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TAROT REFERENCE GUIDE

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Major Arcana

The Major Arcana are the 22 cards that embody the dark forces behind life's major events, spiritual reckonings, and earth-shattering changes. These cards carry serious weight, marking the moments when your path twists unexpectedly or shoves you into a brutal awakening. From ominous beginnings to soul-ripping transformations, the Major Arcana pulls no punches, forcing you to confront the pivotal crossroads that define your journey.

Major Arcana

The Fool: New beginnings, taking risks, jumping off cliffs, or being blissfully ignorant. (It's fine. Leap anyway.)

The Magician: Manifestation mode! You've got the tools, now work your magic. Also, stop overthinking it.

The High Priestess: Trust your gut. Secrets are in the air. Maybe you're the one keeping them. (Sneaky.)

The Empress: Fertility, creativity, and abundance. Think Mama Earth, but in a "treat yourself" kind of way.

The Emperor: Structure, authority, and all things DBE. Get your shit together or get bossed around.

The Hierophant: Tradition, rules, conformity. Either you're joining the cult, or you're burning shit down.

The Lovers: Partnership, love, or an important choice. Heart vs. head. Pick your poison.

The Chariot: Victory, success, and willpower. You're driving this chariot—just don't run yourself off the road.

Strength: Inner strength, compassion, and self-control. Time to tame your inner wild beast.

The Hermit: Solitude, self-reflection, or ghosting everyone for peace and quiet. (Don't worry, they'll be fine.)

Wheel of Fortune: Karma, cycles, and destiny. You're either on top of the wheel or about to be crushed to death by it.

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Justice: Cause and effect, balance, and accountability. What goes around comes around, so play fair.

The Hanged Man: Pause, let go, surrender. Think of it as a cosmic “timeout” to gain some perspective.

Death: Transformation, endings, and rebirth. Yeah, it looks scary, but this card is the ultimate glow-up.

Temperance: Balance, moderation, and patience. Don’t rush the magic—good things take time.

The Devil: Addiction, temptation, and vices. You know you shouldn’t, but will you? (Probably.)

The Tower: Sudden chaos, upheaval, and destruction. It all comes crashing down in flames—so you can rebuild better.

The Star: Hope, healing, and renewal. After the storm, the stars come out. (Now make a wish.)

The Moon: Illusion, confusion, and hidden truths. Not everything is as it seems. Proceed with caution.

The Sun: Joy, success, and radiance. Time to bask in the spotlight—you’ve earned it.

Judgement: Self-reflection, reckoning, and rebirth. It’s decision time. Own your truth.

The World: Completion, achievement, and wholeness. Congrats! You’ve made it to the end of this chapter.

Minor Arcana

The Minor Arcana is where the shadows of daily life lurk, with 56 cards that drag you through the gritty, everyday battles we all face. These cards deal in the mundane—your fleeting wins, crushing losses, and the inevitable consequences of your actions.

Split into four suits—Wands, Cups, Swords, and Pentacles—each brings its own storm to your doorstep. While the Major Arcana delivers cosmic upheavals, the Minor Arcana shows how the slow grind of choices, emotions, and mistakes can break or build you. This is where life's darker truths play out, one messy, brutal step at a time.



Wands

The suit of Wands is associated with fire, creativity, passion, and ambition. These cards represent action, energy, and the pursuit of goals. They often point to new projects, ideas, or the drive to make things happen.

Wands

Ace of Wands: New inspiration, creative spark, or fresh opportunities. Light that fire.

Two of Wands: Planning, choices, and stepping outside your comfort zone. The world's your oyster.

Three of Wands: Progress, expansion, and waiting for your ships to come in. (Keep an eye on the horizon.)

Four of Wands: Celebration, stability, and joy. Time to party—your hard work is paying off.

Five of Wands: Conflict, competition, and chaos. Everyone's got an opinion, and it's a mess.

Six of Wands: Victory, recognition, and success. You're winning, and everyone knows it.

Seven of Wands: Standing your ground, defending your position. Brace yourself for the fight.

Eight of Wands: Movement, speed, and rapid progress. Things are about to take off.

Nine of Wands: Resilience, persistence, and boundaries. You're almost at the finish line. Don't give up now.

Ten of Wands: Burden, overwhelm, and responsibility. You're carrying way too much—time to offload.

Page of Wands: New ideas, enthusiasm, creative potential. You're ready to explore something exciting.

