

Introduction

The Infinite Loup Tarot took me almost exactly a year to illustrate. In early 2016, I sat down to illustrate the first card in a local cafe in Savannah, GA called Foxy Loxy. The first card I illustrated, Strength, was started on a whim as a stand alone art piece. I hadn't anticipated that I'd go on to finish the whole deck. Some prodding from my fiancée Laura Loup, who was working on a tarot deck of her own called Tarot In Space, helped to inspire me to make the Infinite Loup Tarot Deck a reality. After many cafe visits, long nights, and even taking the project with me on the road as I fled Hurricane Matthew, the deck finally came together. I'm proud to share this deck with you, and I hope it inspires you as much as it inspired me while I illustrated it.

-Zack

Special Thanks

Thank you to my fiancée Laura for inspiring me to begin the deck (and providing me with friendly competition), and to my family for always being the first to support my art. Without them this deck wouldn't be possible!

How to Read Tarot

If you're reading this, you're probably a beginner. There are a multitude of books and websites on different methods to reading tarot. I haven't written the be all end all guide to Tarot; this is simply a very quick primer to help you get start with using the deck.

There's no right way to read Tarot; how you choose to read it entirely up to you! Your intuition is your friend; you can use the interpretations I've provided for you in this booklet, or you can allow the visuals in the card to help determine its meaning. I like to think of Tarot as advice rather than a true prediction of the future. Sometimes you'll have a reading that's negative or harshly critical, but life isn't always perfect so take those bad readings as a learning experience...and mostly important remember that if you don't like what you see in your future, you have the ability to change it!

If you have a specific question to ask your deck, think of it as you shuffle your cards. It can be as simple as "What should I focus on today?" or as complex as "Where might I be in ten years?". It's entirely up to you! If any cards "jump" out at you as you shuffle, set that them aside. Oftentimes those jumping cards provide the most interesting insight!

The Court Cards (Page, Knight, Queen, and King) of each suit may represent you, a facet of your personality, or someone you know. Trust your intuition to tell you who or what they're referring to.

Here's a very quick, basic way to read Tarot; the Past, Present, Future spread. If you'd like to see more spreads and methods, there are thousands of creative ideas you can try with your cards just a Google search away!

1. Shuffle your cards. The easiest way to go about this is to lay the cards out face side down on a desk or table and gently stir them using your fingers. Try to avoid bending your cards, as that could give you false readings in the future by causing bent cards to always jump out at you! When you feel like you've shuffled enough (this is entirely up to you), pick three cards without looking at them and lay them out.

2. The first card you drew is your past card, the second is your present, and the third is your future. The past and the future cards are very subjective; the past could be your childhood or it could be earlier today, and the future could be seventy years from now or later this night. Once again, you need to rely on your intuition to tell you what the cards are trying to say!
3. If you feel the need to cleanse your cards of old energy between readings, you can gather the deck together and gently tap it three times, imagining the old energy falling off like dust. Or you can imagine a cleansing white light covering the cards as you hold them, ridding them of any unwanted baggage.

Reversals

The meaning of a card can change based upon how its oriented when you flip it over. If it's upside down, or *reversed*, the meaning of the card is usually the opposite. However, a reversed card may also indicate an obstacle for you to overcome, or an unexpected meaning to the card. Reversals are usually seen as a negative thing, but for some cards they can actually be positive. Don't panic if your see an upside down card!

Once again, intuition is your best friend. If you get a reading that just doesn't make sense and the card would make more sense upright (or reversed), then go with your gut feeling. For your convenience, I've provided descriptions for both upright and reversed cards in this booklet.

The Major Arcana

0 - The Fool:

Keywords: *Innocence, new beginnings, freedom, naivety, risk-taking*

Upright: The Fool signifies new beginnings, adventure, and living life to the fullest. If this card appears to you, it might be time to take a leap of faith. You are full of potential and you must trust that your heart will lead you in the right direction.

Reversed: Watch out! You could be about to walk off a cliff, figuratively speaking. In your quest to live life to the fullest, you may be disregarding the consequences of doing so. Stop and consider how your actions affect yourself and others.

