things, movement, travel and visitors

Notes: The sun brings vigor and vitality to a reading. It is a card of success but also of luck. Unlike luck from the clover, luck here is more sustained. This card can also diminish the effect of "negative" cards around it.

The Sun card depicts a striking image of a human head with intricate gears and mechanisms integrated into the hair and skull, symbolizing a harmonious blend of human intellect and mechanical precision. The vibrant background, radiating warmth and energy, evokes the powerful and life-giving force of the sun.

The sun is universally recognized as a symbol of life, energy, and clarity, representing illumination both in the literal and metaphorical sense. The sun's rays pierce through darkness, bringing light and understanding, suggesting moments of enlightenment and realization. This card signifies the uncovering of truths, the clarity of thought, and the illumination of previously hidden aspects of life.

In the context of personal growth, the Sun card encourages embracing one's inner light and intellectual prowess, urging a celebration of achievements and the joy that comes with understanding and enlightenment. It symbolizes a period of positivity, optimism, and renewed energy, where one's efforts and hard work are recognized and rewarded. The gears and mechanisms intertwined with the human form hint at the importance of balance between logic and creativity, emphasizing that true enlightenment comes from harmonizing both aspects.

In relationships, the Sun card brings a message of warmth and mutual understanding, indicating a phase of harmony and shared joy. It suggests that open communication and shared clarity can lead to stronger bonds and a deeper connection. In career and ambitions, this card foretells success and recognition, highlighting that clear vision and diligent work will lead to significant achievements and fulfillment.

However, while basking in the sun's glory, one must be wary of overexposure. The Sun card can also serve as a reminder to balance enthusiasm with caution, ensuring that the light does not become blinding. It warns against arrogance and overconfidence, encouraging humility and the continuous pursuit of knowledge.

When the Sun card appears, it's a powerful affirmation of the positive forces at play in your life. It calls for embracing the clarity and energy it brings, celebrating your achievements, and continuing on your path with renewed vigor and optimism. This card, with its intricate and vibrant imagery, invites you to bask in the light of your accomplishments while remaining grounded and open to continuous learning and growth.



32. MOON

KEYWORDS

EMOTIONS
CYCLES
REPUTATION

Nouns: reputation, talent, vocation, emotional satisfaction, celebrity

Verbs: work, honor, recognize, acknowledge, manifest, influence

Adjectives: famous, working, moonlighting, nightly, dreamy

Timing: evening, within the month or around the new moon

Body: energy field and chakras

Cartomancy: The 8 of Hearts is representative of small joys and satisfactions, serenity and sincere emotions

Notes: The Moon is the card of work and vocation, as well as the recognition that comes from that work. It speaks to emotional satisfaction related to work/talent. It can also represent dreams, creativity and inspiration.

The Moon card features a hauntingly beautiful image of a veiled figure, half concealed behind a skeletal mask adorned with intricate lace and horns, symbolizing the duality of human nature and the mysteries of the subconscious mind. The background is dominated by a large, radiant moon, surrounded by symbols and geometric patterns, hinting at the hidden knowledge and the cyclical nature of time.

The moon, often associated with intuition, dreams, and the unknown, casts its light on the darkened path, revealing truths that are usually hidden. It represents the realm of imagination and the subconscious, where reality and illusion blur, urging one to trust their instincts and inner guidance. This card signifies moments of uncertainty and confusion, where not everything is as it seems, and hidden forces are at play.

In the context of personal growth, the Moon card encourages introspection and exploration of one's inner world. It suggests that now is the time to listen to your intuition, pay attention to your dreams, and delve into the depths of your psyche to uncover hidden truths and unresolved emotions. The skeletal mask symbolizes the shedding of facades, urging you to confront and embrace your true self, with all its complexities and contradictions.

In relationships, the Moon card brings a message of caution and awareness. It indicates that there may be hidden aspects or unresolved issues that need to be addressed. Open communication and trust in your instincts are crucial during this period. It is a reminder that things may not be as they appear, and it is essential to look beyond the surface to understand the true nature of your connections.

The Moon card also serves as a reminder of the cyclical nature of life. Just as the moon waxes and wanes, so too do the phases of clarity and confusion in our lives. Embrace the ebb and flow, and understand that this period of uncertainty is temporary, leading you towards greater understanding and insight.

