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TAROT READING GUIDE
+ 5E COMPATIBLE SOURCE BOOK

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Welcome to the cyberpunk fantasy world of Neo-Valkan. Through this 78-card deck, you will be able to explore a grimy dystopian future laced with corporate greed, cybernetic upgrades, neon signs, hologram advertisements, virtual escapism, synth-drugs, violence, and the ever-present watchful eye of an authoritarian government.

Neo-Valkan is a high-tech city of neon lights, intermingled colorful cultures, and magic, but also rampant capitalism and violence. This glittering and bustling city has almost everything one could wish for, but at a hefty price. Megacorporations operate hand in hand with a punitive authoritarian government that cares only about lining its own pockets with corporate bribes, leaving the citizens of Neo-Valkan to deal with the effects of their greed.

When everything seems hopeless, it's easy to check out and give up, turning to virtual escapism or apathy, or becoming someone who upholds and perpetuates a broken system, but in the darkness there is still a glimmer of hope. Change is always possible, as long as there are those who are still willing to fight for it.

// HOW TO READ TAROT

This booklet is only a small and simple guide, just enough to get you started with reading this tarot deck. If you'd like more information, the companion book **Eldritch Overload // Codex** offers a more descriptive peek into the world and story behind each card, in-depth readings, and prompts for further reflection, as well as TTRPG elements!

Each of the 78 cards has a different and specific meaning, but it is ultimately up to you to interpret them as you see fit. You can follow the guide or feel free to interpret your own readings based on the information you glean from the cards; how do they make you feel, what do they remind you of, what insights do details in the artwork provide?

The 22 cards of the Major Arcana represent the hero's journey. Starting out fresh from The Fool, the hero learns more and more about themselves and the world around them, ending with The World card. The Major Arcana are powerful cards, and when they show up in your reading, there is something important you need to pay attention to.

The 56 cards of the Minor Arcana are more about the small day-to-day things. Often they focus on specific aspects of our work and careers, our family and friends, and our romantic relationships. These 56 cards are divided up into 4 suits, each representing a different element and theme. In this deck, they are the Potions (Cups), Swords, Wands, and Coins (Pentacles).

- ▼ 藥 Potions // Water, Emotions, Love
▲ 刀 Swords // Air, Logic, Intellect
▲ 棒 Wands // Fire, Creativity, Willpower
◆ 金 Coins // Earth, Materialism, Wealth

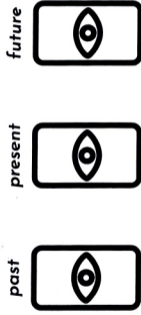
// CARD SPREADS

When performing a reading, shuffle the cards as much as you'd like. You can simply cut the deck and draw from the top or spread out your cards facedown and choose. I like to close my eyes and slowly run my fingers over the cards until I feel a card call out to me. You might feel a shiver or tingling electric sensation, or simply decide to stop on a card. Draw your card(s) and lay them facedown until you are ready to reveal them.



Single-card reading:

Draw a single card and think about what it is telling you. This spread is great for daily readings; combined with journaling it can assist you in reflecting on your current situations. Sometimes you'll realize things that you didn't think about before.



Three-card spread:

After shuffling, hold your deck between your hands and hold your question in the forefront of your mind. Draw 3 cards and lay them facedown in the order that you drew them. Flip each card over to reveal it, and ask yourself what kind of insight each one provides, or if there are any questions that the cards are asking you. How do they relate to each other? Are there any similarities in their message or any common themes? How do they differ, and how does that apply to your situation?

These are only two simple spreads to get you started in your tarot-reading journey. If you'd like to learn more about tarot spreads, there are many books available at your local bookstore, and resources online for your perusal. You can also come up with your own style and methods. For example, some only use the Major Arcana in their readings, some only use the upright meanings of the cards, and some use both regardless of the position of the card.

Ultimately it's up to you, and I can't wait to see what you come up with using this deck.



00 // THE FOOL — 愚者

- ▲ **Beginning of a Journey, Freedom, Optimism**
The Fool represents the start of a journey. You are leaping off into the unknown. Take that a leap of faith; embrace your passion, focus on your goal, and trust in your own abilities to land on your feet.
- ▼ **Recklessness, Holding Back, Fear of Risks**
Give up your fear of the unknown or your need for control and take that risk you are afraid of, otherwise you'll never get anywhere.

01 // THE MAGICIAN — 魔術師

- ▲ **Resourcefulness, Knowledge, Potential**
You have everything you need at your disposal; all that's left is applying your knowledge to transform it into what you need to accomplish your goal. Envision the outcome, concentrate your magic.
- ▼ **Sloppy Planning, Inefficiency, Manipulation**
If you are struggling to make headway, refocus your goal or find extra motivation, otherwise you won't be able to take advantage of opportune moments. However, be careful of putting individual benefit or wealth over the wellbeing of others or yourself.

