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Introduction

What if the classic tarot figures stepped into a photo studio?

What if, just before becoming symbols, they paused and posed, fully aware of the moment and of being seen?

Inspired by the Rider Waite system, Vivace Arcana reimagines the tarot as 78 symbolic portraits. There are 22 archetypal Major Arcana and 56 Minor Arcana, each carefully staged as a photographic scene. These figures embody the moment just before the shutter clicks.

We created this deck as a spiritual tool, not just for beauty, but for meaning. While each card stays true to traditional tarot symbolism, it presents familiar ideas through detailed portraits and composed settings.

Vivace Arcana does not replace tradition. It invites you to meet it again in a new way.

Let the cards speak to you.

The Tarot

A tarot deck contains 78 cards. Of these, 56 belong to the Minor Arcana. They are divided into four suits: Swords, Wands, Cups, and Pentacles. Each suit includes ten numbered cards, Ace through Ten, and four court cards: Page, Knight, Queen, and King. The Minor Arcana shares a structure similar to playing cards, but adds an extra court card in each suit.

The remaining 22 cards form the Major Arcana. These represent core archetypes and pivotal moments. They mark turning points, inner shifts, and key symbols of growth. One card, the Fool, stands apart. Numbered zero, it moves freely between scenes and always stands at the edge of a new journey.

Tarot began as a card game in 15th-century Europe but evolved into a tool for reflection, storytelling, and symbolic insight. Over time, it became a mirror for both the inner and outer worlds.

Vivace Arcana builds on the foundation of the Rider Waite deck, first illustrated by Pamela Colman Smith in 1910, whose imagery transformed tarot into a vivid and accessible system. We continue in that spirit by reimagining each card as a photographic scene for a new generation of readers.

How To Use This Guide

Tarot is a symbolic language filled with layers, signs, and meanings that can change depending on the reader and the question. Some use it for divination, seeking answers or guidance. Others see it as a mirror, reflecting patterns, emotions, or unconscious truths. Both approaches are valid. Tarot is a tool, and how you use it is up to you.

This guide offers a starting point, the emotional tone, central idea, and feeling beneath each image. We have kept the meanings concise to avoid overwhelming you with too many details, allowing space for your own insights to grow. Think of it as a doorway, not a rulebook.

If you want to explore traditional interpretations and symbolism more deeply, we recommend looking into the original Rider Waite system that inspired this deck's structure.

When you're ready to draw a card, breathe deeply and take a moment to shuffle with intention. Let the question settle, even if it feels vague, then pull one card and sit with it. Notice what catches your eye, what feelings arise, and what thoughts come forward.

Need help? Use this guide as a companion, not a set of rules. You will also find a few simple spreads in the Reading Spreads section to support your practice.

Major Arcana

The Major Arcana is the heart of the tarot. It holds 22 cards that follow the journey of the Fool, a path through life's big themes and turning points. This journey is not a straight line. It is a cycle we go through again and again, each time learning something new.

Each card in the Major Arcana shows an archetype, a powerful symbol that holds something true about the human experience. These are not everyday moments. They are about growth, change, awakening, and seeing things in a new way.

From the Fool's first step into the unknown to the final card, the World, each card brings a shift. Along the way, you meet guides, face challenges, and go through inner changes. Some parts feel exciting, others uncomfortable, but each one moves the story forward.

When a Major Arcana card shows up in a reading, it means something important is happening. These are moments that shape you, in your purpose, your choices, and your sense of self.

Take your time with these cards. Let them speak to you. Remember, this journey is not just the Fool's; it is yours too.

Before The Lens

Before The Lens is a collection of short stories, one for each Major Arcana card. These stories invite you to experience the cards beyond their images, opening a space for feeling and connection.

While crafting the visual scenes, we imagined the cards as living figures rather than just symbols, frozen in time inside a symbolic photo studio. As we reflected more on these moments, the stories began to take shape, as if they had been waiting to be told. That is how the *Before The Lens* stories were born. First as brief glimpses, then as living moments unfolding just before the shutter clicks. The set is ready, the lights are on, and each character is in place. Then the Fool walks into the scene, unaware of what lies ahead.

Our aim was to bring the archetypes closer, to step into their world while inviting them into ours. The Fool enters each scene, meeting the characters and facing challenges one by one. Though he does not yet understand their meaning, like all of us, he is trying to find his way in this mysterious world, learning, growing, falling, and starting again.

Some stories are quiet, some absurd, and some playful. They are not here to explain tarot but to help you feel it, to

reveal the energy behind the image, and to step beyond the frame.

You will find one story for each Major Arcana card in the card meanings section. You can read them one at a time or all together like scenes from a surreal story. Either way, the journey is yours.

0 · The Fool

Visual Description

A carefree figure stands at the edge of a cliff, eyes lifted to the sky. A white dog jumps beside him, full of energy. He holds a white rose in one hand and a small sack over his shoulder in the other. These are symbols of innocence and light travel. Behind him, snowy mountains rise in the distance, and a bright sun shines above, marking the beginning of a new journey.



Before the Lens

The Fool left at sunrise with no real plan, no map, and barely anything packed. Just a snack, an eager dog, and a white flower that felt too perfect to leave behind. His head tilted upward the whole time, like he expected the sky to tell him where to go. It didn't. Still, he kept walking.

There was a cliff nearby, almost like a painted backdrop. Someone probably should have mentioned it. But he wasn't worried. Even though he didn't know what to do, there was something exciting about not knowing. That felt like enough. He had momentum. And charm. And shoes that were definitely not made for hiking.

What he didn't know - what none of us know at the start - is that the road ahead is not random. The path has been waiting. Every strange place and every curious figure is already set, like a scene prepared before the actor steps on stage.

But all he could feel was this: today is the day. A new beginning. Fresh air. Open road. And not a single thought about how far down that drop actually is.

Upright Meaning

The Fool represents new beginnings, a fresh start, and the willingness to step into the unknown. It reflects a moment in life where planning matters less than momentum. This is the energy of trusting your instincts, staying open to surprise, and being guided by wonder. It invites you to act before you feel "ready," not out of carelessness, but from genuine faith in how life unfolds. The Fool encourages you to begin the journey, even if the destination is unclear.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, The Fool warns against impulsive choices or acting without awareness. It can show fear of taking a risk or feeling stuck at the edge of something new. You might be ignoring your inner compass, acting without thought, or letting distractions take the lead. It may also reflect hesitation - too many "what ifs" keeping you from moving forward. This card reminds you that freedom also

asks for responsibility. Pause. Ground yourself. Then choose your next step with clarity.

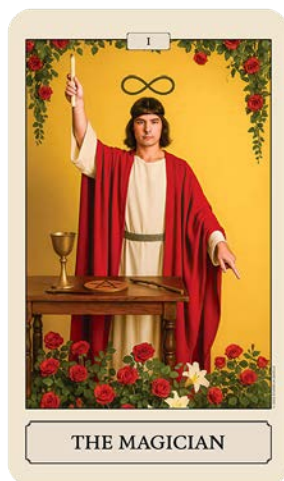
Keywords

New beginnings · Leap of faith · Spontaneity · Trust ·
Curiosity · Risk

1 · The Magician

Visual Description

A focused figure stands before a wooden table, where a cup, a pentacle, a wand, and a sword lie. These are symbols of the four elements and tools of manifestation. He wears a white robe for clarity and a red cloak for action. One hand points upward and the other downward, channelling energy between realms. Above his head floats an infinity symbol, representing limitless potential. Roses and lilies bloom at his feet, symbolizing passion and purity.



Before the Lens

The Fool had not planned much. But the man he met next clearly had.

The Magician stood at a table, arranging a cup, a sword, a wand, and a coin. These were tools the Fool would need on his journey: emotions, thoughts, action, and stability.

The Magician did not explain. He simply glanced up and gestured to the tools.

"They are here for a reason," he said.

Then, with dramatic flair, he struck a pose. One hand up, the other down.

The Fool blinked.

"Is that magic?"

"No," said the Magician. "It just looks good in the photo."

That is when the Fool noticed the lights and the camera. Everything was already prepared, but the Fool did not fully understand.

"Magic does not happen by waiting," the Magician added. "If you want to make something, pick it up."

Upright Meaning

The Magician represents focused intention, skill, and the power to create. This card appears when you are ready to take your ideas and make them real. You already have everything you need. Now is the time to act with confidence and clarity. When you channel your energy with purpose, you can shape reality. The Magician reminds you that magic is not about waiting for something to happen. It is about choosing to begin.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, The Magician warns of scattered focus or misused power. You may be doubting yourself, procrastinating, or using your talents in manipulative ways.

It can also signal doing too much without a clear sense of direction. Step back. Reconnect with your purpose. Use your tools with care and clarity.

Keywords

Manifestation · Focus · Action · Skill · Willpower · Potential

2 · The High Priestess

Visual Description

A serene woman sits between two pillars, one black and one white. They symbolize duality and mystery. She wears a soft blue robe, a silver cross, and a moon crown with a glowing pearl. At her feet rests a golden crescent moon. Behind her, a tapestry of red pomegranates suggests hidden cycles and ancient knowledge. She holds a scroll marked TORA, partially concealed. It is a quiet reminder that some truths remain unseen.



Before the Lens

She said nothing when the Fool arrived. The whole place felt stiff. Serious. Still. The kind of quiet that seemed arranged, like someone had turned down the volume on the world.

He had just started to daydream about being outside when their eyes met, and he suddenly felt exposed. Was she reading his thoughts?

Something shifted. The room stayed the same, but it felt framed. Like it was holding its breath. Like someone had adjusted the lighting, though he could not see how.

He did not need to understand it. He could feel it. They were already connected. To the cycles. To the stillness. To the pull beneath the surface.

There are things you can hide from others, but not from yourself.

He did not need to ask her anything. Maybe she would not have answered anyway. He just had to trust the quiet. The answers were already there.

Upright Meaning

The High Priestess speaks of intuition, mystery, and inner knowing. She invites you to listen rather than speak, to pause rather than act. When this card appears, not everything is meant to be understood right away, and that is okay. Truth is unfolding in layers. Tune in to your dreams, your instincts, and the quiet voice within. What you feel is more important now than what you see.

Reversed Meaning

The High Priestess suggests ignoring your intuition or blocking your inner wisdom. You may be too focused on external validation or afraid of what you might uncover if you look inward. This card also warns of hidden agendas or

withheld truths. Slow down. Reconnect to your inner compass. The answers are there, but they need stillness to be heard.

Keywords

Intuition · Secrets · Mystery · Reflection · Inner truth ·
Duality

3 · The Empress

Visual Description

A serene woman sits on a cushioned throne in nature. She wears a white rose-patterned dress, a golden necklace, and a crown of stars, symbolizing divine connection. In one hand she holds a golden sceptre. A Venus symbol rests on a shield near wheat, while a waterfall flows behind her. The scene suggests beauty, abundance, and emotional ease.



Before the Lens

The Fool left the High Priestess feeling both puzzled and hungry. He had just begun to wonder where to find food when the ground beneath him shifted. Cold stone became soft grass, warm and golden under the sun.

He blinked. A meadow had appeared.

At its centre sat a woman, calm and radiant. Everything around her felt intentional. Not just beautiful, but generous. Like the earth itself had exhaled and made room.

The Fool felt something stir in his chest. A pull he did not quite understand. Part wonder. Part homesickness.

He stepped closer and whispered, "Mother?"

She smiled, opened her arms, and said,

"Boy, are you hungry?"

Upright Meaning

The Empress is the embodiment of creativity, nurturing, and natural growth. She invites you to connect with comfort, beauty, and what brings life joyfully into form. This card may signal fertility - in ideas, relationships, or literal new beginnings. It's also a reminder to care for yourself as much as you care for others. Let things bloom at their own pace. You're in a season of expansion and softness - make space for it.

Reversed Meaning

The Empress can point to feeling emotionally drained or disconnected from your own needs. You might be overextending your care, neglecting yourself, or feeling creatively blocked. It can also reflect struggles with self-worth or not feeling "enough." Step back and tend to your roots. Rest, receive, and return to what nourishes you. Creativity needs gentleness, not pressure.

Keywords

Nurturing · Abundance · Creation · Comfort · Fertility · Self-love

4 · The Emperor

Visual Description

An authoritative figure sits on a stone throne adorned with ram heads, symbols of power and Aries energy. He wears a crown and red robes, with armour beneath to show protection through structure. In one hand he holds a sceptre. Behind him rise tall mountains that reflect strength, control, and a solid foundation.



