

HAUNTED CAT TAROT

A GUIDEBOOK



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Welcome to Haunted Cat Tarot. This 78-card deck includes original art by artist J Edward Neill and card concepts & keywords by Heather Neill.

Haunted Cat Tarot is meant to encourage self-reflection. We hope that you will use it for personal insight, growth, and strengthening your intuition. More than anything, we hope you enjoy your experience with these cards.

Artistically, this deck contains art covering many years of work. The very first artwork completed was The Moon (finished in 2019) while the final piece (Eight of Tombs) was finished in December of 2022. Pull any of the cards in this deck, and you'll find a similar atmosphere – cats, moody and proud, thoughtful and playful. Most of the cats were modeled after J Edward's menagerie of feline companions, while others belonged to friends and family. Each and every card originates from a hand-painted portrait. In other words, all of the cats in the deck are based on real-life feline familiars.

When using Haunted Cat Tarot, a good starting point is for the querent (the person

asking questions of the cards) to ask specific queries related to their life. Using this approach, the querent may find higher clarity in the cards they pull.

There are many ways to read tarot. No one method is considered the absolute best. We encourage querents to discover what works

best for them, and to experiment with multiple styles. For a wide swath of tarot-reading ideas and a variety of layouts and spreads, we recommend consulting the internet, which contains a treasure trove of tarot methodology.

Lastly, for reference, Haunted Cat Tarot suits translate to traditional tarot suits as follows:

Staves = Wands
Chalices = Cups
Moons = Swords
Tombs = Pentacles

Now your journey begins. Please enjoy.

MAJOR ARCANA

The 22 cards of the Major Arcana tell the story of the Fool's Journey. The Fool is card 0 in the Major Arcana. The next 20 cards represent different phases of personal development, individuation, spiritual growth, and universal human experiences. The final card, The World, represents the completion of the cycle.



The Fool

Upright Keywords: Innocence, Trust, Journey

Wide-eyed and curious, The Fool is ready to take a leap of faith and start a new journey. Cast aside all fear of failure and erase any doubts you may have about what's to come. Embrace the excitement of a new beginning. Anything is possible! The Fool is reminding you to take a chance and live in the moment. Release your playful, free-spirited side.

Reversed: The Fool in reverse indicates you are afraid to act or move forward towards what you truly want in life.



The Magician

The Magician

Upright Keywords: Manifestation, Action, Skill

The Magician's eyes gleam with purpose as he sits in the company of his collection of tools representing the four elements of the Tarot suits. Here he possesses water, air, fire, and earth. He uses his skills within and without to weave together the spiritual and physical realms. He does so with confidence, for he knows he has all that he needs to manifest his heart's desire. The Magician comes forth to remind you that you are also a master at manifesting your dreams into reality. What you need to succeed is already at your fingertips.

Reversed: The Magician in reverse reveals your struggle to find the confidence and focus needed to manifest your dreams.



The High Priestess

Upright Keywords: Mystery, Intuition, Wisdom

The High Priestess sits comfortably in the stillness of the entrance between the conscious and subconscious worlds. Her third eye is illuminated – allowing her the gift of sight beyond ordinary perception. She sees the mysteries hidden within herself and in the world around her, and she encourages you to be aware that all is not what it seems. The High Priestess is reassurance that you are opening to the secrets of your subconscious mind and the power of your inner wisdom. Keep in touch with your intuition, paying attention to your inner voice and allowing it to guide you.

Reversed: The High Priestess in reverse warns that you are disconnecting or silencing your intuition in order to avoid the reality of a situation—one that does not align with what you truly want.



The Empress

Upright Keywords: Creativity, Abundance,
Nurturer

The Empress radiates regality, for she is the embodiment of all four queens in the Tarot. She is deeply connected to the life-giving energy of the earth and co-creates with the natural world. She nurtures that which she creates with great love and attention. Because of this, she experiences an abundance of joy. The Empress encourages you to create. Support the growth of your creations and bring abundance into your life.

Reversed: The Empress in reverse indicates a creative block within yourself.



The Emperor

Upright Keywords: Achievement, Leader, Protector

The Emperor is the king of kings and embodies all four kings found within the Tarot. He is the ultimate leader: powerful, protective, and fair. He uses structure, order, and strategic process to achieve his goals. He uses his knowledge to lead while teaching those he directs so they may advance toward their own goals. The Emperor calls on you to use order, strategy, and fairness to become an effective and reliable leader.

Reversed: The Emperor in reverse indicates ruthlessness or misuse of power.



The Hierophant

Upright Keywords: Tradition, Knowledge,
Convention

The Hierophant's traditional values are age old and set in stone. His pedestal is convention; the pillars surrounding him are well-established schools of thought. You are on a path of knowledge – one that is external and filled with rules, beliefs, and systems that are tried and true. This time in your life is one of information gathering. You're ready to prepare a storehouse of knowledge for yourself – one you will later recall and compare to your own personal belief system as you discover what is true for you.

Reversed: The Hierophant in reverse calls you to look within for the knowledge or answers you seek.



The Lovers

Upright Keywords: Love, Union, Choice

The Lovers card represents union. It may be the union between two people – a relationship that is balanced, supportive, and loving. You may have recently connected (or will connect) to someone with whom you will create a lasting bond.

The Lovers may also represent internal union – one of the heart and mind – and a deep knowing of your own personal values and beliefs. You may find yourself connecting to your truth and resolving any inner conflict you may have struggled with in the past. The Lovers card can show up when a choice needs to be made. Make sure your decision aligns with your heart.

Reversed: The Lovers in reverse can indicate the feeling of disconnection from a loved one, an inner conflict, or difficulty making a decision that feels right to you.



The Chariot

Upright Keywords: Determination, Victory, Action

The Charioteer stands atop one battered wheel - all that remains of his chariot after many challenges - but his determination and courage have made him victorious in the end. The Chariot is a sign that you are moving in the right direction. Keep going! You know who you are and what you want to achieve, but it will take focus, action, and willpower to do so. Create a plan and stick to it.

Reversed: The Chariot in reverse warns that you are not ready to act because you lack a focused plan.



Strength

Upright Keywords: Courage, Discipline,
Compassion

True strength comes from within and is not about physical power. The Strength card shows us that patience, gentleness, and inner peace can subdue strong reactive emotions that may cause harm or impede your success. You have the inner strength and courage to overcome difficulties you are experiencing in your life or your relationships. Do not use aggression or force to get what you want. Lead by example with a calm, gentle nature. Know that your influence on others may be quiet, but it is powerful. If you are going through a tough time, this is a reminder that you have the inner strength you need to overcome any struggle.

Reversed: Strength in reverse reveals feelings of powerlessness about a current situation in your life.



The Hermit

Upright Keywords: Solitude, Introspection,
Meditation

The Hermit turns his back on unnecessary distractions in life and turns his focus inward. He retreats into the rich, private world of his soul and lingers there a while, seeking authenticity and wisdom within himself. The Hermit tells you this is a time for self-examination and meditation. Find some quiet time alone to self-reflect and consider your next move in life.

Reversed: The Hermit in reverse suggests you have spent too much time in isolation, and it is time to reconnect with others.



Wheel of Fortune

Wheel of Fortune

Upright Keywords: Change, Fortune, Cycles

The Wheel of Fortune is a reminder of the cycles, seasons, and changes throughout life. The wheel is always turning, and it is true that what goes up must come down. These inevitable cycles help us to appreciate the best things in life. The upright Wheel of Fortune signifies destined change. This doesn't mean change will be easy, but it will be for your benefit. The Wheel of Fortune reminds you to watch for signs and synchronicities from the universe at this time. They will guide you along your path.

Reversed: The Wheel of Fortune in reverse indicates change is coming, but it isn't what you hoped for or expected.

