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The Fool

The sun is shining, the flowers blooming, and it's a great day to step into the unknown! This is the moment before the curtain opens on the comedy of life. It's full potential, magic, and the joyful unknown.

Upright:

- You won't know where that step will take you until you take it!
- Something fresh and new is just around the corner.

Reversed:

- Your naïveté might make you vulnerable to manipulation, don't be foolish!
- Is there something in your life that requires you to take it more seriously?

The Magician

She holds so much power in her hands and she knows it. The suits of the minor arcana lay before her, the elements which make up our worldly reality. This card is about bringing things into existence, so get to work!

Upright:

- You have the power in you to manifest what you need.
- The wind is in your sails, use it wisely.

Reversed:

- Are you trying to control and manipulate a situation to go exactly as you want it to?
- Release control and know that sometimes letting the universe decide is the best option.

The High Priestess

The oceans of the unconscious lay behind her. She is the keeper of fertile wisdom, represented by the pomegranate and the moon. Her wisdom is woven into myths and legends, stories crafted to bypass logical reason and instruct the unconscious mind.

Upright:

- Listen to your intuition, connect to the flow of the world and you'll know which way to go.
- How can you manifest the wisdom of the divine feminine in your life?

Reversed:

- Your intuition is being blocked when you need it most!
- Connect to your ancestral wisdom and myths.

The Empress

This woman runs with the wolves. She's the stewardess of the earth and loving protector and preserver of life. She's the spirit of the earth and instincts. She's the spirit that the patriarchy has sought to crush but she is uncrushable. In her bones is a song which will never fade and lives in all of us.

Upright:

- It's time to fiercely care for and lovingly nurture and protect something larger than you.
- Be generous with your power.

Reversed:

- look inward and reconnect with the part of you that hasn't been silenced by the cis-hetero-patriarchy.

The Emperor

At best The Emperor creates the structures for us to blossom within—the metric rules that give shape to intricate poetry, and the conventions on how to respectfully talk about queer identities. At its worst it is the rigid cis-hetero-patriarchy and capitalist systems of exploitation. It's complicated.

Upright:

- You need to structure and standardize, bring order and stability.
- Reconnect with the structures and rituals that ground you and stabilize you.

Reversed:

- Relax! Are you trying to micro manage way too much?
- Question the system.

The Hierophant

This professor is the mediator between specialized knowledge and yourself. They are a part of an institution of ancient tradition providing systematized access to higher knowledge with rubrics, standards, and gatekeepers.

Upright:

- Learn about and connect with the history and tradition of the institutions you exist in.
- Have patience, this is not a time to think outside the box.

Reversed:

- Burn it all down and think outside the box!
- Your path is not drawn, this can be disorienting and difficult but you have to forge your own path.

The Lovers

Two lovers come together as one, but can never be one—a constant navigation of desires, wants, needs, and societal expectations. Within that must be a clear value system to guide the decision of these two energies coming together to create something new.

Upright:

- There are decisions to be made when two or more energies converge—and converge they will.
- The decisions that are coming will result in a beautiful union.

Reversed:

- You're out of balance! Have you compromised too much for someone/something outside of you? Or maybe too little?

The Chariot

You know who you are, you know what you want, and you're out to get it. This card marks the end of a period of self-formation. After finding your place in society, within culture and traditions, and with your partners, you now know yourself. Go get it!

Upright:

- You are determined and have set your sight where you need to go. Don't doubt yourself.

Reversed:

- Have you lost sight of what you want and where you want to go?
- Take Mufasa's advice. Remember who you are.

Strength

Facing your own neuroses is terrifying, but the grounded power of the strength card reminds you that it is necessary and you have everything you need. This strength exists within you—it is a gentle fearlessness. Force alone cannot hold open a lion's mouth, skill and wisdom do.

Upright:

- Be fearless and wise. You have everything you need.

Reversed:

- You have doubts about your own strength and fearlessness—reconnect with your wisdom to see things clearly.
- You need to learn to ask for help—a mentor or therapist could help you through this.

The Hermit

This odd figure holds in their hands the light of a star. They exist between worlds, bridging your outer daily reality with your boundless inner world. This is the therapist that holds your hand as you dive into your story, or the spiritual guide who leads you in towards healing

Upright:

- Take some time for yourself to do some inner work. There's things you need to sort out.
- Find a guide/therapist to light your way into yourself.