Before the Lens

The Fool did not want to leave the Empress's lap. It was warm. Safe. Like home. But he wondered what might be waiting deeper in the forest. And before long, he decided to move on.

Eventually, the trees thinned. In a clearing ahead, he saw a massive stone throne. Too polished and clean for the forest. It looked important.

His gut told him not to, but he climbed up anyway. He sat tall, trying to look like someone who belonged there. He wanted to know what it felt like to be in charge. To be sure.

He felt powerful. Briefly.

Then a strong-looking man stepped forward. Clearly not thrilled.

"Hey. That is my role!"

The Fool froze. "Oh. Uh... sorry?"

The man did not need to yell. His presence did the heavy lifting.

"You do not just take the seat." he said. "There are rules to follow in life."

Upright Meaning

The Emperor represents stability, order, and leadership. He stands for taking responsibility and building systems that support long-term growth. This card invites you to lead with clarity, assert your boundaries, and create security through structure. While he may seem rigid, his strength creates space for others to thrive. It is time to take charge calmly and confidently.

Reversed Meaning

The Emperor can point to control issues, inflexibility, or misuse of authority. You may be resisting structure or holding too tightly to old systems. It could also reflect struggles with a dominant figure in your life. This card asks you to reflect on how you lead. Are you building something strong, or forcing it to stay upright? True power does not dominate. It protects.

Keywords

Authority · Structure · Leadership · Discipline · Control ·
Foundation

5 · The Hierophant

Visual Description

A formal figure sits on a raised throne between two stone pillars. He wears ceremonial robes and a triple-tiered crown. He holds a golden staff and raises two fingers in blessing. At his feet lie crossed keys, symbols of spiritual access. Two followers kneel before him, suggesting tradition, teaching, and shared belief.



Before the Lens

The Fool kept walking. He was not sure what came next, but he was open.

He saw a structure in the distance. Temple-like. Balanced. Strange. He could not explain it, but he had to go closer.

Inside was a tall, echoing hall lined with pillars. It smelled like incense. The air shimmered, as if the lighting had been arranged for ceremony.

At the centre stood a man in ceremonial robes, with two others before him, as if caught mid-ritual.

There were symbols everywhere. Keys for access. Scrolls for knowledge. Hand gestures that hinted at things passed down in silence.

The Fool looked around and thought, This must be a holy man.

"Must everything be so serious?" the Fool blurted, after knocking over a small stack of scrolls. "Can't wisdom dance a little?"

The Hierophant did not blink.

"Wisdom may dance," he said, "but only after it finishes its reading and removes its shoes."

The Fool was not sure if that was a joke. But something about it stayed with him.

So he stayed, too. Just for a while.

To listen. To learn.

Upright Meaning

The Hierophant represents tradition, structure, and the wisdom passed down through generations. This card can point to formal education, spiritual practice, or guidance from a trusted teacher. It asks you to connect with something greater through ritual, study, or community. You do not have to figure it all out alone. Sometimes the clearest path forward is the one already walked by others.

Reversed Meaning

The Hierophant may signal resistance to tradition, dogma, or external authority. You could be questioning old beliefs or breaking away from expectations that no longer fit. It also warns against blindly following others or needing approval to act. Trust your own values. True wisdom does not silence you. It helps you think for yourself.

Keywords

Tradition · Teaching · Belief · Structure · Guidance · Community

6 · The Lovers

Visual Description

A man and woman stand side by side beneath a glowing angel with red wings, symbolizing divine connection and choice. Behind the woman grows a tree with a serpent and red fruit. Behind the man, a flaming bush. A mountain rises between them, representing the challenges and growth that come with union and decision.



Before the Lens

The Fool had been walking alone for a while. No one to talk to. Sure, his dog was with him. Loyal and fluffy as ever. But honestly, something was starting to sting. He had wandered through cliffs, forests, and at least one suspicious cheese festival, but not a single kiss.

He stood in a meadow, staring dramatically at an apple tree, when a breeze stirred the silence. Overhead, an angel hovered. Glowing. Majestic. Clearly there for something important.

"Fool," the angel said, "your heart has cried louder than your kazoo. Behold... love."

With a soft poof, she appeared. Standing beside him like she had always been there. She was radiant. Possibly glowing.

The Fool hesitated. "Are you... Eva? Are we... in Eden?"

She looked around first, then noticed the apple tree nearby.

"If Eden is where someone dared to eat the apple," she said, "then I guess I am home."

The Fool grinned. "Do you like stargazing, bread, and poor decisions?"

"Only if they come with wine."

They reached for each other. And somewhere behind them, a tree lit up like fire. It bloomed upward in a sudden flare, as if the moment itself had caught a spark.

The angel sighed, watching them wander off hand in hand. Straight toward a cactus patch.

Upright Meaning

The Lovers speaks to connection, choice, and alignment. This card can represent romantic partnership, but also any moment where your values and desires meet. It asks you to choose with your heart, not impulsively but with deep honesty. Whether in love, work, or identity, it is time to

align with what feels true, even if it means letting something else go.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, the Lovers may point to disharmony, misalignment, or avoidance of commitment. You might be caught in indecision or struggling to balance head and heart. This card also suggests the need for self-honesty. Are you choosing out of fear or truth? Reconnection starts by coming back to your own integrity.

Keywords

Union · Choice · Love · Alignment · Trust · Vulnerability

7 · The Chariot

Visual Description

A determined figure stands in a stone chariot, clad in armour and flanked by two sphinxes. One black, one white. They symbolize opposing forces and inner balance. A star shines on the canopy above, and the emblem on the chariot suggests willpower guided by purpose. Behind him, a city stands still as he prepares to move forward with control and direction.



Before the Lens

The time spent with Eva filled the Fool with energy. He felt lighter. Braver. Ready to move. Not just wander, but aim.

He spotted a village in the distance. And there, along the path, waited an empty chariot. Still and gleaming. Pulled by two sphinxes.

They looked majestic, moody, and slightly annoyed.

"What a chance," the Fool thought, climbing in. "Destiny, here I come."

The sphinxes did not move.

"Ahem" the Fool coughed politely.

"Let us be clear," said the white one. "We do not just charge off for dramatic effect."

"We require intention," added the black one, yawning. "And answers."

"Now stay focused," said the white one. "And answer this. What has wheels, ambition, and no idea what it is doing?"

"A metaphor?" the Fool guessed.

"Close," said the black one. "It is you. Buckle up."

Then, finally, they moved. Slow at first, then swift. Toward the glowing village.

As if the world had just pressed go.

Upright Meaning

The Chariot is a card of focus, momentum, and self-discipline. It shows that progress comes from balancing competing energies. Will and instinct. Control and surrender. You are being called to take the reins, stay the course, and direct your energy toward a clear goal. Victory comes not just from action, but from aligned intention. This is your moment to move with purpose.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, the Chariot may reflect a loss of control, scattered energy, or feeling pulled in opposing directions. You might be pushing too hard without direction, or letting distractions override your focus. It can also point to avoidance. Knowing the path but hesitating to commit. Regain your centre. Progress begins with alignment, not force.

Keywords

Determination · Drive · Balance · Willpower · Focus · Control

8 · Strength

Visual Description

A gentle woman in a white dress calmly holds open the jaws of a vivid red lion. She wears a garland of roses, and an infinity symbol floats above her head, signifying spiritual endurance. Despite the lion's power, her expression is peaceful, showing that true strength comes from grace, not force.



Before the Lens

The chariot had taken the Fool far, but not all the way. The road ended at a steep, sunlit slope, and he climbed it slowly, legs aching, dog trailing behind with obvious scepticism. But he kept going.

At the top, breathless and dusty, he saw it. A lion. Massive. Still. Red like a warning.

The Fool froze. His dog whimpered and hid. The Fool dropped to his knees. He whispered a prayer. Then a louder one. Then another, just in case.

He waited. Nothing changed. The lion stayed exactly as it was. Unmoving. Eternal. Completely uninterested.

The Fool held his breath and stepped closer. Then poked it. Nothing. The lion did not move. It did not breathe. It was not real.

Just then, a woman in a white dress jogged up the hill, slightly out of breath.

"Sorry, I am late," she said. "I was supposed to be calming it."

The Fool laughed, almost dizzy with relief. The lion had never been a threat. Just a test.

Some things are not meant to be fought. Some things are calmed by presence alone.

Upright Meaning

Strength reflects inner calm, courage, and resilience. This card shows that true power does not roar - it steadies. You may be facing a test of will or emotion, but your softness is not weakness. Strength invites you to meet challenges with quiet confidence, patience, and compassion, especially toward yourself. You already have what it takes to endure and rise.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, Strength may reveal self-doubt, fear, or being overwhelmed by your emotions. You might be pushing yourself too hard or withdrawing in defeat. This card asks you to soften, not give up, but let go of the struggle. Power

grounded in love and balance is stronger than control.
Return to your centre and lead with gentleness.

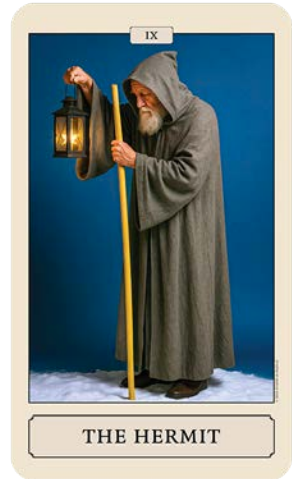
Keywords

Courage · Patience · Inner power · Compassion · Balance ·
Endurance

9 · The Hermit

Visual Description

An elderly figure in a grey cloak stands alone on the snow, holding a glowing lantern in one hand and a long staff in the other. His gaze is turned inward, and the deep blue background emphasizes stillness and solitude. The lantern symbolizes inner light, guidance found not from others but from within.



Before the Lens

The Fool had learned a lot by now, but something still tugged at him. A quiet sense that the journey was not done.

The road climbed higher, and the cold set in. Snowflakes began to fall. His hands were numb, still gripping what used to be a banana. His dog trotted quietly beside him, ears tucked against the wind.

In the distance, a dim light flickered. It might have been wisdom. Or a mountain ghost with excellent lighting design. Either way, he climbed.

At the top, he found a man standing alone. Cloaked. Silent. Holding a lantern.

"Hey there," the Fool said. "What are you doing all the way up here?"

"Seeking truth in solitude," the man replied.

"Oh, cool," the Fool said. "I seek snacks. And occasionally Wi-Fi."

He meant it as a joke, but it echoed strangely in the quiet.

The Fool looked at the lantern. Then at his own feet. Maybe the signal he needed was not digital.

Maybe the next part of the journey was not outward at all.

Upright Meaning

The Hermit invites you to pause, reflect, and seek answers within. This card is about stepping back from noise and external demands to hear your own wisdom. Solitude is not loneliness here. It is a sacred retreat. Whether through meditation, journaling, or quiet time, give yourself space to reconnect with your inner guide. Your next step begins in stillness.

Reversed Meaning

The Hermit may suggest isolation, withdrawal, or getting lost in overthinking. You might be avoiding connection or pushing away support you actually need. It can also reflect burnout from too much inner work without rest.

Reconnection is key, to yourself and gently to others. You do not have to do it all alone.

Keywords

Introspection · Wisdom · Solitude · Clarity · Guidance ·
Inner truth

10 · Wheel of Fortune

Visual Description

A woman in teal robes sits cross-legged atop a giant turning wheel, holding a sword in her hand. Winged figures, a lion, eagle, bull, and human, surround her on clouds, each holding a book of knowledge. A red serpent descends, while a golden creature rises, echoing cycles of change, fate, and time.



Before the Lens

Time alone had quieted the Fool in the caves next to the Hermit.

One day, while wandering deeper into the mountain caves, he tripped over a rock and landed face-first in front of a massive stone wheel. Ancient. Covered in symbols. It looked like it had been waiting.

Curiosity won, as always. He touched it.

The wheel spun violently. The cave shook. Wind howled. He felt like an invisible hook had grabbed him from the centre and yanked him forward. In a blink, he was floating in the clouds, spinning slowly like a dazed pancake.

"This feels exactly like that boot at the Quidditch World Cup," he muttered. "I should have paid more attention."

Before he could figure it out, a glowing voice declared,

"You have spun the Wheel of Fortune. Your path has shifted."