Artist Comments: The character seen here is a very young version of my character Charlie Latrare. He'll be making several more appearances throughout the deck, so I'll be talking a lot more about him.

1 - The Magician:

Keywords: *Power, skill, resourcefulness, manipulation*

Upright: You are at a point in your life where you have the ability to manifest your dreams, whether those dreams are physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual. You have everything you need to move forward; it's now up to you to come up with creative ways to use the skills and resources at your disposal.

Reversed: You are wasting your potential. You may have skills and talents that you are not exploring. Alternatively, you may be using your abilities in a way that negatively affects yourself or others.

Artist Comments: The Magician was one of the most difficult cards to illustrate. In fact, I saved it for last when I was working on the Major Arcana. I wanted to do something quite visually different from the traditional imagery, but that would still read the same way. In the end, I took inspiration from the trickster god Coyote. The Coyote is a twofold entity; he both has the ability to create marvelous things, and also be a royal pain in the butt to everyone around him when he

misuses those talents. One such example is the Navajo story of how the Coyote created the milky way, by haphazardly tossing a bag of stars into the sky because he grew impatient at the slow process of placing them one by one.

2 - The High Priestess

Keywords: *Intuition, subconscious, mystery, inner voice*

Upright: The High Priestess represents intuition and divine wisdom. If she appears to you, you should listen to your inner voice. Now is not the time for logic; listen to your heart, follow your dreams, and look for signs that you're heading in the right direction. Additionally, the High Priestess may be asking you to get in touch with your feminine side to achieve spiritual growth.

Reversed: Your inner voice is trying to speak to you but you may be tuning it out; you may be too focused on external problems and ignoring your own. Consider taking quiet time for meditation and personal reflection, and be confident that you know what's best for yourself.

Artist Comments: The High Priestess in this deck is a Kermode bear, or a "spirit bear". Though she may look like a polar bear, she is actually a rare subspecies of black bear! To me, these bears just look so mystical. Their bright white fur looks so out of place against the lush green of their habitat. Seemingly it would be a disadvantage, but it was found out that their white fur actually seems to make them less visible to the fish they hunt. What a perfect animal to represent listening to your intuition, even when logic seems to say otherwise.

3 - The Empress

Keywords: *Femininity, fertility, abundance, nurturing*

Upright: The Empress represents the divine feminine. She is the ultimate mother figure. If she appears to you, this is a call to get in touch with your feminine side. Beauty, sensuality, emotion, nurturing; these are all things you should explore. Treat yourself to something nice. Get in touch with Mother Earth and enjoy the beauty of nature while renewing your connection with her. The Empress is also representative of fertility and pregnancy. However, this doesn't have to mean a literal birth. She can also herald the birth of a new idea, a new project, or a new way of living your life.

Reversed: Reversed, the Empress may signify you are bottling up your emotions. You may need to find an outlet, be that artistic expression or simply confiding in a trusted friend. Alternatively, you may be a bit of a mother hen. Ensure that you are not being overprotective and smothering the ones you love. If you are male, the Empress reversed may mean you need to get in touch with your feminine side; don't be afraid to feel and express things.

Artist Comments: Visually, The Empress is one of the most similar cards to her Rider-Waite-Smith portrayal. The color palette was altered very little. Her original human counterpart had golden blonde hair, and here she is a golden wolf. I included several other counterparts of the original imagery, such as pomegranates for fertility, wheat for abundance, and lush greenery to represent a connection with nature.

4 - The Emperor

Keywords: *Authority, structure, leadership, domination*

Upright: The Emperor is the ultimate father figure; the provider and the protector. He heralds stability and success. He demands authority, but he leads with fairness. He is not afraid to fight. If the Emperor appears to you, you may need to focus on your mind over your heart. If you are being asked to take a leadership position, you need to be careful not to reveal weakness or doubt. You may be about to receive more power, recognition, and stability. The Emperor may also represent a powerful male figure in your life, such as a boss or father figure whom you need to impress in order to actualize your goals.

