

TAROTWAVE

a vaporwave tarot deck

Guidebook + Introduction



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Introduction

Tarotwave is a deck heavily inspired by the imagery of space, glitch art, and online aesthetics movements such as vaporwave and seapunk. When designing the cards, I drew inspiration from these motifs while also loosely following the designs of the popular Rider-Waite tarot deck. Because of this, many of the meanings and symbolism in the Tarotwave cards follow that of Rider-Waite and similar decks so if you would like further in-depth descriptions of the cards and how to read them most guides will suffice!

This guide is just a good starting place for interpreting the images on the cards and what they can represent and mean.

At the end of the day, interpret the cards as how *YOU* feel they should be interpreted. The meaning of a card can change depending on the situation, what cards surround it, and who and what the reading is about.

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THE FOOL

Upright: Adventure,
New Beginnings,
Innocence

Reversed: Naivety,
Ignorance, Reckless-
Ness.

The fool is the first card in the deck. It represents new beginnings and departing on new adventures. The fool is represented by the hiker standing on the tip of the cliff, overlooking the city and mountains in the distance on an otherworldly landscape. This represents the adventure awaiting him in the distance, and by the pack on his back he is ready to take on wherever his adventure takes him.



THE MAGICIAN

Upright: Concentration,
Power, skill, focus

Reversed: Manipulation,
Fatigue, Confusion,
Power imbalance

The Magician is a card packed with power and energy, often hinting towards creative energy that can be used to pursue goals. This power brings with it determination and will that will allow it's holder to go through and skillfully accomplish what they need.

On this card is an infinity sign, standing for the infinite possibilities that could be achieved, along with the Crab Nebula. The Nebula is the remnants of a supernova in the Taurus Constellation.



THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Upright: Intuition,
Spirituality, The
Subconscious

Reversed: Directionless,
Loss of Intuition, Dysfunc-
tion,

The High Priestess represents a woman sitting amongst the pillars of an ancient temple. The two moons behind her represent intuition and the subconscious. The scroll in her lap is a symbol of her wisdom. She's a figure who is in tune with her subconscious and as a result knows to trust and follow what her intuition tells her. There's also a pomegranate in the moon, which can stand for abundance and fertility as well as rebirth and the goddess Persephone.

Another way to view this card is that the mind is the high priestess's temple of which is her dominion.



THE EMPRESS

Upright: Nature, Feminine Power, Energy, Mother Earth

Reversed: Unhealthy Dependence, Neglect, A Dead end

The empress is a card that represents the forces of mother nature. It has a wise and maternal figure who sits among a field of wheat which stands for her oversight on the flora of the world, nature is her domain. The stars in the sky behind her represent her connection to the heavenly world as well. The clear waterfall is a symbol of her power and energy, as well as the water that supports and gives life to the earth.



THE EMPEROR

Upright: Masculine Energy, Authority, Stability, Taking lead

Reversed: Irresponsible, Manipulative, Uncaring, Unempathetic

The emperor is a figure of power and authority, he is the overseer of his kingdom and rules over it with a wise and strong hand. The bust of the king with the long beard is a symbol of the years of wisdom the emperor has behind him. The metal sphere is a symbol of the world which is his domain. The bare mountain landscape symbolizes the heights the emperor has gone to to achieve his success.



THE HIEROPHANT

Upright: Religion, Tradition, community, Organizations

Reversed: Breaking rules, Rejecting Tradition, Following a new path

The Hierophant symbolizes a religious leader. In front of him are two disciples, turned away from the reader to listen to what their leader has to say. The Hierophant sits among two walls of temple pillars, just like those that appear in the priestess card. They represent the support of the institution the Hierophant stands for.

Behind him is the stained glass window representing the institution of a church. There is the faint impression of two crossed keys underneath the Hierophant that represent the keys to heaven. The three floating crowns are a callback to the triple crown of the Rider-Waite deck.



THE LOVERS

Upright: True Love, Soulmates, Companionship, Harmony

Reversed: Broken Relationship, Lost connection, trouble communicating

This is the card of love and relationships. The two lovers on the card are represented by the embracing statues. The wings atop the sunburst and among the blue sky and clouds behind them symbolizes the holy protection cast over the lovers. The tall green grass at their feet along with the fruit trees behind them represents the vibrance and fertility of their relationship, while the apples on the trees can also hint at the temptations of it.



THE CHARIOT

Upright: Determination, Drive, Victory, Being in Control

Reversed: Loss of self-Control, Imbalance, Getting stuck.

The chariot is a card of forward motion. It represents being in control of the wheel and speeding towards your destination. The car is speeding away from the city and into the desert, perhaps signifying moving on what is familiar or taking steps towards a big change. This card represents going in a positive direction.

The two crescent moons in the sky represent the intuition and spiritual influence that may be guiding the direction the driver has taken.

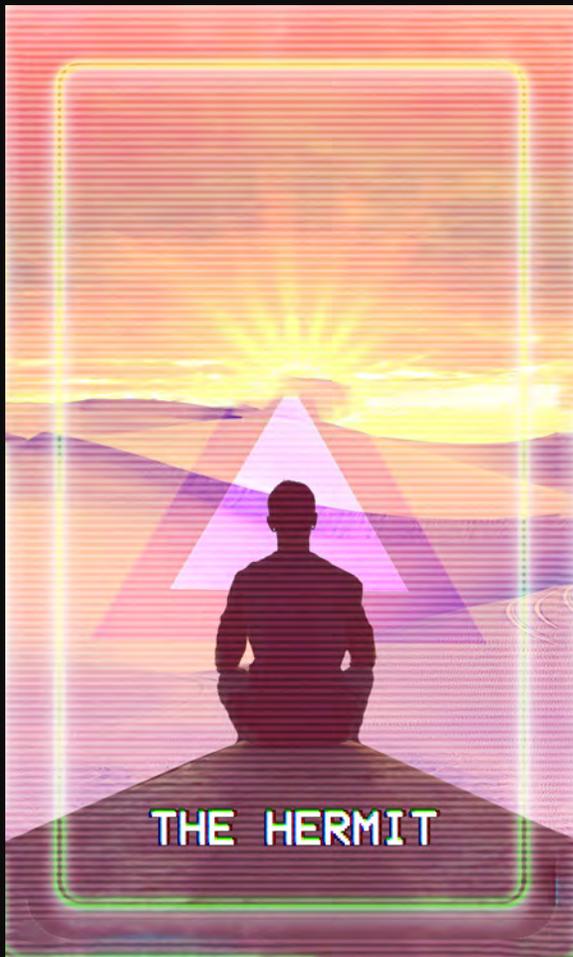


STRENGTH

Upright: Inner Strength,
Animal Instincts, Courage
Self-control

Reversed: Weakness,
Insecurity, fear

This card stands for inner strength and courage. The figure on this card is traditionally the figure of a woman, and the card thus holds a feminine energy. The figure on this card is that of a woman with a computer head, the image on which is that of a lion—The lion stands for her animal instincts and the innate courage and strength she holds within her.



THE HERMIT

Upright: Mindfulness,
Enlightenment, Peaceful
Solitude

Reversed: Isolation,
Withdrawal, Loneliness,
insecurity

The hermit is a figure who has taken a place of solitude and become spiritually enlightened. His silhouette stands atop of a bare hill, symbolizing his open and clear state of mind, as he looks out over the desert landscape. The world in this card is open and everything that can be seen is laid out before the hermit. The sun rising in the distance shows that he is now able to look at the world in a new light.



WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Upright: Natural cycles,
Luck, fortune, change

Reversed: Setbacks,
Negative Patterns,
Bad luck

This card represents luck, fortune, and the cycle of life. On it is the image of the milky way, representing the ever turning galaxy we live in. Life keeps moving forward no matter what, and this card is a symbol of that movement and how we can sometimes just ride out what it brings us. Atop the Milky way is the neon lights of a Ferris wheel—a modern symbol that stands for the randomized positions in life we can find ourselves in.

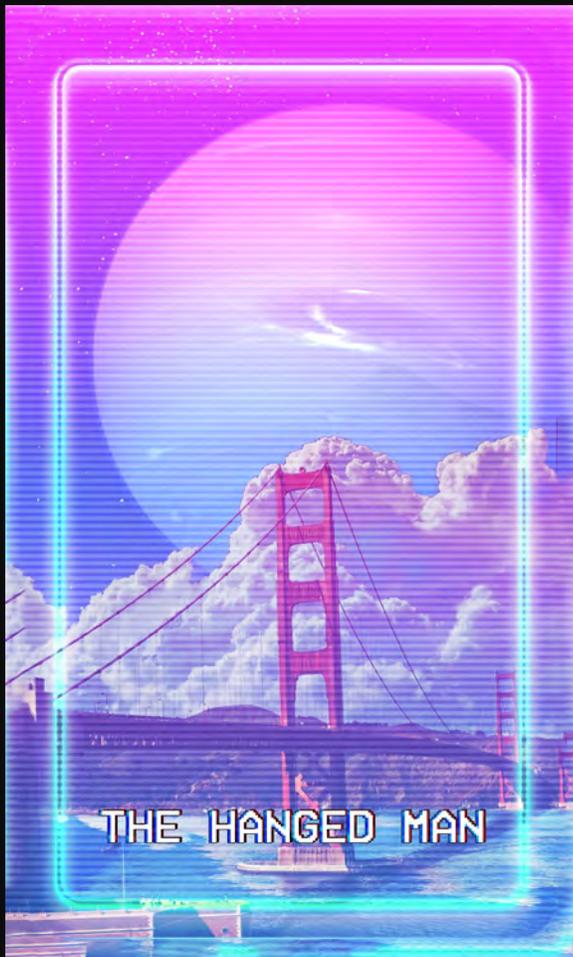


JUSTICE

Upright: Balance, Karma, Justice, Law, earned-dues

Reversed: Injustice, Dishonesty, Close-minded Judgement

This card stands for exactly what would be expected: Justice. It's the card of earning what is to be deserved, along with divine justice and oversight. It has the traditional figure of justice on it, holding her scales, but additionally in the background is the celestial body of the butterfly nebula that also represents the balance in the universe for which this card stands.

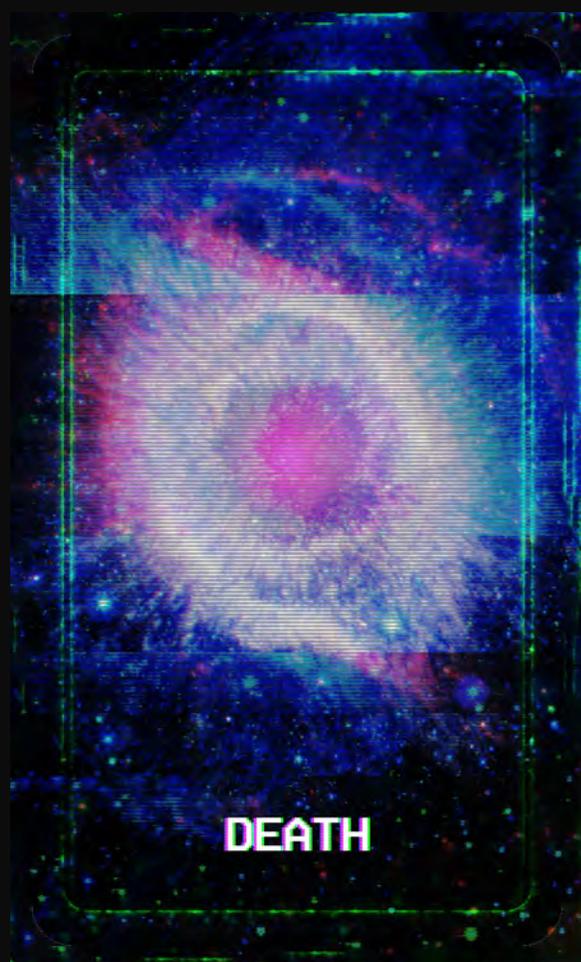


THE HANGED MAN

Upright: Sacrifice,
Suspension, Surrender

Reversed: Missed
Opportunity, stuck,
Indecisiveness

The Hanged man represents moments of suspense and stalling in the face of the unknown. Instead of the usual imagery of a man hanging, this card features the Golden Gate bridge, a well known suspension bridge. Bridges are commonly seen to represent transitions from one state to another, and the hanged man reversed represents an unwillingness to make the transition.



DEATH

Upright: Endings, rebirth, change, transformation

Reversed: Refusal to Move on, Stagnation

Death is a card that isn't nearly as intimidating as it sounds. In fact, some times Death can be a welcome card. While it does stand for endings, it also stands for the new opportunities and beginnings that follow it.

The image on this card is that of a supernova, which perfectly encapsulates what the Death card stands for. It shows a star at the end of it's life, ending in a spectacular explosion. But what follows the supernova is the material and energy it throws out into space that goes into creating new planets and celestial bodies from the aftermath.



TEMPERANCE

Upright: Patience,
Balance, Equality,
Harmony, Emotions

Reversed: Conflict,
Instability, short-
Sightedness

The Temperance card represents balance and harmony in emotions and all things. The hourglass featured prominently on the card represents the passage of time and patience. The galaxy replaces the usual sand because of the intrinsic balance and harmony of the universe. When the card is upside down, there is less sand in the top of the hourglass, representing the impatience and short sightedness characteristic of the reversed Temperance.



THE DEVIL

Upright: Addiction,
Unhealthy influence,
Corruption, materialism

Reversed: Breaking free,
Righting wrongs, Possible
Temptations

This card represents the common pitfalls humans must try to avoid. The background of the card is a casino because it clearly encapsulates many of the potential vices, including materialism and addiction. The gamblers in the casino have fluid, dripping faces because the devil is everchanging and can take multiple shapes. They are well dressed in suits to further represent materialism and corruption.



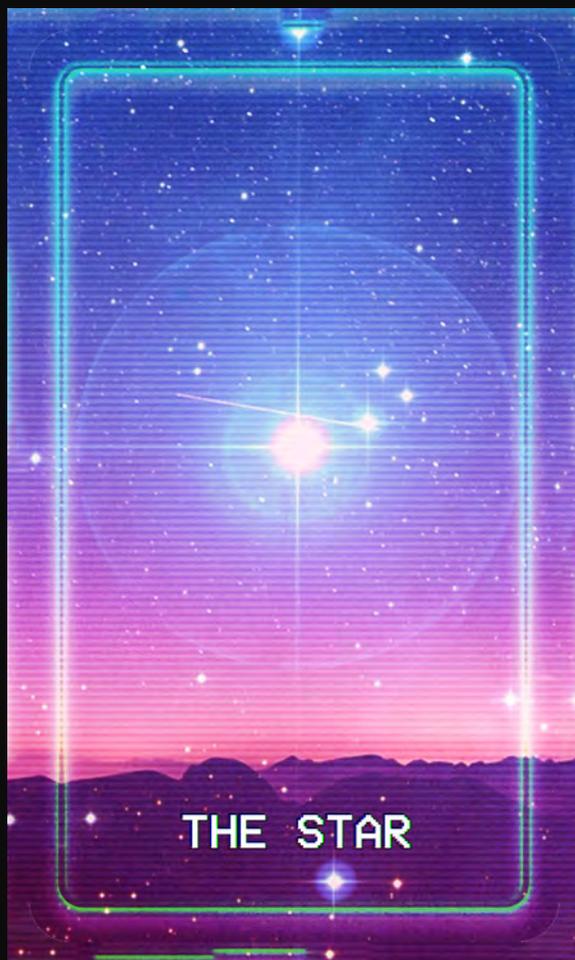
THE TOWER

Upright: Disaster,
Sudden change, Accident,
Upheaval

Reversed: Avoidable
Misfortune, self-made
Injury, depression.

