

FOREST AND SKY TAROT DECK



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- MADE UP OF 4 SUITS: SWORDS, COINS, SPEARS AND CUPS

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THE ORIGIN OF THE FOREST AND SKY TAROT DECK

The FOREST AND SKY deck utilizes a work of fiction – *Dark Hope* by Christine Feehan for some of its information, explanation and story.

Some of the information comes directly from the novel and is meant for entertainment purposes only. If you've read *Dark Hope*, you may recognize some of what's shared in this guide.

It is called the "FOREST AND SKY" deck in honor of the Carpathian series from which its origin begins.

This deck is slightly different as the region for the story is different. Wands are now called "Spears" and Pentacles are called "Coins".

In *Dark Hope* the deck belongs to Silke and has been in her family for centuries. So, some rules of tarot cards may be familiar, and some come from an alternate history.

The earliest known and recorded tarot cards are dated from the fifteenth century in Italy. Contemporary tarot cards have evolved through time but much of how they are used remains the same. One of the most popular tarot decks is the Rider-Waite version which went into the public domain in 2012. You will see similarities with this deck, although the artwork is original and exclusive to Christine Feehan. If you've used the Rider-Waite tarot deck before, then this deck will feel familiar.

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INTRODUCTION



The Mythology of Silke's Deck

In the beginning...

There are secrets, important secrets, whispered from mother to daughter. Destinies so powerful the world depends on them.

The moment of your first heartbeat a great gift was bestowed upon you. Power and responsibility that will require courage and strength.

You are one of the daughters of destiny. These cards are just one tool to help you on your journey.

Each card has been infused with POWER. Touch it and it will recognize you.

Each card is a key that can only be unlocked by truth and knowledge.

This is the deck of FOREST AND SKY. Of the ancient and infinite. May you use it wisely and may you feel that you are home each time you touch them.

GETTING STARTED



HOW TO BEGIN

You start by claiming the cards as your own. You infuse them with your own power and energy so that they belong and respond to you and to your energy.

Controlling the cards requires that you claim them first. Keep them safe and protected. If someone else uses them to do a reading for another person, you will need to cleanse them and reinsert your energy by touching each card individually.

Conducting a reading for another person is different from allowing someone else to claim your deck. When doing a reading, you can “clear the cards” from the recipient’s energy with your heart energy. To do this you hold the deck to your heart and allow your energy to flow through it.

Your Goddess card is your anchor and represents your spirit as you do a reading. Keep it within view at all times and do not allow anyone else to touch it as you do the reading. If they do, you must clear the Goddess card AND the deck before you resume.

- Hold the deck to your heart and allow your energy to flow through it.
- Once you’ve infused your heart energy into the deck it is yours. Your power and that of the cards are one.
- To do a reading, find a place in which you feel empowered and relaxed. You may need to create a space. This could be a table, a tray, or a piece of cloth that holds your special colors of power.
- The first time you use the deck you must touch each card individually. Once you’ve done this you only have to use your heart energy to cleanse the deck.
- When reading for an individual have them place the tips of their fingers on the top of the deck. Instruct them to clear their mind and think only of the cards.

When you feel their energy has been absorbed by the cards, you may have them lift their fingers and relax.

- You have built an energy bridge between you and the person you are reading by using the cards.
- Once they have touched the cards, shuffle, and fan them out so they can choose the cards for the layout.
- After the reading, you must cleanse the deck with your heart energy.
- Once you have become proficient and have established a relationship with your deck, you can infuse the cards with your heart energy by will alone and do not have to hold it to your chest.

FOREST AND SKY TAROT DECK



The deck is broken into two parts. The major arcana, of which there are 22 cards. Each card is unique with its own meaning and energy. These cards anchor and highlight the meaning of a spread and you should pay attention to them when they present themselves.

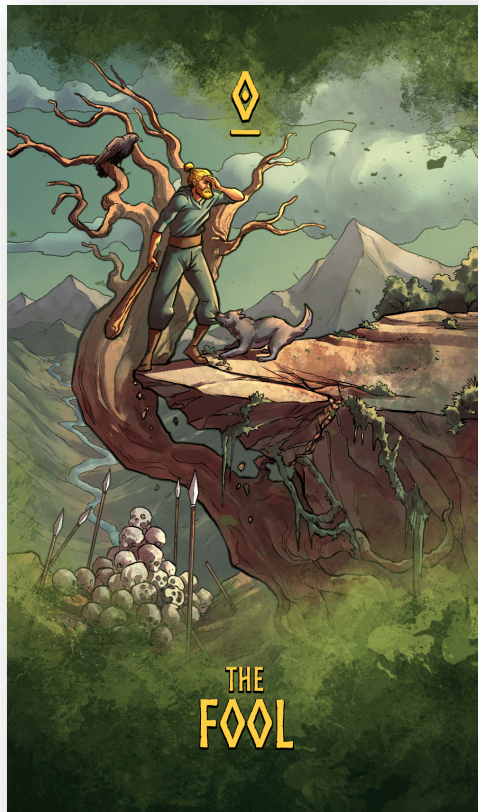
The minor arcana is made up of 56 cards. Often the minor arcana cards can give details or highlights for the present, recent past or soon-to-be-future.

In addition, there is The Goddess card which is unique to this deck. The Goddess is an “anchor” card meant only for the deck owner.

MAJOR ARCANA CARDS



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| 1. | THE FOOL | 11. | JUSTICE |
| 2. | THE MAGIKIAN | 12. | THE HANGED MAN |
| 3. | THE HIGH PRIESTESS | 13. | DEATH |
| 4. | THE EMPRESS | 14. | TEMPERANCE |
| 5. | THE EMPEROR | 15. | THE DEVIL |
| 6. | THE HIEROPHANT | 16. | THE TOWER |
| 7. | THE LOVERS | 17. | THE STAR |
| 8. | THE CHARIOT | 18. | THE MOON |
| 9. | STRENGTH | 19. | THE SUN |
| 10. | THE HERMIT | 20. | JUDGEMENT |
| 11. | WHEEL OF FORTUNE | 21. | THE WORLD |



Upright: A new start, new potential, a journey, spontaneous

Inverted: Incautious or rash, reckless, unready

Upright: The Fool takes a leap of faith with an open mind and willing spirit. He may be unsure of his destination or final outcome but will move forward with determination. The Fool is an encouragement to move forward with something new.

In a Relationship Reading: The Fool signals the need to be bold and have an open mind.

In a Reading for the Future: Be open to new ideas and adventures.

Inverted: The Fool in reverse is a sign to take things slow and cautious. Reconsider and make certain you are fully prepared.

In a Relationship Reading: The Fool signals a need to be sure before trusting with your heart.

In a Reading for the Future: Procrastination and lack of ambition can be costly.



