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ANIME TAROT



EXPLORE *the* ARCHETYPES,
SYMBOLISM, and MAGIC in ANIME
INCLUDES 78 CARDS and GUIDEBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

WHY AN ANIME TAROT DECK?

While tarot has been around for hundreds of years, it's seen a grand revival in the last decade thanks to younger readers eager to learn how the cards can nurture intuition and spirituality in more creative, modern ways. In this guidebook, the classic symbolism of the tarot will be linked to the many fun archetypes in anime. As it turns out, there are plenty of connections!

Readers can engage with this deck in many ways to deepen their understanding of their inner world. They can ask a question or simply pull a card to serve as a predictor, guide, or companion for the day, month, or year.

Some things to note: the cards of the major arcana represent the Fool's spiritual journey, and so that's where the archetypes will shine. Valuing insight, creativity, and receptivity when interacting with these cards will help you mirror the Fool's progress. Try to come to the deck with openness and honesty so you can self-reflect in a more informed and

empowered way. Let the loving ode to the narrative traditions and artistic style of anime in the *Anime Tarot* deck offer you the inspiration and familiarity you need when embarking on your personal journey.

While tarot and anime use similar forms of archetypal storytelling, it should be noted that the pairings in this book were made subjectively; there are many ways to connect these two media. The pairings made here won't always be exact parallels—while connections can and will be made, readers are encouraged to explore further to understand the deeper nuances of the cards and their symbolism.

THE IMAGERY BEHIND ANIME TAROT

This tarot deck is built on the 1909 Rider-Waite deck, the most popular deck currently in use; however, the cards in *Anime Tarot* deviate from classic imagery to incorporate anime aesthetics and visuals. The major arcana cards (as well as the court cards of the minor arcana) are specifically paired with (and represented by) anime archetypes.

CARING FOR YOUR ANIME TAROT DECK

Over time, outside energies, as well as wear and tear, can alter your cards—especially if others have used your deck—so occasional cleansing is recommended. You can use incense (lavender, sage, frankincense, and myrrh are all appropriate candidates) or set crystals around and upon your deck (selenite, quartz, amethyst, and black tourmaline are all hardworking crystals that cleanse and dispel negative energy). You can leave crystals on a windowsill to be charged by a full moon, but be sure to remove them once you wake, since sunlight can bleach certain types of crystal.

At the end of the day, there are no official, hard-and-fast rules for caring for your tarot deck—just recommendations in order to ensure that the cards give accurate readings. Every person’s relationship with their deck is completely personal—and completely valid.

PREPARING FOR A READING

Readings have simple beginnings: you shuffle and cut the deck, and then, with a question in mind, you pull cards. The method of shuffling the cards doesn’t matter—shuffle in the way that feels right to you, as long as you concentrate on the question at hand while you do it.

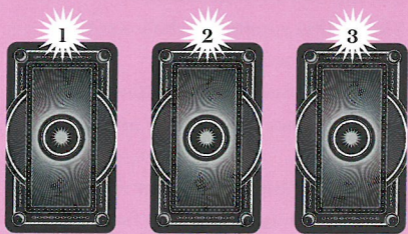


Tarot Card Spreads

There are a variety of card spreads for tarot. This guidebook will touch on two traditional spreads, along with the One-Card Pull.

This is the classic THREE-CARD SPREAD. It's pretty straightforward: from left to right, the cards represent the past, the present, and the future.



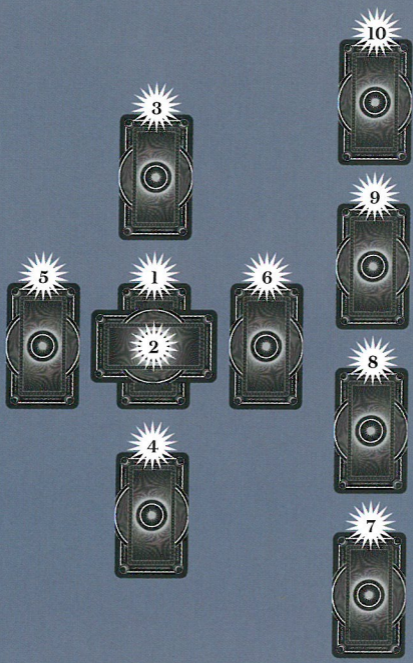


The **THREE-CARD SPREAD**

THE CELTIC CROSS SPREAD is perhaps the best known and most commonly used layout. This spread addresses several aspects of the reader's question to add nuance to the tarot's answer. The card roles are broken down as follows:

1. The question being asked or the questioner's current situation
2. Things that support or challenge the questioner or the situation
3. The foundation of the question, and what the questioner should focus on
4. The past
5. The possibilities involved, or what the questioner might be hoping for
6. The near future
7. The questioner and the energy they're bringing to the reading
8. The questioner's environment or outside influences, or the effects of those around the questioner (if the question is about someone in particular)
9. Hopes, fears, reminders, and warnings
10. The outcome





The **CELTIC CROSS SPREAD**



The **ONE-CARD PULL**



THE MAJOR ARCANA

As stated previously, the cards of the major arcana depict the Fool's journey. The Fool (card 0 of 21) represents the innocent and naïve seeker. This card also symbolizes the soul. Cards 1 through 21 map out the Fool's (or the soul's) journey toward enlightenment.

The major arcana can be divided into three groups of seven known as septenaries, or triads. These septenaries act as microcosms of the journey's three-act structure, from birth to death to spiritual actualization and enlightenment. Some refer to the septenaries as unconsciousness, consciousness, and higher consciousness, while others call them the personal, the societal, and the cosmic. The first septenary, which focuses on the development of the self, is made up of cards 0–7 (the Fool through the Chariot). The second septenary, which focuses on the development of the self within a larger, societal context, includes cards 8–14 (Strength through Temperance). The third and final septenary focuses on enlightenment and spiri-

tual development. This septenary includes cards 15–21 (the Devil through the World). Take inspiration from the Fool’s journey for your own life and spiritual development as you become better acquainted with the cards and their groupings.



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THE FOOL

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SHOUJO HEROINE

Attributes: New Beginnings, Spontaneity, Innocence or Naïveté, Adventure

Reversed Attributes: Recklessness, Restraint, Consideration

THE FOOL is starting on a new adventure on the path toward enlightenment. Taking a leap of faith, they set out on their journey with heartfelt abandon. The Fool may not know where they're going (or what awaits them on their path), but that doesn't stop them from fearlessly leaping into the unknown with enthusiastic idealism.

The Fool's analogue in anime is the Shoujo heroine. Usually a young woman (a high school student, more often than not), she shares the Fool's naive, enthusiastic innocence. Usually clumsy, idealistic, and sweet, the Shoujo heroine stumbles onto an adventure and commits to seeing it through, usually with newly made friends along the way.

WHEN REVERSED, this card tells you to pause and reconsider your decisions. Yes, intuition and idealism are great, but it's important not to ignore common sense. Things aren't always as they seem, so think ahead and look before you leap! Lastly, if you're surrounded by signs telling you to *go go go* but you're still hesitating, this card reversed tells you to stop hemming and hawing and go all in!

The Shoujo heroine appears in:

Kamisama Kiss (Nanami Momozono)

Wolf Girl and Black Prince (Erika Shinohara)

Fruits Basket (Tohru Honda)

Monthly Girls' Nozaki-kun (Chiyo Sakura)





THE MAGICIAN

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MAHOU SHOUJO (MAGICAL GIRL)

Attributes: Power, Creativity, Innovation, Manifestation, Resourcefulness

Reversed Attributes: Untapped or Blocked Power, Manipulation of Power

THE MAGICIAN has the potential to bring about desired outcomes by manifesting ideas into reality. They're unconventional, creative, powerful, and adaptable, able to make magic using creative thinking and the resources available to them. If you draw this card, you have the willpower and inspiration to take what you have and make magic with it.

The Magician's analogue in anime is the Mahou Shoujo, or Magical Girl. This character is powerfully capable. Despite the fact that others might view some of her attributes as hindrances to success (her age, background, temperament, cuteness, etc.), she can usually wield them to her advantage. Using her femininity, love, and moral values as power and inspiration, she transforms to fight the odds and protect those she cares for.

WHEN REVERSED, this card says that your power is either dormant or being wielded unfairly. Ask yourself whether what you're working to actualize has integrity, or if it lacks honor. Alternatively, someone could be taking advantage of your power for questionable ends. Think about who will benefit from your hard work. Lastly, if you feel blocked in the actualization of your goal, this card reversed encourages you to think innovatively. What's at your disposal? You can make what you have work!

The Mahou Shoujo appears in:

Sailor Moon (Usagi Tsukino)

Magical Girl Lyrical Nanoha (Nanoha Takamachi)

Cardcaptor Sakura (Sakura Kinomoto)

Puella Magi Madoka Magica (Madoka Kaname)



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THE HIGH PRIESTESS

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THE MIKO

Attributes: Intuition, Spirituality, the Divine Feminine, Subconscious, Duality

Reversed Attributes: Secrecy, Blocked or Neglected Intuition, Spiritual Denial

THE HIGH PRIESTESS calls for you to follow your intuition, connect with your spirituality, and search for deeper meanings. She's a spiritual teacher and a gatekeeper of hidden information that can be deciphered by digging into your subconscious and following your gut. Pulling the High Priestess means that turning inward and focusing on your inner life will help you live with integrity and wisdom. Meditation, prayer, journaling, and the like can help deepen your connection with yourself.

The High Priestess's analogue in anime is the Miko, a shrine maiden of the Shinto religion. Many Miko characters in anime are depicted as having innate spiritual powers and sacred, mystical intuition. They can even have second sight, an ability that can include seeing visions. The epitome of the divine feminine, these characters are usually born with latent abilities that awaken when most needed, although these abilities can also be cultivated with practice.

WHEN REVERSED, this card says that you may be ignoring your intuition, or that you may be keeping knowledge to yourself. Nurture your intuition and trust in yourself. Don't deny your spirituality—however it manifests for you—and be wary of secrecy when transparency is best.

The Miko appears in:

Inuyasha (Kagome Higurashi, Kikyo, Midoriko, and Kaede)

Sailor Moon (Rei Hino)

Cardcaptor Sakura (Kaho Mizuki)

Queen's Blade (Tomoe)



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THE EMPRESS

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YAMATO NADESHIKO

Attributes: Femininity, Nurture, Creativity, Abundance, Beauty, Motherhood

Reversed Attributes: Dependence, Blocked Creativity

THE EMPRESS represents creativity, motherhood, and femininity. She indicates there can be abundant growth, whether it be personal, professional, or interpersonal. She cares for herself and those around her, nurturing them with patient affection and love. Pulling the Empress is a sign to luxuriate in the beauty you see around you. Be inspired and create.

The Empress's analogue in anime is the Yamato Nadeshiko archetype. Translated as "flower of Japanese womanhood," a Yamato Nadeshiko is a woman with traditionally desirable and respected attributes. She is loyal, wise, nurturing, feminine, and beautiful. While occasionally depicted as docile and deferential (sometimes too much so), she can also be inspired, creative, and idealistic in her own right. She can have one hell of a backbone!

WHEN REVERSED, this card says that you're either hindering your growth by investing time and care in the wrong things or that you're experiencing a block in creativity or growth. Lastly, this card can signal an overdependence on or smothering of the thing you're trying to nurture.

The Yamato Nadeshiko appears in:

My Love Story!! (Rinko Yamato)

Inuyasha (Izayoi and Kikyo, pre-resurrection)

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba (Tamayo and Nezuko Kamado, pre-demonification)

Kimi ni Todoke (Sawako Kuronuma)

Oh My Goddess! (Belldandy)

Ai Yori Aoshi (Aoi Sakuraba)

Ranma ½ (Kasumi Tendo)

Kamisama Kiss (Yukiji)

Cardcaptor Sakura: Clear Card (Rika Sasaki)

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THE EMPEROR

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THE COMPANY BOSS

Attributes: Reliability, Authority, Rules and Regulations, Leadership, Discipline

Reversed Attributes: Domineeringness, Rigidity, Control Freak, Closed-Mindedness

A true leader, **THE EMPEROR** uses strategy and authority to create and maintain structure and manage responsibility effectively. The Emperor is skilled at approaching roadblocks in order to achieve goals and maintain order. He is a powerful paternal figure who offers firm direction from a place of experience and expertise.

The Emperor's analogue in anime is the Company Boss. There are many boss types in anime, from cruel and manipulative to dopey and friendly, but almost all are symbols of structure, authority, leadership, and discipline, whether or not they always stay true to these values. If the anime is set in high school, certain teachers can embody this role, especially if the high school is nontraditional.

WHEN REVERSED, this card warns that you're either going too far with these values or not going far enough. Is power being abused? Are you becoming domineering or overbearing? Perhaps the Emperor is calling on you to instead stand up to a flawed authority figure. This card reversed can also signify the need to nurture your self-discipline and to stop avoiding your power. Recommit yourself: lay down groundwork and achieve your goals!

The Company Boss appears in:

Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood (Roy Mustang)

One Piece (Zeff)

Aggretsuko (Mr. Ton)

My Hero Academia (Nezu)

Attack on Titan (Levi Ackerman)

Dragon Ball (Great Demon King Piccolo)



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THE HIEROPHANT

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THE MONK

Attributes: Spiritual Beliefs, Doctrine and Tradition, Education, Conformity

Reversed Attributes: Personal Beliefs, Veering from the Status Quo

Often seen as the male counterpart to the High Priestess, **THE HIEROPHANT** leans less toward personal intuition and more toward the wisdom, tradition, and knowledge of trusted authority figures. He asks you to listen to institutional knowledge and represents the tried-and-true way of doing things. If you're looking for advice or understanding, this card may be pointing you to a mentor who can guide you through a challenging situation, one who can help you explore spiritual enlightenment (whatever that looks like for you).

The Hierophant's analogue in anime is the Monk. Buddhist monks frequently make appearances in anime, particularly those with historical settings. They represent the hierarchical world of religious practice, and whether or not these holy men stay true to their vows, they gain power through spiritual training. Whereas Miko are depicted as having innate spiritual powers, Monks often rely on their education, including their knowledge of Buddhist sutras, to exorcise evil.

WHEN REVERSED, this card may indicate that you're relying too much on institutions. Challenge the status quo to make your own path. The reversed Hierophant may also suggest that you're going too much against the grain by rejecting necessary common mores and that you should instead pay more attention to your elders. It's a reminder to listen to those who have more experience than yourself.

The Monk appears in:

Inuyasha (Miroku)

Rurouni Kenshin (Yukyuzan Anji)

Corpse Princess (Sadahiro Mibu)

Good Luck Girl! (Bobby)

Saiyuki (Genjo Sanzo)

Nurarihyon no Mago (Kurotabo)



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THE LOVERS

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HIGH SCHOOL CRUSHES (KOU-KOUJIDAI NO KOIBITO)

Attributes: Love, Connection, Harmony, Fulfillment, Aligning Values

Reversed Attributes: Uncertainty, Disharmony, Misalignment, Temptation

THE LOVERS aim for harmony, both with each other and within themselves. Individually, each Lover is learning what they value and desire. This knowledge helps them come together in a loving, tender, and vulnerable relationship, unifying in an intentional and honest way. The Lovers signify meaningful, vulnerable connections (not always romantic in nature) with others.

The Lovers' analogue in anime is best expressed by Kou-koujidai no Koibito, or High School Crushes. The young lovers are still discovering themselves, and each other. This journey to self-discovery aligns them with each other as they learn to be vulnerable and to communicate. Only once each person has identified their true values and desires are they finally able to come together in harmony to create a whole that's more than the sum of its parts.

