

IVA TAROT

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• MAJOR ARCANA •

Just like in the Minor Arcana, many of the images are inspired by pop culture and drag culture. Some cards contain direct references to movies and shows that I love and that resonate with me aesthetically. The characters are also based on ball-jointed dolls and the concept of “doll-like” fragility—porcelain, delicate, and brittle. This sense of fragility and crystalline beauty is fundamental to my experience of this deck: everything is fragile and glass-like, yet possesses power—sometimes immense power, both external and internal.

The clothing and silhouettes are gothic—black, elongated, and angular—reflecting my love for gothic culture and Victorian fashion. Tattoos, piercings, punk hairstyles, sexualized androgyny—all of these elements fill the deck and directly reflect my visual perception of the world.

o THE FOOL

This card is a direct reference to the movie *Terrifier*. The Fool is eerie, hypnotic, which is emphasized by the costume. The stark contrast of black and white, the lightness expressed through the smile, and the emptiness within—a void, like a black hole in the chest. Pure impulse, a flow of energy that can be directed toward both light and darkness.

The madman, the fool, the simpleton, the creator. The archetype of the child, the hero recklessly rushing to meet fate. A blissful, naked soul wandering wherever the eyes lead, capable of anything—both creation and destruction.

A blind wanderer, filled with meaningless actions and delusions, yet still pure and innocent. The card predicts an unexpected turn of events, unplanned circumstances, and the necessity of making important decisions. The Fool signifies the beginning of something new, a chance, a journey. Absolute free will.

I THE MAGICIAN

Contrary to the classic image of the Magician, I chose to depict a female sorceress, as women are closer to nature (cycles) and possess greater empathy and depth of feeling due to their ability to conceive, give birth, and intuitively understand the needs of an infant. The infinity symbol signifies a high degree of intuition, as well as unlimited potential—if abilities and energy are used correctly. Like the Fool, this card holds immense potential and energy, which can be directed in either direction, as indicated by the black eyes.

The pointed hat is also one of the most iconic images in pop culture—the Sorting Hat from Harry Potter.

A quiet strength, power rooted in harmony between consciousness and the subconscious, and self-confidence. The Magician is a card brimming with energy and positivity, calling for action. The beginning of a new life phase, with the present being a period of security and success. The Magician's energy is a focused, orderly drive.

The Magician has the ability to influence reality greatly in pursuit of their goals, though these goals can be both noble and deceitful. Power can corrupt.

II THE HIGH PRIESTESS

One of the most mystical cards in the deck. Hidden beneath the dark veil of night, the High Priestess symbolizes insight, mystery, tranquility, and an understanding of existence beyond the obvious. In the occult sense, she represents hidden knowledge. She embodies the wisdom of the feminine in a mystical, magical, and metaphysical sense. The High Priestess sees beyond the surface of tangible reality into the mysterious darkness of creation. She represents our unconscious forces—intuition and premonition.

Like the Hierophant, the High Priestess is the female embodiment of the High Priest—a virgin. The Waite Tarot deck is heavily steeped in Christianity; I decided to use an inverted cross to amplify this connection even further, as the inverted cross is the cross of Apostle Peter, who deemed himself unworthy to be crucified like the Savior. However, pop culture has turned everything upside down...

III THE EMPRESS

The Empress symbolizes creation, beauty, and kindness in daily and material affairs, in emotions and thoughts. Traditionally, she signifies femininity and a woman's influence on the matter at hand. She is often depicted as pregnant, but I chose to emphasize her sexuality and instinctual, animalistic strength by baring her chest.

She represents the awakening of nature and the energy of abundance. The archetype of the mother, eternal femininity, worthy of worship. On the physical level, she signifies growth and fertility; on an emotional level, creative abilities; on a mental level, a wealth of ideas and ingenuity. This card corresponds to the planet of practical wisdom and the ruler of creation—Venus.

