



The
Hollow Hills

Tarot Deck

Guidebook

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Walk Beneath the Hollow Hills

Take a glance at faery folklore from around the world and one thing which usually appears is the idea of paths or dwellings. We've likely all heard of fairy rings: the naturally-occurring circles of mushrooms or flowers – but others mentioned include lakes, rocky outcrops, hawthorn bushes, and hollow hills. This latter point is an interesting one, since it isn't necessarily limited to folk tales.

In ancient Celtic stories, it is stated that the entrance to the Land of Faerie can be found under hollow hills. In Iceland, there are tales of the Huldufólk, or Hidden People, also dwelling in hills. Indeed, even in the 1980s, construction of a road had to be routed around Álphóll (Elf Hill) after several drills broke when trying to work on it. Similar places exist in Denmark, Sweden, and England, where the faeries were said to live in round barrows: a mound of earth raised over ancient graves – literal hollow hills.

It was with this rich folkloric history in mind that I set out to create the Hollow Hills tarot deck, combining my love of the fae with imagery from Celtic mythology and Pagan pantheons. The 78 cards within allow for a truly beautiful reading experience, suitable for seasoned practitioners and complete beginners.

I wish you happy wanderings through the enchanted lands.

How to Use the Deck

Even though most tarot decks consist of the same cards which carry the same meanings, many readers will find a deck (or decks) which truly speaks to them. If this is what has led you to possess these cards, I thank you deeply and hope they will bring you much insight. No matter how the cards have come to be with you, it is important to get to know your new deck.

Spend time shuffling through the cards, looking at and touching each one. You can do this wherever you are comfortable, and if it helps, you can light some candles or incense to help you to focus or create a special space for your work. You may choose to do this whenever you intend to read your cards, either for personal use or for someone else, to allow yourself to relax and enter into the mindset for tarot work. If you are reading the cards for a querant or client, you can ask them to hold or touch the deck for a few moments before you begin. This will allow their energy to enter the cards and assist you in tailoring the reading to what they need or wish to discover.

Tarot cards can be used with several intentions, but all focus on some form of enlightenment. This need not necessarily be about the future. Perhaps there is an issue on your mind which you need clarification on? Or maybe you wish to connect with a past life, discover a spirit guide, seek help on how to resolve a difficult situation? There is no limit to how the deck can help you to reflect. You need only begin a reading with a question in mind. It can be specific or general, but it will act as a compass to help you interpret the cards which are revealed.

Sitting comfortably, shuffle the deck. Hold your question in your mind, and when you are ready, select a card, or number of cards. Place them face-up in front of you, and take some time to absorb the image and words. If you are unsure, then you can refer back to this guidebook for possible meanings and interpretations. If a card is reversed (upside-down), it will carry the opposite meaning, and usually happens for a reason. Interpretations for reversed cards can be found later in this guidebook.

Sample Spreads

One-Card Reading

This is a good approach for when you want or need a quick answer to a question. Shuffle the deck and call upon your guides to help you discover the answer to your question. These may be animal guides, guardian angels, ancestors, or even divine guidance – whichever feels right and natural to you. You can ask your question and summon your guides aloud or silently; what matters is the intent you put into it. Be sure to make your question as clear and as specific as you can, as this will help you to find the card best suited to help you. When you are ready, use your intuition and pull a single card from the deck. Consult this guidebook for your answer.