The tower is a card of sudden unexpected change. The tower depicted on it is finding itself being torn apart, unraveling at the top. Lightning fills the air in the storm surrounding the city in the background.

This card can stand for a disaster, but also any sudden change. It's an upheaval to the way things were that can lead to unexpected and even unwanted outcomes, but that just couldn't be avoided.



THE STAR

Upright: Inspiration, Optimism, Hope, Good Blessings

Reversed: Setbacks, Helplessness, Hopeless Loss of resources

This card stands for hope, optimism, inspiration, and creativity. The cool to warm gradient stands for both the mystery of the outer world and unknown along with the comfort and warmth of home, the many stars are the countless opportunities and thoughts that could blossom into a bright and hopeful future. A shooting star is featured in the center of the card just beyond the bright main star that represents making wishes—and achieving them.



THE MOON

Upright: Dreams,
Emotions, Psychic Power
Intuition

Reversed: Subconscious
Fear, Insecurity,
Deception

This card features a dreamy landscape, a ghostly city sitting among the clouds with the full moon clear in the sky just floating overhead. This card represents dreams and the subconscious, the surreal landscape a symbol of the one you would find in a dream. This card represents the subconscious and your intuition, but can also represent your inner fears and worries as well.



THE SUN

Upright: Joy, Success, Wholeness, Good Help, Good Companionship

Reversed: Loneliness, Lingering Worries, Disappointment, Misunderstanding.

The sun is a card bursting with good feelings. Heavenly sunrays fill the card from over the hills in the background, giving the cherub a halo of light. The rising sun represents the dawn of a new and better day. Sunflowers, symbols of happiness and longevity, also surround the Cherub. This card is an affirmative sign full of positivity. A blessing of good luck and fortune and brighter skies.



JUDGEMENT

Upright: Awakening,
Good Karma, Reward,
Positivity

Reversed: Remorse,
Dissatisfaction,
Imprisonment, Negativity

In this card the towering figure of the angel oversees the golden valley before. This angel is a benevolent guardian that brings karmic rewards. The skies behind it are full of golden thick clouds that part to reveal the light behind them. The parting of the clouds represent a spiritual awakening, leading to the positive vibes of the sunrays beyond.



THE WORLD

Upright: Achievement,
Success, Travel,
Fulfillment

Reversed: Resisting
Change, Stagnation,
Delay, Frustration

The World represents humanities achievements and successes, as well as travel. Here the globe is depicted surrounded by a mesh of electrical plasma, representing the recent explosion in technological advancement, further connecting us to each other. This recent scientific success is also represented in the graph paper motif. Finally, the moon is hovering above the earth to remind us to reach for the stars and continue to seek fulfillment.



ACE OF CUPS

Upright: Love, Over-
whelming emotion,
Compassion

Reversed: Sadness,
Loneliness, Anxiousness

The cups suit represents the element of water and often involves subject matter related to our emotions. In this ace card the cup is standing on a lily pad, whose flower symbolizes the rebirth one experiences when entering a new love. The water lily also symbolizes all that is good and pure.

The cup is overflowing with the water, which seemingly appears out of abundance of water from the ocean behind. The healthy stream of water filling the cup represents the torrent of emotion and love this card can represent.

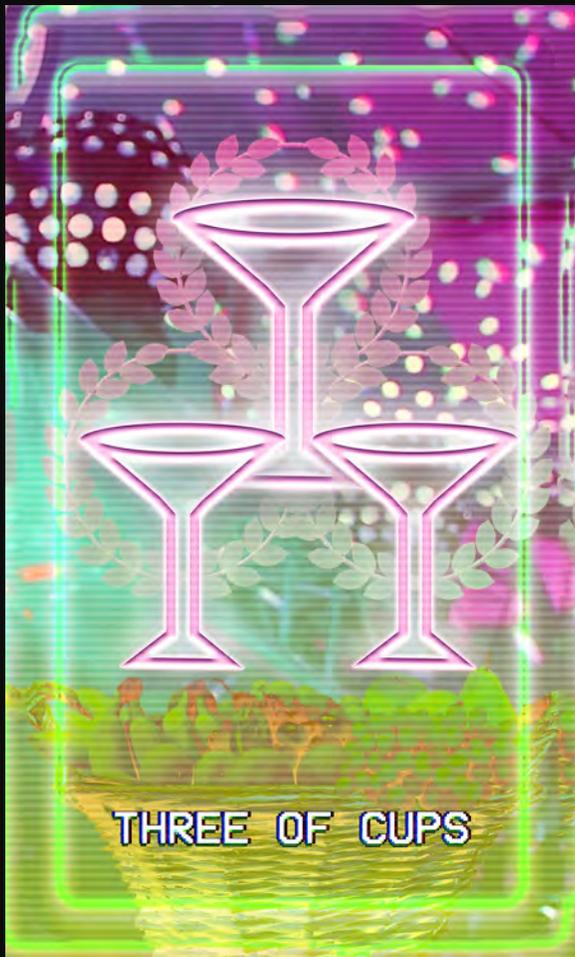


TWO OF CUPS

Upright: Union, Friendship, Marriage, Bond, Commitment

Reversed: Broken Relationships, Disagreement, Separation

The Two of Cups represents people committing to each other, either platonically or romantically. The angel wings represent that this is a blessed union, and the white clothed table in the background is a gathering place for compassionate people to meet and bond.



THREE OF CUPS

Upright: Celebration,
Victory, Union,
Fertility

Reversed: False-Friends,
Isolation, Over-
Indulgence, Gossip

The Three of Cups is a card of joy and celebration. The three cups are positioned in a way reminiscent of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place steps used in the Olympics. The laurel wreaths behind the cups symbolize victory and further the Olympic analogy. A basket of fruit at the base of the cups symbolizes fertility. When reversed, this card can mean over-indulgence and gossip which is characterized by the overflowing fruit basket filled with grapes (representative of the so-called "grape-vine").



FOUR OF CUPS

Upright: Discipline,
Being Patient, Apathy,
Contemplation, Day-
Dreaming

Reversed: Motivation,
Ending Stagnation,
Opportunities

This is a very introspective card, representing quiet contemplation and discipline. The large central tree symbolizes the patience required for a tree to grow to this size. The beautiful scenery brings to mind a daydream. The rocky shore exemplifies apathy, because it does not care about the continual beating of the water. This again represents patience and diligence, because over time the water will manage to wear away the uncaring rocks.



FIVE OF CUPS

Upright: Loss, Despair, Grief, Heartbreak, Disappointment

Reversed: Healing, Letting Go, Moving on, Acceptance

The Five of Cups is a card that forebodes disappointment and grief. The card seems to be viewed through a rainy window, which evokes a feeling of gloominess. Two of the cups are on the ground, seemingly broken, representing broken hearts and the danger posed by broken glass. The upturned glass is pouring liquid into a puddle, its contents lost forever.



SIX OF CUPS

Upright: Kindness,
Nostalgia, Reunion,
Childhood

Reversed: Stuck in
The past, Letting go,
Independence

On this card, the six cups are arranged in a circle, representing the cyclical nature of time and nostalgia. The card features bright and cheerful pinks, purples, and blues reminiscent of childhood. The pink carnations are symbolic of motherly love, again harkening back to childhood and nostalgia.