Reversed: You may be dealing with an overbearing authority figure. You may feel powerless. The Reversed Emperor may be asking you to stand up to an authority figure; however, you must do so in an orderly and logical manner rather than rebelling. If you are in a career where you feel trapped, now may be the time to consider moving on to a job where you have greater flexibility. You may also find that you are the Reversed Emperor, and no longer wish to be bogged down by your current routine.

Artist Comments: The Emperor is also quite similar to his Rider-Waite-Smith counterpart. He wears regal red and gold, and wears a crown with horns on it representing intellect, determination, and leadership. His age and experience is shown with his battle scars. He has a blind eye, but seems no less wise for it. His fur is white like the original Emperor's beard.

5 - The Hierophant

Keywords: *Religion, education, tradition, conformity*

Upright: The Hierophant represents tradition, institution, and ancient wisdom. He may be indicative that it's time to consider going to a new church (or temple, mosque, coven, whatever your personal path dictates). If that's not quite your style, perhaps it's time to start forging your own spiritual path and starting your own traditions. The Hierophant is also a keeper of knowledge, and may signify that it's time to further your education; whether that means going back to college, or simply taking time for personal study to learn more about something important to you.

Reversed: When the Hierophant appears reversed, you may be questioning tradition. You may find that you have been a part of a group, such as a church or a political party, whose fundamental beliefs you no longer agree with. You have a strong desire to go against the status quo, to rebel, and to forge your own, unorthodox path free from the rigid structures you are currently surrounded by.

Artist Comments: The Hierophant here is quite different from his Rider-Waite-Smith counterpart. This is a personal preference; I have found that I find my spiritual connection more in nature than in organized religion. The Hierophant portrayed here looks more like some wise man you'd meet out in the woods than anyone you'd see in a church. His antlers play the role of the crown representing his connection to the spiritual realm. He also wields a scepter topped with an amethyst point, a stone which is widely believed to enhance psychic ability.

6 - The Lovers

Keywords: *Relationships, love, choices, partnership*

Upright: The Lovers represent a strong, mutual attraction. This could be a soul mate connection, or it could be an intimate sexual connection. They are in the honeymoon phase; everything is harmonious and perfect. The Lovers may also represent a choice to be made; the easy path might in fact not be the right one for you in the long run. You must ask yourself if you are truly on the right path, or if what feels right now may lead to disaster in the future.

Reversed: The Lovers Reversed could indicate relationship problems. Perhaps a relationship where you seemed to be perfectly in tune with your partner has started to fall out of balance. You might be realizing you and your partner have different goals. This isn't necessarily the end, but an indication that some adjustments need to be made to keep the relationship healthy. The Lovers reversed could also indicate that what seems like a deep connection might actually be a relationship based on lust rather than love, which may lead to disappointment down the road.

Artist Comments: In the Rider-Waite-Smith deck, the Lovers card is compositionally similar to the Devil card, which gives the clear implication that lust can easily be mistaken for love. While in this deck those cards do not mirror each other, here we see the lamb with the lion. On first look, this gives the impression of innocence, harmony, and overcoming differences. But it's also

a subtle warning; lions can and will eat lambs. This relationship could easily become unhealthy if both parties aren't willing to work to continue their harmonious existence. On a less serious note, this card is also a reference to my partner and I; she's an Aries, and I'm a Leo.

7 - The Chariot

Keywords: *Victory, control, determination, travel*

Upright: The Chariot represents victory and conquest. You're fast approaching your goal; you must stay focused until you cross the finish line. This card is an indication that you will be successful, so long as you are willing to put in the work. Stay determined and make sure you are on the right track. Alternatively, the Chariot may be taken a bit more literally; if you are looking for permission to take that vacation you've been dreaming about, this is it. Your goals don't always need to be serious.

Reversed: The Reversed Chariot may suggest that you have lost control in your own life. Now is time to grab hold of the steering wheel and make sure you stay on course. Instead of being frustrated by the things you can't control, try to focus on what you can. You may be feeling angry or feeling like you're a victim of external circumstances. Redirect your anger and frustration, and turn it into determination.

