



## MAJOR ARCANA

### 0 [ THE FOOL ]

No earthly map will find the lost forest. Some wanderers pass through transformed, others remain for eternity. // Beginnings, adventure, naivety. Reversed: recklessness, spinning one's wheels.

### I [ THE MAGE ]

Like a fading sunset, the magic of faeries is ephemeral but dazzling to behold. // Manifestation, power, resourcefulness. Reversed: manipulation, under achievement.

### II [ THE MYSTIC ]

A sphinx in absolute stillness, warden of secrets and the subconscious mind. Like an iceberg, our awareness spans only a small fraction of the mystery and darkness hidden within. // Hidden

### VII [ THE CHARIOT ]

A mount is best harnessed not with the weight of iron reins but with the force of one's will.

### XII [ THE HANGED MAN ]

See your world from a new perspective.

### XVII [ THE STAR ]

The light of the brightest star dispels illusion and lays bare the truth. // Renewal, finding purpose, faith. Reversed: test of faith, despair, burnout.

### XVIII [ THE MOON ]

The light of the moon in its subtle silver shadow dredges both fear and inspiration. // Fear, illusions, subconscious, divine feminine. Reversed: transcending anxieties, inner turmoil.

### XIX [ THE SUN ]

The light of the sun burns away doubt and promises the opportunity of a new day.



### III [ THE EMPRESS ]

Its iridescent foliage brings peace and serenity to lost travelers. Through driest summer and the midst of winter, the Empress perpetually blooms. // Beauty, nature, abundance, the feminine. Reversed: dependence, creative block.

### IV [ THE EMPEROR ]

The oldest trees in the forest are a testament to stability, their deep roots anchoring them through centuries of change. // Authority, structure, a patriarch. Reversed: domination, control, inflexibility.

### V [ THE HIEROPHANT ]

Knowledge of the afterlife is inscribed on the Hierophant's branches. As are the enmeshed remains of its most zealous aspirants. // Tradition, conformity, religion and spirituality. Reversed: freedom, disrupting the institution.

### VI [ THE LOVERS ]

Her wistful beauty enraptures a hopeful lover; soon he will join her forever in the river she drowned in and can never leave. // Love, relationships, choices. Reversed: disharmony, imbalance, mismatched values.

### VIII [ STRENGTH ]

While many travelers are swept away by destructive forces, a select few face their fears and become the eye of the storm. // Courage, persuasion, persistence, power. Reversed: self doubt, low energy.

### IX [ THE HERMIT ]

Some beasts prefer to spend their lives in solitude. // Introspection, aloneness, inner guidance. Reversed: isolation, loneliness, withdrawal.

### X [ WHEEL OF FORTUNE ]

Moon, ruler of oceans and the earth, gives way to Sun, ruler of fire and the heavens. // Life cycles, destiny, a turning point. Reversed: resistance to change, bad luck.

### XI [ JUSTICE ]

A champion of the meek, Justice brings the mighty to their knees in her quest for balance. // Fairness, balance, law, cause and effect. Reversed: unfairness, dishonesty.

### XIII [ DEATH ]

Lose your way in this forest and you will remain there forever, a shadow among the trees. // Endings, transition, change. Reversed: holding on, resistance to change.

### XIV [ TEMPERANCE ]

A great cat patiently accommodates a mouse, rather than having him for lunch. // Patience, moderation, purpose. Reversed: imbalance, excess, realignment.

### XV [ THE DEVIL ]

Our worst nightmares and temptations come from within. // Shadow self, addictions, powerlessness. Reversed: transcending limitations, merging with the shadow.

### XVI [ THE TOWER ]

The tallest tower will be humbled by the forces of the universe, be it a sudden disaster or the slow decay of time. // Chaos, upheaval, revelation, awakening. Reversed: internal transformation, resistance to change.

### XX [ JUDGMENT ]

A calamity of fire clears away the old to pave way for forests anew. // Absolution, rebirth, crossroads. Reversed: self criticism, a higher calling.