02 // THE HIGH PRIESTESS — 女教皇

- ▲ *The Subconscious, Intuition, Divine Femininity*
Symbolizing the separation of the conscious and subconscious mind, The High Priestess represents your inner wisdom. Trust yourself and your insight. Embrace your divine femininity to balance your energies. Value empathy and communication over logic and rigidity. Prioritize self-reflection.
- ▼ *Disconnection, False Info, Self-Consciousness*
Take a breather. Let go of the doubts stemming from your own negative thoughts or the gossip and opinions of others. Reconnect with yourself and fly away from those trying to drag you down.

03 // THE EMPRESS — 皇后

- ▲ *Femininity, Sensuality, Nurturing, Abundance*
Enjoy the fruits of your labor; you've put in hard work and grown so much to create an abundance for yourself. Treat yourself, luxuriate in your senses, and practice gratitude. If you feel isolated, turn your nurturing energy towards your friends, family, and community. Help out, volunteer, and reconnect.
- ▼ *Detachment, Self-Care, Blocked Energy*
Overworking and overgiving will leave you so drained that there will be nothing of you left. Take time off, prioritize yourself. Recharge with a nature walk. Breathe fresh air, enjoy good food.

04 // THE EMPEROR — 皇帝

- ▲ *Authority, Tradition, Masculinity, Capitalism*
True power does not lie in physical prowess but the ability to inspire devotion and action. When others look to you for guidance, you must make the right

decision. There is no room for uncertainty or self-doubt, so do what needs to be done.

▼ *Domination, Greed, Control, Ego, Inflexibility.*
A bad leader can never seem to compromise. Their inflexibility will eventually lead to their downfall. If you can't find a middle ground and only rely on your own narrow view of right and wrong, you may find yourself deposed by those beneath your foot.

05 // THE HIEROPHANT — 教皇

▲ *Conformity, Tradition, Institution*
If you are seeking stability, look to the pillars of your community for guidance. You need structure in order to grow, so seek help from those who came before you. If you are used to independence, it may feel strange, but following others may be a small price to pay for safety and support.

▼ *Rebellion, Freedom, New Ideas*
Challenging the status quo is inevitable. Even ancient institutions must crumble and change. Reject tradition and strike out on your own; it is obviously not working for you anymore, now that you have grown and no longer need a guiding hand.

06 // THE LOVERS — 戀人

▲ *Detachment, Contempt, Misalignment, Conflict*
Relationships are give-and-take, but if one takes more than the other can give, there will be trouble. Something is out of sync. Needs are not being met, and feelings are being hurt. Do both parties want to make necessary changes or is it better to cut your losses and say goodbye, before it's too late?

▼ **Connection, Intimacy, Harmony, Love, Honesty**
True love means always seeking the best for the other person, through words, actions, and intent. Our connection is our greatest strength. What do you appreciate about someone important to you? Tell them how you feel, with sincerity. There is no wrong moment to make someone feel appreciated.

07 // THE CHARIOT — 戰車

▲ **Determination, Control, Willpower**
The end is nigh; your goal is within reach. You are in the final stretch. There are still obstacles, but remain confident in yourself and any further challenges in your path can be overcome. There is no time for deliberation; you must take swift action. Focus on your destination and don't take any side paths that may lead you astray.

▼ **Directionless, Opposition, Powerless**
Don't make aimless snap decisions just for the sake of progress. The Chariot values motion and activity, but only with purpose. Stick to your plan; don't become bogged down with the extra details or become paralyzed with all the potential actions you can take.

08 // STRENGTH — 力量

▲ **Courage, Compassion, Inner Strength**
Under duress, fear and anger can quickly bubble to the surface, but impulsively acting on these feelings may breed further conflict. There are benefits to recognizing these feelings and consciously steering ourselves towards stability. Mastering our own feelings also helps us empathize with the actions of others, and gives a key to helping each other.

▼ *Cowardice, Brute Force, Weakness*

When the connection to our inner selves falters, we may feel vulnerable and return to harmful old habits for the sake of comfort. Extend kindness and forgiveness to yourself and remember that things always ebb and flow. Sometimes you need a temporary retreat to recover.

09 // THE HERMIT — 隱者

▲ *Introspection, Contemplation, Reemergence*

Look inside yourself and have an inner dialogue. We may be hiding from a cruel world, needing to heal, feeling lost. A respite will allow us to contemplate and prepare for what lies ahead. Retreat is a legitimate tactic, and doesn't always mean defeat.

▼ *Loneliness, Withdrawal, Darkness*

There is a fine line between self-isolation and complete reclusion. If you find yourself lost and alone, it's time to look to the outside world. Wallowing in solitude may be comforting, but it cannot be a permanent solution. Find those you can reconnect with to help you get back up. The outside world cannot and should not be ignored forever.

10 // WHEEL OF FORTUNE — 命運之輪

▲ *Fate, Fortune, Destiny*

There are multiple opportunities coming your way, with endless possibilities to match. There are hard times but also good times. Cherishing the good times is the key to happiness. The direction the Wheel of Fortune turns is out of our control, but don't forget that what goes around comes around.