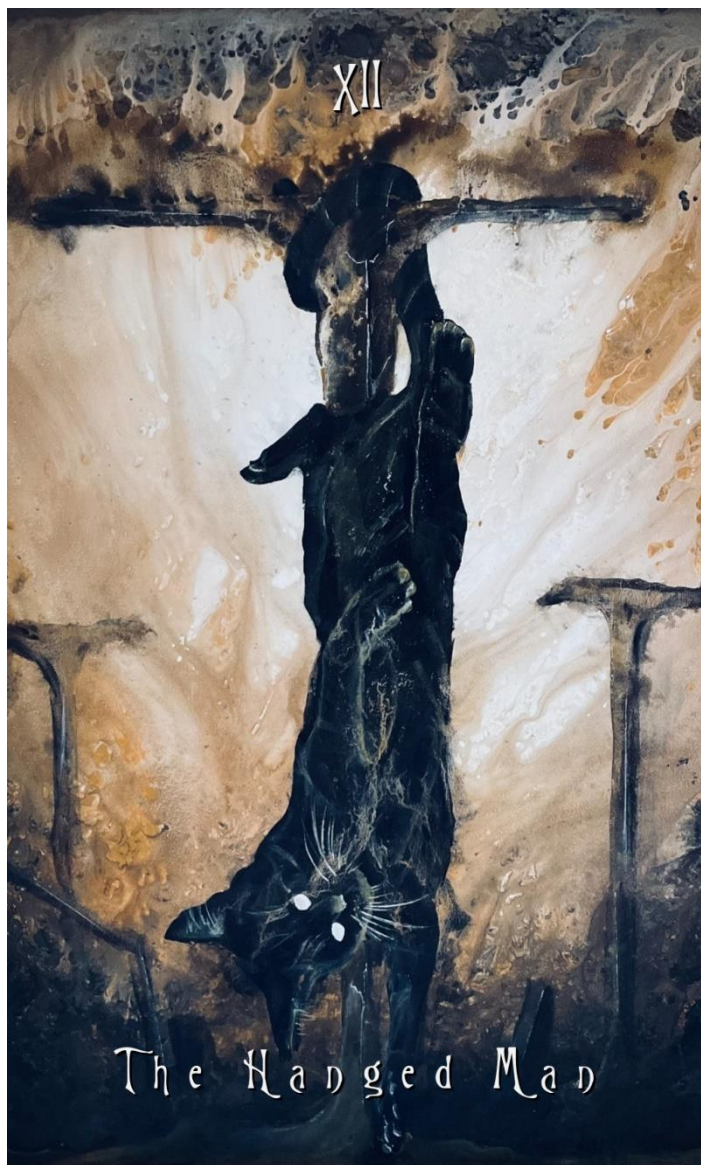


Justice

Upright Keywords: Truth, Fairness, Balance

Justice is swift and sharp. She cuts through any situation to reveal the truth hidden within. She represents cause and effect, actions and consequences, and accountability. If you have wronged someone, you will be held responsible for your actions. If you have been wronged, know that justice will be served. Justice can be an indicator that an important decision needs to be made. Be aware of how this decision will impact others.

Reversed: Justice in reverse reveals you are hiding the truth and being dishonest – with others or yourself.



The Hanged Man

Upright Keywords: Suspension, Surrender,
Perspective

Unsure of what to do next, The Hanged Man pauses for a moment to take a look at his life from a new perspective. He surrenders to his intuition, knowing when it's time to put things on hold and gain insight into what old ways may be holding him back. It is time for you to pause and see things in a new way. Let go of what keeps you stuck in the same patterns. Embrace new possibilities and outcomes.

Reversed: The Hanged Man in reverse warns that staying in motion while refusing to slow down and look at things from a different perspective will result in missed opportunities.



Death

Upright Keywords: Transformation, Change,
Release

Death is a powerful change. It is an ending that must take place to clear the way for a new beginning. The Death card shows up during a time of transformation. Welcome this change because it means old, limiting ways will be cleared away, bringing space for new opportunities and experiences. Do not be afraid to let go of what is familiar or comfortable because it may be holding you back.

Reversed: Death in reverse can mean you are resisting change and clinging to the past.



Temperance

Upright Keywords: Patience, Moderation,
Composure

Temperance is the peace that surrounds you when your life is in balance. You may not be able to control a situation, but you can control how you react to it. Temperance reminds you to exercise patience, with yourself and others, and to go with the flow of life. Now is the time to stay steady and strive to maintain peace – both inner peace and peace between you and others in your life.

Reversed: Temperance in reverse is a warning of excess in your life. This may be excess negativity or constantly being swept up in powerful emotions, or even overindulgence in food or drink.

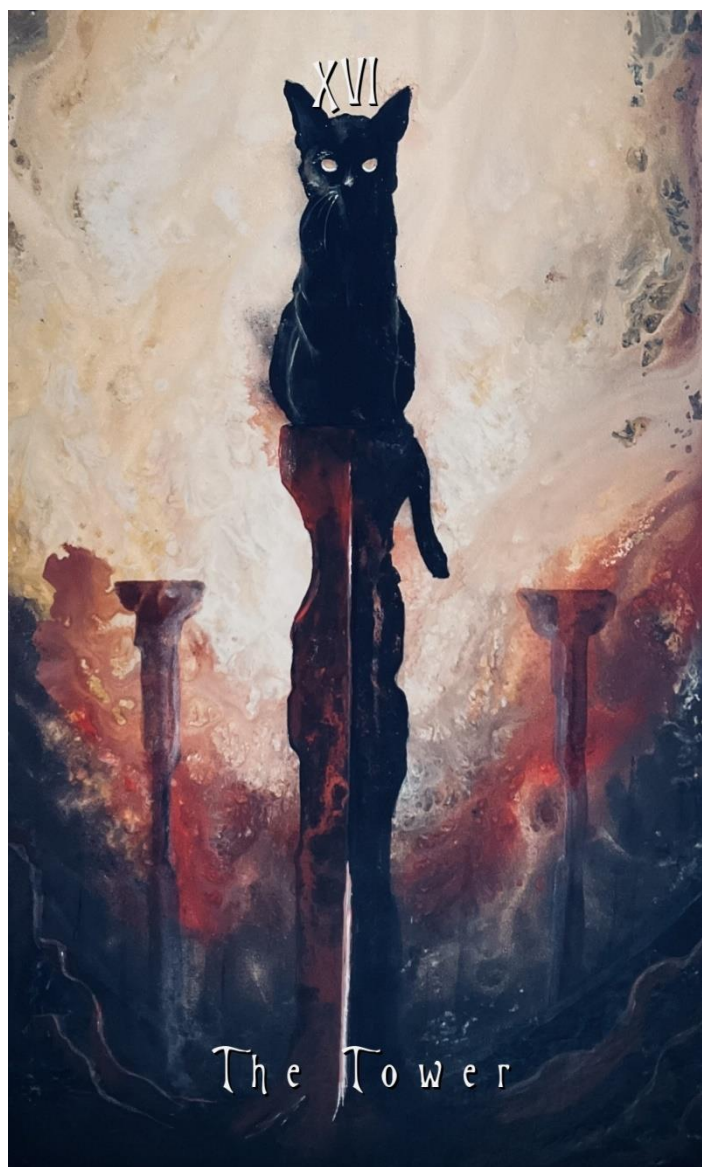


The Devil

Upright Keywords: Bondage, Deceit, Illumination

The Devil card is a trickster. He represents the idea that you don't have any control over your circumstances. This is an illusion. You can break free from whatever has a hold on you. The Devil shines a light on that which keeps you in chains. Take an honest look at what holds you back. Do not allow it to have control over you. You have the strength to set yourself free.

Reversed: The Devil in reverse indicates that you have reached the mindset needed to break free from your restraints.



The Tower

Upright Keywords: Upheaval, Awakening, Crisis

The Tower looks stable, but its foundation is crumbling. It may be built on old truths, illusions, or false securities. The Tower card warns of a fall: sudden, unexpected change that brings confusion and chaos. You may question everything you thought you knew to be true and find yourself torn away from your comfort zone. It is now time to surrender and let it fall away so you can rebuild. In doing so, you will become resilient.

Reversed: The Tower in reverse signifies you are resisting a change taking place in your life that is necessary for your greater good.



The Star

Upright Keywords: Hope, Clarity, Faith

The Star guides you forward from the chaos of the fallen Tower. You are now in a place of peace. The Star's presence brings hope and reminds you that the magic of possibilities is at your fingertips. You now possess a deeper understanding of yourself. Embrace new ideas that inspire you.