"But I had plans," the Fool muttered. "The marshmallows were nearly toasted."

The clouds swirled again. He dropped.

Fortunately, he landed on a pillow, and found himself at the gates of a village he had never seen before.

His dog landed beside him with a soft thud.

They looked at each other, shrugged, and kept walking.

The road, apparently, had other ideas.

Upright Meaning

The Wheel of Fortune marks a turning point. Change is in motion, whether expected or not. This card speaks to luck, destiny, and the larger cycles at work in your life. While you cannot control everything, you can ride the wave with grace. What rises must fall, and what is down will rise again. Stay centred. The wheel keeps turning.

Reversed Meaning

The Wheel may indicate resistance to change or feeling stuck in a cycle. You might be blaming fate or missing a chance to shift direction. This card reminds you that while you cannot steer the wheel, you can choose how you respond. Loosen your grip. Let movement return. Nothing stays still forever.

Keywords

Change · Fate · Cycles · Luck · Turning point · Surrender

11 · Justice

Visual Description

A regal figure sits between stone pillars, wearing red and green robes with a golden crown. She holds a double-edged sword upright in her right hand and golden scales in her left. These are symbols of truth and balance. Her gaze is calm and direct, inviting honesty and accountability.



Before the Lens

After wandering through the strange new village, the Fool found himself drawn to a quiet stone hall at its centre. Inside sat a woman, still as a statue. A sword in one hand. Scales in the other. Her eyes were calm. Clear. Far too knowing.

She said nothing. Just watched as the Fool approached. Muddy boots. Tangled hair. All the laughter and mistakes he had carried from the road. The scales before her trembled.

For a moment, the Fool felt unsure. Was this judgment? A test? A trap disguised as wisdom?

Then he reached into his coat and placed a few quiet things on the scales. A pebble from the Hermit's cave. A coin from the Magician's table. A dried leaf from the apple tree.

The scales steadied. Justice gave a small nod. No punishment. No praise. Just truth.

He left the hall with no fewer possessions, but something had settled. A strange kind of peace. He had stood still, been seen and moved forward a little clearer than before.

Upright Meaning

Justice is about truth, fairness, and taking responsibility. This card reminds you that your actions have consequences, and that integrity matters. Whether you are facing a decision, conflict, or reflection, Justice asks you to act with clarity and honesty. It also affirms that fairness is at play, even if it is unfolding slowly. Seek truth, and let it guide your next step.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, Justice may indicate imbalance, dishonesty, or a refusal to take responsibility. You might be blaming others, hiding the truth, or avoiding the consequences of past choices. This card calls for self-inquiry. What is being avoided? What story are you telling yourself? Real peace comes from facing truth head-on, even when it is uncomfortable.

Keywords

Truth · Fairness · Accountability · Ethics · Balance ·
Decisions

12 · The Hanged Man

Visual Description

A calm figure hangs upside down from a tree by one foot, with the other leg bent to form a cross shape. A glowing halo surrounds his head, suggesting spiritual insight. His expression is peaceful, not strained. A sign of surrender, not punishment.



Before the Lens

The Fool had been walking confidently through the village streets. Everything felt too still. Too perfect. An odd, unshakeable sensation stirred in his chest.

And then the path ended. No warning. Just a flat, quiet space with a single tree, a dangling rope, and a large X taped on the ground.

He squinted. "Is this... kind of a set?"

He noticed it was a set. But he did not realize it was meant for him.

Nearby, a small sign read: Please suspend all action.

Curious and slightly bored, the Fool stepped onto the X.

The moment he did, the rope wrapped around his ankle and *whup* - he was hanging upside down.

Arms dangling. Crumbs spilling from his pockets.

He flailed. He sighed. Then he stilled.

The world looked different from here. Slower. Softer.

The mess behind him actually made sense from this angle. He could see connections he had not noticed before.

Maybe he was not stuck. Maybe he was just suspended.

A voice from offscreen whispered, "Hold for reflection."

Upright Meaning

The Hanged Man represents pause, surrender, and a shift in perspective. Life may feel stalled, but something deeper is aligning beneath the surface. This card invites you to let go of control and allow stillness to work its magic. A new insight is only possible when you stop pushing and start seeing differently. Wait. Observe. Trust the hang.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, this card can show resistance - refusing to pause, or clinging to an old way of thinking. It might also suggest stagnation without purpose, like you are stuck but not learning from it. Ask yourself: what are you holding onto that is blocking clarity? Inverting your view might be exactly what frees you.

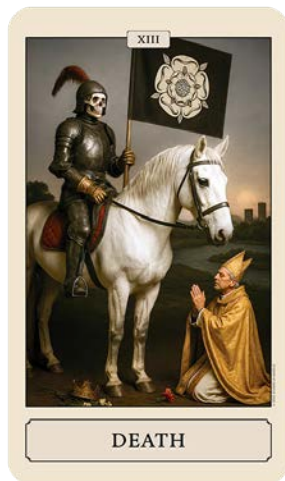
Keywords

Surrender · Pause · Perspective · Insight · Release ·
Suspension

13 · Death

Visual Description

A skeletal rider in black armour sits atop a white horse, holding a black flag with a white rose. It is a symbol of transformation. A robed figure kneels before him, and a fallen crown lies on the ground. In the background, the sun rises between two towers, signalling endings that lead to new beginnings.



Before the Lens

It was a beautiful day. The Fool had been walking with his dog, thinking they had made it through the hardest parts. The road was soft. The air, still.

Then the sky dimmed without warning. A white horse appeared in the distance, glowing faintly. Upon it rode a figure in black armour, holding a flag marked with a single white rose.

The villagers stood still, and a bishop knelt. The Fool did not understand. Not yet.

Then the figure gave a slow nod. And the dog stepped forward.

The Fool called after him, but the dog did not hesitate. He looked back once. Not sad. Not scared. Just complete. Then turned and followed the horse, like he already knew the script.

The Fool stood frozen, breath caught. "I thought the hardest part was over," he whispered. "Thanks."

Then, a loud, clear whistle echoed through the air. A bird swooped down from nowhere, landed on his shoulder, and pecked him gently on the nose.

Not random. Like the bird had just been waiting for a signal.

The Fool blinked. "Seriously?"

It felt like something had returned. In a new form. Not gone. Just changed.

Upright Meaning

Death marks a powerful transformation. Not literal, but symbolic. It signals the end of a chapter, habit, or identity that no longer serves you. Though it may feel uncomfortable or sudden, something new is waiting to take its place. Letting go clears space for growth. Trust the cycle. Something must fall away for something truer to rise.

Reversed Meaning

Death may reflect resistance to change or clinging to what is already gone. You might feel stuck in the past, afraid to release control, or reluctant to face transition. This card asks what you are holding onto that is holding you back. Even endings can be a kind of mercy. Acceptance brings peace.

Keywords

Transformation · Endings · Letting go · Renewal · Change · Transition

14 · Temperance

Visual Description

A radiant angel with red wings stands barefoot on the surface of a stream, symbolizing emotional stillness and spiritual balance. They pour water between two golden cups with calm focus. A glowing triangle on their robe represents harmony and integration. Behind them, a sun rises over a winding path. A sign of gentle progress.



Before the Lens

The Fool had been on the road for a long time.

After the loss of his dog, he felt uneven, as if something inside him had tipped.

One hot morning, he wandered to a quiet patch by the water, more tired than lost. What he wanted was simple. Balance. Peace. And something cold. Sweet and freezing.

Then he heard wings. A breeze stirred the scene like someone had turned on a hidden fan.

An angel descended. Slow and steady. With red wings and a glowing halo.

And began pouring liquid from one cup to another. Back and forth. Perfectly even.

The Fool smiled, half delirious. "You heard me again," he said. "Bless you."

Then he stumbled closer. "Tell me that is for drinking," he croaked.

The angel did not look up. "It only refreshes the ones who stop reaching for it," he said.

The Fool blinked. "Wait... is that a joke?"

"No," the angel replied. "It is a paradox."

The Fool sighed. Still thirsty. He walked on, fast. The taste of mint lemonade sharp in his mind.

One day, he would learn. Balance is the ability to slow down. Even when you are dying for a drink.

Upright Meaning

Temperance represents balance, patience, and integration. This card invites you to slow down and find the middle ground. Not through compromise, but through harmony. Opposing forces can work together. Trust the process and allow things to blend naturally. What is needed now is not action, but flow. You are being guided, step by step.

Reversed Meaning

Temperance may point to excess, imbalance, or internal conflict when reversed. You could be forcing solutions, rushing healing, or bouncing between extremes. This card asks you to pause and recalibrate. Where can you create more ease, more space, more steadiness? Balance is not static. It is something you practice.

Keywords

Balance · Patience · Harmony · Moderation · Healing · Flow

15 · The Devil

Visual Description

A red horned figure with bat wings and an inverted pentagram on his forehead sits on a dark throne. Below him, two chained figures, a man and a woman, wear small horns, but their chains are loose. One holds grapes, the other a torch. Though they appear bound, their captivity is self-maintained.



Before the Lens

The Fool had been walking the path ahead, still thinking about mint lemonade.

So when he saw a glowing sign that read REFRESHMENTS - THIS WAY →, he followed it without question.

The tunnel opened into a red lit bar. Sleek. Surreal. Tended by a red figure with goat horns curling from his head.

"You have mint lemonade?" the Fool asked.

"We do," said the figure, sliding over a drink. "You will never want anything else again."

The Fool drank. It was incredible. Cold. Sweet. Strange.

"What is this?" he asked, already reaching for more.

"Bhang mojito," said the figure. "Mint. Lemon. And a touch of magic."

The craving came fast. A second sip. Then a third.

Around him, the walls shimmered. The mirrors shifted. He saw himself. Multiplied. Laughing too loudly. Hoarding. Hiding.

He saw Eva, dancing in a loop. The bar melted. A leash snapped around his neck.

When he looked into the mirrored wall, he flinched. Horns. A tail. He was starting to look like the bartender.

The grin across the bar widened.

"Am I dreaming?" the Fool asked.

"No," said the Devil. "You are just seeing what you usually avoid."

The Fool set the glass down. It did not taste so good any more.

"I think I have had enough."

The Devil raised a brow. "Most do not know when to stop."

The leash around his neck unlatched with a soft click. He stepped away.

The craving was still there. But quieter now.

Upright Meaning

The Devil represents temptation, addiction, or any unhealthy attachment that limits your freedom. This card asks where you are feeling trapped and whether you are truly trapped. Often, the chains are of our own making. It is time to face uncomfortable truths and recognize what has power over you. Awareness is the first step toward release.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, this card can signal a moment of breaking free. You may be waking up to your own patterns and choosing to reclaim your agency. It can also suggest denial, ignoring what is holding you back or pretending everything is fine. Be honest. Real liberation begins with seeing clearly.

Keywords

Addiction · Temptation · Power · Illusion · Shadow · Release

16 · The Tower

Visual Description

A tall stone tower is struck by lightning and engulfed in flames. Two figures are flung from its top, one upside down, the other wide-eyed, representing the shock of sudden change. A golden crown is thrown into the air, symbolizing the fall of false power. The scene is chaotic, dramatic, and unmistakably transformative.



Before the Lens

The Fool spotted it from the cliffs. A tall tower rising into the sky, quiet and grand. It looked like a place to rest. He imagined soft sheets. A proper bed. How he missed that.

He was still thinking about softness when he found the gold ring by the river. It shimmered. It felt lucky. He slipped it on without thinking, and something greedy stirred inside him.

He checked his pockets and grinned. He still had coins from the Magician.

"I want the best room," he said when he reached the tower.
"Top floor. Private pool?"

Inside, the tower's spiral stairs coiled upward. Each wall lined with mirrors.

With every floor, his reflection changed. Taller. Stronger. No longer a Fool. No. Something greater. A divine version of himself.

By the time he reached the top, he could hear the mirrors whispering his name. On his head, a golden crown had appeared. Shimmering. Perfect. As if it had always belonged there.

He looked at the ring and whispered, "My precious."

Then lightning.

A single crack split the sky like divine punctuation. The tower shuddered. The stairs behind him crumbled. Flame. Smoke. Collapse. The tower was falling.

There was no choice. He jumped.

As he fell, the world slowed. Somewhere beside him, a glowing sign flickered past.

Level 17. Arrogance.

Level 12. Ego inflation.

Level 4. Illusions.