▼ *Misfortune, Breaking the Cycle, Loss of Control*
We may be unprepared for change, but do we let fate carry us or do we take action to regain control? You may have recently experienced a great setback or fall from grace, feeling powerless as a result. Look into the lessons of your past and see if there was a reason for your downfall, so you don't repeat the same mistake again. If you are truly at the bottom, remember there is nowhere to go but up.

11 // JUSTICE — 正義

▲ *Accountability, Cause + Effect, Consequences*
Have the repercussions of your actions finally caught up to you? Our decisions impact others, and they may reach far beyond the scope of what we see. Social ramifications can carry just as much weight as legal ones, and second chances are a grace not often offered.

▼ *Injustice, Corruption, Obfuscation*
Fairness and righteousness may fall when integrity lapses. Without integrity, our connections and institutions are in danger. Deceit and malice are afoot. Perhaps you feel mistreated, or are in denial of your own guilt. Take responsibility for how you act upon your own truths, lest you become another victim of karma.

12 // THE HANGED MAN — 倒吊人

▲ *Perspective, Discomfort, Empathy, Growth*
Change your perspective and you may find that the reality you accepted is not the only one possible. Change can be uncomfortable, especially when it questions our worldview, but discomfort leads to growth. Reflect, contemplate, + question your reality.

▼ *Resistance, Apathy, Helplessness, Inaction*

You tethered your happiness to an outcome, expecting it to carry you away. However, you are hanging by a thread, in danger of snapping soon. Don't keep trying to avoid discomfort. Dive headfirst into your future; you will rise before you fall.

13 // DEATH — 死神

▲ *Decay, Resisting Change, Negative Pattern*

There is no resisting Death, and the changes it brings. Although we may be stuck in old habits or on a path we never wished to take, do not despair. You can find the strength to enact change and create a new and better future.

▼ *Release, Transformation, Transition*

Death signals an era coming to a close; when one thing ends, another has the chance to begin. Change can be scary, but you must move forward and face the coming dawn.

14 // TEMPERANCE — 節制

▲ *Balance, Patience, Calm*

Maintain equilibrium, and remember that sometimes the most stable method is also the most effective one. Compromise does not always undermine, and sometimes it's better to let things take their own course rather than force an outcome.

▼ *Recklessness, Haste, Imbalance*

Take your time; remember that there is a fine line between efficiency and simply rushing. Focusing on only one thing can blind us to everything connected to it, leading to poor decisions and a costly outcome. If you feel pulled in many directions, a moment

of self-reflection may provide you with clarity and redirect you from disaster.

15 // THE DEVIL — 惡魔

- ▲ **Obsession, Gluttony, Addiction, Helplessness**
It's time for an intervention. What has sunk its claws into you, and what will it take to get yourself free? If you're caught in a loop of mindless consumption, take a step back and give yourself space to exist.
- ▼ **Freedom, Exploration, Resilience, Control**
It may be uncomfortable, but releasing ourselves from our addictions lets us reclaim parts of ourselves that we've compromised for so long. You have the chance to create meaningful change and hold yourself accountable. Others can support you, but only you can decide to break free.

16 // THE TOWER — 塔

- ▲ **Disaster, Change, Arrogance, Chaos, Upheaval**
The closer you fly to the sun, the farther you have to fall. If you have built your beliefs on shaky ground, all it takes is one big push to send you tumbling. The Tower is beyond saving; the old must be destroyed to make way for the new. Your only choice is whether to take a leap of faith or go down with the past.
- ▼ **Apprehension, Fear, Resistance, Questioning**
You find yourself at a loss, standing among the ashes and embers of the past. How do you start to rebuild? Why try when it can all fall again? You can dwell amongst the ruins or start picking up the pieces. Even the best-laid plans will fall through; you can wallow in failure or simply try again.

17 // THE STAR — 星星

▲ *Renewal, Hope, Inspiration*

We look to the stars for hope and guidance, both spiritual and literal, just as our ancestors did. Remember that the spread of life and the universe is vast, and that you are not alone. Others have trodden this path before, and some may even be walking in step with you now.

▼ *Despair, Hopelessness, Lack of Faith*

The vast expanse of the universe and choices in life may feel overwhelming and isolating. If you feel disconnected, without excitement or purpose, you will not progress until you understand where your grievances lie. Identify where you need to heal and you will find direction on where to go next.

18 // THE MOON — 月亮

▲ *Fear, Anxiety, Unconsciousness*

Sometimes things are not as they seem; our perspective is distorted by a lack of familiarity or concealed by gloom. Our minds will try to fill in the gaps, and a powerful imagination can make a situation seem immense or immeasurable. Proceed with caution, find the light of truth, and don't dive into dark thoughts.

▼ *Intuition, Understanding, Inner Emotions*

Reconsider if you truly have all the facts leading you to fear. Is there something you have turned a blind eye to? Fear of the unknown can be worse than the unknown itself, and coming to terms with this can relieve us of a lot of pressure. An honest conversation with yourself might reveal the answer.