WHEN REVERSED, the Lovers may indicate disharmony: something may be off in a relationship with a loved one. Perhaps the communication is strained, or maybe you and your crush don't share the same values. The Lovers reversed may also indicate that you're not in harmony with yourself, that you and your partner are being pulled apart by outside influences, or that you're uncertain about the partnership.

High School Crushes appear in:

Say "I Love You" (Mei Tachibana and Yamato Kurosawa)

Blue Spring Ride (Futaba Yoshioka and Kou Mabuchi)

Kimi ni Todoke (Sawako Kuronuma and Shota Kazehaya)

My Little Monster (Haru Yoshida and Shizuku Mizutani)

Maid Sama! (Misaki Ayuzawa and Takumi Usui)

My Love Story!! (Rinko Yamato and Takeo Gōda)

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THE CHARIOT

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THE BIG BROTHER (ANIKI OR ONII-SAN)

Attributes: Willpower, Success, Assurance, Action, Momentum

Reversed Attributes: Lack of Direction, Lack of Momentum, Ego

THE CHARIOT takes what the Lovers teach about self-knowledge and understanding and forges it into a tool of courageous success. The Chariot charges forward with determination. While challenges and roadblocks are inevitable, you will, in the end, prevail!

The Chariot's analogue in anime is the Big Brother, or Aniki or Onii-san. This character may encounter challenges, but he never stops trying to be there for those in his charge. He wants everyone to maintain their momentum and their confidence in their ability to reach their goals. A role model of conviction, support, and encouragement, he'll always have their back, help them move forward, and have faith in them.

WHEN REVERSED, the Chariot may remind you to focus on your goals. Perhaps you're lacking motivation or direction, or you're too focused on yourself instead of the goal at hand. Alternatively, it may suggest you're out of balance and too focused on your goals, and that you're losing track of the world around you as you hurtle forward. The Chariot is a symbol of power, so its reversed appearance may indicate that you feel powerless. Now is the time to take the reins and start steering for yourself. Make Onii-san proud!

The Big Brother appears in:

Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood (Edward Elric)

Naruto (Itachi Uchiha)

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba (Tanjiro Kamado)

Code Geass (Lelouch Lamperouge)

One Piece (Portgas D. Ace)

The Prince of Tennis (Fuji Shūsuke)

Super Lovers (Haru Kaidō)

Ao no Exorcist (Yukio Okumura)

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STRENGTH

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SAMURAI

Attributes: Strength, Courage, Compassion, Perseverance

Reversed Attributes: Self-Doubt, Forcefulness, Passivity

Like the Chariot, the **STRENGTH** card encourages you to face obstacles head-on. Unique to this card is a focus on inner strength, perseverance, and compassion. There's no heavy-handed forcing going on here; it's all about emotional and mental strength, and the strength of your character. Let honor, self-discipline, and self-respect help manifest your vision. Thanks to the power of compassion, kindness, and conviction, you're already stronger than you may know.

Strength's analogue in anime is the Samurai. Frequently appearing in historical anime, the Samurai were military nobility of medieval and early modern Japan. They typically adhered to codes of honor, courage, and dignity, but anime representations vary based on the character's backstory. While they were paid retainers of the daimyo (feudal landholders), Samurai were depicted in Japanese propaganda as beloved warriors of the people.

WHEN REVERSED, the Strength card warns that you're either being too forceful or too complacent. Try to focus on the upright attributes of this card and help guide things to unfold organically—don't shoehorn or force events just because you want or need them to come to pass. Lastly, don't be afraid to take responsibility and step into your power and fortitude to help make things happen.

The Samurai appears in:

Rurouni Kenshin (Kenshin Himura)

Gintama (Gintoki Sakata)

Bleach (Byakuya Kuchiki and Sajin Komamura)

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba (Yoriichi Tsugikuni)

Stranger Mukōhadan (Nanashi)

Samurai Champloo (Jin)

One Piece (Foxfire Kin'emon)

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THE HERMIT

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HIKIKOMORI

Attributes: Soul-Searching, Solitude, Introspection, Wisdom

Reversed Attributes: Isolation, Loneliness

THE HERMIT is removed from society; their attention is internally focused. Disregarding the distractions of everyday life, the Hermit knows that true knowledge and development begin on the path of self-discovery. In this way, the Hermit invites you to do some introspection. If you're seeking answers, look no further than within—there you'll see what you're looking for.

The Hermit's analogue in anime is Hikikomori. These modern-day hermits remove themselves from society—specifically social situations—in order to be alone. Social media and the internet usually allow them to maintain isolation while finding new ways to connect and learn. These shut-ins are depicted in a variety of ways in anime, from agoraphobes to mysophobes to generally antisocial individuals.

WHEN REVERSED, this card tells you that you're either going too far or not far enough in your introspection and solitude. If you've already spent a good deal of time thinking on your own, your self-obsession could be setting you up for some major loneliness. While inner development is admirable, maintaining and fostering connections can also be sources of growth and joy. Don't shut them out completely. Lastly, be sure not to ignore the wisdom, inner guidance, and spirituality being shared with you.

Hikikomori appear in:

The Pet Girl of Sakurasou (Ryuunosuke Akasaka)

Eden of the East (Yutaka Itazu)

Rozen Maiden (Jun Sakurada)

NHK ni Youkoso! (Tatsuhiko Satou)

Re:Zero—Starting Life in Another World (Subaru Natsuki)

March Comes in Like a Lion (Rei Kiriya)

Anohana: The Flower We Saw That Day (Jinta “Jintan” Yadomi)



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WHEEL OF FORTUNE

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THE MAGICAL ANIMAL MENTOR

Attributes: Destiny, Karma, Luck, Fate, Change, Fortune

Reversed Attributes: Bad Luck, Resistance to Change, Standstill

The **WHEEL OF FORTUNE** encourages you to have faith in the universe: If you're encountering an obstacle or going through a rut, the tides will soon change and good fortune will rear its head again. Look inward and aim to manifest your goals; fate will help push you toward them. Be on the lookout for assistance—those around you might be willing and able to step up and guide you along your journey. Count on them whenever you need support to weather the unpredictable shifts of current events. You never know whether oncoming changes might bring about a profound turning point!

The Wheel of Fortune's analogue in anime is the Magical Animal Mentor. Many heroes and heroines are unaware of their profound destinies until a Magical Animal Mentor informs them about their fates. These enlightened creatures reveal just how much magic is at work in the characters' worlds. They advise and guide those around them toward their destinies. Their knowledge of the language of fate and the karma-bound workings of the universe make them invaluable allies and teachers.

WHEN REVERSED, this card tells you to prepare for a bumpy ride: Your luck may be running out, so be ready for a sudden change. View this warning as an opportunity to take the reins and be proactive. Alternatively, this card warns against being resistant to change, or tells you that things have come to a standstill.

Magical Animal Mentors appear in:

Sailor Moon (Luna, Artemis, and Diana)

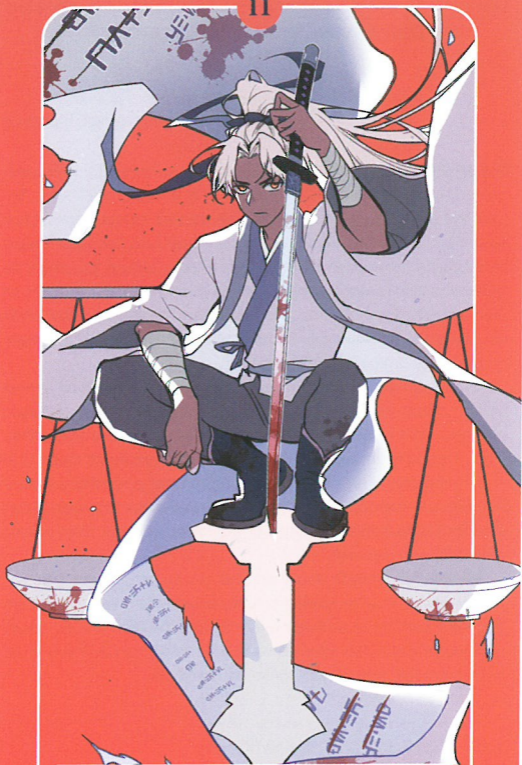
Cardcaptor Sakura (Cerberus)

Re:Zero—Starting Life in Another World (Puck)

Puella Magi Madoka Magica (Kyubey)

Natsume's Book of Friends (Madara)

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JUSTICE

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THE VIGILANTE

Attributes: Justice, Truth, Equity, Fairness, Objectivity

Reversed Attributes: Dishonesty, Unfairness, Subjectivity

You've been called to face your actions, and it is **JUSTICE** that will judge you. If you've acted with fairness and honesty, then you should have no fear. If, however, you've acted dishonestly and selfishly, the appropriate consequences will be levied. Perhaps you're considering the merit of a particular course of action, or the pros and cons of a decision. If so, this card recommends you be like Justice and remove emotions from the situation in order to make a fair choice.

Justice's analogue in anime is the Vigilante. The Vigilante brings criminals to justice by any means necessary. Although the Vigilante breaks the law, they know laws are flawed. Whether they're an anti-hero, a delusional villain, or a well-intentioned extremist, the Vigilante cares so much about righting wrongs and achieving justice that they're sometimes surprised that they've made enemies along the way. The one thing to note, however, is that the Vigilante's idea of justice is personal and subjective.

WHEN REVERSED, Justice shares some commonality with the flaws of the Vigilante. The reversed card suggests that you know you've done something that isn't morally right, and whether or not you own up to this deed, you must live with this truth. Look beyond your desires, your ego, and your biases in order to get back to truth. Don't let your judgment be overruled by emotion.

Vigilantes appear in:

Bleach (Kaname Tōsen)

Code Geass (Lelouch vi Britannia)

Psycho-Pass (Shinya Kogami)

Eden of the East (Kuroha Diana Shiratori)

Monster (Dr. Kenzō Tenma)

Future Diary (Yomotsu Hirasaka)

Akame ga Kill! (Seryu Ubiquitous)

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THE HANGED MAN

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ISEKAI HERO OR HEROINE

Attributes: New Perspectives, Letting Go, Pausing, Trust

Reversed Attributes: Distrust, Delays, Resistance, Stalling

THE HANGED MAN is paused, letting what he knows go in order to embrace his new reality. This is exactly what this card suggests you do, too: trust and embrace your new reality. The Hanged Man is all about putting things on hold to look at the world from a new point of view. Sometimes these pauses are taken to allow time to reevaluate a situation. Other times, however, the universe forces these pauses, stopping you so it can pull the proverbial rug out from underneath you. Learn to trust in the universe when this happens. Things will look different after your fall. Pay attention to this new perspective and surrender to it.

The Hanged Man's analogue in anime is the Isekai hero or heroine. Isekai have characters who've been transported to other worlds, places that usually have magic and rules that are vastly different from those the character is used to. Once transported, the hero or heroine must pause and reevaluate. They have to fully consider their new surroundings and decide how to move forward. Eventually, they surrender to their changed circumstances and embrace what comes, leading them toward adventure, success, romance, and self-sufficiency.

WHEN THIS CARD APPEARS REVERSED, it indicates procrastination, lack of trust, and delays. You aren't putting your trust in the universe; you're just trying to fight the inevitable. When the Hanged Man is reversed, he appears, ironically, to be standing. He suggests that you've waited long enough: make that move, take that step, and do that thing.

Isekai heroes or heroines appear in:

Spirited Away (Chihiro Ogino)

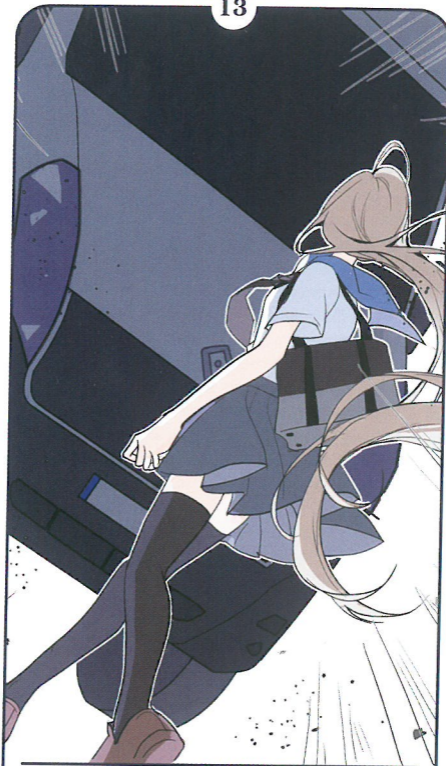
Inuyasha (Kagome Higurashi)

Kakuriyo: Bed & Breakfast for Spirits (Aoi Tsubaki)

Re:Zero—Starting Life in Another World (Subaru Natsuki)

That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime (Rimuru Tempest)

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DEATH

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TRUCK-KUN

Attributes: Endings, Rebirth, Change, Transformation, Letting Go

Reversed Attributes: Denial, Resistance to Change

It can seem frightening, but **DEATH** is really a positive card that signifies change: One phase is ending, and now you're entering a new one. This change can feel sudden—it might be scary or painful, and it may involve grief—but remember that Death heralds new beginnings, too. Growing pains are signs of progress. Leave behind unnecessary and harmful attachments so you can better embrace the new you.

Death's best analogue in anime is Truck-kun. In many Isekai shows, main characters are killed in our world by trucks (or occasionally cars), affectionately known to meme enthusiasts as Truck-kun. While Truck-kun does cause one form of ending—the character is dead in their original world—it's an integral part of the main character's transportation to a new world, one where they can explore, learn, and grow. The real story cannot begin until the previous one ends. Truck-kun is not a villain: it's the catalyst for a new adventure.

WHEN REVERSED, the Death card indicates that you're resisting a change that's occurring and refusing to accept an ending. You may feel stuck or trapped, or that nothing you do results in the desired outcome. Death suggests that this is because you're holding on to the past—perhaps an old way of doing things or an old relationship—and that you're reluctant to move on. Only by letting go of the past can you truly take the leap and make the change.

Truck-kun appears in:

Kono Oto Tomare! Sounds of Life

YuYu Hakusho

Steins;Gate

Fuuka

Mushoku Tensei: Jobless Reincarnation

Death Note

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TEMPERANCE

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THE PACIFIST

Attributes: Balance, Healing, Patience, Purpose, Connection

Reversed Attributes: Imbalance, Extremes, Realignment

TEMPERANCE encourages you to stabilize and rectify, to return to order and balance. Aim for serenity and view things objectively to create more harmonious unions. Maintain and foster peace and focus on moderation. Collaborate creatively with others to combine and connect disparate thoughts, experiences, and points of view to create something new and better for everyone. This will require work and will have its ups and downs, but if you prioritize patience and consideration over rash thinking, you can achieve harmony.

Temperance's analogue in anime is the Pacifist. These characters prioritize diplomacy, peace, moderation, and compassion when others' emotions get the best of them. They put aside grudges in order to problem-solve creatively, maintain order, and keep the peace. If they must fight, it's usually to defend that peace or to protect those in need—and even then, Pacifists do so as a last resort, with heavy hearts, and in surprising, innovative ways.

WHEN REVERSED, this card warns of severe extremes. Imbalance is the issue, usually due to overindulgence, ignoring feelings, or trying to force an issue. It's up to you to either restore order or accept that what you're trying to actualize just won't come to pass.