Reversed: The Star in reverse speaks of lost hope or faith. You can't see the light that awaits beyond your challenges.



The Moon

Upright Keywords: Illusion, Subconscious, Fear

The Moon is a light that reveals what is hidden in the darkness. It is a warning that a situation or relationship is not as it seems. Trust your intuition when situations seem murky or confusing – it will help you to see beyond illusions. Beware of deception – including self-deception. The Moon also tells you to pay attention to your dreams and the messages hidden within them.

Reversed: The Moon in reverse warns that you are not taking a close enough look at a situation or relationship for fear of seeing an unpleasant truth.

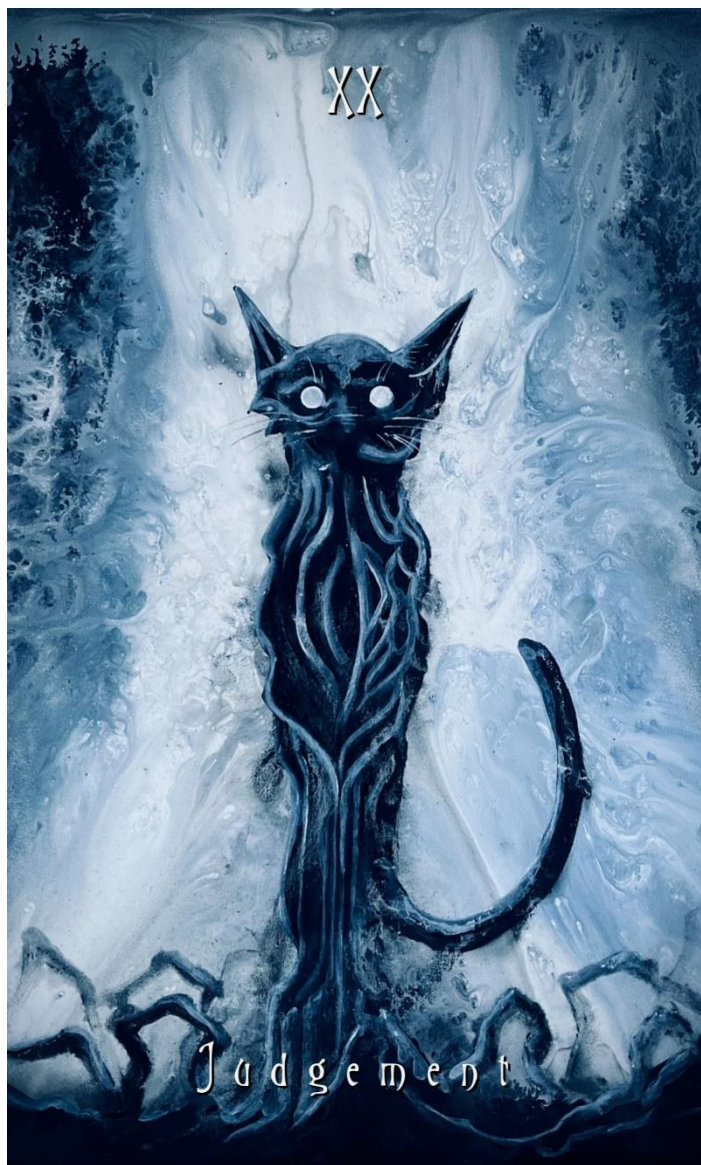


The Sun

Upright Keywords: Positivity, Joy, Optimism

The clouds part and The Sun is revealed, radiating optimism and joy. The Sun card is a positive one, reassuring you that happiness is on the horizon. This is your time to shine! Be fully present in your life and share your gifts with the world. Connect with your inner child – the creative, fearless side of yourself – and welcome success and abundance into your life.

Reversed: The Sun in reverse means you are not allowing yourself to cut loose and have fun.



Judgement

Upright Keywords: Rebirth, Absolution, Self-Evaluation

Judgement appears when it is time for self-evaluation. It is the last stop before completion. It is time to let go of anything that would keep you from reaching the final destination of your journey. Are you being true to yourself? What have you learned from your experiences in the past? You may need to make a life-changing decision. Look closely at your life up until this point and search within yourself for the true answer. Release anything that will hold you back and keep you from being renewed.

Reversed: Judgement in reverse warns you are being self-critical or doubting yourself, slowing your momentum.



The World

Upright Keywords: Completion, Fulfillment, Accomplishment

The World means you've done it! Your efforts have come full circle and you have completed a cycle. Celebrate your accomplishment. Take the time to reflect on your journey and acknowledge how far you have come. You have acquired a deeper understanding of yourself. You also have a deeper understanding of your connection to the universe. Consider sharing your experiences with others.

Reversed: The World in reverse can signify that you have not completed all the steps needed to reach your goal.

MINOR ARCANNA

The Minor Arcana represents everyday themes and aspects of daily life. It consists of four suits. Here, in The Haunted Cat Tarot Deck, the four suits are: Staves, Chalices, Moons, and Tombs, which are used in place of the traditional Tarot suits: Wands, Cups, Swords, and Pentacles.

There are four court cards in each suit: Page, Knight, Queen, and King. These four cards can represent your different personality traits and behavioral patterns or the different stages of your life. They may also represent actual people who are in your life now, have been in your life in the past, or will be in your life in the future.

STAVES

The suit of Staves represents ideas, inspiration, ambition, and creativity. It corresponds to the swift element of fire. The energy of the suit of Staves is fast moving, action-oriented, and passionate.

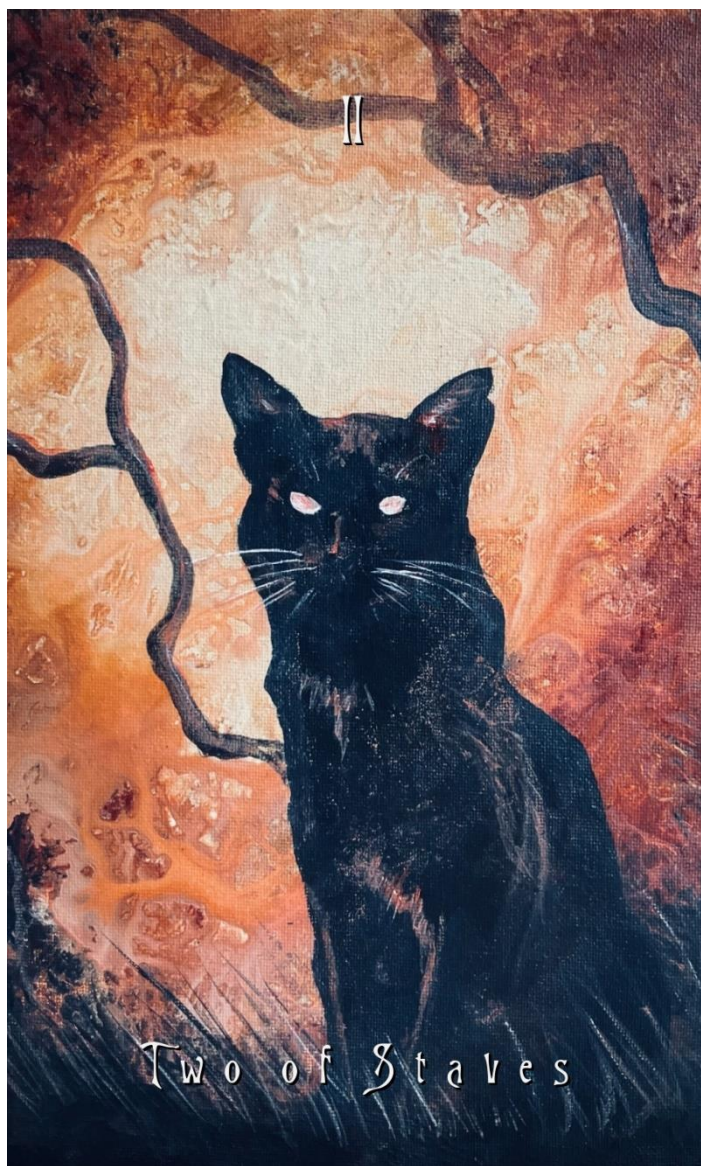


Ace of Staves

Upright Keywords: Inspiration, Potential, Spark

The Ace of Staves is the spark of a new idea. You feel the fire of inspiration! Now is the perfect time to start a new project or set a goal. This card encourages you to pursue your passion.