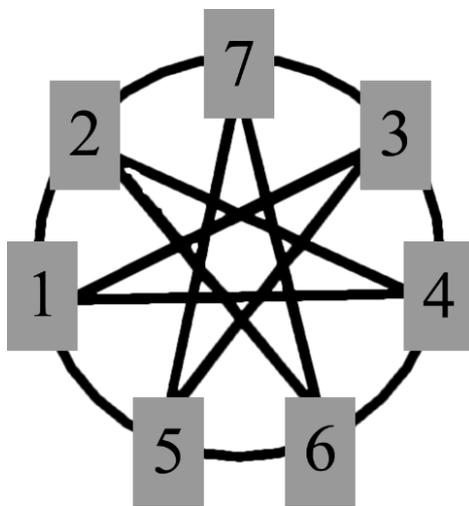
Three Card Spread

Shuffle the deck, calling upon your guides for help and assistance. Ask your question clearly and coherently, and when you are ready, pull three cards from the deck. You can shuffle the deck again between removing the cards if you wish. Lay the first card you pulled on the left, the second in the middle, and the third on the right, so they lie in a horizontal line. These three cards can offer you a more in-depth answer to a single question; or you can use them to look into matters of past (leftmost card), present (central card), and future (rightmost card) in the context of your question. For interpretations, you can refer back to this guidebook.

Faery Star Spread

The faery star, or elven star, is also known as a heptagram, and is a star with seven equally-spaced points. It is commonly used to represent the fae among various Pagan traditions, but also occurs in other belief systems, including Christianity and Islam. For purposes of this spread, the cards will call upon the four classical elements and combine them with a specific question which you may wish to ask. For assistance in the layout of the spread, refer to the diagram below.

Shuffle the deck and, using your intuition, pull out seven cards and place them accordingly, face-down. Turn them all over one by one in the same order.



- (1) **Earth:** This card represents the overall problem which is impacting the situation at present.
- (2) **Air:** This card represents the influence of those other than you over the situation.
- (3) **Fire:** This card represents struggles, internal or external, which are contributing to the situation.
- (4) **Water:** This card represents what you can learn from the situation.
- (5) **Past:** This card represents your previous state or states which may have contributed to the situation.
- (5) **Present:** This card represents the truth of the current situation, as opposed to your perception of it in (1).
- (7) **Future:** This card represents a path you can choose to take in order to resolve the issue.

The Cards

The Major Arcana

- **THE FOOL**

- An innocent youth unaware of life's dangers and trials. A new path may be lying in wait, and patience and positivity will help to bring it closer.
- Reversed: Constantly feeling as though you cannot move on, and perhaps experiencing selfishness or thoughtlessness.

- **I – THE MAGICIAN**

- A higher being is looking down upon you with divine or spiritual protection. Even if you do not feel as though you are on the right path, anything is possible with determination and trust in the higher powers.
- Reversed: You may be experiencing negative thoughts which may hamper the path to success.

- **II – THE HIGH PRIESTESS**

- A female guide, akin to a mother or grandmother figure, which may be echoed in a real relative, friend, or colleague. This card promises wisdom and balance to uncertain situations. Luck is in store and good things or opportunities will appear in time.
- Reversed: Do not trust others blindly and make use of your own wisdom.

- **III – THE EMPRESS**

- Often symbolises a maternal figure. Fertility is present, potentially in pregnancy, but also as a symbol of growth in other areas such as business and love.
- Reversed: There may be conception problems or a tendency to be complacent with important matters.

- **IV – THE EMPEROR**

- Usually symbolises a father figure or authority figure, either in the family or in business. He is sometimes firm, but always respected, and feels a duty to protect all which is his. A symbol of business and work-dealings.
- Reversed: Family responsibility is weighing heavy on the shoulders, or you start projects and find yourself unable to finish them.