IV THE EMPEROR

A card of leadership, self-discipline, and law. The Emperor is a ruler, an authority figure embodying responsibility, order, structure, consistency, and perseverance. The father archetype, a terrestrial fertilizing force, persistence, and courage. Active influence in matters that require resolution. Protection of what has been achieved, establishment of boundaries, acceptance of responsibility.

The chest and crown bear astrological symbols referencing Aries, the zodiac sign ruled by Mars. The earrings in the shape of ankhs symbolize fertility, life, and power.

The primary meaning of the card is the realization of plans. It signals that now is the time to act—do not delay.

— V THE HIEROPHANT —

The High Priest, as indicated by the halo above his head with a cross, earrings with inverted crosses, and a clerical collar. In the occult sense, he represents inspiration. He symbolizes the initiator, the master of life's mysteries, a spiritual healer, a religious authority, and an interpreter of truth. The fifth arcana is associated with faith in the meaning of events and their purpose—it teaches and enlightens, raising ethical questions.

The Hierophant embodies a world of faith and trust, grounded in unwavering core values, reminding us that we have a conscience and an inner sense of purity.

VI THE LOVERS

One of the most complex Arcana. Its occult meaning is trial. Deep emotional experiences, transitioning to a new level. This card signifies a person abandoning one way of life for another, striving for unity and wholeness. Its second name is "Choice." The depiction of conjoined twins enhances the dilemma of choice. A bold decision made from the heart.

The attraction of opposing forces, duality, the struggle and union of masculine and feminine. In a reading, the card suggests that the right choice will be made. It signifies genuine actions that fully express one's true desires. Event-wise, it represents union, merging, synthesis. Creative energy.

VII THE CHARIOT

Struggle and triumph. The occult meaning is victory. This card signifies a great leap forward, overcoming obstacles, a confident breakthrough. A card of strength, action, optimism, victory over fate's blows. It represents a transition from one state to another, the triumph of reason that has unraveled the riddle of the Sphinx. Self-discipline and control ensure rapid progress and achievement of goals.

The Chariot symbolizes hidden forces that help one find the path to their true self and destiny. The royal path of the spirit and the compass arrow atop the Chariot point the way forward.

VIII STRENGTH

The ability to subdue, to hold back, to control. The occult meaning is power. This card represents immense inner strength and mastery over oneself. This is willpower that overcomes external obstacles and internal doubts. Strength is the transformation of energy into power, achieved through patience, wisdom, and self-control. It is the ability to control aggression without suppressing it entirely.

In classical decks, Strength is depicted as a woman gently taming a lion, symbolizing not brute force but rather a deep, intuitive connection with one's primal instincts. I have taken a different approach—the androgynous character exudes raw, primal energy while maintaining restraint. The fangs are visible, but they are not bared in a snarl. There is both power and composure, suggesting a conscious choice of action rather than impulse.

Strength teaches us that true power does not come from dominance but from balance, resilience, and self-awareness. It is not about overpowering others, but about overcoming one's own fears and weaknesses.

IX THE HERMIT

Loneliness, contemplation, withdrawal from the world. The occult meaning is wisdom. This card represents solitude, but not as suffering—it is the deliberate retreat of a seeker of truth, someone who chooses to walk their own path. The Hermit distances themselves from external distractions to better understand their inner world.

The Hermit carries a lantern to illuminate the way—not just for themselves, but for those who seek knowledge. The candle represents inner light and guidance, and the character's closed eyes indicate deep introspection. The long cloak emphasizes detachment from the mundane, and the hood enhances the sense of mystery and hidden knowledge.

The Hermit is not lonely but self-sufficient. They remind us that answers lie within and that sometimes we must step away from noise and distractions to find clarity.

X THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Fate, cycles, unpredictability. The occult meaning is change. This card symbolizes life's constant movement—the ups and downs, the turns of fortune, and the inevitable shifts in destiny. Nothing remains the same forever.