Upright: Actualization, demonstration, action, ability, power

Inverted: Ignorance, manipulation, procrastination

Upright: The Magician understands and manifests resources that are both physical and spiritual. He provides or makes clear what is needed. Knowledge, skills, intuition, and energy are just some of the power that he shares. To draw the powerful magician is to know action must be taken and to begin to prepare.

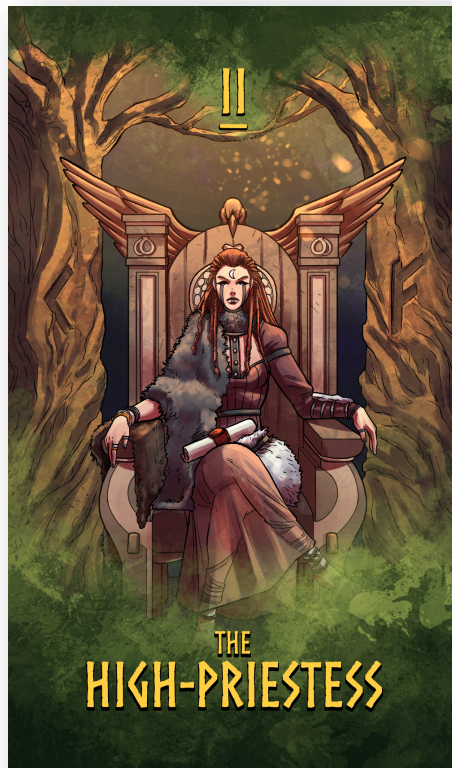
In a Relationship Reading: Communication and energy can offer deeper understanding with another. If you have prepared yourself, love will bloom. Let desire thrive.

In a Reading for the Future: It's time to move in a new direction. Follow your intuition.

Inverted: The Magician is a sign of uncertainty or struggle. You have yet to attain what is needed to move forward.

In a Relationship Reading: Selfishness can block fulfillment or commitment. Be sensitive to both honesty and deception, and know the difference.

In a Reading for the Future: Delays and timing work against you. Beware the trickster. Look for balance.



Upright: Protection, intense emotions, feminine power, sacred knowledge

Inverted: Poor intuition, withholding knowledge, self-absorption

Upright: The High Priestess is a bringer of knowledge, wisdom, and psychic energy. She is a guardian of the subconscious and teacher of mysteries.

In a Relationship Reading: It is time for patience and understanding. Rely on your intuition.

In a Reading for the Future: Keep your secrets and trust your feminine instincts. Access the knowledge you keep deep in your soul.

Inverted: You are out of balance between your inner self and the outer world. The path you have chosen may not be the best one for you.

In a Relationship Reading: It may be best to keep your secrets to yourself. Don't easily trust your emotions.

In a Reading for the Future: Secrets held too long could be harming you. Your intuition cannot be trusted at this time.



Upright: Compassion, nurturing, femininity, nature, charm, abundance

Inverted: Dependency, lack of creativity, loss of willpower, unsupported

Upright: The Empress calls for nurturing and connection to the feminine side and mothering. She invites expression and creativity. She is one with nature. She can be cloaked in sensuality.

In a Relationship Reading: Embrace your sensuality. Accept security and care just as you offer it in abundance.

In a Reading for the Future: New birth. This can mean motherhood or creativity. Embrace the happiness you deserve and share it with those you find worthy.

Inverted: The Empress can be needy and controlling, disrupting life and the natural order. You may find stress from demands and challenges put to you. You may be losing some of your willpower.

In a Relationship Reading: You are neglecting your own needs as you give too much to others.

In a Reading for the Future: You lack the willpower to say “no” or stop what’s happening. You know you deserve better but lack the ability to demand better.



Upright: Father figure, authority, protector, status, power, leader

Inverted: Lack of discipline, rigid, repression, controlling

Upright: The Emperor is the keeper of law and order, the protector and leader. Whether male or female, you are the rock, the one that others look to for leadership. You know you deserve respect.

In a Relationship Reading: You will find loyalty in love. You have a relationship that is about to grow more serious. A masculine figure will become important to you.

In a Reading for the Future: Ambition will pay off as long as you keep balance in your life and protect your territory.

Inverted: The Emperor is demanding and power-hungry. You may find it difficult to give up power even to balance out your life or achieve peace.

In a Relationship Reading: Your demands and lack of attention to emotion will cost you in ways you never considered.

In a Reading for the Future: Your ego and pride become your worst enemies. Structure and common sense may still save you.



Upright: Custom, spiritual enlightenment, fairness, good judgment, wise counsel

Inverted: Privilege, challenging traditions, personal beliefs, egotistical

Upright: The Hierophant reminds us to become more spiritually aware. Define your values and hold to them. Tune your moral compass before making a decision.

In a Relationship Reading: Celebrate and give awareness to the important relationships in your life. Be open to new relationships that offer growth in yourself.

In a Reading for the Future: Lean on a mentor for knowledge or advice. Complete your education or learn a new skill.

Inverted: The shackles of convention leave you feeling restrained, and you seek to take back your power. Beware of false friends or teachers. Bad advice can have long reaching repercussions.

In a Relationship Reading: Be cautious of relationship advice.

In a Reading for the Future: Your need to be traditional could harm someone you care about.



Upright: Love, choices, goodwill, attraction, alliance relationships

Inverted: Selfish love, inequality, conflict, avoiding responsibility

Upright: The Lovers offer elevation of a relationship. It is time to make choices. Trust in unity and have confidence in the relationship. Be true and gentle to yourself.

In a Relationship Reading: Your relationship has balance and will grow in strength.

In a Reading for the Future: A positive surprise in a relationship is coming.

Inverted: There is inner and outer conflict and disharmony. A break in communication may be a step toward the downfall of something or someone you love.

In a Relationship Reading: A relationship causes chaos in your life, and you must decide whether to break it off or look for the wisdom to care for it.

In a Reading for the Future: Long term decisions require much thought even when they seem obvious or easy.



Upright: Resolute, guidance, progress, success, action

Inverted: Resistance, lack of self-discipline, procrastination

Upright: The Chariot is a card of inner strength and determination. Your willpower is strong and it's time to be focused on your goals. Feel encouraged and powerful as victory is within reach.

In a Relationship Reading: It is time to move toward your relationship goal with confidence.

In a Reading for the Future: Be prepared for change and opportunity. Discipline and self-control will help you in your endeavors.

Inverted: The Chariot shows a lack of willpower or focus. Life drags you in every direction except the one you long for.

In a Relationship Reading: Recklessness with other's feelings will cost you more than you can imagine. Selfish needs must be fought and conquered.

In a Reading for the Future: Reckless and poor leadership threaten something you've worked hard for. Slow down, regroup, and find your inner-balance and strength.



Upright: Inner strength, courage, impact, compassion, personal power

Inverted: Self-doubt, lost confidence, forgotten ability, weak-willed

Upright: The Strength card calls for you to act with grace and sensitivity even as your courage is called upon. You can endure much with determination. You influence others with your quiet courage even when you're not aware.