### XXI [ THE WORLD ]

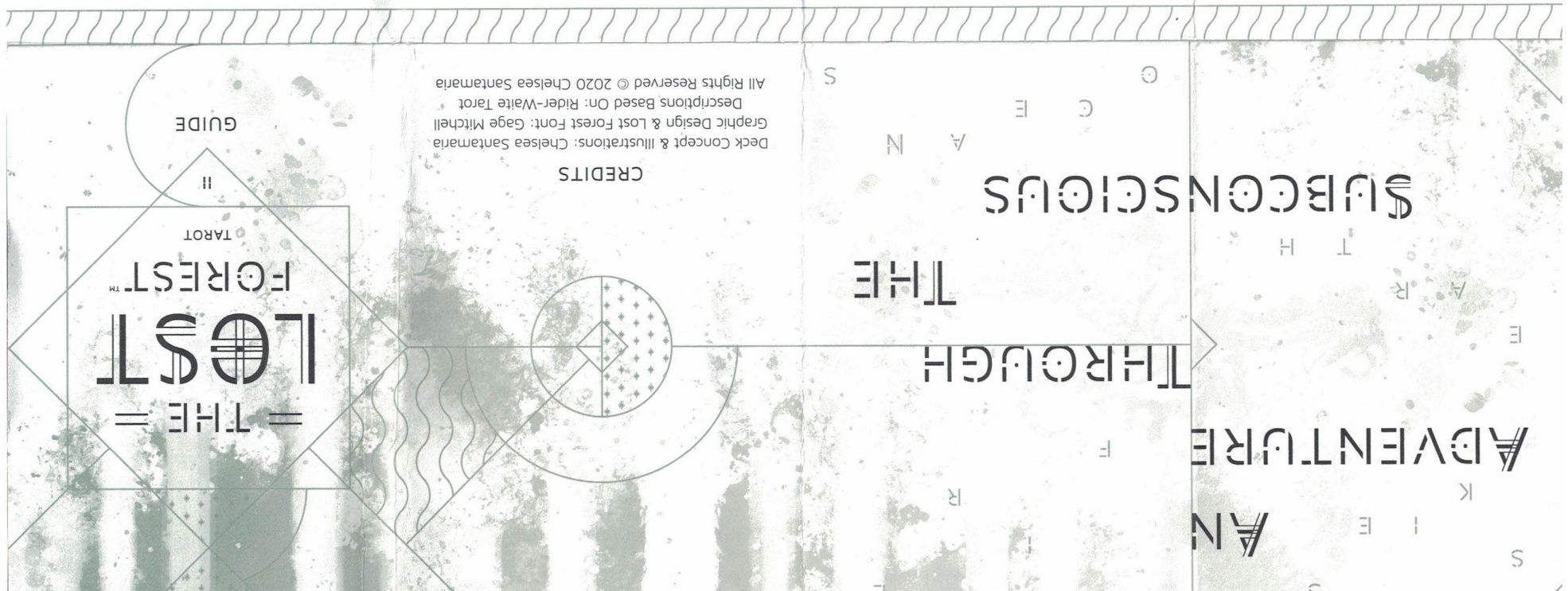
Moon, ruler of oceans and the earth joins with Sun, ruler of fire and the heavens. The traveler's journey is complete. // Completion, wholeness, integration. Reversed: seeking closure, hastiness, delays.

### XXII [ THE ASCENDED ] - (Bonus Card)

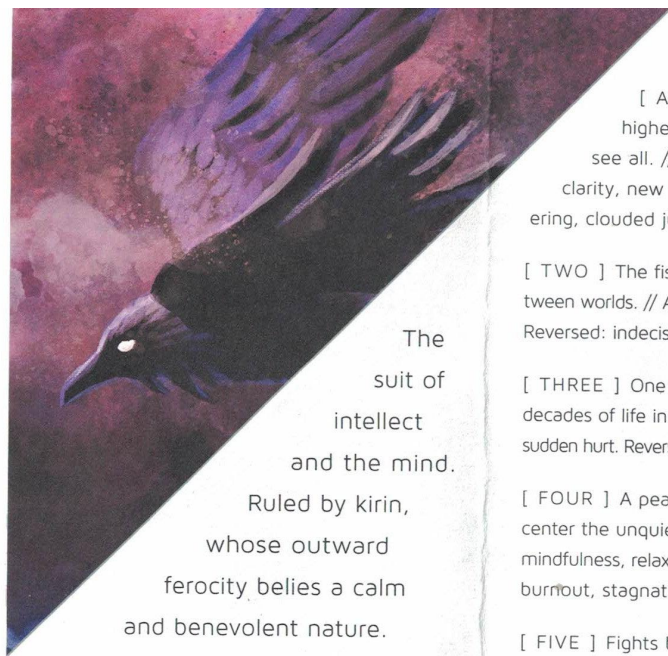
All paths must come to an end. May those you have lost rejoin you in a lost forest of your own. // Peace, acceptance, transcendence. Reversed: lingering pain, regrets.