The Pacifist appears in:

Bleach (Orihime Inoue and Oscar Joaquín de la Rosa)

Trigun (Vash the Stampede)

Howl's Moving Castle (Howl Jenkins Pendragon)

One Piece (King Riku Doldo III)

Rurouni Kenshin (Himura Kenshin)

Code Geass (Euphemia li Britannia)

Hunter x Hunter (Prince Halckenburg Hui Guo Rou)

Mobile Suit Gundam Wing (Relena Darlian)



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THE DEVIL

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YANDERE

Attributes: Oppression, Addiction, Sexuality, Temptation

Reversed Attributes: Release, Change, Breaking the Cycle

THE DEVIL has two sides: One side encourages you to delight in the pleasures of life, such as lust, decadence, and indulgence; the other warns of unhealthy attachment and addiction. Are there negative vices that continuously bring you down and hold you back? Don't let reasonable indulgences become toxic. The Devil is unfulfilled, and tries to achieve fulfillment with the same short-term solutions over and over again. You may be falling victim to a cycle, trapped in bad habits and toxic dependencies that lead you down the wrong path. Check in with yourself and your habits when this card appears. Are you restricting yourself from indulging, or have you delved too far into decadence?

The Devil's analogue in anime is the Yandere. Yanderes are usually depicted as girls or women (but they can occasionally be men) who are mentally and emotionally unstable and obsessed with an object of love or affection. Their obsession with a goal or lifestyle has gone too far and become oppressive, turning something that was initially idealistic destructive and harmful. The Yandere's obsession dominates their actions, terrorizing and tainting the object of their passion. What should be a good thing has, for the Yandere, become toxic.

REVERSED, this card is a call to action or a harbinger of change. You're ready to break the cycle of addiction, unhealthy habits, and problematic dependencies and move forward to become a more fulfilled and happier you. Release yourself from those chains!

The Yandere appears in:

Inuyasha (both Naraku and Kikyō, post-resurrection)

Death Note (Light Yagami)

Fruits Basket (Akito Sohma)

Elfen Lied (Lucy)

Kono Oto Tomare! Sounds of Life (Akira Dōjima)

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THE TOWER

MAGICAL OR NARRATIVE ABOMINATION

Attributes: Destruction, Chaos, Upheaval, Consequences

Reversed Attributes: Collateral Damage, Transformation

Get ready for a shake-up, because **THE TOWER** is alerting you about a storm on the horizon. Some drastic change is coming, and it won't be pretty. Death, bankruptcy, job loss, a breakup, injury, and the like follow this card, and there's nothing you can do about it except embrace the chaos. Let the world you know crash and burn so that you can build a newer, more stable one. This sudden change is hard, painful, and all-consuming, but as with any form of destruction, re-birth will follow.

The Tower's analogue in anime is the Magical or Narrative Abomination. These Abominations often warp reality; they're incomprehensible and do not subscribe to general logic and rules. Characters rarely have any idea what the motives of the Abominations are—but whether or not those intentions are made known, an Abomination's arrival ensures that chaos, upheaval, and change will occur. Dealing with the Abomination is often the only way for characters to move forward.

REVERSED, the Tower hints that you're instigating a substantial personal upheaval. Whether an internal reckoning, an existential crisis, or a spiritual awakening, you're shedding your former self in order to step into a newer, more powerful you. This card reversed can also indicate that you're resisting inevitable changes. Some general advice? Don't. Accept what's coming. Lastly, this card warns about getting caught up in the collapse of someone else's life. Try to be there for others while preventing yourself from becoming collateral damage.

Magical or Narrative Abominations appear in:

Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood (the Gate)

JoJo's Bizarre Adventure (Vento Aureo)

Attack on Titan (Founding Titan)

The Ancient Magus' Bride (Ashen Eye and Cartaphilus)

Rosario + Vampire (Alucard)

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THE STAR

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THE OPTIMIST

Attributes: Faith, Creativity, Vision, Hope, Inspiration, Healing

Reversed Attributes: Despair, Disconnection, Obliviousness

Stars have always been tools for navigation and guidance. **THE STAR** card does this for us: when pulled, it says we're heading in the right direction. The Star heralds a time of inspiration and personal growth. After a period of chaos, you're ready to rise to newer, better heights. The Star encourages you to heal and hope again: The new you has a bright future and a great purpose. Connect with faith, creativity, and inspiration once more, and move toward the future with openness and compassion. Our thoughts and intentions can move mountains if only we breathe life into them.

The Star's analogue in anime is the Optimist. These characters stay determined and purposeful despite any negative outside noise. They're committed to their ideals and their faith, and they stand firm in their purpose. Many of these characters are spiritually inclined, believing that the heavens will be their guiding light and make everything right in the end.

THIS CARD REVERSED indicates a loss (or latent sense) of faith or hope that settles into despair over the pain you've gone through recently. The Star encourages you to stand firm and trust that everything will work out. You've come through the fire and are stronger than ever; have faith in yourself! Lastly, this card reversed could hint at obliviousness: have you been missing or ignoring guiding signs?

The Optimist appears in:

Yona of the Dawn (Ik-Soo)

Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood (Alphonse Elric)

One Piece (Monkey D. Luffy)

Fairy Tail (Natsu Dragneel)

Naruto (Rock Lee)

My Hero Academia (Ochaco Uraraka)



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THE MOON

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TSUNDERE

Attributes: Illusion, Dreams, Fear, Anxiety, Instinct

Reversed Attributes: Inner Turmoil, Ignoring the Subconscious

THE MOON reminds you that all your unprocessed trauma and complicated instincts are influencing you. Everything stewing in the subconscious comes forth with this card. While it's important to acknowledge and listen to fears and anxieties, don't let them overtake you. Explore these things to connect to yourself and nurture your intuition, then work to let go of the past so you can move on without all that baggage. Shake off those chains and run free.

The Moon's analogue in anime is the Tsundere. The term *tsundere* refers to a person that can seem harsh, prickly, and irritable on the outside—usually due to insecurity, fear, or defensiveness—and tender and vulnerable on the inside. Despite all their talk, the Tsundere just wants to be loved. Their inner life is brimming with feelings, and they oscillate between kindness and grouchiness because of the conflict between their emotions and their panicked reactions to those emotions. Tsundere character growth usually occurs when they're finally able to let down their walls and take the plunge toward happiness. The Moon encourages you to do the same.

REVERSED, this card suggests that instead of exploring your subconscious, you're ignoring it altogether. Don't repress your instincts and emotions. Connect to the wild subconsciousness within you, shed all your childhood baggage, and accept who you are and what you want.

Tsundere appear in:

Toradora! (Taiga Aisaka)

Blue Exorcist (Izumo Kamiki)

Fruits Basket (Kyo Sohma)

Inuyasha (Inuyasha)

Ranma ½ (Akane Tendo)

Trigun (Meryl Stryfe)

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THE SUN

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MOE

Attributes: Warmth, Joy, Success, Enthusiasm, Recognition

Reversed Attributes: Optimism, Freedom from Care, Trouble

Seeing the Bright Side

Coming out of the inner turmoil and conflict of the Star and the Moon, **THE SUN** promises sunny days ahead. You've done the work to process past trauma, stepped into your power, and owned who you truly are. The Sun's rays illuminate your future, clear away confusion, and eradicate anger. With this type of energy, confidence, recognition, and success are natural conclusions. Now all that's left to do is shine bright!

The Sun's analogue in anime is Moe. Moes are precious, warm, upbeat, and positive characters—kind and joyful youths who usually support main characters as sunny, optimistic counterparts to complex and dramatic plot points. They might have backstories that, once revealed, show that they, too, have gone through trauma, but no matter how painful their past, these characters always have smiles to offer.

REVERSED, the Sun card can hint at a few different things: either you're having difficulty seeing and appreciating the silver linings in life, or your successes and celebrations are taking longer to actualize. Be patient, because happiness, joy, and love are on the horizon—but be careful to not be overly optimistic. Check with those you trust to make sure you're being realistic.

Moes appear in:

Yona of the Dawn (Tae-Yeon)

Berserk (Erika and Princess Charlotte)

Jojo's Bizarre Adventure: Vento Aureo (Narancia Ghirga)

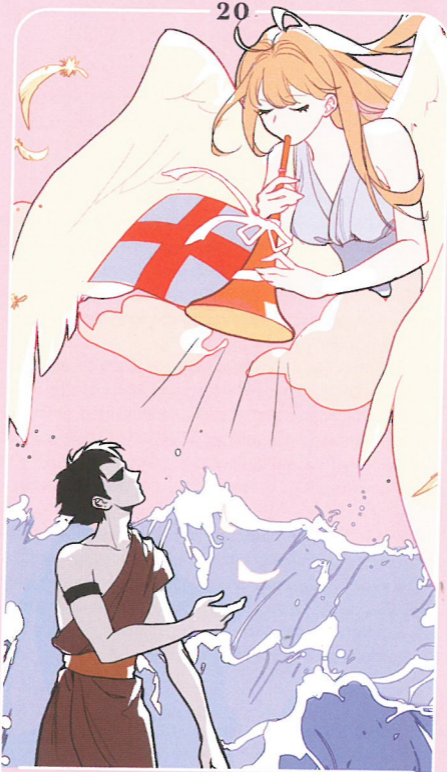
March Comes in Like a Lion (Momo Kawamoto)

Kyoukai no Kanata (Mirai Kuriyama)

Fruits Basket (Momiji Sohma)



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JUDGMENT

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THE ATONER

Attributes: Judgment, Absolution, Rebirth

Reversed Attributes: Over-Criticism, Inner Saboteur, Introspection

The **JUDGMENT** card arrives when you need to make an important decision or you're experiencing a major revelation. You're on the precipice of a truly momentous part of your life, a crossroads where the choice of direction to go in next will change everything. Judgment asks you to remember all the lessons you've learned along the way; you're nearing the end of the Fool's Journey and have experienced almost everything there is to experience, so take what you've learned and put it to use moving forward. Let past experiences and your intuition inform your future choices. Step into your newer self and your higher calling.

Judgment's analogue in anime is the Atoner. Realizing the error of their past ways, the Atoner purges all resentment in order to achieve betterment. Whatever trauma and damage they've caused is now inspiration for them to change and progress. They're taking their experiences and using them as fuel. They're finding their higher purpose.

WHEN REVERSED, Judgment recommends introspection. The first step toward healing and progress is often forgiveness; you can't move forward if shame and anger are holding you back, or if you're being overly critical of yourself and others. While accountability and criticism are important to an extent, don't let fear or guilt hold you down or prevent you from growing.

The Atoner appears in:

Rurouni Kenshin (Kenshin Himura)

Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood (Edward Elric)

Trigun (Vash the Stampede and Rem Saverem)

Fruits Basket (Akito Sohma and Kazuma Sohma)

Naruto (Nagato, Obito Uchiha, and Sasuke Uchiha)

A Silent Voice (Shōya Ishida)

My Hero Academia (Endeavor)

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THE WORLD

THE TRAVELER (TABIBITO)

Attributes: Completion, Large-Scale Travel, Celebration, Unity

Reversed Attributes: Unrealized Closure, Shortcuts, Stalling

The Fool has reached the end of their journey with **THE WORLD**, a card that brings a sense of fulfillment, wholeness, and closure. Whatever the long-term goal—a literal or metaphysical journey, a graduation, or even a long-time-coming promotion—all the necessary pieces have come together successfully. This particular journey has ended, and you're onto the next phase. If you haven't quite accomplished your goal, you're on the precipice of doing so! This card can also more literally reference a grand journey on the horizon; from studying abroad to backpacking to wwoofing (educational farming exchanges), traveling could be on the itinerary.

The World's analogue in anime is the Traveler. This character's growth is tied intrinsically to their journey. Their arc is inseparable from their never-ending travels: They're searching for acceptance, knowledge, or a new frontier. The end of their journey often leads to the beginning of their next one.

THIS CARD REVERSED indicates that you might lack closure due to an inability to let the past go. Alternatively, you might be taking shortcuts toward the completion of your grand journey, robbing you of the life lessons needed to make the travel worthwhile. Overcoming difficulties is what creates a true sense of achievement. It's also possible that you're reluctant to move on to the next phase of your life, and the appearance of this card assures you that you're ready. Take the plunge!

The Traveler appears in:

Wolf's Rain (all of the main cast)

Mushishi (Ginko)

Kino's Journey (Kino)

Spice and Wolf (Kraft Lawrence and Holo)

Trigun (Vash the Stampede and Nicholas D. Wolfwood)

Yona of the Dawn (Yona)



THE MINOR ARCANA

While the cards of the Major Arcana comment on monumental milestones, those of the Minor Arcana refer to the specific, everyday things that occur in day-to-day life. Traditionally, the Minor Arcana hint at temporary effects, contexts, and influences, while the Major Arcana detail deeper, more overarching phases.

Each suit of the Minor Arcana is associated with certain traits, astrological signs, and elements:

Wands Connect with Fire Signs

Leo, Sagittarius, and Aries; creativity, manifestation, energy, and vision.

Cups Connect with Water Signs

Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces; emotions, relationships, spirituality, and intuition.

Swords Connect with Air Signs

Aquarius, Libra, and Gemini; communication, ideologies, criticism, and intellect.

Pentacles Connect with Earth Signs

Virgo, Taurus, and Capricorn; resources, career, health, and finances.

THE COURT CARDS

The court cards each represent a certain level of mastery, personality, and growth, or even certain people in your life, or a type of messenger. Each suit has one of each of the following roles, all bringing their particular maturity, knowledge, and progress to the question at hand.

Pages:

Pages are beginners and apprentices. They're curious, youthful, and inspired.

Knights:

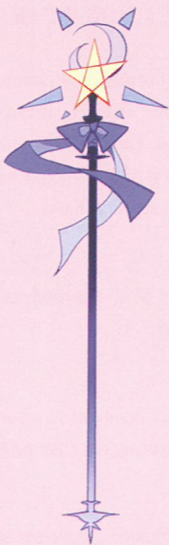
Knights are skilled but have yet to attain mastery. They're passionate but still figuring out their path.

Queens:

Queens are self-sufficient, independent, and nurturing. They've achieved a level of mastery and work to foster and cultivate their suit's qualities.

Kings:

Kings are masters of their craft. They're seen as authority figures in their respective spaces.



ACE OF WANDS

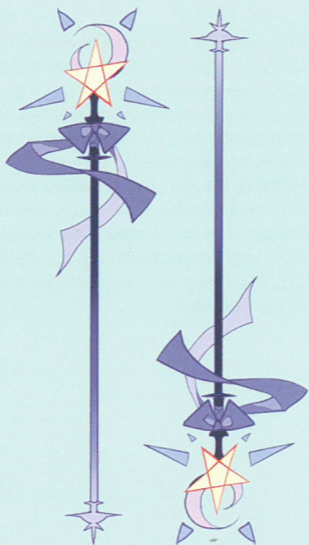
≡ ACE OF WANDS ≡

Attributes: Beginnings, Manifestation, Inspiration

Reversed Attributes: Setbacks, Lack of Conviction, Inspirational Blocks

This card's arrival signals the beginning of an exciting new endeavor. Be fearless: Follow your inspirations, let the creative juices flow, and turn all that fantastic opportunity into reality. You're literally magical! Whether a cutie has caught your interest or new ideas are developing for your latest work project, this card signifies that powerful sparks of enthusiasm, passion, and manifestation are firing.

WHEN REVERSED, the Ace of Wands warns of creative blocks or the absence of willpower. You're no longer excited about that cutie you chatted up last week, and none of the ideas you thought of panned out for your work venture. While fluctuating feelings and poor results are natural, see if there aren't some internal adjustments you can make to reignite that flame.