Reversed:

- If you've spent a lot of time alone, it's time to get out, if you've been burning the candle on both ends, it's time to retreat.

Wheel of Fortune

It's not up to you, and it never really was! This life we live is a game of spin the bottle. Sometimes you get to kiss the cutie you've been exchanging glances with all night, and sometimes you have to let the person across from you give you a weird haircut. Enjoy the ride!

Upright:

- A positive welcome change is around the corner!
- Release control and let life do what it must.

Reversed:

- You're resisting change, or have fear and anxiety about what is just around the riverbed.

Justice

You are where you are because you chose the paths you chose. This is about accountability. The lesson of the Wheel of Fortune is that we control very little. Justice asks you to own up to what you do control, and see the chain of events that took you to where you stand. The sharp mind of RBG will see through it all.

Upright:

- Own your path. You cannot control what lies on the way but you can control where you step next.
- Justice will be served.

Reversed:

- Are you resisting accountability for your actions? Why?
- Injustice and abuse of power.

The Hanged One

Let go. Let go of the wishes of your past self that no longer align with your growth. Let go of that toxic relationship. Undo. In the words of our lady Bjork "it's not meant to be a strife." It's easy to get lost in the weeds but it's time to stop the frantic "doing" and remember the more important "why" of your doing.

Upright:

- Stop doing and start listening—to yourself, to the voice of the universe.

Reversed:

- You have sacrificed much and haven't gained much insight from it.

Reconsider.

- Are you resisting a period of retreat? Are you resisting letting go?

Death

There are many ways of relating to death. You can resist it, fear it, accept it, ignore it. It doesn't mind. Death comes to all. Death is an ending that profoundly alters your reality and is often painful and disorienting. It is mother nature's way of recycling energy and the close sibling of birth.

Upright:

- A profound change is underway.
- Let yourself feel the pain of endings and impermanence.

Reversed:

- You are resisting change—fearing, ignoring, or romanticizing it. What scares you? What are you afraid of losing?

Temperance

The waters of life are flowing again. This card is a closed system. It is the card of meditation and quiet contemplation. This card shows homeostasis—a dynamic balance within an ecosystem. When breathing the air enters the body and then leaves. It is in motion, and in equilibrium.

Upright:

- You are in balance and equilibrium with the world.
- Take the middle way—not too much, not too little—and practice patience.

Reversed:

- You are all out of whack! Try meditation or quiet contemplation.
- Take some time to re-align and balance for your own sanity.

The Devil

This man gives us all the tools and resources we need to give our neuroses and anxieties control of our lives. The bartender did not create the alcohol problem, it's much more complicated than that. An addictive cycle can turn something delightful—like good wine or a perfectly balanced cocktail—into a tool for self-undoing.

Upright:

- Are you acting in cyclical patterns that feel out of your control?

Reversed:

- You are working your way out of addictive patterns. This is a vulnerable moment where you must be careful and compassionate with yourself.

The Tower

The tower represents all that seems solid, and the lightning is the end of that illusion. The tower is an awakening that reveals the fragility of the lives we build—for better or worse. A moment of sharp sanity can be enough to shatter all your self-limiting beliefs.

Upright:

- There's really no way to prepare for this, but just be aware that what you hold to be true is currently being shattered.

Reversed:

- Are you fearing the unknown and the possibility of change?
- Are you considering being an agent of chaos and dealing the first blow to the tower?

The Star

This is the light that guides you in the night when the dust settles. The start of the Hermit has been set free! It's the gift of being totally naked and starting from scratch, with the waters of intuition flowing freely and almost magically.

Upright:

- You are rediscovering yourself and your self-esteem and your sense of purpose!

Reversed:

- You feel disengaged and lost—the water of the star isn't flowing for you.

- It will take effort, but you know you are ready to rediscover your sense of purpose and value. Let yourself go on that journey!

The Moon

Dreamland. The forest at night. Mist and distant howls. This is the land of the imagination with all its creatures. This is a fertile place for art-making and finding inspiration or to meet face to face with your insecurities in shapes you haven't seen before. This moon can make everything look like silver.

Upright:

- You're in dreamland right now and things seem shapeless and ambiguous, which could make your insecurities and anxieties feel very close.

Reversed:

- You are leaving behind your creative insecurities and things are starting to take sharper shapes.

