

Shadow Journey

Tarot



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Welcome to Shadow Journey Tarot. This 78-card deck includes original art by artist J Edward Neill and card concepts & keywords by Heather Neill. This is our second tarot deck, and our most serious divination tool yet.

Shadow Journey Tarot is intended to be a powerful tool of self-reflection and growth. We hope you will use it as a personal tool of spiritual evolution, learning more about yourself with each card pulled. More than anything, we hope you enjoy your experience.

Shadow Journey Tarot illustrates the travels of a young girl through the various stages of her life. The Fool (pictured as a girl or woman) begins as a young, fresh novice, ready for adventure. On her way, she'll encounter friends and foes, challenges and triumphs. Her allies and adversaries include Skelly (from J Edward's Skelly & the Girl painting series) haunting cloaked figures, and a handful of animal companions. The setting of her journey is surreal in nature, including realms and landscapes not quite of this world.

Artistically, the deck contains art spanning nearly seven years of work. The very first artwork completed (Seven of Goblets) was

finished in 2016, while the final piece (Six of Cloaks) was completed in May of 2023. Each and every card originates from an original acrylic painting, mostly on sturdy wood panels, a few on cotton canvasses.

There are many ways to read this tarot deck, which is true of all decks. No one method is considered the absolute best. Rather than include separate reversal definitions, we believe it's up to the querent to determine the meaning of each card by careful consideration of its placement in a spread. 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.

For reference, Shadow Journey Tarot suits translate to traditional tarot suits as follows:

Candles = Wands

Goblets = Cups

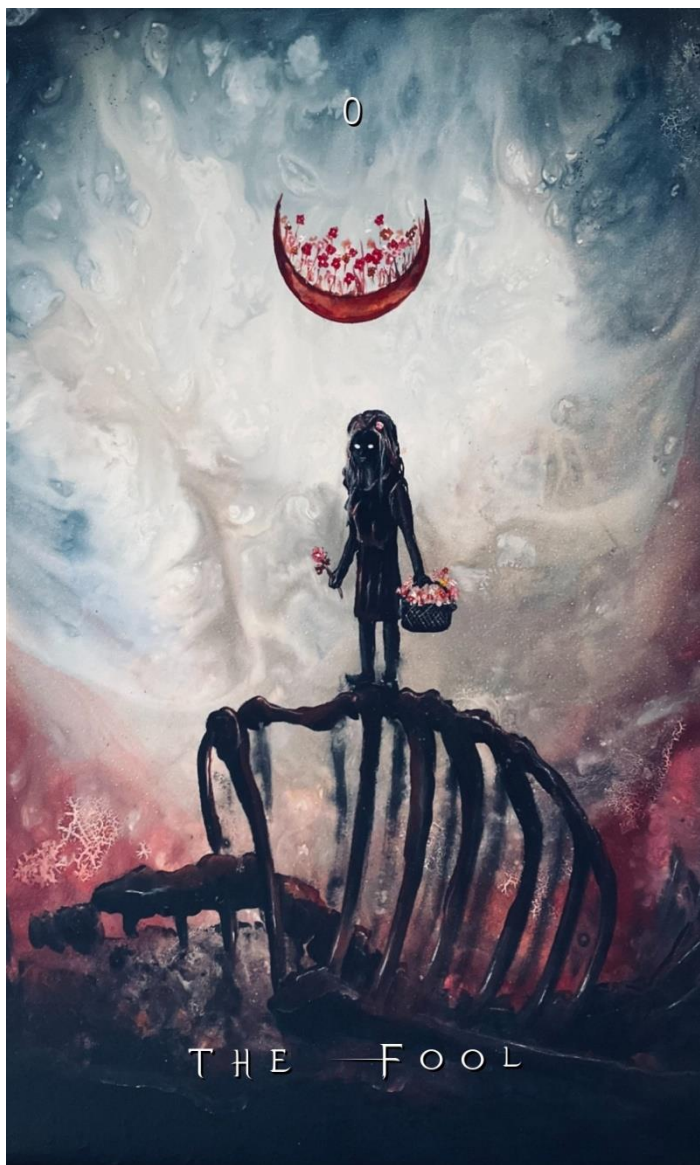
Cloaks = Swords

Bones = Pentacles

The Shadow Journey now begins. Please enjoy.

Major Arcana

The cards of the Major Arcana tell the story of the Fool's Journey, represented in this deck as a girl or woman. The Fool is card 0 in the Major Arcana. The next twenty 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.



0 The Fool

Realm of Possibilities

The Fool stands in the realm of possibilities, balancing on the bones of her previous journey, which have recently come to an end. She travels light, carrying only a basket of flowers representing the hope and optimism needed to begin her next journey. Here, she is in the space where endings and beginnings overlap, a place of potentiality where ideas thrive.

To be The Fool is to be present in the energy of infinite possibilities, without any barriers or limits weighing on her mind. She is not laden with expectations; she prepares for her new journey with an open heart. The Fool represents spontaneity, originality, and innocence. She is daring and open to finding happiness in unexpected places.

The Fool is naïve and unequipped for troubles that lie ahead. Throwing caution aside, she may forget to look before she leaps into the unknown.

The Fool's challenge is to remain courageous and optimistic while taking the time to prepare for unforeseen obstacles she may encounter along the way.



1 The Magician

Magic of Manifestation

Standing outside the realm of possibility is The Magician. The Magician is skillful, quick to act, and an expert at manifesting whatever he imagines. The Magician possesses all the elemental tools of the Tarot (fire, water, air, and earth), making him a master of his passions, heart, and mind.

The Magician encourages you to connect to your innate ability to create your destiny. He reminds us that we all have the tools to manifest what we truly want in our lives if we are willing to dream without limits and work hard, even when it's difficult or unpleasant.

The Magician can be skilled in deception or trickery. Do not allow anyone to manipulate the appearance of a situation in your life or pull the strings behind the scenes. Do not deceive yourself or use your talents to deceive others.

The Magician may signify that your talents lie dormant and are not being used to their fullest potential. To manifest, you must realize your own potential and dream fearlessly.



2 The High Priestess

Connecting to Intuition

The High Priestess stands beneath a dark moon that represents worldly knowledge, but her attention is on the white moon hovering above her hand. The purity of her intuition is reflected in this moon, for she has complete confidence in the power of her inner voice and doesn't need to look elsewhere to seek validation. She possesses insight into the mysteries hidden within herself, in the world around her, and in the subconscious realm.

In this knowledge she finds equilibrium and a deep sense of peace. The High Priestess assures you that you have access to these mysteries through your own intuition and connection to divine wisdom. Allow your inner voice to guide you to the truth.

The High Priestess may make an appearance when you are purposely ignoring your inner voice because you don't want to see the truth of a situation. Fearlessly embrace the enlightenment she brings you. Use it to accurately see the intentions of others and know who has your best interest at heart.



3 The Empress

Power of Creation

A symbol of creation, The Empress stands in a field surrounded by vibrant blossoms. She is attentive to them, sharing her nurturing energy with each flower, and in return they thrive in her presence. The Empress encourages you to connect to the creator and nurturer that lives within you. Now is a time of creative abundance and self-expression.

Your genuine and very personal creative energy flows through you. There are many ways in which you can harness it and bring it to life in the world around you. You may prefer to embark on a solo creative project, or you may choose to co-create with others, combining your unique energies into one project.

You may find yourself with the powerful urge to be a nurturer. This can be expressed in different ways, such as caring for people, animals, plants or land, or by paying more attention to your own needs and nurturing yourself.

The appearance of The Empress may indicate you are experiencing a creative block. Connecting to the earth by spending time in nature, grounding yourself by walking barefoot on natural surfaces, sitting in a forest or natural area, or meditating near moving water are all things you can do to re-connect to your creativity.



4 The Emperor

Stability and Order

The Emperor is the companion energy to The Empress. Instead of a field of flowers, he stands in a field of bones, symbolizing the lengths he will go to in order to defend who and what he loves. What The Empress creates and nurtures, The Emperor protects. He is a powerful leader and authority figure who is fair and just. The sturdy structure behind him represents the stability and order his energy brings into the world.

The Emperor may appear when you are being called to a leadership position that requires you to possess traits similar to his. Strive to be powerful, protective, and firm, but also fair. Share your knowledge and expertise with those you lead.

Drawing The Emperor may also mean you need to be strategic in the way you approach something in your life right now. If you are pursuing a goal, be sure to do so in a well-ordered manner, staying methodical and focused.

Sometimes leadership and authority can go to a person's head. The Emperor warns against misusing your position of power or mistreating those you are meant to lead. Be aware of anyone around you who may be abusing a position of authority.



5 The Hierophant

Keeper of Knowledge

The Hierophant symbolizes tradition, convention, and institutions. He is the keeper of knowledge, and he passes down his wisdom to earnest pupils. His beliefs are etched in stone, built on a foundation of core values that have been passed down through the years.

The Hierophant may stand for commitment. This could be commitment to a belief system, an institution, even to another person through marriage. You may find yourself seeking a conventional foundation for your life right now and choose to find others in your community who share your values.

The Hierophant also appears when you have been spending a lot of time learning through deep study and information-gathering. You may have recently started questioning, even challenging, what you have learned or been taught by others.

Here, The Hierophant represents the solid structure of tradition. However, a white moon appears in place of his head. It is the same moon that hovers above the palm of The High Priestess, symbolizing enlightenment through the power of your own intuition. This image suggests it may be time to expand your mind and start building your own belief systems.