In a Relationship Reading: There is hope for a relationship you've been nurturing.

In a Reading for the Future: Your strength of character puts you into an unexpected leadership position.

Inverted: The Strength card warns of weakness of the will. Your overthinking holds you back.

In a Relationship Reading: Examine any codependent relationships and question how they are affecting your decisions. Be careful not to let the force of another's energy take from your own.

In a Reading for the Future: Your resolve will be tested and you must pull from deep within yourself to overcome the challenge.



Upright: Introspection, self-guidance, soul searching, seeking

Inverted: Loneliness, disconnection, remoteness, solitude

Upright: The Hermit calls for inner-speculation and contemplation. Listen to your inner voice and examine your true self with kindness.

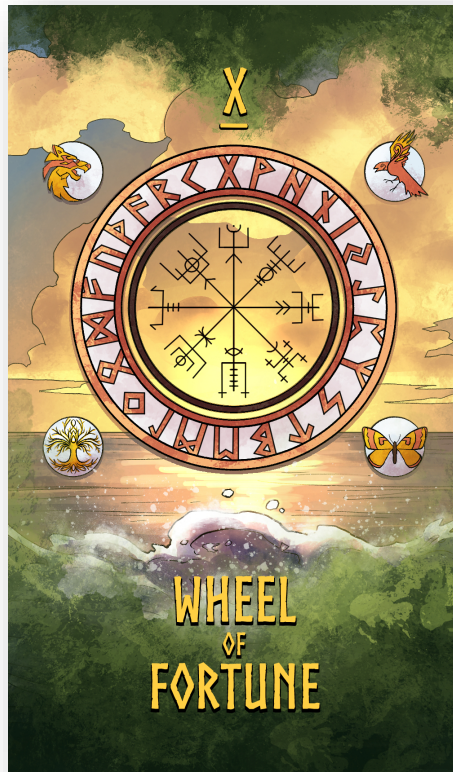
In a Relationship Reading: Consider working on yourself and love who you are before furthering other relationships.

In a Reading for the Future: It is time for self-reflection and a mantra of peace and positivity.

Inverted: The Hermit can mean a feeling of alienation or aloneness. You may be too deep within yourself to realize there are others who would be there for you.

In a Relationship Reading: It may be time to keep to yourself until you've worked on what makes you happy within.

In a Reading for the Future: Take time to quiet the chaos. Your usual support may be unreliable. Remember that being alone can be a time for reflection.



Upright: Fate, life cycles, change, karma, good luck, a turning point, fortune

Inverted: Resistance to change, misfortune, defying change, misfortune

Upright: The Wheel of Fortune asks you to be open-minded to change. Remember that you get what you give into the universe. Hope

shines a light to those who welcome the journey. Have faith in your special psychic ability.

In a Relationship Reading: A close relationship will grow. Happiness is best shared.

In a Reading for the Future: It is time for a spiritual awakening and personal growth.

Inverted: The Wheel of Fortune brings unexpected change and challenges. A cycle is about to break, and you will move forward.

In a Relationship Reading: Drama is coming, and you must not give in to negativity.

In a Reading for the Future: Closure is coming and growth follows.



Upright: Justice, authenticity, law, consequences, fairness, principle

Inverted: Fraud, lies, unfairness, irresponsibility, falsehood

Upright: It is time for justice and accountability. It may be for you and your actions or lack of actions, or it could be you are owed justice. Seek truth before passing judgment. Learn from consequences.

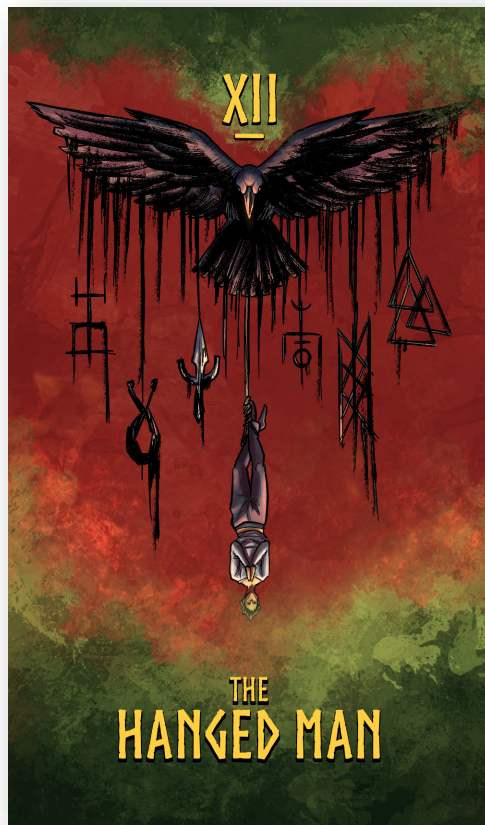
In a Relationship Reading: Karma will come back to you in an important relationship. Be sure to put kindness in the world.

In a Reading for the Future: Truth may be scary at first, but embrace it and good things will follow.

Inverted: You know you've done something you shouldn't have, and you find it difficult to take responsibility.

In a Relationship Reading: Make certain you are treating your partner fairly, or stand to lose more than you know.

In a Reading for the Future: Listen carefully to more than just the words people say. Wisdom can be whispered.



Upright: Ponder, reflect, changing perspectives, yielding, release

Inverted: Resisting, vacillation, uncertainty, postponement, procrastinating

Upright: Time to reflect on where you are and where you want to be. Don't be afraid to slow down or change direction. A paradigm shift often brings a much needed epiphany.

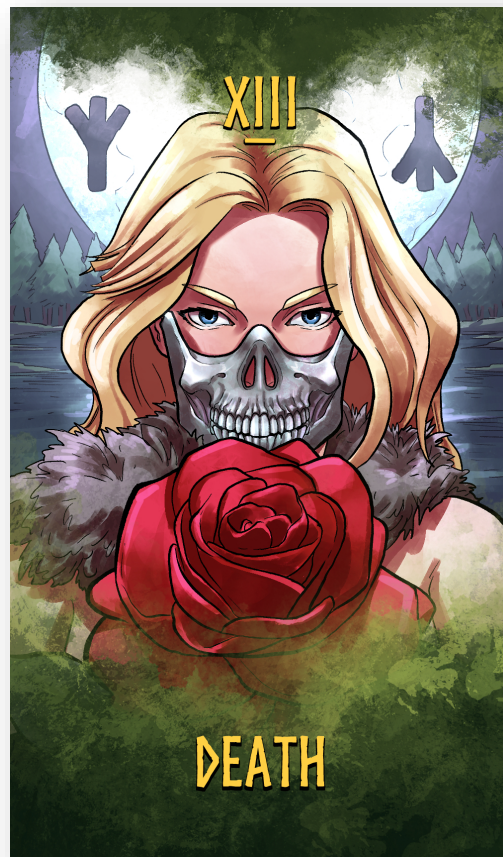
In a Relationship Reading: Don't rush things. Pressure in a relationship is a good reason to take your time to think things through.