### [ THE FACELESS ] - (Bonus Card)

Friend, or foe? His face is ever shifting, as are his motives. // More than meets the eye, sudden opportunities. Reversed: Gullibility, willful ignorance.







The  
suit of  
intellect  
and the mind.  
Ruled by kirin,  
whose outward  
ferocity belies a calm  
and benevolent nature.

## SKIES

[ KING ] Kirin walk on the clouds, from birth to death never setting foot upon the earth. The King of Skies is foremost among them, respected by all in the lost forest. // Authority, truth, clarity of mind. Reversed: misuse of power, manipulation.

[ QUEEN ] Fierce yet gentle, the Queen of Skies is an arbiter of truth, rendering judgment as swiftly as she flies. // Unbiased judgment, clear communication. Reversed: influenced easily, erratic emotions.

[ KNIGHT ] The beat of his wings cannot be stopped by the fiercest thunderstorm. // Ambition, drive, quick wit. Reversed: restlessness, impulsiveness.

[ PAGE ] A flash of insight, a flurry of feathers, a flood of ideas. // New ideas, desire for knowledge, curiosity. Reversed: haste, words without action

[ ACE ] From the top of the highest mountain peak, one can see all. // Breakthroughs, mental clarity, new ideas. Reversed: reconsidering, clouded judgment.

[ TWO ] The fissure divides; a border between worlds. // An impasse, difficult decisions. Reversed: indecision, stalemate, confusion.

[ THREE ] One strike of lightning destroys decades of life in a moment. // Sorrow, grief, sudden hurt. Reversed: forgiveness, releasing pain.

[ FOUR ] A peaceful rustling of wind to center the unquiet mind. // Contemplation, mindfulness, relaxation. Reversed: exhaustion, burnout, stagnation.

[ FIVE ] Fights between raptors are rare but have mortal consequences. // Conflict, competition, disagreement. Reversed: reconciliation, resenting the past.

[ SIX ] A changing of the wind sends the flock from the familiar to destinations unknown. // Change, transition, rite of passage. Reversed: resisting change, unfinished business.

[ SEVEN ] Be on your guard under this ominous constellation. // Deception, betrayal, subterfuge. Reversed: secrecy, feeling like a fraud.

[ EIGHT ] Nothing escapes a black hole, not even light. // Imprisonment, burdening oneself, victim mentality. Reversed: inner critic, embracing new perspectives.

[ NINE ] Stars cut holes in the sky as they fall to earth, warning of impending disaster. // Fear, anxiety, nightmares. Reversed: inner turbulence, secrets, letting go of worry.

[ TEN ] A meteor grows steadily on the horizon; soon it will end all life on a doomed world. // Endings, inescapable disaster. Reversed: recovery, resurrection, fighting back.

[ ACE ] A fiery beacon beckons travelers to ancient ruins, where arcane relics await the most adventurous of souls. // Inspiration, growth, new opportunities. Reversed: distractions, delays.

[ TWO ] A phoenix only emerges from its egg after a thousand years. // Incubating ideas, progress, future planning. Reversed: fear of unknown, personal goals.

[ THREE ] Fledgling firebirds leave their hatching grounds in search of dormant volcanoes. // Progress, expansion, foresight. Reversed: delays, limiting potential.

[ FOUR ] Offering weary travelers warmth and guidance, pyres connect the physical realm to the land of the spirits. // Celebration, relaxation. Reversed: inner harmony, conflict, transition.

[ FIVE ] An overture of shuddering earth followed by a deluge of destruction. // Tension, conflict, disagreements. Reversed: avoiding conflict, release of tension.

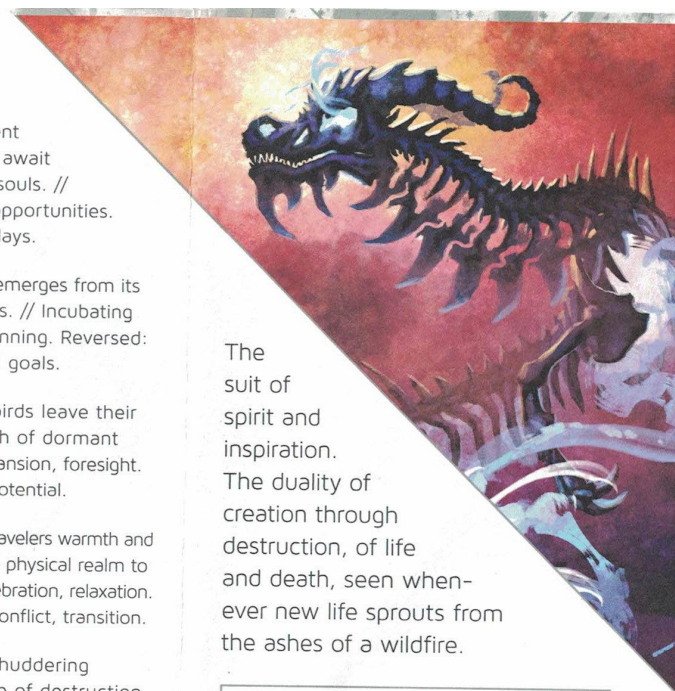
[ SIX ] When the earth melts and the skies burn, a phoenix has found its home. // Success, overcoming, being recognized. Reversed: personal achievement, egotism.