Reversed: You want to start a new project, but you may feel unmotivated or uninspired. Do not force creativity. Engage in activities that inspire you or find time to quiet your mind and let the spark of inspiration come to you.

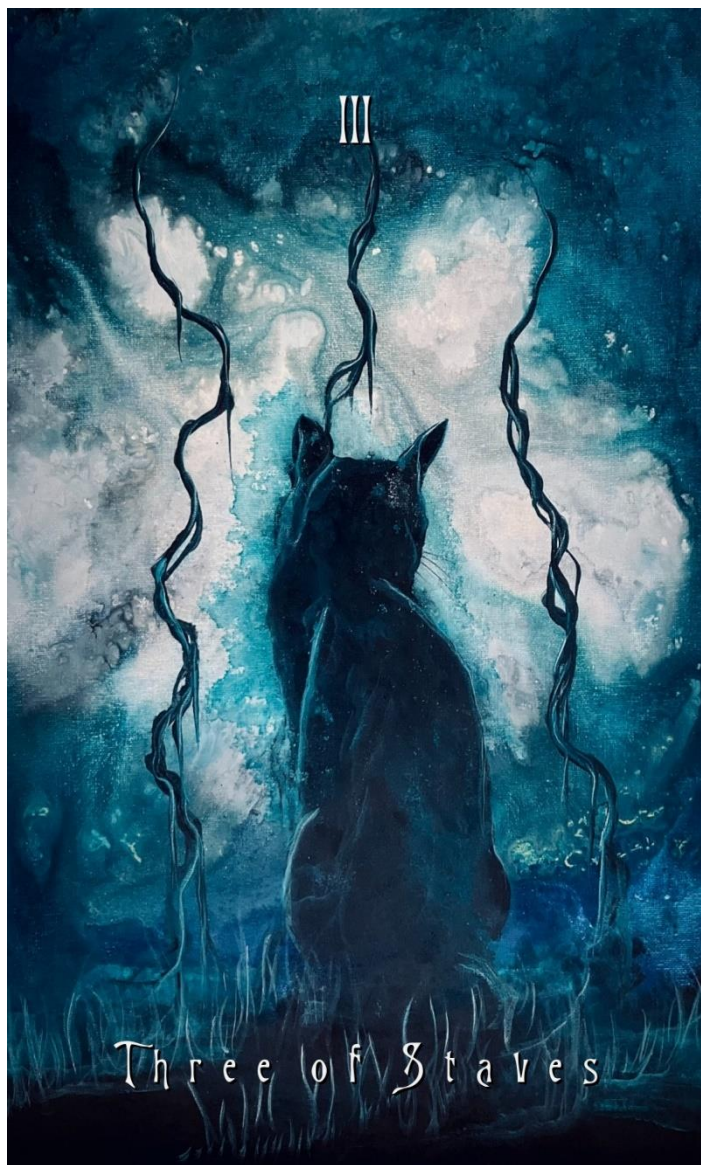


II of Staves

Upright Keywords: Planning, Preparation, Decisions

The Two of Staves means it's time to create a focused plan of action. Now is the time to carefully prepare a realistic path to success. It is also a card of decision. Take the time to thoroughly consider any choices that need to be made because they will impact your long-term goals.

Reversed: You have not taken the time to prepare a clear plan. If you feel overwhelmed, take your time. Consider asking someone you trust for advice.



III of Staves

Upright Keywords: Expansion, Foresight, Travel

The Three of Staves brings opportunities to broaden your horizons. This may include travel overseas or studying a new topic. This is also a card of foresight. You have created a plan of action and are moving towards your goal but now you must anticipate any challenges and obstacles that lie ahead.

Reversed: While there are new opportunities for growth available to you, you may limit yourself out of fear of the unknown. Do not hesitate to step out of your comfort zone.



IV of Staves

Upright Keywords: Celebration, Completion, Joy

A card of completion, the Four of Staves shows up when you have reached a significant milestone. You are experiencing a time of security and success. You may have spent a significant amount of time alone working to complete a project. Now is the time to reconnect to family and friends and enjoy time together. Celebrate your success.

Reversed: You might find that your accomplishment is a personal one and wish to celebrate privately. Take the time to honor yourself in a way that feels right to you.



V of Staves

Upright Keywords: Miscommunication, Conflict, Tension

The Five of Staves signifies conflict. This may be a conflict that is still brewing or one that is well underway. You could find yourself disagreeing with others. You may feel alone because your views, thoughts, beliefs, or opinions differ from those around you. If you are having a difficult time communicating effectively, you may need to take a different approach than one you've used in the past. Take a step back from the chaos to reassess the situation and remember to keep your anger in check.

Reversed: You may want to avoid conflict by running from a situation rather than confronting it and finding a way to resolve it. Think carefully about how to approach the situation and find a resolution.

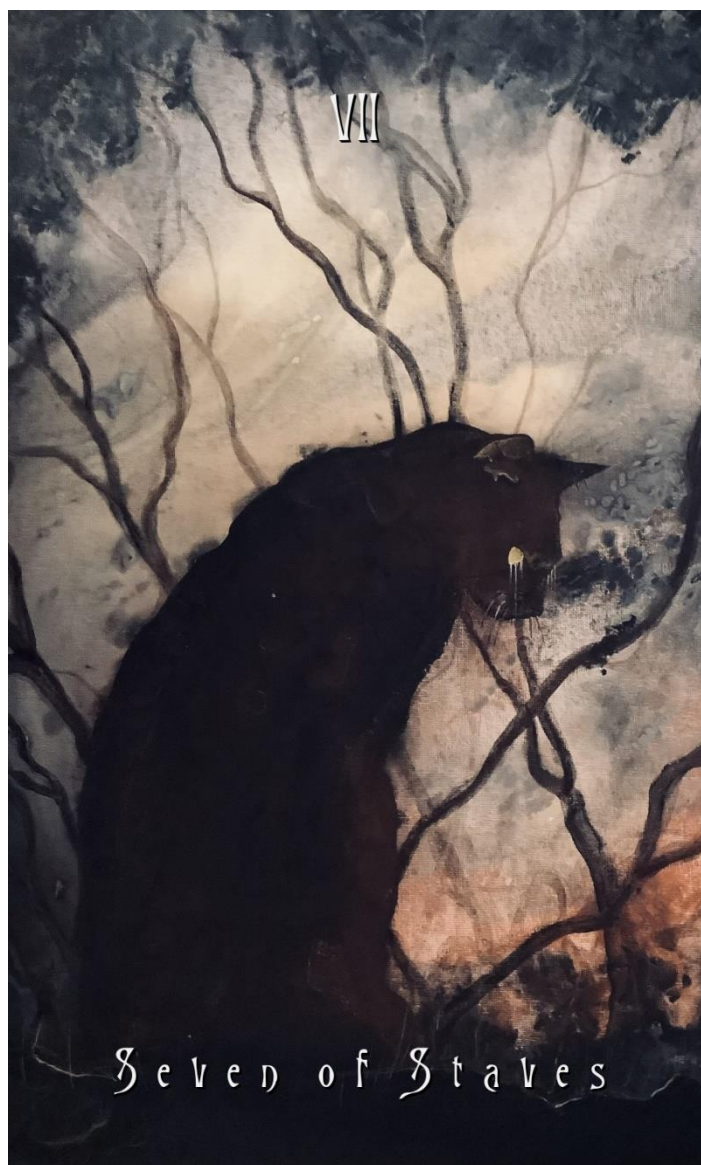


VI of Staves

Upright Keywords: Victory, Recognition, Success

Success! You have reached an important milestone and you may receive public recognition for your hard work. Be proud of your accomplishment and share it with others. Don't stop now; stay motivated and keep moving forward.