In a Reading for the Future: Don't try to force a decision just because it's uncomfortable to wait.

Inverted: You find it hard to find peace and need to be kinder to yourself. You know what you need to let go of, but you continue to resist. Stop procrastinating about the hard stuff.

In a Relationship Reading: Though you may want a relationship to move forward or change the timing is not up to you. Be patient or be prepared for the consequences.

In a Reading for the Future: You find yourself to be your own worst enemy. You make choices you know are not the best for you. Face up to reality and deal with what must be.



Upright: An end, transformative, transition, alter,

Inverted: Spiritual or moral transformation, reflection, resistance, purging

Upright: It is time to release old ways and embrace the possibilities of change and transformation. Put the past behind you. Don't fear starting something new.

In a Relationship Reading: Release relationships that take away your joy.

In a Reading for the Future: Learn from unhealthy attachments. Release old grudges.

Inverted: You are resisting change. You carry harmful viewpoints that keep you stuck in limbo.

In a Relationship Reading: Accept the transformation of an important relationship.

In a Reading for the Future: Losses spark opportunity if you're willing to allow it.



Upright: Determination, endurance, poise, equity, constraint, control

Inverted: Unbalanced, overindulgence, need for alignment, self-care

Upright: You are the calm in the storm. You know the importance of balance and moderation. People may look to you for help solving issues.

In a Relationship Reading: You will need calm and patience to move forward in an important relationship.

In a Reading for the Future: Something you long for draws close, and you must remain calm and level-headed to know what steps to take to secure what you seek.

Inverted: Imbalance in your life brings stress. Identify what you need to restore balance. Change may be difficult, but you know it is necessary. Fighting that truth brings you anxiety.

In a Relationship Reading: You are trying too hard or being too pushy in a relationship whether you realize it or not. Take inventory of your actions if a relationship has turned difficult.

In a Reading for the Future: You feel something is missing in your life. Inventory the different aspects of your life to find where you are out of balance or empty. It's time to work on yourself.



Upright: Sexuality, sensuality, infatuation, subconscious, addiction

Inverted: Apathy, disregard, embracing darkness, disregarding limitations

Upright: It is time to shine light on negativity in your life and shake it from your inner-self. Negative behaviors keep your natural light from shining bright. Become aware of the darkness within so you may be its master.

In a Relationship Reading: When it comes to intimacy you are ready to experiment and find the wild side of yourself. This may be with another person, a yet-unknown individual, or by yourself.

In a Reading for the Future: It's time to express yourself and step outside your comfort zone. Be assertive in what you want, and you may be surprised how that pays off.

Inverted: It's time to confront your fears and acknowledge the darkness is sometimes your friend. Eliminate those things you know are harmful to your happiness.

In a Relationship Reading: You will be lured into temptation by lust or greed. Be careful you only give into what you can handle and harm no one.

In a Reading for the Future: Subtle strategy isn't the way to handle the issue causing your anxiety. Be bold and assertive in letting your own desires and wishes be known.



Upright: Chaos, disruption, epiphany, abrupt changes, incitement

Inverted: Thwarting disaster, change from within, uneasiness with change

Upright: It is time for a significant change in your life. Be willing to make personal changes in order to reach the next level of fulfillment.

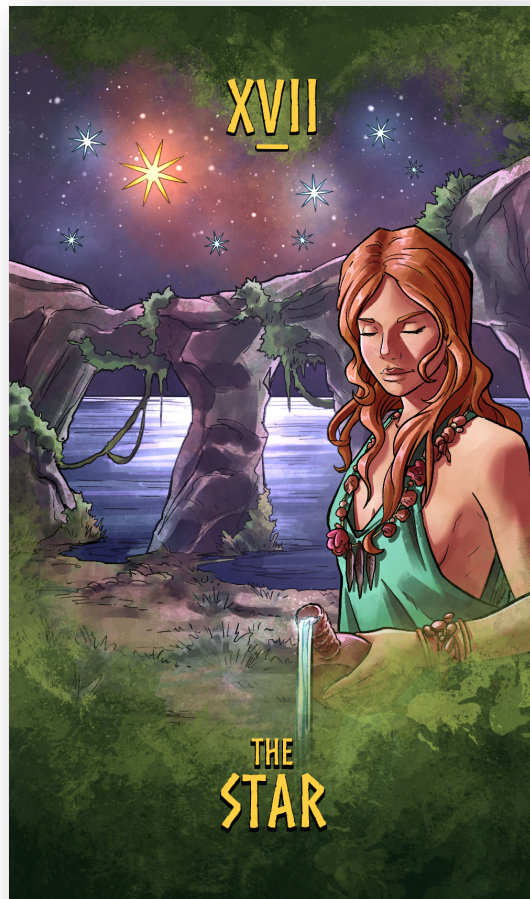
In a Relationship Reading: A relationship changes into something new and surprising.

In a Reading for the Future: Your strength will be needed to shield those more vulnerable than you.

Inverted: Something or someone you've relied on betrays you. Some fundamental beliefs break down because of it. You must look beyond what is unpleasant to realize this may be for the best.

In a Relationship Reading: An already unsteady relationship begins to unravel leaving you hurt. What feels like pain today, becomes the foundation of inner-strength later.

In a Reading for the Future: Radical change puts you front and center in a leadership or nurturing roll.



Upright: Inspiration, blessed, opportunity, hope, renewed power

Inverted: Missed opportunity, mistrust, defeat, mistakes, melancholy

Upright: This card is a message of hope and offers you renewed strength.

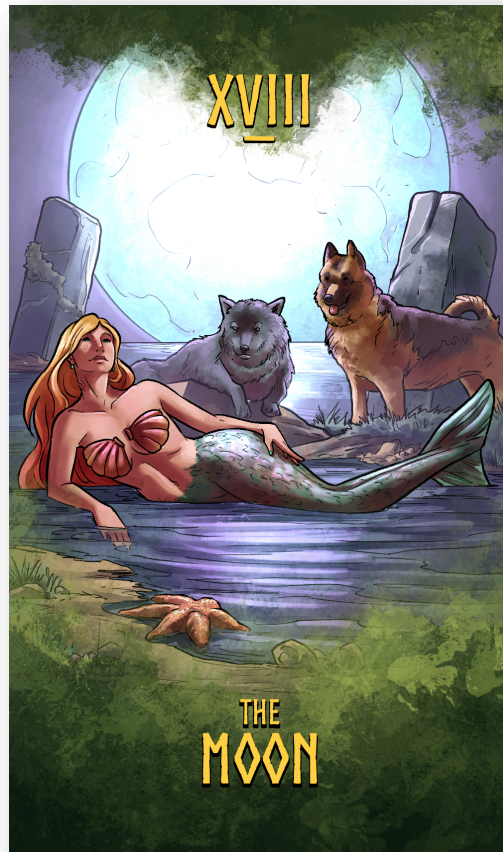
In a Relationship Reading: Your sense of optimism is a magnet to others giving you charm and charisma. Give your sense of joy to those willing to give it back to you.

