Daydreaming In Situ Tarot

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This deck is loosely based of the popular deck originally created by Pamela Coleman Smith and Arthur Edward Waite published by Rider in 1909. Any guidebook written for that deck will also work for this deck in addition to my notes below. Check out this <u>link</u>.

Major Arcana cards represent major themes in our lives. They have more weight in a reading and should be paid close attention. They connect us to our higher meaning and purpose.

Major Arcana

Meaning

0 The Fool



Get ready to set out for the adventure of your life! The Fool represents true impulse and the joy of the journey. He has one foot off the stairway ready to leap into the unknown with only a little knapsack and his dog for company. Who knows where he will go? Wherever he arrives, it will be unexpected and truly via the path less traveled. This card is symbolic of our own journey through the experiences of the rest of the Major Arcana.

1 The Magician



The Magician stands with arms extended and wand held high in a reminder that everything we need is already available to us. He is surrounded by a glorious garden and has his table of tools at his disposal: the Wand for fire and energy, the Cup for water and emotions, the Disc for earth and material things, and the Sword for air and thoughts. You are the Magician; you have everything you need to act and move forward. You are where you need to be in life. Still, no matter what phase of life you are in, this card can symbolize a beginning. You can restart any day or rethink your reality. You have the tools you gained from hard work and experience at your disposal. Focus on spiritual and material connections. Move forward, work hard, and be flexible. There is endless potential.

2 The High Priestess



It is time for silence and stillness. Look within and gather your strength. You do not have all the answers. The High Priestess calls ahead to the mystery of the moon and encourages us to sit in our discomfort with the unknown and wait. Tune in to all your senses; the answer will come if you have patience and learn where to look for it. This is a time to ask questions of yourself. In *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Zora Neal Hurston wrote: "There are years that ask questions and years that answer." This card reflects the former.

Meaning

3 The Empress



Feel the energy that the Earth has to offer and surround yourself in its creativity, vitality, and energy. You can manifest the love, peace, and passions of the divine yin (feminine) and apply them to your innate abilities. Share your gifts with those around you and spend time in nature.

4 The Emperor



Assessment, regulations, and the ability to rule embody the yang (masculine) counterpart to the Empress. Hard work and critical thinking are called for in addition to the mastery of a subject area. At best, the Emperor is organized and can see through to the essence of a matter. At worst, the card is a warning against being too cold and forgetting emotions.

5 The Hierophant



This card represents our moral compass paired with a spiritual or religious practice. It acts as a prompt to change your way of thinking or looking at the world. Do you need to reassess your relationship with the divine or the universe? Do you, or a significant person in your life, need to find a way to incorporate your values more into your daily life or reassess how you are living your life to fit your values? This is a time for reflection.

6 The Lovers



The Lovers is the card of partnership. It comes at a time when you are either meeting a new person of significance (e.g., lover, close friend, or even business partner), or are at an opportune time to renew commitments in your established relationships. This card reminds us that, in order to give our best and get the most out of this relationship, we have to be rooted in self-love. Once that foundation is set you will be less susceptible to losing yourself when becoming enamored with the new person in your life. The duality of joining ourselves to another without getting lost gives us the ultimate growth and ability to find balance.

Meaning

7 The Chariot



This card urges us to seek victory not through the easiest path but the one that leads to earned success. Strive to have mastery over both your physical self and inner life. Have the confidence and drive to power through difficulties without forgetting to have empathy and compassion. Affirm your identity and stand by it without hurting those around you. You are a master and the parts that make a situation harder are often the parts that teach us the most important lessons.

8 Strength



Strength finds us working to trust our instincts and yet also have mastery over them. Raw emotion, talent, and, yes, strength are needed to face adversity and the path ahead. You are called upon to tap into that while also taming it enough to use as raw material for moving new projects forward with steady dedication to the goal. You need not be fearful of what lies on the road ahead, no matter where it may lead.

9 The Hermit



The Hermit comes to us at a time when the universe has left us alone. But alone shouldn't be confused for loneliness. This is a time to find the light within, walk the path alone, and take the retreat that we need; spiritual, artistic, or for self-care. You are seeking answers; quiet and solitude are your allies in the pursuit of wisdom.