Reversed: Instead of celebrating your success, you could be experiencing self-doubt. Do not let it slow you down. Focus on your achievements.



VII of Staves

Upright Keywords: Challenge, Defense,
Competition

The Seven of Staves warns that others see how far you've come and want to take your place. You will likely need to defend yourself and protect what you've attained through hard work and perseverance. Stay aware of the motivations of those around you. Do not be afraid to oppose those who wish to take what is yours.

Reversed: You are likely feeling the weight of competition and it is dragging you down. Be courageous and stand your ground.



VIII of Staves

Upright Keywords: Action, Change, Productivity

The Eight of Staves is a sign that things are going to move quickly. It is time to be single-minded; harness all of your energy and release it towards that one thing you really want. This is a card of creativity, inspiration, and swift change.

Being a card of movement and quick energy, the Eight of Staves may also show up when air travel is in your near future.

Reversed: You may be overwhelmed by quick changes. Don't resist or panic. Ease into it and go with the flow of this fast-paced time in your life.



IX of Staves

Upright Keywords: Perseverance, Resilience, Self-Preservation

The Nine of Staves warns of a difficult time. You may feel a bit tired and worn down having endured several challenges, likely one after another. The Nine of Staves brings encouragement—keep persevering because you are almost to the finish line. Self-preservation is needed to conserve your energy and resources at this time. Do not allow others to hold you back or hinder your progress. Surround yourself with the people in your life who support you.

Reversed: You may be apprehensive about moving forward after the latest setback. Remember that these challenges are short-lived and will soon pass.



X of Staves

Upright Keywords: Completion, Burden,
Responsibility

The Ten of Staves represents the completion of a cycle. You are closer than ever to completing a goal or project. As you approach the end, you may find yourself with more work and responsibilities than usual. Know this is temporary and your hard work will pay off in the end. If you are feeling overwhelmed, find a way to share the workload with others.

Reversed: You feel you are carrying a heavy burden alone. Ask yourself: What can you release to lighten the load? What responsibilities can be assigned to others?



Page of Staves

Upright Keywords: Enthusiasm, Curiosity,
Potential

The Page of Staves represents someone who is full of creative ideas and potential. Enthusiastic and free-spirited, the page is anxious to get moving, but does not have a solid foundation from which to launch. You may find yourself full of great ideas at this time but lack the knowledge and plans to move forward and bring them to life.

Reversed: You may find yourself frustrated or disappointed because you tried to bring ideas to fruition and failed. Do not lose enthusiasm. Start over with a detailed plan.



Knight of Staves

Upright Keywords: Determination, Impulsiveness, Passion

The Knight of Staves is a visionary who has the determination to bring the spark of an idea to life. Passionate and fearless, the Knight is always ready for an adventure. Being impulsive, he may act quickly and rush forward to pursue what he wants - without considering possible obstacles along the way.

Reversed: Sometimes creative restlessness or scattered energy can lead to anger or frustration. Rein in your energy and focus on the task at hand.



Queen of Staves

Upright Keywords: Courage, Confidence, Intuition

The Queen of Staves is an intuitive leader who has the ability to bring out the best in others. She is confident and comfortable being the center of attention. The Queen of Staves tells you to be bold and allow yourself time in the spotlight. Share your creative vision with others. You have a fiery energy that people are drawn to.

Reversed: You are feeling “off” lately, perhaps temperamental or lacking self-confidence. Turn your energy inward and allow yourself time to relax and reconnect to your passions.



King of Staves

Upright Keywords: Leader, Visionary,
Entrepreneur

A charismatic and natural leader, the King of Staves is respected by those around him. He has a talent for inspiring people to cooperate with one another to get a job done. The King of Staves calls on you to share your vision with others, uniting them to work with you towards a common goal. His card may appear at a time when you are being asked to share your problem-solving skills and help others through a challenge.

Reversed: Be mindful of how you treat others. Have you been arrogant or ruthless, thinking only of success? Do not take the help and hard work of others for granted.

CHALICES

The suit of chalices is associated with emotions, relationships, healing, creativity, and spiritual connections. It represents the complex element of water and its ability to take many forms, from steady and placid to tumultuous or raging. The energy of the suit of chalices is fluid and receptive.



Ace of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Love, Beginnings, Creativity

The Ace of Chalices indicates a period of abundant love and creativity. You are filled with compassion, curiosity, and inspiration. Allow the love within you to flow into everything you create. Watch for the prospect of a new relationship in your life. Allow yourself to be open to a deep and lasting connection with another, whether it's a romance or a promising new friendship.

Reversed: You might be repressing your emotions at this time. Do not keep them bottled up inside. Allow them to flow through you and be released.



II of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Partnership, Harmony,
Attraction

The Two of Chalices represents a partnership that is harmonious and mutually beneficial. It may be a romantic relationship, friendship, or business partnership. You may feel strongly connected to a new person in your life. Whatever the nature of your relationship with this person, you are naturally in sync with one another. Embrace this positive new connection and support it going forward.

Reversed: The Two of Chalices in reverse communicates a need for self-love. Don't look to another person to give you what you need. Learn to love yourself unconditionally before beginning a new relationship.



III of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Celebration, Collaboration, Friendship

Celebrate! The Three of Chalices is about gathering with people who love and support you. You might be looking forward to a big social gathering with family and friends, such as a wedding or a reunion. You could soon find yourself collaborating on a creative project with others who inspire you and bring out your creativity. The Three of Chalices reminds you to relax and spend time with those you love.

Reversed: You may feel you have become disconnected from friends, family, or a group of people close to you. As painful as it might be, it may be necessary to cut relationship ties that you have outgrown.



IV of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Apathy, Laziness,
Dissatisfaction

Turning away from what you have or what is being offered to you – that is the meaning behind the Four of Chalices. These opportunities and choices are available to you, but you are uninterested. Life may feel stagnant or passionless. Self-evaluation and meditation will help you to discover what is important to you and how to acquire it.

Reversed: Your lack of satisfaction with your life may cause you to become isolated from others. Take time for introspection but don't stay disconnected from others for too long.



Five of Chalices

V of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Disappointment, Regret, Pessimism

The Five of Chalices suggests too much focus is being put on a negative experience, such as a missed opportunity, a regret, a failure, or a loss. You may find you are unable to see the opportunities and positive aspects in your life because you can't see beyond something which occurred in the past. The best way to move forward is to accept the circumstances, knowing what you can and can't change.

Reversed: The Five of Chalices reversed indicates you are beginning to heal from what has hurt you in the past. You are ready to move on and embrace new possibilities and opportunities in your life.



VI of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Nostalgia, Reunion, Innocence

Pleasant childhood memories, pure joy, playfulness – the Six of Chalices is a card that reminds us of simpler times in our lives. You may need to reconnect to your inner child by being more spontaneous or engaging in creative activities that make you feel young at heart. The Six of Chalices is also a card of connections – you may soon find yourself walking down memory lane with someone from your past, or you may meet someone new who makes you feel like you did when you were younger.

Reversed: You could find yourself spending too much time thinking about the past, even idealizing the way things were. It is good to remember where you came from, but do not long for things to be as they once were and disengage with life in the present. Remember you are always making new memories.



VII of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Choices, Illusions, Imagination

The Seven of Chalices is about choices. You have multiple opportunities before you. Look at them carefully – some are illusions and not realistic, while others can be achieved if you work hard in the present and stay grounded in reality. You'll need the power of discernment to identify the opportunities for real growth and success from those that are only wishful thinking.

Reversed: You may struggle to make a choice because you are overwhelmed by the number of options before you. Do not let yourself stay stuck in indecision or get caught up in idealistic thinking. Only consider the options that are truly realistic.



VIII of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Withdrawal, Disappointment, Disinterest

The Eight of Chalices suggests unfulfillment in a situation that was expected to be ideal. You may appear to have everything you want, but the absence of something crucial is causing you to feel dissatisfied. Whatever the situation may be, it is time to walk away and move towards what you really want.

Reversed: The Eight of Chalices in reverse poses the question: What will make you happy? It may be unclear to you what you need to feel fulfilled. Take time to reflect on what will bring you happiness.