He landed hard. Dusty. Breathless. Alive.

The ring was gone. The sky was still breaking open.

Upright Meaning

The Tower signals sudden upheaval. A moment when everything cracks open. It can be shocking, but it is not random. Something false, unstable, or outdated is being cleared to make space for truth. This card is not about destruction for its own sake. It is about necessary collapse. Let it fall. What remains will be real.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, The Tower can reflect fear of change or a quiet breakdown building in the background. You might be ignoring signs, delaying the inevitable, or clinging to something that is already crumbling. This card whispers not to resist the shake up. Facing it now is better than waiting for the storm to hit harder.

Keywords

Upheaval · Truth · Disruption · Revelation · Collapse ·
Awakening

17 · The Star

Visual Description

A woman kneels with one foot on land and one in a pool of water, gently pouring water from two clay pitchers. Above her, a large golden star shines among seven smaller ones. A tree and bird watch nearby, while the distant hills suggest peace and renewal.



Before the Lens

The Fool walked beneath a sky so clear it felt deliberate. He was still shaken from the fall. Everything had happened so suddenly. So chaotically.

The bird perched silently on his shoulder. In the distance, a single star flickered. Not like a real star, but like a backstage spotlight being tested. Then it steadied, pretending to be eternal.

The bird lifted off and flew ahead, landing gently on a branch beside a quiet pool.

There, beneath the trees, a woman knelt. She was pouring water from one vessel into the earth and another into the pool beside her. She shimmered like moonlight wrapped in starlight.

Something bloomed in the Fool's chest. Fragile.
Unexpected.

Hope.

He approached quietly. No jokes today. Just a daisy in his hand.

"Beautiful lady," he said, "you have made my day just by being in it."

She blinked, turned slightly toward the trees, looked at the camera, and asked,

"Line?"

A voice offscreen answered, "Just pour the water."

The Fool did not understand. But he sat beside her anyway. Watching. Breathing.

Something in him softened. Something in him steadied.

The world had fallen. But not everything was broken.

Some things, soft things, were still glowing.

Upright Meaning

The Star brings hope, healing, and quiet optimism. After difficulty, this card offers a moment of deep clarity and emotional restoration. You are being reminded of your inner light. Even if the road ahead is still uncertain, your

spirit knows the way. Trust your intuition, refill your well, and let your hope shine for others too.

Reversed Meaning

The Star may point to discouragement, burnout, or feeling disconnected from your own inner guidance when reversed. You might be doubting your path or struggling to see the bigger picture. This card encourages you to slow down and nurture yourself. Hope can be quiet, but it is never gone. Return to what helps you feel clear and whole.

Keywords

Hope · Healing · Renewal · Clarity · Spiritual connection · Inspiration

18 · The Moon

Visual Description

A full moon with a human face glows in the night sky, eyes closed as if dreaming. A red dog and a pale wolf howl beneath it, representing instinct and wildness. A path winds between two towers in the background, and a red lobster crawls from a dark pool. All symbols of the subconscious, illusion, and mystery.



Before the Lens

The Fool stayed by the pond that night, curled in his blanket beneath the stars. It was peaceful. Still.

Until the sound of barking woke him. He opened his eyes and saw the full moon, huge and low, shining directly on his face. It looked almost human. A sleeping face carved in light.

A brown dog and a white wolf stood near the water's edge. Between them, a red creature crawled up from the lake. Behind them, a narrow path appeared. Flanked by two tall towers.

"Were those always there?" he whispered. "Has that path been in front of me this whole time?"

He looked back up at the moon. And that was when the moon suddenly opened its eyes.

The Fool jolted awake, soaked in sweat. He touched his face. Awake. Definitely awake.

"What the hell was that?" he muttered. He looked around, heart racing. The moonlight was still there.

But nothing around him felt real. The trees wavered like set pieces. The light flickered. The path ahead shimmered. Not like light, but like fabric.

He took a step forward. Then paused.

"What is this place?" he whispered. "Was any of it ever real?"

The curtain swayed in front of him. He reached out and pulled it aside.

Behind it, he read a glowing sign: EXIT.

Something inside him whispered. This scene is over.

The Fool did not argue. He just stepped through.

And everything went dark.

Then, from somewhere offscreen:

"Cut."

Upright Meaning

The Moon speaks to uncertainty, intuition, and the unknown. It invites you to trust your instincts even when things feel unclear. Not everything is as it seems. The path is winding, and the light is dim. This card asks you to pause, reflect, and move gently. Let your dreams guide you. Sometimes confusion is just a sign that something deeper is rising.

Reversed Meaning

The Moon may indicate heightened confusion, fear, or deception. You might be misreading a situation or letting anxiety cloud your judgment. Alternatively, secrets may be surfacing. Things that were hidden coming to light. Clarity is coming, but first you must face what lies in the shadows.

Keywords

Intuition · Illusion · Mystery · Dreams · Confusion · Subconscious

19 · The Sun

Visual Description

A joyful child sits atop a white horse, wearing a floral crown. Behind them, a brick wall and a row of blooming sunflowers stretch under a radiant sun with a human face. A red banner waves in the air. The whole scene bursts with warmth, confidence, and innocence.



Before the Lens

The Fool woke up lying in a field of sunflowers. He sat up, blinked, and immediately squinted. The sun was shining like it had something to prove.

"Am I dead?" he asked the nearest flower. The flower did not answer, but a butterfly landed on his nose and sneezed.

"Fair enough," the Fool said.

He stood, stretched, and looked around. The sky was perfect. Too perfect. Like someone had edited it with maximum saturation. Somewhere in the distance, a baby on a white horse was singing *Here Comes the Sun*.

The Fool laughed. Then paused. "Wait. Is this a cult?"

"Nope," the baby called back. "Just joy. Pure. Unfiltered. Joy. Weird, right?"

The Fool ran through the field, arms out, shouting "WHEEEEE" for no reason. He tripped over a picnic blanket and landed in a basket of warm bread. He stayed there. Sun on his face. Bread in his mouth. Not a single thought in his head. No riddles. No trials. Just now. Happiness. Without a reason.

"Honestly," he mumbled, "I could live here forever."

The baby trotted by again and handed him a bottle labelled: SPF 1000000. For Existential Exposure.

Upright Meaning

The Sun is a card of joy, clarity, and celebration. It signals a time when things fall into place, where energy, truth, and connection align. You may feel seen, appreciated, or simply alive. This card can also point to children, pregnancy, or a new life beginning. Let yourself shine. Good things are growing, and you are allowed to enjoy them.

Reversed Meaning

The Sun can suggest temporary dimness, a lack of confidence, self-doubt, or not fully embracing the good in your life. It may also mean something bright is present but not yet fully felt. Let light in slowly. You do not have to force positivity, but do not hide from it either.

Keywords

Joy · Clarity · Vitality · Success · Confidence · Warmth

20 · Judgement

Visual Description

A red-winged angel blows a golden trumpet above a calm sea. Below, people rise from coffins with arms outstretched, responding to the call. A white flag marked with a red cross floats beside the angel. Snowy mountains rise in the distance, a symbol of clarity and final truth.



Before the Lens

The Fool was mid-picnic when he heard a metallic sound. The sky cracked open. Thick gray clouds rolled in, and from between them descended an angel. Glowing. Enormous. The Fool froze. The angel was not just looking at him. It was reading him, like a file.

Then the field vanished. The sky blinked. And suddenly, he was standing in shallow water. All around him, silent figures stepped into small boats and floated off into the mist. At the edge of the water, a glowing door opened. Just for him.

He hesitated. This was the day of judgement. Nothing left to prove. Just the step. He stepped through.

Inside was not what he expected. It looked bureaucratic rather than divine. A massive white room. Endless. Empty. In the centre stood a single desk, a chair, and an old-fashioned television set. The Fool sat down, and the TV flickered on.

He watched his entire journey unfold. The moments of wonder, confusion, hunger, thirst, joy, heartbreak, and growth. All of it. It only took five minutes. Maybe it had always been five minutes.

At the very end, he saw himself on the screen. Not larger. Not wiser. Just him. And he looked into the camera and asked,

"Now answer. Did you live it fully?"

The Fool froze. "I think I did," he said quietly. "But I do not really understand any of it."

The other Fool, the one on the screen, gave a small shrug.

"Of course you do not," he said. "Some things are not understood. They are just lived."

A pause. Then, from somewhere unseen, a voice whispered, "That is enough." And everything turned white.

Upright Meaning

Judgement is a card of awakening, reflection, and renewal. It asks you to look at your past honestly, forgive what

needs forgiving, and step into who you have truly become. You are being called to rise. Not just into action, but into alignment with your higher self. It is a moment of truth, but also a chance to begin again with clarity.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, this card may point to self-doubt, guilt, or a fear of being seen for who you are. You might be holding back from growth or resisting a necessary transition. Judgement reminds you that transformation requires acceptance. Let go of the past, not to forget, but to free yourself from its hold.

Keywords

Awakening · Redemption · Reflection · Clarity · Forgiveness
· Transformation

21 · The World

Visual Description

A graceful figure floats within a large laurel wreath, a symbol of victory, completion, and spiritual achievement. They hold two white wands, representing balance and mastery. Wrapped in a flowing violet cloth, the figure appears serene and whole. Surrounding the wreath are four symbols, a lion, bull, eagle, and human. These are the four fixed signs in harmony. Clouds support the scene, suggesting transcendence and unity.



Before the Lens

Bright white light covered everything. For a moment, there was nothing. Then everything turned transparent. The Fool blinked. He was standing in a glass room, high above the Earth. Below his feet, oceans, cities, and clouds moved softly, like they were breathing. He felt still. Whole. Not above the world, but part of it.

Colour returned gently. Music began to play. Racks of costumes appeared - relics from his journey. And he realized he was wearing something new. Abstract. But festive.

And that was when she appeared. The woman from the wreath. Draped in deep violet. Radiant. Calm. She stepped forward like she had always been part of the room. Like she had been waiting.

"You made it," she said. "All the way."

Then confetti exploded. The Fool smiled, blinking into the soft light. The countdown began behind her.

Three

Two

One

A soft chime. The lights dimmed. And a voice echoed from everywhere and nowhere:

"Life 38790329843. Completion confirmed. Uploading."

Then, a trapdoor opened beneath his feet. He fell. Through colour. Through sound. Through silence.

Somewhere, a baby cried. Somewhere else, someone laughed. And on a screen in a quiet room, two words appeared:

THE END

Upright Meaning

The World marks completion, integration, and wholeness. You have come full circle. A cycle has closed, and you stand with greater wisdom and unity. This card celebrates fulfilment, achievement, and a deep sense of alignment. Pause and honour how far you have come. A new beginning may follow, but for now, you are whole.

Reversed Meaning

The World may suggest unfinished business or feeling stuck just before the finish line. You might be holding back from closure or doubting your progress. This card asks you to reflect. What needs to be accepted, released, or celebrated before you move on? You are closer than you think.

Keywords

Completion · Integration · Wholeness · Fulfilment · Unity · Achievement

Minor Arcana

If the Major Arcana is the big picture, the Minor Arcana is everything in between. Daily moments. Shifts in energy. The emotions, actions, thoughts, and patterns that shape our lives, one scene at a time.

The Minor Arcana is made up of four suits: Wands, Cups, Swords, and Pentacles. Each suit moves from Ace to Ten, followed by four Court Cards: Page, Knight, Queen, and King. Together, they show how energy grows, peaks, struggles, and resets.

These cards may feel smaller than the Major Arcana, but they are no less meaningful. They reveal what is playing out in the now - where you are being stretched, where you are growing, and what part of your life is asking for attention.

You will see yourself here. In the choices, in the mess, in the magic. That is the beauty of the Minor Arcana. It meets you right where you are.

The Court Cards

Each suit in the tarot ends with four Court Cards: Page, Knight, Queen, and King. These are not just people but roles, energies, or states of being. They do not belong to one gender, age, or type. Instead, they reflect how a part of you or someone else is showing up in the moment.

Pages are fresh starts. They bring curiosity, new ideas, or messages from within. Think of them as the students of their suit, still learning but full of potential.

Knights are the movers. They are on a mission, driven by purpose and eager to act. Sometimes that brings progress, sometimes chaos. They carry the momentum of their suit, often intense and always in motion.

Queens know. Their power is quiet, deep, and intuitive. They understand their suit from the inside out, offering support, wisdom, and emotional depth.