- **V – THE HIEROPHANT**
 - A very spiritual card of knowledge and patience. Walk the path of learning and concentrate on your spirituality rather than materialistic matters.
 - Reversed: Do not be afraid to begin new projects.
- **VI – THE LOVERS**
 - A card of love, romance, passion, sexual attraction, and potentially affairs. Relationships may be loving, or breaking down, depending on the context of the surrounding cards.
 - Reversed: There may be fighting or arguing between a couple, and the happiness of the relationship may be spent or lost.
- **VII – THE CHARIOT**
 - The Chariot represents travel and movement, either literally or through life in general, while also practising caution. You must try to be in control of the path you take, as well as your own actions along that path.
 - Reversed: Plans may be on hold or movement forward is hampered.
- **VIII – STRENGTH**
 - You must use your own power while bearing in mind the obstacles may not be as bad as they seem. This can be emotional, or physical, such as recovering from an illness. Do not be afraid to let your inner self show and do not give up when faced with problems. This is also the card of the animal kingdom and how nature should be treated with respect.
 - Reversed: Cruelty or abuse is present, perhaps within a relationship, or to other people or animals. You may be surrendering to basic instincts which prove harmful.
- **IX – THE HERMIT**
 - Wisdom and truth are at hand, and if you are struggling in some area of life, know that a higher being is looking out for you. You may be searching for a partner, companion, or purpose in life. It is important to reflect and use introspection to decide on the best route forward.
 - Reversed: Little faith and refusal of help, or unable to see and assess problems. Potential unawareness of spiritual matters or feeling spiritually isolated.
- **X – WHEEL OF FORTUNE**

- The circle of life showing that as one thing ends, another begins. Life may have dealt blows which have left you feeling downtrodden or sorry for yourself. Instead, trust that this period will not last forever and lessons can be learned for your own benefit.
- Reversed: What goes around comes around. If your energy levels are low or your mental health is suffering, do not take chances which may jeopardise your health.
- **XI – JUSTICE**
 - The card of legalities. You may need to consult a lawyer or other such court matters, or this card may refer to legal problems of a smaller nature. It can also suggest reaping what you have sown, so if you have been dishonest or tried to fool those around you, suspicion may turn on you.
 - Reversed: Criminal activities may arise around you or your immediate circle.
- **XII – THE HANGED MAN**
 - You may have little control over your life and waiting aimlessly for something to change. Things may move slowly, but you should use this time to take a step back and try to change your outlook on the situation for the better.
 - Reversed: Have faith and allow yourself to take note of how you feel. Be cautious of anyone around you who makes empty promises of making things better.
- **XIII – DEATH**
 - Rather than literal death, this card represents the end of one chapter in life and the beginning of another. It suggests the end of an old era and a positive change as you turn down a new path. A new job or even a child can be coming, based on the surrounding cards.
 - Reversed: Complete panic may overtake your life. You must stay strong and battle through it to put a new start in motion.
- **XIV – TEMPERANCE**
 - A spiritual guardian may be close, so even if things are not clear, trust that they will work out. You may be struggling with your mood and emotions, so when dealing with an unsure situation, take care to look at different possible avenues before proceeding. Have patience, and practise self-control and discipline for the best outcome.

- Reversed: Stress may arise due to emotional problems and frustrations. Do not invest in starting new problems at this time, and do what you need to do in order to get through the issue.
- **XV – THE DEVIL**
 - Relationships could be troubled, potentially with forms of abuse. Weakness or lust may have an impact, or you may be in contact with somebody cunning and manipulative. Mental illness may also be a factor.
 - Reversed: Danger is close from an insidious character in your life. Use caution.
- **XVI – THE TOWER**
 - Obstacles lie ahead and life can potentially become difficult as structure begins to crumble. As situations fall out of your control, relationships may be in danger and there is a risk of arguments and quarrels among close people. You should try to find a new perspective and allow for forgiveness in order to allow for positive change.
 - Reversed: There may be injuries or accidents relating to the head, including depression or similar lapses in mental health.
- **XVII – THE STAR**
 - This card denotes a non-materialistic humanitarian who helps others by giving inspiration and hope. There is a purity strong enough to bring about hope where there is darkness. Powerful spiritual guidance is at hand and you should have faith in the future.
 - Reversed: You may feel a lack or loss of faith in your dreams, but there is no need to worry. Trust that your wishes will manifest when the time is right.
- **XVIII – THE MOON**
 - Things are not as they seem. You must find the strength to trust your instincts in order to see through illusions and secrets around you. Do not believe everything you might hear or trust blindly.
 - Reversed: There may be a mystery which will be solved with patience and time. Be mindful of those in your midst who may be kind on the surface but truly mean you harm.
- **XIX – THE SUN**