10 Wheel of Fortune



Spin the wheel! What will happen? Nobody knows! This card comes up when the results of your actions are unpredictable. It is a destiny card that often comes when the universe is still in motion and you haven't been able to get a glimpse of where you are headed. However, this card also shows that the patterns of life repeat in cycles. It may seem ironic that although nothing is ever new we can't tell which pattern we are repeating. Are you stuck in your patterns? Are you attempting to make big changes but continue to experience the same results?

Oh, the wheel in the sky keeps on turnin'. I don't know where I'll be tomorrow. The wheel in the sky keeps on turnin'. – Journey, "Wheel in the Sky"

Meaning

11 Justice



Justice is both an action and a consequence card, whether it be personal or societal. Typically, in a reading it will come up in the context of needing to make choices or weigh options. She urges us to be aware that we are the results of our past decisions (or indecisions as the case may be). Look inward and try to balance the unconscious and conscious. Show up honestly and be fair. Balance analysis with compassion and love.

12 The Hanged Man



The Hanged Man can be referred to as the "limbo" card. You've made sacrifices and you're waiting for transitions, but those changes aren't here yet. This card isn't negative or positive; it asks for acceptance. It's a time to think through everything before acting. Embrace a phase of meditation, letting go, and handing everything over to the universe. Center yourself before the time of change.

13 Death



This isn't a card to be feared. The figure on horseback bringing death and life is a symbol of transformation and new beginning as the card marks the passages and transitions in life. You must learn to let go of what isn't serving you in order to face the future. There will be loss, and it is not an easy time, but grief is part of what shapes us and forces us to become better versions of ourselves.

14 Temperance



Temperance is the calm after the storm; it is moderation, acceptance, and balance. It can be a warning that you need to slow down if you are juggling too many things or have become more fanatical. Perhaps you need to take on the role of peacemaker. This Major Arcana card is a midpoint in the path of the Fool's Journey. It's a time to unwind from some of the hardships and fun experienced and meditate on lessons learned before bravely moving ahead.

Meaning

15 The Devil



You aren't showing your best light to the world. This is a signal that you are too self-absorbed, gearing up for conflict, and taking on too much risk. The Devil warns you to think of others, consequences, and that you need to do that heavy-duty soul-searching to figure out what isn't working. Once you find the source of your pain, you can start to work on the cause of the pain instead of the symptoms. Most of us have our "isms," but we don't have to stay shackled to them.

16 The Tower



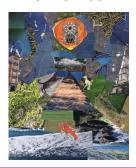
The Tower comes at a time of great, unexpected upheaval in life. A huge shift that you should have known was coming but failed to recognize is happening. A truth is revealed that you were trying to avoid and now you are forced to change your life and perspective. It may feel like things are falling apart and that you are the figure falling. Unfortunately, the Tower brings with it chaos, fighting, and anxiety while you are in the moment of the card. You will get through it transformed, with new self-identities, having had no choice but to change if you are to survive.

17 The Star



You have survived a huge turbulence in your life to be reborn into your most psychically embodied self. You are vulnerable, naked yet shining bright with your renewed sense of self and creative productivity. The Aquarian water-bearer dares us to dream, be a source of inspiration, and put our creations out into the world. It is a time of renewal and rebirth.

18 The Moon



Following the Star, the phase of the Moon is a deeper call from our unconscious mind. Often appearing at a time when we are anxious and nervous, this card can point to disturbances in sleep. It asks you to examine your dreams and delve deeply into yourself. Remember when you pull this card that you don't have all the information; be patient. Use the pent-up energy of the moment to do something creative or journal.

Everything will become clear in good time.

Meaning

19 The Sun



The Sun is here as a reminder to enjoy life and be true to yourself. This card reminds you to accept all aspects of yourself and love your whole self.. Accept the consequences of your actions and your past. When you learn to do that you will have the capacity to love and value others in the truest sense. Share and radiate that sunlight! This is a card of affirmation, joy, and energy.