6 The Lovers

Union

The core meaning of The Lovers card is union. It may be the balance and harmony you feel within yourself when you are able to live in a way that is true to you. It signifies the union of knowledge, values, and beliefs. It may represent someone you know (or will know) with whom you share a strong connection. It could also indicate the need to make a choice.

Moving into the energy of The Lovers, you can release the standardized knowledge and beliefs of The Hierophant and develop your own personal beliefs. This will change your perception of the world around you and allow you to live authentically. You may decide to merge parts of the old with the new, creating a union of knowledge within you.

The Lovers card may appear when you have someone in your life with whom you feel a magnetic attraction. This indicates a beautiful relationship where each person openly trusts and respects the other. It is a bond you must continue to nurture.

You may find that The Lovers card appears when you are faced with making a choice. You may find it difficult to choose, desiring to merge each option into one easy answer rather than choose one thing (or person) over the other. Unfortunately, you must

decide. Be sure to make the decision that feels right to you.

Sometimes you may pull The Lovers when you are in external conflict, likely with someone close to you. You may feel disconnected from this important person in your life. There may be an imbalance between you, disrupting your once peaceful union. You will have to decide whether your relationship can be repaired or if it is time to part ways.



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THE CHARIOT

7 The Chariot

Focused Action

You have come to the fast-moving energy of The Chariot, and you are ready to harness it. You have your heart set on something, and you feel the fire of determination pushing you to move forward and claim what you want. The Chariot sits, unmoving, and waits to be your mode of transportation. Before you can take the reins, you must devise a detailed plan of action.

At this stage in your journey, you have a strong sense of who you are and what you want. You must also be realistic and have an idea of how you will attain these things. If you remain determined and stay the course, you will overcome the challenges ahead. Be bold. There is no room for indecision or trepidation now. Victory will be yours if you are assertive.

If you question whether you should move forward with a dream or goal, The Chariot is confirmation that you are headed in the right direction.

Sometimes The Chariot can appear as a warning that you lack focus and direction in your life. What is it you really want? If you lack ambition or confidence, know that you have what it takes to be triumphant in your pursuits.



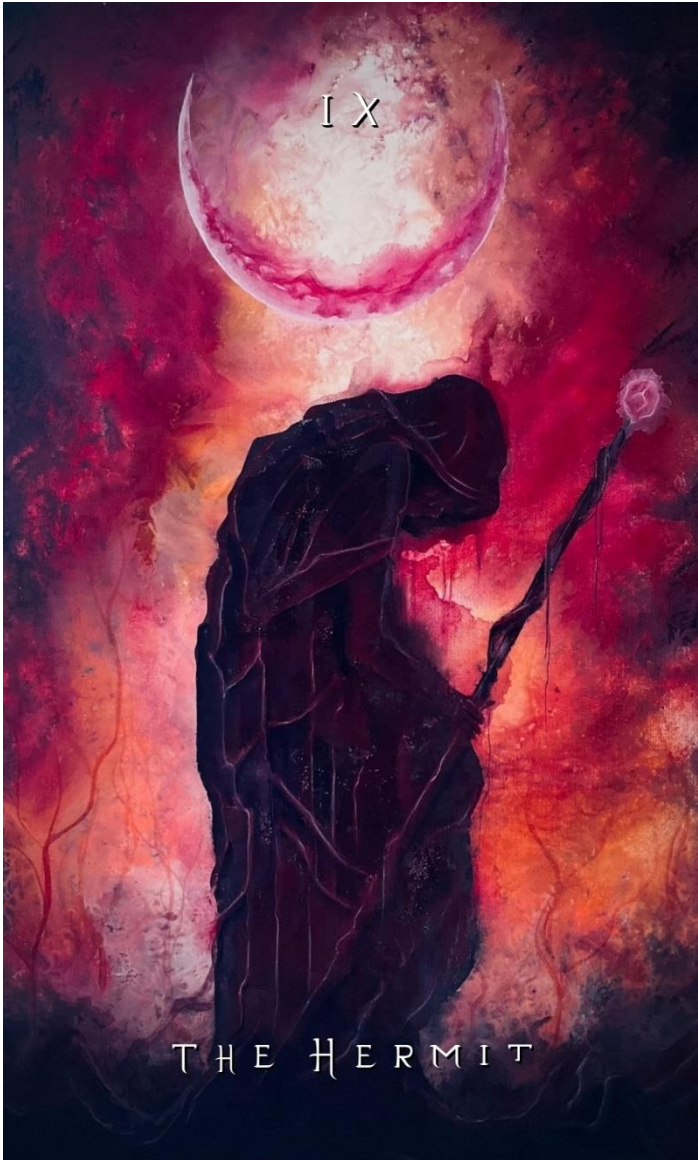
8 Strength

Personal Power

The Strength card represents inner strength and carries the energy of personal power. It is a reminder of your ability to show compassion in times of struggle, exude control in times of chaos, and display courage in times of adversity. You have the gift of resilience. You can overcome any obstacle in life.

If you are currently facing a challenging situation in your life, the Strength card warns you to watch your emotions. Strong, reactive emotions or retaliation will only make a situation more difficult. Be sure to keep your composure.

You may feel vulnerable, low-energy, or on the verge of defeat right now. Perhaps you have experienced setback after setback and find it hard to muster the strength to continue fighting. Maybe you feel the weight of the world on your shoulders. You may find it harder and harder to control your emotions and sense you are losing control of yourself. The Strength card can appear when you need to withdraw for a while and then continue the battle after you have regained your strength.



9 The Hermit

Reflection and Refinement

The Hermit knows when she needs to withdraw from the world and spend time alone reflecting on her life. She uses this time to examine her relationships, her career, and his day-to-day activities. She recognizes what gives her strength, what depletes her, what must change, and what should stay the same.

You may draw The Hermit card when you are at an important crossroads in your life. You likely need to make a life-changing decision that takes a lot of thought. Take enough time to meditate so you can reach the best decision for your personal happiness.

The Hermit may represent a mentor, teacher, or spiritual guide who will come into your life at a time when you need them most.

Introspection can be valuable, but too much can have negative effects on relationships. Sometimes The Hermit warns that you have spent too much time in isolation and have become detached from people important to you.



10 Wheel of Fortune

Cycles

The Wheel of Fortune symbolizes the cycles we experience throughout our lives. Fortune and misfortune, good and bad times, beginnings and endings—life is filled with ups and downs. These cycles are inevitable. Most of the time, we can't change them. What we experience a time of misfortune, unexpected endings, or challenges, we can try to find comfort in knowing that things will get better.

The Wheel of Fortune may appear in a reading when you receive signs from the universe. You may have noticed a lot of synchronicities and repeating number patterns lately. If you are at a pivotal point in your life, these could be answers to questions you have about what to do next.

You may draw the Wheel of Fortune when your luck is about to change. If you have been experiencing a time of good fortune, there may be down times and struggles ahead. If you've been down on your luck or facing challenges, things may change for the better.



11 Justice

Truth and Accountability

Justice carries the energy of actions and consequences. If you have done something to wrong someone in the past, you will now be held accountable for your actions. If you are currently harming someone else or being untruthful, you will be called out and forced to accept the consequences. Change the situation now before it gets worse.

The Justice card may appear when the truth is being withheld or a secret is being kept. It can indicate that someone is lying to you or causing trouble, and you are not yet aware of the damage being done. With the Justice card, truth will be revealed.

Sometimes you may draw Justice when you are withholding the truth from yourself. You may deny that you have done something because you don't want to feel wrong or guilty. If so, you must accept the truth and face the consequences.



12 The Hanged Man

Suspension

Sometimes in life we need to hit the pause button and look at things from a different perspective. The Hanged Man carries the energy of suspension and appears when we need to bring everything in our lives to a halt, putting the brakes on our actions, thoughts, and even relationships.

If your days begin to look the same, if you are trapped in the monotony of routine, The Hanged Man appears to tell you it's time to make changes. Step out of the flow of your routine and look at your life from a different perspective. Look for hidden opportunities you may have missed, new possibilities for yourself, and ways to change your routine. Remember, The Hanged Man is not a card of action but a card indicating a waiting period. While it is important to reflect on what you can do to improve your life, it may not be time to make sweeping changes. In quiet contemplation, The Hanged Man stays suspended as long as it takes to hear his heart's desires.

The appearance of The Hanged Man may indicate a struggling relationship that needs to be suspended. If you have been in conflict with someone close to you, it may take a period of separation to allow the air to clear between you. During this time, consider any negative

patterns in the relationship and what can be done to
break them.

If you have already been in a period of suspension or
indecision, you may draw **The Hanged Man** when it is
time to be decisive and put your life back into motion.



13 Death

Transition

The Death card represents not literal death but the energy of transition. The Death part of this transition allows necessary change to occur so something new can begin. The transformation can be external, internal, or both. It is the period of action following The Hanged Man's time of suspension.

Drawing the Death card can be disconcerting but it is one of the most positive cards in the Tarot if looked at from a different perspective. Yes, you will need to be brave and to let go of something familiar, even comfortable, to allow change to take place and that can be scary. Releasing the old will make way for new opportunities that you may not have believed possible.

Sometimes Death may bring in the energy of transformation when an internal change is needed. You may not realize that old mindsets, limiting beliefs, bad habits, and behavior patterns may be holding you back and keeping you from being happy.

You may draw the Death card when you are resisting change that is already occurring in your life. You may cling to unhealthy attachments to people, a certain lifestyle, or a "safe" and easy way of living. Death warns you to release these attachments because they only hold you back.