The Wheel of Fortune teaches us that while we cannot control everything, we can choose how to respond. Sometimes fortune is on our side, and other times we must endure hardships. The key is to remain adaptable and aware that everything is temporary.

The image conveys a sense of cosmic inevitability—an ever-spinning wheel that affects all who are bound to it. The figure's expression is neutral, showing acceptance of fate. The symbols within the wheel hint at mystical forces at play, suggesting that events are influenced by both chance and deeper, unseen forces.

XI JUSTICE

Fairness, truth, consequences. The occult meaning is law. This card represents balance, honesty, and responsibility. Every action has a consequence, and Justice ensures that each person receives what they deserve.

The sword represents truth and clarity, while the scales symbolize weighing all factors carefully before making a decision. The blindfold suggests impartiality—true justice does not favor one side over another but seeks the ultimate truth.

Justice urges us to take responsibility for our choices and to act with integrity. It reminds us that fairness is not always about what is easy but about what is right.

XII THE HANGED MAN

Sacrifice, perspective, surrender. The occult meaning is transition. This card represents a state of suspension, where forward movement is impossible, and the only option is to pause and see things from a new angle.

The Hanged Man appears upside down, yet they remain calm, even serene. This is not a punishment but a voluntary surrender—an acceptance of stillness to gain enlightenment. The character's inverted position symbolizes a shift in perception, an awakening to truths that are only visible when one stops resisting.

The key lesson is patience. Sometimes, the best action is no action. The Hanged Man teaches us to embrace moments of uncertainty, knowing they are necessary for growth and transformation.

XIII DEATH

Endings, transformation, rebirth. The occult meaning is renewal. This is one of the most feared yet misunderstood cards. Death does not signify literal death but rather the end of a cycle and the beginning of something new. It is change in its most profound form.

The skeletal figure represents the inescapable nature of transformation. The dark, gothic aesthetic highlights the beauty in endings—they are not to be feared but embraced. The roses symbolize life and hope, growing even amidst decay.

Death teaches us that nothing lasts forever, and that clinging to the past prevents us from moving forward. It is a card of liberation—letting go of what no longer serves us to make room for new possibilities.

XIV TEMPERANCE

Balance, harmony, patience. The occult meaning is healing. This card represents moderation and the blending of opposites to create something greater than the sum of its parts.

The androgynous figure stands between two realms, pouring liquid from one vessel to another, symbolizing the alchemical process of transformation. This act represents the careful mixing of different elements—emotion and logic, action and stillness, light and dark. The wings suggest spiritual elevation, a higher understanding of how to maintain inner peace.

Temperance teaches us the importance of moderation in all aspects of life. It encourages us to be patient, to seek harmony, and to trust in the natural flow of things.

XV THE DEVIL

Temptation, addiction, control. The occult meaning is bondage. This card represents the darker side of human nature—the chains we willingly wear, the illusions we believe, and the power that external forces can hold over us.

The Devil appears seductive yet sinister. The chains around the figures in the card are loose, suggesting that they could free themselves if they chose to. But they do not—they are enthralled, addicted, trapped by their own desires and fears.

This card warns of manipulation, unhealthy attachments, and the loss of personal power. It reminds us that true freedom comes from recognizing our shadows and reclaiming control over our choices.

XVI THE TOWER

Chaos, upheaval, revelation. The occult meaning is destruction. This card represents sudden, unavoidable change—everything crumbling so that something new can be built in its place.

Lightning strikes the tower, breaking it apart. The figures falling represent the collapse of false beliefs and structures that were never meant to last. Though the destruction is painful, it is necessary—what was built on weak foundations must fall.

The Tower teaches us that sometimes, we must go through turmoil to reach clarity. It is a card of awakening, showing us what is real and what is illusion.

XVII THE STAR

Hope, inspiration, renewal. The occult meaning is faith. This card represents light after darkness, healing after pain. It is a reminder that no matter how difficult things have been, there is always a path forward.