TWO OF WANDS

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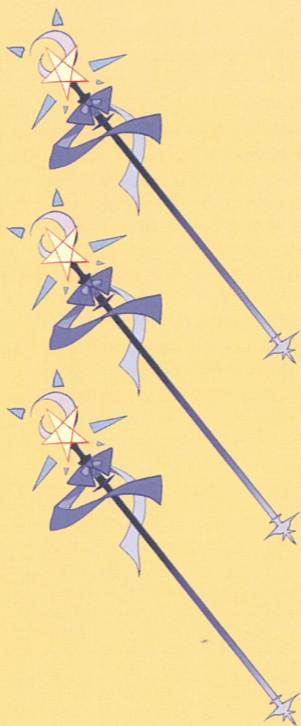
Attributes: Ambition, Partnership, Potential, Exploration

Reversed Attributes: Hesitation, Struggle, Unanticipated Difficulties

The **TWO OF WANDS** encourages you to examine all the options before you to take that drive of yours and channel it toward success. This is an optimistic card that loves exploration and collaboration. You could be exploring the dating scene with glee or trying new things to spice up your current affair; at work you could be cooking up something special with a new colleague or traveling thanks to a new opportunity. You're ready to grow, and the Two of Wands is encouraging you to do so.

WHEN REVERSED, this card warns of either giving up too soon or acting too quickly on your new venture. You may be excited to start, but that doesn't mean you should forgo planning or following through. Lay the groundwork and see this thing to the finish line!





THREE OF WANDS

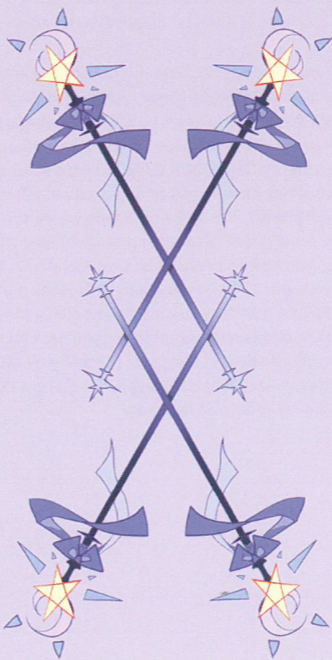
≡ THREE OF WANDS ≡

Attributes: Action, Productivity, Strategy, Unfolding

Reversed Attributes: Delays, Competition, Miscommunication

Everything's gone right so far, and you're finally able to set things in motion. Your projects are no longer just ideas but are actually becoming reality! All that good energy you've put out into the world is coming back to you. Building on the collaboration and partnership of the Two of Wands, the **THREE OF WANDS** keeps your network moving in support of your vision as it comes to fruition.

WHEN REVERSED, the Three of Wands warns of potential pitfalls that may come due to hangups and miscommunication. Breathe through your rising blood pressure and recalibrate. So what if your partner left you on read when you asked where their part of the presentation was? You have time to whip up something to keep the ball rolling. And that person who has yet to text you back about your next date? Stop worrying about it. If you want to turn your attention elsewhere, that's valid—but if you felt a genuine spark, a little patience and understanding could go a long way.



FOUR OF WANDS

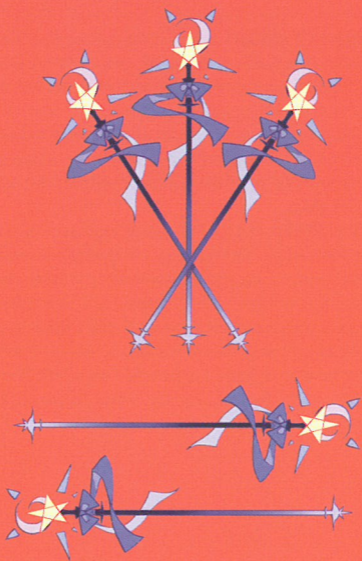
≡ FOUR OF WANDS ≡

Attributes: Success, Security, Celebration, Rewards, Joy

Reversed Attributes: Self-Doubt, Unmet Expectations, Delays

When the **FOUR OF WANDS** arrives, it heralds achievements on an individual and communal level. Reap the rewards for the groundwork you've laid. Whether you've received a well-deserved title change at work or graduated from an educational program, revel in this momentous milestone! You've done a lot of great work to make it this far, but don't forget the supportive people who've helped you along the way. They saw your potential all along. Celebrate this new fantastic normal with them.

WHEN REVERSED, the Four of Wands imposes a caveat on your celebration and success. Perhaps you don't feel deserving of the rewards you've received, so you're experiencing impostor syndrome; you've gotten a promotion, but it means you'll report to someone new who has a peculiar managerial style you'll have to adjust to; or you finally bought your dream home, but you can't move in yet because you have to do some construction work first. Sometimes it rains on your parade, but that shouldn't stop the parade from happening! Celebrate with your loved ones regardless.



FIVE OF WANDS

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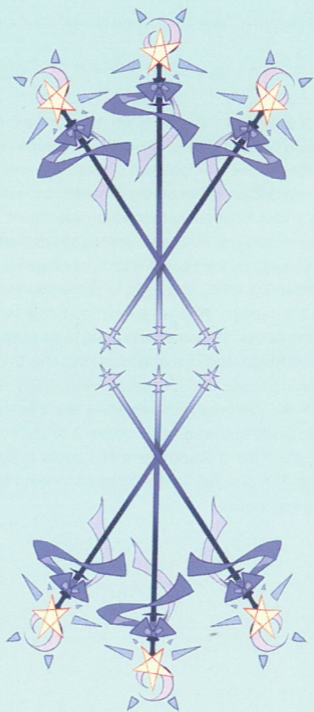
Attributes: Adversity, Transition, Uncertainty, Competition, Tension

Reversed Attributes: Ignorance of Conflict, Resolution

Get ready for a challenge, and get ready to respond creatively! The **FIVE OF WANDS** hints at conflict and adversity that fuels your ambition in response. A new element has entered the fray and shaken things up. A negotiation is becoming involved and tense; perhaps you and your partner are arguing over which apartment to move into. This clash of personalities, wills, and desires shows that the security and harmony brought by the Four of Wands has transitioned to a new state of growth and conflict. You want to prove yourself, and you're eager to make it happen. With all growth comes growing pains; in order to become better, we sometimes need to be pushed.

WHEN REVERSED, the Five of Wands indicates that you may be ignoring conflict in hopes that it'll just go away. News flash: it won't. Conflict may make you wary, but deflecting won't help; you need to resolve things. Ignoring tension only allows it to fester and become worse. Lastly, the Five of Wands reversed could indicate a reconciliation after all this conflict. Take a moment to savor the peace and learn from the experience.





SIX OF WANDS

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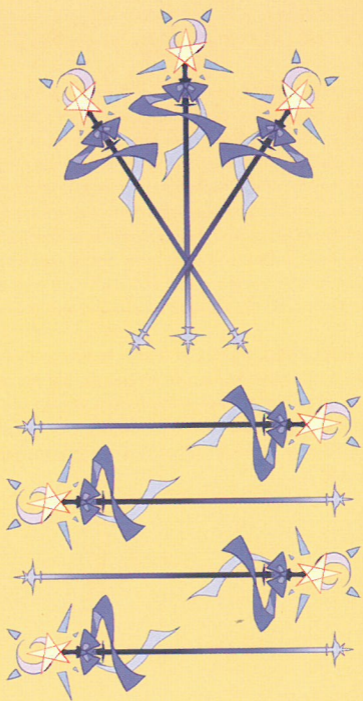
Attributes: Validation, Harmony, Victory, Success, Recognition

Reversed Attributes: Being Let Down, Delayed Recognition

After you've come through the conflict of the Five of Wands, the **SIX OF WANDS** arrives with a validating, harmonious moment of success. Perhaps you've emerged from the conflict more self-assured or more competent; either way, the Six of Wands says that all that struggle has paid off. Tough workplace competition might eventually lead to a promotion. You and your significant other may have been at odds, but you've made up and your relationship is stronger than ever because you both understand each other better now. Grad school was hard, but now you've graduated and you've got your doctorate. Mount that diploma on the wall and receive the recognition you deserve.

WHEN REVERSED, the Six of Wands indicates that you may have to wait a bit longer to reap your rewards, but things are just on hold, not off the table. Maybe the person who should give you recognition has let you down in some way. Don't let this affect your self-esteem, however. You worked hard to get where you are, so revel in your success.





SEVEN OF WANDS

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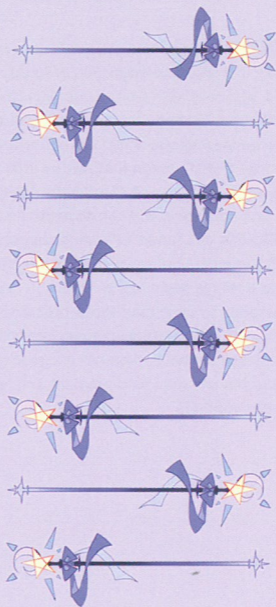
Attributes: Self-Defense, Resilience, Determination, Courage

Reversed Attributes: Insecurity, Backing Down

The **SEVEN OF WANDS** thinks that you might be feeling a bit insecure. Maybe you're in a situation where you're forced to defend who you are and what you believe in from those who don't understand or don't agree with you. Perhaps those around you say you should back down or give up on what you want. The odds may seem stacked against you, but that doesn't mean that, with a little hard work, the ball can't end up back in your court. Don't back down: with determination, courage, and resilience, you can do anything.

WHEN REVERSED, the Seven of Wands suggests that your insecurity might be bringing you down instead of igniting your fighting spirit. So what if things seem harder than you expected them to be? It's not impossible to overcome those obstacles. Alternatively, the Seven of Wands could warn that your ego and your fighting spirit have let you take things too far. Sometimes it's good to pick your battles, so think about the situation for a moment and figure out what's at the root of all this conflict.





EIGHT OF WANDS

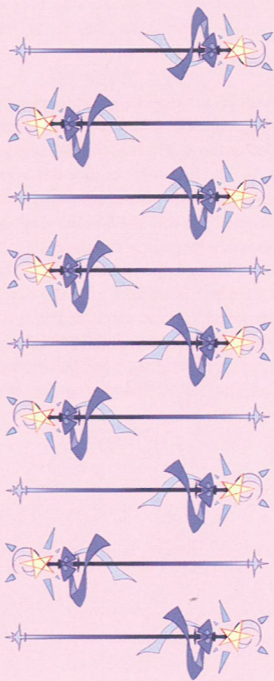
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Attributes: Momentum, Growth, Communication

Reversed Attributes: Burnout, Procrastination, Waiting, Reluctance

The **EIGHT OF WANDS** is associated with fantastic growth and acceleration. Whether your new relationship is becoming serious very quickly or a project at work is finally gaining traction, the Eight of Wands warns you to hold on tight, because this train is *not* slowing down. There will likely be many transformations that feel very sudden, so stay prepared and go with the flow. Be ready to communicate and keep your eyes open for news and messages.

WHEN REVERSED, the Eight of Wands warns that you're either going too fast or too slow. Don't burn out, and don't procrastinate. Things may be going fast, but you can keep up. Just take your cues from what's transpiring around you. Lastly, a message you were waiting on might not be coming anymore. Sometimes that happens: plans get canceled. That doesn't mean progress will stop.



NINE OF WANDS

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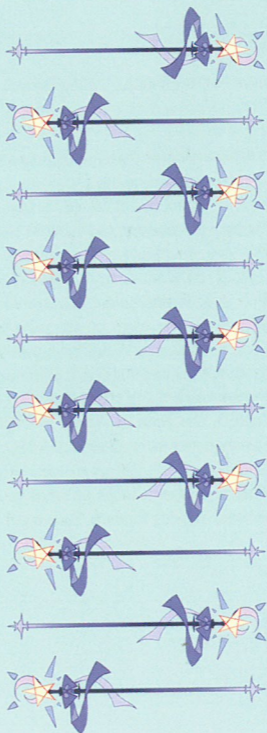
Attributes: Protection, Defensiveness, Vigilance, Past Struggles, Boundaries

Reversed Attributes: Resilience, Feeling Overwhelmed, Self-Doubt

The **NINE OF WANDS** indicates that you might be preparing to defend your power and accomplishments and protect your vulnerabilities, even if there isn't a direct threat on the horizon. Perhaps you've had to overcome quite a bit recently, so you're on edge and prepared for the worst. Either way, your walls are up and your knives are out. The question is: Is that really necessary? Most likely, no. Pause and think about whether your defensiveness is warranted. On the way to accomplishing your goals, you might be stressing yourself out over nothing because you're assuming things will go wrong. Ask yourself if defensiveness is what's needed instead of communication and vulnerability. Let down your guard and stand tall!

WHEN REVERSED, the Nine of Wands hints that you may be overwhelmed and exhausted from all your defensiveness, and wondering if your goal is really worth all this struggle. Rest assured: it is. Pay no mind to anyone else and focus on what you need. Channel that resilience and keep moving forward. You've got this.





TEN OF WANDS

≡ TEN OF WANDS ≡

Attributes: Persistence, Burdens, Endurance, Upcoming Achievements

Reversed Attributes: Overburdened, Exhausted, Unwilling to Delegate

You're almost at the finish line, so don't give up! Yes, you may be exhausted, and yes, you may be overwhelmed by the burden you're carrying, but you've made it this far. You can make it a bit farther! This card can mean that you've signed up for way more work than you're able to handle, or maybe that others have placed too many expectations on you. Either way, while things may feel unbearable, you're almost where you need to be. This is the final stage, and all you need is one final burst of energy, creativity, and effort to achieve your goal.

WHEN REVERSED, the Ten of Wands indicates that you actually *do* need to lessen this heavy burden and seek support. It's just too much for you to carry on your own. Seek assistance from your community and your support systems. Not every task needs to be yours and yours alone to complete.



PAGE OF WANDS

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THE SPORTS HERO

Attributes: Inspiration, Limitless Potential, Ambition, Enthusiasm

Reversed Attributes: Redirected Energy, Self-Limiting Beliefs

The **PAGE OF WANDS** is excitable and curious about the world. They're passionate, and their exuberance overflows in the form of creativity and big plans. They're also inexperienced, however, so sometimes their grand ideas fail to become reality. When you see the Page of Wands in a reading, it may mean that you're brimming with creative energy but need to sit down and plan out your next steps. Alternatively, the Page can be an invitation to take a risk, try something new, or put yourself out there.

Pages are just beginning to learn the craft of their respective suits, and this is how the Page of Wands relates to its anime counterpart, the Sports Hero. The Sports Hero, usually the protagonist of their story, is passionate, doesn't take no for an answer, and often motivates those around them through hard work and joy. While they're spirited and optimistic—almost beyond reason—they can lack a clear plan of action, relying on friends, mentors, and luck to choose the best path toward their goals.

WHEN REVERSED, the Page of Wands may indicate a plan that's been stunted or a design gone awry. Perhaps you started a project with grand goals only to find that it isn't living up to expectations. Maybe you're too intimidated to start due to the complexities this plan might involve. In this case, the Page invites you to approach your original idea from a different perspective.