14 Temperance

Self-Control

Temperance brings an energy of peace and balance. This energy surrounds those who have mastered the ability to maintain self-control, even in the most trying times. Anyone can tap into the energy of Temperance, but it takes a notable amount of self-discipline. Temperance can indicate that you have mastered this art and that others around you may have benefited from your go-with-the-flow approach to life.

Temperance may indicate you need to get your life back into balance. If you feel stressed or overwhelmed, harness the energy of Temperance to restore calm to your life.

Temperance may appear in a spread when you have overindulged in something, to the point where it may use up a lot of time and mental energy. It could be food, drink, sex, or excessive purchasing. Temperance reminds you to do everything in moderation.

If you have been feeling impatient, angry, or have been struggling with extreme emotions, Temperance urges you to exercise patience with yourself and others. You can't control everything around you, but you can control your reactions. Pay close attention to how you interact with others.



15 The Devil

Bondage

The Devil card represents deceit, bondage, and the illusion that you don't have any control over negative influences in your life. You may be a slave to your own thoughts, thinking you need to live a life of overindulgence. The opposite energy of Temperance, The Devil appears when you wish to do nothing in moderation, constantly finding yourself giving in to instant gratification or excess.

The Devil card also carries the energy of illumination. It may appear when you need to truly see what keeps you feeling powerless. Acknowledge that these things have a hold on you. You are the master of your thoughts and emotions. You have the power to tackle your dependencies, negative thoughts, behavioral patterns, addictions, and anything else you may face.

The Devil may indicate you have already acknowledged that a change needs to be made and you are now ready to free yourself from constraints. Demolish all limiting beliefs, destroy all fears, and focus on freeing yourself from entrapment.



16 The Tower

Upheaval

At first glance, The Tower appears to be an impressive structure, sturdy and colossal. In reality, the foundation is weak, and the structure is built on unstable ground.

Its fall is inevitable. When it goes down, it will be quick.

The Tower card signifies upheaval in your life. Brace yourself. Prepare for the unexpected. You cannot predict what your life will look like after the dust clears.

The Tower may appear when you are about to be ripped from your comfort zone, physically or emotionally. You may like the way your life is going now and wish for things to stay the same, but underneath the surface, something isn't quite right. There may be secrets, illusions, or corruption beneath everything you've built. Now it will be revealed.

Resisting will only make it more difficult. Remember, these changes will benefit you. You can rebuild something new and true to you on a much stronger foundation.



17 The Star

Hope

As you move forward in your journey, leaving the rubble of the fallen Tower behind you, The Star appears and welcomes you into a new energy of hope. If you feel exhausted, lost, even hopeless, allow the healing energy of The Star to embrace you.

After what you have been through, you may not feel like rejoicing at the possibilities of a new beginning. For now, just know the energy of renewal is available to you. See The Star as a beacon of hope shining above, ready to guide you along a new path.

The Star is a symbol of inner strength. If you feel alone, know that the universe is ready to co-create with you. You have a storehouse of knowledge and experience within you, a resilience that you probably haven't tapped into yet. When you are ready, use these tools to rebuild your life into something beautiful and fulfilling.

You may draw The Star when you feel you've lost all faith and motivation to move on. You may be despondent after your recent experiences. Your spirit may feel drained of hope. See The Star as a symbol of faith that things can only get better from here if you keep persevering.



18 The Moon

Illusion

Like The Devil, The Moon appears when you experience the feeling of being controlled by something in your life. However, while The Devil signifies knowable urges and external influences, The Moon's energy is more nebulous, closely linked to the subconscious, shadowy areas of the mind.

The Moon seeks to illuminate fears, anxieties, illusions, and hidden truths. Your actions may be driven by these mental deceivers that exist for self-preservation and self-protection. They've likely been with you for many years. They've had a strong impact on how you perceive yourself and the world around you. The Moon encourages you to explore these shadows in your mind and become aware of how they influence your daily life.

Sometimes The Moon will appear when the appearance of a great relationship or situation in your life is really an illusion. It may appear to be great on the surface, but something about it triggers your intuition and raised warning flags. Pay attention to these signs. Examine things closely to find the truth.



19 The Sun

Pure Joy

Always a welcome sign in a Tarot reading, The Sun radiates positive energy. You have reached a period of optimism, joy, and positivity. Things can't get any better than this. Enjoy this time in your life and savor every moment.

This is a time for you to shine in many ways. You may feel you are experiencing a rebirth or renewal of your spirit. You may even feel you've reconnected to your inner child. Allow yourself to emanate pure joy and attract positivity. The Sun brings abundance into your life, possibly even new relationships.

The Sun indicates that now is a good time to be creative. The childlike happiness you are experiencing is the perfect energy for self-expression. There isn't any room for doubt or feelings of self-consciousness here. Allow yourself to create without inhibitions.

You may draw The Sun when you enter a period of success. You feel vibrant and unstoppable. You may even be ready to make life-changing decisions. Now is a great time to make dreams come true.



20 Judgement

Self-Evaluation

The penultimate step in your journey through the major arcana, Judgement asks you to stop and self-evaluate. In a sense, Judgement is a gatekeeper for The World. You must pause here and consider your journey thus far.

If you look at your life as a puzzle, this is a time when you need to make sure you have all the pieces, and that they are in the proper place. The picture your puzzle creates is built by your experiences, actions, and consequences. It also reflects your trials, triumphs, and moments of self-reflection.

Have you released what you should and left it in the past? Have you let go of limiting beliefs about yourself and your life? Do you have an accurate and honest sense of yourself? Do you know what it is you truly want for yourself? Take the time to reflect on these questions before you go any further.

Depending on how you answer these questions, you may need to make difficult decisions. Cast aside all doubts and fears. Set everything right so you can move towards completion.



21 The World

Accomplishment

The World represents the full circle of your journey from beginning to end. You have completed a cycle. It's time for you to celebrate this moment. As you have more cycles to complete throughout your life, a new journey awaits you. For now, enjoy what you have accomplished.

Whatever your personal accomplishment looks like, take a moment to reflect on how you made it here. Celebrate your personal growth and all your successes along the way. Remember the lessons you learned throughout this journey. Take them with you on the next one.

If you haven't quite made it to the end, be sure to tie up any loose ends. You may still lack understanding in a particular area and need to spend more time in reflection before you can cross the finish line. Find the weak spots. Release anything that holds you back.

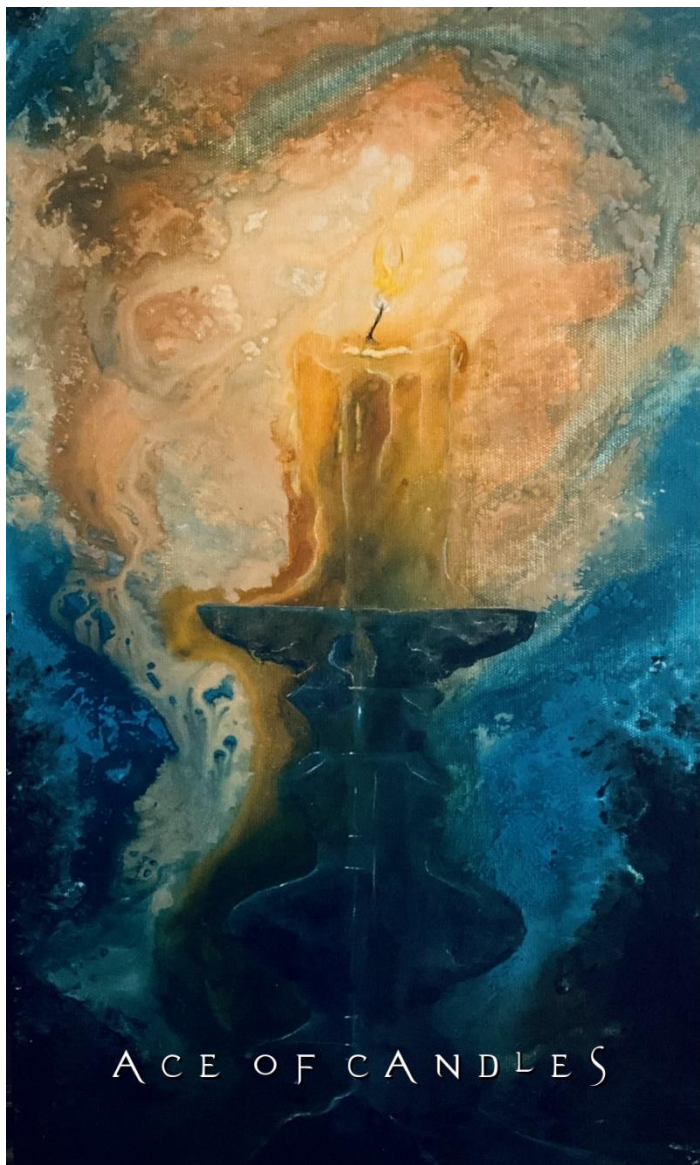
Minor Arcana

The Minor Arcana represents everyday themes and aspects of daily life. It consists of four suits. Here, in Shadow Journey Tarot, the four suits are: Candles, Goblets, Cloaks, and Bones, 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.