In a Reading for the Future: Listen to your intuition and take time for meditation. Now is the time to realize what gives you joy and peace, and put more of that into your daily life.

Inverted: Feelings of hopelessness or failure can wear you down. Identify where this is coming from and do what you can to distance yourself from it.

In a Relationship Reading: Communication is the best way to deal with a relationship that is falling apart. It's not too late to mend things. But don't let it be one-sided.

In a Reading for the Future: It is time for self-care in order to keep chaos from your heart and soul. The more stress you have, the more self-care you should apply.



Upright: Deception, misunderstanding, illusion, insecurity, fear, subconscious

Inverted: Mystery, unhappiness, truth, revealing secrets, decreasing anxiety

Upright: Nothing is as it seems. Uncertainty keeps you from moving forward. Don't make any important or hasty decisions until your intuition tells you things are clearer and can be trusted.

In a Relationship Reading: You've lost faith in a relationship or don't trust your own feelings. Meditate before moving forward or seek out the wisdom of a trusted friend for advice.

In a Reading for the Future: Memories from the past haunt you and keep you from finding peace. Consider spiritual as well as mental healing.

Inverted: Lies and manipulation become clear, and you must listen to your inner voice for guidance.

In a Relationship Reading: Trust your intuition when it comes to a close relationship. Reach out to mend fences. Or cut loose anyone causing you harm.

In a Reading for the Future: Now is time for meditation and reflection to energize your inner-voice for the guidance you will need regarding an important decision in the near future.



Upright: Good fortune, enlightenment, joy, contentment, vitality, positiveness

Inverted: Sadness, negativity, false impressions, lack of vitality, difficulties

Upright: Happiness is coming your way. Your joy will inspire others to feel invigorated with good cheer. Your confidence in yourself is well deserved.

In a Relationship Reading: Your positive attitude attracts others to you. Romance brings fun and excitement.

In a Reading for the Future: You inspire others with your radiant kindness. Expect good things to come.

Inverted: Unrealistic expectations cloud your ability to find happiness. Set realistic expectations and attainable goals.

In a Relationship Reading: You find yourself lacking confidence when dealing with people you care about. Be patient with yourself and with others until this passes.

In a Reading for the Future: You find it difficult to be your authentic self, which puts you with the wrong people and in the wrong places.



Upright: Judgement, redemption, renewal, awakening

Inverted: Hasty decisions, self-doubt, lost momentum, ignorance

Upright: It is time for self-reflection to attain better understanding of yourself and the world around you. A significant point in life is fast approaching.

In a Relationship Reading: It is time for an awakening in mind, spirit and body as it pertains to an important relationship.

In a Reading for the Future: Carefully review the actions of someone your intuition is telling you to be wary of. Look at all the information before making any decisions regarding this person.

Inverted: Your self-doubt and harsh self-judgement keeps you from progressing in several areas of your life. It's time to do some reflective meditation. The kindness you show others should start with yourself.

In a Relationship Reading: You know you are in denial of a negative trait regarding someone you care about, and it is harming your relationship. Speak up or let it go.

In a Reading for the Future: Someone is trying to manipulate you, but your self-doubt keeps you from seeing it. Take your time making decisions.



Upright: Travel, new beginnings, change and possibilities

Inverted: Stagnation, closure, delay, longing for completion

Upright: This card speaks of an accomplishment or fulfilled goal. Take time to appreciate your successes and achievements. If you have loose ends, it is time to tie them up and complete your project or goal.

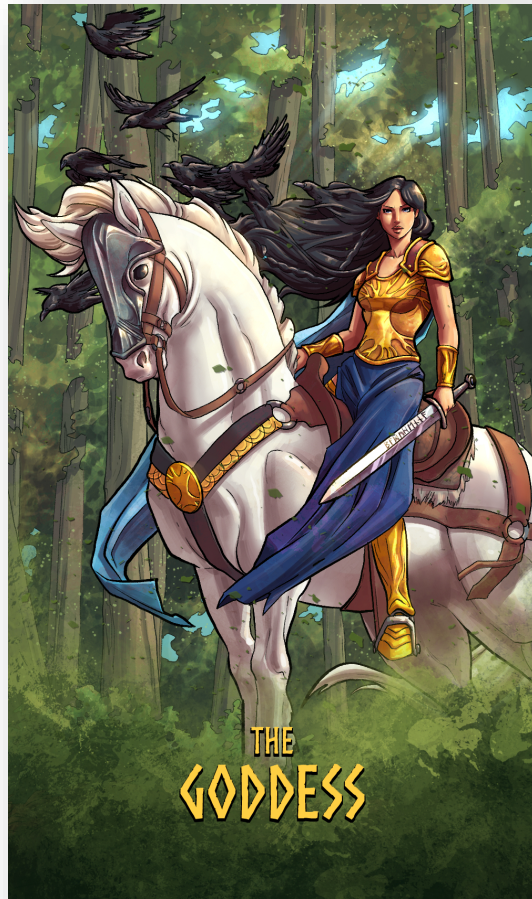
In a Relationship Reading: The work you've done on yourself and/or your relationship is about to move forward, and you can expect to see success.

In a Reading for the Future: You've moved forward and it's time to enjoy success and fulfillment. Allow yourself to re-energize before moving on to the next step or project.

Inverted: You struggle to find closure or complete a goal and it weighs on your spirit. Contemplate what you need, meditate on visualizing success and try again.

In a Relationship Reading: You feel that a relationship isn't giving you what you want, but in reality, what you need is something only you can give to yourself.

In a Reading for the Future: You allow other's negativity to slow your progress or cause you to give up. You must try to find your own self-worth and release those who hold you back.



THE GODDESS CARD – You are the goddess. You are the central energy that brings the cards your own special power. This card represents you. It is your anchor. Only you should touch the GODDESS CARD. Touch it to your heart and place it nearest to you, keeping it with you anytime you utilize your deck.

Anchor card: The Goddess always faces you. She is you. You are her. She amplifies your power and reminds you of your own strength and value. She keeps you secure as you do your reading.

MINOR ARCANA CARDS INTERPRETATIONS



SWORDS

COINS

SPEARS

CUPS

SWORDS



Upright: Time has come for clarity through an epiphany, new idea or paradigm shift.

Inverted: Now may not be the best time to make big decisions. Take small steps as you continue to prepare yourself until you feel clear about your path.

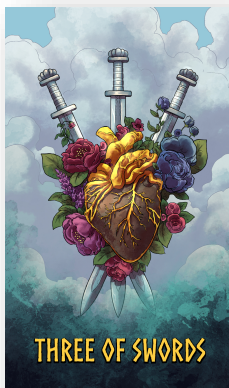
Upright: Balance has become very important. You're caught in the middle of a situation, decision or relationship. Ignoring it won't make it go away. Move with caution.