Knight of Wands: Action, adventure, impulsiveness. You're charging in headfirst—hope you've got a plan.

Queen of Wands: Confidence, independence, magnetism. You're owning your power and looking damn good doing it.

King of Wands: Leadership, vision, charisma. You're taking control and inspiring everyone around you.



Cups

The suit of Cups is all about emotions, relationships, and intuition. Associated with water, Cups cards dive deep into matters of the heart, love, and how we connect with others. They reflect your emotional state and the flow of your feelings.

Cups

Ace of Cups: New emotions, love, or spiritual renewal. Your cup runneth over.

Two of Cups: Partnership, harmony, and emotional connection. It's a lovefest—enjoy it.

Three of Cups: Celebration, friendship, and good times. Time to gather your entourage and toast.

Four of Cups: Boredom, discontent, and missed opportunities. Stop sulking and open your damn eyes.

Five of Cups: Regret, loss, and emotional pain. It's okay to mourn—but don't stay stuck there.

Six of Cups: Nostalgia, childhood, and memories. Something (or someone) from the past returns.

Seven of Cups: Choices, illusions, and daydreams. So many options, but which one's real? Hmm..

Eight of Cups: Walking away, leaving something behind. Sometimes the best move is to move on and peace the fuck out.

Nine of Cups: Contentment, satisfaction, and wish fulfillment. Congrats, you got what you wanted.

Ten of Cups: Happiness, family, and emotional fulfillment. Everything's coming up sunshine and rainbows.

Page of Cups: New emotions, creativity, intuition. It's time to open your heart to something (or someone) new.

Knight of Cups: Romance, charm, idealism. You're swept up in emotion and chasing the dream.

Queen of Cups: Compassion, nurturing, emotional depth. You're in tune with your feelings and ready to support others.

King of Cups: Emotional balance, control, wisdom. You've mastered your emotions, staying calm amidst chaos.



Swords

Swords are connected to air, representing intellect, communication, and conflict. These cards often indicate mental challenges, decisions, or clarity (or lack thereof). They can be sharp, showing both the power and struggle of the mind.

Swords

Ace of Swords: New ideas, clarity, and breakthroughs. Sharp insights ahead.

Two of Swords: Indecision, stalemate, and difficult choices. Time to pick a damn side once and for all.

Three of Swords: Heartbreak, grief, and sorrow. It sucks, but you'll heal.

Four of Swords: Rest, recovery, and retreat. Take a break before you burn out.

Five of Swords: Conflict, betrayal, and winning at all costs. Sometimes victory comes with a bitter aftertaste.

Six of Swords: Transition, moving on, and leaving behind rough waters. Better times are ahead.

Seven of Swords: Deception, sneakiness, and trickery. Someone's playing dirty—maybe it's you.

Eight of Swords: Feeling trapped, powerless, and stuck. But newsflash: it's mostly in your damn head.

Nine of Swords: Anxiety, nightmares, and worry. Time to buck the fuck up and face your fears head-on.

Ten of Swords: Betrayal, painful endings, and hitting rock bottom. The only way left is up, up, up.

Page of Swords: Curiosity, vigilance, communication. You're ready to learn, but maybe a bit too eager.

Knight of Swords: Ambition, drive, impulsiveness. You're rushing ahead, but watch out for tunnel vision.

Queen of Swords: Clarity, independence, intellect. You're cutting through the bullshit with precision.

King of Swords: Authority, truth, mental clarity. You're leading with logic and laying down the law.



Pentacles

The suit of Pentacles deals with the material world—finances, work, and physical health. Linked to the element of earth, these cards speak to stability, practicality, and the tangible outcomes of your efforts in the real world.

Pentacles

Ace of Pentacles: New opportunities, financial gain, and solid foundations. Money's looking good.

Two of Pentacles: Juggling, balance, and adaptability. You're handling a lot—keep those balls in the air.

Three of Pentacles: Collaboration, teamwork, and skill-building. Together, you can achieve greatness.

Four of Pentacles: Holding on tightly, scarcity mindset, or saving for a rainy day. Loosen your grip.

Five of Pentacles: Hard times, financial struggle, and loss. Seek help—don't suffer alone.

Six of Pentacles: Generosity, giving and receiving. It's all about balance in your material world.

Seven of Pentacles: Patience, waiting for results, and investment. You've planted the seeds—now watch them grow.

