

ALONE IN A ROLE PLAYING GAME

Based on Alone Among the Stars, by Takuma Okada



When you are playing a role playing game alone, or with friends, you may need some help establishing a scene or a backdrop for the characters.

PROCEDURE

In order to create a new scene, follow these steps:

- Roll 1d6;
- Draw that many cards, spreading them side by side, and face down;
- Flip a card and roll 1d6 on the Major or Minor arcana table;
- Look at the keyword tables;
- Interpret the result and add it to the scene;
- When you want to, or when you are stuck, add the next card to the scene;
- After the last card on the scene, when you feel you've completed it, start a new scene.

Minor Arcana

- 1 – 2: an individual or a group
- 3 – 4: this place and its features
- 5 – 6: something happens or happened

Major Arcana

- 1 – 2: a wild, mystical, or humane entity
- 3 – 4: an offer or opportunity
- 5 – 6: an incident or sudden change

INTERPRETING CARDS

MINOR ARCANA

Suit	Keywords	Drives
Wands	Fire, movement, action, invention, energy	Will turned into action
Cups	Water, feelings, emotions, intuition, and relationships	Understanding and processing
Swords	Air, challenges, rationality, logic, mindfulness	Harnessing strength
Pentacles	Earth, Mundane, Bodily, Tangible, Physical, resources	Planning and Preparing

Rank	Keywords
Ace	Beginnings, initiative
2	Balance, dichotomy
3	Communication, interactions
4	A break or rest period
5	Adversity, conflict, loss
6	Growth, overcoming, moving on
7	Confidence, trust, self-esteem
8	Labour, change
9	Fruition, assessment
10	Closure, results
Page	Messages, gathering information
Knight	Movement, initiative
Queen	Potential, wisdom
King	Authority, power

MAJOR ARCANA

Card	Upright	Reversed
The Fool	innocence, free spirit, fresh start	recklessness, holding back, missing opportunities
The Magician	intelligence, resourcefulness, inspiration, overt power	wasted talents, lost resources, pride, condescension
The High Priestess	intuition, dreams, patience, subtle power	secrecy, omission, manipulation
The Empress	nurturing, abundance, beauty, nature	timid, dependent, neglect
The Emperor	guidance, leadership, structure	authority, control, stubbornness
The Hierophant	tradition, study, freedom, departure	conformity, conservatism, inflexibility
The Lovers	bonds, balance, aligned values	narcissism, disharmony, imbalance
The Chariot	determination, strong will, fulfilment	helplessness, lack of support, opposition
Justice	compassion, courage, empowerment	doubt, hesitation
The Hermit	introspection, inner wisdom, self-esteem	loneliness, isolation, fear
Wheel of Fortune	cycles, turning point, destiny, fortune	struggle, resistance, fighting change
Strength	strength, courage, persuasion, compassion	force, self-doubt, low energy, raw emotion
The Hanged Man	surrender, re-examination, release, a pause	indecisiveness, delay, stalling
Death	transformation, endings, transition, rites of passage, upheaval	being stuck, repeating negative patterns, resisting change, dependency
Temperance	moderation, balance, patience, kindness	excess, imbalances, realignment, wounds
The Devil	exploring shadows, detachment, breaking away	cunning, excess, restriction, flaw
The Tower	chaos, change, revelation, upheaval, avoid disaster	tragedy, turmoil, fear, unexpected turn of events
The Star	guidance, hope, patterns	being lost, hopelessness, void
The Moon	intuition, subconscious, embracing fear	repression, inner turmoil, hesitation
The Sun	vitality, energy, warmth	gloom, trauma, suspension
Judgement	judgement call, absolution, resolution	judgemental, mistrust, doubt
The World	completion, travel, closure	delays, shortcuts, open ended

OPTIONAL PROCEDURES

You may use these extra procedures in your runs if you like.

COMPLEXITY

When rolling a die to draw cards, roll the die twice and keep the higher result for a more complex scene, or the lowest result for a simpler scene.

UNIQUE SPREADS

After each scene you may set the cards you drew aside, not reshuffling them after each scene. Once the draw pile is empty or nearly empty, shuffle all the cards together.

CREDITS

Takuma Okada's Alone Among the Stars

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