[ SEVEN ] The tallest trees are humbled by fire in an endless cycle of growth and ruin. // Challenge, competition, perseverance. Reversed: exhaustion, overwhelm.

[ EIGHT ] The landscape cleansed, long dormant seeds begin to take root. // Fast movement, change, alignment. Reversed: rushing headlong, frustration, internal alignment.

[ NINE ] Surviving a volcanic eruption is no excuse to let one's guard down against greater foes. // Resilience, persistence, courage. Reversed: struggle, overwhelm, defensiveness.

[ TEN ] A cheeping entourage today; the terror of the wasteland tomorrow. // Added responsibility, completion. Reversed: doing



The  
suit of  
spirit and  
inspiration.  
The duality of  
creation through  
destruction, of life  
and death, seen when-  
ever new life sprouts from  
the ashes of a wildfire.

## FIRE

[ KING ] The King of Fire and his legion of spirit dragons streak across the sky like falling stars. // Vision, leadership, honor. Reversed: ruthlessness, haste, high expectations.

[ QUEEN ] A merging of the fire of life and creation with the shadowy aspect of death. The Queen of Fire is a force of nature, leaving those who see her in awe. // Confidence, independence, determination. Reversed: introversion, self focus.

[ KNIGHT ] The veins of these volcanic lizards course with magma, granting them boundless energy. Fearless and bold, they make their nests in active volcanoes. // Energy, passion, impulsiveness. Reversed: haste, frustration, scattered energy.

[ PAGE ] A baby dragon emerges from his smoking nest, his mortal life ended and his rebirth as fire spirit just begun. // Unlimited potential, inspiration, discovery. Reversed:



[ KING ] Those lucky enough to glimpse this elusive stag are rewarded with wealth and abundance. // Wealth, abundance, security, leadership. Reversed: status obsession, wasting money, stubbornness.

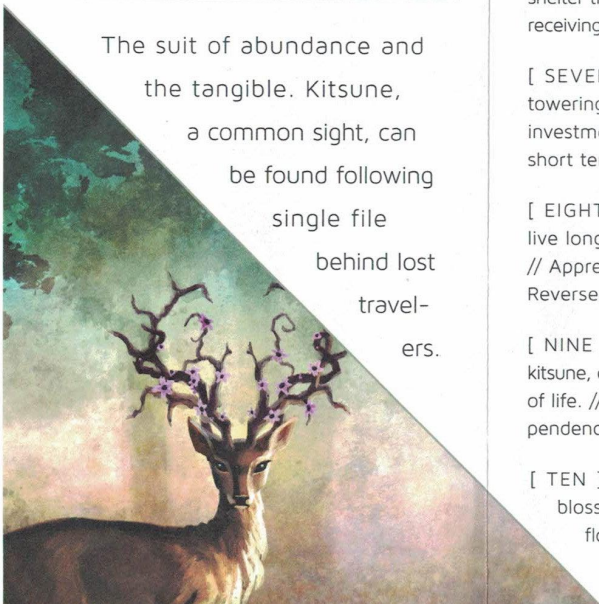
[ QUEEN ] Hardworking mothers are often visited by the Queen of Earth whose footsteps cause flowers to grow. // Practicality, nurture, providing for a family. Reversed: financial independence, self-care.

[ KNIGHT ] This tenacious goat climbs the highest mountaintops one small step at a time. // Hard work, persistence, productivity. Reversed: boredom, perfectionism.

[ PAGE ] Every forest starts with a single seed. And every seed is planted by a diligent kodama, its life force tied to the sprouting tree. // Manifestation, financial opportunities, developing skills. Reversed: stagnancy, procrastination.