19 // THE SUN — 太陽

▲ *Joy, Freedom, Optimism, Success, Luck, Truth*
Good things are coming for you. Take a moment to breathe; the doors of possibility are open to you, and you only need to step through them. The big question is, which door do you take? The Sun pushes you gently toward the road less traveled. Take the new adventure with confidence; everything you deserve is already yours to have.

▼ *Apathy, Pessimism, False Pride, Bad Luck*
In moments of darkness we feel alone, but the Sun reminds us that even in the dark there is light to be found. If loss and setbacks have you feeling off course, now is the chance to extend yourself the same grace you do for others. Humble yourself and remember that every failure is an opportunity.

20 // JUDGEMENT — 審判

▲ *Lack of Awareness, Incompetent, Self Loathing*
Fixation on criticism of ourselves and others clouds our minds with doubt. The need to avoid criticism, or the focus on others' shortcomings, stops us from reaching a resolution for the issues that truly need one. What message is the Universe trying to send you that you are actively ignoring?

▼ *Reflection, Awakening, Absolution*
Listening to the world around you helps you understand your place in it. You are faced with a significant decision and will need to embrace a more nuanced level of consciousness so you can make an informed choice. Your past experiences have led you to this point, and you cannot afford to be held back.

21 // THE WORLD — 世界

▲ *Comprehension, Achievement, Experimentation*
You are on the precipice of great understanding; what you've been working towards is nearing its end, leaving you with a wealth of new information. Now you must filter this information into usable data, and apply it to your life going forward. This revelation may not be what you hypothesized, but the results will be great nonetheless.

▼ *Confusion, Doubt, Ignorance, Fear, Resistance*
Ignorance is bliss, but is that a worthwhile trade? If you're feeling clouded by confusion and uncertainty, now is your chance to cut through the fog. You've come so far, and understanding is within reach. Focus your energy and grab it; delay and risk losing everything. Remember, you can still learn from this. You only need to open your mind.



ACE OF COINS

- ▲ *Opportunity, Prosperity, Abundance*
A potentially lucrative moment is on the table. It's important to capitalize, for when will you get the chance again? Seize the moment and don't delay.
- ▼ *Missed Opportunity, Stingy, Bad Investment*
Hesitation may let fortune slip through your fingers. It's important to balance quickness and planning; a misstep on the ladder may send you tumbling down.

II OF COINS

- ▲ *Compromise, Risk, Adaptation, Balance*
You're at an impasse; seek help to continue, or give up? There is no in-between. You can't be everywhere at once, but you can be right where you need to be.
- ▼ *Distraction, Overextension, Hustle Culture*
You risk losing it all when you try to juggle it all. Something is out of balance in your life, resulting in suffering. Take ownership of what needs to be fixed.

III OF COINS

- ▲ *Teamwork, Collaboration, Planning*
We are stronger together; everyone brings a unique skill to the table, although we might not truly understand until we illuminate one another.

- ▼ ***Splitting the Party, Conflict, Confusion***
Diverse perspectives are likely to clash and compete. It takes work to listen and support one another. Don't let greed cloud the wellbeing of your team.

IV OF COINS

- ▲ ***Guardedness, Hoarding, Frugality***
When happiness and security depend on an outside source, you lose sight of what truly matters in life. Do you own your possessions or do they own you?
- ▼ ***Generosity, Spending, Clarity***
After recovering from a setback, you may still feel cautious or scared. But you're safe now, so enjoy yourself. If you can, consider helping out another.

V OF COINS

- ▲ ***Poverty, Hardship, Isolation***
You can bounce back from a loss, but it may be hard to recover from the psychological impact. Mourning is therapeutic, but don't let it blind you to recovery.
- ▼ ***Welcoming, Positive Change, Recovery***
Things are starting to improve; heal your inner spirit and make provisions for the stability you seek. There is no shame in reaching out for help from others.

VI OF COINS

- ▲ ***Charity, Equitable Exchange, Financial Gain***
This is the time to take chances that support your long-term growth by borrowing or lending wisely. But impulsive financial decisions have dire consequences.
- ▼ ***Reputation Laundering, Greed, Quid Pro Quo***
Be on the lookout for hidden agendas in the goodwill of others; for some, charity is simply a

means to an end. If we allow ourselves to be taken advantage of once, it'll happen again and again.

VII OF COINS

▲ *Exhaustion, Exploitation, Failure, Stress*

You are pushed to your limit, or are pushing others. It's time to slow down or stop, no matter the cost, and reassess how to best move forward efficiently.

▼ *Productivity, Focus, Long-Term Investment*

Success is having our needs met, being surrounded by those who want to see us win, + allowing room for failure. A slow journey is built on intention + grace.

VIII OF COINS

▲ *Dedication, Craftship, Improving Skills*

You are an apprentice, putting in the hours in order to become a master of your craft. Don't give up. Your hard work and labor will be well rewarded.