Candles

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



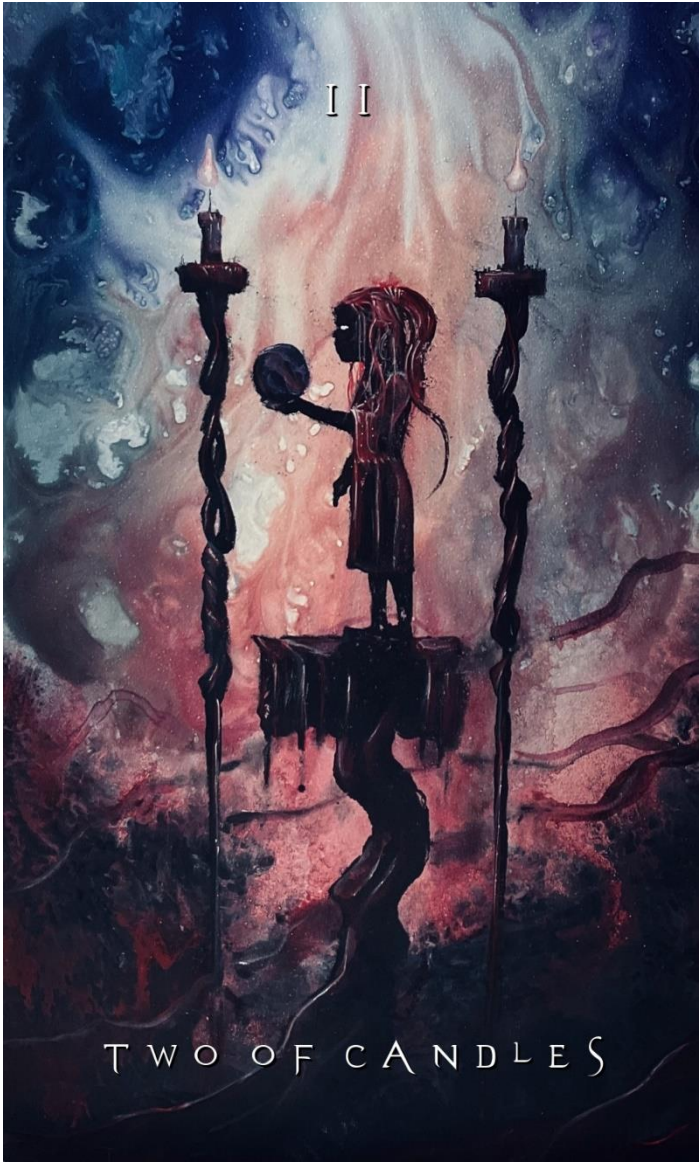
ACE OF CANDLES

Ace of Candles

The Spark

The Ace of Candles is a spark of inspiration. When it appears, it brings the energy of something new or reignites an old passion buried inside you. This card encourages you to take a leap: follow your heart, listen to your gut, hear your inner voice. Embrace the fiery energy it brings. Pour it into what you truly want, whether it be personal or spiritual growth, romance, a new project, or a career change. Allow passion to bring you to life spiritually and energetically.

The challenge with the Ace of Candles is to know where to direct this new energy. You must have a clear idea where to start. What path must you take to get what you want? Create a plan but move quickly – do not let the fire die out. If you are indecisive, confused, prone to procrastination, or unwilling to put things into motion, you will miss this opportunity.



Two of Candles

The Plan

Whereas the Ace of Candles brings in the energy of inspiration, the Two of Candles tells you it is time to craft a plan of progression. Protect your spark and keep it alive while you take the time to carefully plan the necessary steps to reach your goal. You may feel tempted to move ahead without a fully realized plan. Keep in mind that the planning stage is important. It will allow you to move ahead with focus and intention.

The challenge with the Two of Candles is being able to keep your focus on the bigger picture during the preparation phase, while also maintaining your initial enthusiasm and excitement. It is important to hold on to your passion while you take the time to focus on the practical aspects of your new ambition.



Three of Candles

Expansion

The Three of Candles expands horizons. This is not a time to pause or wait for things to come to you. It is a time for movement and growth. Fan the flame of inspiration by exploring options and choices, creating opportunities for new discoveries, and finding new, interesting ways to tackle any challenges. Now is the time to engage in activities that will allow you to experience new things and expand your mind. Traveling, taking a class, making a point to meet new people are all ways to promote personal growth.

The Three of Candles wants you to avoid limiting yourself by playing it safe or sticking with what you already know. The challenge is the fear of the unknown. It is time to step away from your comfort zone and venture into new territories.



Four of Candles

The Foundation

Through planning, breaking out of your comfort zone, hard work, and successful manifesting, you have created a solid foundation for yourself and reached an important milestone. It is time to celebrate! The energy of the Four of Candles is stable, balanced, and joyful. Take time to step back and enjoy what you have achieved in your life. This card can be a doorway to your heart's desire - whatever that is for you personally. The Four of Candles is also a card of comfort and familiarity. Now is a wonderful time to gather with friends, loved ones, or return to the place that feels like home to you.

If you are feeling unsupported or in conflict with those closest to you, the Four of Candles arrives with the challenge of taking the time to celebrate your accomplishments on your own. If reconciliation with your support system is not an option, find ways to acknowledge and support yourself, honoring your achievements in a way that is special to you.



Five of Candles

Rivalry

Others have noticed your progress and not everyone is thrilled to see you doing so well for yourself. The Five of Candles brings the energy of conflict, rivalry, competition - even jealousy. You may have already detected tension between you and another or it may still brew quietly beneath the surface. Depending on how you react to this conflict, this challenging time could lead to opportunities for growth.

The Five of Candles brings the challenge of knowing when it is best to remain silent and let things pass, and when it is best to confront the conflict and find an effective way to communicate to resolve any issues between you and others.



Six of Candles

Victory

Congratulations! You passed through the difficult energy of the Five of Candles while staying focused on your goal. The Six of Candles announces your victory.

Others are recognizing your hard work and achievements. You may even receive an award. Take pride in your accomplishments and celebrate this triumphant moment in your life.

At times, it may be hard for any of us to believe we have come so far in our lives. The challenge with the Six of Candles is to accept that **YOU** have accomplished remarkable things. Do not second guess your abilities or allow self-doubt to creep in. Stay in the focused, fiery energy of candles and continue to move forward towards your next goal.



Seven of Candles

Defend and Protect

The recognition brought in with the Six of Candles was not all positive. Now that others have witnessed your success, there are those who wish to take it away from you. The Seven of Candles indicates a need to defend what you have earned. You have worked hard to get where you are and now you must fight to maintain your position.

The Seven of Candles may also mean you need to protect personal or emotional space to maintain peace of mind and heart. If someone is causing you inner turmoil or pushing the limits of your boundaries, be sure to stand your ground.

The Seven of Candles energy can be challenging if it causes you to feel deflated and unable to stay focused on your next goal. Do not let others bring you down. Expend as little energy as needed on conflict so you can keep moving forward.



Eight of Candles

Swift Change

A card of fast-paced movement and quick changes, the Eight of Candles requires you to tap into your ability to go with the flow. New options will show up in your life and you had better be ready to think fast and move with enthusiasm. Go with the pace of the energy around you; do not resist. Use your personal energy wisely. Stay focused on the present.

The challenge of the Eight of Candles is to keep yourself from becoming overwhelmed by the pace at which change occurs. Tap into your personal power by staying attuned to what you want. Do not waste time second guessing yourself. You have a sense of your personal power; let it propel you forward.

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NINE OF CANDLES

Nine of Candles

Reflect and Persevere

From the initial spark of the Ace of Candles to the present moment, you have experienced numerous trials, but also many triumphs. The Nine of Candles calls for a moment of reflection. Take some time to look back on your journey. Consider what you have learned from the ups and downs that are now behind you. Let go of anything holding you back. Take anything that serves you well and bring it with you going forward.

The challenge of the Nine of Candles is to stay determined despite feeling exhausted, perhaps even disillusioned, after the challenges and setbacks you have experienced. The Nine of Candles brings the energy of perseverance and encourages you to keep pushing forward. Keep your eye on the finish line.

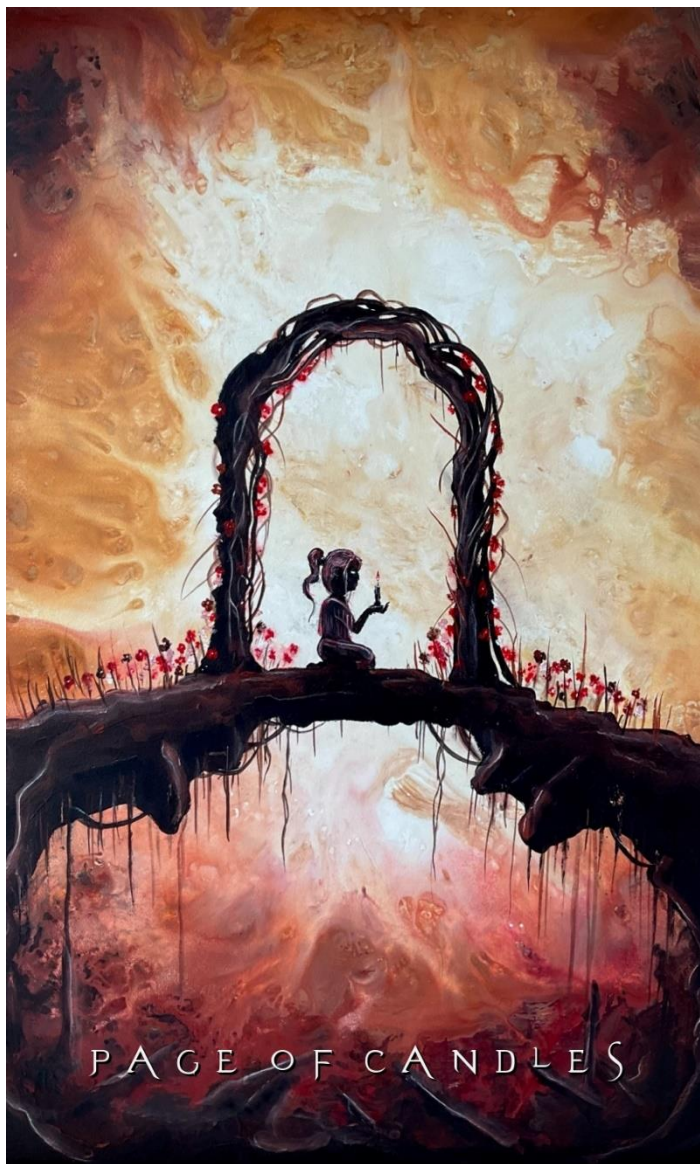


Ten of Candles

Burdens

With the Ten of Candles comes the completion of a cycle. However, now that you have finally arrived at the end of this journey, you may find yourself overburdened instead of overjoyed. What you need is time to rest and marvel at your success, and yet it seems you find yourself working harder than ever. You're likely too busy to stop and appreciate where you are. Assess your situation. Can you share some of your workload with others? Is there anyone who can take on some of your responsibilities? Release what you can to give yourself much needed down-time.