## EARTH

The suit of abundance and the tangible. Kitsune, a common sight, can be found following single file behind lost travelers.



[ ACE ] A forest dark and foreboding, or full of wonders yet to be discovered? // New career or financial opportunities. Reversed: lost opportunity, poor planning, lack of foresight.

[ TWO ] Young foxes are drawn to the most brave and foolish of wandering travelers. // Adaptability, prioritization, being on-the-go. Reversed: disorganization, overburden.

[ THREE ] To aid the lost, each fox offers a gift of coin, a gift of food, or a gift of wicked mischief. // Teamwork, collaboration. Reversed: disharmony, misalignment, working by oneself.

[ FOUR ] A squirrel's entire life is spent preparing for the next winter. // Hoarding, scarcity, saving money. Reversed: greed, overspending.

[ FIVE ] A visitor of those close to death, its silent footfall leaving a wake of decay. // Loss, isolation, scarcity mindset. Reversed: financial recovery, spiritual poverty.

[ SIX ] Kodamas tend to freshly planted seeds, just as the sprouting trees will one day shelter them. // Generosity, charity, giving and receiving. Reversed: unpaid debt, self-care.

[ SEVEN ] A humble acorn today; a towering oak tomorrow. // Sustainability, investment, long term view. Reversed: short term view, lacking rewards.

[ EIGHT ] The most cunning of kitsune live long enough to grow additional tails. // Apprenticeship, skill development. Reversed: perfectionism, misdirection.

[ NINE ] Wisest of all is the nine-tailed kitsune, each tail representing a hundred years of life. // Abundance, luxury, financial independence. Reversed: workaholism, hustling.

[ TEN ] Bulbs lie dormant for years before blossoming into the most beautiful of flowers. // Financial success, long term success, wealth. Reversed: financial failure, never feeling satisfied.



[ ACE ] It travels slowly along the ocean floor in search of a companion; a search that could take centuries. // Compassion, creativity, new relationships. Reversed: self-love, intuition, repressed emotions.

[ TWO ] Each partner a mirror of the other, circling for hours in mesmerizing harmony. // Partnership, mutual attraction. Reversed: break-ups, disharmony, distrust.

[ THREE ] These cooperative fish spend their entire lives in family groups. // Celebration, friendship, collaborations. Reversed: Independence, third wheels.

[ FOUR ] Sometimes it's best to withdraw and close out the world. // Contemplation, apathy, reevaluation. Reversed: retreat, withdrawal.

[ FIVE ] Life continues on, oblivious to a sea floor littered with grim reminders. // Regret, failure, disappointment. Reversed: setbacks, forgiveness, moving on.

[ SIX ] To play and explore; the sole purpose of a carefree seal. // Nostalgia, childhood memories, innocence, joy. Reversed: stuck in the past, forgiveness, seriousness.

[ SEVEN ] A beautiful glow entices mesmerized prey to their doom. // Choices, wishful thinking, illusion. Reversed: alignment, personal values, indecision.

[ EIGHT ] Sometimes the best action is to leave it all behind. // Abandonment, withdrawal, escapism. Reversed: second chances, indecision, lacking a rudder, walking away.

[ NINE ] A moment taken to appreciate the subtle beauty of the endless ocean. // Contentment, satisfaction, gratitude. Reversed: materialism, dissatisfaction, indulgence.

[ TEN ] What happiness is a life lived from birth to death among loving family. // Divine love, happy relationships, harmony. Reversed: disconnection, misaligned values, challenging relationships.

[ KING ] Tides quiet and storms dissipate in his presence. His mastery of the sea is absolute. // Emotional balance, compassion, diplomacy. Reversed: Self-compassion, moodiness, emotional manipulation.

[ QUEEN ] Serene and calm, like the waters that surround her. She can effortlessly sense and project emotions, allowing her to grant peace to the souls of the restless. // Compassionate, caring, emotionally stable. Reversed: self-care, self-love, co-dependency.

[ KNIGHT ] On calm nights, sea dragons can be seen by the light of the moon, weaving slowly through the water's surface with a grace that matches their beauty. // Romance, charm, imagination, beauty. Reversed: unrealistic, jealousy, moodiness.

[ PAGE ] Ever curious and playful, there is always something new to explore for an adventurous seal. // Creative opportunities, curiosity, possibility. Reversed: doubting intuition, creative blocks, emotional immaturity.

## OCEANS

The suit of fluidity and the heart. The ocean, like our inner selves, is constantly in motion, peaceful or raging from one moment to the next.