When the Moon card appears, it is a powerful invitation to explore the hidden realms of your psyche, trust your inner voice, and embrace the mysteries of the unknown. This card, with its enigmatic and captivating imagery, encourages you to navigate through the shadows with courage and intuition, knowing that clarity and light will eventually emerge.



33. KEY

KEYWORDS

ANSWERS UNDERSTANDING THRESHOLD

Nouns: solution, answer, discovery, freedom, consent, source, importance

Verbs: open, reveal, access, unlock, plan, diagnose

Adjectives: notable, expert, important, paramount

Timing: in the coming month or November

Body: spirit and soul

Cartomancy: The 8 of Diamonds symbolizes movement, trips and visits

Notes: This is the opening or solution that you have been looking for. It shows us what is important - it reveals the unknown and shows what to pay attention to. It can provide the reason when it comes at the start of the spread.

The Key card presents a dramatic image of a golden key suspended in the air, held by a skeletal hand with elongated, crimson-tipped fingers. This scene is set against a backdrop of billowing clouds, with flaming torches lighting the path to an ancient stone staircase adorned with key symbols. The skeletal hand and the key it holds symbolize the unlocking of mysteries and the revelation of secrets that have long been hidden.

In the context of personal growth and self-discovery, the Key card suggests that you are on the brink of uncovering significant truths about yourself or your situation. It signifies the potential for breakthrough moments where hidden aspects of your psyche or previously obscure knowledge come to light. This card encourages you to look deeper and seek out the keys that will unlock new levels of understanding and awareness.

When it comes to relationships, the Key card indicates that there may be crucial information or feelings that are about to be revealed. It suggests that open communication and honesty will be vital in uncovering these truths. Whether it's discovering hidden strengths in a partner or resolving longstanding issues, the Key card heralds a time of clarity and resolution.

In the realm of career and ambitions, this card represents opportunities and the unlocking of new paths to success. It may indicate the arrival of new ideas, the resolution of obstacles, or the gaining of critical insight that propels you forward. The Key card is a reminder that you have the tools within you to unlock your potential and achieve your goals.

The imagery of the skeletal hand holding the key also serves as a reminder of the transient nature of life and the importance of seizing opportunities when they arise. It suggests that while some doors may seem permanently closed, persistence and the right approach can reveal hidden pathways.

Overall, the Key card is a powerful symbol of discovery, clarity, and the unlocking of potential. It encourages you to be curious, seek out hidden truths, and embrace the insights that will guide you on your journey. Whether in personal growth, relationships, or career, this card signifies that you hold the key to unlocking new possibilities and achieving greater understanding.



34. FISH

KEYWORDS

MONEY
COMMERCE
INCREASE

Nouns: money, means, currency, cash flow, prosperity

Verbs: earn, exchange, trade, transact, circulate

Adjectives: financial, fiscal, abundant, alcoholic

Timing: generally 3-4 years

Body: kidneys and bladder

Cartomancy: The King of Diamonds symbolizes a man who is powerful, determined and firm

Notes: The fish is all about money flow. As with many of the cards in the deck, this card works best when using the cards immediately around it to give it context. It's the card to focus on when reading about finances

The Fish card depicts a scene teeming with vibrant marine life under the vast expanse of the sea. At the top of the card, a majestic ship sails against a bright yellow sun, symbolizing exploration, adventure, and the flow of opportunities. Below, the waters are alive with a multitude of colorful fish, each swimming in different directions, suggesting abundance, diversity, and the dynamic nature of life. The bottom of the ocean floor shows a skeleton chained to an anchor, hinting at hidden aspects or past burdens that might be weighing you down.

In personal growth and self-discovery, the Fish card encourages you to embrace the wealth of experiences and opportunities available to you. It symbolizes the potential for personal and spiritual growth through exploration and openness to new ideas. The abundance of fish represents the diverse paths you can take, each offering its own unique rewards and lessons.

When it comes to relationships, the Fish card indicates a period of abundance and emotional richness. It suggests that you are surrounded by opportunities for deep, meaningful connections. This card encourages you to cast a wide net and explore different relationships and social interactions. It also highlights the importance of emotional fluidity and adaptability in nurturing your bonds with others.

In the context of career and ambitions, the Fish card represents the flow of prosperity and the abundance of opportunities. It signifies that you are in a favorable position to attract wealth, success, and growth in your professional endeavors.