The challenge with the Ten of Candles is finding balance. The initial passion and fiery energy that brought you here may sag beneath the weight of your responsibilities. Try to hold on to that initial spark which put everything into motion. Celebrate any success, small or large, and make time for yourself.



Page of Candles

Enthusiastic

The Page of Candles is an enthusiastic free spirit. She has a child's pure heart and playful nature, and may appear when you need to connect to these qualities within yourself. She represents a person with a lot of physical energy who is full of creative potential. Like the Ace of Candles, she symbolizes a spark of inspiration.

The Page of Candles faces the challenge of being mentally scattered. Her head is full of great ideas, but she lacks the focus to bring them to life. You may draw the Page of Candles at a time when you are bursting with creativity but feel frustrated because you lack direction. Choose the one idea with the most potential and focus your mental energy on making it a reality.



K N I G H T O F C A N D L E S

Knight of Candles

Adventurous

The **Knight of Candles** is adventurous and action-oriented. He brings the energy of movement. His presence in a spread may indicate travel in the near future. Being passionate and fearless, the **Knight of Candles** is all about going after what he wants. He represents someone who likes to take charge and enjoys the thrill of the chase.

The **Knight of Candles** faces the challenge of lacking foresight. At times, his passion propels him forward, yet he may find he won't get far without a plan of action. He may show up in a spread when you are feeling restless and ready to act but haven't thought about what you need to be successful in your journey.

Do not act without a strategy.



QUEEN OF CANDLES

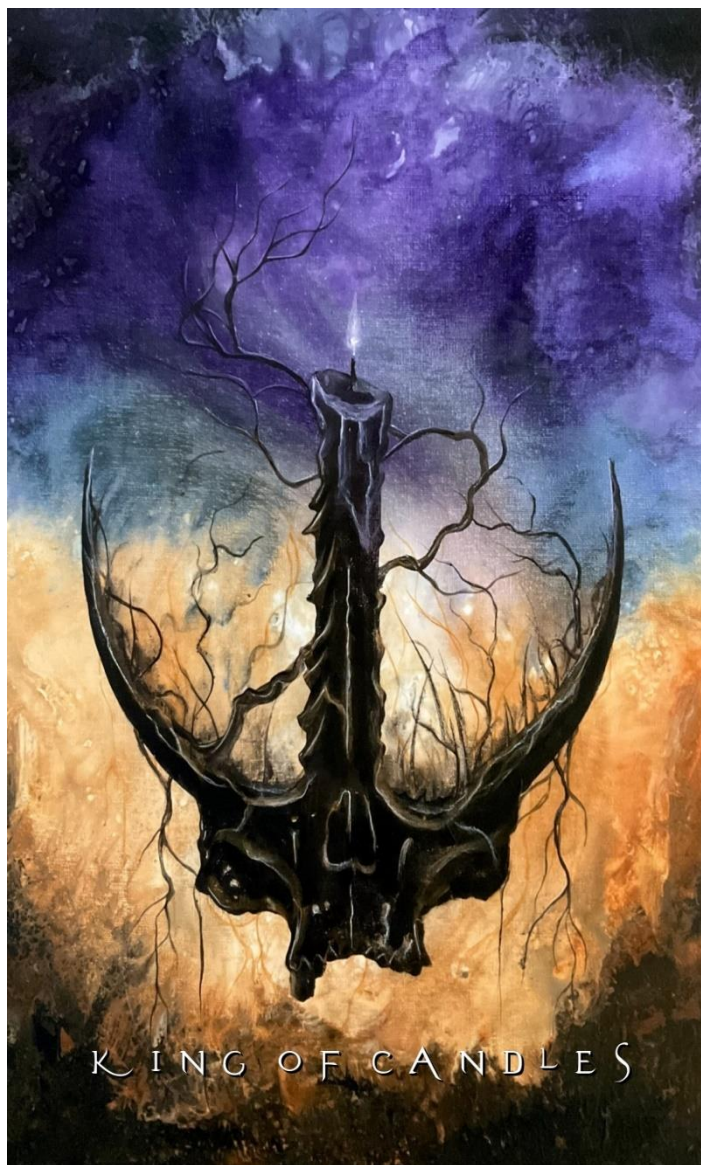
Queen of Candles

Charismatic

The Queen of Candles represents someone with the ability to connect to others. She is charismatic and outgoing. If you draw the Queen of Candles, it may be that you need to embody her energy. Be confident, bold, and allow yourself to be the center of attention. Share your ideas and creative visions with others.

The Queen of Candles may represent someone in your life who has your back. This is a person who truly supports you and hopes you are successful in all that you do.

The Queen of Candles presents the challenge of staying confident and socially engaged when you aren't feeling your best or need time alone. Don't be afraid to disconnect temporarily. Take time to reignite your inner spark.



King of Candles

Resourceful

The King of Candles represents someone who is resourceful. He is a leader with a natural talent for inspiring cooperation among others. Being someone who isn't fazed by obstacles or setbacks, the King of Candles doesn't shy away from a dispute or pass up a chance to overcome a challenge. You may draw the King of Candles when others would benefit from your unique approach to leadership.

Being a visionary, the King of Candles possesses foresight. He moves towards the future with intention, always sticking to an established course of action.

The King of Candles is composed and mature. He may represent an authority figure in your life. This person is likely a fair and well-respected leader.

The King of Candles brings in the challenging energy of well-balanced leadership. If you find yourself taking on the role of a leader, remember to treat others fairly.

Do not have unfeasible expectations of others. Be confident in your abilities, but avoid being arrogant or unapproachable.

Goblets

The suit of Goblets 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 Goblets is fluid and receptive.



Ace of Goblets

New Beginnings

The Ace of Goblets brings the offer of a new beginning, new love, or renewed creativity. To accept this offer, you must experience an awakening. This awakening is both emotional and spiritual. It will open your heart: to love, to compassion, to vulnerability.

You must release any emotional baggage you have carried. Do not allow yourself to expend any energy thinking about painful moments from the past. Focus on the gift of a new beginning. Embrace the unknown.

The challenge with the Ace of Goblets is to avoid the instinct to close your heart because of painful memories from the past. Do not reject what is coming into your life because of old wounds or suppress the hope that comes with new beginnings because you are afraid to open up. Allow yourself to experience happiness.



Two of Goblets

Strong Partnership

The Two of Goblets represents pairings and balance. It is a card of partnerships. It may indicate that a new, blossoming relationship (be it romantic, friendship, or a business partnership) is a positive one. In the romantic sense, the love that has awakened and is flowing freely within you (represented by the Ace of Goblets) will now flow between you and another. This connection is likely fiery with magnetic attraction and a healthy exchange of love and kindness. In a business partnership or friendship, there is mutual respect and appreciation between you and the other person.

The challenge with the Two of Goblets is to ensure that a relationship remains balanced - with an equal amount of giving and receiving from both parties. There must be a balance of power between the two of you.



Three of Goblets

Celebration

An expression of joy, playfulness, and creativity, the Three of Goblets is a card about spending quality time celebrating with those you hold dear. This is the energy existing between a group of friends who are bound together by mutual support, respect, and love. The Three of Goblets may indicate a reunion with someone you haven't seen in a while or an upcoming celebratory event with family and friends. The Three of Goblets also represents collaboration. Now is a good time to start a creative project with others.

The challenge with the Three of Goblets is to know when to connect with others, and when to disconnect and spend time alone.



Four of Goblets

Apathy

You may draw the Four of Goblets when you find yourself feeling apathetic. You may have lost your passion, feel dissatisfied with your career, or become bored with your relationships. Life may feel stagnant in general. It is time to self-evaluate. What do you truly want? What will make you feel alive? What will bring true happiness to your life? Reconnect to yourself and to your deepest interests.

The Four of Goblets will challenge you to accept the transience of happiness in life. Embrace the joyful moments but embrace the difficult ones, too. When you feel apathetic towards life, take it as a sign to stop and pay attention to how your needs, interests, and emotions have changed.



Five of Goblets

Past Disappointments

Disappointment, self-pity, regret: this is the energy of the Five of Goblets. As unpleasant as this energy is, you can release it if you are willing to let go of the past.

Dwelling in days gone by, reliving difficult moments from the past, and thoughts of “what if?” keep you from focusing on the present and looking ahead to the future. Don’t let opportunities pass you by; leave the past behind you.

The challenge that comes with the Five of Goblets is to understand that even disappointing, difficult moments can have a positive impact on your life. If you allow it, the trials of the past will help make you resilient. Accept the lessons of history. Release everything else.