SEVEN OF CUPS

Upright: Illusions, Fantasies, Imagination, Different Choices

Reversed: Temptation, False Promises, Avoiding Reality

Seven of Cups exhibits an array of cups, all with different images within their bowl. The images all represent illusions being presented to the viewer. These fantasies range both from the good, such as a pile of treasure, to the dangerous, such as the snake that could strike out and bite the hand which reaches for it.

The cups all hold the different possible choices some of which would turn out to be false promises.



EIGHT OF CUPS

Upright: Escape,
Solitude, Withdrawal,
Spiritual Journey,
Sadness

Reversed: Stagnation,
Acceptance, Insecurity,
Fear of moving on

Eight of cups is a somber card that reflects the more lonely aspects of isolation. The moon half that has risen over the mountains is an allusion to the spirituality that an escape or journey can bring, but overall the blues and purples give the card a more melancholy feeling. Furthermore the partially transparent image of a curtain partially obscures the barren mountain, another symbol of the quiet solitude and withdrawal from society.



NINE OF CUPS

Upright: Fulfillment,
Hard Work, Achieving
Goals and Dreams,
Security

Reversed: Disappointment
Unfulfilled, Unrealized
Success

This card features a couple of different brick structures, all symbols of hard work. The wall has been built up overtime and leads to a sense of security. The archway is a pathway to the star in the middle which signifies goals and dreams. The arch supports the array of cups that sits on it's top, demonstrating that through hard work we can support each other.



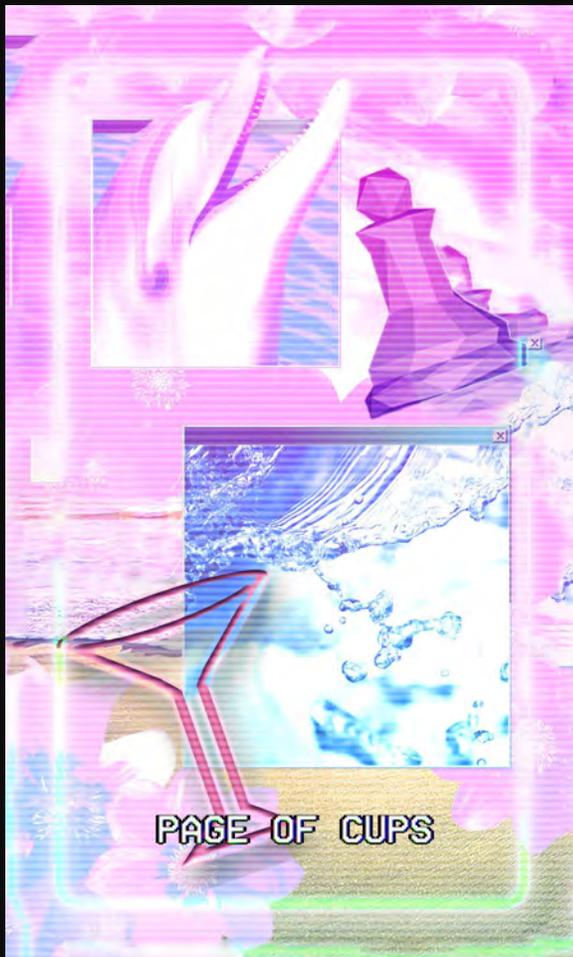
TEN OF CUPS

Upright: Wholeness
Union, Achieved Peace,
Fulfillment.

Reversed: Emotional
Turmoil, Falling out,
Familial Problems

In this card the ten cups are united around a rainbow ring thrown out by the sun peeking out from behind the earth's horizon. This card has a feeling of warmth and wholeness, along with a celestial oversight as the heavens illuminate the entire background, even overlapping with the almost transparent silhouette of the earth.

The seemingly calm oceanic overlay represents that even though this card may appear peaceful at the surface, when viewed reversed it is actually turbulent and filled with turmoil.



PAGE OF CUPS

Upright: Messenger,
Good News, Youthfulness

Reversed: Bad News,
Change of Plans,
Disappointment

The suit of cups is the suit dominated by the element of water, and as a result the royal cards for this suit boast a lot of water imagery.

The dolphin is a highly intelligent Mammal with a developed communication system so they represent a messenger. They are also known for being playful and filled with youthful glee.



KNIGHT OF CUPS

Upright: Gentleness,
Affection, Invitation,
Good News

Reversed: Deception
Unreciprocated Feelings,
Heartbreak

This Knight features a gentle stream flowing through a forest, another reference to the elemental essences of the cups suit and the benign energy of this card. Blue butterflies symbolize joy and a positive change in luck. In the other window we see someone preparing to write a message, possibly about this good news. The flower symbolizes love implying that perhaps the message being written might be affectionate in nature.



QUEEN OF CUPS

Upright: Intuition,
Devotion, Mystery,
Control of Emotions

Reversed: Insecurity
Emotional Problems,
Disorganization

This card is decorated with imagery linked to water and the ocean; it all speaks to the powerful psychic energy and intuitive power the queen of cups card usually represents. The feathers on the card symbolize being spiritually in tune with yourself, and having the self possession to control your emotions like the wise queen.



KING OF CUPS

Upright: Emotional
Balance, Wisdom,
Experience, Compassion

Reversed: Manipulation,
Out of Control Emotions,
Emotional Vulnerability

The ocean on this card features crashing waves, a symbol of the King of Cups' power. In order to sail a ship you need to have experience, wisdom, and balance. Without those qualities you leave yourself out of control and vulnerable. The dolphin is a callback to the page, once again representing an intelligent being. Here though it has a more powerful presence, leaping up into the air, almost over the cup as if to conquer it's emotions.



ACE OF SWORDS

Upright: Creative Potential, Clarity, Concentration, Ability

Reversed: Loss of Ideas, No Motivation, Chaos
Difficulty concentrating

Ace of Swords is a weapon to be used to forge your way to your goals and achieve success. It symbolizes a powerful force of concentration and mental clarity that allows the wielder great potential in their work and life. The rocky mountains in the background are a symbol of the clear mind.



TWO OF SWORDS

Upright: Hard choices, Blocked paths, Stress, Stalemate

Reversed: Indecision, Overwhelmed, Turmoil

In the two of swords we see a gateway with iron fences on either side. This gateway is the only possible path that leads to the great beyond shown on the other side, however the two swords of this card are crossed and blocking access. The lions on either side of the gate are a hint towards the recommended courage and strength it can take to overcome whatever obstacle has halted progress onward.



THREE OF SWORDS

Upright: Heartbreak,
Disappointment,
Depression, Grief, Loss

Reversed: Letting go,
Emotional Release,
Healing, Overcoming
Hardship

Three of swords is a card that means heartbreak, disappointment, and loss. It's art depicts a melancholy rainy day that is covering the window with fog and rain, making it hard to see the city on the other side. The three neon swords strike through the heart that someone has drawn onto the window, giving it the appearance that the heart has been stabbed into. The drawn heart also begins to drip and deform.



FOUR OF SWORDS

Upright: Solitude,
Getting away, Spiritual
Contemplation

Reversed: Awakening,
Rejoining Society,
Leaving Isolation

The figure depicted on this card sits atop a outcropping on the cliff about halfway up its face. In the background, the distant skyline of a city is visible, yet the figure has managed to make their own space away from the noise and stress of the city in the distance. This card represents getting away and resting ones mind and body, a retreat from the life they had in order to quietly contemplate themselves and their status.