20 Judgment



Don't be alarmed by this, well, judgmental sounding card. This is actually a call to look back on the past, reflect on your actions and behaviors, and make a decision about how to move forward in a more balanced, meaningful way. This card challenges you to live in accordance with your values and make positive changes. It is an invitation to make a fresh start.

21 The World



Jackpot! You have come to the last phase before the cycle restarts itself. You know you are worthy and can enjoy life. You are in touch with all of the elements of self. You understand that the universe gives you what you need because sometimes what you want isn't what's best for you. You don't take the actions of others personally. You love yourself and have reached a state of peace. Life is unexpected, but you have learned to embrace the joys of the unknown as well as the riding out the stormy times. There is balance, and you have come to an understanding with the world.

Minor Arcana are the suit cards in the deck that represent our experiences and journey through everyday life.

Court cards (Page, Knight, Queen, and King) represent people in your life, or perhaps yourself, depending on the context of your question.

Wands correspond to the Element of Fire and to our creativity and passion.

Minor Arcana – Wands

Meaning

Ace of Wands



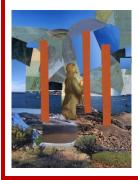
Believe in yourself, get things started, and harness that creative energy. This is a card of new beginnings and of encouraging the enthusiasm that starts out with new endeavors. Enjoy this phase and don't worry too much about the future right now.

Two of Wands



Twos are reflection cards. Take this time to reflect and evaluate whether your hard work and successes are in fact making you happy. This is a phase of beginnings where you might not feel like you should be at a beginning. You've been working hard, but you aren't sure in what direction the work will take you or if you will succeed. Watch out for dissatisfaction. Be patient.

Three of Wands

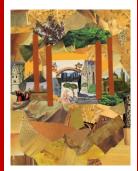


This is a point of resting in success. You've put in a lot of work and now it is time to enjoy the maturity that you have settled into. You are looking out to sea waiting for your ships to come in. While there will be more work to come, now is a time to appreciate that you know what you are doing; everything doesn't have to be a struggle anymore.

Minor Arcana – Wands

Meaning

Four of Wands



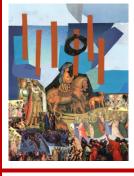
It's time to celebrate! Either you already know that, or a surprise is around the corner. This card is a bright, happy marriage card. However, it is also a warning against getting set in our ways and taking advantage of our happiness. Make sure to really *feel* your emotions. Let go of worry, step outside of the gated walls, and enjoy the world. It's takes bravery to have optimism, but it is well worth it to feel this joy.

Five of Wands



The Five of Wands represents a group struggling with their sticks and with communication with each other. Could it turn into a fun game, or will it become an argument? This card is a signal to navigate and manage situations carefully. Have a sense of humor. Sometimes this card is called a "crappy day" card. I have pulled it before heading into one of those meetings that I thought was going to be routine, but something unexpected occurred and created conflict. Use the card as a sign to tread cautiously; hopefully it will be much ado about nothing.

Six of Wands



Victory! It is either at hand, or you are almost there, and it is the sort of triumph that will make you feel like you deserve a parade in your honor. Some sort of recognition for your efforts will probably come after a long and arduous project or theme in life that on which you have worked really hard. While six isn't a card of resolution, you have won this battle and should take time to celebrate your successes.

Seven of Wands



The Seven of Wands asks us to think clearly about our drives and fight for our beliefs. However, it is also a warning that through overcoming obstacles you might inadvertently miss the chaos surrounding you. Make sure that you aren't generating that chaos yourself. Focus on directing your energy and strength with purpose toward achieving your goals.

Minor Arcana – Wands

Meaning

Eight of Wands



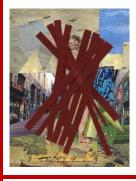
The energetic action and movement of the wands symbolize quickly coming to the end of a project, or flirtation, and preparing to move into the next phase of action. It can also be a call to be spontaneous. The wands flying through the air encourage us to travel, be adventurous, and take risks.