Six of Goblets

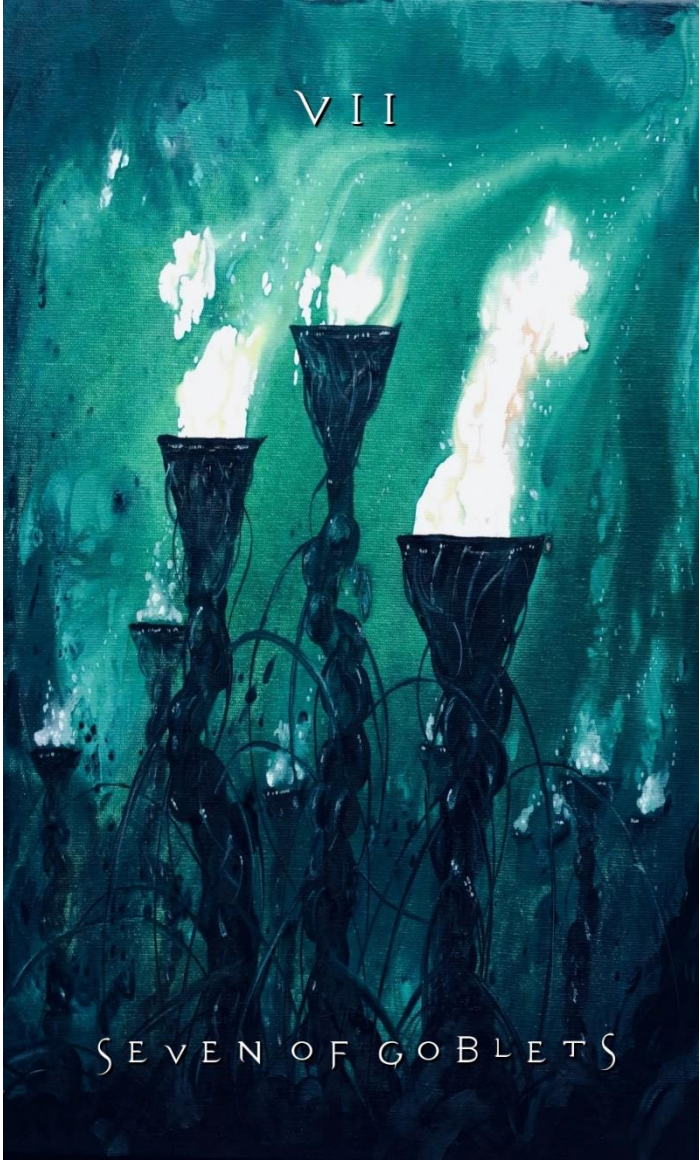
Fond Memories

After the turbulent energy of the Five of Goblets, the Six of Goblets carries the energy of healing. While the

Five of Goblets indicated a need to let go of past disappointments, the Six of Goblets invites you to explore your past for fond memories which bring happiness and peace. For some, this may mean reconnecting to childhood memories or the familiarity of a childhood home. For others, it may be memories of another time and place that brought you pure, childlike joy.

The Six of Goblets may appear in a spread when you cross paths with someone from your past or return to a place you haven't visited in a long time. It can also mean you will connect with a soul mate or someone with whom you have a soul contract.

The Six of Goblets brings the challenge of enjoying memories of the past without idealizing the way things were and escaping from the present. If you find you were much happier in a previous time, find a way to capture that energy and bring it to your life now.



VII

SEVEN OF GOBLETS

Seven of Goblets

Choices

The Seven of Goblets contains the energy of choices or opportunities that will take you down different paths in life. So many options may overwhelm you and cause indecisiveness. You must identify which of these choices are realistic and which are only fantasies. Which possibility pushes you to move beyond wishful thinking? What work is needed to make your dream into reality? It will take a period of self-reflection to identify which choice is not only right for you but also the most realistic.

The challenge within the Seven of Goblets is to keep yourself from escaping into fantasies. It may be tempting to stay within the dreamy realm of possibility and not take any steps towards bringing something into fruition. Daydreams, wishful thinking, and fantasies are an important part of manifesting, but the reality is about putting in the hard work to make something happen.



Eight of Goblets

Letting Go

The Eight of Goblets indicates you feel disappointment over a situation or relationship that has not gone the way you desired. At one time it may have felt ideal, but now you realize something is missing. Perhaps you question whether you truly want to leave or if it would be better to stay. Indecision may cause you to stay too long, waiting for the time when you'll magically know the right answer. It is time to let go and move towards whatever will bring you fulfillment.

Reminiscent of the Four of Goblets, the challenge with the Eight of Goblets is knowing what will bring you contentment. All situations or relationships may eventually begin to feel disappointing or unfulfilling until you know what your heart truly wants.



Nine of Goblets

Personal Success

A pleasant card to draw as it holds a positive message, the Nine of Goblets represents personal success. It is the consolidator of the Goblet energy and a welcome sight after the ups and downs through the suit of emotions. Here is where you let go of any negativity, releasing what is no longer necessary. Hold on to what you have learned from your journey. Auspicious in every way, the Nine of Goblets is a card of wishes being fulfilled, whether it be career, love, or other areas of life.

The only challenge with the Nine of Goblets is the feeling that something is missing. Perhaps you have reached a point where you have attained everything you wanted, but you don't feel satisfied. Take time to do some soul-searching. Learn what will bring you contentment. Make sure what you have achieved was what you desired and not what others wanted for you.



Ten of Goblets

Family Contentment

The personal success of the Nine of Goblets has evolved into the contentment of the Ten of Goblets.

This is the energy of a harmonious family life. The Ten of Goblets is a card of completion, indicating you have everything you need to bring you true happiness.

Enjoy this moment in your life.

The challenge with the Ten of Goblets is similar to the Nine of Goblets. On the surface, you may appear to have everything you wished for, but it still feels like something is missing.

Ask yourself— is this what you really wanted? Or is this only what you felt you *should* want?



Page of Goblets

Intuitive

The Page of Goblets possesses an intuitive nature rich with creative energy. This card reminds you of the flow of creativity within you. It is ever-present and waiting to be accessed. Now is the time to tap into this creative energy by listening closely to your inner voice. It may speak to you through your dreams, daydreams, meditations, or anytime your mind is quiet and undistracted by the noise of daily life.

Like the Ace of Goblets, the Page of Goblets signifies a new opportunity. It may be an artistic endeavor, a romantic relationship, or a spiritual awakening. Embrace this new opportunity being offered to you.

The Page of Goblets represents a sensitive individual who is comfortable with emotions – both feeling them and expressing them. This person may be romantic at heart, using art and poetry to share their feelings with the world.

Creative blocks or restricted freedoms are the biggest challenges for the Page of Goblets. If you are stifling your creativity or self-expression, do what is needed to free yourself. Banish all self-doubt. Find time to create, even if it means making sacrifices.



Knight of Goblets

Romantic

Romantic, charming, and inspired by beauty, the Knight of Goblets doesn't do anything on a small scale. Expressions of love are loud and powerful feelings are all-consuming. She is a dreamer, but is driven enough to pursue her dreams, which may be artistic, romantic, or spiritual. When making decisions, she listens to her heart's desires.

The Knight of Goblets represents someone who may fall in and out of love quickly, with a person, dream, or idea. Despite her mercurial nature, her passion and courage keep her motivated to go after what she wants.

The Knight of Goblets appears in a spread to encourage you to pursue your dreams. Be fearless and listen to your heart.

The Knight of Goblets faces the challenge of being unable to control her emotions, causing chaos in her life and in the lives of those around her. If you find yourself lost in the storm of strong emotions, focus your energy on a creative outlet, or focus on a single passion you feel will hold your attention.



Queen of Goblets

Compassionate

Able to deeply connect to others on an emotional level, the Queen of Goblets carries the energy of compassion. Highly self-aware, she is in touch with her intuition and understands the importance of self-love. Her quiet, nurturing nature inspires others to see their own self-worth and to love without limitations.

The Queen of Goblets embodies emotional maturity, kindness, and empathy. She may represent someone in your life with whom you can fearlessly share your feelings and thoughts.

You may draw the Queen of Goblets when you need to connect to your intuition. She may also appear when you are being asked to show compassion to someone in your life or when you need to be kind to yourself.

The Queen of Goblets brings the challenge of balancing your time so that you can be your best for others but also for yourself. If you feel you are being stretched too thin and are losing patience or compassion with others, take time to address your own needs.



King of Goblets

Balanced

The King of Goblets has the ability to balance emotions and intellect. He is a leader who can appeal to the heart and the mind, making him an excellent mediator and an effective problem-solver. Like the Queen of Goblets, he is self-aware and connected to his own intuitive nature.

You may draw the King of Goblets when you are in a position in which others look to you to make fair and balanced decisions. If you are in a leadership role, you may be asked to embody the qualities possessed by the King of Goblets. Use your own self-understanding to lead from a place of compassion. Balance this with your ability to see a situation from a rational point of view.

The challenge with the King of Goblets is to avoid abusing a position of power. A strong understanding of human nature can lead to manipulation of another person's thoughts or emotions. Be aware of an authority figure in your life who may misuse a position of power. If you are in a leadership position, be aware of trying to control the thoughts and feelings of others.

Cloaks

The suit of Cloaks 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 Cloaks

The Idea

The Ace of Cloaks represents a new idea that will open new pathways in your life. It brings the fresh energy of seeing the world as a place of limitless possibilities. You may find that you have more mental clarity at this time. Perhaps you have developed a new perspective or way of looking at a situation. Because it brings in the energy of mental stimulation, you may draw the Ace of Cloaks when it is a good time to tackle a new challenge or problem.