▼ *Unmotivated, Poor Quality, Being In Too Deep*

Without clear guidance, we can lose our way.

Burnout, mundanity, + procrastination may be signs that you have taken on a project too big to handle.

IX OF COINS

▲ *Self-Made Image, Independence, Security*

You've reached a comfortable level of success after putting in hard work, so enjoy the fruits of your labor. But you still haven't reached the very top yet.

▼ *Reckless Spending, Superficiality, Overexertion*

Gaining more and more can be addictive, working yourself into the ground won't be enough. Stop looking only towards the future and appreciate the present before it slips away forever.

X OF COINS

- ▲ *Power, Generational Wealth, Legacy, Control*
Congratulations, you have played the game well and there is no longer scarcity in your life. If you need to make plans for the future, now is the time to start.
- ▼ *Nepotism, Corruption of Power, Loss of Income*
You are facing ruin; debts are unpaid, investments are lost, and favors need returning. Circumstances have changed, and so must you. Tighten the purse strings and focus on what needs to be adjusted.

PAGE OF COINS

- ▲ *Dependability, Consistency, Ambition*
Enthusiasm and devotion will only get you so far. You must also develop and hone your skills. It's no shame to admit you still have much to learn.
- ▼ *Foolishness, Irresponsibility, Poor Prospects*
When things don't go according to plan, it's easy to blame outside influences, but the most likely cause of failure is from a lack of planning and foresight.

KNIGHT OF COINS

- ▲ *Diligence, Reason, Patience*
Lack of creativity can be made up for with diligence; get the job done properly without risky shortcuts. Even if your route is boring, it's a safe guarantee.
- ▼ *Workaholicism, Boredom, Risky Investments*
If stuck in monotony, try shaking things up a bit by doing something outlandish or dramatic. Beware, though, that big gambles come with big costs.

QUEEN OF COINS

▲ Reason, Generosity, Nurturing

True health is an equal distribution of spiritual and physical wellbeing, feeding our bodies + our minds. Others are grateful for your generosity, not only for the functional benefits, but also for your priceless care and affection.

▼ Insecurity, Materialism, Self-Absorption

Beware of misplacing your priorities. Spend all your time climbing the social ladder or focused on your career and you'll neglect those who need you most.

KING OF COINS

▲ Abundance, Patriarchy, Security

Self-control, discipline, and meticulous planning have brought you to new heights, giving you a fresh and comfortable perspective for future challenges.

▼ Greed, Exploitation, Obsession

Overindulgence may create an insatiable hunger. Putting self-interest above all else will hurt others, and for only a temporary high. Don't let greed consume you and leave you all alone.



ACE OF SWORDS

- ▲ *New Energy, Breakthrough, Clarity, Ideas*
The moment to strike is now! Do not fear your own limitations. Keep your eye on the prize and good things will come your way.
- ▼ *Loss, Unfair Odds, Sacrifice, Oppression*
Everything seems to be conspiring against you; was it poor planning or bad luck? You haven't lost yet. There's still time to go back to the drawing board.

II OF SWORDS

- ▲ *Inner Thoughts, Decisions, Balance, Logic*
You can't always trust what you see. Read between the lines to help discern the truth. Listen closely, weigh your options. You'll know when to strike.
- ▼ *Indecision, False Info, Doubt, Overload*
When unsure about the right decision, the voices of others or self-doubt may cause further confusion. Remember, your most trusted advisor is yourself.

III OF SWORDS

- ▲ *Betrayal, Sacrifice, Heartbreak, Sorrow*
Blind trust in others can lead to hurt, as they'll eventually let us down. To err is human, and pain is temporary. You'll trust again and be hurt again.

- ▼ **Healing, Optimism, Forgiveness, Release**
Hurt, sadness, even betrayal, are all parts of life. The scars may never heal, but grief is a process, not a state of being. Stop clinging to what hurts you.

IV OF SWORDS

- ▲ **Burnout, Exhaustion, Internalization, Avoidance**
You've been pushing yourself hard, and it's taking a toll. Unplug and recharge, even if you don't feel you deserve it. You don't need to earn your rest or care.
- ▼ **Rest, Fulfillment, Mindfulness, Realignment**
You're in a good spot, so make the most of it! Pick up a new hobby, practice self-care, prioritize your mental + emotional wellbeing. Life is rewarding you.

V OF SWORDS

- ▲ **Conflict, Regret, Loss, Resentment, Bad Blood**
We don't always get closure, unable to go back and change the past. You must find your path forward. Is being right more valuable than what you have built?
- ▼ **Forgiveness, Trauma, Reconciliation, Change**
There's still time to right the wrongs and heal, with forgiveness towards yourself and others. Release anger and find reconciliation. Nothing is guaranteed, but the important thing is that you try.

VI OF SWORDS

- ▲ **Entrapment, Self-Sabotage, Ego, Disorder**
Did jumping blindly at an opportunity lead you off an edge? Next time, stop to consider if it is right for you or just something you want to be right.
- ▼ **Acceptance, Transition, Responsibility, Progress**
The most painful moments are behind us. It's time

to focus on regrowth and learn from past mistakes. Realizing that something can't be salvaged is the hardest part. Acceptance is required to move on.