Inverted: You find yourself having to choose between two outcomes you don't want. But you must choose. Choosing may be your only relief.



Upright: The pain you experience now will make you stronger. Focus on what you need to get back up again.

Inverted: Stress, pain or grief have pulled you into a dark place. This card tells you that now is the time to find the light. Staying in this place will not help you.





Upright: Now is a time to rest and meditate. Be kind to yourself.

Inverted: Chaos and tension are stealing your energy and joy and you must withdraw to find calm and care for yourself.

Upright: Conflict, ambition and negative interaction leave you feeling hurt, angry or unsure. It's time to reflect on what's really important.

Inverted: Things can get worse if you don't really look at what is most important to you.



Upright: It's a time of transition. You're moving toward something new whether it's physically, mentally or emotionally.

Inverted: You're reluctant to make the change you know you need. Ask yourself why.

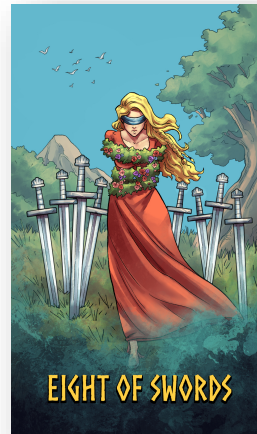


Upright: Someone is trying to get away with something. You may know who, but it may be you. Secrets are not your friend.

Inverted: Some secret you are keeping may be more harmful than you ever imagined. If you don't come clean, you may get caught.

Upright: You're feeling trapped, but you may be over-thinking. Stop allowing yourself to be your own worst enemy and things can get better.

Inverted: Let go of old patterns and beliefs that are holding you back.



Upright: You have every right to feel anxiety. Don't be hard on yourself. The darkness will always succumb to the light.

Inverted: Unresolved trauma haunts you and keeps you from joy & peace. Hope is near. Don't anchor yourself to despair.





Upright: Some disaster or undesirable outcome holds you back. You will change because of this pain, but that's not necessarily a bad thing.

Inverted: When you feel you've hit rock bottom, remember that now the only way is up.

Upright: You're brimming with ideas and energy over something you feel passionate about. It's time to share your dreams!

Inverted: You have a sharp tongue and sharp wit. Be careful how you use them. They can be a weapon.



Upright: You are driven and ambitious and willing to take action first and think it over later. Your high energy and good communication lead others to see you as successful.

Inverted: Your wild energy could get you into a spot of trouble. Slow down and think things through before charging ahead.



Upright: You are able to use your keen intellect with an open mind. You seek to find the truth not only in words but in action.

Inverted: You care a bit too much sometimes, and it can drain your emotional energy. This could cause you to come across cold even when you are not.

Upright: You must remain objective and check facts. Consider all consequences before making an important decision. Do not allow others to sway you.

Inverted: Do not allow your power to serve your own desires. Keep in mind that being right isn't always the best way to lead or handle a situation.



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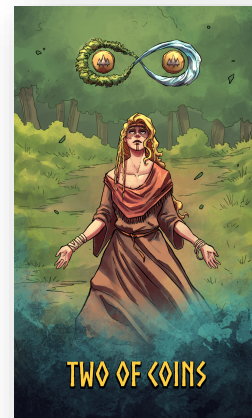


Upright: New beginnings hold the potential for happiness and abundance. Keep focused.

Inverted: You keep running into walls that thwart your forward movement in what you desire. Be prepared for anything, good or bad.

Upright: Balance is key to finding success. Concentrate on what's most important while not sacrificing what you cannot stand to lose.

Inverted: You are trying too hard to do too much. Slow down. Prioritize.



Upright – It's time to reach out and work with someone else who can help you learn

Inverted – There is a lack of harmony keeping you from completing a task. Ask yourself what's missing and realign your energy.



Upright – You are starting to see the rewards of your hard work. Be careful with your gains that you don't waste them.

Inverted – You've been without for so long that you fear losing it all. Greed can cost you more than you know.

Upright – A time of hardship means it is time to regroup and take care with what you hold dear.

Inverted – The worst is over and though your recovery may be slow it is coming.



Upright – You are doing well and are ready to help someone else. Now is the time to give. Maybe it will be money, maybe time, but you feel the pull to give.

Inverted – Choose wisely who you help, how you help them and why. Be careful that you help the right person and are not self-serving.



Upright – Now is the time to invest in a long-term project or savings.

Inverted – All of the effort you're investing now may not pay off as you hoped. Reassess how much you're investing and be realistic about the potential for reward.



Upright – If you want to gain knowledge and skill, now is the time! Take a class, or hone a skill.

Inverted – Now is not the time to run yourself into the ground with work. Find time for yourself but don't procrastinate.



Upright – Now is the time to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Don't hesitate to reward yourself.

Inverted – Know that material wealth and things are not what will bring you happiness right now. It may be the reason you find it hard to relax. Depend more on the intangible.



Upright – All you've invested in has come to fruition and it is time to enjoy it fully.

Inverted – Something which you have depended on and invested in may come to an end. Be open-minded as to what is a true loss.



Upright – A message or sign indicates or brings good news with much potential.

Inverted – Learn from past mistakes in order to get a new idea or project off the ground.



Upright – You or someone close to you has the ability to multi-task to success. Take advantage of this now!

Inverted – Don't allow misplaced priorities to take from your happiness or make you stumble in your goals.



Upright – Slow and steady perseverance is your greatest weapon to gain the goal you desire.

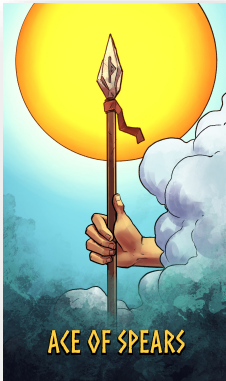
Inverted – Your responsibilities are so heavy that it is affecting your social life. Make time for friends and family.



Upright – Now is the time to be confident in yourself. Financial success can be had through wisdom.

Inverted – You must reflect on how you are managing your money and time. Reflect before you spend or invest.

SPEARS



Upright – Now is the time to start a creative project. Your creative voice and talent are unique!

Inverted – Your lack of inspiration is a sign that you should slow down and reach for renewed energy.



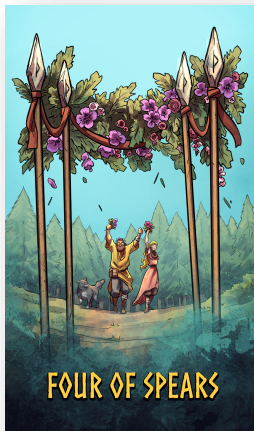
Upright – It is time to step out of your comfort zone and onto the path of a new creative project.

Inverted – It's time to set goals and be meticulous about the steps you need to achieve those goals.



Upright – Move forward on your creative project(s) with conviction and be open to new opportunities that may make that project even better!