- Good things and happiness are on the horizon. Romance may blossom, and if your health has been suffering, expect to make a full recovery. Your life will soon begin to improve no matter what obstacles you find in your way.
- Reversed: You may be feeling pessimistic about the future, or arrogant, causing you to make bad decisions about the future.
- **XX – JUDGMENT**
 - A situation may be changing and there is little time to be idle in the face of it. The issue must be faced head-on and reap the consequences of past decisions. You should face this as a rebirth to follow your innermost desires.
 - Reversed: You may be feeling self-doubt in the face of great change.
- **XXI – THE WORLD**
 - Victory and perfection are on the way. You may be travelling, especially abroad, and finding success in whatever you have put your mind to. Your hard labours are coming to fruition, and you are in a position to reap the rewards of life's opportunities.
 - Reversed: You may not be able to see what options you have to change your life for the better.

The Minor Arcana

Pentacles

- **KING OF PENTACLES**
 - This card suggests a man who started his career on the bottom rung and has, with hard work and perseverance, reached the top. It is also likely that his position or wealth has been inherited, as he is a natural symbol of authority who sets a good example. He is probably down-to-earth and makes a wonderful father. It can also suggest success is in store, particularly in regards to property or business.
 - Reversed: There may be a man around you who is corrupt. Take serious precautions about trusting this person.
- **QUEEN OF PENTACLES**
 - This card suggests a mature and intelligent woman whose thinks deeply, which can make her somewhat difficult to understand to outsiders. She is likely very

interested in the environment, charity, and creative pursuits such as the arts; and her steady head makes her a great businesswoman or influencer. She may tend to be bossy however, particularly towards her children. It also suggests a growth in business or similar money matters, which will leave you with enough to spend on some important matter.

- Reversed: There is a danger of this woman marrying for money rather than for love. A woman may be in your midst who gossips or uses her influence to undermine you.

- **KNIGHT OF PENTACLES**

- This card suggests a clever young person who has worked very hard to achieve their goals. There may still be room for improvement for them to rise to their full potential. They are likely to be shy or careful around relationships, which may mean they do not take many partners, but when they do, respect and stability abounds. They will go on to be a good worker with a successful career. It can also suggest an improvement in a financial situation, but you should also use caution and restraint to avoid backing yourself into a corner.
- Reversed: There may be arrogance or ideas which are unrealistic to achieve. Remember to remain grounded and assess a situation before committing.

- **PAGE OF PENTACLES**

- This card suggests a child who is quiet, intellectual, and places a strong focus on doing well in school. They probably enjoy reading and spending time by themselves as they develop academically. Good grades and a blossoming career are likely. It can also suggest a small bonus or raise in your wages is coming.
- Reversed: There may a child around you who is bored and struggling. Because of this, their brilliant talents are not being put to use.

- **ACE OF PENTACLES**

- Financial security is at hand, no matter how bleak the situation may at first appear. Any new projects you take on will bring success, and good luck will follow.
- Reversed: You may suffer from greed or materialistic desires, and spend money you do not have. In extreme cases, this may result in poverty, so use caution.