Nine of Wands



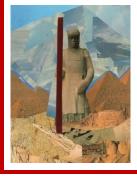
You have been wounded. It may have been through rash actions or taking on more than you could handle. Either way, you are feeling distrustful of the people that you feel might have put you in this situation. You are concerned that you might be attacked from any angle and are ready to defend yourself with the resources (9 wands!) that surround you. This is a good time to pause and consider whether all fights are worth fighting. Winning at all costs isn't always actually a win. Is there a different solution?

Ten of Wands



You are at the end of a long journey and you are suffering. The worst part of it is, if you had learned to ask for help, things could have been much easier. You need to understand that not all burdens are meant to be carried alone. Those in your life are there for you but they won't know you need them if you don't let them know. Look at the choices you are making, evaluate them for ways in which you are playing a martyr and try to change them. Life is better with support. If someone asks you to take on more than you can, you need to learn to say no.

Page of Wands



When the Page of Wands appears in your life you or someone around you is in a phase of boundless energy, inspiration, and action. There's a contagious feeling of wanting to see and do everything. Find a way to harness that energy to overcome obstacles and share joy with those around you or pick up the energy from whomever is radiating it in your vicinity. There are new projects and dreams to launch and move forward.

Minor Arcana – Wands

Meaning

Knight of Wands



The Knight of Wands is full of energy, action, and impatience. Sometimes someone needs to have this energy in order to get the project started but don't count on this guy to stick around to finish the job. This card can be a signal to slow down and listen to what others are trying to tell you, think things through, and pace yourself.

Queen of Wands



The Queen of Wands has irresistible energy, is an inspiring leader, and knows how to balance action with receptivity. If you or someone in your life is this Queen, their good energy is catching and intended to be enjoyed. While the Queen wants recognition for her efforts, she not only deserves this attention, but it's also a pleasure to give it to her. The Queen isn't scared of challenges that lie ahead, as she has the maturity to know that she can overcome them. We can all use the Queen of Wands in our life.

King of Wands



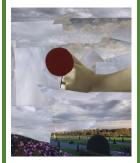
This is a leader who exudes the fire signs in astrology's key phrase in one figure. Aries' "I am," Leo's "I will," and Sagittarius' "I perceive" somehow all come together in this person in your life. He understands what is going on but also has no concept of why things aren't as easy for you as they are for him. If you are the King in the situation, make sure to listen to the experiences of others around you. If you are dealing with the King, try to appeal to their creativity and passion when making your point.

Discs correspond to the Element of Earth and to the material world.

Minor Arcana – Discs

Meaning

Ace of Discs



Here is the promise of something new beginning. Perhaps a relationship, or a new project or opportunity has come up that tap into the talents that you already have. You are surrounded by resources and the beauty of the Earth. It is time to put your abilities to good use and enjoy that you have them.

Two of Discs



Infinity, juggling, balance, and humor all are represented in this card. While things might be a bit much right now, you are keeping the balls in the air and things will continue to go well if you can stay flexible and laugh whenever you need to over how ridiculous things are. There is some turbulence in the sea but you have a solid hold on everything and all will be well with the right attitude.

Have a bit of fun with your balance.

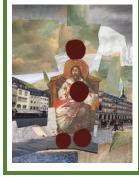
Three of Discs



The Three of Discs signals the beginning of a successful creative and spiritual project. This card can be an indicator of how collaboration can be inspirational.

There's so much great potential so keep up the work!

Four of Discs



Be mindful of your scarcity mindset. You might feel like you don't have enough but you are actually depriving yourself and others by not sharing. Stop looking inward and see the beautiful city that surrounds you and the people in it. Maybe you have been keeping your talents to yourself, maybe you need to be more generous with your time or assets. You will not lose yourself by learning to be a little more vulnerable.

Minor Arcana – Discs

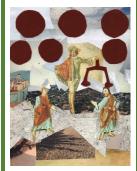
Meaning

Five of Discs



This is one of those cards that calls on us to dig deep. Maybe you are struggling, and you are having trouble seeing the light from inside the shadow. There's ice and snow and you are so focused on the cold that you are missing the beautiful light that radiates from nearby. This card tells us that we are not alone. There is help, but you need to be receptive to it. The old you has to want to change. It might be difficult, but you should reach out. Don't miss the opportunities that surround you. It takes light to cast a shadow. We always have choices. They might not be good choices, but there is always something. Dig deep. The light might be inside you.