VII OF SWORDS

- ▲ **Quick Thinking, Deception, Cutting Corners**
The con is on! But are you the culprit or casualty? Tread carefully, lest your dark secrets be brought to light. Will you stay hidden or face the truth?
- ▼ **Self-Deprecation, Doubt, Secrets, Discomfort**
It's time to get out of your head and back to reality. Whether it's self-doubt or unrealistic expectations, be honest with yourself; you know the true answer.

VIII OF SWORDS

- ▲ **Victimization, Isolation, Paranoia, Entrapment**
If you feel trapped, there is a way out if you look for it. You'll need quick thinking, compromise, and accountability. Only you can save yourself.
- ▼ **Doubt, Victim Mentality, Ignorance, Frailty**
Your worst critic and bully is yourself; learn to treat yourself with kindness. Your helplessness is learned, and can be unlearned. Relearn how success feels (it won't be instant), and be kind to yourself.

IX OF SWORDS

- ▲ **Fear, Anxiety, Anger, Isolation, Shame**
Losing control is not the answer. Fear quickly turns to anger, and anger to hurt we can't take back. Sit with that fear, quell your anger, and find your peace.
- ▼ **Release, Secrets, Asking for Help, Kindness**
Take the opportunity to share your burden. Find forgiveness, peace, and release from what holds you

back. Apologize to those you've hurt—being able to ask for help is not a weakness; it is a strength.

X OF SWORDS

- ▲ *Loss, Endings, Solemnity, Stillness, Pause*
There will always be a challenge we can't surmount. Even in loss there can be peace, and at least you took the journey. Rest for as long as you need. The world will still be here when you wake.
- ▼ *Transformation, Perspective, Healing, Renewal*
Find your old wounds and start the difficult work of healing them. You've endured the pain for so long. It's time to rise with the new sun and heal.

PAGE OF SWORDS

- ▲ *Vigilance, Standing for Justice, Inspiration*
New information has come to light, and you are spurred to action. But first you must look before you leap, assess potential risks, and develop a strategy.
- ▼ *Gossip, Haste, Not Thinking Before Speaking*
Think before you speak; accusations and strong words will only deafen others to your cause, no matter how sound your logic or compelling your tale.

KNIGHT OF SWORDS

- ▲ *Curiosity, Exploration, Ambition*
Inquisitiveness can be rewarding. The more we learn, the more we grow. Let yourself be driven by the joy of discovery; it defines your place in the world.
- ▼ *Arrogance, Intrusiveness, Vulnerability*
It's dangerous to be in the shadow of your own lofty ideals. Flying high makes you a very visible target for those who want to bring you down.

QUEEN OF SWORDS

- ▲ *Independence, Perception, Constructiveness*
A good mentor seeks to help you improve with constructive criticism and empathy. It may be hard to take at first, but necessary to help you grow.
- ▼ *Manipulation, Deceit, Cruelty, Condemnation*
Without empathy, criticism is harsh and can harm instead of help. Find independence and set boundaries with those who criticize without consent.

KING OF SWORDS

- ▲ *Inhumanity, Ruthlessness, Extortion, Vanity*
The empire you have built for yourself is not as infallible as you think. There is a major power imbalance; are you demanding too much or pinned down by others? Come to terms with your situation.
- ▼ *Authority, Leadership, Discipline, Logic*
A deserving leader balances vision + commitment to justice to create positive change in their community. You're about to be tested, your abilities called into question. Stay true to yourself. Ready yourself to fight, but don't forget to be compassionate.



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ACE OF POTIONS

- ▲ *Suppression, Apathy, Complacency, Withholding*
You are being held back from fully expressing yourself, energy stifled by others calling the shots. Do what inspires you, not what others demand.
- ▼ *Creativity, Extroversion, Self-Expression*
You have a world of possibilities, connected to a deep well of energy, ready to channel it into your new work. Trust the process, let yourself flow.

II OF POTIONS

- ▲ *Partnership, Balance, Mutual Respect*
With two partners seeking the same goal, celebrate your different skillsets and rely on each other to grow. Communication and mutual respect are key.
- ▼ *Mistrust, Withdrawal, Poor Communication*
There is an imbalance in your partnership; distrust and resentment poison your well. Do you cleanse the waters and repair, or let it drain and walk away?

III OF POTIONS

- ▲ *Sisterhood, Joy, Empathy, Togetherness*
You have been called upon to reconnect. The bonds we create with one another endure hardships and keep us afloat. Text, call, or see your loved ones.

▼ *Independence, Excess, Solitude, Disconnection*
It's okay to be burnt out. You are entitled to your alone time. Don't let FOMO push you into rooms you don't want to be in. Take a break and come back later.