Kings lead. They represent outward mastery and responsibility. They hold the vision of the suit and know how to make it real in the world.

When a Court Card shows up, pause and ask: Is this me right now? A part of me? Or someone else crossing my path? They may not always shout, sometimes they just nudge. But they always reflect something worth noticing.

Wands

Wands are fire. They hold passion, drive, and the energy to begin. These cards speak to what excites you, what calls you into action, and what you are ready to create. Wands do not wait. They move. They push forward with instinct and inspiration. Sometimes the path is clear. Sometimes you only feel the spark. This suit asks you to follow it. What are you ready to start? What is rising inside you, asking to be expressed?

Ace of Wands

Visual Description

A hand bursts from swirling clouds holding a tall wand sprouting new leaves. Below, a fertile landscape stretches, with a river winding and mountains rising. The wand pulses with pure potential, symbolizing a spark yet to ignite.

Upright Meaning

The Ace of Wands is a burst of creative energy, inspiration, and bold beginnings. It invites you to act on a spark, to say yes to a project, passion, or idea that sets something ablaze within you. This is the moment to trust your impulse and begin.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may suggest hesitation, a false start, or blocked creative flow. You may be overthinking or doubting your drive. Reignite the spark by returning to what genuinely excites you.

Keywords

Inspiration · Potential · Passion · Initiative · New energy



Two of Wands

Visual Description

A figure stands between two upright wands on a stone terrace, gazing across open land while holding a globe. Behind him is a castle, before him the world. It is a moment of vision, grounded yet full of expansion.

Upright Meaning

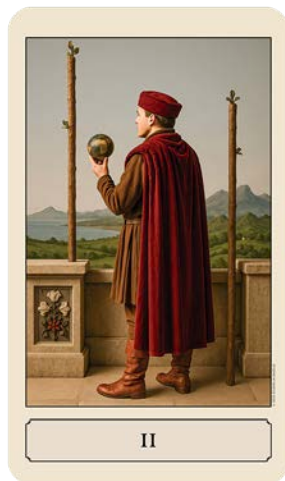
The Two of Wands is a card of vision, planning, and ambition. You are standing at a threshold, aware of your power. Now it is time to choose where to direct it. This is a call to step beyond comfort and trust your instincts to shape what is next.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, this card may reveal fear of change, indecision, or lack of direction. You may be holding on to familiarity while longing for something more. What dream are you afraid to act on?

Keywords

Planning · Choice · Potential · Expansion · Crossroads



Three of Wands

Visual Description

A traveller surveys the sea from a high ridge, three wands rooted firmly behind him. Ships sail outward, or are they returning? The image captures momentum, foresight, and trust in what has been set in motion.

Upright Meaning

The Three of Wands reflects growth, foresight, and movement. You have made a choice, taken action, and now await the ripple effect. This card urges you to stay committed and open to the horizon, the results are unfolding.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card can show delays, detours, or frustration with progress. Perhaps what you envisioned has not quite arrived. Stay flexible. Sometimes the route shifts, but the goal remains true.

Keywords

Momentum · Expansion · Effort paying off · Perspective



Four of Wands

Visual Description

Two joyful figures stand beneath a floral garland suspended between four upright wands. Behind them, a festive village glows with banners and warmth. It is a picture of arrival, connection, and shared foundation.

Upright Meaning

The Four of Wands marks a time of celebration, homecoming, and shared joy. It reflects stability built through effort and reminds you to pause and honour what has been created, whether it is a relationship, project, or sense of belonging. This is a card of harmony made visible.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may suggest delayed celebrations, unsettled foundations, or feeling like an outsider. The moment still matters, but it may ask for intention and reconnection. Where can you create your own sense of home?

Keywords

Celebration · Harmony · Belonging · Milestone · Foundation



Five of Wands

Visual Description

Five figures wield wands in apparent conflict, their movements disjointed. No one leads and nothing lands, only stirred-up dust and clashing egos. The energy is real, but so is the confusion.

Upright Meaning

The Five of Wands represents friction, disagreement, or competition. You may feel at odds with others or within yourself. While challenging, this tension can reveal what you truly care about. Use the chaos to clarify your voice.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, this card may point to internal conflict, buried tension, or a refusal to engage. Avoidance can create more stress than confrontation. It is time to face what has been stirred and sort through the noise.

Keywords

Conflict · Tension · Competition · Misalignment · Inner struggle



Six of Wands

Visual Description

A proud rider returns on a white horse, crowned with a laurel wreath. People gather in celebration, raising their wands in honour. This is victory made public, effort seen and success affirmed.

Upright Meaning

The Six of Wands brings recognition, confidence, and success. You have overcome challenges and others are taking notice. This card encourages you to stand tall, not with arrogance, but with earned pride. Let yourself be seen.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may signal self-doubt, lack of acknowledgment, or success that feels hollow. It invites reflection: are you leading from truth or performing for praise? Reclaim your why.

Keywords

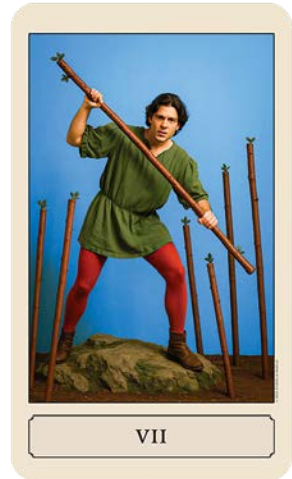
Recognition · Success · Validation · Visibility · Achievement



Seven of Wands

Visual Description

A lone figure stands at the crest of a hill, gripping a wand with both hands in a defensive stance. Six other wands rise from below, aimed toward him like silent challengers. His footing is uneven, but his posture is fierce, ready to hold his ground despite the odds.



Upright Meaning

The Seven of Wands speaks to standing your ground under pressure. You may feel tested, by opinions, opposition, or inner doubt, but your position is worth defending. This card reminds you that conviction matters, even when the path is uphill.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, the card reflects being overwhelmed, burnout, or feeling under siege. You might be questioning if the struggle is worth it. Step back, regroup, and remember that retreat is not failure; it is strategy.

Keywords

Perseverance · Defence · Pressure · Strength · Resolve

Eight of Wands

Visual Description

Eight wands fly across a clear sky in perfect diagonal formation. The scene is spare, no figures, just movement. Everything is in motion, aligned and direct, like thoughts turned to action.

Upright Meaning

The Eight of Wands signals rapid momentum, clear communication, and accelerated progress. Events are lining up, this is your green light. Trust the flow and let action lead where intuition already pointed.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, this card may reflect delays, scattered focus, or crossed signals. Something is off in the rhythm. Pause, recalibrate, and clarify intentions before rushing forward.

Keywords

Speed · Direction · Messages · Alignment · Progress



Nine of Wands

Visual Description

A tired, wounded figure clutches a wand while standing before eight others lined up behind him like a barrier. His body leans with fatigue, but his eyes stay sharp. He is guarded, alert, a survivor who is not ready to let his guard down just yet.

Upright Meaning

The Nine of Wands represents resilience in the face of ongoing challenges. You are tired, yes, but not broken. This card reminds you that hard-won wisdom is your armour. You have come too far to give up now.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, the card signals emotional depletion or defensiveness. You may be on alert even when danger has passed. Rest, recharge, and loosen the grip, not everything needs to be a battle.

Keywords

Endurance · Vigilance · Experience · Perseverance · Caution



Ten of Wands

Visual Description

Bent forward under the strain, a solitary figure carries ten large wands bundled in his arms. The path ahead leads to a quiet village, but the weight he bears makes each step harder. The image speaks of burden, duty, and pushing through to the end.



Upright Meaning

The Ten of Wands reflects overwhelm, responsibility, and the cost of carrying too much. You may be nearing completion, but the weight is real. This card asks you to delegate, release, or restructure before exhaustion sets in.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, this card urges a release of burdens, literal or emotional. What are you carrying that no longer serves you? The path becomes clearer once you let go.

Keywords

Burden · Stress · Obligation · Burnout · Release

Page of Wands

Visual Description

A young figure in a patterned tunic and feathered helmet stands in a desert, gazing curiously at a budding wand. There is openness and anticipation as something new is about to begin.



Upright Meaning

The Page of Wands brings enthusiasm, curiosity, and a bold spirit of exploration. This card suggests fresh ideas, creative urges, or the start of a journey, internal or external. It is an invitation to follow your excitement, even if the path ahead is unclear. Trust that your energy is enough to begin.

Reversed Meaning

This Page can point to scattered focus, self-doubt, or fear of taking the first step. You might feel stuck at the starting line, unsure how to proceed. Instead of waiting for clarity, act in small ways. Experimentation will teach more than hesitation.

Keywords

Inspire · Beginning · Curiosity · Exploration · Creative spark

Knight of Wands

Visual Description

A knight in full armor rides a rearing horse through a desert, holding a wand upright. A red plume flows from his helmet and cape. Pyramids in the background symbolize ambition and legacy. He moves boldly with purpose.



Upright Meaning

The Knight of Wands bursts in with passion, confidence, and unstoppable momentum. This card signals bold action, creative adventure, or a thrilling pursuit. You are fuelled by fire, just be mindful not to burn out or barrel ahead without direction. Trust your drive, but steer it with intention.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, this Knight may act impulsively or recklessly. You might chase excitement without grounding or react from ego, not purpose. Slow down and ask if you are chasing what truly aligns with your path.

Keywords

Passion · Pursuit · Boldness · Risk · Energy · Ambition

Queen of Wands

Visual Description

A poised queen sits on a throne with lions, holding a sunflower and a wand. She wears a crown of greenery, and a black cat watches calmly at her feet. She radiates warm confidence and mystery.



Upright Meaning

The Queen of Wands is magnetic, intuitive, and self-assured. She owns her space with grace and charisma, unafraid to be both nurturing and bold. This card invites you to lead from the heart, trust your instincts, and express your full self, unapologetically.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, this Queen may struggle with self-doubt or burnout. You might be overextending to please others or holding back your true power. Reclaim your fire. You do not need permission to be fully seen.

Keywords

Confidence · Self-expression · Leadership · Warmth · Independence · Magnetism

King of Wands

Visual Description

A regal figure sits on a carved wooden throne holding a flowering wand. His salamander-patterned cloak and the lion etched behind him symbolize fire and transformation. A lizard rests at his feet. His steady gaze is future-focused. He commands and inspires.



Upright Meaning

The King of Wands embodies visionary leadership, boldness, and charisma. He sees the bigger picture and moves with purpose and passion. This card encourages you to lead with courage and clarity, to channel your fire not just for yourself, but for the greater good.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, this King may reflect arrogance, impulsiveness, or fear of taking responsibility. Are you leading or controlling? Check your ego and make space for collaboration. True power uplifts others, not just the self.

Keywords

Leadership · Vision · Power · Courage · Inspiration · Drive

Cups

Cups are about the heart. They speak through feeling, intuition, and connection. These cards move through love, grief, imagination, and the quiet spaces within. Cups ask how you relate to yourself and others. How open are you to being moved? To being seen? To healing? Sometimes they bring comfort. Sometimes they bring longing. Either way, they invite you to listen closely. What do you feel beneath the surface?

Ace of Cups

Visual Description

A golden cup floats above a still pool, held by a hand from dark clouds. Five streams spill over, symbolizing emotional overflow. A dove descends with a wafer marked by a cross, signifying spiritual offering and deep feeling.



Upright Meaning

The Ace of Cups signals an opening of the heart - an invitation to feel more deeply, connect more honestly, and love more freely. It marks the beginning of emotional clarity, creative flow, or new relationships. Let what stirs within you rise. Trust it. This card reminds you that openness is a gift, not a weakness.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, the Ace of Cups suggests blocked emotions or fear of trusting your feelings. Something wants to flow, but you hesitate. Pause and ask what blocks you. Healing starts when you allow yourself to feel.

Keywords

New feelings · Openness · Love · Spirit · Creativity · Healing

Two of Cups

Visual Description

Two figures face each other, holding golden cups and meeting eyes. Above them, a red caduceus with a winged lion's head symbolizes passion, balance, and union. The simple setting highlights their sacred connection.



Upright Meaning

The Two of Cups represents partnership, mutual respect, and emotional harmony. This card often points to the beginning of a meaningful relationship, romantic, creative, or platonic, where both parties meet with openness and equality. It is a sign of heartfelt alignment and shared intentions.