FIVE OF SWORDS

Upright: Conflict, Disagreement, Defeat, Surrender, Hostility

Reversed: Compromise, Moving on, Open to Change, End of Conflict

This card represents that aftermath of an altercation. The figures on the card are all facing away from one another, the conflict is over but things still aren't good between those who participated in it. Two swords lie on the ground discarded by their users who have given up and admitted defeat.

This card is about conflict and disagreement, but also about the aftermath in which neither of the sides really feel like the winner.



SIX OF SWORDS

Upright: Driving Forward, Progress, Stability, Navigating Obstacles

Reversed: Trouble Times, Feeling Overwhelmed, Instability, Trapped

In this card the undine controlling the boat is quickly navigating down the waterway. The lights of the city quickly whip past, but even with the speed the boat seems to be maintaining its direction and stays steered steadily forward.

This card represents driving forward, navigating through obstacles and challenges while trying to stay strong and keep everything as is. The swords on the boat stand up straight, but any possible misdirection or unexpected bump could cause problems and even their toppling.

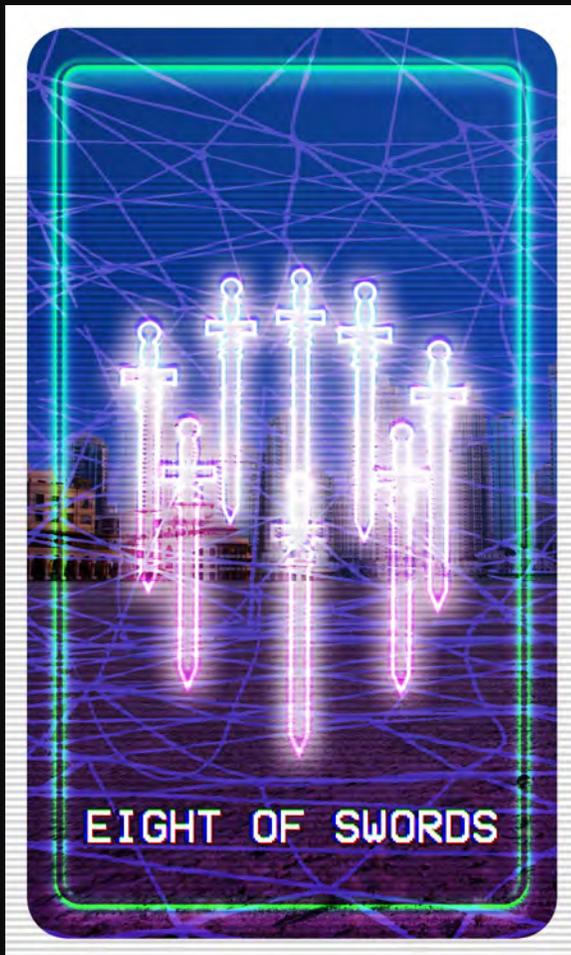


SEVEN OF SWORDS

Upright: Deceit, Theft, Secrecy, Risks, Scheming

Reversed: Getting Caught, Revealing self, Breaking Habits

On this card a dark hooded figure is walking through a dimly lit alleyway, their back away from the viewer as they go towards the distance. Tucked under their arms, clutched in their hand, and strapped to their back, are the neon swords that can only be found elsewhere hanging up on the walls. The figure in this card has been taking what isn't theirs, and is making off with their stolen goods. The card stands for deceit, thievery, and general underhanded and dark secret dealings.



EIGHT OF SWORDS

Upright: Feeling trapped, Entanglement, Limitations

Reversed: Freedom, Open opportunities, Self-confidence

The swords on this card are all arranged in a circle, surrounded by a tightly wound web that tangles together and covers the entire card. This card represents feeling trapped. Getting caught in intricate entanglements. The swords create a tight enclosure that can be hard or impossible to escape. The sky and the background of the card are dark, making it hard to show the true way to navigate through the maze.



NINE OF SWORDS

Upright: Anxiety, Fear, Despair, Nightmares

Reversed: False Fears, Created Anxieties, Letting go and Overcoming Stress

The swords on this card are hanging up on the wall in a staggered formation. The computer screen at the center is displaying any user's worst nightmare: The blue screen of death. Any work or progress is now possibly lost, and in the moment this screen shows whether or not you've actually lost any information is irrelevant as the initial anxiety and fear of what might have truly happened or caused this moment takes the priority. The screen seems to bleed downwards, distorting the desk underneath, giving the whole scene an unreal facade.



TEN OF SWORDS

Upright: Endings,
Destruction, Being
Betrayed, Back stabbing

Reversed: New Beginning,
Better Horizons,
Surviving Hardship

Ten of swords is a card that depicts that aftermath of some sort of destructive event. On this card the wood flooring is dark and worn, the walls are crumbling and bare, and the computer monitor front and center is broken and discarded on the floor. The swords are clustered around the screen, all having been stabbed into its sides and left there. This card gives the feeling that we're looking at the scene of a crime that may have even had multiple participants.



PAGE OF SWORDS

Upright: Restlessness,
Energetic, Agility,
Many Ideas

Reversed: Poor Planning,
Bad News, Lack of Ideas,
Directionless

The swords suit is linked to the element of air, which is represented on this card through the cloud motif and avian imagery. The birds are midflight in migratory formation, which symbolizes restlessness and energy. In the background, palm trees seem to be blown by strong winds, again alluding to the air element and the bad news this card can portend if drawn reversed.



KNIGHT OF SWORDS

Upright: Taking Action,
Forging a path, Making
Haste, Big Changes

Reversed: Impatience,
Impulsiveness,
Disorganization

This card features a silhouette of a horse front and center. The horse is mid leap, symbolizing action and energy. There is no road or even ground for the horse to follow, so it must create its own path. In the background birds are featured once again, but this time they are in a random swarm. When drawn reversed, this card symbolizes impulsiveness and disorganization, represented here by the birds that are flying around willy-nilly.



QUEEN OF SWORDS

Upright: Organization, Wisdom, Intelligence, Protection, Sharp Wit

Reversed: Irrational Thinking, Letting Emotions take control

This card specifically features an owl and a dove. The owl is a well known symbol of wisdom, intelligence, and wit. The dove commonly symbolizes peace, in this case the sense of security that can be achieved through organization and feeling protected. The cherry blossoms in the background add to this serenity.



KING OF SWORDS

Upright: Authority, Wisdom, Mental Clarity, Truth, Power

Reversed: Manipulation, Abuse of Power, Power Imbalance, Tyranny

The King of Swords is a king of wisdom, truth and power. The pink tulips represent well wishes and caring; this is a benevolent ruler and generally good card. The crescent moons on this card symbolize growth and prosperity brought about by the wise and fair king. The butterfly is a symbol of transformation and represents the steps it takes to achieve a state of mental clarity.



ACE OF PENTACLES

Upright: Financial Opportunity, Good Fortune, Prosperity

Reversed: Financial Misfortune, Problems With Money, Missed Opportunities

In this Ace card a divine golden hand holds the pentacle aloft. The clouds in the background have parted and the heavenly light is shining through, downwards onto the hand and the symbol. This card represents financial prosperity and opportunity. It can signify either a change in finances or new job and career opportunities, but with both coming as a divine blessing. With this card the powers that be have gone into motion granting a gift of good fortune.



TWO OF PENTACLES

Upright: Balance, Juggling Life, Adaptability, Management

Reversed: Disorganized, Overexertion, Disarray

In this card the stormy sea churns in the background along with a dark cloudy sky. The two pentacles are adorned on top of gears, who act as gateways to a brighter scene of flowers and green grass. The gears fit perfectly together, completing a wider window to what lies beyond. The gears on this card stand for working through the unpredictability of life methodically and trying to balance and adapt to challenges in order to keep moving forward.