- **II – TWO OF PENTACLES**

- You may be struggling to balance your finances and you may find yourself short for a period. Tough times are ahead but they should be short-lived, and you may have to make a choice as to how you will continue. This might mean considering taking a loan or changing banks.
- Reversed: There may be changes in your financial situation which will actually lead to better things, but delays could happen along the way. Beware of promises being broken.
- **III – THREE OF PENTACLES**
 - You may be self-employed and a hard worker as you support yourself in financial and business matters. If not, this card can signify some kind of apprenticeship or training, including academic study and higher education.
 - Reversed: There may be arguments among the family over money matters.
- **IV – FOUR OF PENTACLES**
 - Beware of spending more than your means allow. You should be careful with your money as a lean time may be on the horizon and you will need to ensure you can see yourself through. You could also be associating with someone who is greedy or does not share their wealth fairly.
 - Reversed: You may suffer a financial loss.
- **V – FIVE OF PENTACLES**
 - This card can suggest various meanings depending on which cards surround it. It can portend to feelings of anxiety or money troubles; but if alongside the Lovers or similar relationship cards, it suggests a relationship is likely to separate. Alongside health cards, it may suggest illness and hospitalisation.
 - Reversed: You may be reaping the negative effects of what you have sown. This will be a valuable lesson for you going forward.
- **VI – SIX OF PENTACLES**
 - Things are stable and will remain so for a while, but avoid lending money as it may not return to you. Be careful with how much you spend and do not be overly generous at this time.
 - Reversed: You may be throwing money at projects or objects which are unnecessary, or legal problems may be coming.
- **VII – SEVEN OF PENTACLES**

- Do not be concerned about money. If you work hard and look to the future, you will reap the rewards. Avoid taking loans or similar commitments for the time being as you may not have the immediate means to pay it back.
- Reversed: Money may be the cause of broken promises, or stagnation as you wait for change to come about.
- **VIII – EIGHT OF PENTACLES**
 - An examination or continuing study will occur. This card may suggest undertaking higher education; or attending university in the future, or taking a course which relates to your current career. You should work hard, even though it takes time and the rewards are not imminent.
 - Reversed: Exams or courses may be failed. There might be egotistical difficulties.
- **IX – NINE OF PENTACLES**
 - Money is on the way, either as a lump sum or steady payment, and there is nothing to worry about. Financial abundance may soon come upon you.
 - Reversed: Excessive money or materialism may be keeping you from truly loving or enjoying anything or anyone. It can be your own worst enemy, so try to see the bigger picture.
- **X – TEN OF PENTACLES**
 - This card suggests a strong relationship where the people within it have struggled in the past, either emotionally or with money, but the love and trust is so strong that they will always find a way to get by. They are likely to find a way to financial security with hard work.
 - Reversed: There may be financial problems in areas of insurance, pensions, or taxation. Be cautious this does not lead to legal difficulties.

Wands

- **KING OF WANDS**
 - This suggests a pleasant family-oriented man who needs attention to remain faithful. He is intelligent and a great boss or businessman, but at home he is willing to let his partner make the decisions. He is not overly strict with any children, but is a great father. It can also mean upcoming communications which may bring about success, especially in work-related matters.

- Reversed: The man could cause arguments within the family due to unreliability, broken promises, or lies.
- **QUEEN OF WANDS**
 - This card represents a woman who is a wonderful wife and mother, and likely owns many animals. If she does not feel as though her partner is giving her enough attention, she may be prone to flirtation, or in extreme cases, affairs. She is likely interested in the environment and is willing to contribute to good causes which she feels drawn to. It can also suggest taking advice before making an important decision about life or work.
 - Reversed: A woman with no interest in family life and proves herself to be temperamental, especially in relationships.
- **KNIGHT OF WANDS**
 - This card suggests a cocky young adult who cannot settle into a career or relationship, and boasts a carefree attitude which is somewhat without tact and can easily cause offence. They will settle down in time and prove themselves to kind and pleasant. It can also mean work communication and potentially business travel.
 - Reversed: Restlessness and insecurity can mean the young person often breaks promises.
- **PAGE OF WANDS**
 - This card can represent a child, usually a relative, who is lively and inquisitive. It can also suggest news or some kind of correspondence, especially in writing.
 - Reversed: Rumours may be spreading, or there may be childish pranks befalling you. Illness or other bad news may be imminent.
- **ACE OF WANDS**
 - This card symbolises a coming new beginning and personal growth. You may have a situation to look forward to at work, or even a birth. Something good is on its way.
 - Reversed: Some kind of delay may occur in the path of your good fortune. Do not worry – it will resolve with time.
- **II – TWO OF WANDS**
 - There may be a need to make a serious choice regarding work as a potential challenge presents itself. It is up to you if you want to pursue it or not.