IV OF POTIONS

▲ *Dejection, Withdrawal, Pessimism*
Being stuck in a rut is frustrating, and we may ponder the point of trying. Melancholy clouds the vision and prevents us from seeing new chances.

▼ *Introspection, Realignment, Traction*
Retreat + take time listening to yourself to figure out where to go next. Take care not to trap yourself in a feedback loop; put in the work + reap your rewards.

V OF POTIONS

▲ *Failure, Disappointment, Remorse*
Things don't always go according to plan, but how you navigate these bumps is crucial. A little self-pity is okay, but too much can prevent us from learning.

▼ *Forgiveness, Sympathy, Relief*
We all make mistakes, and are often our own harshest judges. Accept and pardon yourself before seeking clemency from others. They will understand.

VI OF POTIONS

▲ *Nostalgia, Optimism, Naivety*
The past is behind us, but it's still a big part of who we are. Allow yourself to return to those formative places that have helped you out before.

▼ *Maturity, Independence, Resolution*
Stay in touch with your younger self, but be aware

that living in the past and not moving forward will leave you in the past. You'll miss the chance to grow.

VII OF POTIONS

- ▲ *Escapism, Addiction, Emptiness, Dissatisfaction*
With so many options for escape, it's easy to run away from things we don't want to face. Disrupt the cycle of consuming + find the cause of your behavior.
- ▼ *Crossroads, Hope, Decision-Making, Priorities*
You've been seeking one thing after another, never satisfied with what you have. Assess your behavior; do you need a fresh start or just a slower pace?

VIII OF POTIONS

- ▲ *Neglect, Discontent, Reverie*
The optimism of trying again + again is admirable, but it can also drive you to a sunk cost. Change must occur, or the cycle of dissatisfaction will continue.
- ▼ *Inertia, Uncertainty, Sufferance*
Don't settle if you aren't happy, just because it's the path of least resistance. Don't hold yourself back for fear of the unknown; you never know unless you try.

IX OF POTIONS

- ▲ *Wish Fulfillment, Satisfaction, Optimism*
Give in to your desires and splurge; you deserve it! Celebrate your accomplishment, relax, and enjoy the fruits of your success. Everything is within reach.
- ▼ *Broken Dreams, Disappointment, Addiction*
You are chasing goal after goal, stuck on the Hedonic Treadmill. Nothing will ever be enough. Stop and slow down, appreciate what you have.

X OF POTIONS

▲ *Communal Strife, Generational Trauma*

Something at home isn't working. It may be a new problem, or a generational curse. Make time to refocus on what you and others truly need.

▼ *Comfort, Familial Love, Harmony, Bonding*

Savor the good things, work to keep them alive. Surround yourself with those who love you; plan more family time, date nights, friend gatherings. Those we love make this life worth living.

PAGE OF POTIONS

▲ *Impulsivity, Stimulation, Intellect*

Flexibility and openness allow your creativity to flow unhampered. If you are feeling inspired, reach out and grasp that spark before it dies out.

▼ *Doubt, Hinderance, Pursuit + Execution*

You may be afraid of sharing your creations and works with others, fearing critique and judgement. But, it's better to make your mark than leave the page blank forever.

KNIGHT OF POTIONS

▲ *Exploration, Romanticism, Vitality*

Some are content to just dream, but you pursue those dreams to turn them into reality. You are capable of so much and can't wait to show the world.

▼ *Delusion, Immaturity, Impulsivity*

Take care not to become blinkered in pursuit of wonder, charging down reckless paths. Chaotic energy can be harmful; don't rush in blind.

QUEEN OF POTIONS

▲ *Empathy, Nurturing, Dependability*

If you are in need of help, seek sanctuary in one who can hold space and empathy for you; a sibling, parent, lover, or yourself. They remind us that joy can be brought about by goodwill and selflessness.

▼ *Self-Sacrifice, Fatigue, Denial*

It's easy to be absorbed by the needs of others and forget your own. Overgiving can lead to resentment. Help yourself first, before helping others.

KING OF POTIONS

▲ *Maturity, Confidence, Compassion.*

You can reach your true potential if you strike the right balance between raw emotional strength and calm control. And you needn't put others down in order to rise. You have achieved so much and gained valuable experience. Consider sharing that wisdom when others come to you for help.

▼ *Manipulation, Volatility, Insincerity*

You may have lost control of your emotions and now they control you. "Fake it 'til you make it" may be effective at first, but the best results come when you are true to yourself. Get back in touch with your emotions, and be careful of lashing out at others.



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ACE OF WANDS

- ▲ *Hope, Perseverance, Opportunity, Renewal*
The chance to grow and cultivate new ideas and possibilities is now. Tap into your own energy and new doors will open all around you.
- ▼ *Failure, Uncertainty, Stagnation, Loss*
With slow progress, you may feel like you wasted your time. Change your perspective and embrace slow but intentional growth.