The figure pours water, symbolizing the flow of emotions and the cleansing of the soul. The stars above shine brightly, guiding the way. There is a sense of peace, of trust in the universe.

The Star encourages us to dream, to believe in ourselves, and to trust that better days are ahead.

XVIII THE MOON

Illusion, intuition, mystery. The occult meaning is deception. This card represents the unknown—the realm of dreams, fears, and hidden truths.

The Moon casts an eerie glow, illuminating shadows but distorting reality. It warns us to trust our intuition and be wary of illusions. Things may not be what they seem.

This card teaches us to navigate uncertainty with wisdom, embracing mystery without being consumed by fear.

XIX THE SUN

Joy, success, clarity. The occult meaning is enlightenment. This card represents happiness, fulfillment, and truth. The darkness has passed, and everything is illuminated.

The Sun teaches us to embrace positivity, confidence, and the warmth of life's blessings.

XX JUDGMENT

Awakening, reckoning, rebirth. The occult meaning is transformation. This card represents a moment of realization—a call to step into our true purpose.

Judgment urges us to reflect, to accept our past, and to move forward with clarity.

XXI THE WORLD

Completion, fulfillment, unity. The occult meaning is wholeness. This card represents the end of a journey, the achievement of a goal, and the harmony of all things.

The World teaches us that everything is connected and that true success comes from balance and integration.

• WANDS •

A suit in the Tarot deck astrologically associated with the element of Fire and the Zodiac signs Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. To emphasize the suit's connection with fire, the characters on the cards are depicted with tattoos in the form of black flames, as well as the elemental sign itself. Fire is a masculine energy, representing extremes of creation and destruction. Passion, action, and immediate change, driven by energy. The suit of personal achievements. It symbolizes glory and enterprise, indicating financial success through the realization of personal potential. Wands typically describe areas related to a person's affairs, responsibilities, business, finance, work, and career. Conquering heights, gaining status in society, creating something significant and tangible. Creation in the style of Wands means a creative approach and working to the maximum. Wands represent sexuality, flirtation, and passion.

ACE OF WANDS

Start, green light. Courage, determination, readiness to take risks. The potential for self-discovery. A card of beginnings, initiative, action. Conscious desires and the strength to bring them to life. A spark, an increase in energy. A new idea, thought, act. Luck, power, fortune. Release of energy, sexual energy. The card depicts a wand with the fire element symbol breaking free from heavy black shackles or, conversely, striking the ground with a powerful charge of energy, splitting it open.

TWO OF WANDS

A levitating polyhedron above the palm symbolizes possession, achievement, something precious; dominion. Conquest, power, influence. The arrival of something unexpected. A threshold, crossroads, life junction. Difficulty in making choices. Quarrel, scandal, incompatibility. "Achievement depression." The prison of one's own conquests, friction of opposing forces. A portal.

THREE OF WANDS

“Lord of Established Strength.” Dignity, virtue. Confidence in the future. A triangle pointing upward symbolizes evolution, masculinity, fire, life, ascent, prosperity, harmony, and the spiritual world. A card of growth, stability, and success. The need to keep moving forward, going beyond boundaries. Inspiration, realization of ideas. A firm foundation, further prosperity. Primary order, understanding, awareness.

FOUR OF WANDS

Perfect work, cosmic order. The golden ratio. Materialization, result. Benevolence and prosperity. Harmony, self-confidence, balance, and enjoyment of the results of one's labor. Mental stability, steady development.

FIVE OF WANDS

Baring heads at each other symbolize struggle, play. Defending personal interests, comparing

capabilities. Obstacles, troubles, irritating interferences, difficulties, limitations.

SIX OF WANDS

Lord of Triumph. Victory. Triumph of will and courage. A card of material and social achievements. Controlling instinctive forces with masculine nature. Persistence. Leadership potential, as indicated by the tattooed figure prominently in the center.

