

Shadowscape Tarot

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The Fool



BEFORE YOU DO anything else, here is what you must do: this magical deck deserves a magical moment, a moment just between you and it. You must form a first impression of each other. Each card in this deck is like a door and can open up worlds. Like two strangers catching each other's eyes across a room in a glance of just the briefest of moments that holds so

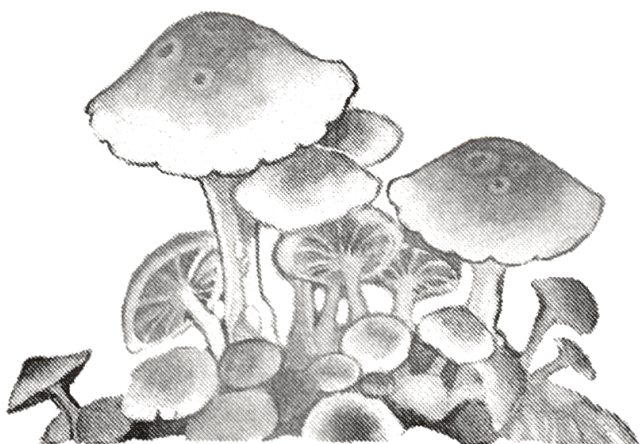
many possibilities, that will be you and this deck in about forty-five seconds.

Now, close your eyes and pick one card. Look at the picture. Drink it in. Revel in the intricate yet simple beauty of it. Look at it for so long that you can see it with your eyes closed. Then close your eyes, still seeing the card. Step into the image. Imagine how it feels, how it smells, how it sounds. Experience it. If you're feeling adventurous, interact with a figure in the image.

Ironically, for many people this is both the hardest and the easiest part of reading the cards. To simply look at a picture and say what

it means is something children do all the time, but adults seem to struggle with it, as if afraid to “get it wrong.” Intuition and emotional response are important to tarot reading and work hand in hand with the intellectual interpretations.

You are about to start a journey of self-discovery with a collection of images created to inspire. They will get you on your way, but where you go is entirely up to you!





The World

*Major
Arcana*





The Magician

o, The Fool

New beginnings and adventures, pleasure, passion. She rushes ahead, thoughtless and rash, doing before thinking, obeying instincts. There are unlimited possibilities opening up for the seeker.

I, The Magician

Originality, creativity, skill, will-power, self-confidence, dexterity, and sleight of hand. It is about grasping the unseen around you and harnessing it to become reality, drawing forth the ineffable into the material realm of existence.

II, *The High Priestess*

Wisdom, knowledge, learning, intuition, purity, virtue. The High Priestess lifts her arms out, and in that gesture, her very body becomes the living symbol of a chalice. The owl is a keeper of knowledge, and he bears a key to unlock mysteries. The pomegranate is a fruit of fertility and death.

III, *The Empress*

Creativity, generosity, patience, love. The Empress is about abundance, experiencing the senses, and embracing the natural. She is a creator. She is the primal essence and embodiment of life, and is deeply tied to nature.

IV, *The Emperor*

Creating order out of chaos, authority, leadership, strength, establishing law and order. The Emperor is a man rooted in his ways and views and regimens but confident that this is the right structure and way of things.

V, *The Hierophant*

The Hierophant's roots reach deep, entwined around secrets and traditions and the ages. He believes in ritual and ceremony, in pursuing knowledge and deeper meaning, and in the rigidity of a belief system. He is the teacher who can help unravel mysteries.

VI, *The Lovers*

Union, balance, energy, flow, love, desire, passion, melding of heart and mind, forming a union or marriage. The Lovers is also about determining values and struggling with choices—the pure simplicity of the calla lily contrasts the sensual complexity of the rose.

VII, *The Chariot*

Triumph over obstacles, achieving victory, focusing intent and will, establishing an identity, self-confidence, maintaining discipline, assuming the reins of power and authority, and driving with the unwavering certainty in a cause.

VIII, *Strength*

Courage, calm composure and patience, compassion, persuasion and soft control, tempered force. Managing impulses to control anger and force rather than be manipulated by them. Unshakable resolve is what will see you through to the desired end.

IX, *The Hermit*

Being introspective, seeking solitude, withdrawing from the world, and giving or receiving guidance. The Hermit is an inspirational friend and teacher, and his help can illuminate the secrets of one's own mind.