The vibrant colors and dynamic movement of the fish also emphasize the importance of creativity and flexibility in your pursuits. The Fish card encourages you to go with the flow, be open to new possibilities, and adapt to changing circumstances. Whether in personal growth, relationships, or career, this card signifies that you are in a fertile period where you can achieve great things by embracing abundance and staying attuned to the currents of life.

Overall, the Fish card is a powerful symbol of abundance, diversity, and the flow of opportunities. It encourages you to explore, embrace change, and tap into the wealth of possibilities around you. This card reminds you that by staying open and adaptable, you can navigate through life's waters to reach your goals and enrich your experiences.



35. ANCHOR

KEYWORDS

HOME
FAMILY
RESIDENCE

Nouns: stability, standards, performance, hope, safety, routine

Verbs: secure, ground, rely, anchor, make safe

Adjectives: stable, unchanging, reliable, serious

Timing: an extended period of time, September

Body: hips, weight

Cartomancy: The 9 of Spades is traditionally an unfavorable card since it speaks to separation, division and failure

Notes: This card is best understood if you think about when lenormand started. When a ship came into harbor it dropped it's anchor, signifying a safe arrival. In the German tradition of reading this card can stand for work. It is also representative of hope and faith.

The Anchor card depicts a scene charged with tension and contrast. Central to the image is a massive anchor entwined with heavy chains, held tightly by a devilish figure. The anchor, often a symbol of stability and grounding, here takes on a more complex role, as it is surrounded by turbulent waves and fire, indicating a battle between opposing forces. The devilish creature clinging to the anchor with glowing eyes and bat-like wings introduces a sense of menace and struggle, suggesting that the stability offered by the anchor comes at a cost or with great challenge.

In personal growth and self-discovery, the Anchor card represents the need for stability and security amidst chaos. It suggests that while seeking a firm grounding in your life, you might be facing internal or external conflicts that test your resolve. The anchor symbolizes the importance of finding a stable foundation to hold onto during turbulent times, but it also warns of potential chains or burdens that might be holding you back.

Regarding relationships, the Anchor card indicates a desire for long-term commitment and stability. However, the presence of the devilish figure and the surrounding chaos suggests that achieving this stability may come with significant challenges. It could imply that you are holding onto relationships or situations that, while offering security, may also be stifling or fraught with conflict. This card encourages you to examine whether the stability you seek is worth the potential sacrifices or struggles involved.

In the context of career and ambitions, the Anchor card highlights the importance of establishing a solid base for your professional endeavors. It suggests that grounding yourself and creating a stable environment is crucial for long-term success. However, the turbulent waves and the menacing figure remind you to be cautious of obstacles or negative influences that may threaten your stability. It encourages you to stay resilient and focused, even when faced with challenges.

The Anchor card's vivid imagery of fire and water emphasizes the need to balance different aspects of life. The fire represents passion, energy, and potential destruction, while the water symbolizes emotions, intuition, and the subconscious. Balancing these elements is key to maintaining stability and achieving harmony. This card urges you to find a middle ground where you can harness your passions and emotions without being overwhelmed by them.

Overall, the Anchor card is a powerful symbol of stability amidst chaos. It encourages you to seek grounding and security, but also to be mindful of the potential challenges and burdens that come with it. This card serves as a reminder that true stability requires resilience, balance, and the ability to navigate through turbulent times with strength and determination.



36. CROSS

KEYWORDS

SUFFERING
KARMA
MISFORTUNE

Nouns: crisis, test, trial, burden, challenge, difficulty

Verbs: challenge, ordain, facing up to

Adjectives: critical, testing, holy, spiritual, fateful

Timing: immediately - sooner than you would like

Body: lower back

Cartomancy: The 6 of Clubs represents a difficult time, despair and pain

Notes: This is a card of what is necessary and fateful. It can be a card of pain and suffering, but also a card of faith and ethics. When it shows up you need to face things and understand that difficult times are ahead.

The Cross card portrays a powerful and multifaceted symbol laden with rich imagery and profound meanings. At the center stands a large, ornate cross adorned with intricate designs and blooming roses, indicating themes of beauty intertwined with sacrifice. The cross itself, an emblem of faith, suffering, and redemption, is further enriched by its vivid surroundings.