SEVEN OF WANDS

Self-assertion. "Flawless battle." Conviction, valor. A strong and powerful wand in the center of the card easily repels the opposing spears. A difficult, solitary path of ascent, undertaken with great confidence and bravery. Courage, the ability to work intensively for a chosen goal.

EIGHT OF WANDS

Speed. Swiftness. Undeniable progress toward

a goal. A cheetah costume—the fastest animal in the world—indicates that everything has been set in motion. Everything will happen soon. Journey. Explosion of life force, libido.

NINE OF WANDS

Stubbornness, resistance to a situation. Though there is no real threat, past troubles linger in memory. Strength, opposition. Resilience. Constant self-control. Vigilance, awareness of actions. Integrity. A card of protection and self-defense. Fear of the subconscious. The inspiration for this card was the movie “Mandy” by Panos Cosmatos, particularly the biker costumes.

TEN OF WANDS

“Straightjacket.” Heavy, uncontrollable circumstances, a feeling of limitation, oppression. Lord of Oppression. Suppression. Elemental collapse, extreme. Strength, willpower, endurance. An unbearable burden, lack of perspective.

PAGE OF WANDS

Traveler, messenger. Long-awaited news, new movement, inspiration, prospects. Pure energy, impulse. Pure ideas. A fragile source of creativity, pouring out joy and light. Narcissism.

KNIGHT OF WANDS

Adventurer, free spirit. All at once. Journey. A state of peak activity, stress, rush, hustle. Chaos. A burst of enthusiasm, an infusion of fresh strength. A fire overwhelmed by oxygen. The path from darkness to light. Leather knight armor emphasizing a passionate nature.

QUEEN OF WANDS

Passion (evidenced by the bare chest on the card), leadership, pride, ambition. Striving for independence, success, energy of self-realization. A formidable competitor. Lust for life. Pure impulse of inner strength, desires, and individuality.

KING OF WANDS

A leader with a strong business acumen and a passionate soul. Strength, energy, and complete self-confidence. Independence. Career growth, prospects. Conscious commitment to goals, striving to bring ideals to life. High motivation, heroic deeds. Responsibility. Boundless self-belief, love of life.

• SWORDS •

A dynamic and unpredictable suit representing the air element, often symbolized by feathers, bird attributes, and the air element sign. This is the suit of intellect, logic, and reasoning, carrying a masculine energy. Its manifestations are often intense and are generally considered negative by default. The Suit of Swords represents struggle and destruction, a relentless defense of one's interests, and the imposition of one's will. Its key characteristic is a sharp intellect that aids in recognizing reality. Swords are the only suit that treats thought as action. For them, thinking is equivalent to working and acting. They are realists, capable of seeing things with utmost clarity and often in unconventional ways.

Air Zodiac Signs – Libra, Gemini, Aquarius.

ACE OF SWORDS

Power. The pure essence of the air element. It embodies thought, judgment, and ideas. A conscious act of will. A limit, a boundary, an extreme, drawing a line under something. A firm decision made from a position of strength, will, and intellect. Absolute success. Triumph of personal power and dominance over circumstances.

TWO OF SWORDS

Truce, a balance of forces. Controlled calm. Waiting, resilience in a difficult situation. Doubts, fear. Achieving inner equilibrium.

THREE OF SWORDS

Sorrow, grief. The Lord of Sorrow. Incompatibility, excessive harshness in communication. Numerous conflicts and anxieties. A choice made against one's feelings. A painful separation, departure, breakup, grief.

FOUR OF SWORDS

A card of stagnation, interrupted activity, and forced rest. Imprisonment, a tomb, contemplation. The futility of struggle at this moment. Detachment, absence of fuss. True obstacles lie within; the external world merely reflects them.

FIVE OF SWORDS

The Lord of Defeat. A negative card. Arrows stabbed in the back symbolize betrayal and unscrupulousness. Revenge. A vile scandal, intensification of conflict, hostility. "Empty victories," bitter success. Destruction, loss, dishonor. A shattered worldview.