Six of Discs



You are in a time of prosperity, but don't forget to give back to the community and be generous with others. Remember your past and understand that this time of abundance is a point in time and the path still leads to an unknown future. Have gratitude for your gifts and share as much as possible with others.

Seven of Discs



Stop that. Whatever you are doing, it is time to stop and wait. Whether you have planted seeds that you are watching grow (like the farmer in the card) or launched a new project and are waiting for the results, the message is clear. This is not a time for action but a time for waiting for the next step. Take this opportunity to take a break.

Eight of Discs



Study, study, work, work, work.... You're almost there but keep going. The Eight of Discs indicates you might want to do something more creative and experimental, but you need to stay disciplined and focused for just a little bit longer.

Minor Arcana – Discs

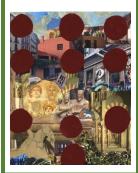
Meaning

Nine of Discs



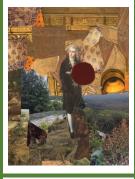
This beautiful card comes at a time of being aware and enjoying your gains. You are the manifestation of abundance. The garden around you is filled with beautiful plants and you are ruler in our own life. Enjoy this time and feel joy and happiness.

Ten of Discs



This is a card of great success. Not the kind of recognition or flashy parades but of hard work and diligence. The card depicts a multigenerational family sitting with their pets and surrounded by comforts in their nice little town. The ten discs ask us to enjoy where we are right now and the successes that we have. If you have a big choice to make, ensure it is aligned with your life. Practice gratitude this week. You are surrounded by plenty. Do you see it? Enjoy life to the fullest.

Page of Discs



Steady now. Are you watching what you're holding? Pages are well-intentioned but inexperienced. Make sure the people around you have both feet on the ground when they jump in to save the day. Is there someone inexperienced in the way of abundance? Make sure to mentor them in the ways that will be helpful to them.

Knight of Discs



This Knight is a bit of a contradiction. He is grounded, steadfast, and hardworking—traits that are at odds with the nature of his job, which is to venture forth and seek out the world around him. These are all good traits but remember not to lose sight of the sense of wonder in the world or the benefit gained from all that hard work will go unnoticed.

Minor Arcana – Discs

Meaning

Queen of Discs



Nature is a magical place full of abundance and a source for creativity. This Queen is generous and helps bring out the best in all of us. She is secure in herself and encourages everyone else to be, too. If this is a person in your life, cherish her for her gifts and what she brings out in you. She exudes fertility, which may represent physical fertility or be a metaphor for creativity and abundance.

King of Discs



The King of Discs comes as a figure who understands the work that needs to be done and how to achieve success without losing sight of generosity or humanity. He is trustworthy and dependable. If an opportunity arises, follow up—it might lead to some improvement in a situation that you've been looking for.

Meaning

Ace of Cups



The Ace of Cups is a card of love, abundance, and new beginnings. It symbolizes an emotional openness and positivity at the beginning of the Cups cycle. In a reading this card could represent a potential for new love, whether for ourselves, a romantic partner, or friendship. It is a card of creation and feelings of good luck.

Two of Cups



This card embodies the duality of partnership and has found you at a time of emotional fulfillment and growth. You feel love toward another and are loved in return. This might be expressed literally in the form of a lover or symbolically through a situation. Pause and enjoy this moment. You have found what you are looking for and you have been found in return.

Three of Cups



What a joyous card! It depicts three women dancing together and enjoying the emotional wealth of each other's friendship. Remember to pause to enjoy the beauties in life, but make sure to keep working as this is just the beginning of a great time in life and there is still much to be done.

Meaning

Four of Cups



The Four of Cups comes to us when we are so focused inwards that we miss the abundance around us. When we fixate on what we don't have or refuse to look around, we miss opportunities to move forward. This card is a reminder to focus on gratitude and know that there are many forms of abundance.