Reversed Meaning

This card may reveal disharmony, miscommunication, or emotional imbalance in a connection. A bond may feel one-sided or strained. Use this moment to check in: are both hearts still meeting in the middle?

Keywords

Connection · Partnership · Attraction · Balance · Union

Three of Cups

Visual Description

Three women gather barefoot in a vibrant garden, raising golden cups in a toast. Grapes and a pumpkin nearby symbolize abundance and celebration. Their joyful, relaxed posture shows unity.



Upright Meaning

The Three of Cups is a toast to connection, joy, and community. It marks a moment of shared happiness - friendships blooming, support systems thriving, reasons to celebrate. This card encourages you to lean into camaraderie and recognize the beauty of gathering with others.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may signal disharmony, overindulgence, or feeling left out of a social circle. Are you isolating yourself or perhaps stretching too thin in relationships? Reflect on how and where you connect, and if it is nourishing you.

Keywords

Celebration · Friendship · Joy · Community · Reunion

Four of Cups

Visual Description

Beneath a tree, a figure sits with arms crossed, eyes turned inward. Three cups sit before him; a fourth is offered by a hand from the clouds. It is a scene of inward focus, missing the quiet gift in plain sight.

Upright Meaning

The Four of Cups speaks to apathy, introspection, and emotional withdrawal. You may be stuck in your own thoughts, missing an opportunity that is quietly presenting itself. It is a nudge to open your eyes - not everything meaningful announces itself loudly.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card can show renewed clarity or readiness to engage again. It may also point to emotional stagnation or being overwhelmed by choices. Either way, it invites a shift in focus - what are you really looking for?

Keywords

Contemplation · Discontent · Retreat · Opportunity · Emotional pause



Five of Cups

Visual Description

A cloaked figure stands before three spilled cups, unaware of two still upright behind him. A bridge and distant home lie ahead. The scene is one of mourning - but not all is lost.

Upright Meaning

The Five of Cups represents loss, regret, or disappointment. It is a card of emotional heaviness but also perspective. While grief is valid, not all is lost. There is something still standing, waiting to be seen. Healing begins by turning toward what remains.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card can suggest emotional recovery, forgiveness, or a shift in mindset. It may also reflect avoidance - refusing to feel something that needs to be felt. The key is presence, not perfection.

Keywords

Grief · Regret · Perspective · Sorrow · Renewal



Six of Cups

Visual Description

Two children exchange a golden cup filled with white flowers. The older one offers it gently; the younger gazes up in wonder. More cups rest nearby, each blooming. A soft, nostalgic village setting surrounds them.



Upright Meaning

The Six of Cups speaks of nostalgia, childhood, and sincere connection. It invites you to reconnect with what once brought you joy, not to dwell in the past, but to remember what made you feel alive. Sometimes the way forward begins by remembering where you came from.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may signal being stuck in the past, idealizing memories, or resisting change. It can also suggest old wounds resurfacing. Honour your history, but do not let it define your future.

Keywords

Nostalgia · Innocence · Kindness · Memory · Roots

Seven of Cups

Visual Description

A figure stands before seven floating cups, each holding a different mysterious object. The scene suggests choices, dreams, and illusions pulling in many directions.

Upright Meaning

The Seven of Cups represents choices, dreams, and distractions. You may feel pulled in many directions - some promising, some deceptive. This card invites you to pause, get clear, and choose with intention. Not every cup leads to gold.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card often points to clarity after confusion or a need to commit. It can also warn against indecision, daydreaming, or avoidance. The time has come to ground your vision in action.

Keywords

Illusion · Options · Fantasy · Temptation · Clarity



Eight of Cups

Visual Description

A cloaked figure walks away under the moonlight, leaving behind eight neatly stacked golden cups. The landscape is rocky, shadowed, and mysterious - a quiet path into the unknown.

Upright Meaning

The Eight of Cups signals a turning point. Something once fulfilling no longer is, and you are being called to leave comfort behind. This card invites a deeper search for meaning, even if it means walking alone. The journey may be uncertain, but your heart knows it is time.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may suggest avoidance - staying where you do not belong out of fear or guilt. Or perhaps you have left but carry regret. Honour your truth, even if the path is winding.

Keywords

Departure · Seeking · Letting go · Emotional maturity



Nine of Cups

Visual Description

A figure sits confidently before a curved row of nine golden cups. Arms crossed, expression proud, the moment is one of contentment and self-satisfaction - a wish fulfilled, a pause to enjoy it.



Upright Meaning

The Nine of Cups is a card of contentment, satisfaction, and personal joy. Often seen as the wish card, it reflects emotional fulfilment and the reward of knowing you have created something meaningful for yourself. This is a time to appreciate what is working and to feel proud of how far you have come.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card shows a gap between surface joy and deeper needs. You may chase short-term pleasure or approval instead of true fulfilment. Pause and ask: does this truly satisfy or just distract?

Keywords

Satisfaction · Self-worth · Enjoyment · Gratitude · Emotional success

Ten of Cups

Visual Description

A joyful couple stands with arms raised as children play nearby. Above them, a rainbow holds ten golden cups. A home sits in the distance. It is a portrait of peace, harmony, and lasting emotional fulfilment.



Upright Meaning

The Ten of Cups represents emotional wholeness, love, and lasting connection. It reflects a sense of peace built on trust, shared values, and emotional depth, often within family or chosen community. This card marks a season of joy, where you feel supported, safe, and truly at home in your heart.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card reveals cracks behind the ideal, tension in relationships, or a dream shaped by expectation rather than desire. True happiness requires honesty, not perfection.

Keywords

Fulfilment · Harmony · Emotional security · Connection

Page of Cups

Visual Description

A young figure stands near water, holding a golden cup from which a fish pokes its head. The moment is strange, playful, and oddly magical – the beginning of emotional awareness or creative spark.

Upright Meaning

The Page of Cups is a messenger of emotion, intuition, and creative spark. It invites you to stay open to surprising insights, a dream, a feeling, or a strange idea that tugs at your heart. This is a card of emotional beginnings, where playfulness meets inner depth.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, this Page can signal emotional avoidance, self-doubt, or creative blocks. Feelings may be dismissed or misunderstood. Instead of pushing them away, try listening gently. Vulnerability is part of growth.

Keywords

Intuition · Wonder · Sensitivity · Beginnings · Emotional messages



Knight of Cups

Visual Description

A knight in polished armour rides a calm gray horse through a painted landscape. He carries a golden cup forward, almost like an offering. The horse steps with grace, matching the knight's steady, dreamy gaze.



Upright Meaning

The Knight of Cups is the seeker of beauty, love, and meaning. He follows his heart, not out of recklessness but with deep sincerity. This card can signify a romantic gesture, a creative proposal, or an emotional turning point. Something heartfelt is on its way or ready to be pursued.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, this knight can drift into illusion, emotional turbulence, or empty charm. Promises may lack follow-through. Ask yourself, is this connection or escapism? Align your heart with integrity.

Keywords

Romance · Creativity · Proposal · Emotion · Idealism

Queen of Cups

Visual Description

A quiet queen sits at the edge of the sea, holding a lidded, decorated cup with care. Her throne is carved with sea motifs. A shell crown rests on her head. She is stillness, depth, and deep emotional knowing.

Upright Meaning

The Queen of Cups embodies emotional wisdom, compassion, and deep intuition. She feels everything but does not drown in it. This card invites you to trust your emotional intelligence and offer care without losing yourself in others. Still waters run deep, and so do you.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, the Queen can indicate emotional overwhelm, moodiness, or codependency. You may be absorbing too much from others or neglecting your own needs. Reconnect with your boundaries and listen inward. Your emotions are signals, not burdens.

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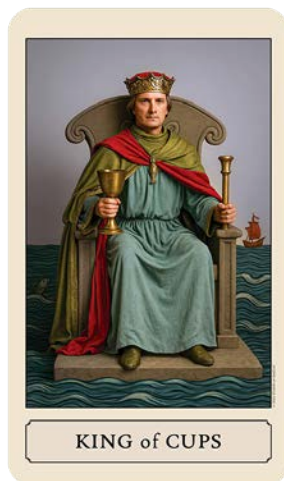
Empathy · Intuition · Compassion · Sensitivity · Boundaries



King of Cups

Visual Description

A calm king sits firmly on a stone throne that floats on restless water. He holds a golden cup and a sceptre with steady hands. A red ship sails in the distance, while a fish peeks from the sea. Emotion is all around, but he remains centred.



Upright Meaning

The King of Cups represents emotional maturity, calm authority, and compassionate leadership. He leads with heart, not by suppressing feelings, but by mastering them. This card encourages you to stay steady in emotional waters, to lead with empathy, and offer balanced support.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, the King can indicate moodiness, emotional withdrawal, or using feelings to manipulate. It may also signal being overwhelmed by your own emotional tides. Step back. Are you in control of your heart or ruled by it?

Keywords

Emotional wisdom · Balance · Empathy · Support · Compassion

Swords

Swords live in the mind. They deal with thoughts, communication, decisions, and conflict. These cards show how you process truth, speak your ideas, and face challenges within yourself or with others. Sometimes Swords bring clarity. Sometimes they bring pain. They can help you cut through confusion or reveal the weight of what you carry. Swords ask you to be honest, with yourself and with others. What are you thinking? What truth needs your attention?

Ace of Swords

Visual Description

A hand bursts from a dark cloud, gripping an upright sword crowned with gold. Olive and palm fronds hang from the crown, symbols of peace and victory. Golden droplets fall as mountains stretch across the horizon - sharp, still, and clear.



Upright Meaning

The Ace of Swords signals a mental breakthrough, a moment of truth, or the start of intellectual clarity. It cuts through fog with precision, offering insight, honesty, or a powerful new idea. This card invites you to speak clearly, act with integrity, and trust your mind's sharp edge.

Reversed Meaning

Reversed, this card may signal confusion, miscommunication, or distorted truth. You might struggle to express yourself or feel mentally overwhelmed. Slow down, seek clarity, and clear what clouds your inner voice.

Keywords

Clarity · Insight · Intellect · Communication · New ideas

Two of Swords

Visual Description

A blindfolded woman sits on a stone bench, arms crossed, holding two swords in balance. Behind her, calm water meets rocky shore beneath a crescent moon. The image reflects inner stillness and tension, caught between thought and feeling, unable to see the way.



Upright Meaning

The Two of Swords reflects a moment of indecision or inner stalemate. Logic and intuition may be at odds, leaving you suspended between choices. This card invites you to pause, not to avoid action, but to listen deeply. True clarity comes when you are ready to remove the blindfold.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card suggests confusion, avoidance, or emotional overload. You might be delaying a necessary choice or refusing to face what is uncomfortable. Avoidance won't resolve what needs to be felt; honesty will.

Keywords

Stalemate · Indecision · Pause · Inner conflict · Blockade

Three of Swords

Visual Description

A vivid red heart floats midair, pierced by three sharp swords. Rain falls against a backdrop of stormy clouds, emphasizing the sorrow and rupture. The image is simple and stark, pain made visible, truth impossible to ignore.



Upright Meaning

The Three of Swords signifies heartbreak, grief, or painful realization. It represents the wound that cuts through illusion, revealing what has been hidden or denied. Though raw, this moment can bring clarity; it invites healing through truth, not avoidance.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may show emotional release, forgiveness, or delayed pain finally surfacing. It can also warn of lingering wounds left unspoken. Honesty, even if difficult, is what allows the heart to mend.

Keywords

Heartbreak · Truth · Sorrow · Emotional release · Clarity through pain

Four of Swords

Visual Description

A knight lies in repose atop a stone tomb, hands folded in prayer. Three swords hang above him on the wall, while a fourth rests below. A stained-glass window glows nearby, showing figures in silent devotion. The space is hushed, a sanctuary for stillness and recovery.



Upright Meaning

The Four of Swords invites rest, reflection, and mental retreat. After conflict or strain, this card signals a pause, a time to heal, regroup, and restore your inner clarity. It is not withdrawal out of fear, but rest born of wisdom.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card can suggest burnout, avoidance, or delayed recovery. You may be resisting the stillness you need, or stuck in inertia. Honour your need for rest, not as a break from life, but as a way back into it.

Keywords

Rest · Recovery · Reflection · Pause · Sanctuary · Inner peace

Five of Swords

Visual Description

A figure in green and red holds three swords with a triumphant smirk as two others walk away defeated. Two swords lie on the ground. Storm clouds churn overhead, creating a charged, unsettled energy. Victory feels hollow when it leaves others behind.