The Sports Hero appears in:

Initial D (Takumi Fujiwara)

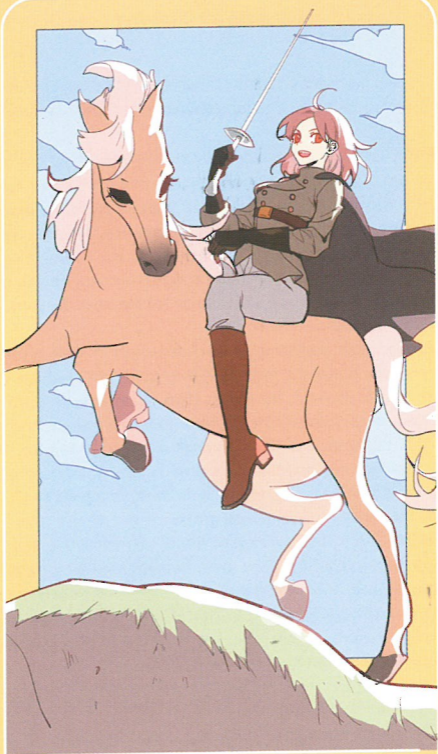
Chihayafuru (Chihaya Ayase)

Ashita no Joe (Joe Yabuki)

Haikyuu!! (Shōyō Hinata)

Free! (Haruka Nanase)





KNIGHT OF WANDS

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GENKI

Attributes: Energy, Adventure, Inspired Action, New Beginnings

Reversed Attributes: Haste, Scattered Energy, Frustration

The Knights are still learning, but are a bit more experienced than Pages. The **KNIGHT OF WANDS** is more focused than the Page, but just as full of boundless energy. The Knight barrels forward at top speed, full of optimism, determination, and enthusiasm. When the Knight appears, it means good things are on their way. Now would be a good time to start that project or go on that trip. But don't be too hasty—while the Knight knows better than the Page which risks are more worth taking, they still occasionally leap before looking, so balance enthusiasm with realism to ensure the best results.

The Knight of Wands' analogue in anime is Genki. *Genki* translates to "energy," and Genki characters are often bouncing balls of the stuff. They're optimistic and vivacious, popping back up if they get knocked down. Their enthusiasm is infectious; they often bring their friends along for the ride, although, like the Knight, they can have a reputation for not thinking before diving into an adventure.

WHEN REVERSED, the Knight of Wands indicates frustration or, alternatively, a lack of focus. They show up reversed when a project isn't going as well as expected. Perhaps you're frustrated by a lack of progress or stymied by roadblocks. Perhaps you're too scattered, working on too many different projects and therefore completing none of them. A reversed Knight of Wands indicates that you should be more cautious in order to avoid mistakes.

Genki characters appear in:

Toradora! (Minori Kushieda)

Ponyo on the Cliff by the Sea (Ponyo)

March Comes in Like a Lion (Hinata Kawamoto)

Kimi ni Todoke (Chizu Yoshida)

Angel Beats! (Yui)





QUEEN OF WANDS

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SHOUNEN PROTAGONIST

Attributes: Courage, Confidence, Determination, Outgoing Personality, Charisma, Vision

Reversed Attributes: Self-Respect, Self-Confidence, Strong Will

The **QUEEN OF WANDS** is creative, charismatic, and always on the move. When you see her in a reading, it may be encouragement toward bold action, or it may indicate that you're doing many things at once—after all, the Queen is a *real* social butterfly. She uses her charisma to develop passionate, entrepreneurial networks of support. The Queen knows who she is, so she may be inviting you to embrace your whole self as well.

No one in anime represents the Queen of Wands more than the Shounen Protagonist. Like the Queen, these characters are confident, determined, charismatic, and full of courage. When Gon left Whale Island at the beginning of *Hunter x Hunter*, he knew exactly what his goal was: to find his father and become a Hunter just like him. This may have been a tall order, but he knew he could do it, just like the Queen.

WHEN THE QUEEN OF WANDS IS REVERSED, she invites you to direct your energies inward. You may be feeling more withdrawn or less social, and that's okay. It may be time for you to focus on yourself and recharge your self-confidence and self-respect. Perhaps you've been too much the gadfly lately or are feeling overwhelmed with a work project. Now may be the time to pause and take a breather.

The Shounen Protagonist appears in:

Hunter x Hunter (Gon Freecss)

The Promised Neverland (Emma)

Pokémon (Ash Ketchum)

Dragon Ball (Goku)

Naruto (Naruto Uzumaki)



KING OF WANDS

≡ KING OF WANDS ≡

THE SENSEI

Attributes: Leadership, Knowledge, Vision, Honor, Wisdom

Reversed Attributes: Impulsiveness, Haste, High Expectations

The **KING OF WANDS** isn't quick to judge—he wants to connect with others, understand them, and accept them for who they are, all while helping them see their full potential. He's a generous leader and an optimistic mentor who has attained mastery in his field and is eager to share his hard-earned wisdom with everyone. Like his counterpart, the Queen, he usually has a vast network of passionate connections to help you on your journey. The King of Wands wants you to step into your power and be a leader. The time is now; stop waiting around!

The King of Wands' analogue in anime is the Sensei. Many teachers and mentors in anime are pivotal to the protagonists' success. They're experienced, patient, and supportive, often serving as confidantes or advisors to their inexperienced yet well-meaning students. Now that they've achieved a level of mastery, their job is to usher in the next great generation.

WHEN REVERSED, the King of Wands can be a little too controlling, overconfident, and hypercompetitive. The King might be advising you to be cautious in wielding your power and to be more thoughtful and considerate in your leadership. Being a leader doesn't mean being bossy, so be careful to remain a mentor and not become a bully.

The Sensei appears in:

My Hero Academia (All Might, Gran Torino, and Shota Aizawa)

Assassination Classroom (Korosensei and Tadaomi Karasuma)

YuYu Hakusho (Genkai)

Naruto and Naruto: Shippuden (Jiraiya)





ACE OF CUPS

≡ ACE OF CUPS ≡

Attributes: Love, Happiness, Possibility, Beginnings

Reversed Attributes: Disappointment, Hopelessness, Drain, Stunted Growth

The **ACE OF CUPS** signals that your heart is open to love and all its possibilities. Because this card is an ace, expect a new beginning on the horizon. Whether this is falling head-over-heels at first sight, you and your partner declaring for the first time that you love each other, or an exciting new opportunity at work that'll allow you to put your creativity to good use, this beginning is an exciting one. You're overflowing with love, joy, and inspiration. Revel in it!

WHEN REVERSED, this card indicates that you may be feeling despondent and generally uninspired. This not only keeps you down but also prohibits risk-taking and growth. If you're feeling drained or stunted, ruminate on what steps you can take to feel fulfilled again. Trust your intuition and tend to your heart.



TWO OF CUPS

≡ TWO OF CUPS ≡

Attributes: Partnership, Connection, Harmony, Sharing

Reversed Attributes: Disconnection, Imbalance, Miscommunication

You've found your true match. This could be in the context of a romantic relationship, but it could also be in a friendship or at work. Wherever it is, you find that you two fit together perfectly. You complete each other's thoughts and enhance each other's ideas and ideals. There is an authentic connection that promotes vulnerability, sharing, and cooperation. Finding this partnership is like locating the last piece of a puzzle: it snaps into place and brings everything together beautifully.

WHEN REVERSED, the Two of Cups warns that misunderstandings, miscommunication, and distrust might be shaking the foundation of a relationship. If you're noticing that something is off between you and someone else, trust your intuition. Try to touch base with this individual, communicate openly and authentically, and listen to your heart. Be sure the relationship is equal in terms of trust, effort, and desire.



THREE OF CUPS

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Attributes: Celebration, Community, Friendship, Encouragement

Reversed Attributes: Dependence, Overindulgence, Distraction

The **THREE OF CUPS** wants to let you know that it's party time! Celebrate your heart out and revel in the loving support bestowed on you by your community. This is a card of celebration, but it's not one of individual or isolated accomplishment. This happiness and encouragement is both given and received by a close-knit circle of friends or a successful team. Everyone should raise a glass and feel the joy: together, you're making it happen.

WHEN REVERSED, this card hints that you may be taking too much or asking too much from your community. Be sure your relationships (and your celebrations) are reciprocal. This card reversed also warns against overindulging in revelry, especially if you're doing so to distract yourself (or someone else) from a nagging issue. Be sure you and your community are lifting up and supporting one another, not enabling one another's bad habits. If something is bothering you, take the time to work it out before getting to the party.



FOUR OF CUPS

≡ FOUR OF CUPS ≡

Attributes: Introspection, Contemplation, Complacency, Boredom

Reversed Attributes: Readiness, Reconsideration, Motivation

The **FOUR OF CUPS** is a mixed bag: It could signal a period of rest and reflection, or it could hint that you're just fine where you are, and that you're not interested in more at the moment. Lastly, it could also indicate that you've been stagnating for too long and that you're growing bored, yet you're too stubborn to shake yourself out of your funk. Regardless of whether you're taking time to meditate and process or if you're just sitting there, bored and restless, the Four of Cups says that the energy surrounding you is stubborn and tough.

WHEN REVERSED, the Four of Cups can hint that you might finally be ready to shake things up and reform the status quo. If there's something you'd like to change, get ready, because you're finally in a place to do so. Take this newfound energy and purpose and go forth!



FIVE OF CUPS

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Attributes: Mourning, Pessimism, Grief, Regret

Reversed Attributes: Healing, Renewal, Possibility

The **FIVE OF CUPS** signals a period of sorrow and loss that blinds you to everything, even the potential growth and fulfillment that await you. Extreme disappointment has gripped you, so much so that you're unable to see a better future ahead, or that there are still things worth smiling about in your life. Sometimes it's tough to dig yourself out of a funk—especially when it doesn't feel like there's an end in sight—but the Five of Cups is trying to tell you that you can do it! While grief and mourning are perfectly natural things to experience, the Five of Cups warns against wallowing in regret. Whether you've been dumped, laid off, or betrayed by a friend, the Five of Cups is here to remind you that after a period of sadness, you must prepare to move forward.

WHEN REVERSED, this card signals that either you've finally arrived at a point of healing after a time of great pain or that the loss you experienced might not be as terrible as it seemed. What you thought was over and done with might still have life in it! Either way, after a period of feeling pretty down, things are starting to look up. Take this as a sign that you're healing and moving on.





SIX OF CUPS

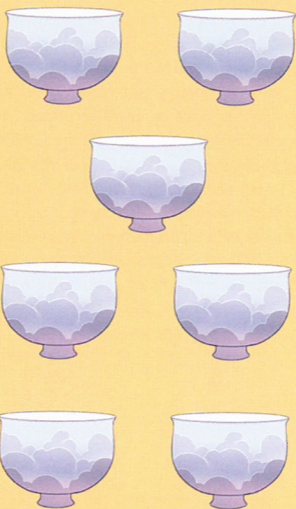
≡ SIX OF CUPS ≡

Attributes: Memories, Reconnection, Comfort, Homecoming, Love, Tenderness

Reversed Attributes: Overindulgence in Nostalgia, Inability to Move On, Being Stuck

The **SIX OF CUPS** signals a time of revisiting and remembering something you've loved or cared for deeply. There's an element of nostalgia here, as this fondness you're currently feeling could be tied to old memories or relationships, perhaps brought up by a homecoming. Reach out to an old friend, reread your childhood journals, or make a playlist of songs you loved in your younger years: You're yearning for reconnection, so you should seek it out. Who knows? If you're feeling called to dive into nostalgia, your delving might dredge up something that helps with future personal growth.

WHEN REVERSED, the Six of Cups warns you to stop reminiscing about the "golden years" of times past and instead be in the present. Despite what you may think, you did *not* peak in high school! It's time to stop reliving the past and invest in the now.



SEVEN OF CUPS

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Attributes: Indecision, Temptation, Choices, Possibilities, Inspiration

Reversed Attributes: Delusion, Being Overwhelmed, Overidealizing, Lack of Perspective

If the **SEVEN OF CUPS** appears, it may indicate that you're at a crossroads. You're so inspired and excited by many of the avenues in front of you that you're having a hard time choosing which one to take, or maybe you're so inspired that you can't decide which creative instinct to follow. Whatever the case, you're too worked up to figure out which path you should take. Choices are great, but don't get so distracted by or caught up in them that you don't move forward. Sit with yourself and listen to what you truly need. Let intuition guide you. You've got this.

WHEN REVERSED, the Seven of Cups warns against being so taken with these many choices that you're overwhelmed with options and your mind runs away with potential outcomes. Be sure to remain grounded and take some deep breaths. Work on making up your mind based on realistic consideration of what could be ahead.



EIGHT OF CUPS

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Attributes: Disappointment, Dissatisfaction, Moving On, Letting Go, Exploration

Reversed Attributes: Indecision, Denial, Aimlessness

The **EIGHT OF CUPS** highlights your desire for more; what you have isn't cutting it. Whether you're looking at your partner differently, your job just isn't a good fit anymore, or your living situation isn't working out, you know that it's time to move on. You may have loved your situation at one point, and that love might be encouraging some denial on your part. But if you're not being fulfilled, you need to learn to let go and explore different frontiers. Starting afresh can be intimidating, but sometimes it's necessary to ensure growth and happiness. Endings are hard, but this one will be worth it.

WHEN REVERSED, the Eight of Cups warns against refusing to let go. It's hard, but sometimes you have to move on before things become toxic. The current situation isn't productive, and you shouldn't ignore that. This card can also signify that you've left a dissatisfying situation but have yet to find a new place to settle. Continue to check in with yourself so that you don't waste time aimlessly wandering from one moment to the next, unhappy but not giving new situations a chance.



NINE OF CUPS

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Attributes: Satisfaction, Contentment, Fulfillment, Celebration

Reversed Attributes: Self-Doubt, Delayed Gratification

The **NINE OF CUPS** says it's time to celebrate your contentment. You're at a place in your life where you're truly content, and you want to revel in that joy. Looking for love? You might just find the right person soon. Looking to progress at work? Expect good news and fulfillment! Host a celebration with your loved ones; you deserve it.

WHEN REVERSED, the Nine of Cups signifies that you might be feeling undeserving of your joy, but brush those feelings aside. You *do* deserve to celebrate and to be happy. The Nine of Cups reversed can also warn that your satisfaction is a bit delayed. If that's the case, keep holding on; your wish come true is right around the corner. Just persevere and believe!



TEN OF CUPS

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Attributes: Togetherness, Love, Connection, Strong Bonds, Harmony, Support

Reversed Attributes: Missing Loved Ones, Friction, Miscommunication

The **TEN OF CUPS** represents your thriving, happy family. It notes the complete joy and peace you're experiencing, particularly within your relationships. You're surrounded by loved ones with whom you share a deep bond, and whether they're related by blood or chosen, they're your family. All of you are at a time in your lives when you truly appreciate and support one another, and these connections will only grow stronger. Whether this card shows up in a romantic reading, a personal reading, or a career-focused one, it usually indicates the same thing: You've found the thing that makes your soul sing, that completes you. You're home.

WHEN REVERSED, the Ten of Cups warns that you might have to make some adjustments, have some tough conversations, or go out of your way to address someone's presence (or absence) in order to achieve harmony and togetherness. If someone is putting the happiness and well-being of your personal community at risk, be sure to address it as soon as possible. Open yourself to authentic and vulnerable communication so you can find a solution or common ground. If a loved one is missing, find a way to include them.





PAGE OF CUPS

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PHANTOM THIEF

Attributes: Creativity, Possibility, Messages, Imagination

Reversed Attributes: Emotional Immaturity, Naïveté, Creative Blocks, Doubting Intuition

The **PAGE OF CUPS** is creative, playful, emotional, and intuitive. It invites you to listen more to your creative side and to follow those urges. Pages are seen as messengers, so you may be receiving positive or important updates soon, like invitations or special news that could take the shape of a flash of inspiration for a creative project. The Page of Cups encourages you to take advantage of that and run with it.