SIX OF SWORDS

Revelation, insight. Change, transformation. Return, healing of the soul. A shift in inner perception. The soul (symbolized by a bird, a white dove) moves toward new prospects and new shores. "Crossing the river."

SEVEN OF SWORDS

Uncertainty, cunning, deception, treachery, insincerity. The protagonist is turned away, and in the reflection, devilish horns are visible, indicating hypocrisy and sinister intentions. A test of quick thinking and efficiency. Persistence, intelligence, and perseverance in a difficult situation. "Stay alert."

EIGHT OF SWORDS

Interference, obstacles. Anxiety. Lack of freedom, captivity, imprisonment. A slowdown in development. A card of memories and deep contemplation. A warning. A leather dress resembling a cage symbolizes self-imposed imprisonment and restrictions, while bound hands indicate surrendering control to others. Disapproval, criticism, slander. Holds the potential for liberation.

NINE OF SWORDS

A card of nightmares, symbolized by spiders

crawling out of an open mouth—an image that could only appear in a terrifying dream. A cycle of torment. The spirit of despair. The Lord of Cruelty. Mercilessness. An uncontrollable wave of anxiety, melancholy, fear, guilt, and terror of life rising from the subconscious.

TEN OF SWORDS

Ruin, emptiness, an abrupt ending. The protagonist lies in a coffin with closed eyes—everything is over. However, the black circle above—a sun—reminds us that “the darkest hour is just before dawn.”

The most terrifying card. Everything is meaningless. The end of a difficult and dark period. The past is finished. Sorrow, grief, pain, tears, suffering. Crossing a final threshold. A thought that brings death for the sake of a different existence.

PAGE OF SWORDS

A messenger, a trickster—an evil schemer, a night thief, the soul of an assassin. Clarity, truth. Exposing deceit.

— KNIGHT OF SWORDS —

A raging wind. A rider, a warrior. Rapidly escalating stressful situations. Unwavering confidence in one's rightness, turning into righteous fury and a reckless charge forward. Cold, sharp, bringing discord and arguments. The chill of alienation, sharp disputes, harsh expressions of disagreement, a biting tongue, caustic irony. A quarrel, a breakup. An open and dangerous enemy.

— QUEEN OF SWORDS —

A “woman in sorrow”—strong and unbroken. The ability to grasp an idea and see it clearly. Establishing a link between emotions and intellect. Clarity of feelings and actions, harmony between inner and outer worlds. Bitter experience, conflict, malevolent intent. Emptiness. A Mohawk-like crown of bird feathers and a false beak mask serve as reminders of the air element.

KING OF SWORDS

The masculine embodiment of the air element—sharp intelligence expressed both creatively and cunningly. Inspiration, ambition, and pursuit of new goals. Efficiency, principled nature, arrogance. A dangerous situation.

• PENTACLES •

The element of Earth, represented by tree and floral motifs along with the elemental symbol. Feminine energy. Symbolizes wealth, abundance, money, and trade. The suit of Pentacles is the material expression of invested efforts, mastery, professionalism, social status, and the pursuit of power. It carries a slow, steady energy, fertility, and the harvesting of rewards. Pentacles are deeply grounded, rarely connected with the intangible matters of heart and spirit. They represent commercial or financial wisdom and often indicate temporary influence. Associated with material aspects of life—wealth, possessions, finances—as well as social standing, personal values, and self-worth. Earth signs of the zodiac: Taurus, Capricorn, and Virgo.

— ACE OF PENTACLES —

Material power, the root of Earth's strength. Luck. New resources, priorities. A gift from material reality—prosperity, sufficiency, income, an abundance of resources.

— TWO OF PENTACLES —

Fern leaves, as a symbol of renewal and luck, form the infinity sign, indicating that a person can control their life and handle all difficulties. Despite the chaos surrounding them, they manage to maintain balance.

Playfulness, a carefree attitude toward life. Receiving news. Change, transformation. Turmoil, confusion, difficulty.