The Sun

It's time to open your arms and feel the sunshine! You've been through hell and back and now you get to be a young, without a care in the world, and absolutely shining. The sun shines, not for anyone else or even for itself. It just shines because that is its nature. It's time to enjoy yourself!

Upright:

- Let yourself be yourself completely, authentically, and fully! Authenticity is incredibly magnetic.

Reversed:

- You might be having trouble seeing all the gifts that life is giving you right now. Don't try too hard. They're already right under your nose!

Judgment

Wake up hunny! There is a message from the universe knocking on your door and it's up to you to respond. You are about to step into a big moment in your life and read the script of where you've been so far. There absolutely is life after love, and it's waiting for you!

Upright:

- It's time to leave behind the old ways and awaken to a new way of existing in the world.
- Tune in to your wisdom and listen to the call from the universe.

Reversed:

- You are trying to ignore the voice of the universe knocking at your door.
- Literally, bad judgment.

The World

This is it! The world is the final collection of a whole bunch of experiences finally coming to a conclusion. It's a period of calm and mature knowledge that things worked out like they were meant to. This is a joyful end of the road! Mazel tov! You made it!

Upright:

- You have come to the end of the road—you'll begin again soon enough, but for now enjoy this peace and the fruits of your work.

Reversed:

- Are you trying to cut corners to get to the end? It doesn't work that way—what you left undone will undermine your efforts to complete your adventure.

Ace of Wands

"When opportunity comes your way. You can't start wonderin' what to say. You'll never win if you never play. Say yes!" The ace of wands is pure fire. Like all the aces there is something magical about it. It's a gift from the universe, pure potential. It's time to take a bet on yourself and your wild ideas.

Upright:

- Where can you focus your energy to make the best out of this gift?
- A jolt of newness and action!

Reversed:

- Are you focusing your energy or are you getting distracted by a hundred other projects?
- Reconnect with your passion.

Two of Wands

It's time to look up, take in the path ahead, take a deep breath, and step out of your comfort zone. Leaving your cozy castle requires a lot of courage, but it's time to fly hunny! Big things ahead...

Upright:

- You're on the right path, keep going.
- Are you doubting yourself and keeping yourself from following your path?

Reversed:

- The path ahead is not the path you need to walk right now.
- Take time to align yourself with your sense of purpose before taking that big step.

Three of Wands

The ship has sailed! This is a powerful card. You've done the work and you are releasing your creation into the ocean. It's an act of generosity and trust.

Upright:

- Trust the process, the universe will hold you and provide for you.
- Ground and root yourself so you may find peace in the unknown.

Reversed:

- Are you holding on to your creations too tight instead of letting them go into the world?
- The projects you have been working on might not have the outcome you expected.

Four of Wands

It's time to celebrate! This beautiful card encourages you to let joy take over! Just dance, it'll be ok. The clouds will be blown away, and we must celebrate when they do. No walls can hold the power of people coming together to toast to each other's joys.

Upright:

- Feel the love and energy around you, soak it in, have a good time, and celebrate!

Reversed:

- Work to recognize what you have achieved, even if it doesn't come naturally.
- There's a lot of support and energy, but you might not be looking in the right places.

Five of Wands

When children play with sticks they (usually) just hit each other's "swords," without the intention of actually hurting each other. It's just a game, and games have rules. This card talks about a situation where there may be conflict but it comes with no malice.

Upright:

- You're in a competitive atmosphere, check in with yourself about how you would like to relate to that energy.

Reversed:

- It's time to either intervene and speak your feelings or remove yourself before getting hurt badly.
- The game has turned sour.

Six of Wands

Stronger than yesterday, baby! You made it! This is your victory ride, so enjoy. This victory could be physical and tangible, or it could be the victory of finding the optimism and attitude to get it done and manifest yourself!

Upright:

- Connect with your optimism and you'll find yourself achieving your goals with ease.
- Think of what parts of your life could use some go that optimistic outlook.

Reversed:

- Your sense of success may not be grounded in reality, time to check in with the facts!
- Are you being overly optimistic?

Seven of Wands

This is a card about advocacy. It's about standing up for yourself and others. With visibility comes tension and criticism, so it's also about vulnerability. This card urges us to protest injustices on the societal as well as personal level. Set boundaries and demand fairness. Stand up for what's right.

Upright:

- This is a call to action to speak up when power being mis/used, and voices aren't being heard or valued.
- Be brave and vulnerable.