Artist Comments: The Chariot here is quite different from its original incarnation. Here it is a fast car speeding through the desert, a harsh and unforgiving environment, towards its goal. Rather than the traditional black and white sphinxes pulling the chariot, the car is flanked by black and white coyotes representing the unity in duality. Maybe it's just because of the movies I watched growing up, but when I picture travel I always seem to picture a car heading through the desert, passing quirky, small towns and strange attractions along the way. That's the vibe I tried to portray in this rendition of the Chariot.

8 - Strength

Keywords: *Strength, patience, compassion, persuasion*

Upright: Strength is about inner strength rather than physical strength. You don't use aggression to get what you want; you use compassion to coax others into your way of thinking. You are accepting and create a safe space for yourself and others. The lion can represent the beast within yourself, which you can tame by overcoming your raw, instinctual behaviors and emotions. If this card appears to you, now is the time to act from a place of love and understanding, rather than rage or hatred. If you are a person who tends to act impulsively in a negative way, such as saying hurtful things to others without much thought, this card is a call for you to try to resolve conflicts with diplomacy. Learn to respect your differences, and perhaps even learn from them!

Reversed: Strength reversed is weakness. You may feel vulnerable. You may have forgotten how strong you are. Now is the time to remind yourself that you are stronger than you realize. Focus on positive aspects of your life and yourself to reinvigorate your self esteem. You've survived up until this point, and you have the strength within you not only to survive but to thrive! Strength reversed may also indicate that you feel a lot of anger, which you're directing into aggression. This might be the time for you to look into anger management of some sort.

Artist Comments: Compositionally this is a fairly standard representation of Strength, which is traditionally a woman taming a lion with her gentle touch. The woman here is actually based on my own lovely lady, Tara Loup. The lion here is actually a beast that's a hybrid of a lion and a ram, representing our zodiac signs Leo and Aries. The space motif is a nod to her own deck, Tarot In Space! If not for her starting to illustrate that deck and inspiring me to follow suit, this one may never have happened. This is in fact the first card I illustrated for the deck, as a result.

9 - The Hermit

Keywords: *Introspection, solitude, searching, guidance*

Upright: If the Hermit appears to you, it may indicate that you desire a new direction in life. The answers you seek won't be found in the distractions of every day life. Now is the time for deep introspection and soul searching. You may need to take some time for yourself; now is a wonderful time to begin a meditation practice. You may also consider taking some quiet time; whether that's some alone time at home, or a solitary walk through nature, is entirely up to you. This is the "you do you" card. Realize that everyone has their own path to follow, and that you alone can determine what your path is.

Reversed: The Hermit reversed may indicate that you're spending too much time alone, and you might literally be becoming a hermit. Rather than feeling enlightened, you feel isolated and alone. While it's important to take time for yourself, anything in excess can be bad for you. Make sure you don't end up cutting off your friends and family as a result of your self discovery.

Artist Comments: The design of the Hermit here is very personal to me. During a very unhappy time of my life, I used to have some very strange dreams about a deer. Sometimes it would appear as a normal deer, sometimes it would appear more like what you see here. I think the image of the deer got stuck in my mind one New Years Eve when I was driving to a party, and passed the freshly dead body of a buck that had been struck by a car. The road used to be surrounded by wilderness, but at the time much of the forest had just been torn down to make way for new neighborhoods and apartment buildings. I remember feeling so bad for that deer; I felt like he must have felt so trapped in the tiny bit of forest that were left for him and probably was struck down when he left to try to find a better option. I didn't realize it then, but I had related to that deer. I felt very trapped in the situation I was in, but felt like there was no way out that wouldn't lead to disaster. I am in a much happier place now, and it's been quite a while since the strange deer has appeared in my dreams.

10 - The Wheel of Fortune

Keywords: *Luck, life cycles, destiny, turning points*

Upright: Everything comes and goes in cycles. There will be good times and bad times in your life, and the Wheel of Fortune asks you to accept that. Cherish the good times when you have them because they don't necessarily last, and remain hopeful that things will get better during bad times. This card is a reminder to go with the flow. Some things will always be beyond your control, and accepting that will make the ride easier. Focus on the things that you can control, so you will end up on the upside of the wheel more often than not. When the Wheel appears, change is coming. You must try your best to remain stable, and see the change as an opportunity to better yourself.