- Reversed: Exercise patience as delays are imminent. While this occurs, it can be easy to become bored or lose track of why you are working so hard.
- **III – THREE OF WANDS**
 - You may need to help somebody close to you in times of difficulty, but be careful to not become so involved that they cannot stand on their own two feet and start draining your energy.
 - Reversed: You may be wasting your talents where they are not wanted or appreciated, or listening to bad advice.
- **IV – FOUR OF WANDS**
 - This is a card of family life. The relationship might require hard work and input in order for it to be successful. There may have been troubles in the past which need to be overcome, or potential troubles in the future which you should prepare for.
 - Reversed: The relationship may be in danger of failing, or there may be money struggles.
- **V – FIVE OF WANDS**
 - There may be a diversity of opinions around you, in regards to work. The atmosphere at work is tense and confrontational which can be draining on your mental health. Rise above any backstabbing or bullying and stay strong.
 - Reversed: You must decide about whether to leave matters as they are or walk away from them in order to rise out of a low mood. New situations can arise if you look for them, but this is your choice.
- **VI – SIX OF WANDS**
 - Any difficulties will soon resolve themselves and be short-lived, especially if you have had problems in the past and are still carrying their weight. This is a card of good news and impending victory.
 - Reversed: You may find yourself longing for something which belongs to someone else, or the victory can be lost or delayed.
- **VII – SEVEN OF WANDS**
 - This is a card influenced by those around it as to whether the outcome will be redundancy or a promotion at work. It can also mean a change in work which can lead to better pay. It may suggest a teaching position or an opportunity for you to transfer knowledge to others in some form.

- Reversed: Someone may try to embarrass or belittle you in front of others.
- **VIII – EIGHT OF WANDS**
 - You may soon be travelling for leisure or moving house. At work, it can mean a slow but steady change in circumstances.
 - Reversed: There may be arguments or jealousy at work, or the cancelling of a trip.
- **IX – NINE OF WANDS**
 - Be on your guard as sneaky or insidious people are in your midst who may try to bring you down. You may need to defend yourself in some way before damage can be done.
 - Reversed: A member of your family may be struggling with drink or drugs.
- **X – TEN OF WANDS**
 - This card shows a need to be determined to complete a project or task. You may be given extra responsibility or taken advantage of due to your hardworking nature, which can leave you physically and mentally exhausted. It may indicate being stuck in a dead-end job, or being in a one-sided relationship where your partner puts you under pressure.
 - Reversed: You may be waiting for a promotion. Be aware of the pressure on your body and mind as it can lead to broken bones or other injuries.

Swords

- **KING OF SWORDS**
 - This card suggests a popular and intelligent man who is a brilliant businessman or at the top of his profession. His determination means there is little in his area which he cannot accomplish. He may be an authority figure, such as a judge, lawyer, teacher, or doctor. It may also suggest having to consult a somebody who has these specialist skills for an issue in your life.
 - Reversed: There may be a bully within your midst; or someone who is disloyal or overly stern, such as a father or husband.
- **QUEEN OF SWORDS**
 - This card suggests a very strong-minded woman who does not suffer fools lightly. Her focus may be on her career rather than family, and she has little trust of men, perhaps due to being deeply hurt by them in the past. She can have a

sharp tongue, but this belies a truly gentle nature for those she allows to be close to her. She is a good mother, albeit stern, and is happy to allow her children to be independent. This card can also suggest some kind of a conflict on the horizon which will call for you to stand your ground against stubborn or difficult people.

- Reversed: Intolerance towards the opinions or feelings of others, or being interfering with other peoples' lives.