X, *The Wheel*

Destiny—the weaving of life's threads coming together, fate, turning points, movement and change, patterns and cycles, an interconnected world. The knot-work in the stained glass window is a single golden thread without start or finish.

XI, *Justice*

Balance, harmony, equilibrium, assuming responsibility, weighing all sides of an issue before making a decision, choosing with full awareness. Justice relies on a logical mind capable of objective ruling on situations and adjusting what needs reassessment.

XII, *The Hanged Man*

Letting go and surrendering to experience and emotional release. Accepting what is and giving up control. Suspending action. Seeing things in a new light. A change in perception of the world may be required—a subtle shifting of the state of mind.

XIII, *Death*

Closing the door to the past and opening a new one, going through transition, changing status, shedding the old and excess, bowing to inexorable forces and sweeping changes. The old must be set aside and burned away to make way for the new.

XIV, *Temperance*

Harmony and equilibrium, balancing of opposites, healing. Moderation of extremes, self-restraint, harnessing absolute forces, and reining them in to be wielded for a purpose. Holding opposites apart from one another denies their power of unity.

XV, *The Devil*

Losing independence, addiction and enslavement, caught up in the material realm, overindulgence, choosing to stay in the dark, pleasures, lust, and desire. Feeling hopelessness close in and limit the options.

XVI, *The Tower*

Catastrophe, sudden change, crisis, releasing all emotion, suffering a blow to the ego, revelation, and seeing through illusions. A necessary disruption to the status quo—violent and explosive upheaval as the only way to break through the long-established patterns.

XVII, *The Star*

Regaining hope, faith in the future, inspiration. Finding the still, silent place within your being of serenity, tranquility amid trouble, harmony, offering without reservations, sharing and being generous.

XVIII, *The Moon*

Fears and anxieties, believing illusions, experiencing distortion, chasing after fantasy, dreams and visions, disorientation. The Moon is the realm beyond the known and comfortable and predictable.

XIX, *The Sun*

Enlightenment and understanding, glory, achieving prominence. The constant renewal of life, of vitality, and of being filled with radiant joy, energy, invigoration, and good health. Being full of assurance and confidence, a clarity of vision and purpose lit by the clear daylight.

XX, Judgement

Release and renewal, absolution, the freshness of a new dawn, a new start. Making a judgment, though it might be harsh and difficult to face; the necessity of hard choices. Face down those decisions, recognize the need, and forgive.

XXI, The World

Satisfaction and peace of mind. A successful conclusion, and the end is in sight. Achieving balance, melding and blending to bring together in unison the multiple songs of life. The World is a card of realized goals and prosperity. It is a state of completion.



Five of Wands



Wands





Ace of Wands

Ace of Wands

The possibility of creativity, excitement, adventure; a challenge to step forward with courage and confidence.

Two of Wands

Personal power and influence, authority, and courage. Be bold and inventive, but also beware of letting the intoxication of power cloud the mind and judgment.

Three of Wands

Explore, seek out the uncharted, expand your horizons. Take a long view of situations, and express leadership.

Four of Wands

Celebration. Initial successes have brought hope and joy to the air. There is harmony and peace to be had. However, once attained, this prosperity must be maintained as well.

Five of Wands

The world tosses dozens of obstacles in your path. When gathered together, these minor obstructions become overwhelming. Answer with renewed vigor.

Six of Wands

Victory and triumph. Beware falling prey to hubris and lassitude that uncontested victory may bring, and do not become lost in self-importance.

Seven of Wands

Take a stand, defend what you believe in. The world is full of strife and stiff competition, and one must have courage in facing the difficulties that come.

Eight of Wands

The Eight of Wands is the beginning of a long journey toward a goal. A great undertaking is at hand, and it speeds toward reward with hope and momentum.

Nine of Wands

Vigilance. Keep strength in reserve and always be prepared for any eventuality. Retain a core of power; even more importantly, know what that inner strength is.

Ten of Wands

Overextending, taking on far too much, being burdened with overwhelming responsibility, being held accountable, doing things the hard way.

Page of Wands

Creative and passionate. She is witty, charismatic, and outspoken with her philosophy. Action is what is important.

Knight of Wands

The Knight of Wands indicates change and progression toward a goal. He is an individual full of daring and passion.

Queen of Wands

The Queen of Wands is dedicated, engaging, and attractive. She is always cheerful and upbeat. Her presence exudes confidence; she can handle anything and anyone.