Eight of Pentacles: Skill mastery, hard work, and dedication. Keep honing your craft.

Nine of Pentacles: Independence, luxury, and self-sufficiency. You're living the good life—enjoy it.

Ten of Pentacles: Legacy, family, and long-term success. You're building something that lasts.

Page of Pentacles: New opportunities, study, focus. You're at the start of something big—stay grounded.

Knight of Pentacles: Hard work, routine, perseverance. Slow and steady wins the race—don't rush.

Queen of Pentacles: Nurturing, practicality, security. You're balancing work, home, and everything in between like a goddamn boss.

King of Pentacles: Success, stability, abundance. You've got the Midas touch—everything you invest in flourishes.

WTF EMOTIONS?

Emotions in Tarot

Grasping the raw emotions behind tarot cards can turn your readings into something far more powerful, especially when memorizing every little detail feels like a losing battle. Tarot isn't just a collection of textbook definitions—it's the pulse of the emotional energy each card bleeds into your reading. By sinking into the dark feelings and lived experiences each card holds, you unlock a deeper, more intuitive connection. This makes it easier to drag those messages out of the shadows and into the twisted reality of your everyday life.

New Beginnings & Opportunities

The Fool (Major Arcana)
Ace of Wands (Inspiration, Creative Beginnings)
Ace of Cups (New Emotions, Love)
Ace of Swords (New Ideas, Clarity)
Ace of Pentacles (Financial Opportunity, Material Beginnings)
The Magician (Manifestation, Potential)

Growth & Progress

The Empress (Abundance, Nurturing Growth)
The Chariot (Victory, Willpower)
Three of Wands (Expansion, Progress)
Six of Wands (Success, Recognition)
Seven of Pentacles (Patience, Waiting for Results)
Eight of Pentacles (Skill Mastery, Hard Work)
Nine of Pentacles (Independence, Self-Sufficiency)

Love, Partnership, & Relationships

The Lovers (Partnership, Choices in Love)
Two of Cups (Harmony, Emotional Connection)
Ten of Cups (Family, Fulfillment)
The Empress (Nurturing, Motherhood)
The Hierophant (Commitment, Tradition in Relationships)
Three of Cups (Friendship, Celebration)

**Conflict &
Struggle**

The Tower (Sudden Upheaval, Chaos)
Five of Wands (Conflict, Competition)
Five of Swords (Defeat, Conflict)
Seven of Swords (Deception, Trickery)
Eight of Swords (Feeling Trapped, Powerlessness)
Nine of Swords (Anxiety, Fear)
Ten of Swords (Betrayal, Painful Endings)
Five of Pentacles (Financial Hardship, Struggle)

**Change &
Transformation**

Death (Endings, Transformation)
The Wheel of Fortune (Karma, Change)
The Hanged Man (Letting Go, Surrender)
The Tower (Destruction, Sudden Change)
Judgement (Rebirth, Awakening)
Eight of Cups (Walking Away, Moving On)
Six of Swords (Transition, Moving Away from Conflict)

**Joy, Success, &
Celebration**

The Sun (Joy, Success, Radiance)
Four of Wands (Celebration, Joy)
Nine of Cups (Wish Fulfillment, Contentment)
Ten of Pentacles (Long-Term Success, Legacy)
Three of Cups (Celebration, Friendship)
Six of Wands (Victory, Recognition)

**Fear, Anxiety, &
Doubt**

The Moon (Illusions, Fear)
Nine of Swords (Anxiety, Worry)
Five of Cups (Regret, Sadness)
Four of Cups (Discontent, Apathy)
Two of Swords (Indecision, Stalemate)
Eight of Swords (Feeling Trapped, Fear)s.

**Control, Power,
& Authority**

The Emperor (Authority, Control)
Strength (Inner Power, Control)
The Chariot (Willpower, Control)
King of Wands (Leadership, Control)
King of Pentacles (Financial Control, Stability)
Justice (Fairness, Balance)
Judgement (Self-Assessment, Accountability)

**Reflection &
Introspection**

Dedicate a few minutes every night to jot down three things you were grateful for that day.

Hope & Healing

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**Temptation &
Addiction**

Take a few moments each day to let those around you know that you appreciate them.

**Responsibility &
Burdens**

Throughout the day, take small moments to savor positive experiences.

**Patience &
Waiting**

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