II OF WANDS

- ▲ *Envisioning, Careful Planning, Manifesting*
You are planning your next move. What is your goal and how do you get there? The map you make now will carry you through what's to come.
- ▼ *Lack of Forethought, Uncertainty, Fear*
Slow down and think. Don't risk venturing out into the unknown without a clear plan. The adventure will still be there when you are ready.

III OF WANDS

- ▲ *Growth, Expansion, Challenging Comfort Zones*
Are you ready to step outside your comfort zone and into your future? If you can navigate these new experiences, opportunities, and environments, you

will be richly rewarded.

- ▼ *Playing It Safe, Delays, Overcommitment*
Either you have overextended or you haven't reached far enough to grasp anything. There's still time to recover, but not without tough decisions.

IV OF WANDS

- ▲ *Celebration, Stability, Community*
Celebration brings us closer to each other; share your achievements and milestones and cherish these moments together while you still have them.
- ▼ *Division, Instability, Inner Conflict*
There is tension in your life, where is it coming from? It's hard to find joy with preoccupied minds, or when not fitting in with peers. Find your flock and fly.

V OF WANDS

- ▲ *Collaboration, Diversity, Camaraderie, Victory*
Assess those you work closely with and ensure you are supporting each other effectively. Is someone not pulling their weight or tasked with too much?
- ▼ *Exclusion, Conflict, Uneven Workloads, Discord*
Parties who cannot see eye to eye are doomed to fail. Something has to give, and you will lose far more than you gain if you refuse to compromise.

VI OF WANDS

- ▲ *Achievement, Recognition, Confidence*
Whether you thrive on being challenged or praise and admiration from peers, self-assurance drives you to the finish. Be proud of your achievements!
- ▼ *Low Self-Esteem, Enervation, Neglect*

You may find yourself on a pedestal you can't get down from, feeling besieged by imposter syndrome. Belay your doubts; look down—you have come so far.

VII OF WANDS

- ▲ *Conflict, Dominance, Unexpected Threats*
Your power is being called into question; will you hold your ground or give in? Don't be afraid to ask for help. This fight will take all your courage.
- ▼ *Subjugation, Submission, Avoiding Conflict*
Running from your problems doesn't solve anything. If someone is pushing your boundaries, put your foot down. You should not compromise your peace.

VIII OF WANDS

- ▲ *Speed, Action, Progress, Travel, Industry*
You're in the flow, so why stop now? If everything feels like smooth sailing, pick up the pace. Use this momentum to launch yourself towards your dreams.
- ▼ *Misalignment, Delays, Outdated Ideals*
Your flow is disrupted, snapping you back to reality. Things move at the pace we set for them, so slow down and take stock of what's important.

IX OF WANDS

- ▲ *Persistence, Courage, Resilience, Fatigue*
You've overcome a lot, and it's shaped who you are, and you can't change the past. Still, you must press on, and the future looks hopeful. Don't give up!
- ▼ *Struggle, Fear, Feeling Trapped, Obstacles*
Sometimes life throws too much at us too quickly. Don't forget to seek out help or just take the time to rest before getting back up and pressing on.

X OF WANDS

- ▲ *Stress, Exhaustion, Burnout, Mania, Toil*
There is a cost to biting off more than you can chew, so reassess your responsibilities. It's one thing to push yourself, but only if it's forward, not down.
- ▼ *Delegation, Boundaries, Rest, Relief, Purging*
You have reached a breaking point. The work will still be there tomorrow, you don't need to accomplish everything today. Step back, stand up, ask for help.

PAGE OF WANDS

- ▲ *Transformation, Freedom, Trailblazing, Energy*
A new challenge is headed your way, and although the Page of Wands affirms a go-getter attitude, research, prepare, and stay grounded for success.
- ▼ *Impulsivity, Lack of Control, Misdirection*
You started something, but it's no longer what you expected. Reassess what needs to be done and see it through. You deserve that closure.

KNIGHT OF WANDS

- ▲ *Passion, Decisiveness, Confidence, Drive*
You are standing on the edge of greatness, but you can't rush it. Slow down and think; you have power but need a plan. Consult more cards for guidance.
- ▼ *Anger, Scatter-Mindedness, Impulsivity*
You can't react to or accomplish everything instantly. Choose to move with slow intention instead of hasty disregard. Slow and steady is not weak.

QUEEN OF WANDS

- ▲ *Passion, Creativity, Efficiency, Multitasking*
Cast aside doubts and complete that project you've been thinking about. Trust your own skills and seek critique from respected peers to refine your creation.
- ▼ *Disorganized, Imposter Syndrome, Overwhelm*
Don't risk exhaustion by pushing yourself too hard juggling so much. Banish self-doubt; look how far you've come, and not with envy for others.

KING OF WANDS

- ▲ *Leadership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship*
Put your inherent magnetism to use; you have a plan and people eager to help. Don't be afraid to go against the grain with your novel perspective.
- ▼ *Poor Leadership, Unrealistic Expectations*
Leaders have a duty to those they lead. Are you shirking that responsibility? Listen to those around you; allow room for failure, conflict, and misalignment. None of us can do it all alone.