King of Wands

The King of Wands is charismatic. The force of his charm is irresistible. He is a source of inspiration and bears his mantle of authority with ease, as if he were born to it.



Cups





Two of Cups

Ace of Cups

The first stirring of emotion, compassion, love, intimacy, and attunement.

Two of Cups

Making a connection; a union, a partnership. It is the bringing together of opposites and the potential for bonding. It is a relationship.

Three of Cups

A call to celebration, dancing, and singing. Friendship is its key component, and companionship, relying on others, and developing community and team spirit.

Four of Cups

Self-absorption, introspection, sinking too deeply into one's own concerns and being lost in reveries. Awareness of anything else fades, and the world seems gray.

Five of Cups

Regret and loss. It is rejection of pleasure, feeling sorrow, and wishing for what might have been.

Six of Cups

A reminder of childhood innocence, good intentions, noble impulses, simple joys and pleasures.

Seven of Cups

Indulging in fantasies. You have too many options to choose from. With so many paths, that task becomes daunting. There are overwhelming desires and unlimited possibilities.

Eight of Cups

Delve within for personal discovery and answers. Turn away and disengage from the material world and instead seek spiritual wonders.

Nine of Cups

Enjoy the pleasure of the senses, satisfaction, and wish fulfillment. The future is assured, and there is bounty on the horizon.

Ten of Cups

The final attainment of serenity and peace. Success and happiness have been granted at last—an all-encompassing emotional contentment.

Page of Cups

The Page of Cups is sentimental. She is a true romantic at heart and listens to the still voice from deep inside that speaks with understanding and intuition.

Knight of Cups

He follows his dreams. He lets his intuition guide him on his journeys. If he remains honest and faithful, following his heart, he can one day taste from that cup.

Queen of Cups

She is poetry in motion, imagination incarnate. She heeds her intuition and follows her heart. Though her steps seem random and impulsive, they are guided by instinct.

King of Cups

He is wise and understanding. He knows the meaning of patience. He cares for, protects, and watches over all those who are near to him.





Swords





King of Swords

Ace of Swords

The sword slices with the swift assurance of justice to clear the obstructions that hide the truth.

Two of Swords

A stalemate, an impasse. Neither side will compromise, and so no progress can be made until one chooses to step aside. A denial of truth.

Three of Swords

Grief and heartbreak. Loneliness, separation, and isolation. There is no one to give solace or lend a hand. Has everyone deserted in this time of greatest need?

Four of Swords

Take a moment of respite. Close your eyes and find that still, silent place at your core where inner strength resides. Draw from that reserve in the times to come.

Five of Swords

A sign of discord and conflict of interests. The choices make it easy to profit and look to one's own concerns, for it feels the world is allied against you.

Six of Swords

A passage away from difficulties. This is a chance to recover after tribulations.

Seven of Swords

An attempt to escape responsibility. It is the thief who tries to make away with what is not his.

Eight of Swords

Do not waste energy on the trivial or freeze up in a crisis. Resist the urge to feel restricted, confused, powerless, and trapped by circumstances.

Nine of Swords

Inner turmoil. It is a moment of vulnerability, with the soul laid bare to its own demons. Guilt and fear lock muscles into immobility.

Ten of Swords

Misfortune, desolation, burdens to bear, ruin, the end of delusions. It feels like circumstances have instigated a spiraling and uncontrolled plunge.

Page of Swords

She embodies honesty and truthfulness. She is unafraid to scrutinize her beliefs; logic is what dominates her the most. Her mind is agile and analytical.

Knight of Swords

The Knight of Swords is the brave hero who rushes headlong into conflict to defend his beliefs. He is blunt and comes directly to his point, and is incapable of dissemblance.

Queen of Swords

She is honesty and inner knowledge, sending forth her winged seekers into the world. She is valued for her accurate perceptions of the world around her and for her experiences.