- **KNIGHT OF SWORDS**

- This card suggests a highly determined and confident young person who will stop at nothing in order to get where they want to be, regardless of whoever or whatever is in the way. Because of this fierce ambition, they will not let themselves get too close to anyone and can appear somewhat inward or mysterious. It can also suggest last minute decisions, or having to travel without much prior warning.
- Reversed: You must be patient and wait things out rather than jumping in at the deep end.

- **PAGE OF SWORDS**

- This card portends to a strong-willed or opinionated child, who may be difficult to discipline or struggles to keep themselves under control. It may suggest a child with ADHD or a similar hyperactive disorder. They will need love and patience in order to guide them. It can also suggest that important news is coming, and you may have some kind of document to sign.
- Reversed: There may be a child in your life who is seriously ill or suffering from a mental disorder. Take some time to try and understand them.

- **ACE OF SWORDS**

- You have suffered hardship in the past which has left you feeling low or even depressed. But hope and victory are on the horizon, and you will be able to grow as a result of the lessons you have learned.
- Reversed: You may be making some wrong decisions which will result in delays.

- **II – TWO OF SWORDS**

- Severe difficulties with your relationship may be coming, such as separation or divorce. You must make a choice about whether to continue contributing to the

relationship, or whether to end it, but either direction will only be a matter of time. This can also be applied to problems at work.

- Reversed: Do not be pressured into deciding something.

- **III – THREE OF SWORDS**

- This card suggests that you are not happy, and resolution will not come for a while. If it appears alongside the Lovers, an affair is likely, but this can also be seen as a test and it is your choice whether you will embark upon it or not.
- Reversed: Confusion and loneliness.

- **IV – FOUR OF SWORDS**

- You or someone you know may be recovering from an illness, and as a result have taken time off work or retreated away from the outside world to take time for yourself.
- Reversed: You must learn to be patient.

- **V – FIVE OF SWORDS**

- Perhaps as the result of a relationship, gossip, or arguments with those close to you, your mental health has been suffering, and you may have been subject to physical, mental or emotional abuse. You must believe that the situation is not doomed and find the strength to change the situation for the better.
- Reversed: You may not be following good advice which has been given to you, or feeling completely at a loss.

- **VI – SIX OF SWORDS**

- Movement is imminent; either a physical move such as a new house or travelling abroad, or changing jobs or relationships. Problems will soon come to an end and a new beginning will follow.
- Reversed: There may be problems regarding moving house, or delays in travelling for pleasure.

- **VII – SEVEN OF SWORDS**

- This card indicates some form of theft taking place in your life. This may be something physical, such as a burglary or stolen money; or it can relate to people around you who are jealous or vindictive. They may present themselves as true friends but actually feel very negatively towards you.

- Reversed: Items which you may have lost may be found. You may also reconcile with a friend or family member after a period of ill favour or separation.
- **VIII – EIGHT OF SWORDS**
 - You may feel very confused or trapped but are unsure or unwilling to actively deal with the root of the problem. This may be caused by relationship or work matters, or a female in your life who wishes to cause harm or take revenge for something. The hardship will give you some valuable lessons which will allow you to grow stronger as a result.
 - Reversed: Negativity will soon dissipate, so you should remain positive and have faith that change is coming.
- **IX – NINE OF SWORDS**
 - Things may seem completely out of control and a situation will have left you feeling hopeless with no clear way forward.
 - Reversed: Good news will come eventually, if you find the strength to fight on through the darkness.
- **X – TEN OF SWORDS**
 - This unfortunate card suggests some kind of financial trouble, either through bad luck or potentially the loss of a job. It can also portend to potential illness or hospital stays.
 - Reversed: Have hope for the future and keep moving on.