Reversed:

- Are you misusing your own power and creating us vs them situations?
- It may be time to step back and let others do the work.

Eight of Wands

Bullseye! Swift success and good fortune! You're on the edge of glory! The arrows of love fly through the air towards their target like lightning. The eight of wands is a big loud YES! Good fortune is coming and it's coming fast. Go on that date, ask for that raise, take a chance.

Upright:

- Shoot your shot and let the universe take care of the rest.
- It's all gonna work out.

Reversed:

- Things aren't gonna land where you think they will.
- There will be delays and obstacles to your projects.

Nine of Wands

You're almost there. The journey is not quite finished though! What if something leads you astray? Or worse, what if your so called achievements aren't even there to begin with?! This is the paranoia heralded by the nine of wands. It's a card of encouragement and also of warning. Stay open, stay daring, and stay active!!

Upright:

- Where have you let your past success turn into fear and paranoia?
- You are close to achieving your goal.

Reversed:

- Is this the direction you want to be going in or are you just going because "you've come this far"?

Ten of Wands

"Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!" You're doing so much! This is the freelancer's bane—saying yes to too many things, giving up all their free time to make ends meet, or to work towards your dream. Sometimes we need to do it but sometimes we really don't. This cards asks you to think about your workload.

Upright:

- Stop taking on more things and work on finishing what you started.
- You may be over-extended but it will be over soon.

Reversed:

- You're burnt out and exhausted and it's time to ask for help and delegate.

Page of Wands

This dude is ready to pitch his wild idea for an app, or his new restaurant idea. There's no limit to their energy. They are discovering everything for the first time, so they may not get it right, but they are pure excitement.

Upright:

- Let yourself go a little and explore that idea you've been thinking about.
- It's time to start something new!

Reversed:

- Did you get too carried away with that last project?
- Try to focus your energy and not let it be dispersed.

Knight of Wands

This gal is all energy. She has an idea and she's gonna go do it. She's the one that gets that group text going to plan a last minute get together. Execution is not her strong suit but she sure as hell knows how to get people excited about something.

Upright:

- Is there a project that you're super excited about? Run with it!
- Don't think too much about it and jump!

Reversed:

- Make sure you don't rush into something that's not solid.
- Maybe you let yourself get carried away a bit, try pumping the breaks.

Queen of Wands

This queen will absolutely cheer you up and get you out of your head. She's the one that comes over and gives you all the gossip while doing your dishes and your laundry when you're going through it. She's all action and chit chat. They don't want to talk about your feelings, they just want to chit chat and get stuff done!

Upright:

- Is there someone in your life who embodies this queen's energy?
- Get off your bum, clean your room, do the dishes, and go out for a walk.

Reversed:

- Are you just staying busy so you don't have to stop and think of deeper things?

King of Wands

This dude knows everybody and always seems to be having a good time, no matter how messed up her life seems. She's the one that will lend you a little money when you need it, or give you a ride when your car breaks down and recommend a great guy she knows, and she definitely knows how to build a shed.

Upright:

- It's time to take a more practical approach and take charge of the situation.

Reversed:

- Are you falling into the trap of always proposing a practical solution?
- You can't fix everything.

Ace of Cups

The ocean of intuition and creativity is overflowing from within you. This is a magical gift from the universe. You are plugged into the universe and open to love. Follow your instinct and share this magic!

Upright:

- You have so much love to give! Let your heart lead the way.
- Start a creative project, let yourself have a new beginning.

Reversed:

- Remember Lizzo "If you can love me, you can love yourself."
- Remember RuPaul "if you can't love yourself how the hell you gonna love somebody else."
- This is the card of self care.

Two of Cups

This is a sexy card. Sometimes the smallest acts of intimacy can be the most exciting. Time to fall in love with the world. This is the start of a loving relationship between you and everything else. A lover or two, a passion project, a career, a city—as long as you let yourself fall!

Upright:

- Let the warm water of love bring you back to life darling!
- We all deserve to fall in love and you don't need a reason.

Reversed:

- This relationship is imbalanced and you need to address that.
- There will be a separation or breakup of some sort.

Three of Cups

"If you wanna be my lover, you gotta get with my friends." This is a card about prioritizing community and celebration. Do your nails! Make protest signs! Sharing and collaborating with your friends gets the energy flowing. Life lays open ahead of you but today it's about the people that stand with you through it all.

Upright:

- Share and collaborate with your friends and your community.
- Celebrate your friendships!