Reversed: Luck is not on your side right now. Bad circumstances beyond your control are leaving you feeling powerless. Now is not the time to take risks, but it's a wonderful time to reflect on your past actions and figure out which ones lead you to this point, so that in the future you can end up in a better place on the wheel.

Artist Comments: My Wheel of Fortune card is based on the circle of life. Just as winter becomes spring and summer becomes fall, all living things will be born and will die, with plenty of ups and downs along the way.

11 - Justice

Keywords: *Justice, fairness, law, decision*

Upright: When Justice appears, it's time to consider the impact your actions make on your life, the world, and the universe. Decisions must be made; you must carefully consider the future

consequences of your actions. You will reap what you sew, so ensure that you are growing good in your life rather than negativity. Alternatively, Justice may indicate that so long as you have been doing things honestly and legally, you will prevail in any dispute you may currently be involved in.

Reversed: Justice Reversed may be an indication that you are refusing to take responsibility for your own actions. If you have been placing blame on others for something that is your own fault, now is the time to take accountability for it. Alternatively, it may mean that you are judging yourself or others too harshly, and need to accept things as they are without seeking to change them.

Artist Comments: This is a fairly nontraditional rendition of Justice, but it does contain several elements from the original card. The scales here are referencing Egyptian mythology, wherein a person's heart would be weighed against the feather of Ma'at, goddess of Justice; if the heart was found to be heavier than the feather, it would indicate the person was more wicked than good. In some versions of the card, Justice is blindfolded. Here Justice has their eyes closed, but sees with their heart instead. Though a bit more grotesque than the original Justice, where the sword is held in her hand, the sword through the head here is representative of the same thing; the sharp mind needed to make a decision.

12 - The Hanged Man

Keywords: *Sacrifice, suspension, restriction, letting go*

Upright: The Hanged Man indicates a time in your life where you are stuck. This card asks you to examine why you feel this way so that you can work to free yourself from those emotions. This card might also be asking you to consciously choose to suspend action or decision making for a time, especially if you're on the cusp of making a big decision that you may be making from an irrational perspective. By taking time to consider your options, you may allow time for better options to arise. This card is also a reminder that sometimes you must make sacrifices for the greater good. Just be sure that you're not giving up too much of yourself in the process!

Reversed: You may have reached a period of stagnation in your life, where your hard work doesn't seem to be paying off. You feel absolutely unable to move forward with your life. This may be due in part to you putting a major decision or action on hold for too long, hoping that the situation will sort itself out. At some point, a decision will have to be made. Find ways to compromise so that you can move forward.

Artist Comments: In the American west, it's common practice for ranchers to hang dead coyotes on fence posts from the belief that it'll keep other coyotes from coming after their livestock. Whether there's any merit to that is debatable. This card mirrors the Death card.

13 - Death

Keywords: *Transformation, transition, change, endings*

Upright: Don't worry! This card isn't predicting your death, so you can relax. Death is indicating the end of a major phase of your life. Depending on your situation, this can actually be a very good thing, even if the process of letting go can be painful. This is a necessary ending. If you're holding onto any emotional baggage or old bad habits, now is the time to release them. Allow yourself to move on and embrace new possibilities. You are about to be transformed into an even better version of yourself.

Reversed: You are resisting change in your life, even if that change is positive. You need to assess why you're afraid of this change, and deal with those issues so you can move on. Carrying negative aspects of your past into your new life will not help you grow.

Artist Comments: The coyote's body has started to become a beautiful garden, signaling their rebirth into something new. Visually, this card is a compliment to my Hanged Man card.

Personally, I work with animal remains, both spiritually and as a crafter. When I experienced a lot of loss in my life, working with death helped me to see that it could be beautiful, even beneficial.