Five of Cups



This card shows up in a time of grieving. Three of the cups have spilled, dumping the contents of your inner emotions roughly on the ground. With this card, it is very possible that you played a part in causing the situation that is the source of your grief. Your reckless behavior may have ended something or damaged a relationship. It is a good time to sit in your grief, feel that pain, and process it. That way, when the time is ready, you can stand and pick up the two remaining upright cups. The river of time flows past you; the past runs into the future. In time you can learn to move on.

Six of Cups



The Six of Cups is the inner-child card. It encourages you to both delve deep and let go. You need to work on being emotionally open and release something from your past so you can move on with your life and look to the future. Digging deep through layers of nostalgia and sorting through your baggage can lead to a sense of renewed hope and a new outlook on life.

Seven of Cups



The Seven of Cups at first glance looks like an offer of everything you ever wanted. Too good to be true? Most definitely. In this card is the path to ruin. The bottom row of cups is filled with a selection of treasures, comforts, and creature comforts. However, the top row of cups depicts making more spiritual choices and facing down temptation. Sometimes the harder decision for the present moment is the easier one for the long term.

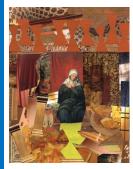
Meaning

Eight of Cups



It's time to make a difficult decision and walk away from something that might have been good at the time but has shifted—it's time to let go. You're leaving behind things, situations, or people that will be painful to lose, but you are also walking toward a promising future. Sit with your feelings and feel them. The cups represent water and emotions, so you won't be able to properly move on until you've dealt with your own patterns. Breathe and move forward. Your future awaits you.

Nine of Cups



The Wish Card. trust in what you have, celebrate it, and enjoy it. Optimism doesn't hurt since worry never prevents troubles. This card reflects simple, happy times and the ability to wish for a bright future as well as enjoy the riches of the present. The woman in the card is surrounded by plenty and she is centered in that knowledge. Close your eyes and make a wish!

Ten of Cups



The Ten of Cups is a card of emotional fulfillment, acceptance, and positivity. It can also be a sign of smooth collaboration. Enjoy the promise of the day of rainbows, dance, laughter, and filled cups. This card is one of completion and celebration. Enjoy this time.

Page of Cups



Expect the unexpected, like a giant goldfish jumping out of your cup. The Page of Cups can symbolize the depths of our interior life that we find in emotions and dreams before we are ready to fully articulate that experience. You might not know the full implications of what is going on yet. You could be experiencing an emotional roller coaster or, if lucky, it could manifest as a creative outburst. Stay tuned to your own inner energies and try to understand them better through the ups and downs.

Meaning

Knight of Cups



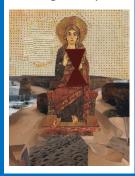
Knights represent your impulse to move everything forward and rush into situations. The Knight of Cups is your idealism, more visionary side, and the fight for those goals. It is ruled by the heart. The cautionary note of this card is a warning not to spill your cup in haste.

Queen of Cups



The Queen of Cups can come to us as a mature feminine person who also is spiritually connected, or as a message to ourselves to not lose sight of our own emotional depths. This Queen has her feet on the ground and her head in the clouds—she balances creativity with practicality. Embrace both elements of yourself, or look for a person that embodies this balance.

King of Cups



This esteemed King is a master of emotional maturity and intuition. He might not be the best ruler for strategy or objectivity, but he will be there to judge whether things are fair or kind. His fair nature and kind-hearted make him a respectable King, even if he is often lost in the clouds of imagination.

Swords correspond to the Element of Air and our thoughts.

Minor Arcana – Swords

Meaning

Ace of Swords



A new beginning! A new opportunity to impose control and order to an area of chaos in life. Are you starting school or a new intellectual project? This is a card of fresh starts in the mind.

Two of Swords



The Two of Swords comes to you at time when you need more clarity. Are you sacrificing feelings at the expense of thoughts that might not be based in reality? You will need to make a decision. Dig deep not only emotionally, but also to gather all the facts before proceeding. Remember that indecision stemming from conflict avoidance becomes an active decision in itself.