Reversed:

- Have you been spending too much time socializing? Maybe it's time for some scheduled alone time.

Four of Cups

Life's got you down? There's just so much going on that all you want is to sink into your bathtub and let the water reclaim your mortal body. I get it. It's important to have those moments and let yourself feel through them. Don't forget that the universe is holding you and providing for you and ready to get you on your feet when you feel ready.

Upright:

- You're really going through it right now and you're in your feelings and that is SO ok.

Reversed:

- It's time to get out of that tub and carpe this diem, love!
- If you need help, get help. This is your permission. It's ok not to be ok.

Five of Cups

Loss is a complex situation. The cups have toppled and spilled, and yet there are still some upright. This is not an encouragement to focus on the “bright side.” Loss and grief are unique opportunities to connect with the deep wound of being alive. It doesn’t need to be reduced to a lesson you learned or it all being for the best. Hold and honor all sides.

Upright:

- Honor your pain and make time for yourself to grieve this loss.

Reversed:

- You might be focusing on only one side of the situation—just pain and suffering, or just the positive aspects.

Six of Cups

Life is just a bowl of cherries (or lilies, or tulips) Don't take it serious, life's too mysterious! These lush cups represent the wild life of childhood. As children we let the world be our teacher every moment. We can still be adaptable and joyful. We can still let ourselves learn and be curious. Just chill out, or rather, chill in! Relax into the world.

Upright:

- Where in your life can you use a lighter touch?
- Let yourself be curious and free.

Reversed:

- The past is a useful source of learning only when we can bring it into the present and walk with it towards the future.

Seven of Cups

Dream big baby! The world is your oyster! As long as you don't forget that it's all a dream. This very Neptunian card is a blank canvas for you to paint your wildest dreams onto, but it's also a trap in which you could lose your footing and fall up into the clouds. Let your imagination run wild, but remember to keep your feet on the ground.

Upright:

- Be creative and push the boundaries, connect to the part of you that wishes.

Reversed:

- You need to get your feet back on the ground, Peter Pan!
- Rein in the dreaming. Start working on the plan of execution.

Eight of Cups

"You got a fast car, I want a ticket to anywhere" said Tracy Chapman, and in this card that's exactly what you get. It's time to leave, hun. Those cups might be full but they've given all they have to give and it's time to go to the mountains and find new adventures. So pack your bags!

Upright:

- There's a situation you need to walk away from and move on.

Reversed:

- That job/relationship you are so eager to walk away from? It's not time yet. Patience.
- Think about why your escapism is getting triggered.

Nine of Cups

The nine of cups reminds you that everything worked out in the end, and for the better! The nine of cups celebrates the body, beauty, pleasure, and the richness of this precious life. It celebrates presence to the world which we inhabit, alignment with our needs. The universe is rich and fertile and always providing for you.

Upright:

- Celebrate, honor, and manifest the beauty that is being alive in this earth and this body.

Reversed:

- Have the joys of the body may turned into an unthinking materialism?

Ten of Cups

This card is fulfillment and joy. It's holding hands with your loved ones, taking a deep breath, being grateful for everything that has gotten you here and welcoming what the future might bring. This is a joy as deep as the ocean. Breathe in the love of these ten cups endlessly providing for you!

Upright:

- You did it! Enjoy the abundance with the folks you love.

Reversed:

- Are you open to abundance? If you close yourself off the universe can't work its magic.
- Take some time and think about what you're grateful for as a way to rediscover balance.

Page of Cups

"This could be the start of something new! It feels so right! To be here with you!" Said the fish to the child. This youngin is discovering the depths of their intuition and creativity. They are fresh and open, beginning a road to something beautiful.

Upright:

- What messages are you receiving about your creative projects, about your intuitions and your openness to follow your hunch?

Reversed:

- Your intuition might be blocked right now. Reconnect with the child in you.

Knight of Cups

This boi will give you a copy of his poetry chapbook and invite you to his solo acoustic guitar show about winter and loneliness. He does this out of a deep love of art and creativity, and an intense commitment to his creative process—although it could turn into a very one-sided conversation.

Upright:

- You're feeling yourself! Love your art and your projects. You're hot and you know it.

Reversed:

- We get it, you're cool and smart, you don't have to go overboard for us to notice.
- Keep an eye out for being too self-centered.