The challenge with the Ace of Cloaks is to maintain clarity and focus. You may have a busy mind or find yourself feeling mentally overwhelmed. Take some time to clear your head of all thoughts that are distracting or useless.



Two of Cloaks

A Difficult Choice

The Two of Cloaks will appear when you face the difficulty of being stuck between two opposing forces. A decision must be made. A side must be taken. You may lack the clarity needed to make a choice because you do not have all the relevant information. Perhaps you wish to remain blind to the truth of a situation because you do not want to be forced to make a decision at this time. You may want to avoid being forced to take sides in someone else's conflict. Look closely at the whole picture. Gather the information needed to open your eyes to the truth and lift the cloud of confusion.

The challenge with the Two of Cloaks is to listen to your own intuition, instead of the appeals of others.

Make the choice that feels right to you.



Three of Cloaks

Heartbreak

Betrayal, grief, heartbreak...this is the energy of the Three of Cloaks. There is no denying this card represents some of the most painful aspects of life. Just know that dark times are ephemeral and will soon pass. Do not hold on to the pain of the Three of Cloaks, but instead hold on to what you learn from the difficult times in your life. The Three of Cloaks can be a warning to prepare yourself for what's to come or it can be a reminder not to linger too long in your suffering.

The challenge of the Three of Cloaks is to work through the grief and pain you are experiencing so you can move forward and accept the changes taking place. Try to take delight in the joyous moments of your life.



Four of Cloaks

Recovery

A welcome sight after the turmoil of the Three of Cloaks, the Four of Cloaks indicates a time of recovery and rest. It may be a conscious decision to withdraw from unpleasant energies or circumstances. Perhaps the chaos has died down and now you find yourself able to seize a few moments of peace. Take the time needed to recharge your mind and heart.

The challenge with the Four of Cloaks is to allow yourself the necessary down-time. Your mind may want to stay alert, waiting for the next challenging phase to come along. Remember that you won't regain your mental and emotional strength without some respite from difficult times.



Five of Cloaks

The Conflict

The Five of Cloaks disrupts the peacefulness of the Four of Cloaks by signifying conflict in your life. You may find yourself the victor in a situation or argument. However, you still feel defeated in the end because of what you will lose in the long-term. In an argument, you may be so intent on the need to be right that you have not considered taking another person's point of view or personal struggles into consideration. An overabundance of ambition may cloud your judgement. No matter the conflict, the Five of Cloaks indicates a bittersweet victory.

The Five of Cloaks challenges you to stay aware of the cost of winning and consider whether it is worth the potential loss. Ask yourself: If I win, what do I lose? If I lose, what do I gain?



Six of Cloaks

Release

The Six of Cloaks marks a time when you need to let go of something in your life. You are in a position that will require you to release something, leaving it in the past. You must move forward. Accept any lessons that need to be learned and let go of any attachments. A logical, objective mindset is currently needed as you formulate a plan for your future.

If you are resisting change, The Six of Cloaks challenges you to stop. It may be that you are forced to accept a new normal after an unexpected, life-changing event. As staggering as it may be, you must release the familiarity of the past and embrace a new reality.



Seven of Cloaks

Trickery and Deception

The Seven of Cloaks warns that someone is being sneaky. It is a card that indicates secrets, trickery, deception, and/or betrayal. Be careful who you confide in or trust with sensitive information.

You may be the one who is trying to get away with something. Perhaps a secret you have been keeping is in danger of being exposed and now you fear facing the consequences.

The Seven of Cloaks can show up when someone is surreptitiously making an exit. It might be someone trying to leave your life, or you may be trying to remove yourself from a situation without others noticing.

The Seven of Cloaks challenges you to search for the truth, whether it be a situation with someone else or the truth you are hiding within yourself. Don't let the fear of consequences stop you.



Eight of Cloaks

Feeling Powerless

The Eight of Cloaks represents the inability to see your own power. It holds the energy of feeling trapped or stuck. You have been telling yourself that you are unable to break free from a situation or mindset. Allow yourself to be in motion by understanding that your thoughts either give you the power to see all possibilities, or they imprison you.

The Eight of Cloaks may indicate you are ready to release negative thoughts. Let the dark fog in your mind fade away. Action and power are yours to be had by changing limiting beliefs.

The challenge with the Eight of Cloaks is to recognize the lies you tell yourself. You have placed the blindfold over your eyes. Now you are the one who needs to remove it.



Nine of Cloaks

Negative Thoughts

If the imprisoning energy of the Eight of Cloaks is not conquered, it becomes the Nine of Cloaks. This is a card that indicates a tremendous burden of negative thoughts that may cause nightmares while asleep and anxiety while awake. These destructive thoughts are likely pushing you to a breaking point. Feelings of isolation may keep you from wanting to reach out to someone for help. The only thing that may help you release the burden is to talk to someone about what you're going through.

The challenge with the Nine of Cloaks is to eliminate what is no longer necessary by refusing to carry your burden alone. Although it may be difficult to confide in another person, finding someone you trust to talk about what you are feeling will help you escape the difficult energy of the Nine of Cloaks.



TEN OF CLOAKS

Ten of Cloaks

The Bottom

The Ten of Cloaks symbolizes the lowest point you can reach. It is a card that indicates despair, tragedy, or a painful ending. Unfortunately, this ending is inevitable. The powerful emotions that come with it must be felt.

The light of hope that can be found in the Ten of Cloaks is that this lowest point represents the end of a cycle. There is nowhere to go but forward into a new beginning. Hold on to this hope and let it give you strength as you move through this dark time.

The challenge with the Ten of Cloaks is to remember that things can only get better from here. The Eight, Nine, and Ten of Cloaks require you to conquer your own thoughts and behaviors so you can release yourself from the entrapment of despair.



Page of Cloaks

Inspired

The Page of Cloaks is eager to express himself. When he appears, it may be because you wish to learn a new skill, to delve deeper into an area of study, or increase your level of knowledge. The Page desires you to move ahead with new ideas and projects. Setbacks are to be shrugged off. Being new at something is not a weakness here. Let your inspiration be your guide.

Fear no obstacle in this, your new journey.

Alternatively, the Page of Cloaks can face a number of challenges. He represents someone who thinks he knows everything. He may avoid advice and decline to listen to what more experienced individuals have to say. This is your reminder to remain open-minded to what others can teach you.



Knight of Cloaks

Powerful

The **Knight of Cloaks** is a figure of raw determination. He knows what he desires, and he'll move swiftly to get it. Once he sets forth towards his goal, there is no stopping him. He cares none for any upcoming challenges. He is filled with unbridled ambition, and there are few who would dare stop him. If he appears to you, it's typically because you feel moved toward a course of action. A goal and its reward are clear to you.

You need only take what you desire.

The **Knight**, of course, can face challenges in his quest. He tends to be impulsive, lacking in foresight, and will oftentimes throw aside his compassion. When moving toward your goal, remember your plan. Be determined, not ruthless. Avoid distractions, and keep your focus tight.



Queen of Cloaks

Independent

The Queen of Cloaks is a master of independence and truth-seeking. To her, the key to success is her ability to consider the facts and unlock the wisest decision. She listens to her intellect rather than her heart. She prefers firm boundaries. If she comes to you, it may be that you seek some essential truth. You'll need to be direct in your communications. Heed your intuition, follow the most direct trail of information, and achieve what you desire.

At times, the Queen of Cloaks may appear cold-hearted or callous. Her directness may offend, and her independent spirit may intimidate. Remember that some people in your life may need you to be tactful. Master your skills of communication, and be mindful that not everyone understands a purely intellectual approach.



King of Cloaks

Intellectual

The King of Cloaks is the authority of objectivity and the master of rational thought. His mere presence persuades you to use your mind and powers of observation to uncover the truth. When he appears to you, you are likely in a position of power, authority, and respect. You carry yourself with deep conviction. It's probable that others pay attention to what you have to say.

The King of Cloaks has challenges of his own. He must be mindful when making decisions from his place of power. This is your reminder to be fair and impartial. Don't allow your ego to overtake you, treat others with due respect, and above all, strive to never abuse your power.

Bones

The suit of **Bones** 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 **Bones** 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 Bones

The Opportunity

The Ace of Bones indicates a new opportunity in the material world. It may involve finances, such as a career change or an increase in salary, adjustments to your daily routine, or new efforts to improve your health or wellbeing. When it shows up for you, move quickly to turn this opportunity into something rewarding.

The Ace of Bones challenges you to wait to move forward until you have a practical and detailed plan of action. While it may be tedious, do not make your move until you are finished. Putting the time into crafting a master plan will give you a greater chance of success. It will be worth it in the end.



Two of Bones

Balance

The Two of Bones is a reminder to keep your life in balance. You may find yourself struggling to juggle your career and relationships. Perhaps it is difficult to make time for yourself because you are busy with other priorities. This may lead to feelings of guilt because you feel you are not doing enough for your family or friends. It could lead to burnout because you are not taking time to relax and recharge. What can you do to make time for all the priorities in your life?

The challenge presented by the Two of Bones is to simplify your schedule and try to make time for everything. It may take significant changes such as downsizing or reconfiguring your long-term plans.



Three of Bones

Collaboration

The Three of Bones indicates that you are on the path to successfully achieving your goal, but now you require the energy of collaboration. There are people around you who have the skills needed to help you progress in ways that would be unavailable to you if you worked alone. Pay close attention to the ideas and expertise they bring to the table. Be open to learning and to hearing different points of view.