The Page of Cups' analogue in anime is the Phantom Thief—a catchall term that represents a character who appears (and disappears) at their own whim, always stealing the spotlight when they do. Charming, creative, and oh so daring, the Phantom Thief is intuitive and inspired. They usually announce their targets and goals beforehand, just like the Page often acts as a harbinger of news. Whether they're stealing hearts or moments, they always do so with flair.

WHEN REVERSED, the Page of Cups may indicate that you're hiding your creative inspiration. Perhaps you feel that the idea or project you're working on is too new or conceptual to share with others. Maybe you're hitting a creative or emotional roadblock. The reversed Page is still a bringer of news, but this time it indicates that something won't go as expected and may lead to disappointment. Similarly, the Page reversed is associated with emotional immaturity and irresponsibility.

The Phantom Thief appears in:

Lupin III (Arsène Lupin)

Detective Conan (Kaitō "Kaitō Kid" Kuroba)

DNAngel (Dark Mousy)

Sailor Moon (Mamoru "Tuxedo Mask" Chiba)

Fullmetal Alchemist (Psiren)

Jing: King of Bandits (Jing)





KNIGHT OF CUPS

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CHŪNIBYŌ

Attributes: Creativity, Romance, Imagination

Reversed Attributes: Unrealistic Expectations, Moodiness, Overactive Imagination

The **KNIGHT OF CUPS** is excitable and romantic, full of big ideas and big actions. When this card appears in a reading, it indicates that you're bringing a dream to life. You've likely received some good news or an invitation, and the Knight's appearance suggests that now is the time to follow up on it. The Knight is also in touch with their emotions, so their appearance may also indicate that this new project or news may have strong emotional implications for you—luckily, in a positive way.

The Knight of Cups' analogue in anime is the Chūnibyō. A Chūnibyō character, commonly found in slice-of-life high school shows, is often slightly delusional, motivated by their emotions and dreams more than boring reality. Whether it's their belief that they have magic powers or an insistence that love really is all they need, a Chūnibyō is usually an unrelenting source of positivity in whatever world or show they inhabit.

WHEN REVERSED, the Knight of Cups is a negative omen. Often, this card indicates that your dream project or good news will turn out poorly—for example, promises will be revoked or deals will fall through—or that the project or events won't live up to expectations. When reversed, the Knight can signal that your dreams and emotions are getting away with you, perhaps making you too depressed or overwrought to bring projects to fruition.

The Chūnibyō appears in:

Love, Chūnibyō & Other Delusions (Rikka Takanashi)

The Disastrous Life of Saiki K. (Shun Kaidō)

Denpa Onna to Seishun Otoko (Erio Tōwa)

Danganronpa 3: The End of Hope's Peak High School
(Gundham Tanaka)

Aura: Maryūin Kōga Saigo no Tatakai (Ryōko Satō)





QUEEN OF CUPS

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DEREDERE

Attributes: Compassion, Nurture, Emotional Stability, Intuition

Reversed Attributes: Self-Care, Self-Love

The **QUEEN OF CUPS** is a caring figure led by empathy and intuition. Of all the queens, she is the most emotionally connected (as expected of the suit of cups). When she appears, she invites you to rely on emotional awareness. She asks you to be compassionate in how you deal with others, and also with yourself. She may also suggest that if you've found a new opportunity or a friend has come to you with a problem, you should lead with your heart, not with your head.

The Queen of Cups' analogue in anime is the Deredere, a nurturing character type who embodies love. Like Madoka Kaname in *Puella Magi Madoka Magica*, a Deredere is unafraid to show their emotions or affection. Another example is Meiko Honma, or Menma, in *Anohana: The Flower We Saw That Day*: while she has moments of sadness or negativity, she, like the Queen of Cups, always reverts to her upbeat attitude and caring nature.

WHEN THE QUEEN OF CUPS APPEARS REVERSED, she indicates that you may be out of sync with your emotions. Maybe you've become too invested in the emotions of others as you offer them support, or perhaps you've developed an unhealthy relationship. When the Queen is reversed, she suggests that you take some time to focus on your own emotional wellness and needs.

Deredere appear in:

Monthly Girls' Nozaki-kun (Chiyo Sakura)

My Love Story!! (Rinko Yamato)

Golden Time (Kōko Kaga)

Anohana: The Flower We Saw That Day (Meiko "Menma" Honma)



KING OF CUPS

≡ KING OF CUPS ≡

KAMI KING

Attributes: Diplomacy, Emotional Balance, Calmness, Measure

Reversed Attributes: Moodiness, Emotional Manipulation

The **KING OF CUPS** is all about being emotionally centered. He is the king of stability and healthy boundaries. In love, the King of Cups is someone who knows exactly who he is, what he wants, and how to show gratitude for it. In a mentorship or work role, the King of Cups is a figure of guidance you can always turn to for trusted advice. In any setting, the King of Cups is a responsible figure who knows the heart's true wishes and fosters emotional and spiritual balance in order to achieve those aspirations.

The King of Cups' analogue in anime is the Kami King. Above the urges of human kings and emperors, the Kami King looks to maintain balance and stability by centering wisdom, conviction, and trust. Not always a god and not always a king, this character is a leader with a level of power, responsibility, and otherworldliness that's essential to their being.

WHEN REVERSED, the King of Cups indicates insecurity, addiction, avoidance, and shame. A reversed King looks to escape reality through vices, even manipulating or betraying those close to him in order to do so. If this describes you, seek self-compassion in order to achieve balance.

The Kami King appears in:

Dragon Ball Z (King Kai)

YuYu Hakusho (Koenma)

Bleach (Genryūsai Shigekuni Yamamoto)

Magical Girl Lyrical Nanoha (Olivie Sägebrecth)



ACE OF SWORDS

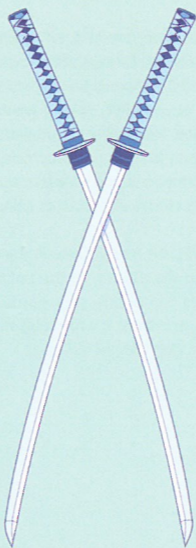
≡ ACE OF SWORDS ≡

Attributes: Intellect, Truth, Decisiveness, Potential, Clarity

Reversed Attributes: Coldness, Cruelty, Curtness, Over-Rationality

As with all aces in the deck, the **ACE OF SWORDS** heralds beginnings and new opportunities. Because this ace is part of the suit that deals with intellect and communication, use of your brainpower and words is required to successfully take advantage of those beginnings and opportunities. New potential projects are on the horizon, so make decisions wisely and clearly to achieve the best future outcome. Don't let your emotions rule your decisions this time around: rely on logic, common sense, and truth to select and communicate your goals clearly.

WHEN REVERSED, the Ace of Swords warns that you could be too cold, rational, and disciplined, to the point that you might not care about how others feel or how your words may cause damage. Intellect is important, and truth is what rules this card, but be careful: you're still human. Don't forget kindness.



TWO OF SWORDS

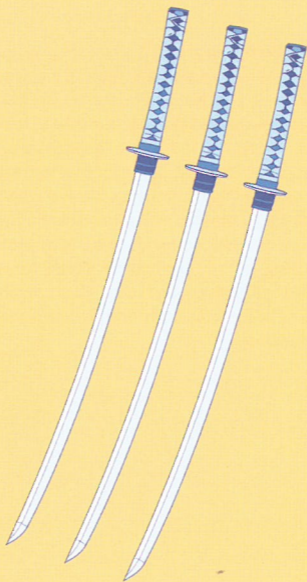
≡ TWO OF SWORDS ≡

Attributes: Indecision, Pause, Reflection, Introspection

Reversed Attributes: Stalemate, Aimlessness, Immobility, Confusion

The **TWO OF SWORDS** brings with it a difficult choice. It could be that both options result in a no-win situation, or it could be that you truly don't know which path is the right one to take. Either way, the Two of Swords encourages you to pause and reflect. If you're feeling overwhelmed or unsure, now's the time to meditate and ruminate about what is ultimately the right choice for you. You may feel stuck, but sometimes doing nothing is the best course of action.

WHEN REVERSED, the Two of Swords hints that you might've remained in a state of indecision for too long. Pausing to tap into your intuition is one thing, but you can't put off making a choice forever. You need to arrive at a decision, and soon—but remember to try not to let confusion or being emotionally overwhelmed lead you toward one option over another.



THREE OF SWORDS

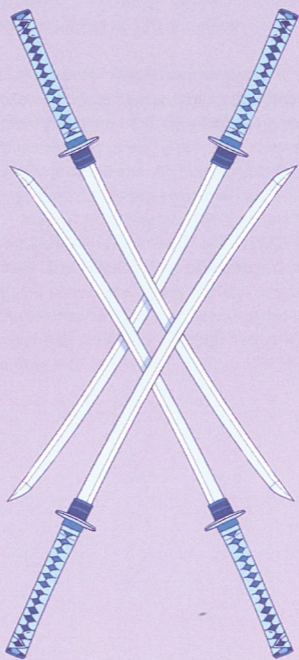
≡ THREE OF SWORDS ≡

Attributes: Sadness, Betrayal, Heartbreak, Suffering

Reversed Attributes: Moving On, Being Stuck, Healing

Well, it's tough to admit, but heartbreak has arrived. The **THREE OF SWORDS** is a card of pain and suffering, no two ways about it. This card touches on emotional pain, but remember that this is the suit of swords: your pain most likely has to do with communication issues, moral or ideological friction, or a betrayal of intention or commitment. Cry it out and vent to a good friend; seeking understanding, validation, and catharsis will help you move forward.

WHEN REVERSED, the Three of Swords hints that your period of heartbreak may be coming to an end, if you let it. That doesn't mean the pain isn't there; it just might have lessened or shifted. Don't let overthinking or suppression of the situation prevent growth and healing. Grief has a way of dragging you down and making you settle, but try not to let that happen. Remember that after every fire, new life blooms.



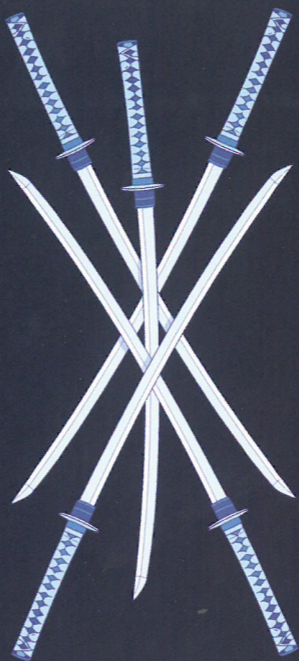
FOUR OF SWORDS

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Attributes: Rest, Restoration, Introspection, Recovery, Meditation
Reversed Attributes: Denial, Refusal, Stagnation, Avoidance

After the pain of the Three of Swords, you deserve a period of respite and reflection. This card signifies that it's time to take a break, whether from dating or from work; you most likely need to remove yourself from your current context and take some me-time. Routine and progress are fine, but if you can't stop to reflect and check in with yourself, your needs, and your wants, you can't be sure you're on the right path.

WHEN REVERSED, this card hints that you might be refusing to take a much-needed break. It could also mean that you've been away for too long and that you're avoiding reentering the fray. Remember that rest is necessary to recharge, so don't forget to pause, but if it's time to get back in the game, don't be afraid to take that first step.



FIVE OF SWORDS

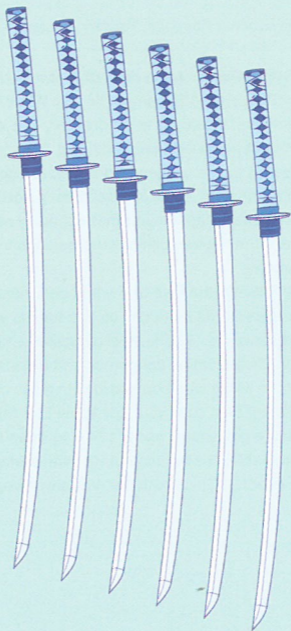
≡ FIVE OF SWORDS ≡

Attributes: Ego, Conflict, Negativity, Defeat, Competition, Dejection

Reversed Attributes: Baggage, Toxicity, Resignation

The **FIVE OF SWORDS** heralds a conflict that includes major pain, frustration, humiliation, and egoism in the mix. While conflict can be good to address what needs to be addressed, this particular confrontation is more detrimental than beneficial. If you're winning, ask yourself if it's worth it: Are you jeopardizing your dignity? Your relationships? Your reputation? In the end, is winning worth the collateral damage? In the future, keep in mind that not every argument needs to be a battle, and that vulnerability, compassion, and acquiescence are signs of maturity.

WHEN REVERSED, the Five of Swords can mean three things: (1) Past conflict has left its mark on you and haunts your current relationships and decisions. (2) The level of egoism and negativity has gone so far that it's becoming dangerous and untenable. (3) You're resigned about the whole situation and long to move on with your life. Whichever meaning best suits you, just know that revenge, egoism, and aggression are poisonous, and it's best to move forward. If possible, take a moment of self-reflection (or even therapy) to come to terms with the effects of this conflict so you can move on.



SIX OF SWORDS

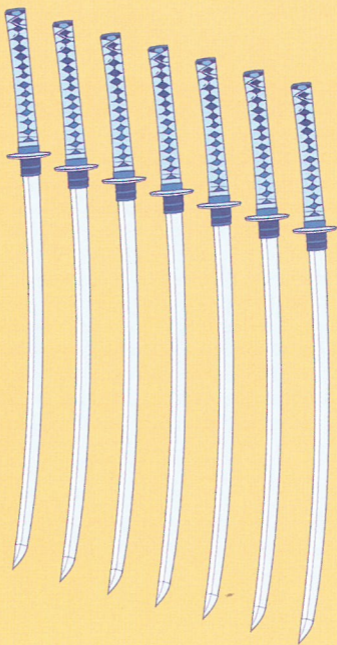
≡ SIX OF SWORDS ≡

Attributes: Moving On, Perspective, Letting Go, Progress

Reversed Attributes: Interruption, Stalling, Obstacles, Reticence

The **SIX OF SWORDS** signals that you're ready to move forward and leave the past behind. You're more than ready to bid farewell to the negativity, toxicity, and destructive habits and environments you previously indulged in. This new mindset will help you acquire a different perspective and steer you toward better situations. Trust in your high hopes, because healing and progress are on the horizon.

WHEN REVERSED, the Six of Swords can mean that you're refusing to move on, or that your ability to move on has been stalled, delayed, or interrupted. If it's the former, remember to try not to let your emotions get the best of you. Letting go of the negativity of the past is the logical, healthy thing to do, so don't let your heart stop you from healing. If your moving on has been stymied, know that you might need to reevaluate either the method of moving or the very path itself. Sometimes the obstacles indicate that you need to find a new route or more creative solutions to arrive at your destination.



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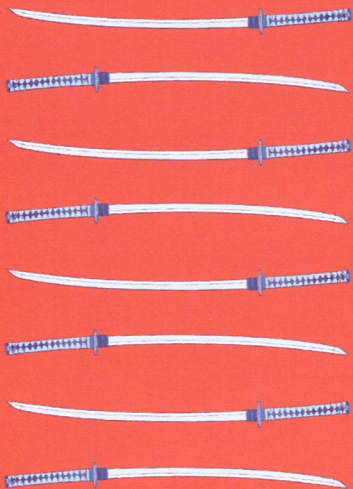
≡ SEVEN OF SWORDS ≡

Attributes: Theft, Deception, Underhanded Behavior, Cheating, Sabotage

Reversed Attributes: Denial, Secrets, Discovery, Truth

The **SEVEN OF SWORDS** signals that some sneaky, shady business is going down. You may feel robbed or betrayed, and if that's the case, this card encourages you to look at those around you and investigate their motives. Who knows? The hand that stabs the blade into your back could be theirs! Alternatively, this card can warn you to analyze the methods you're using to achieve what you want. Are you the one who's being duplicitous and evasive? Are your intentions pure?