Cups

- **KING OF CUPS**
 - This card suggests a private man, even among his loved ones, but who is ambitious and a wonderful listener to those who need a shoulder to cry on. His strong personality means he may become bored easily, but he remains a steady figure in his family. It can also relate to new male friends coming into your life, though the relationship is unlikely to last long.
 - Reversed: A controlling and manipulative man who may cause a relationship to break down.
- **QUEEN OF CUPS**

- Represents a mature and loving woman who can sometimes be taken for granted because of her caring nature. She loves nature and animals, and strong intuition which helps her generally avoid poisonous individuals. It can be difficult to win her trust, but once you have it, her loyalty and support will be unbreakable. This card can also point to an increasing social life and spending quality time with good friends.
- Reversed: May suggest an interfering woman in your life, potentially a mother-in-law or stepmother.
- **KNIGHT OF CUPS**
 - A charismatic young person who is generous but not particularly faithful, particularly to lovers. They may have poor concentration which leads to legal trouble or academic complacency, but will follow the right path in time and with experience. This card may also suggest visits and outings, or company in general.
 - Reversed: The young person may lose their lover to another. They may feel threatened or feel the need to fight for something.
- **PAGE OF CUPS**
 - This card represents a child connected to you in some way, either already born or coming in the future. The child may be spiritual and excel in artistic pursuits, though they may struggle academically. The card can also suggest a course or lessons, especially in creative avenues.
 - Reversed: A change in a child's character may come about.
- **ACE OF CUPS**
 - Joy and peace are on the horizon, perhaps as a solution to an existing problem. A birth, wedding, or other celebration may be imminent.
 - Reversed: Good fortune will be forthcoming with hard work and patience, especially if things have not gone the way you would like in the past.
- **II – TWO OF CUPS**
 - You are likely to find your soulmate or someone you are extremely compatible with. You will have rich and open communication with this person and a relationship built on truth and honesty. If you are in a relationship already, marriage or engagement may be coming.
 - Reversed: A relationship may break down and leave you feeling empty.

- **III – THREE OF CUPS**

- A card of celebrations and joyous occasions. Weddings, births, and other happy events lie ahead; and any problems you are suffering should be resolved or conclude naturally.
- Reversed: You may be overindulging in aspects of food, drink, or carnal pleasures with little to no thought. You may be loving somebody for the wrong reasons which can result in harm to yourself.

- **IV – FOUR OF CUPS**

- There may be family problems and a situation which have left you with an attitude of not really caring how things turn out, imagining that the grass is always greener on the other side. Help and resolution may come from an unexpected source.
- Reversed: You may feel like giving up, which has the potential of making you miss out on a wonderful opportunity.

- **V – FIVE OF CUPS**

- A card of unhappiness, this suggests regretting past decisions and wishing you could redo an aspect of your life for the better. There may also be unrequited love, or some form of separation or change forthcoming which can cause hopelessness.
- Reversed: You may meet people from your past who you have not seen in a long time.

- **VI – SIX OF CUPS**

- A reunion with an old lover may come about, potentially with reconciliation. There may be disputes and conflicts associated with this which can leave an impact on you.
- Reversed: There may be a person involved who refuses to grow up. The reunion may also be a small inheritance or something owed to you coming to fruition.

- **VII – SEVEN OF CUPS**

- Many choices will have to be made and you should prepare yourself for change. Positive events are afoot which will allow for you to develop and learn in all aspects of your life, particularly spiritually.
- Reversed: Same as upright.

- **VIII – EIGHT OF CUPS**

- You may be spending too much energy dwelling on the past and not making the most of the present. This is a card of good luck and new beginnings if you are willing to embrace them and not live in the past.
- Reversed: Feeling apathetic and acting very selfishly in light of perceived mistakes or regrets.
- **IX – NINE OF CUPS**
 - This is the card of wishes and positive energy. Whatever you are hoping for, it will come true in time, and celebrations and abundance will follow.
 - Reversed: Others may be taking advantage of your good nature for their own gain. Beware of excesses with overeating or drinking.
- **X – TEN OF CUPS**
 - Even if your relationship has ups and downs, it is stable and full of happiness. There is a good partnership with positivity so long as both sides are willing to invest in it.
 - Reversed: There may be arguments within the relationship, but nothing serious enough to break it.

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