IX of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Contentment,
Accomplishment, Success

The Nine of Chalices is quite simply a card of contentment. You are at a point in life (or soon will be) where you can look at all you have accomplished and feel a sense of fulfillment. This is a card of personal success and happiness.

Reversed: The Nine of Chalices in reverse suggests that while you have everything you thought you wanted, you are feeling unfulfilled. Perhaps the motivation to achieve what you have now came from the desire for recognition or reward and not from a place within you that would bring authentic happiness.



X of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Harmony, Alignment, Gratitude

Building on the personal success of the Nine of Chalices, the Ten of Chalices expands to include harmonious and loving personal relationships – romantic and/or familial. It is a card of wholeness and emotional fulfillment. You have developed strong and supportive connections with the people closest to you. Enjoy this magical time in your life.

Reversed: In reverse, the Ten of Chalices signifies a disconnection from the people you love. It could be that your expectations of a romantic relationship are unrealistic, or you may have had a falling out with family members. Take time to consider what could be causing the disconnection and whether or not you'd like to mend your relationships.

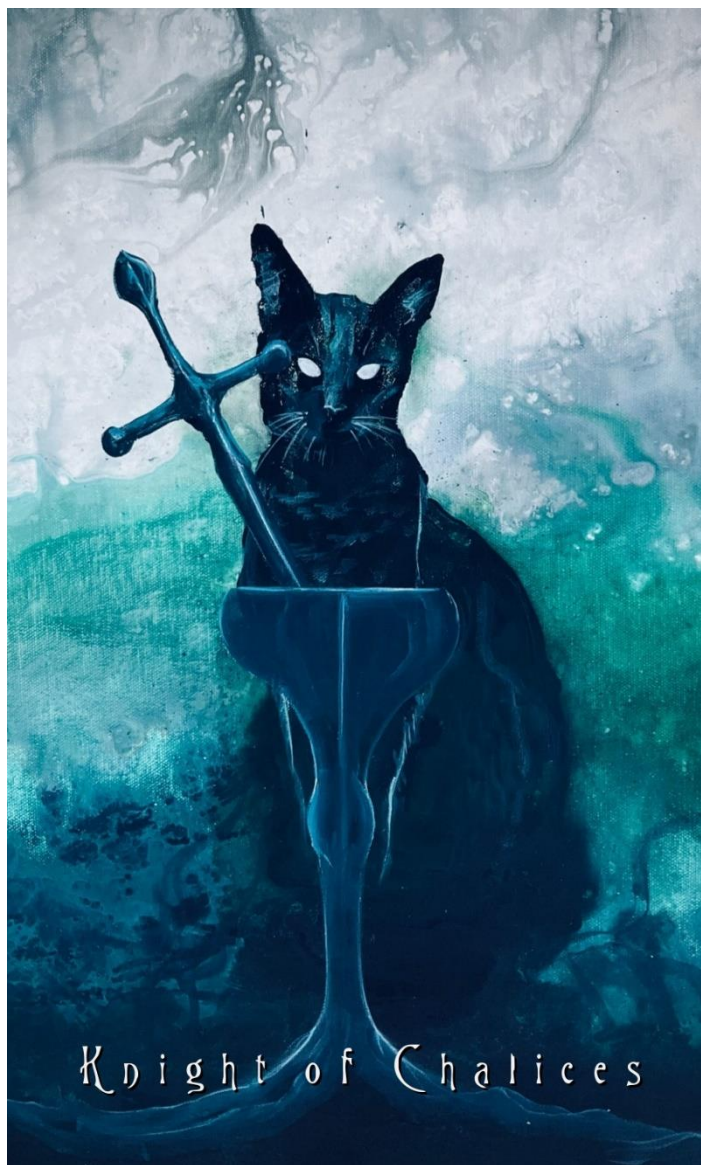


Page of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Intuition, Creativity,
Tenderness

The Page of Chalices represents the flow of creativity and openness to intuitive ideas. Comfortable with emotions and spirituality, this page allows both to inspire artistic endeavors. The Page of Chalices is a reminder to listen to your intuition, to express your emotions, and to embrace and nurture your artistic side. This is also a card of new opportunities, possibly even a new romance.

Reversed: The Page of Chalices in reverse suggests that you are not expressing your artistic side freely. You may be experiencing a creative block or just choosing to keep that side of yourself private. This action is leaving you feeling unfulfilled. Consider finding new ways of expressing your creative side.



Knight of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Charm, Romance, Imagination

The Knight of Chalices is romantic and charming. He is inspired by beauty, art, and emotions. His presence is meant to remind you to chase your passion. You may find yourself not only filled with creativity at this time, but also motivated to bring ideas into reality. This knight encourages you to listen to your heart when making decisions.

Reversed: You may allow your feelings to control you too much and be prone to emotional outbursts or brooding. Make sure you have a creative outlet that will help you release strong emotions.



Queen of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Nurturing, Compassionate, Stable

Intuitive and emotionally stable, the Queen of Chalices encourages you to trust your own intuition. Being connected to your heart's desires and taking time for self-love creates the ability to love others in a steady, supportive way. The Queen of Chalices reminds you to listen to your inner voice and show yourself the same compassion that you show others.

Reversed: You may be feeling off-center and less compassionate, even impatient, with others. This is a sign to take a break from caring for others and tend to your own needs.



King of Chalices

Upright Keywords: Kind, Loyal, Balanced

The King of Chalices represents a balance between the heart (emotions) and the mind (intellect.) He has the ability to look at a situation with both logic and an understanding of human emotions, making him a diplomatic leader and effective problem solver. The King of Chalices may appear when you need to step into the role of a leader who possesses these traits, or when someone who reflects these values has come into your life.

Reversed: The King of Chalices in reverse can use his knowledge of human interactions to be manipulative and deceitful. Be aware of anyone in your life who may be abusing a position of power.

MOONS

The suit of moons corresponds to the mind: thoughts, intellect, attitudes, truth, beliefs, and communication. It is also associated with conflict, struggle, and negative patterns of thinking. It represents the transparent element of air and has the ability to bring clarity in the midst of confusion. An unseen force, air is associated with movement and change, taking the form of a light breeze or a ferocious windstorm.



Ace of Moons

Upright Keywords: Triumph, Focus, Clarity

The Ace of Moons indicates a breakthrough or a new point of view. You may be experiencing a time where you have more clarity of thought and are able to stay focused on your goal. Your communication skills may be stronger than usual at this time.

Reversed: You may be experiencing brain fog or lack of focus at this time. Meditation and setting clear goals will help you focus.



II of Moons

Upright Keywords: Balance, Indecision, Stalemate

The Two of Moons represents the inability or refusal to make a decision. You could find yourself in a situation where you lack all the information needed to make a wise choice. This could be because it wasn't given to you freely, or because you don't want to look closely enough at the situation to see the truth of what's really going on. Don't stay in the dark – search for the truth so you can make an informed decision.

Reversed: You may feel stuck between two opposing sides and find yourself wondering who to support. Consider whether or not you are any help in this situation. It may be best to refuse to take sides and avoid the conflict.



Three of Moons

III of Moons

Upright Keywords: Sorrow, Heartbreak, Betrayal

A card that depicts pain, rejection, or betrayal, the Three of Moons may not be a pleasant sight in a Tarot spread, but it does carry an encouraging message. If looked at from a different angle, suffering can encourage personal growth. You may have been deeply hurt by someone, perhaps even blindsided, but don't let sorrow keep you down. Remember that you will eventually heal from this pain.

Reversed: When the Three of Moons is reversed, you are causing your own pain and suffering through negative self-talk and being too hard on yourself. Show yourself the same kindness you would show others.



IV of Moons

Upright Keywords: Rest, Peace, Meditation

The Four of Moons is a card of rest and healing. It is likely you have recently come through an emotionally painful or challenging time and now need to recuperate. Take the time to relax your body. Allow your mind to recharge.

Reversed: You may be overworking yourself, refusing to slow down in order to avoid feeling painful emotions. It is important to accept a situation, no matter how uncomfortable, and allow time for healing.