Flames encircle the base of the cross, symbolizing trials, tribulations, and the transformative power of suffering. The flames suggest that pain and difficulty are integral to the human experience, often leading to personal growth and enlightenment. Above and around the cross, swirling clouds and tumultuous waves represent the emotional and spiritual upheavals that accompany life's challenges. These elements convey a sense of ongoing struggle and the need for resilience in the face of adversity.

A skull is prominently placed at the heart of the cross, serving as a stark reminder of mortality and the inevitable presence of death. This imagery invites contemplation on the transient nature of life and the importance of spiritual awakening and preparedness. The clock beneath the skull, pointing to midnight, underscores the urgency of recognizing life's fleeting moments and the inevitability of the end.

In the context of personal growth and self-discovery, the Cross card signifies a period of significant challenges that test your faith and resilience. It encourages you to embrace these difficulties as opportunities for spiritual growth and transformation. The roses blooming amidst the harsh symbols of the cross and flames suggest that beauty and renewal can arise from the most challenging experiences.

Regarding relationships, the Cross card indicates a time of testing and sacrifice. It may signify the need to endure hardships together to strengthen the bond and achieve a deeper understanding of one another. The presence of the cross highlights the importance of commitment and faith in the relationship, even when faced with significant trials.

In the realm of career and ambitions, the Cross card emphasizes the importance of perseverance and dedication. It suggests that the path to success is fraught with obstacles that require endurance and a strong sense of purpose. The clock and the cross together highlight the need to remain steadfast and committed, even when the journey becomes arduous.

Overall, the Cross card serves as a profound symbol of faith, sacrifice, and the transformative power of suffering. It invites you to embrace life's challenges with resilience and a steadfast heart, trusting that through these trials, you will find growth, beauty, and spiritual enlightenment.



READING THE CARDS

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LENORMAND AND TAROT?

Traditional tarot decks consist of 78 cards, divided into four elemental suits and the Major Arcana. Lenormand decks, on the other hand, lack this structure. While many Lenormand decks feature playing card images, the suits are not given much significance beyond the general notion that aces are favorable and clubs are less so. The primary focus of Lenormand readings tends to be describing people and their actions.

When reading tarot, you can draw a single card or use larger spreads to gain insights. Lenormand doesn't function this way—it works best with pairs or more cards. I like to say that tarot tells you a story, while Lenormand provides individual words in a sentence.

Tarot readings are more psychological, delving into how people feel about situations and attaching moods to the context. It's about our actions, the "verbs" of life, exploring the "why" behind what we do and how we think.

Lenormand readings, in contrast, are more objective, focusing on what people are doing and the results of those actions. It's like watching a chess game, observing who is doing what to whom. A better way to explain it might be that tarot is an internal exploration of feelings, while Lenormand explores the outer world and its happenings.

WHICH ONE PREDICTS?

Some people claim that tarot cannot predict the future. I disagree. However, tarot predicts differently than Lenormand. Tarot offers insights into the psychological and emotional underpinnings of a situation, while Lenormand provides a more straightforward, objective view of events and actions.

TIPS AND TRICKS

Reading Lenormand cards can be a rich and rewarding experience, but it requires a different approach than tarot. Here are some tips and tricks to enhance your Lenormand reading skills:

1. Start with the Basics

Before diving into complex spreads, familiarize yourself with the meanings of each of the 36 cards. Understanding the core essence of each card will form the foundation of your readings.

2. Focus on Pairs and Combinations

Lenormand works best with pairs or combinations of cards. Practice interpreting cards in pairs to see how their meanings blend and interact. This helps in forming a narrative that is both precise and insightful.

3. Use a Consistent Layout

Begin with simple layouts like the 3-card spread to build your confidence. As you become more comfortable, you can explore more complex layouts like the 9-card box or the Grand Tableau.

4. Pay Attention to Card Positions

In Lenormand, the position of the card in a spread can significantly alter its meaning. Cards to the left might represent past influences, while those on the right could indicate future events. The central card often holds the key theme of the reading.

5. Practice Daily Draws

Pulling a pair or a small spread of cards daily can help you get accustomed to how the cards communicate. Record your daily draws and note how the meanings play out in real life.

6. Look for Patterns

Patterns such as clusters of certain suits or recurring cards can offer deeper insights. Notice if certain cards tend to appear together and what story they tell when combined.