Three of Swords



Sorrow. Heartache. Broken hearts. This card is one of those that you never want to pull, but it is part of life that we all experience. This card is that country song that seems over the top but is so true. Three swords pierce through a heart, but the heart will survive. Give yourself time to grieve and then, when the time is right, pick yourself back off the ground and move on. Life goes on.

Four of Swords



It's time to slow down and rest. Take that nap. Recover from your wounds. You've taken on too much, whether it is intellectually, emotionally, physically, or in all ways, and you need to charge. Unwind, take vacation time, and try not to let your negative thoughts get the best of you.

Minor Arcana – Swords

Meaning

Five of Swords



You've won a battle but there is no satisfaction in it. Perhaps you won an argument with friends but are now alienated from them? Would you rather be "right" or be happy? The opponents are walking away together while you are standing alone, gathering all the swords. Reflect on how this way of thinking could result in losses even if, technically, you are winning.

Six of Swords



While you may be rowing to the other side of the river and leaving behind the exact situations of the swords, you haven't faced your patterns and are taking the heartache with you. Take this as a warning to find an outlet for your emotions, whether it is therapy or another way to express yourself and work out a way to break free of repeating the same mistakes of the past.

Seven of Swords



Maybe you think you are getting away with something. Maybe you are winning at this moment, but at what cost? This is a struggle card—you may think that you are doing something for the greater good, but the consequences aren't going to be what you are hoping for. This is a warning against being underhanded or advancing a program without heed for the results. You are probably acting alone with hopes of praise, but things won't turn out the way you are planning.

Eight of Swords



The Eight of Swords often comes up when we need a reminder that, in many cases, our greatest dangers come from our own thinking. We have the power to listen to our thoughts and to identify them so we can remove the veil to see that we aren't actually as trapped as we perceive. Sometimes the only way out is through, but we can move through barriers more easily if we can separate reality from the narratives we create in our mind.

Minor Arcana – Swords

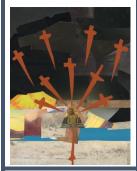
Meaning

Nine of Swords



Anxiety and nightmares are causing disruptions. Try to break free of your obsessive patterns and not give in to your worst thoughts. Work on getting more sleep and finding ways to combat the worst of your fears from intruding into your life.

Ten of Swords



You've probably felt better. Like the Eight of Swords, your own thinking got you into this mess. Have you turned to cold rationality at the expense of feelings? You need to look for a balance. This feels pretty much as bad as it gets, but there's hope. Things only get better from here. Work on becoming enlightened and not a martyr. There is real opportunity here for resurrection.

Page of Swords



This Page is well intentioned but lacks the focus and discipline to apply lessons learned from experience. The Page tends toward being rash and jumping to conclusions. They aren't focused on the sword in their hand, and instead stare off into space, potentially obsessing over a perceived slight. This card is a good reminder to sure you have all of the information before you make a decision.

Knight of Swords



The Knight of Swords is rushing in head-first into battle with little thought about where he's going or how his horse or anyone else feels about the situation. His sword is drawn. He's going to shake everything up and say whatever cutting remark he feels is appropriate. If this card represents you, it's an indication that there might be unexpected news or just weird energy. Try to slow down and think through your words and actions. You might want to jump to conclusions or impulsively act, but the swords rule the mind so this card is an indicator that you might be too much in your head and need to take a moment and consider the feelings of others. This card could also represent someone around you, and if so, try not to engage them when they are in this mood. In general, this card may be a warning against black and white thinking. Remember there's often a gray area in between.

Minor Arcana – Swords

Meaning

Queen of Swords



This card represents mastery after learning life's lessons the hard way. You have learned to be fair and balanced in your thinking or have someone in your life influencing the current situation who has this ability. You haven't become so detached that you don't see the world and its beauties around you, but you also value critical thinking and weighing the importance of options.

King of Swords



The King of Swords is going to look you in the eyes and tell you how it is. Don't come to him for empathy or sugar-coating. While he can be very fair, he is also detached and perhaps too intellectual to see how the world of feelings can be used to heal and make progress. However, he is mature and capable of making sure the work gets done. Just make sure you aren't looking for bread at the hardware store.