V of Moons

Upright Keywords: Conflict, Disagreement, Defeat

The Five of Moons represents defeat, no matter the nature of the conflict. You may have won the argument or battle, but in the end, you have lost something or someone you care about, and the victory is bittersweet. The Five of Moons reminds you to pick your battles wisely.

Reversed: The Five of Moons in reverse indicates someone is trying to keep you engaged in conflict, but you wish to forgive, forget, and move on.

Attempt to reconcile with this person, but if they refuse to make amends, maintain distance to keep the conflict from escalating.



VI of Moons

Upright Keywords: Passage, Transition, Release

The Six of Moons appears during a time of change. You may find that you have to leave something that is familiar to you behind and let go of attachments. It may be that you are leaving a relationship, changing jobs, or moving into a new home. Because this is a Moons card, change is necessary based on logic. Do not let your emotions stop you from moving forward into the unknown.

Reversed: You might be resisting a necessary change out of fear or sadness. It is best to accept this transition. Failing to do so will only delay what needs to be done.



VII of Moons

Upright Keywords: Deception, Secrets, Sneakiness

The Seven of Moons warns that someone is up to no good. Someone in your life may be hiding something from you, keeping secrets, or attempting to betray you. Be careful whom you trust, especially with sensitive information. Conversely, you might be the one doing the deceiving or keeping secrets. If so, beware—someone may be onto you.

Reversed: The Seven of Moons reversed indicates refusal to look at the truth of a situation. You are betraying yourself by ignoring the reality of what is happening around you. No matter how painful, it is always best to accept a situation for what it is.



VIII of Moons

Upright Keywords: Restriction, Imprisonment, Powerlessness

The Eight of Moons represents feeling stuck in a situation where escape may seem impossible. Have hope—the real restriction here is your perception of the situation. Do not let limiting thoughts and hopes keep you trapped. Change the way you view your circumstances and replace any negative, limiting thoughts with encouraging ones.

Reversed: When reversed, the Eight of Moons indicates you are letting go of self-limiting thoughts. Continue to see things from a positive point of view.



IX of Moons

Upright Keywords: Nightmares, Fear, Worry

Stress, worry, fear, feeling weighed down by dark thoughts and painful emotions – this is the Nine of Moons. Whatever is on your mind and heart haunts you during the day and keeps you awake at night. If you do not release yourself from the imprisonment of the Eight of Moons, it becomes the Nine of Moons. You may find yourself thinking of “what-if” scenarios or imagining the worst outcomes for situations in your life. Try to replace negative thoughts with positive ones. It may be time to reach out to someone in your life that you trust and can help you through this difficult time.

Reversed: The Nine of Moons reversed indicates you are ready to release your worries and fears. Reversed, this is a card of hope. You know it will be difficult, but you seek the light at the end of the tunnel.



X of Moons

Upright Keywords: Ruin, Endings, Crisis

The Ten of Moons indicates a painful ending, one that is inevitable. It may be the sudden end of a relationship or a job. It may signify a betrayal that cuts deep. The Ten of Moons can also reveal that this situation is causing you to play the role of the victim, therefore keeping you from accepting what has happened and moving on. You have been wronged, but don't stay in the energy of defeat. Remember this is an ending. By letting go and not resisting change, you can embrace a new beginning.

Reversed: This is a reminder that when you have hit bottom, the only way is up. The Ten of Moons reversed reveals you are ready to release the pain that has caused you distress. Now is the time of recovery.



Page of Moons

Upright Keywords: Curious, Clever,
Communicative

Full of energy, the Page of Moons is witty, curious, and loves to communicate. You may be looking for new ways to express yourself, communicate ideas, or even wish to study something new. The page tells you to move ahead with a new idea or project and remember not to let setbacks or mistakes stop you – view them as opportunities to learn.

Reversed: The Page of Moons reversed represents someone who thinks they know everything and refuses to listen to what others have to say on the topic. Remember to stay open-minded to what others can teach you.



Knight of Moons

Upright Keywords: Ingenuity, Determination, Quick-Thinking

The Knight of Moons knows what he wants and moves quickly to get it. He is action-oriented and uses his swift intellect to pursue his goals. You know what you want and are being urged to move towards it, but don't forget to think things through. This knight can be impatient and move too quickly without considering all of the possible challenges ahead.

Reversed: The Knight of Moons in reverse is impulsive and scatterbrained, unable to think ahead or stick to a plan. Be sure to create a solid strategy before springing into action.



Queen of Moons

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Upright Keywords: Independence, Communication, Boundaries

The Queen of Moons prefers to consider the facts and make objective decisions. She always listens to her head over her heart. This doesn't mean she isn't compassionate, but above all else she seeks the truth. She sets clear boundaries and expects them to be respected. You may need to embody the qualities of the Queen of Moons and be direct and to the point in your communication with others.

Reversed: You may come across as cold-hearted or callous to others because you prefer to communicate in a direct way that doesn't come across as emotional or compassionate. Some people in your life may need you to be more diplomatic.



King of Moons

Upright Keywords: Intellect, Authority, Truth

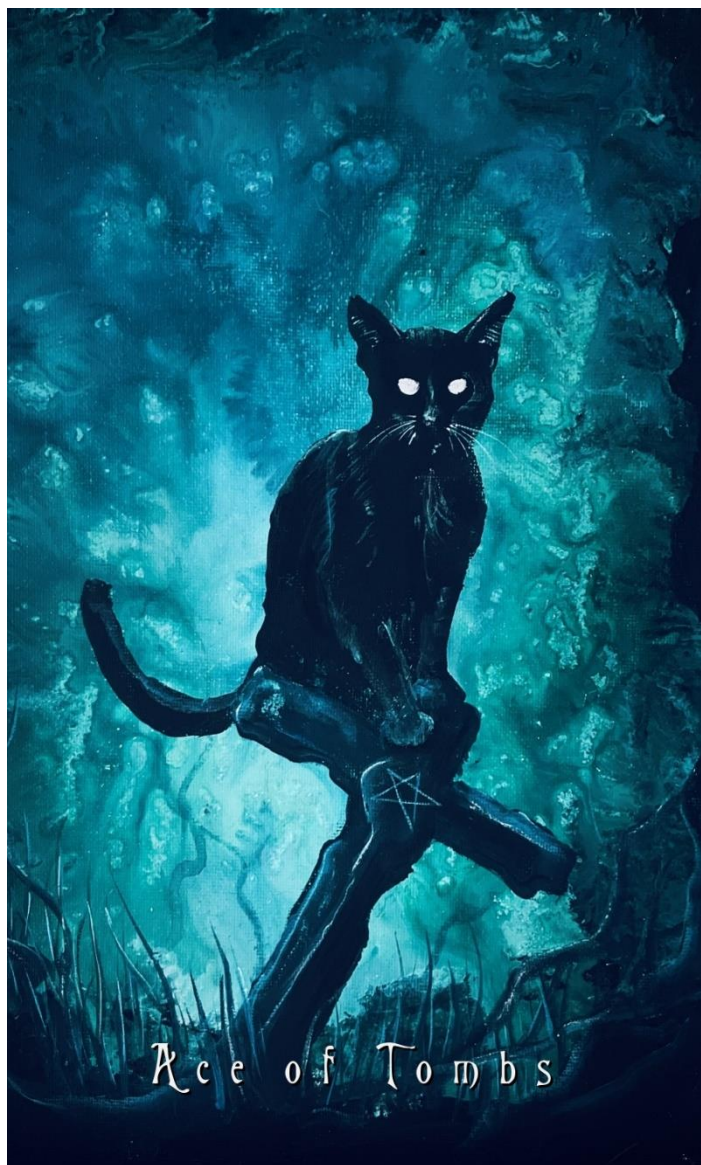
The King of Moons is an objective and intellectual leader. His presence persuades you to use your intellect and keen powers of observation to seek the truth in all situations. If you are in a position of authority, the King of Moons reminds you to be fair and impartial when making decisions.

Reversed: The King of Moons in reverse indicates a misuse of power or inflated ego. It can also indicate a feeling of intellectual superiority. Remember to treat others with respect.

TOMBS

The suit of tombs focuses on the material world: finances, career, home, property, and necessities. It symbolizes the solid, reliable element of earth, representing the resources needed throughout life.