7. Develop Your Intuition

While Lenormand is more literal than tarot, your intuition still plays a crucial role. Pay attention to your initial reactions and feelings about the cards. Over time, you'll develop a more nuanced understanding.

8. Keep It Objective

Lenormand readings are typically straightforward and objective. Focus on the "what" rather than the "why." This approach can provide clear and actionable insights.

9. Practice, Practice, Practice

The more you practice, the better you will get. Regular readings, whether for yourself or others, will help you refine your skills and deepen your understanding of the cards.

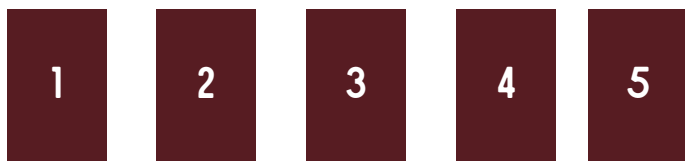
SPREADS

LINE OF THREE



Read $1 + 2 + 3$
reflect on 1 and 3

LINE OF FIVE



Read the heart ($2 + 3 + 4$)
then $1 + 2$ and $4 + 5$
and reflect on $1 + 5$ and $2 + 4$

SQUARE OF NINE

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

PAST: read $1 + 4 + 7$

PRESENT: read $2 + 5 + 8$

FUTURE: read $3 + 6 + 9$

then read the rows:

$$1 + 2 + 3$$

$$4 + 5 + 6$$

$$7 + 8 + 9$$

next read the diagonals:

$$1 + 5 + 9$$

$$7 + 5 + 3$$

read the corners:

$$1 + 9$$

$$3 + 7$$

finally read the central cross:

$$2 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 8$$

GRAND TABLEAU

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

SET THE STAGE: cards 1 + 2 + 3

COMING MONTHS: read the corners 1 + 9 + 28 + 36

THE QUERENT: Locate the card that represents the person asking (man or woman) and then read the cards around it.

For example if the woman is located at card 13 you will read the cards around it in the same way that you would read a regular 9 card spread. See previous page for directions.

AREA OF FOCUS: next find the card related to the area you want to look at and read the cards around it for detail