— THREE OF PENTACLES —

Work, “Lord of Material Deeds.” The artist depicted in the card represents steady progress in bringing ideas to life. Things are moving forward, materializing, plans coming to fruition. A card of concrete actions and

labor. Manifesting energy and building structure. The drive to implement an idea.

— FOUR OF PENTACLES —

The key on the chest indicates possession of a mysterious object in the hands of the main character. This card was inspired by Hellraiser and Lemarchand's puzzle box. Here, the box in hand symbolizes an entire world and a secret.

Power, possession. Strength in stability. Something hard-earned. A card of ownership and retention. Calculated planning. Greed, selfishness. Fear of excess. Earned success as a result of effort. A closed loop, a limited space.

— FIVE OF PENTACLES —

Anxiety, "Lord of Material Hardship." A favorable card for love, but bad for finances. It supports spiritual growth while undermining the material. The beginning of transformations. Spiritual strength helps overcome life's misfortunes.

Hard times, crisis, loss, deprivation. Unmet

goals, failed enterprises, mistakes, misfortune.
Humanity wandering in darkness.

— SIX OF PENTACLES —

Well-being, success, abundance. Gifts of fate, rewards, resolution of past problems. The character in the card gives both warmth and support (symbolized by the heart) and material aid. Overcoming inner contradictions. A gift, receiving what is desired.

This card is linked to time. A magical moment of the present. Seeing wholeness through time.

— SEVEN OF PENTACLES —

The card shows massive, deep roots and a small sprout, signifying patience and slow but steady growth.

A test of endurance. Disappointment. "A small reward for significant effort." Wasting emotional energy on things of little importance. Failure, decay, withering. Gradual growth. Everything is in progress. Time and patience. Faith in development.

A year-long timeframe. Eliminating the unnecessary. The process.

— EIGHT OF PENTACLES —

Caution. Everything is in our hands, everything is right, but requires attention to detail. Skillful, masterful, meticulous work, as indicated by the main character juggling porcelain spheres. “Immersed in the craft.” A card of creation. A card of mastery. Deep mastery of skills.

— NINE OF PENTACLES —

Time to reap the rewards, symbolized by the fully ripened sunflower filled with seeds, cut from its stem.

Material well-being. Acquisition, prosperity. Calmness, confidence, and peace. Living in harmony with the rhythm of nature and the cosmos. A card of financial success, winnings.

TEN OF PENTACLES

“Lord of Wealth.” Property, fortune, as conveyed by the Gothic mansion depicted in the card.

A full life, confidence in the future. Ancestral home. A card of inherited aristocracy. A test.

PAGE OF PENTACLES

A good opportunity for new beginnings. Availability of resources. Strong potential for practical endeavors. Pure force of concentration on a task. Earthly joys and sensual pleasures.

KNIGHT OF PENTACLES

A trustworthy person, someone to rely on. Conscientiousness, reliability, good news, loyal service, stability, responsibility.

— QUEEN OF PENTACLES —

A practical outlook, fruitful labor, family closeness. Safe, stable material reality. Comfort. Self-fulfillment in the material world.

— KING OF PENTACLES —

Lord of Coins. The business world as a whole. An experienced leader. Stability. Success. The oak leaf crown symbolizes strength, power, and noble lineage.

Makeup inspired by DAHLI, the winner of The Boulet Brothers' Dragula Season 4.

• CUPS •

Associated with the element of Water (hence, the court cards in this suit have an amphibious appearance), heightened sensitivity, and the Zodiac signs Pisces, Cancer, and Scorpio. They symbolize emotions, feelings, and human experiences, as indicated by the heart symbol on the cards. The suit of Cups represents the feminine, illogical nature—feelings and emotions, both positive and negative. It embodies the emotional sphere of life—not just love but also other strong emotions such as excitement, joy, sadness, sincerity, disappointment, and fear, all of which are reflected in the Cups suit. Cups are more connected to feelings and experiences rather than facts.