WHEN REVERSED, the Seven of Swords can indicate that you're trying to fool yourself and are in denial about your situation or that the harsh truth is finally being revealed. If it's the first, you'd better be frank and get real with yourself, because lying to yourself and keeping secrets only makes a situation worse. Face the music and deal with reality no matter how difficult it may seem. If the truth is coming to light, then what was taken from you might be coming back, or you might finally get a chance at reconciliation over a past deception. Approach this opportunity with forgiveness, patience, and gratitude.



EIGHT OF SWORDS

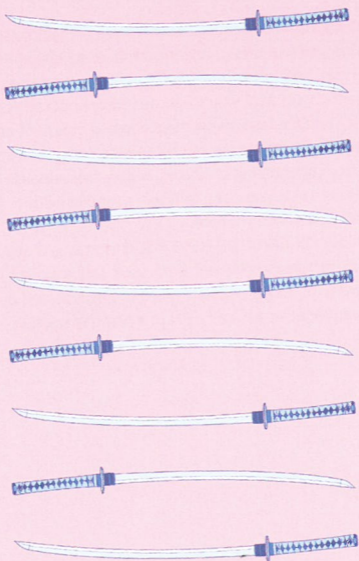
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Attributes: Paralysis, Being Trapped, Fear, Restriction

Reversed Attributes: Release, Optimism, Forward Movement

The **EIGHT OF SWORDS** indicates that you may feel trapped or frozen. Whether you feel afraid, unsupported, or overwhelmed by your circumstances, you're not moving forward anytime soon. You may feel cornered or guarded, which can be totally understandable given your current context, but be warned: Staying stagnant and putting up impenetrable walls closes you off to new opportunities and prevents you from channeling creativity. It may feel impossible to trust again, but know that you need to make a leap of faith to invite love and goodness back into your life.

THE EIGHT OF SWORDS REVERSED indicates that you may be finally ready to release yourself from your self-imposed restraints. Say goodbye to all those negative thought patterns and overwhelming anxieties, because you're finally in a place to open up and lower those walls.



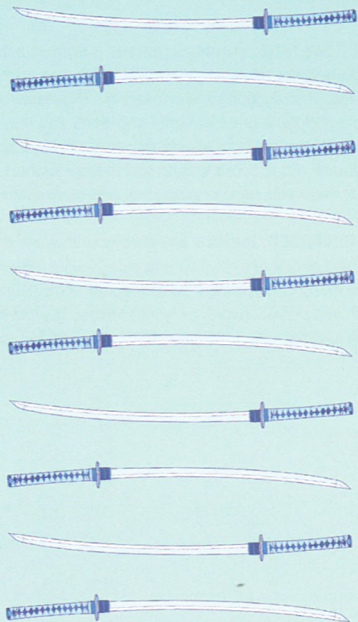
NINE OF SWORDS

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Attributes: Anxiety, Fear, Panic, PTSD, Nightmares, Inner Turmoil
Reversed Attributes: Relief, Optimism, Healing, Moving On

The **NINE OF SWORDS** recognizes that you may be in a dark place right now. Something is keeping you up at night, and your pain and stress may feel overwhelming and unbearable. Depression and anxiety are understandable given the grief and worry you may be experiencing. If this card appears, know that you don't have to be alone right now. Reach out to those around you to seek support and love. Ask them to help you remain grounded, self-compassionate, and cared for.

WHEN REVERSED, the Nine of Swords can indicate that you're finally exiting a period of overwhelming pain. You've passed through the worst of it and can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Take a deep breath and move forward, bringing with you the lessons you've learned and leaving behind the panic that incapacitated you.



TEN OF SWORDS

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Attributes: Betrayal, Attack, Finality, Loss, Pain

Reversed Attributes: Resistance to Change, Renewal, Hope, Healing

If you haven't noticed by now, many of the sword cards have negative or harsh messages, and the **TEN OF SWORDS** is no exception. Traditionally depicted as a dead man with ten swords stuck in his back, this card hints at betrayal, backstabbing, and painful endings. Essentially, you've hit rock bottom. Whether your relationship has ended abruptly or you've suddenly been laid off, your previous situation has ended, and it may just feel like your world is crumbling around you. Typically, this ending involves a form of betrayal (infidelity, for example) or some other action perpetrated by others close to you. While mourning both the end of the status quo and (perhaps) the end of a relationship with the one who betrayed you, the only way to go now is up. Surrender to the situation and know that you'll eventually come out of the flames having been reformed by the fire.

WHEN REVERSED, the Ten of Swords hints that you might be unwilling to say goodbye and let something end. If this is the case for you, know that it's time to face the music, because fighting the inevitable won't do you any good. Alternatively, the Ten of Swords can mean that those swords are being removed from your back so you can finally heal. Revel in this release and move forward renewed and hopeful once more.



PAGE OF SWORDS

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ENGINEER OR MECHANIC

Attributes: Knowledge, New Communication, Inquiry, Change

Reversed Attributes: Instability, Haste

The **PAGE OF SWORDS** brings information, updates, and change. As with all sword cards, the Page's focus is on intellect and curiosity. They're strategic, communicative, and logical. When appearing in the context of school or work, this card heralds research, debate, and negotiation for a particular project. If you're waiting on results, they should come soon. In love, the Page hints that you and your partner are connected intellectually. There's also a burgeoning ambitious side to the Page—they're actively looking to uncover opportunities.

The Page of Swords' analogue in anime is the Engineer or Mechanic archetype. These characters are experienced, curious, and confident in their skills. In many anime, their creations and inquiries are pivotal to the success of the main characters in overcoming obstacles and beating the big bads. There are times when obstacles can make it seem like there's no way out, but then the Mechanic steps in and offers a solution no one had known was a possibility. While usually not the main characters, they're essential to protagonists' success.

THE PAGE OF SWORDS REVERSED can indicate that news or updates may be delayed. Be careful not to sway the results of a decision with foolish words or actions during this period; don't act hastily and don't make promises you can't keep. Remain on your path toward intellectual growth and rise above the urge to act haphazardly.

Engineers or Mechanics appear in:

Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood (Izumi Curtis and Winry Rockbell)

Dragon Ball (Bulma)

My Hero Academia (Mei Hatsume)

Mobile Suit Gundam Wing (Hilde Schbeiker)

One Piece (Franky)



KNIGHT OF SWORDS

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MOB BOSS

Attributes: Focused Energy, Quick Thinking, Confrontation

Reversed Attributes: Provocation, Impulsiveness, Conflict

The **KNIGHT OF SWORDS** represents a battle of wits or intellectual ideals. Quick thinking and action-oriented, the Knight's ideas can sometimes run away with them. Like the Page, they're a messenger—but the Knight's messages come so swiftly and suddenly that you may need to act on them without any planning at all. Be prepared for conversations or debates with passionate, informed people. Some may challenge you, so prepare for any adversary by staying informed and up-to-date. Don't let emotions dictate your decisions; just focus on facts.

The Knight of Swords' analogue in anime is the Mob Boss. These characters aren't always villains; at the end of the day, they just want to keep order and peace in their organization or family. While at times they or the members of their group act violently, more often than not they negotiate, make deals, and debate. They direct things from behind the scenes in cunning, quick-thinking ways.

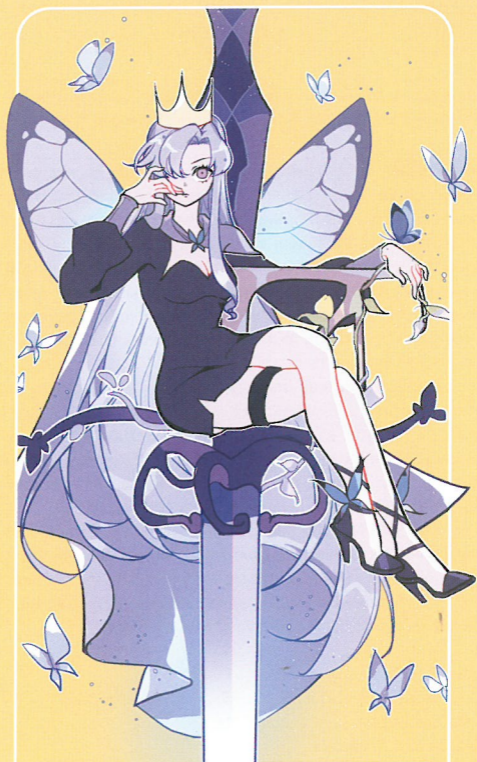
WHEN REVERSED, this card advises you to be prepared for some cruel honesty and the harsh reality of truth to come slamming down. Not only will the cold, hard facts sting this time around but they also might lead to major provocation. Debate can be useful, but be wary of sabotage or conflict for the sake of conflict.

The Mob Boss appears in:

One Piece (Charlotte Linlin, Donquixote Doflamingo, and Capone Bege)

Dragon Ball (Frieza)

Baccano! (Molsa Martillo, Placido Russo, and Jacuzzi Splot)



QUEEN OF SWORDS

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KUUDERE

Attributes: Independence, Discernment, Boundaries, Direct Communication, Lack of Bias

Reversed Attributes: Susceptibility to Influence, Coldheartedness, Over-Emotionality

The **QUEEN OF SWORDS** is a critical thinker who sets clear boundaries and pulls no punches. As with all sword cards, she focuses on reason instead of emotion, using her intellect to make effective, rational decisions. Though she sets clear boundaries, she channels most of her energy into her work. She wields her authority and expertise in a measured, clear way, and may be encouraging you to do the same.

The Queen of Swords' analogue in anime is the Kuudere archetype. These frosty, blunt characters maintain a mask of intellectual professionalism, but they're not one note: they feel a great range of emotions but keep them in check. Usually direct, dry, and even clinical, they keep themselves on the straight and narrow for their mission or cause.

WHEN REVERSED, the Queen clutches at grudges and resentments that keep her away from reason. Instead of rising above the pain, she might find herself perpetuating it with others. Be careful not to let the act of setting your emotions aside to make decisions turn into letting emotions fester unresolved. Last, don't let your need for independence steer you into isolation.

Kuudere appear in:

Neon Genesis Evangelion (Rei Ayanami)

Angel Beats! (Kanade Tachibana)

Black Butler (Ciel Phantomhive)

Inuyasha (Sesshōmaru)

Classic Literature Club (Hōtarō Oreki)

Attack on Titan (Mikasa and Levi Ackerman)

My Hero Academia (Shoto Todoroki)



KING OF SWORDS

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MEGANE

Attributes: Mental Clarity, Authority, Truth, Conviction, Rationality

Reversed Attributes: Inner Truth, Misuse of Power, Manipulation

The **KING OF SWORDS** is the master of logic, rationality, and order. He is the ultimate authority on truth and discipline, always making intellect- and fact-based decisions. He's immovable in his ways. The epitome of professionalism, he's truly cool, calm, and calculated.

The King of Swords' analogue in anime is the Megane archetype. *Megane*, which literally means "person with glasses," show up frequently in anime. Sophisticated, intelligent, stoic, and aloof, these characters are alluring to fans for being smart, mysterious, and always just slightly out of reach. Occasionally, their preference for discipline, order, and intellect can make them insensitive or cruel, but for the most part, these characters are geniuses at work.

REVERSED, this card signals authoritarianism. The King abuses his intellect and position of power in order to maintain authority and enact his plans. He goes from cool to coldhearted, persuasive to manipulative. When you make decisions, be sure to maintain order and balance and have the best intentions at heart.

Megane appear in:

Log Horizon (Shiroe)

Bleach (Uryū Ishida and Sōsuke Aizen)

Haikyuu!! (Kei Tsukishima)

Ouran High School Host Club (Kyoya Ootori)

Cardcaptor Sakura (Eriol Hiiragizawa)

Black Butler (William T. Spears)

Puella Magi Madoka Magica (Homura Akemi)

Loveless (Soubi Agatsuma and Ritsu Minami)



ACE OF PENTACLES

☞ ACE OF PENTACLES ☞

Attributes: Prosperity, New Opportunities, Investment, Support and Resources

Reversed Attributes: Financial Loss, Lack of Commitment, Lack of Security

The **ACE OF PENTACLES** denotes the beginning of new, exciting possibilities. Since we're dealing with pentacles, this card specifically comments on money, material wealth, and resources. You could receive a new job offer or returns on some investments, or you could just be in a place where you're finally getting enough resources and support to follow your ambition and unleash your creativity and imagination. Whatever the case may be, get ready to invest in hard work! You must be dedicated in order to bring these new resources and possibilities to fruition.

WHEN REVERSED, the Ace of Pentacles warns of financial mismanagement and disappointment. It could also mean that the foundation of these new opportunities is flimsy at best, so the stability and security of future endeavors may be fleeting or questionable. Last, the reversed Ace of Pentacles can note that commitment (either yours or others') is wavering or revoked entirely, putting these exciting new possibilities at risk or on hold completely.



TWO OF PENTACLES

☞ TWO OF PENTACLES ☞

Attributes: Balance, Duality, Multitasking, Choice

Reversed Attributes: Imbalance, Feeling Overwhelmed, Overcommitment

The **TWO OF PENTACLES** is all about balancing the priorities in your life. Because we're dealing with the suit of pentacles, this means you're most likely juggling your work-life balance, deciding whether to save or spend money, switching among a variety of tasks and projects, or working two jobs. It can apply to love or the spirit as well: Do you need to decide what takes priority? Are you handling far too much right now?

WHEN REVERSED, the Two of Pentacles suggests imbalance and that you're feeling overwhelmed by how many balls you have in the air. Are you overworked? Is your work-life balance out of whack? Have you or someone else overcommitted to a project and are now paying the price? If so, take a moment to tune into yourself and discover what you need to restore balance.



THREE OF PENTACLES

☞ THREE OF PENTACLES ☞

Attributes: Collaboration, Enterprise, Recognition, Work

Reversed Attributes: Disappointing Results, Imbalanced Dynamic, Poor Workmanship

The **THREE OF PENTACLES** is a card of hard work, collaboration, and investment. Your talents and commitment are being recognized by others, and because of this, you're able to begin working on a meaningful project with the support and investment of those around you. Whether this is an actual work project or a mission of personal growth, your dedication and effort aren't going unnoticed.

WHEN REVERSED, the Three of Pentacles warns of shoddy work done on a project or disappointing results. There might be a breach of partnership, contract, or commitment, or there could just be unequal effort from your collaborators on this project. Your goal can be achieved only if everyone is willing to step up to the plate and put in the work—including you.



FOUR OF PENTACLES

☞ FOUR OF PENTACLES ☞

Attributes: Security, Stubbornness, Conservatism, Fear of Letting Go, Stability

Reversed Attributes: Selfishness, Stinginess, Tendency to Hoard

Are you terrified of losing what you have? You've achieved your current level of wealth, prosperity, and security thanks to conservatism and stringent money management, so you want to stick to this pattern to ensure your security and future prosperity. While this is understandable, the **FOUR OF PENTACLES** wants you to make sure you're not leaning too far into greed, miserliness, and selfishness.