14 - Temperance

Keywords: *Balance, moderation, patience, harmony*

Upright: Temperance is all about moderation. You maintain a sense of calm by being patient and balanced. Your path ahead is clear, and you're taking your time to ensure you're doing what's best. You are able to work harmoniously with others, and help others work better amongst themselves. If this doesn't describe you, then this card may be telling you that you need to find ways to bring those qualities into your life.

Reversed: Reversed Temperance indicates a time of imbalance and conflict. Hasty decisions will lead to further imbalance. Now is the time to reflect on what you want from life, so you can find a clear path forward.

Artist Comments: This card is compositionally quite similar to the original Temperance. Temperance is often portrayed as genderless, so I did my best not to give the character here any really gendering features. I decided upon a cat to represent Temperance, as felines are often seem have a certain grace about their actions (however, if you've ever owned a cat you know that they're not quite as graceful as they appear). They have perfectly balanced markings, representing harmony, and a clear night sky overhead representing mental clarity.

15 - The Devil

Keywords: *Selfishness, addiction, bondage, materialism*

Upright: The Devil represents bondage to our fears, additions, and bad habits. You are being tricked into believing you are stuck by forces beyond your control, when in fact you have chosen to remain imprisoned by whatever is holding you back. He could represent something like drug use, alcoholism, overspending, or an unhealthy relationship which you have allowed to take over your life, or he could represent that you've become obsessed with a certain idea or endeavor. The Devil is a reminder not to allow the desire for material wealth to rule your life and make you forget to invest time in yourself and your relationships.

Reversed: Reversed, the Devil may indicate that you are aware that you're stuck in an unhealthy situation and ready begin freeing yourself from it. Take this opportunity to bring about positive change in your life; the only thing holding you back now is yourself. Remain focused and you will succeed. Alternatively, the reversed Devil may indicate that you're at risk to become addicted or obsessed with something. Remain cautious and avoid situations and things that may be harmful to you.

Artist Comments: The Devil here is based visually on a Jacob Sheep. He is playing a golden fiddle, a reference to to "The Devil Went Down to Georgia", because I live in Georgia. The color palette is mostly purple and green, colors commonly associated with villainous characters in popular culture.

16 - The Tower

Keywords: *Disaster, upheaval, sudden change, revelations*

Upright: The Tower represents a sudden, seemingly negative change. This card appears when your world seems to be crashing down around you. Your foundation is being shaken and everything is in chaos. The lightning in the Tower represents a sudden, shocking revelation. While you are no doubt going through a hard time, take heart in the fact that with any destruction comes the opportunity to create something better. You have the opportunity to grow as a person while you're out of your comfort zone. Though you will experience pain and anxiety,

there will be positive change in the future. Embrace change, because the Tower is going to fall whether you like it or not.

Reversed: You may have already had a shocking revelation about your life, but now you are trying to ignore it and live on like it never happened. You might be afraid of the emotional pain and upheaval that would no doubt happen if you give in to the necessary destruction of something in your life. Though you will feel some discomfort, you must allow this change to happen.

Artist Comments: The Tower here is actually the turret on a Victorian style home. I took a lot of inspiration here from the architecture surrounding me in historic Savannah, Georgia. In British folklore, black dogs are considered an omen of death and destruction. They are said to appear mostly at night as a shadowy dog with glowing eyes, and are often accompanied by electrical storms.

17 - The Star

Keywords: *Renewal, inspiration, hope, serenity*

Upright: This is a time of healing and inspiration. You've endured the hardships of the world, and are now entering a calmer phase of your life. Now is a time to forgive and forget the darkness of your past. This is a time of positive personal transformation and growth. Know that your efforts have not been in vain, and you will soon find happiness. Trust in yourself, and trust in the universe to lead you to a better future.

Reversed: You may be feeling disinterested in things that once inspired you. Life might feel like a chore to you. Now might be the time to make changes in your life's path so that you can feel enthusiasm for the work you do once again. This might also be a time when you feel you need reassurance that you're on the right path. While only you can decide what's right for you, remember that these challenges are an opportunity to grow.