Queen of Cups

This queen is the ocean of love herself. Their skirts become the the water of emotions and intuitions. This queen knows when to console with soothing words and when to stay quiet, hold the space, and listen. They are the caring friend who you know will listen to you, and the mother figure who will build a little nest around you when you need it.

Upright:

- Who in your life can you count on to help you in moments of emotional distress?

Reversed:

- Are you giving way too much of your emotional energy and becoming exhausted?

King of Cups

This king runs the show. This king is the reason the divas get their moment on stage in front of an audience. They are the producer, coordinator, and team leads in every creative venture. They are in the middle of the waters of creativity but hold a relatively un-creative position. It is their job to keep their feet on the ground so the artists can do their job.

Upright:

- Don't get lost in the waters of emotion. It's a time of emotional restraint in favor of clear leadership.

Reversed:

- Are you holding yourself too tight and trying to take on too many responsibilities?

Ace of Swords

Swords rule language and reason, intellect and cunning. This is the power of wits, lawyers, researchers, and rhetoricians buzzing through your brain. The gift of the ace of swords is a sharp tongue and a quick wit. It knows no boundaries so it's up to you to use it wisely.

Upright:

- You are thinking with unusual clarity and sharpness.
- You have the power of language, use it wisely.

Reversed:

- Be careful about misusing the sharpness of your vision, the sword is double-edged.

Two of Swords

The world lays ahead of you with a bunch of possible paths you can take. It's very overwhelming. All of them come with a cost, something you have to give up once you take that path. The response this card is showing is to shut down. Overthinking can make you act from fear, or not act at all. This is a tough one.

Upright:

- Stop trying to decide with your mind and tune in to your intuition.
- You're caught between a rock and a hard place.

Reversed:

- None of your options are great, but you just have to move on.
- Choose with compassion for yourself and others.

Three of Swords

This card is the tension between a broken heart and our need to communicate. Heartbreak is symbolized by the water falling from the sky, but what hurts is the swords—the desire to think through it, to fit emotions into logical narrative arguments.

Upright:

- Try to feel heartbreak in its totality, beyond the logic, behind the narrative, the actors, and the scenery.

Reversed:

- It's time, love. You've done your grieving and you are ready to walk out of the waters.
- Take a deep breath, crack a smile, and think "thank u, next" <3

Four of Swords

Time stops for no-one, but you can still stop and rest. The battle goes on outside, but you are burnt out and need to replenish. Take off your bra, get cozy, and rest. You can be your full warrior self again some other day, but today you need to take a step back and rest.

Upright:

- Take a step back love, it's time to replenish and rest up, the battle's not over.
- Find something that brings stability and grounding to your life.

Reversed:

- Time to hop back on the saddle my warrior! Get moving!

Five of Swords

In a fight nobody wins. This card is intellectual sparring gone sour. It heralds defeat. We all know someone who is aggressively competitive and will make it a point to alienate everyone with their games. Whether you win or lose, there is the defeat of having fought at all. This is no playful banter, this is war. Be careful out there.

Upright:

- Are you taking a competitive, us v them attitude in your life?
- Disagreements and aggressive intellectual conflict.

Reversed:

- Step back, this is not your battle.
- If possible, try to bring together what was torn apart.

Six of Swords

Six deep wounds pierce the bottom of this raft. You could take them out and try to work through them and heal, but the raft would have holes in them. It isn't time to do that work, focus on floating and setting sail on your journey. It's time to push off, skim the surface of the water, and look towards the horizon.

Upright:

- A journey is coming.
- Don't rock the boat right now, sit tight and keep rowing, there will be time to work through wounds later.

Reversed:

- You could be at the end of a period of transition. If so, make sure you tie up any loose ends so you may begin anew with a fresh canvas.

Seven of Swords

This is a sneaky card. It talks about working smart and not hard. Sometimes you have to sneak around and be creative. Taking the enemy's swords while they sleep isn't necessarily the solution everyone expects, but it's a smart one. Sometimes the cunning of the fox beats the strength of an entire army.

Upright:

- Find creative solutions to your problems, think sneaky and smart.
- It's best to lay low and try to get your way without attracting much attention.

Reversed:

- It's time to stop sneaking around, stand proud and assert your needs.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Eight of Swords

You're all tied up and feeling trapped, but you have the power to unbind yourself. These bindings are internalized judgments that eventually become your personality. Think through these binding love, freeing yourself from them is in your hands.