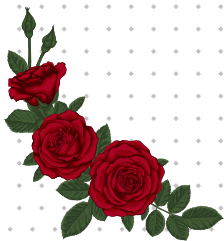
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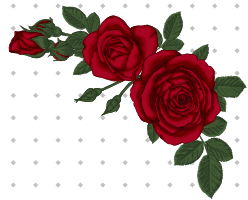
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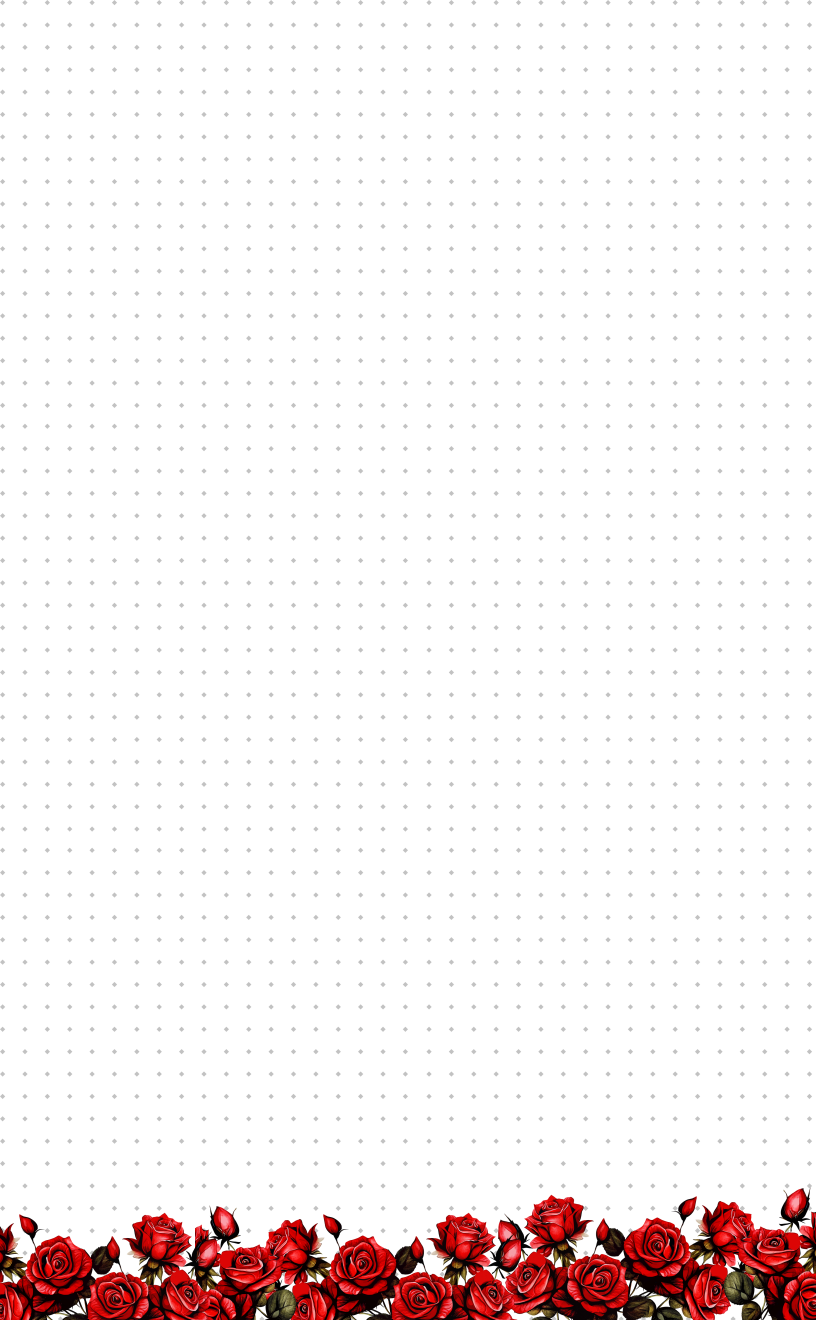
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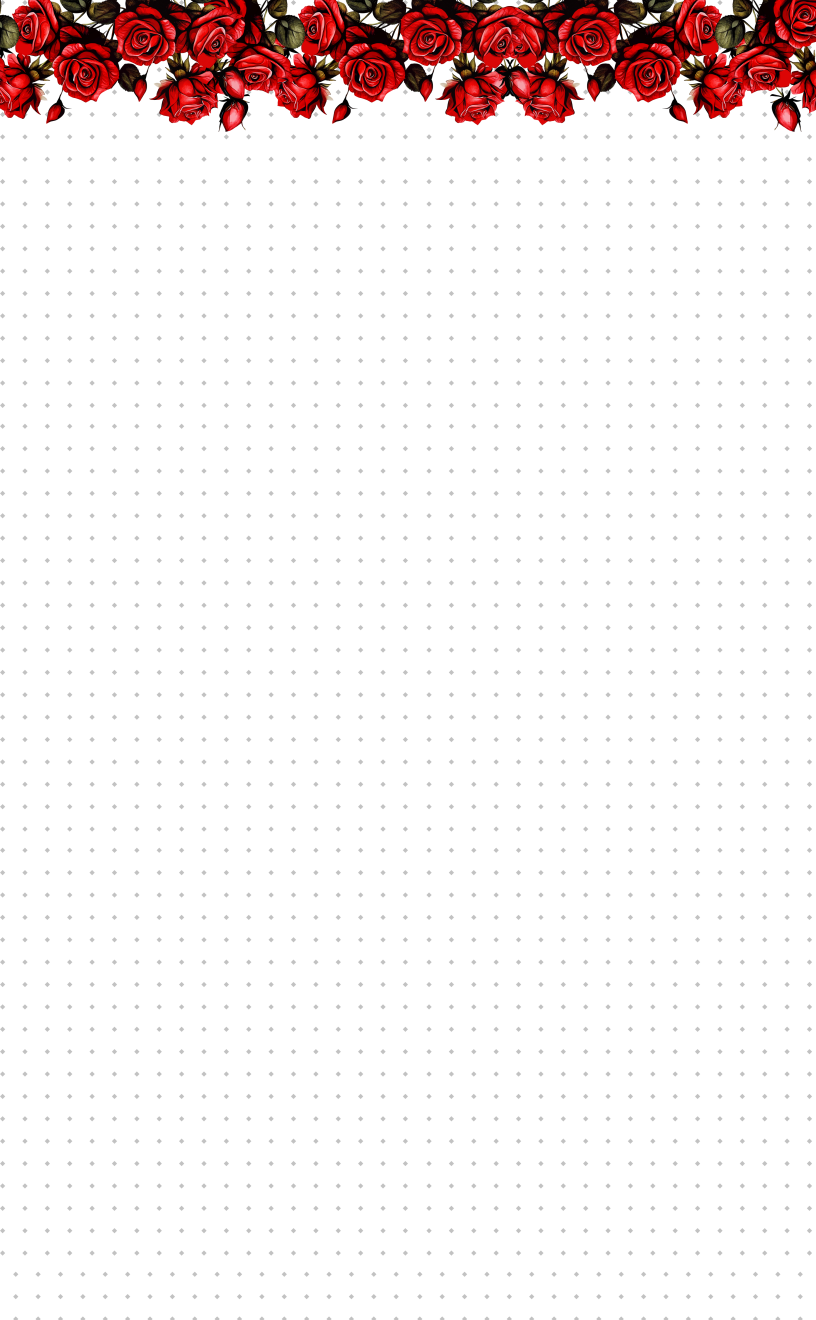