Artist Comments: The character in this card was inspired by a photo I saw of a "strawberry leopard", a rare animal that has this beautiful red and gold coloration rather than the usual black and tawny. I thought it was the perfect color for the star, a card that just glows with radiant energy. I also used a lot of green in this card, symbolizing growth, vitality, and harmony.

18 - The Moon

Keywords: *Illusions, subconscious, anxiety, deception*

Upright: The Moon is a card of deception. Oftentimes, it's a deception from within your own mind. You may be projecting your own fears into your surroundings, and causing yourself anxiety over things that aren't really true. The Moon asks you to be mindful of your shadow self, and try to redirect that energy into something more positive. Once you become aware of the thoughts that are haunting you and realize that they're not real, they can no longer hurt you. Trust your own inner light to guide you, and don't be afraid of the shadows it may cast along the way.

Reversed: You may have went through a great period of fear and anxiety, but now you are finally starting to deal with the underlying issues that caused those feelings. You're now beginning to free yourself from the thoughts that held you back, and seeing things more clearly. Alternatively, you may be especially intuitive right now. This can sometimes be overwhelming or evening confusing, but don't ignore the messages you're getting.

Artist Comments: The Moon in this deck is inspired by 70s psychedelic art. I wanted the card to feel very balanced compositionally, so I chose a husky as the dog to represent the tame part of our mind because it's a very wolfy looking dog. The wolf is an arctic wolf, representing the wild in our subconscious.

19 - The Sun

Keywords: *Happiness, vitality, positivity, warmth*

Upright: Life is good! This is a time of success and wellness. You radiate confidence and positivity, and others are drawn to your vibrant energy. You're who you're meant to be, and it truly shows. If you've been going through tough times, this is a sign that things are about to get better. A lot better, in fact! Enjoy this warm, happy time of your life.

Reversed: The Sun reversed may indicate that you're being overoptimistic about a situation. You may be egotistical and have unrealistic goals. Alternatively, you may be having a hard time seeing the positive aspects of your life. However, the sun is always a positive card, so either way this is a reminder that you can be happy and fulfilled if you put your mind to it and have realistic goals.

Artist Comments: I wanted this card to look good with the Moon; it's also visually inspired by 70s psychedelic art, and the color palette is basically opposite of the one used in the Moon.

20 - Judgement

Keywords: *Judgement, rebirth, absolution, calling*

Upright: The Judgement card is about finding absolution. You've learned from your past, and are ready to forgive yourself for your past mistakes and release your past sorrows. Now is the time to finish up any unfinished business so you can let it go forever. You are purging negativity from your life, and allowing deep healing. You're ready to bring about a big change in your life, and only you can judge which path is best for you to follow.

Reversed: You may be overtly critical of yourself. You must forgive yourself for your past mistakes. Stop punishing yourself, and allow yourself to learn and grow. Now is the time to make your own decisions; you may not be able to control the whole world, but you can control how you interact with it.

Artist Comments: Judgement is based on the tale of Hati and Skoll. In Norse mythology, it's said that Hati and Skoll chase behind the moon and the sun in hopes of devouring them. During ragnarok (the apocalyptic), they will be successful in capturing their prey and will leave the world in darkness.

21 - The World

Keywords: *Accomplishment, fulfillment, closure, completion of a cycle*

Upright: Congratulations! You're at the end of a particular life cycle. You've either completed your goals, or are very close to it. This card represents success, so make sure you celebrate! You are now wiser, happier, and more fulfilled than when you started your journey; take time to thank yourself for seeing it through. The World represents the end of a journey, but this doesn't mean that you are done growing; it's simply the end of one cycle and the beginning of another.

Reversed: The Reversed World suggests that you might be trying to take the easiest or quickest route to achieve your goals, and it's not paying off the way you had hoped. Now is the time to make sure you are taking all the steps necessary to reach your goals, even if they might be more challenging. Don't lose focus or slack off; you will complete your goal if you are willing to see it through!

Artist Comments: The character here is Charlie Latrare, the same as in the Fool.