Upright:

- Are you feeling trapped and restrained in a situation?
- Think through what internalized judgments are keeping you from being your full self.

Reversed:

- You're freeing yourself from your bindings! Keep doing the work and free yourself completely.

Nine of Swords

Living in a capitalist hetero-patriarchal society is not easy. The demands put on individuals are sure to break anyone. This is the card of your mental health at its worst. Don't be afraid to get help, even if it seems impossible. Reach out to a counselor or therapist. Reach out to your loved ones. Nobody is alone in their struggles. I wish you healing.

Upright:

- The sources of your afflictions are external—debt, news headlines, some impending legal decision.

Reversed:

- The sources of your afflictions are internal—anxiety about your future and past, insecurities.

Ten of Swords

You're really going through it right now. Things are tough. But maybe not as tough as you're making them for yourself. There's something of Hamlet in this card, an impulse to make a drama out of this obstacle. If you find yourself sighing and apostrophizing to an imaginary audience consider re-evaluating the scale of your troubles.

Upright:

- You're facing a series of painful setbacks and feel defeated.
- Try not to make a mountain out of a molehill.

Reversed:

- You're finally getting some much needed respite from what's been ailing you.

Page of Swords

This little know-it-all is the queen of the spelling bee, they know all the cool dinosaur facts and probably the capitals to most countries. They aren't necessarily the best student though, but their mind can make connections at the speed of light. They are self-directed and will not hesitate to correct anyone around them, for better or for worse.

Upright:

- Lean into your curious energy, learn things for their own sake, make connections and think creatively.

Reversed:

- Whatever you're trying to start now might not be the direction need to go in right now.

Knight of Swords

This boi is in a rush and they got facts as their fuel. This knight has so much energy he will talk you around in circles and convince you the sky is green and the sun rises in the west. This card is that one great idea that gets your heart rate going and you just want to start your engines and go!

Upright:

- You have so much energy in you for this idea! Make sure you're focused in the right direction

Reversed:

- You're rushing, take a step back and think about it before rushing into action.

Queen of Swords

This queen has seen it all. She's the detached aunt thrice divorced who loves her martinis dry and her outfits crisp. She may be quiet and even cold-hearted, but a pearl of her wisdom is priceless. Her head is above the clouds and her sword is perfectly straight. She's not warm and cozy but she's a treasure nonetheless.

Upright:

- Trust in your experience and let yourself be cool and unemotional to see things clearly.

Reversed:

- You're probably being too cold-hearted and rational, relax a little and let your guard down.

King of Swords

Look at this guy. They know what they're doing. It's confidence backed with facts. They got the smarts and they know it. They have unparalleled mental clarity, and the skill to communicate and lead. The king of swords has Big CEO Energy. The intellect and language of the swords finds action in the hands of a leader who understands the needs of those they have the responsibility of upholding.

Upright:

- Where can you empower yourself to use intellect and language to delegate, support, unite, and inspire?

Reversed:

- Are you abusing the power and authority others place in you?

Ace of Pentacles

This magic moment is all yours!
This is the power of Mother Earth swelling in your heart, it's the beginning of a magical new enterprise or project. This is the energy of beginnings that falls on your lap once in a lifetime and says Go! Do it! Make it so!

Upright:

- You might receive unexpected resources.
- Things are going your way hunny!

Reversed:

- You aren't acknowledging all the magic flowing through you. Look deeper. It's there.
- Your energy is too dispersed, make a plan to get back on track.

Two of Pentacles

You're juggling a ton right now and are being pulled in many directions. Ships are built to withstand the ups and downs of the ocean despite them not being grounded. Balance is not static, it is a dynamic navigation of constantly changing factors.

Upright:

- Try and find a way to strike a balance between your work life, personal life, social life, etc.
- Remain flexible and adaptable

Reversed:

- You need to take a step back and re-think your schedule before it gets the best of you.
- Are you stretched thin and over-committed? What can you do to create some time to rest?

Three of Pentacles

It takes a village! In order to become reality, big projects need many people behind them making them happen. And collaborating with people means checking your ego and navigating when to sacrifice your personal vision and when to stick to your idea. It's an art in itself.

Upright:

- Collaborate with people around you who will enrich your life.
- Find the team to turn your idea into reality.

Reversed:

- It is best to work alone.
- If you're part of a team there may be miscommunications and missed expectations.