WHEN REVERSED, the Four of Pentacles warns that you've dipped too far into selfishness, stinginess, or the desperate desire to hoard. If you're in a precarious financial situation, continue to conserve; if not, investigate why you feel this need, and try to be more generous and considerate of others.



FIVE OF PENTACLES

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Attributes: Loss, Struggle, Support, Lack of Security, Helplessness

Reversed Attributes: Recovery, Resilience, Bouncing Back

The **FIVE OF PENTACLES** heralds a time of struggle and loss, whether physical, financial, or spiritual. Whatever the realm, this card is associated with some of the hardest and most tragic hardships. It can, however, also remind us that we're not alone in our suffering. Perhaps there are people in our lives who are going through these same intense struggles, or maybe we have folks in our corner who are supporting us and offering resilience, compassion, and a steady presence. The lesson the Five of Pentacles teaches you is to keep moving forward, even if it's one small step at a time. Try not to succumb to feelings of hopelessness; this period of pain won't be permanent, and there are people in your life who are ready and willing to be by your side through it all.

WHEN REVERSED, the Five of Pentacles signifies that you're finally coming out of a period of struggle and moving on. You may not be totally out of the woods yet, but you're on your way to recovering what was lost. Keep doing what you're doing, and remember to always call upon (and support in turn) the community that helped you during this time.





SIX OF PENTACLES

☞ SIX OF PENTACLES ☞

Attributes: Generosity, Charity, Financial Balance and Security, Justice and Fairness

Reversed Attributes: Imbalance of Generosity, Lack of Resources, Lack of Reciprocity

The **SIX OF PENTACLES** is a card of giving and receiving. You're either on the receiving end of someone's generosity or have achieved enough financial stability to distribute some of your wealth, time, and resources to others. This influx of resources could come in the form of a business investment or funds for a social or moral cause. Either way, the spending and investing of this money should be charitable or project-oriented, not blown on a shopping spree. Check in with yourself to see if things are out of balance: Do you need to ask for more support? Do you need to support others more?

WHEN REVERSED, the Six of Pentacles warns of an imbalance in this financial generosity: Either you're giving too much of yourself and being taken advantage of, or you're doing the same to someone else. Remember that this is a card of justice and fairness, and once again check in with yourself. Are you protecting your time, money, and resources? Are you paying things forward as you should?



SEVEN OF PENTACLES

SEVEN OF PENTACLES

Attributes: Investment, Commitment, Patience

Reversed Attributes: Objectivity, Analysis, Rebalancing

The **SEVEN OF PENTACLES** signals that you're at a point in your life where you're waiting for returns on the investments you've committed to. You've put a lot of time, energy, and effort into what you're watching with careful, hopeful eyes, and you're unsure whether things will work out. The Seven of Pentacles calls for patience: If you keep at it and stay vigilant, you should achieve success and stability, even if the form of that success and stability isn't what you'd thought it would be. Always keep the bigger picture in mind and stick to your commitments.

WHEN REVERSED, the Seven of Pentacles advises you to take an objective look at what you're investing in so that you can take proper stock and decide on next steps. Are there any red flags? Have you been ignoring your responsibilities or procrastinating? Are you being efficient and careful in how you contribute your energy and effort?



EIGHT OF PENTACLES

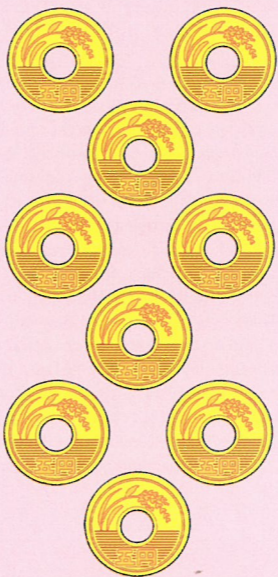
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Attributes: Commitment, Hard Work, Education and Skill Development, Investment

Reversed Attributes: Impatience, Over- or Underwork, Shortcuts, Burnout

The **EIGHT OF PENTACLES** is all about hard work, commitment, and determination. You're looking to build the foundation for a better, more fulfilling future by mastering skills and putting in the time and effort needed to accomplish your future goals. Whether that's investing in a healthy romantic relationship, managing budgets or projects at work, or investing in self-worth and personal growth, the Eight of Pentacles shows that you're laying the groundwork for success.

WHEN REVERSED, the Eight of Pentacles warns that you're either working too hard and too much or not working enough (perhaps by taking shortcuts that interfere with the quality and stability of the commitment). There may be external or internal forces pressuring you to work too hard and too much, or perhaps a lack of passion, patience, commitment, or support could be causing you to work too little or to do the job incorrectly. If it's the latter, identify what you need in order to commit to this investment properly. If it's the former, remember to be kind to yourself and think of the long-term goal. You can't enjoy the future if you burn out before you reach it!



NINE OF PENTACLES

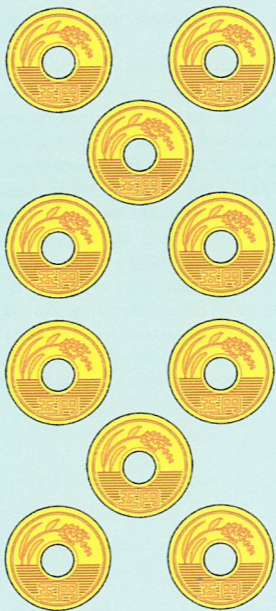
☞ NINE OF PENTACLES ☞

Attributes: Prosperity, Accomplishment, Self-Sufficiency, Empowerment

Reversed Attributes: Loneliness, Insecurity, Lack of Fulfillment

The **NINE OF PENTACLES** heralds a time in your life when you're reaping your rewards and reveling in the fruits of your labor. You've worked hard to get here, and now you can enjoy your self-sufficiency. Because we're dealing with the suit of pentacles, financial comfort is your prize. You've earned stability and independence.

WHEN REVERSED, the Nine of Pentacles hints that although you have everything you've worked hard for, you might still feel as though you're missing something. Maybe your independence and self-sufficiency have left you feeling a bit lonely, or maybe you have all the money but none of the sense of security or safety. There's no point in having wealth and prosperity if you're still unhappy. Take some time to do some introspection. Are you longing for community or partnership? What's making you feel so vulnerable and at risk? See if you can change course and fulfill your spiritual needs.



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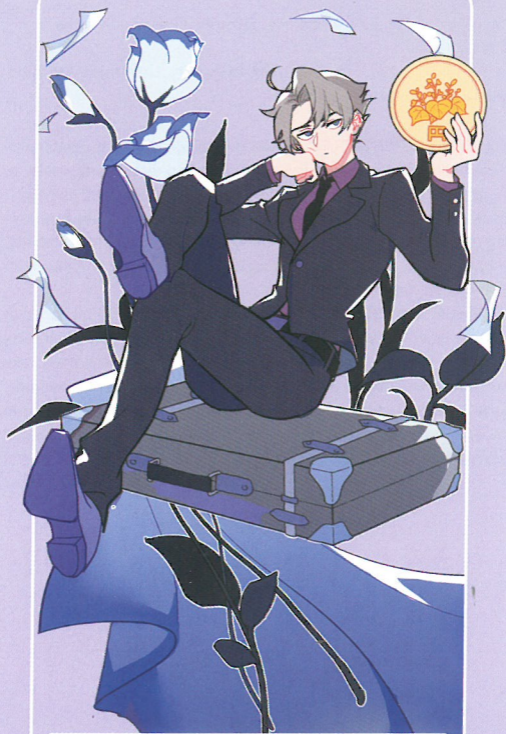
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Attributes: Family, Community, Security, Financial Security, Wealth, Profit

Reversed Attributes: Instability, Inequality, Unfairness, Isolation and Disconnection

The **TEN OF PENTACLES** signals generational wealth, happiness, and stability. This card focuses on sharing and distributing wealth to support and uplift your family and/or community. You and your loved ones are feeling financially safe and secure. You could also be entering a new type of community rich in resources, love, and stability, such as a new family through a romantic partnership or a nonprofit that focuses on supporting and elevating others.

WHEN REVERSED, the Ten of Pentacles warns of imbalance or insecurity among your loved ones or community. This inequality and tension is most likely related to money, inheritance, or isolation. Take some time to evaluate whether things are currently fair to everyone. How is each member of your circle spiritually tended to at the moment? What changes can you make to return everyone to a place of stability, prosperity, and connectivity?



PAGE OF PENTACLES

☺ PAGE OF PENTACLES ☺

THE CON MAN

Attributes: Diligence, Financial Opportunity, Skill Development

Reversed Attributes: Laziness, Procrastination, Wastefulness

As always, the **PAGE OF PENTACLES** is a type of messenger, so be prepared to get some news related to work or money. The Page is a planner: they're a patient, hard worker who's planning for the long game. They're determined to develop their skills to one day execute their vision, and they encourage you to do the same. There's no rush: take your time building your foundation. Only fools rush in.

The Page of Pentacles' analogue in anime is the Con Man. These characters are sly, cunning, and patient in their dealings. They even surprise and upend their own team with their long-haul strategies. They know how to execute their goals and anticipate the unexpected. Get ready to have your world shaken up by their arrival.

WHEN REVERSED, the Page of Pentacles warns about rushing or taking shortcuts. Never look for the easiest, quickest solution to a problem; look instead for the right one. Stay true to your commitments and don't become lazy or irresponsible. The reversed Page also indicates that you might be getting careless, wasteful, or indulgent with your wealth, so remember to keep your vices in check. Lastly, the reversed Page can forecast some unwelcome news in the realm of money or work. Not every con goes to plan, so focus on the Page's upright qualities to save the day.

The Con Man appears in:

Mob Psycho 100 (Reigen Arataka)

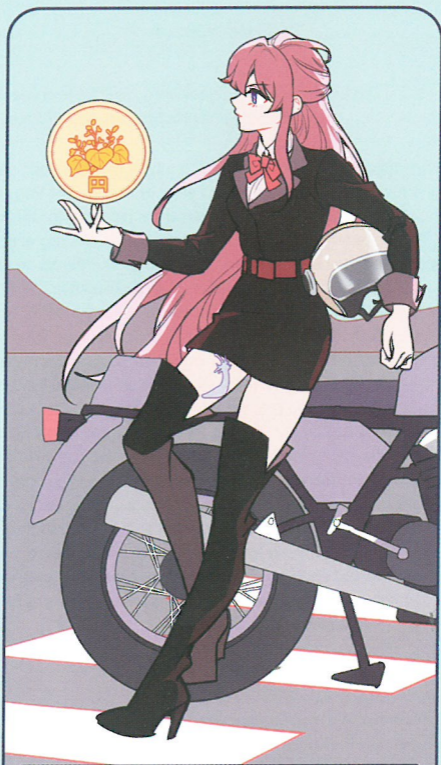
Great Pretender (Makoto Edamura and Laurent Thierry,
but essentially the entire main cast)

Lupin III (Fujiko Mine)

Bakemonogatari (Deishū Kaiki)

Gyakkyō Burai Kaiji: Ultimate Survivor (Kaiji Itou)

Cowboy Bebop (Faye Valentine)



KNIGHT OF PENTACLES

≡ KNIGHT OF PENTACLES ≡

THE PERFECTIONIST

Attributes: Provision, Productivity, Conservatism, Responsibility, Perfectionism

Reversed Attributes: Lack of Security, Inertia, Negligence

The **KNIGHT OF PENTACLES** is becoming more adept at their craft but has yet to attain mastery. They're occasionally dealing with failure, while growing their skill set along the way. The Knight's progress is never a straight line, but it is a steady, continuous journey. They're trying hard to develop success, knowledge, and security, and consistency and hard work are key to their success.

The Knight of Pentacles' analogue in anime is the Perfectionist. These characters are so committed to achieving mastery, success, and security that at times they can be consumed by it. Typically, their arcs involve their loosening the reins a bit and putting less pressure on themselves so that they can enjoy life more, but at the end of the day, they care deeply that their jobs are done well.

WHEN REVERSED, the Knight of Pentacles signals that despite all your efforts, things aren't totally paying off right now. Revisit your foundations to see what can be addressed. Alternatively, this card reversed can imply that you're being too negligent in your dealings and that you need to ensure you're not letting your projects, relationships, work, or investments fall into ruin.

The Perfectionist appears in:

Sayonara, Zetsubou-Sensei (Chiri Kitsu)

Neon Genesis Evangelion (Asuka Langley Soryu)

My Hero Academia (Tenya Iida)

Food Wars!: Shokugeki no Soma (Erina Nakiri)

Namaiki Zakari (Yuki Machida)

My Little Monster (Shizuku Mizutani)



QUEEN OF PENTACLES

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THE BIG SISTER (ANEKI OR ONEE-SAN)

Attributes: Nurture, Provision, Hard Work, Pragmatism, Resourcefulness

Reversed Attributes: Materialism, Laziness, Neglect, Work-Home Conflict

The **QUEEN OF PENTACLES** is a generous person who uses her money and resources in order to support others, encourage beauty, and invest in charitable purposes. She always finds a pragmatic way to nurture, ground, and care for those she loves. She's reliable, loyal, and resourceful in her support as she tends to others and herself.

The Queen of Pentacles' analogue in anime is the Big Sister, or Aneki or Onee-san. The Onee-san character is usually mature, competent, and caring. Often akin to a hardworking parental figure, she's a mentor and a friend. She can also be aloof, jaded, and cynical, but at the end of the day, she'll always tend to and nurture those in her care, even if doing so involves tough love.

WHEN REVERSED, the Queen of Pentacles shares the negative qualities of many pentacle cards: materialism, laziness, or overcommitment to her projects to the point where she neglects those around her. Alternatively, she could also be focusing so much on others that she neglects her own needs. The point is, a reversed Queen of Pentacles warns of imbalance. Check in with yourself, your resources, and those around you to see how you can reestablish balance.

The Big Sister appears in:

Fruits Basket (Saki Hanajima)

Attack on Titan (Mikasa Ackerman)

March Comes in Like a Lion (Akari Kawamoto)

YuYu Hakusho (Shizuru Kuwabara)

Love, Chūnibyō & Other Delusions (Tōka Takanashi)

Inuyasha (Sango)



KING OF PENTACLES

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WISE MASTER

Attributes: Wealth, Business, Established Leadership, Security, Discipline

Reversed Attributes: Financial Ineptitude, Obsession with Wealth or Status, Corruption

The **KING OF PENTACLES** uses his wealth and mastery of skill to ensure security, protection, and management. He is, above all, practical, sensible, and analytical with his wealth, time, and resources. Knowledgeable, committed, and objective, he achieves his goals and protects his own with a fantastic sense of leadership and devotion.

The King of Pentacles' analogue in anime is the Wise Master. These characters are similar to the Sensei archetype but have achieved complete and total mastery in their field. Older, wiser, and established and respected in their communities, they're disciplined leaders to their apprentices. Their dedication to their students' growth secures the continuation of their craft, a passing of the torch to someone worthwhile.

WHEN REVERSED, the King of Pentacles warns of overindulgence, corruption, or negligence. He tells you not to lose sight of your purpose and the community or tradition you're dedicated to. Don't become stingy with your resources or teaching. Devotion can go a long way toward creating prosperity and ensuring promise.

The Wise Master appears in:

My Hero Academia (All for One)

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba (Sakonji Uroko)

Bleach (Genryūsai Shigekuni Yamamoto)

Dragon Ball (Master Roshi)

Fairy Tail (Makarov Dreyar)

Hunter x Hunter (Isaac Netero)