THREE OF PENTACLES

Upright: Hard Work, Multitasking, Skilled Work, Dedication

Reversed: Stagnation, Not Growing or Learning, Lack of Effort

On the Three of Pentacles an offscreen figure is working at their desk, using a multiscreen computer. In the background, a nighttime city's lights can be seen through the window on the wall. By the positions of their hand, one on the mouse and one on the keyboard, you can tell the figure is in the middle of whatever work they're engaged in. This card stands for hard work and dedication. By the dimly lit room and the dark blues and purples the figure looks like they're pulling an all nighter. It's not easy work, and the figure is obviously skilled at what they're doing since they're able to juggle screens, but it's all a symbol of the figure's dedication to the task despite the temptations of the city outside.



FOUR OF PENTACLES

Upright: Possession,
Saving fortune, Money
Management, Security

Reversed: Greed,
Possessiveness, Letting
go, Financial trouble

This card features the lucky cat, a symbol of good fortune and luck: especially when it comes to finances. With a pentacle at each paw this cat obviously is in possession of some wealth. The pentacle underfoot symbolizes sitting on, or placing protection over, finances. This card stands for saving your fortune and watching over it, managing and protecting it.



FIVE OF PENTACLES

Upright: Hardship,
Poverty, Money Troubles,
Isolation

Reversed: Being Accepted,
Overcoming Hardship,
End of Poverty, increase
In Finances

The Five of Pentacles features a lonely church standing tall against a cold landscape. Snow covers the roof and shows no sign of slowing as it falls thickly down blanketing the landscape. This washed out church's doors are closed to the viewer, and the pentacles obscure the stained glass windows blocking view to the inside. This creates a sense of isolation, like the doors have been closed and you've been left out alone in the snow.



SIX OF PENTACLES

Upright: Charity, Sharing Wealth, Support, Kindness

Reversed: Lack of Charity, Ill Intentions, Cruelty, Inequality

In the Six of Pentacles a pair of hands are cupped as if asking for a donation. This card symbolizes charity and sharing, and you can see that some of the pentacles have been given to the hands while others seem to fall to the earth below. The hands take only what they need and leave the rest for those who might come after them. The hands and pentacles are positioned in a clear sky above the clouds, indicating they are above the greed and cruelty commonly found on the earth below.



SEVEN OF PENTACLES

Upright: Investment,
Hard work, Harvest,
Profit

Reversed: Bad Business,
Lack of Vision / No
Goals, Little Success

The Pentacles represent coins and money. On this card six of the pentacles are growing out of a rice paddy and one of them is in the sky replacing the sun. This means that with hard work and a little initial investment, you will be able to make a profit. It's a literal interpretation of the phrase "money comes to money".



EIGHT OF PENTACLES

Upright: Craftsmanship, Working, Self-employment, Hard Work, Dedication

Reversed: Not Working, No Determination, Poor Work ethic

The welder featured on the Eight of Pentacles is clearly working hard to perfect his craft. This is characteristic of the card, which represents self employment and dedication. The pentacles are hanging above his head as if they were displayed after completion, a symbol of the final product to his hard work.

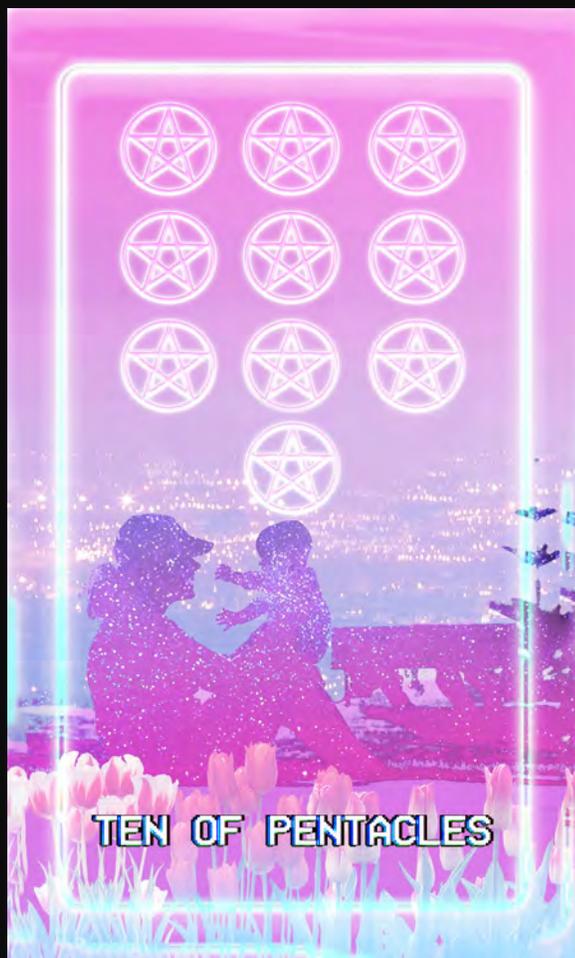


NINE OF PENTACLES

Upright: Fruits of your Labor, Reward, Success, Fulfilment

Reversed: Setbacks, Poor Investment, Burning Out, Someone getting Undeserved reward

The Nine of Pentacles symbolizes being rewarded for your hard work. The fruits of your labor are finally in bloom, and it's time pick them for profit. This card shows a vineyard, with an up close image of a ripe bundle of grapes. The Grapes are full of pentacles hanging from the vine to further draw the connection between the fulfilment of the harvest and the financial success that can come with it.



TEN OF PENTACLES

Upright: Family,
Success, Secure Home,
Inherited finances

Reversed: Family
Financial problems,
Instability, Dishonesty

On the Ten of Pentacles the silhouette of a woman can be seen holding her child up in a playful manor amongst a field of tulips. In the far off background, the lights of a city can be seen fading off into a blue sky. Tulips symbolize love and pink tulips specifically represent familial love and affection.

The Ten of Pentacles represents being surrounded by family. It's a card that evokes a sense of comfort and security. Like most of the pentacles it stands for finances, but in this case it is also heavily coded to stand for wealth in life and family.



PAGE OF PENTACLES

Upright: New Opportunity,
Making Plans, Good -
Foundations

Reversed: Ignorance,
Irresponsibility, Poor
Planning

The Page of Pentacles is rife with budding flowers and fruits. The fields of lavender that make up the base image symbolize fields of wealth. The small pink flowers with buds represent new life and youthful energy. The apple orchard's fruit stand for the future potential of work and labor. The contrast of both new and old growth on this card paint a picture of the possible outcomes of careful planning and good foundations.



KNIGHT OF PENTACLES

Upright: Hard Work,
Fruitful Labors, Loyalty,
Responsibility

Reversed: Unskilled,
Laziness, Impatience,
Careless

On this Knight of Pentacles there's multiple images of rolling green farm fields. The one human figure on this card is hard at work on their field, carrying heavy bushels across his shoulders as he walks past. This Knight represents working hard and diligently. It's tied in heavily to the earth, the element of the pentacles suit, and as a result represents a more modest and down to earth variation of labor compared to the other Knight cards.



QUEEN OF PENTACLES

Upright: Quick Thinking,
Fertility, Nature,
Distinguished, Grounded

Reversed: Immature,
Jealousy, Disloyalty,
Narcissistic

On the Queen of Pentacles card we see a river flowing downward from a green hilly valley. Pink blossoms frame both corners of the card as well. This helps lend the card a feminine and dainty feeling. The image of the rabbit represents quick thinking, wit, and fertility. This card represents a mother earth-like figure.