Inverted – The unexpected can block your path. What's really holding you back?



Upright – Now is a time for celebration. Get with friends and family. Be positive!

Inverted – Harmony is breaking down and you feel a lack of support. You must depend on yourself for a time.



Upright – It's a time of conflict and competition. You may want to consider better communication or compromise.

Inverted – Procrastinating or avoidance won't solve your problem. Be willing to work things out.



Upright – Your hard work has brought you to a milestone and it's time to celebrate. Allow others to be happy for you.

Inverted – Even if no one else acknowledges your milestone, celebrate it yourself.



Upright – You may be challenged by those who envy your status or accomplishments. Don't let that affect your feelings of success.

Inverted – Pressure and opposition try to steal your joy and energy. Hold strong!



Upright – It's time to be a trailblazer. Move forward with your project, job or relationship.

Inverted – Be patient. You may feel frustrated, but patience will win the day!



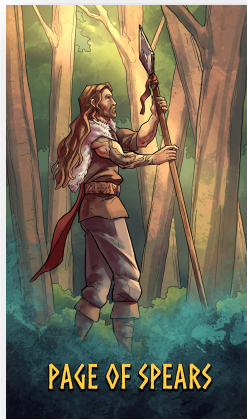
Upright – Pick yourself up, dust yourself off and celebrate your perseverance by not giving up.

Inverted – Your current set back is temporary. Reach out for help if you need it.



Upright – You have overcome a struggle, but it makes you the sole person responsible for the future of this endeavor. The burden could be worth it.

Inverted – It is time to lighten your load and remove any unnecessary burdens or difficulties.



Upright – Indulge in your curiosities, but look for clarity in what you want and what it will take to get it. Now is a time of wonder.

Inverted – You have too many irons in the fire. Prioritize and take things on one at a time.



Upright – Now is a time to get things done whether it is travel, a new project or even romance.

Inverted – Don't allow pessimism to keep you down. Delays may frustrate but don't let it take away your energy. Tomorrow is another day!



Upright – Your time to shine is now. Others admire your ability to get things done. It's time to realize your full potential.

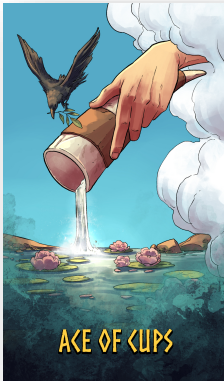
Inverted – Now is the time to hold on to your personal truth. Stay strong and confident. Don't let anyone or anything shake you.

Upright – It is time to be the visionary you know you can be. See things through and enlist help to make things happen.

Inverted – While in a leadership role be sure you're not just managing, but leading. Don't have unrealistic expectations.

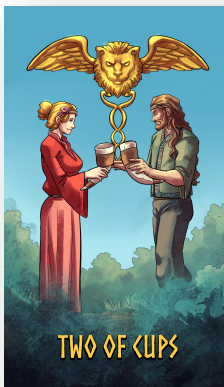


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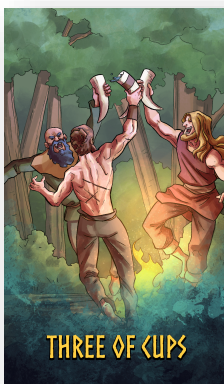
Upright – You are overflowing with love and compassion. Trust your emotions and find spiritual or emotional fulfilment.

Inverted – Now is the time for self-care and self-love. Stop resisting the urge to do something nice for yourself.



Upright – Now is a good time to enter into a new relationship, friendship or partnership.

Inverted – You must learn to love yourself and all the little things about yourself. Be kind to yourself today, and think of the things you love about yourself and say them out loud.



Upright – Now is the time to enjoy happiness with friends. If you've lost touch with someone important, reach out to them. Now is a time for joy and togetherness.

Inverted – Don't get so busy that you begin to neglect those people who are important to you.



Upright – If you are feeling stuck or unmotivated, it is time to look inward to evaluate your motives and take steps to move forward.

Inverted – You feel you need a new start in life, love, work or a project. Go with those feelings!



Upright – Disappointment leaves you unhappy. It's time to let go of the past and any energy holding you back.

Inverted – A painful experience teaches you something valuable. Learn from old mistakes.



Upright – Now is not the time to relive the past. It's okay to take solace in old memories but don't get stuck there.

Inverted – Don't get stuck in your dreams. Dreaming is good for the soul but not for personal progress.



Upright – Life has presented many choices. Consider each carefully and don't take on too much. Let reality help guide you, not illusion.

Inverted – When presented with choices, consult your own wisdom. Consider things that will be more long-term.



Upright – You may need to leave behind something that was once important to you in order to move forward with your life.

Inverted – You feel confused about something and need to make decisions or get stuck in limbo. Now is the time to decide between things that are causing you unease.



Upright – Now is the time for wishes to come true.

Inverted – Assess what you feel is important in your life. True treasures are the people who you choose to surround yourself with.



Upright – Now is the time to stop and enjoy what you have accomplished. Celebrate those relationships you hold dear.

Inverted – What you feel brings you happiness is challenged. Reassess what you feel makes you happy in a relationship that now seems challenged.



Upright – Be open to new ideas and trust your instincts. Listen to your intuition.

Inverted – Your lack of inspiration won't last forever. It is time to connect with your inner-spirit.



Upright – Let beauty, creativity and love inspire you in the days to come.

Inverted – Ask yourself if you are disillusioned or struggling with reality as you consider a difficult relationship.



Upright – You are one people look to for support, caring and ideas. Your compassion is about to make a substantial difference to someone.

Inverted – Now is the time to look inward and take care of your own emotional well-being.

Upright – You are both balanced and diplomatic which will help you in the days to come.

Inverted – Be cautious in how you deal with people when you're moody. A thoughtless word or action could cause you as much harm as it causes them.



CARD LAYOUTS

SINGLE CARD READING

Set your Goddess card near you or hold her to your heart. She anchors you and keeps your energy from mixing with that of anyone you read for.

Whoever you are reading for should take a deep breath and relax, clearing their mind, and steadying their energy.

The subject or question may be chosen by the person having the reading or they may choose for a “free reading” where the card is chosen by fate and the message is the one the universe felt was needed.

The person having the reading speaks the subject, question or says, “Free reading” and you may begin.

You shuffle the deck and set the stack down.

They touch the deck to relay their energy into it.

You fan the cards out and allow the person to take their time choosing a card.

Once it is picked, they turn it over, and set it in front of them.

The card faces them and that determines whether it is upright or inverted. If they are not sitting across from you but you are doing a remote reading, then the card faces you and that determines whether it is upright or inverted.

Give them time to look at the card before you begin to read the meaning of it.