Four of Pentacles

"All that matters is who is open? And who has shut up? And if one feels closed how does one stay open?" Our Lady Bjork explained, heartbroken. This is a card about conservation. It walks the line between being smart and saving some of your money for when you need it later, and being greedy and closed off to the world.

Upright:

- Take care of your resources, it's time to save and be conscientious.
- Take good care of the stable parts of your life.

Reversed:

- You're closing yourself off to the world and shutting yourself out of the flow of energy.

Five of Pentacles

You have fourteen dollars in your bank account and you know the utilities automatic payment is about to hit and you're gonna get overdraft fees and you still haven't put any money into your subway card and you promised your friend you'd go get a drink with her but there's no way you'll have drinking money...

Upright:

- Things are really tough in the money, or maybe in the self-esteem parts of your life.

Reversed:

- You're on the way out of this one. It's been tight but you're about to figure it out.
- Remember to remain open to the spirit of generosity and abundance.

Six of Pentacles

The more you give the more you'll have to give. This card urges you to be generous and open with your resources. Generosity unites communities and creates systems of reciprocity that benefit everyone.

Upright:

- Open yourself to the world and be generous!
- Knowing how to receive is just as important as knowing how to give.

Reversed:

- Have you been asking for too much of your community? Or maybe giving too much? Don't overextend yourself.
- You may have been irresponsible with your resources lately.

Seven of Pentacles

Look at all the beautiful fruits of your labor! You earned this, bite into that juicy fruit because you've been putting in time and effort and the seeds you planted a long time ago are bearing fruit.

Upright:

- Harvest the fruits of your labor baby! This is for you!
- Whatever you're doing is about to blossom into its final form.

Reversed:

- The seeds you planted might not ever bear fruit.
- You're not seeing most of the situation that's putting an obstacle along your path.

Eight of Pentacles

Rihanna said it first, "So me put in work work work..." etc. This is heads down time. You have a lot to do and limited time so get to it! It can be exhausting but it's what you need to do to push this over the finish line.

Upright:

- Be very attentive to the details, lean into your perfectionist side.
- Time to get shit done!

Reversed:

- Look up, there's a big world out there and work is only one small sliver of it.
- Time to take a break, you've been at it for long and it's time to relax.

Nine of Pentacles

She's a beauty, draped in expensive fabrics, taking a promenade around her grounds. She has earned every penny in the bank, and knows every leaf in her garden. But it didn't happen overnight. The sacrifice and discipline required to get to this point has also dulled some of her spontaneity.

Upright:

- Stay disciplined, now is not the time for impromptu trips or last minute ideas.
- This card represents self sufficiency and self reliance.

Reversed:

- Are you focused too much on work and on being completely independent? This might be harming you.

Ten of Pentacles

The magic and abundance of pentacles is at its peak in this card. This wealth is shared. It's resources intelligently allocated, and people coming together to create value. The magic of this card is the promise of long-lasting rock-solid abundance. It is a gift of the universe for those who have worked hard.

Upright:

- You have abundant resources.
- Whatever this card points at will be well funded and long lasting.

Reversed:

- You might be overly focused on wealth and resources right now, try to detach a little from that and recognize the things in your life that don't have a price tag.

Page of Pentacles

The student par excellence. This youngin is disciplined and curious. They take time to make sure they understand what they are learning and have the hunger for new knowledge to keep them going. There is something of the wizard in them, for sure. They also know how to get money when they need it!

Upright:

- It's time to study, learn something new and let yourself be focused and curious.

Reversed:

- You're distracted and un-focused, try to go back to what motivated you so you can get back on track.

Knight of Pentacles

The most static of the knights, this responsible man knows there is work to be done and it's not gonna take care of itself. His dreams extend way beyond the horizon but he's tied to his work. This is a very hard working person who knows that his time will come if he puts in the work.

Upright:

- It's time to put in the time and effort towards your goals. Getting what you want takes work.

Reversed:

- You're feeling stuck and stagnant and maybe it's time to let go and try something new.

Queen of Pentacles

This queen is the younger sister of The Empress. She's nurturing and magical. She's the witch with the teas, infusions, crystals, and all the wisdom of the world to give. Her grounded energy is calming in and of itself, without her having to do much.

Upright:

- Share your healing nurturing gifts with the world and let the world share their gifts with you!

Reversed:

- When unbalanced, this queen can be too grounding and tend towards stifling growth.

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