Upright Meaning

The Five of Swords reflects conflict, ego, or win-at-all-costs behaviour. You may have gained an edge, but at what cost? This card asks you to examine the dynamics of power and whether a victory was truly worth it. Not all battles need to be won.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, the card may show resolution, remorse, or a shift toward peace. It can also warn of suppressed resentment or lingering tension. What needs to be said and what needs to be let go?

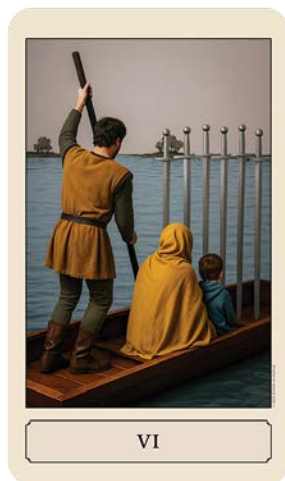
Keywords

Conflict · Ego · Tension · Reckoning · Empty win · Misread

Six of Swords

Visual Description

A small boat carries a cloaked figure and child across calm water. A third figure rows in silence. Six swords stand upright in the boat, not threatening but present. The distant shore is quiet. This is a card of passage, away from the storm, toward healing.



Upright Meaning

The Six of Swords marks a transition, often mental or emotional. You are moving away from difficulty, even if the path feels uncertain. This card suggests recovery, quiet change, and trust in slow progress. Healing takes time, but you are already en route.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may reflect resistance to change or clinging to the familiar. You might feel stuck between old pain and new possibility. Let go. The journey forward starts with willingness.

Keywords

Change · Healing · Passage · Release · Motion · Renewal

Seven of Swords

Visual Description

A man tiptoes away from a row of tents, arms full of five swords. Two remain planted in the ground behind him. His body moves forward, but his eyes dart back, sly, cautious, perhaps caught in the act. The bright yellow sky heightens the tension: strategy or deceit?



Upright Meaning

The Seven of Swords is about secrecy, strategy, or going your own way. You may be navigating a situation quietly or avoiding confrontation altogether. This card can reflect cleverness or evasion, depending on your intent. Ask yourself, is this stealth or self-sabotage?

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card can suggest exposure, guilt, or the need to come clean. What is hidden may surface or no longer serve you. Sometimes the boldest move is honesty.

Keywords

Strategy · Deception · Avoidance · Independence · Cunning
· Exposure

Eight of Swords

Visual Description

A blindfolded woman stands barefoot in a muddy field, bound with gray cloth. Eight swords form a loose cage around her but do not touch her. Behind her, a distant castle on dry ground symbolizes safety just out of reach. She is stuck, but not trapped.



Upright Meaning

The Eight of Swords reflects mental entrapment, restriction, or paralysis by overthinking. It is a card of self-imposed limitation, the way fear or doubt blinds you to available options. The way out exists, but first you must believe you can move.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may show release, clarity, or the first steps toward reclaiming power. Alternatively, it can highlight deep denial when you have stayed stuck for too long. The truth is not the enemy. It is the exit.

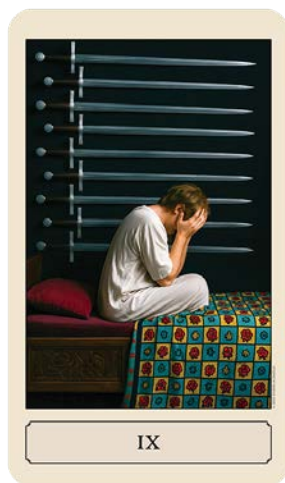
Keywords

Limits · Fear · Paralysis · Overthinking · Doubt · Freedom

Nine of Swords

Visual Description

A figure sits up in bed, face in hands, overwhelmed by anguish. Nine swords hang on the dark wall behind, symbolizing fears and regrets. The colourful quilt beneath contrasts with the pain, offering comfort yet feeling distant.



Upright Meaning

The Nine of Swords reveals anxiety, guilt, or sleepless nights. Something weighs heavily on your mind, a fear, a mistake, or a sorrow that feels inescapable. This card does not say your fears are baseless, but it does ask: are you carrying them alone? Let them speak. Then let some light in.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may point to release from mental torment or the worsening of it through silence and isolation. Don't suffer alone. Expression is part of healing, even if the wound is unseen.

Keywords

Anxiety · Guilt · Insomnia · Grief · Emotional release

Ten of Swords

Visual Description

A man lies face down in the sand, a crimson cloak pooling beneath him. Ten swords pierce his back in perfect alignment. The scene is stark and brutal, yet beyond the horizon, a faint orange glow rises. Night has not won entirely.



Upright Meaning

The Ten of Swords speaks to painful endings, betrayal, or total burnout. Something has run its course, and not gently. Still, the worst has happened. This card offers a strange relief: from here, the only way is forward. Let it end so something new can begin.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may reflect delayed endings or the refusal to accept closure. It can also show slow recovery after deep hurt. Healing begins when you acknowledge the full weight of what has passed and stop carrying it.

Keywords

Finality · Betrayal · Rock bottom · Release · Closure · Surrender

Page of Swords

Visual Description

A youthful figure stands on windswept grass, sword drawn and ready. His sharp gaze is alert and curious. Behind him, restless clouds churn as birds take flight, creating a scene full of mental energy and watchfulness.



Upright Meaning

The Page of Swords represents curiosity, insight, and mental readiness. This card brings sharp thinking, new ideas, or challenging questions. You may be learning something quickly or preparing to speak your truth. Stay observant, the message is coming, and you are ready.

Reversed Meaning

This Page may signal gossip, misinformation, or scattered focus. Be mindful of how you are communicating. Are you listening as much as speaking? If you are overthinking or snooping, pause. Not every question needs answering yet.

Keywords

Curiosity · Ideas · Vigilance · Communication · New insight · Alertness

Knight of Swords

Visual Description

A knight in gleaming armour charges on a white horse with sword raised high. His red cape flows behind him. The wind bends trees and clouds rush past, matching his fierce, focused drive and sharp sense of purpose.



Upright Meaning

The Knight of Swords charges forward with clarity, conviction, and intellectual force. This is a card of swift action, bold communication, and high-stakes pursuit. If you have been waiting to act, the time is now. Just be sure your speed does not outrun your awareness.

Reversed Meaning

This Knight can act rashly or aggressively, rushing ahead without listening or thinking things through. You might be forcing a truth or charging into conflict without cause. Slow down. Precision and empathy can go hand in hand.

Keywords

Ambition · Decisiveness · Momentum · Mental clarity · Bold action

Queen of Swords

Visual Description

A queen sits on a decorated stone throne holding an upright sword and extending her other hand calmly. Her cloud-trimmed robe and clear gaze face forward. A bird flies overhead, symbolizing thought over emotion.



Upright Meaning

The Queen of Swords brings sharp intellect, clear boundaries, and quiet authority. She sees through illusion and speaks with honesty. This card invites you to lead with clarity, to cut through noise and protect your truth without losing compassion in the process.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this Queen can become overly critical, cold, or withdrawn. You might be guarding yourself too tightly or using logic to mask deeper wounds. Balance your truth with warmth. Not everything needs to be dissected.

Keywords

Clarity · Independence · Truth · Intellect · Discernment

King of Swords

Visual Description

A stern king sits on a stone throne holding a sword steady in his right hand. His blue robe and red cloak contrast with a calm landscape of clouds and trees. Birds fly behind him, symbolizing logic over emotion.



Upright Meaning

The King of Swords stands for mental clarity, authority, and objective judgment. He leads with reason and integrity, making decisions rooted in truth rather than emotion. This card asks you to step into your intellect, speak your truth, and hold yourself to high standards with fairness.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, this King can become rigid, manipulative, or lacking compassion. You may hide behind logic or misuse influence. Check if your clarity empowers or alienates. True wisdom includes empathy.

Keywords

Intellect · Authority · Truth · Objectivity · Strategy · Integrity

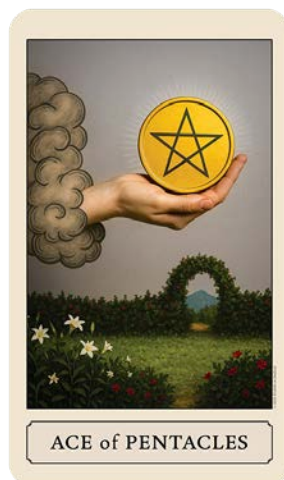
Pentacles

Pentacles are about the physical world. Your body, your work, your home, and the things you care for. These cards speak to what you are building, how you handle money, and how you tend to your health and daily life. More than that, they ask what you value, both in the world and in yourself. Pentacles remind you that growth takes time. Effort, patience, and care matter. What are you investing in? What are you choosing to keep alive?

Ace of Pentacles

Visual Description

A hand emerges from clouds holding a golden coin marked with a pentacle. The coin glows above a lush garden of lilies that leads to a flowering archway and distant mountains. The scene promises opportunity rooted in the material world.



Upright Meaning

The Ace of Pentacles offers a tangible beginning, a seed of prosperity, health, or long-term stability. This card signifies a new venture, resource, or grounded opportunity that can grow with care. It invites you to invest in something real and lasting.

Reversed Meaning

This card may reflect missed opportunities, financial blocks, or fear of commitment. You might be clinging too tightly or failing to nurture what could flourish. Reground yourself. The potential remains, but it needs tending.

Keywords

Opportunity · Abundance · Foundation · Prosperity · Manifestation · Growth

Two of Pentacles

Visual Description

A playful figure juggles two golden pentacles linked by a green infinity loop. He balances on one foot effortlessly as waves rise and fall behind him, with ships riding the swells, hinting at life's constant motion.

Upright Meaning

The Two of Pentacles is about balance, adaptability, and time management. You are juggling multiple priorities and doing it well, but the card asks: is this sustainable? Stay agile and present. Flow with the changes, but do not forget to check in with yourself.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card suggests overwhelm or poor boundaries. You may be stretched too thin, dropping responsibilities, or struggling to maintain equilibrium. Simplify where you can. Sometimes letting go is the most skilful move.

Keywords

Balance · Priorities · Flexibility · Time management · Duality



Three of Pentacles

Visual Description

Inside a gothic archway, a young artisan chisels stone while two robed figures watch, one holding a blueprint. Three pentacles carved above symbolize structure and shared purpose. The mood is collaborative.

Upright Meaning

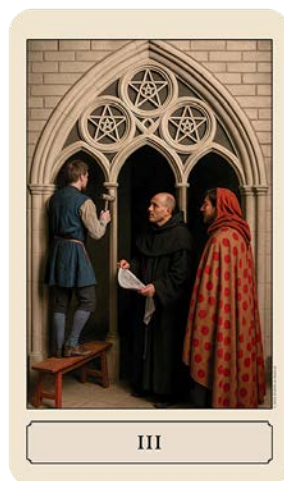
The Three of Pentacles speaks to teamwork, skill, and building something of value. Whether through creative collaboration or professional growth, this card affirms that progress thrives with planning and shared effort. Everyone has a role. Honour yours and others'.

Reversed Meaning

This card can suggest miscommunication, lack of recognition, or friction in group work. You might be going it alone when cooperation is needed. It is a cue to realign. Respect, clarity, and shared vision are essential to build well.

Keywords

Collaboration · Craftsmanship · Teamwork · Recognition · Shared goals



Four of Pentacles

Visual Description

A figure sits squarely on a stone bench, gripping a golden pentacle to his chest. One rests on his crown, and two lie beneath his feet. His gaze is firm and distant. Possession is his focus.

Upright Meaning

The Four of Pentacles centres on control, security, and material stability. You may be holding on tightly to money, status, or even emotions in an effort to feel safe. This card reminds you that while boundaries are wise, true abundance flows when you trust there is enough.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may show fear of loss, scarcity thinking, or an overemphasis on control. You might be clinging to things that no longer serve you. It is time to loosen your grip and consider what you are protecting and if it is worth the cost.

Keywords

Control · Security · Boundaries · Scarcity · Possession



Five of Pentacles

Visual Description

Two weary figures trudge barefoot through snow, one on crutches, the other hunched. Behind them, a glowing stained-glass window with five pentacles suggests a sanctuary just out of reach, a stark contrast of hardship and hope.