The energy of the suit of tombs is practical and abundant, but also cyclical – reminding us of the changing seasons, birth and death, and that every beginning has an end.



Ace of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Opportunity, Abundance,
Manifestation

A new opportunity, associated with wealth, business, or manifestation, has appeared out of nowhere and is now available to you. This opportunity is staring you down. The choice is yours – accept this offer and turn it into something meaningful and sustainable...or miss your chance.

Reversed: Lack of foresight risks losing out on an obvious opportunity. Be prepared, or face the prospect of regret.



II of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Multiple Priorities, Time-Management, Adaptability

The Two of Tombs urges you to manage your time and your priorities carefully. Your workload is huge right now, and to get everything done, you must stay focused and productive. You may benefit from better time-management and a tighter schedule. Attention to detail, maybe even a bit of perfectionism, is crucial to your ability to meet all challenges headed your way. This card compels you to master your inner clock, or risk losing control.

Reversed: Over-committing oneself to too many tasks could lead to chaos. Pare down your schedule, or face pandemonium.



Three of Tombs

III of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Teamwork, Learning,
Implementation

The Three of Tombs reveals the value of different ideas and levels of wisdom while in collaboration. When those with different backgrounds, experience levels, and expertise come together, the results can be wondrous and very rewarding. Listen instead of speaking. Be willing to learn and accept the value of multiple minds joining to create something greater than the sum of its parts. Everyone can offer something, given the chance.

Reversed: Going at it alone or ignoring the contributions of others risks losing everything for which you strive. Be open-minded, or prepare for a harsh lesson.



IV of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Frugality, Conservatism, Security

The Four of Tombs appears when you are seeking more control in your life. At work, you may be micromanaging or highly resistant to change. In a relationship, you may be overly protective or possessive. On a personal level, you may be inflexible, possibly even willing to hoard money or possessions. It may be written in your face, your eyes, or your attitude. Change feels as if it's a threat. Breaks in routine are to be viewed with great suspicion.

Reversed: Giving in to greed, spending all your money, or focusing on material possessions have become the true threat. Rein it in, or risk losing all sense of security.



V of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Financial Loss, Poverty, Isolation

The Five of Tombs is a card of financial hard times. Your work, career, or finances may be in shambles. You may have recently lost your job, even your home. You no longer feel safe, and all the gains of yesteryear feel as if they are entombed in debt. Worse yet, your ego might be wounded, and you may feel humiliated. This period shall pass, but for the moment it might not seem like it.

Reversed: Having endured great losses, now is the time to bounce back. Perhaps you were too focused on material possessions to begin with. Here lies the opportunity to right the ship and recover.



VI of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Generosity, Charity, Sharing of Wealth

The Six of Tombs implies you have accumulated wealth and may now be in a position to offer financial assistance to those in need. Even if you are not wealthy, you might offer up your time, energy, love, and support to those of lesser means. Even if you're not in a position to give away money, perhaps you can make gifts of your time, your wisdom, or your experience. These gifts are often just as valuable, if not more so than actual wealth. Trust now that your offerings will come back to you, often in spades.

Reversed: Remember, even if you're in a good financial position, to give to yourself. And if you do give to others, give wisely, selflessly, and be mindful that not all debts will be repaid.



VII of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Perseverance, Investment, Foresight

The Seven of Tombs reveals the value of putting in the hard work today, with the aim of achieving long-term success. You're not fond of short-term gains or easy wins. You want success tomorrow and well beyond, and you want it to last for many years. When this card appears, view it as a chance to step back from the mundane day-to-day work and look at the bigger picture. Assess your long-term goals and ask yourself the question – Am I working toward a sustainable, lasting future?

Reversed: Without a clear goal and working toward it, your achievements may feel stunted. Your wins may be small and temporary. It's time to refocus and see the bigger picture.



VIII of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Apprenticeship, Repetition, Mastery

The Eight of Tombs indicates the need to hone and perfect your skills. You may already be proficient, but you are now seeking to become a master in your field. Now is the time for renewed focus and dedication in your studies or your field of work. Long is the road to mastery of your chosen skill, but perhaps at this exact moment you are more ready than ever. Prepare for the journey. The time has come.

Reversed: Be wary not to stunt your quest for mastery with the pitfalls of perfectionism and negativity. Such things may undermine you. If you strive to increase your skill, but fail to reach the highest level of success, perhaps this road is not for you.



IX of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Luxury, Abundance, Financial Independence

The Nine of Tombs recognizes your hard work, and reveals that at last you can enjoy the fruits of your labor. Through raw effort and discipline, you've earned well-deserved success and created a foundation of wealth and comfort. Now is the time to savor the rewards of a life well-spent. Enjoy this moment of comfort and relaxation. If it's not wealth that has found you, perhaps you've found harmony and balance with some aspect of the world surrounding you. This too can be savored, if only for a while.

Reversed: Perhaps you've been working too hard. In your quest for success, it's possible your confidence and sense of self-worth have been wounded. Recenter yourself, and restore balance to your life.



X of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Wealth, Financial Security, Achievement

When the Ten of Tombs appears, it's possible you have become surrounded by wealth and graced with financial abundance. In all things material, you've reached a place of plentitude. You are secure now, and because of your accomplishments, you might always have what you desire. Be grateful for these days. They are well-earned. If the opportunity arises, share the wealth with those less fortunate. Your family may be counting on you.

Reversed: Perhaps wealth has come to you, but at a high price. You may find yourself chasing more and more money to the detriment of yourself and your happiness. Your job, even your family, may be at risk during this time. Be wary.



Page of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Manifestation, Opportunity, Development

The Page of Tombs portends new beginnings and fresh inspiration. The Page reveals a new awareness of the value of money, career, and physical health, and gives a glimpse of how to manifest more material gains. While the Page doesn't promise these things are coming to you, it does indicate new ideas, new goals, and your willingness to pursue both. Now is the time to gain wisdom, to become a student of success, and to visualize your future in the best possible terms.

Reversed: Perhaps you've been working hard, but not smart. Your lack of progress toward your goals may stem from an unwillingness to learn new skills or from procrastination. Now is not the time to dally. Open your mind, learn from the past, and retake your future.



Knight of Tombs

Knight of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Reliability, Hard Work,
Routine

Methodical. Relentless. Focused. Perhaps these words describe you right now. You have a goal, and nothing is going to stop you from reaching it. Your plan is airtight, and while you may not work swiftly, you are highly consistent, dedicated, and committed. Now is not the time for change. Stay the course, and in time your goals will be realized. It may be that the mundane grind of work is wearing on you. Trust that in the end, it will all be worthwhile.

Reversed: It's time to stop dreaming and start doing. Without a plan, even a mundane or dull one to guide you, you may have lost your way. Great things are accomplished through hard work. Accept this, and be better for it.



Queen of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Nurturing, Practical, Down-to-Earth

The Queen of Tombs signifies that you have become a parental figure. You are a giver of security, a provider, and a nurturer. For the people lucky enough to be cared for by you, you create a sense of home and safety second to none. Also, you have found a healthy balance between your home life and work life. In this balanced atmosphere, you're able to create a secure environment for your loved ones while also maintaining a sense of independence. If this parental figure isn't directly you, the Queen of Tombs may indicate the presence of such a figure in your life.

Reversed: Rather than providing for others, you may find that you are doing so strictly for yourself. You may even find yourself struggling to find balance in your work/home lives.



King of Tombs

Upright Keywords: Abundance, Leadership,
Discipline

The King of Tombs reveals tangible evidence of your abundant wealth-creating power. If you're involved in a business, you will thrive. If you have a plan, you will make it real. Rather than simply generate ideas – you tend to manifest your goals, typically with tremendous success. Particularly involving money, you can rest assured of your prosperity. No longer do you have the need to prove yourself. If you set your mind to it, you have the power and will to make ideas become reality. Your goals have been achieved.

Reversed: Financial ineptitude, coupled with an obsession with wealth, can lead to ruin. Family and friendships may suffer, and goals will go unrealized. If you find yourself stuck in such a place, it's time to reverse course.

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