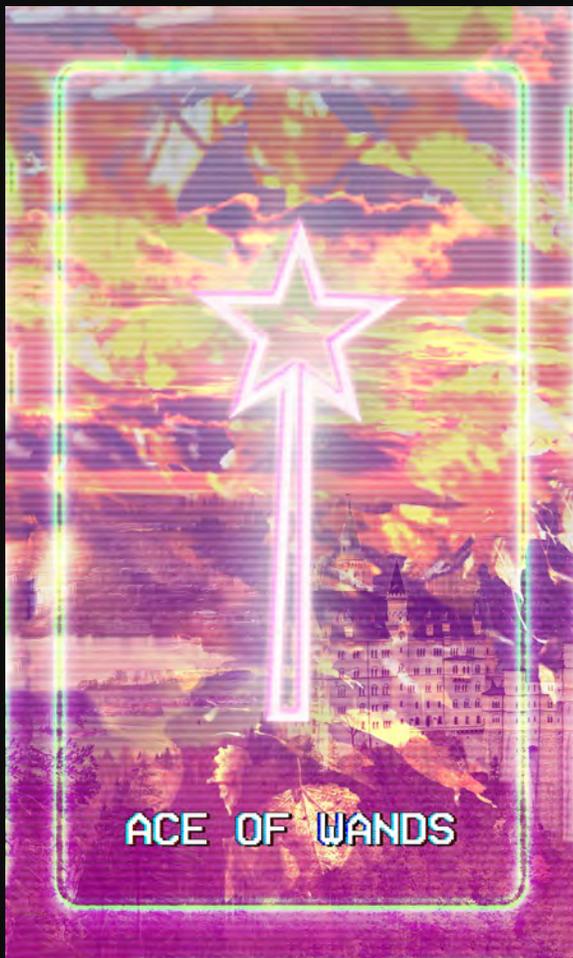


KING OF PENTACLES

Upright: Wise, Courageous, Grounded, Accomplished, Seniority, Hard Worker

Reversed: Corrupted, Materialistic, Stubborn, Weak

The background on the King of Pentacles card shows an entanglement of blooming vines. Also on this card are the images of bundles of grapes, and the image of a bull. The abundance of fruits, vines, and flowers are all symbols of the King's earthly successes and accomplishments. The bull is a symbol of strength and hard work.



ACE OF WANDS

Upright: Ambition, Vision, Energy, Creative-Energy, Beginnings

Reversed: Creative Block, Missed Opportunity, Lacking Energy

Ace of Wands is the first card in the fiery wands suite and immediately brings in warm yellows and reds to evoke that element. Behind the wand orange leaves can be seen falling. Farther beyond that, a castle sits underneath an orange sky amongst a forest of trees.

This card holds energy and potential for success and ambition. The lush flora on this card signifies the abundance of creative possibilities, with the castle standing for the possible rewards and success that the energy of this card can lead to.

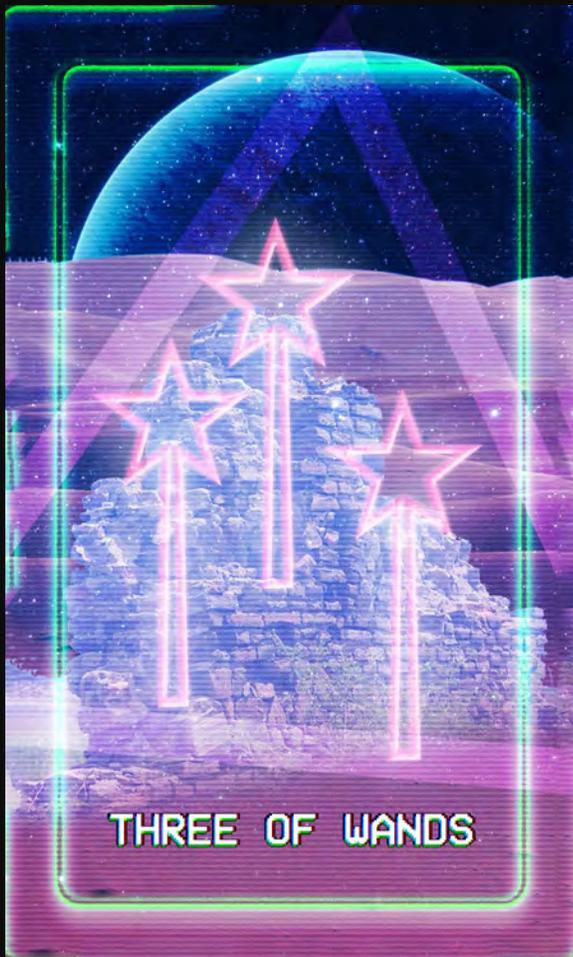


TWO OF WANDS

Upright: Making Decisions, Choosing a Path, Wandering, Planning

Reversed: Indecisive, Restriction, Poor - Planning, Fear of Change

On the Two of Wands we see the faint image of a world map stretching across the card. On the bottom small globes can also be seen. The two wands standing tall on this card are pillars standing atop the world. They stand for making plans for the future and finding direction for oneself. This card represents planning for the future, but can also stand for travel and wandering across the worlds shown on the card.



THREE OF WANDS

Upright: Different Lands, Adventure, Hard - Work, Rewards

Reversed: Poor Foundation, Delay, Lack of Progress

On this card we see an alien landscape. The ghostly image of the ruins on this card symbolize what remains of great societies and structures long after they fall. It's a symbol of how legacies live onward and can continue to be discovered by others. It's a more long-term symbol of hard work and rewards. This card also is about journeying and experiencing different things and different lands.



FOUR OF WANDS

Upright: Celebration, Prosperity, Surprise, Earned Success and Joy

Reversed: Unhappiness, Cancelled Celebration, Community Problems

On the Four of Wands the four wands are splayed outwards in front of a city in the midst of celebration. Fireworks burst overhead, and the city itself seems to be glowing. This card sports a great celebration. It's a very energetic and active feeling card.



FIVE OF WANDS

Upright: Fighting,
Arguments, Conflict, Chaos,
Competitive Egos

Reversed: Harmony,
End of Conflict,
Compromise

The Five of Wands card represents fighting, conflict, and chaos. The five figures on this card are the silhouettes of martial artists and sword fighters who have been altered to hold the wands for this suit. Atop the tree tops their fighting poses have come to resemble something more alike to a close quarters and chaotic dance.



SIX OF WANDS

Upright: Praise,
Celebration, Achievement,
Joy, Triumph

Reversed: Failure,
Unsuccessful Venture,
Conceit

The Six of Wands card exhibits a dance party at its apex. Hands are thrown into the air, and above the crowd in the midst of their celebration is one wand from which the light show seems to emanate. With one wand separate from the rest, and the others gathered below amongst the party, this card symbolizes a scene of celebration and triumph.



SEVEN OF WANDS

Upright: Competition, Success, Making it Work, Fighting for Yourself, Defensiveness

Reversed: Confusion, Anxiety, Defeat, Giving up, Yielding

The surfer on this Seven of Wands card has their knees bent as they swoosh in to navigate through the maze of Wands sticking through the water as they ride the wave forward. This is not an easy task, but the surfer is moving forward having braced themselves for the challenge regardless. The surfer is making the best of the sudden obstacles and is determined to succeed no matter what.



EIGHT OF WANDS

Upright: Swiftness,
Progress, Action,
Going Forth, Travel,
Making Haste

Reversed: Slow Progress,
Meandering, Poor Start,
Lack of Speed or Action

This card is a high energy card. It represents quickly moving forward, making swift progress, and going forth in your travels and on your journey in life. It encompasses Making haste and moving quickly in all matters and in a broad number of interpretations. The wands on this card are staggered in a line as they shoot forward, the stars in the background moving by so fast that their form has been blurred.