Upright Meaning

The Five of Pentacles signals material hardship, insecurity, or feeling shut out. You may be facing financial strain or emotional isolation. But help exists, even if it is not where you expect. Look around. This card reminds you that you are not alone and support is closer than it seems.

Reversed Meaning

This card can show recovery, renewed hope, or an opportunity to rebuild. Alternatively, it may reveal resistance to asking for help or shame around vulnerability. Healing begins when you allow yourself to be seen, even in need.

Keywords

Hardship · Exclusion · Struggle · Support · Scarcity

Six of Pentacles

Visual Description

A finely dressed figure stands between two kneeling petitioners. He extends one hand to offer coins, the other holds balanced golden scales. Six pentacles float above, suggesting the energy of give and take, generosity, power, and justice.



Upright Meaning

The Six of Pentacles represents generosity, support, and balanced exchange. Whether you are giving or receiving, this card speaks to fair flow of resources, energy, or attention. It invites you to share with care and receive with humility. Equilibrium matters.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, the card may signal strings attached, imbalance, or unacknowledged power dynamics. Are you giving to feel superior, or taking without gratitude? Check your motivations. True generosity is rooted in respect, not control.

Keywords

Generosity · Balance · Reciprocity · Charity · Fairness

Seven of Pentacles

Visual Description

A man leans on a staff, gazing thoughtfully at a tall leafy bush bearing seven golden pentacles. One lies on the ground, perhaps freshly fallen. His posture is patient, but his expression hints at questioning - effort meets reflection.



Upright Meaning

The Seven of Pentacles speaks to long-term investment, patience, and assessment. You have planted the seeds. Now, growth takes time. This card encourages you to pause, reflect, and consider if this is still the harvest you are working toward.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card suggests impatience, burnout, or feeling like your efforts are not paying off. It might be time to adjust your approach or your expectations. Not all energy spent is energy well-placed.

Keywords

Patience · Progress · Evaluation · Effort · Return on investment

Eight of Pentacles

Visual Description

A focused craftsman carves a pentacle into a golden coin. Seven finished coins stand behind him and one is in progress. His steady posture and sharp eyes show practiced skill.

Upright Meaning

The Eight of Pentacles speaks to diligence, learning, and dedicated effort. You are building something with intention, honing a craft, refining your skills, or working steadily toward a goal. Progress lies in the practice. Keep going.

Reversed Meaning

This card may indicate perfectionism, monotony, or low motivation when reversed. You might feel stuck or disconnected from your work's purpose. Revisit your why and consider changing your approach.

Keywords

Craftsmanship · Dedication · Mastery · Work ethic · Refinement



Nine of Pentacles

Visual Description

A serene figure stands in a vineyard wearing a gown with Venus symbols. She holds a falcon on one gloved hand, surrounded by nine golden pentacles and a small snail, symbolizing patience and self-sufficiency.



Upright Meaning

The Nine of Pentacles represents independence, self-worth, and enjoying the fruits of your labour. You have cultivated something rich, not just materially, but internally. This card invites you to savour what you have built and honour your own value.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this card may reflect dependence, insecurity, or seeking validation through status. You may be chasing comfort without fulfilment. Step back. What does abundance mean to you, and is it rooted in your truth?

Keywords

Independence · Self-worth · Abundance · Refinement · Accomplishment

Ten of Pentacles

Visual Description

Three generations gather beneath a grand stone archway. An elder cloaked in tradition sits while a couple stands united with their child. Two loyal dogs complete the scene. Ten golden pentacles in the arch symbolize legacy and continuity.



Upright Meaning

The Ten of Pentacles signifies long-term security, legacy, and lasting wealth, not only financial but also emotional and cultural. It is about roots, tradition, and the systems that sustain us across generations. This card reflects stability that endures.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, it may point to family tension, financial instability, or being disconnected from your roots. What are you building and is it sustainable? Sometimes legacy requires realignment.

Keywords

Legacy · Stability · Inheritance · Tradition · Long-term success

Page of Pentacles

Visual Description

A youthful figure stands in profile holding a golden pentacle with reverence and curiosity. Dressed in earth tones, he stands grounded in a pastoral landscape with mountains behind and flowers at his feet, symbolizing potential rooted in intention.



Upright Meaning

The Page of Pentacles marks the start of a new journey in the material or practical realm. This card signals ambition, study, or a fresh opportunity related to work, learning, or the body. It invites you to stay grounded and committed. Big things grow from small, steady steps.

Reversed Meaning

It may suggest procrastination, lack of focus, or doubt in your abilities. You might be stuck in the planning stage, afraid to commit. It is time to clarify your goals and take concrete action.

Keywords

Potential · Diligence · Study · Grounding · Opportunity

Knight of Pentacles

Visual Description

A steadfast knight in full armour sits upright on a dark horse holding a golden pentacle. The horse stands still on solid ground, its red tack neat and practical. The knight's posture reflects duty, patience, and focus.



Upright Meaning

The Knight of Pentacles stands for dedication, reliability, and long-term effort. This is slow progress, but intentional and consistent. You are building something solid, one step at a time. Stick to your routine. Stay grounded. It is not flashy, but it is working.

Reversed Meaning

In reverse, this knight warns of stagnation or burnout. Are you overworking or stuck in perfectionism? Maybe you have become too rigid in your approach. Reconnect with purpose and allow some flexibility into your process.

Keywords

Routine · Diligence · Patience · Commitment · Steadiness

Queen of Pentacles

Visual Description

The Queen sits on an ornate stone throne holding a golden pentacle with quiet reverence. She wears a red gown and green cloak, surrounded by symbols of abundance, care, and devotion.

Upright Meaning

The Queen of Pentacles embodies nurturing prosperity, a provider, healer, and homemaker. She balances material comfort with emotional warmth. This card suggests tending to your environment, health, and those around you with practical love.

Reversed Meaning

She can point to neglect, either of yourself or others. Are you over-giving or too focused on appearances and control? Real nourishment is grounded, not performative. Reconnect with your own needs, too.

Keywords

Nurturing · Abundance · Self-care · Resourcefulness · Domestic harmony



King of Pentacles

Visual Description

A regal man in a deep green cloak embroidered with vines sits on a stone throne flanked by bulls. He holds a golden pentacle and a sceptre, surrounded by grapevines and a distant castle, symbols of wealth, cultivation, and earthy mastery.



Upright Meaning

The King of Pentacles rules the material realm with wisdom and confidence. He is a builder, investor, provider, steady and generous. This card brings themes of stability, success, and grounded leadership.

Reversed Meaning

When reversed, it can signal greed, stubbornness, or over-identifying with material status. It is a prompt to reassess how you define success. Are you growing roots or just accumulating?

Keywords

Security · Discipline · Prosperity · Stewardship · Ambition

Reading Spreads

You do not need rituals or rules to begin, just curiosity. Whether you are asking something clear or simply checking in with yourself, these spreads offer a way to tune in. They create small frames for insight, showing where you are, what is stirring, and what might be shifting next.

When you are ready, shuffle with focus. Let your breath settle. Let the question rise, then draw. Notice what draws your attention. There are no wrong cards, just what feels true.

1. One-Card Pull

Sometimes all you need is one card.

This is the simplest and most powerful way to read. Ask a question or leave it open, then pull one card and sit with it. Notice what stands out - a symbol, a mood, or a memory it stirs. This single image can act like a mirror, reflecting something you already know but have not named. It also works beautifully as a daily check-in. What energy is with me today? What can I lean into or learn from? Consider keeping a journal to write down your thoughts and insights as you connect with the card.

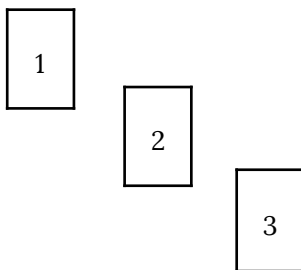
2. Three-Card Spread

This spread offers a quick overview of a situation or pattern. It is great for getting unstuck or making sense of where you stand.

You can use these positions:

- Past - Present - Future
- Situation - Challenge - Advice
- Mind - Body - Spirit

Pull three cards and let their relationship tell the story. What is shifting? What is repeating? What is calling for attention?



3. Five-Card Spread

This five-card spread gives a clear snapshot of your situation, challenges, guidance, hidden influences, and possible outcomes. It's a quick way to gain insight and direction.

1

Present - Where you are right now. The current energy or situation.

2

Challenge - What is standing in your way or creating tension.

3

Guidance - Advice or insight to help you move forward.

4

Hidden Influence - What you might not be seeing or what is affecting you behind the scenes.

5

Outcome - A likely result or direction based on the current path.

4. Chakra Spread (7 Cards)

Check in with your energy, body, and emotions. Draw seven cards and lay them in a vertical line from base to crown. Each card represents one of the seven chakras, highlighting where you feel strong, stuck, or out of balance. Use this spread to reconnect with yourself and explore your energy flow.

7

Crown - Connection to consciousness and spirit; pure presence and universal awareness.

6

Third Eye - Intuition and clarity guiding perception beyond the obvious.

5

Throat - Truth and communication; the power to express yourself authentically.

4

Heart - Love and compassion; the center of connection and emotional balance.

3

Solar Plexus - Personal power and confidence; the core of your identity and will.

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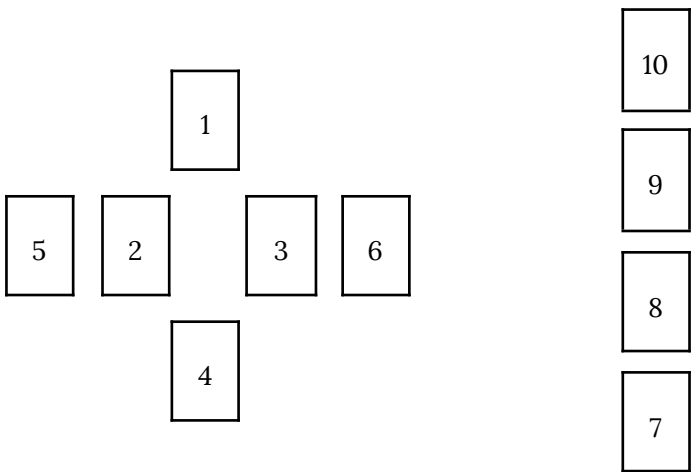
Sacral - Creativity and pleasure; the seat of emotion and joyful expression.

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Root - Stability and grounding; your foundation of safety and survival.

5. The Full Picture (10 Cards)

This deeper reading helps you zoom out and explore the complexity of a situation or your inner landscape. Use it when you feel tangled in thoughts or emotions and want to see the full web. Take your time with each card and let it speak.



1. **The Mind** - What you think, believe, or tell yourself about the situation.
2. **The Heart** - Your true feelings and emotional undercurrents.
3. **Inner Conflict** - The internal struggles or tensions you are facing.
4. **The Gut** - Your instincts, deep fears, and desires.
5. **The Past** - Events or influences that shaped what is happening now.
6. **The Future** - What is coming or beginning to take shape.
7. **You** - How you see yourself in this situation.
8. **Others** - How others involved see you or affect the situation.
9. **Hope and Fear** - What you want and what holds you back.
10. **Outcome** - The overall message or likely result.

Sources & Foundations

This guide is based on the Rider Waite Smith tarot system, originally published in 1910 and illustrated by Pamela Colman Smith under the direction of Arthur Edward Waite. While Vivace Arcana reimagines the tone and imagery, it follows the same symbolic and structural foundation.

It is also shaped by the creative vision behind Vivace Arcana, a desire to step inside the cards and explore the space just before meaning is fixed. Additional inspiration came from *Tarot: Spiegel van het Leven* by Mario Montano.

This is not a scholarly or exhaustive guide. It is a creative tool designed to help you connect with the cards through intuition, feeling, and story.

About Studio La Gazelle

Vivace Arcana is a project by Studio La Gazelle, a multidisciplinary creative studio based in the Netherlands. Since 2019, we have combined design, storytelling, art, and technology to create immersive digital experiences, ranging from virtual environments to symbolic narratives.

This deck began with a simple question: what happens just before a card becomes an archetype? That moment, full of tension, feeling, and transformation, became the heart of Vivace Arcana. Whether you use tarot for reflection or divination, we believe these cards can mirror your own unfolding path.

At Studio La Gazelle, we are passionate about crafting meaningful experiences that invite curiosity and connection. We hope Vivace Arcana inspires your journey and offers new ways to explore your story.

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