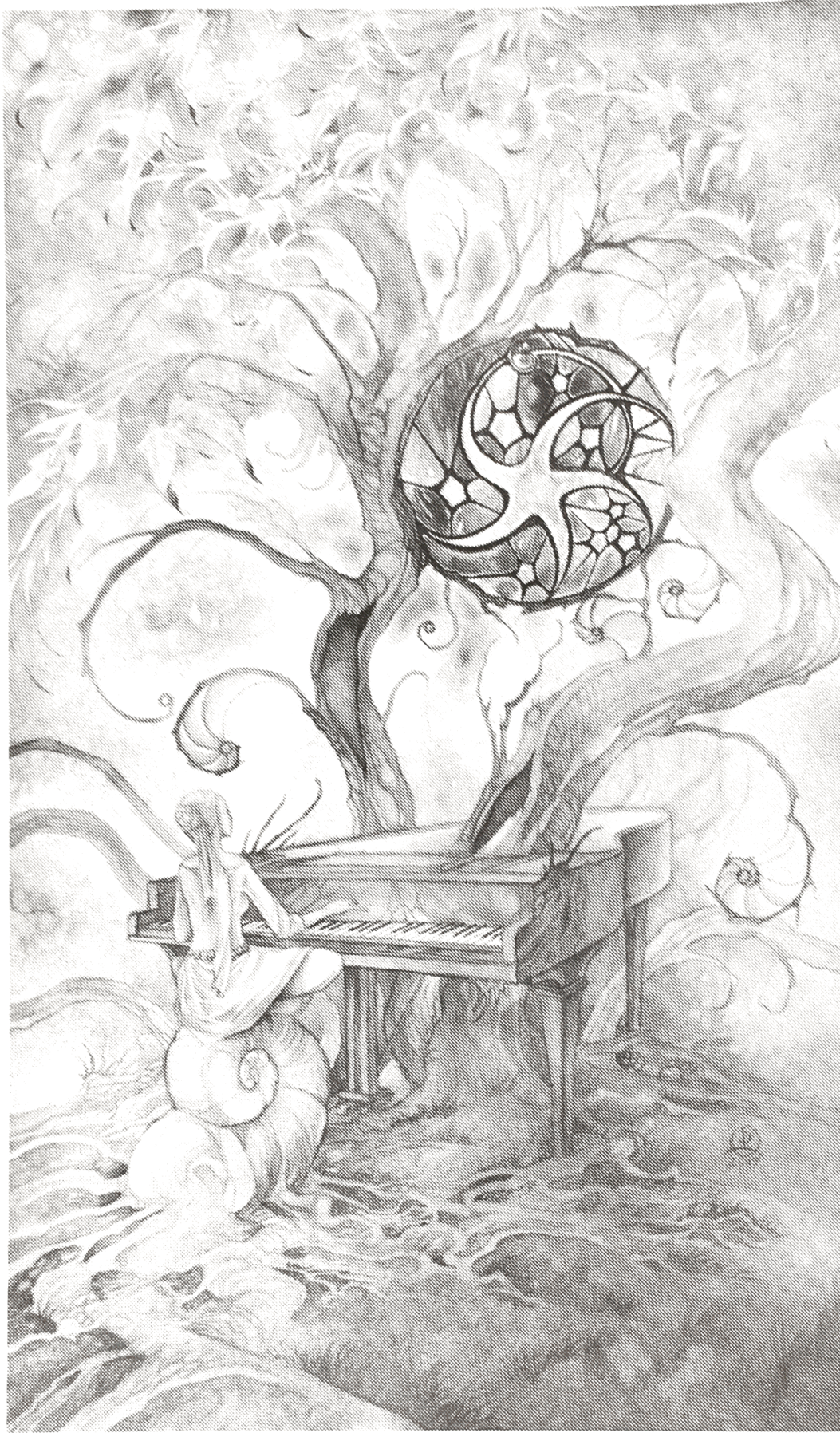
King of Swords

Like the vertical sword he holds at the ready, he is a pillar of strength and morality. A warrior king, his sword is always drawn, and he is prepared to spring into action.



Pentacles





Nine of Pentacles

Ace of Pentacles

The ace is the possibility of prosperity, abundance, and security. It is the promise of wealth and well-being, of flourishing, and of reaping the rewards of hard work.

Two of Pentacles

A balancing act: juggling and keeping everything in motion, being flexible and adaptable and changing directions easily.

Three of Pentacles

Teamwork, functioning together as a unit. Working together to achieve a goal; not everything can be accomplished solo.

Four of Pentacles

A possessive spirit, always wanting to be in control. Living within self-created limitations, highly averse to change. Chained by one's own weaknesses.

Five of Pentacles

Spiritual poverty, material troubles, insecurity, and hard times. There is a neglecting of the body's needs, a feeling of being ostracized and excluded, and an awareness of loss.

Six of Pentacles

The cycles of dependencies between those that have and those that have not. Who is it truly that is the benefactor? Who holds the power?