NINE OF WANDS

Upright: Suspicion,
Being on Guard, Continuous
Struggle, Fatigue

Reversed: Stubbornness,
Stale Mate, Confusion,
Conflict

On the Nine of Wands we see the empty shell of an old computer. Standing inside the hollowed out shell of the monitor is a wand, but it's image wavers as if it isn't fully formed. The other wands gather around the computer as if watching or guarding against the wand within. The floor is worn concrete, and in the background neon purple palm fronds cover the walls. This card carries a discordant feeling to it. The surrounding wands seem to be wary of the wand wavering in the screen.



TEN OF WANDS

Upright: Burdened, Excessive Responsibilities, Commitment

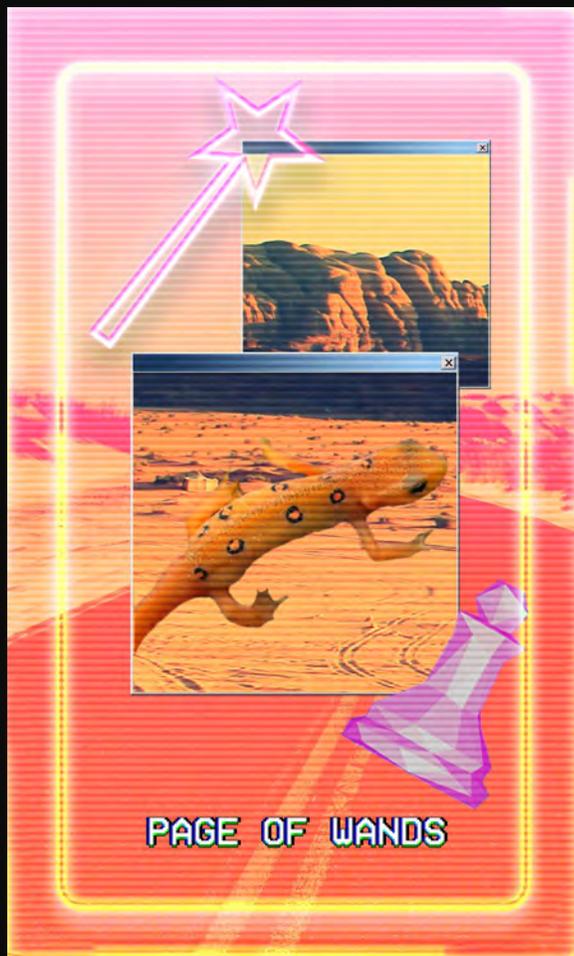
Reversed: Too much Stress, Too Much of a Burden, Struggle, Exhaustion

On the ten of wands card a figure walks towards the viewer, head bowed down as they carry the weight of two heavy buckets full of wands on both sides. The desert stretches out far into the distance, and over the furthest ridge a city's lights sit against the starry night sky. In this card the figure represents someone who is burdened by their responsibilities. They're a hard worker, but they're committed to their trade even at whatever the physical or mental cost is.

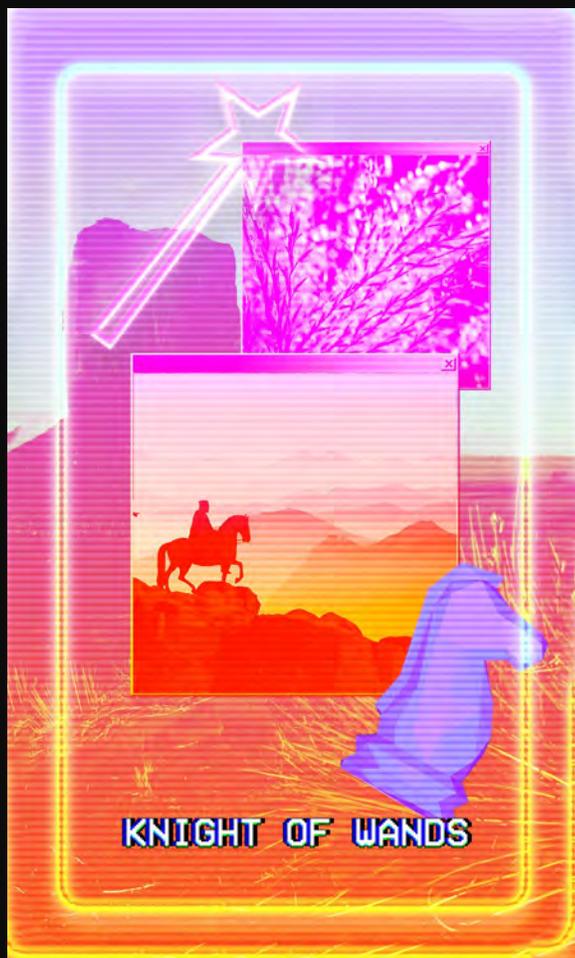
PAGE OF WANDS

Upright: Good News,
Youthful Energy, New
Ideas, Exploration

Reversed: Lethargy,
Haste, Lack of Energy/
Creativity



On this card we see the Page of Wands depicted by a series of heat baked images. The warm sky and orange road along with the desert imagery introduce us to the first card in the wands' royal suit. The salamander on this card is a call back to the salamanders that are common images on the Rider-Waite card for the wands' royal suit. The salamander symbolizes a creature of magic energy that is often associated with fire, the element of this suit. The wide open road and empty skies on this card are symbols of the open possibilities to the future that the Page of Wands is ready to explore.



KNIGHT OF WANDS

Upright: Ideas, Change, Adventure, Movement, Excitement, Fearless

Reversed: Arrogance, Overly Confidence, Lack of Ambition/Purpose

The Knight of Wands depicts a horse and rider navigating through rocky terrain with an endless row of mountains fading off into the distance in the background. The Knight of this card is heading out for adventure to distant and new lands. The desert imagery and the warm hues of this card help lend it the fiery energy of the other cards in this suit. While the Knight of this card is courageous and adventurous, the heat of this card can get to his head and cause him to also be arrogant and reckless.



QUEEN OF WANDS

Upright: Purposeful,
Strong, Energetic,
Confident, Motherly

Reversed: Unfriendly,
Antisocial, Poor-
Temperament, Deceitful

The Queen of Wands card is heavy with the imagery of sunflowers. These flowers are a symbol of joy and positive energy, but also can stand for loyalty. The young buds and blossoms on the top image of this card stand for warmth and life. The black cat hiding behind the sunflowers is a symbol of the Queen's supernatural power, but can also stand for luck and having cat-like qualities.



KING OF WANDS

Upright: Powerful,
Wise, Energetic,
Courageous, Loyal,
Natural Leader

Reversed: Tyrannical,
Powerless, Lack of
Energy and Wisdom
Intolerant

The King of Wands boasts a powerful fiery energy. Flames cover the sky in the background, resembling solar flares from the sun that fade into clouds towards the top of the image. The picture in the top window is the close up base of a mature tree trunk, a symbol of aged and experienced wisdom. The lion in the other window is the face of the King himself, a symbol of courage and power. This card represents a powerful and energetic, courageous, and loyal natural leader.



GLITCH.EXE

Upright: Hidden Secrets,
Not what it Seems,
Alteration, Sudden Change,
Unexpected Development

Reversed: Wholeness,
Distant Change/Problems,
Avoidable Change

This is the final card and one that is unique to the Tarotwave deck.

The title of this card, Glitch.exe, is written so that it resembles the name of a program. ".EXE" is a suffix that means "Executable." At the end of a program name it means that the program is able to be executed, or ran, on the device.

Normally glitches are a sign of some sort of error or unexpected problem, not something you would willingly execute. The dark alleyway of this card seems to be glitching, but through the broken open spaces in the image we can see the shining stars and swirling clouds of somewhere far off in space. This card has a very otherworldly surreal atmosphere to it.