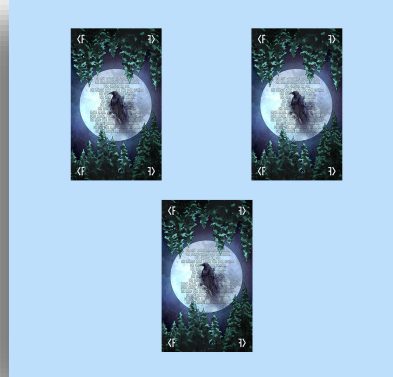
Ask if they would like to discuss it. Some may have questions or just want to talk about it. For some, this may be very private. You need to respect their wishes.

End the reading by having the person close their eyes and envision the card.

When they open their eyes, the reading is over.

Once they leave you should meditate your energy with The Goddess card to your heart. Collect the cards and re-energize them with your own energy.

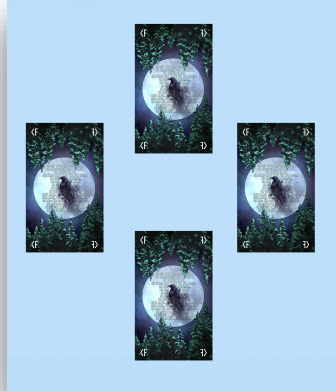
THREE CARD READING



Past, Present & Future

- Follow instructions for shuffling. Don't forget to have your Goddess card out.
- Have the person you are reading for think of a question they need answers or advice for. Sometimes they are looking for clarification. They do not need to say it out loud.
- The person you are reading for first divides the deck into three stacks. Have them choose one of the three stacks to pull three cards from. Have them lay out the chosen cards.
- The first is "past" and goes at the top left facing them. The second is "present" and goes to the top right facing them. And finally, the third card is the "future" and goes below and center as shown above.
- Start with the past. Sometimes the past can surprise you. It may be the reading for the past shines light on an issue that wasn't clear at the time. It could be confirmation of something already known but be open to learning from the past.
- Next is the present. The light pushes away the shadows to clarify ideas or beliefs about what is currently happening. This card may give insight, or it may validate something already believed.
- Last we have the future. Keep in mind that the future is fluid and not set in stone. What you've learned from the past and present cards may affect the outcome of the future. This card may validate what you already know or give you a chance to make adjustments to either stay on the path of this revealed future or modify it. Even fate offers hope.

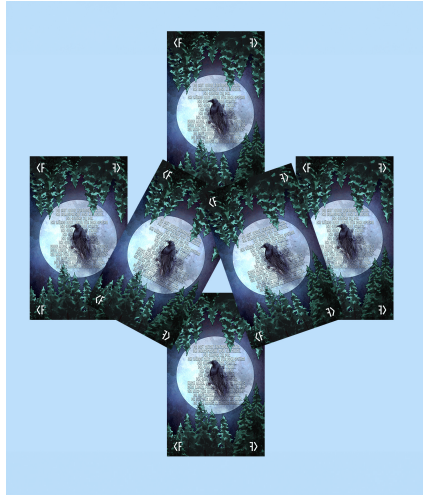
Four Card Reading



The Seeking Spread

- Follow the instructions for preparation and shuffling. Be sure to have The Goddess card out for yourself.
- Divide the deck into fourths with each of the stacks representing one of the four directions. Place them facedown in the pattern above to represent north, south, east and west.
- Ask them to turn over the top card of each stack.
- The first is the North card at the very top. This represents what the person is actually seeking. They may know what they are seeking, and this card says something about that. Or they may not know what they seek, and this card will help them determine that. They must identify what they are seeking before moving on.
- The second card is the South card at the bottom. This card may reveal what is needed, such as tools, advice or hints in order to move forward toward what they seek.
- The third card is the West, which is on their left as the cards face them. This card reveals obstacles either external or internal. Knowing potential difficulties allows them the chance to prepare to overcome them.
- The fourth and final card is the East. This card speaks to the future as it is at that moment. Subsequent readings may reveal changes to that future as they utilize tools and overcome obstacles.

ADVANCED CARD READING



The Gamble

- Follow the instructions for preparation and shuffling. Be sure to have The Goddess card out for yourself.
- The person needs to have an issue or question already in their mind.
- Have the person fan out the cards along the table. They must wave their hand slowly across the fanned-out cards approximately one inch above them to ensure they can feel each card's energy. They must choose cards one at a time until they have chosen six. They must be kept facedown and put aside so you can arrange this spread.
- The order of reveal is – top, next top, north, south, west and east. But the person may stop at any point along the reveal.
- Make sure the person understands that once a card is revealed, it is in “play” in their life. It will affect their question or issue or reveal something about it.
- Reveal the first card. Have the person take a moment to think about the meaning and how it applies. Ask if they would like to stop with that card or go on to the next. If they get a card that gives them the answer or advice to help resolve their issue, they should consider that the following card may put undesirable energy into the universe regarding their issue. Or it may make it even better. The reveal allows the energy to escape. It is up to the person how far they want to go.

THE STONE LADDER LAYOUT



- Follow instructions for shuffling. Don't forget to have your Goddess card out.
- Have the person you are reading for think of a question they need answers or advice for. Sometimes they are looking for clarification. They do not need to say it out loud.
- The person you are reading for first divides the deck into three stacks. Have them choose one of the three stacks to pull three cards from. Have them lay out the chosen cards.
- The first card is the “clarity” card. It can bring clarity or show the person what they must get clear on. The second card suggests action that can be taken. The final card speaks to the likely outcome should you follow the action.
- Start with what needs clarity. It could be a situation or a feeling. It could be that the person is stuck in a rut, or simply unable to see what is blocking them from what they want. Sometimes what you think you need clarity on isn't what is holding you back. Consider the card and reflect.
- Next is the second card, which has to do with action. Action may be physical, emotional or even psychological. Perhaps the card will suggest that the action or path you're currently on isn't the correct one. It may be a clear suggestion of an action to take or consider.
- Last we look at what that suggested action can bring you. There may be a clear outcome or one that has multiple paths.

ABOUT DARK HOPE



Experience a connection that defies death in this captivating novel in Christine Feehan's #1 New York Times bestselling Carpathian series.

Safia Meziane has trained since birth to protect her tribe, the family she holds so dear. All along she told herself the legends she was raised with were simply that, but now, she must call upon all of her skills to fight what lies ahead. Evil has come to their small town on the coast of Algeria, evil that Safia can feel but cannot see.

She is terrified she will not be able to protect the ones she loves. As her family's "chosen one" she has always believed she would face this task alone, until they reveal she has been promised to a warrior who will join her. An outsider. A Carpathian....

Petru Cioban is one of the oldest Carpathians in existence, and he has spent all that time without the soothing presence of his lifemate. For two thousand years he has waited for this woman to be reborn, only to find her in the sights of a

monster he has fought before — a vampire risen again to finish a battle started centuries ago.

Now, Petru must face his greatest enemy and his greatest shame. He has no hope Safia will forgive his betrayal once her past life returns to her. But he will not make the same mistake again, even if he has to sacrifice everything for the woman who has claimed his immortal soul.

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