Seven of Pentacles

The need to make a choice: eat the fruit now or to let them ripen? Reaping the reward for effort and work. This is a moment to consider alternatives and different approaches.

Eight of Pentacles

A craftsman possessing great patience and attentive to details. Seeking knowledge, pursuing a higher understanding. A practical application of intellect and skill to a task.

Nine of Pentacles

A balance of the material with the spiritual. It is material well-being and the discipline in order to attain such. It is understanding and appreciating the wealth that one already possesses.

Ten of Pentacles

Enjoying affluence and being able to appreciate luxury and the good fortune that has befallen you. The ultimate in worldly success, the result of long-term efforts.

Page of Pentacles

She is trustworthy, diligent, studious, and embraces scholarship. She is practical, down to earth, and unafraid to embrace a world of physical enjoyment.

Knight of Pentacles

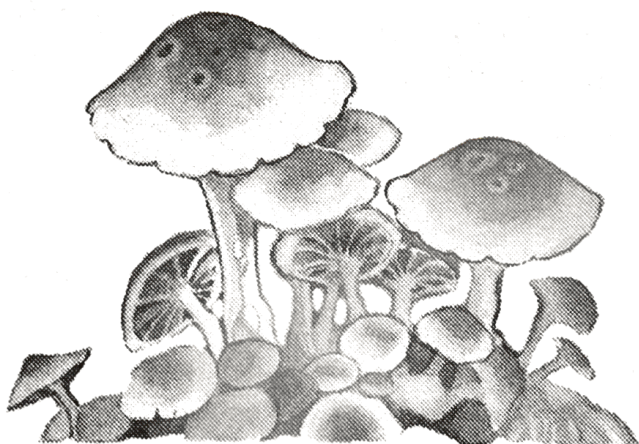
He knows exactly what he wants and where his destination is; he moves steadily toward his goal. When he reaches that goal, he strikes with all the force of the earth that is his to summon.

Queen of Pentacles

She yearns to nurture and care for others. She is brimming with generosity, possesses a warm spirit, and will lend her support to any who ask.

King of Pentacles

He is an enterprising individual, a man possessing multifarious talents. He has the golden touch of Midas, gilding everything around him with a sumptuous gleam.





Queen of Swords



Spreads





Judgement

One-Card Spread

Sometimes less is more. A remarkable amount of wisdom and information can come from just one card. And the beauty of this “spread” is that it can be used to answer almost any question. Simply ask your question and draw one card. For example:

- What do I need to know today?
- What should I get my mom for her birthday?
- Should I go to that party tonight?
- How should I approach my annual review at work?
- Why am I feeling this way?

Message from the Universe

This reading can be a very powerful experience and is a great time to practice the “entering the card” visualization.

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1. BODY: This is a message from the universe to you regarding your body—the way you care for it, the way you think about it, the way you honor (or don’t honor) it.
2. HEART: This is a message from the universe to you regarding

your heart, the way you protect or share your love, the way you feel, or the role you let emotions play in your life.

3. MIND: This is a message from the universe to you regarding your mind, the way you use (or don't use) it, the way you see and think about the world, or the way you approach problems.

4. SPIRIT: This is a message from the universe to you about your spirit. Perhaps it is something you need to do for your spiritual well-being, a way to honor your spirit, or how you can let your spirit fill your daily life.

Dream Come True

If you have a dream or a goal that you'd like to achieve, this spread will be very helpful. It will show what you can use, what you need to watch out for, and what you can actually do to help make your dream come true. Pay attention to cards 4 and 5. See how they might make good use of the energy described in cards 1 or 2 or how they might overcome the aspect illustrated in card 3.

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4 5

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I. **STRONGEST ASPECT:** This is the strongest aspect of your

dream or goal and is something you can use to build on—a steppingstone to further progress.

2. **HELPFUL ENERGY:** This is very helpful energy that is available to you. It may not be strictly energy but could represent someone who can help (particularly if a court card turns up here), somewhere you can find information or resources, or some other source of help.
3. **WEAKEST ASPECT:** This is the weakest aspect of your plan. It is where you will need the most help, have the largest need, or have a challenge to face.

4–5. **TO DO:** These cards represent two things you can do—two steps you can take—to make progress toward your goal or toward manifesting your dream.

6. **OUTCOME:** This card represents the outcome if you take the advice of this reading. If the outcome is not what you expect or not what you desire, think more about your goal and the possible ramifications. Consider modifying your plan, and try the reading again.