Water is passive, impressionable, easily influenced, receptive, and fluid. It is detached from material reality, possessing inner changeability and purity.

ACE OF CUPS

A gift. The threshold of desires. Celebration, welcoming guests, feasting. Joy. Great love. Renewal of feelings. A wonderful opportunity, favorable prospects. Risk. New possibilities. Happiness.

TWO OF CUPS

Lord of Love. The balance of polarities, represented by two fish forming a yin-yang symbol. Harmony, union, mutual exchange. The formation of feelings. A good offer. "The perfect pair." Alchemical energy.

THREE OF CUPS

Abundance. A card of fulfilled wishes in personal matters. Success. A time of joy and passion, symbolized by the main character—a Siamese twin playing the bayan (accordion). The cosmic dance. Staying true to one's nature.

FOUR OF CUPS

Fatigue from pleasure, inability to enjoy victories or happiness. Melancholy, gloom, oversaturation, excess. Being lost in the past. Apathy, boredom. Dubious pleasures. Existential disappointment.

The main character is submerged, hidden beneath the depths of water.

FIVE OF CUPS

An emotional crisis, inner turmoil, disappointment, sadness. A decline in spirit. Weakness, suppression. Immersion in negativity. A card of failed projects, broken promises, setbacks. Indecision. Loss of harmony.

SIX OF CUPS

An oasis, nostalgic memories, romantic dreams. A longing for the past, represented by a clock dial in the character's eye socket. Favorable developments.

SEVEN OF CUPS

Imaginary success, escape from reality. Dreams and doubts. Temptation, illusion. The power of imagination. The merging of fantasy and reality, magic, sorcery.

A card of “castles in the air,” depicted as a “head in the clouds,” here represented by a hot air balloon.

EIGHT OF CUPS

Missed success, refusal, renunciation. Submission to fate, ceasing efforts. Lethargy, laziness, idleness. Farewell to the past, a transitional period. Abandoning previous plans. Leaving behind what leads astray in pursuit of something truly meaningful.

NINE OF CUPS

Material success, financial stability. A bright streak in life, emotional satisfaction, intelligence. Luck. The spirit of pleasure, symbolized by butterflies in the stomach and

the heart within the soul.

TEN OF CUPS

Ultimate success, everlasting prosperity. Fulfillment. Home, comfort, the family hearth. The highest harmony and fulfillment. A card of celebration, love, happiness. The realization of a dream.

However, this culmination of abundance and success brings a sense of oversaturation, as symbolized by the black sun and the “toy-like” depiction of everything under a glass dome—an illusion of material security.

PAGE OF CUPS

A dreamy inner child. A messenger of pleasant emotions, fresh feelings, and new acquaintances. A bearer of a loving or simply kind gesture, a sign of friendship. Longing for someone and a strong desire to be together.

In Waite’s deck, a fish jumps out of the Page’s cup as a symbol of luck; here, the fish appears as a unique crown on the Page’s head.

KNIGHT OF CUPS

A time of harmony with one's strongest emotions, expressing them in life and creativity at the highest level. Emotionality, intuition, imagination fueled by romantic feelings and creative energy. A devotion to emotional lightness and illuminating the depths of the subconscious with consciousness. A period free of burdens, good moods, heartfelt communication, and romantic interest.

The knight's fish-like armor further emphasizes the suit's connection to the Water element.

QUEEN OF CUPS

A muse. Her sensitivity and sympathy encourage others to open up around her. She embodies both spirituality and sensuality, willing to receive and give, to seduce and heal. Expectations and hopes come true. Feelings surpass rational thought, leading to harmony with the surrounding world and fullness of being.

KING OF CUPS

A noble, reliable, and responsible man—a father, husband, leader, or patron. Strong marriage, deep feelings, peace, mutual understanding, and tranquility. Compassion, empathy. Wise advice, comfort, support. Emotional depth.