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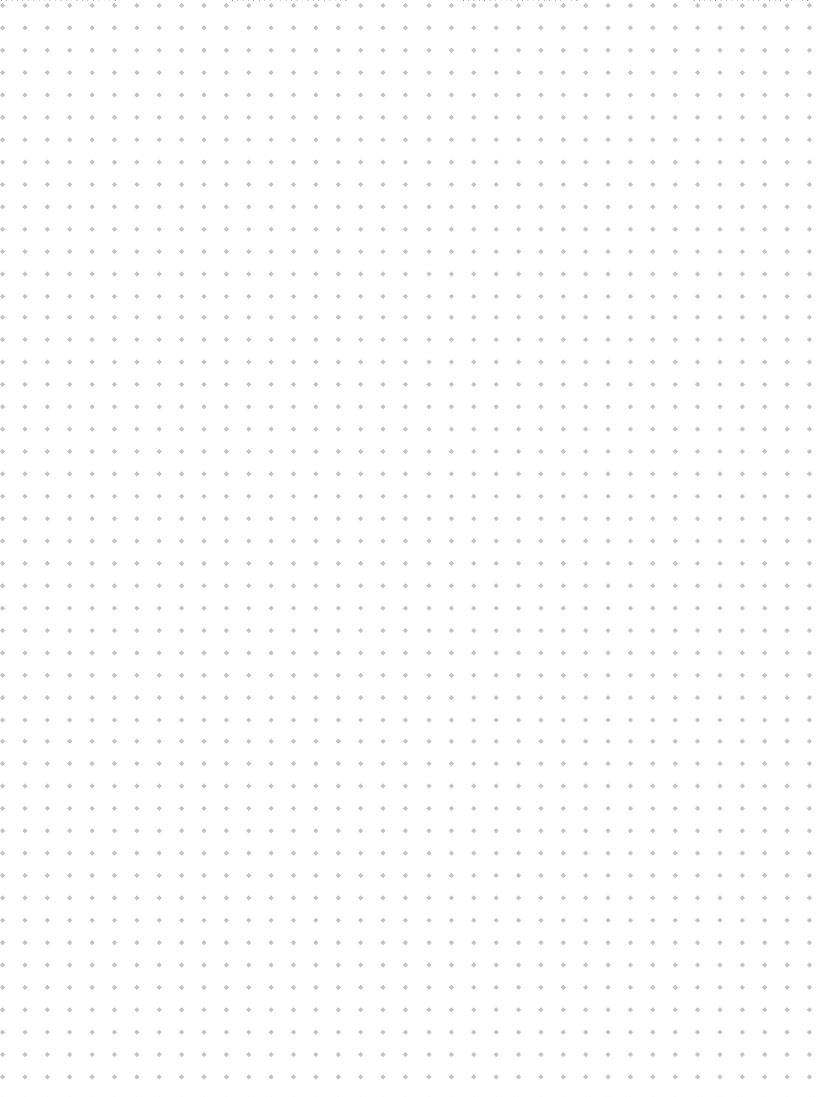
















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- ~ Black Chicken Oracle
- ~ Magic of the Tarot
- ~ Seven Seas Lenormand
- ~ Luminous Creatures Oracle

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- ~ Past Life Oracle
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