The Three of Bones challenges you to work well with others. If you are someone who prefers to do things alone, or if you are a perfectionist, now is an excellent time to be open to working in a group. Consider the different backgrounds, talents, and levels of experience other people can share with you. Be willing to offer your own ideas and skills.



Four of Bones

Control

The Four of Bones warns that you are being too controlling in some areas of your life. You may be expending too much energy thinking about keeping yourself safe and secure. One way this could present is in the way you manage your finances. You may cling to money because you are afraid of losing it. The time you have put into creating wealth has been well worth the results. You should reap the benefits of your hard work.

You may draw the Four of Bones when you are too controlling in a relationship. This may be in a romantic relationship, or you may micromanage someone at work. Take an honest look at your behavioral patterns with others.

Concerning finances, the energy of the Four of Bones challenges you to re-evaluate what is important. Ask yourself if you are miserly out of fear of losing money.

In relationships, remember that controlling others does not keep you safe from being hurt. It only increases the chance that the relationship will end.



Five of Bones

Loss

The Five of Bones portends a loss. This loss could be due to an accident, illness, financial downfall, or failed relationship. It may even be a series of losses. You may wonder if you have been plagued by bad luck. While it might not seem like it in the moment, this period will pass. You may feel isolated or alone in this dark time, but do not be afraid to reach out to others for emotional support.

The Five of Bones brings the challenge of looking ahead to the end of a difficult time. If you are healing physically from an illness or emotionally from a loss, try to stay on the road to healing. Take it one step at a time. Stay focused on your triumphant ending.



Six of Bones

Charity

The Six of Bones can have two meanings. It may mean that, having triumphed over the loss of the Five of Bones, you find yourself in a place where you can give assistance to others. This may be financial, or it may be that you are able to offer time and energy. Being charitable is a way of acknowledging what you have been through. It is also a way you can use your experiences gained from personal hardships for the greater good.

Conversely, the Six of Bones may appear when you are able to benefit from someone else's generosity. You may have come through the Five of Bones energy with the need to repair your health and may rely on others to assist you at this time.

The Challenge with the Six of Bones is to remember, if you are the giver, that whatever you do for others in need may not be repaid in full, if at all. Give selflessly and only what you can without putting yourself under financial strain. If you are the one in need, remember to be grateful for the help you receive and do not rely on long-term help from others.



Seven of Bones

Progress

The Seven of Bones indicates you have made steady progress towards your goal. Step back and admire what you have accomplished so far, but don't slow down yet. You still have work to do.

All the effort you put forth now is an investment in your future. If you find yourself feeling tired or derailed, remember what you really desire and why you work so hard. Make sure you are progressing in all areas. Consider making changes regarding how or where you invest your energy.

The Seven of Bones brings the challenge of trusting that what you do now will pay off later. You may not be able to see immediate results or see all the benefits of your hard work...yet. Don't allow the fear of failure to stop you. Make sure you keep a clear goal and take note of your small achievements along the way.



Eight of Bones

Mastery

The Eight of Bones suggests you dedicate as much time as you can to mastering your craft. This could be in the workplace where you might commit to learning everything you can about the ins and outs of your profession. It may be a hobby or project that you invest time and energy into with the hope that it will generate a steady source of income. The Eight of Bones may appear when you are studying to become a master at something, perhaps through an apprenticeship or through classes. This journey could be a long one, so enjoy the process.

The Eight of Bones challenges you to keep your life in balance while you commit yourself to this journey. Your time and energy are precious. Ask yourself: what things in your life can be pruned away so your focus isn't wasted on anything unnecessarily distracting? Be sure to set time aside for your loved ones.



Nine of Bones

Financial security

The Nine of Bones indicates a time of abundance by bringing in the energy of financial security. Take a moment to step back and appreciate where you started, what you have been through, and what you have learned along the way. You have worked hard for a long time. Now you should step away from everything and just breathe. Take a break. Enjoy a period of leisure and relaxation.

The Nine of Bones brings the challenge of letting go and unwinding after a long period of time spent focusing solely on gaining financial security. You may find it hard to slow down and rest out of fear of losing what you worked so hard to gain. Remember that periods of relaxation and reflection are necessary to avoid burnout.



Ten of Bones

Legacy

The Ten of Bones signifies a time of permanence and legacy. Not only have you come to a place of completion, but you have accomplished something that will touch the lives of future generations. The people you care about will reap the rewards that you created due to your persevering spirit and unfailing efforts to succeed.

The Ten of Bones challenges you to pay close attention to all decisions you make as they may impact those you care about now and in the future. Do not allow the pursuit of wealth to become the most important thing in your life.



Page of Bones

Motivated

The Page of Bones is all about new beginnings and a feeling of inspiration. If you've pulled her, she could signify a new awareness of the value of strong finances, a thriving career, and good physical health. You may have recently glimpsed a new method of manifesting material gains. While she can't promise these things are coming to you, she does indicate new ideas and a willingness to pursue them. Now is the time to tap into newfound wisdom and pursue your dreams.

The Page's primary challenge is to work smart, not just hard. This is not the time to procrastinate or ignore fresh lessons, even when they appear difficult. Resting on your laurels will have to wait for another day. Work with a purpose today...and play tomorrow.



Knight of Bones

Productive

Hard-working. Disciplined. Focused. These words describe the **Knight of Bones**, and perhaps they describe you, as well. When this card appears, it generally means it's time to stay the course. Do not fear the routine aspects of life. Rather, embrace them, and it's likely your goals will come to fruition. Your greatest strength right now is the power of a methodical, relentless approach. In time, you will succeed.

The **Knight of Bones**' challenge is to overcome the feeling of being stuck in a routine. Life may not be particularly fun at the moment. The grind may be wearing on you. This is your reminder to trust the process. In the end, it will be worthwhile.

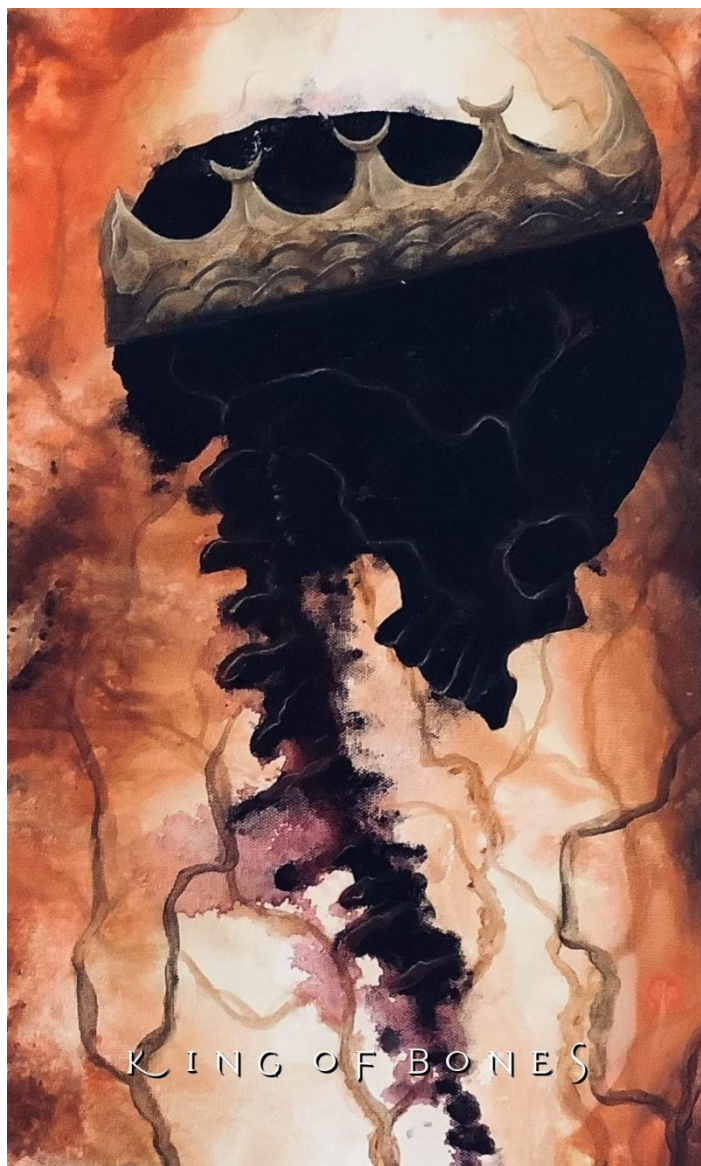


Queen of Bones

Nurturing

If you've arrived at The Queen of Bones, it signifies that you have become (or may soon become) a parental figure. The queen is a giver of security, a provider, and a nurturer. Those who are cared for by you will feel protected and loved, cherished and nourished. Also, it may be that you have recently struck new balance in your life. A harmonious home life along with an abundance of material gains are yours to command. Alternatively, if the person described above isn't directly you, the Queen of Bones may indicate the presence of such a valuable figure in your life.

The Queen of Bones' biggest challenge is to remember her sense of selflessness. The balance she creates and the good things she offers are for the benefit of others, not solely herself.



King of Bones

Disciplined

The King of Bones is a harbinger of material wealth, financial abundance, and success. He is the ultimate provider. His ambition to create wealth brings material comfort to both himself and to those who rest within his protective embrace. He is the patriarch. He accepts this honor with great willingness. When he appears to you, it's likely you are successful at accumulating wealth. Your investments tend to succeed, and your acumen at retaining material possessions is your strength.

The King of Bones' primary challenge is to avoid the trap of becoming obsessed with wealth. Material security is wonderful, but not if it comes at the cost of lost family and friendships. This is your reminder to strike a balance. Remember why it is you work so hard to better your finances.

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