Swords

Overview

The element represented in the Suit of Swords is Air. The Swords focus on the mind and intellect. The Swords suit is typically indicative of action, change, courage, and conflict. Although some of the imagery in this suit is dark, don't be afraid if one of the Swords comes up in a reading; instead, allow these cards to help remind you of your strength!

Visually, the Suit of Swords follows my character Charlie Latrare. He's one of my oldest characters; some version of him has existed for over a decade now! Charlie is a coydog, half coyote and half sighthound. He left home fairly young to pursue freedom and change. He's an adventurer who travels the world in his tiny ship, occasionally using less than savory methods to get by. Some might call him a pirate, but he's more likely to call himself a mercenary.

Ace of Swords

Keywords: *Mental clarity, fortitude, concentration, victory*

Upright: The Ace of Swords represents mental clarity and victory. You are beginning a new conquest. You have a lot of power right now, and it's up to you to use that power to better your life. This card may also represent the need to prepare for "battle". You may be gearing up to fight for a cause you believe in, or to overcome a big challenge in your own life.

Reversed: This represents clouded judgement and an overall lack of clarity or action. Now is the time to focus on better planning and sorting out what you really want in life.

Artist Comments: *The sword is wrapped in nasturtium. This flower is said to symbolize victory and conquest; even the scent of the flower is believed to bring vigor and vitality.*

Two of Swords

Keywords: *Indecision, stalemate, blocked emotions, choices*

Upright: Two of Swords represents indecision. At this time you may be being asked to make a difficult decision. You may be deliberately trying to ignore it, hoping that it'll work itself out if you pretend the problem doesn't exist. Remove your blindfold, and analyze the situation so you'll be able to make the best call.

Reversed: You feel stuck in the middle of a negative situation, trying to be the peacemaker. This might be a situation where any choice you make leads to a negative outcome, and you'll have to choose the lesser of the evils.

Artist Comments: This card features a lot of imagery from the original Two of Swords. The blindfold represents ignoring the problem, the rocky ocean represents the obstacles that must be overcome, and the crossed swords represent the need to weigh both sides of an issue.

Three of Swords

Keywords: *Heartbreak, grief, loss, betrayal*

Upright: Oftentimes, Three of Swords represents sudden and unexpected emotional turmoil. If you're going through hard times, now is the time to allow yourself catharsis. Sometimes pain and loss are necessary for growth; you will overcome this. This card may also be a warning of future strife; analyze the parts of your life where you see potential problems and work towards heading off trouble before it arrives.

Reversed: You may be having a hard time moving on from past grief or loss. Allow yourself to grieve and release those emotions so you can move on from them. Alternatively, this may be an indication that you have deeply hurt someone else, and now may be the time to sincerely apologize.

Artist Comments: This is a very bleak card. Charlie looks very lonely and betrayed, he is quite literally stuck to the tree by the swords, and the sky is stormy and grey. But he survived this somehow, just as you will survive whatever you're going through.

Four of Swords

Keywords: *Rest, reflection, relaxation, recuperation*

Upright: Now is the time to rest and allow yourself time to recover. Take a breather from the stresses of life and allow yourself time to replenish your strength, both physical and mental. Meditation and some time alone may be needed to clear your mind.

Reversed: You may be resisting taking a much needed break from something, perhaps because you're afraid that allowing yourself time to reflect will lead to negative emotions. You must allow yourself both to rest and to process those feelings.

Artist Comments: Here Charlie is recovering after his harrowing experience in Three of Swords. He's sleeping atop a bed of yarrow petals, representing both physical and emotional healing.

Five of Swords

Keywords: *Conflict, tension, defeat, discord*

Upright: This card represents conquest and hostility. You might be hellbent on reaching your goals at any cost. Your actions may be hurting others. You may be isolating yourself by refusing to compromise. This card is a reminder that pride comes before destruction. Alternatively, this card may be an indication of imminent defeat. Sometimes it's better to put down your sword and walk away. Pick your battles wisely.

Reversed: Reversed, this card indicates that you are tired of fighting against a person or situation, and you're ready to compromise and move on. This may be a good time to reach out to those you've hurt recently and try to make amends. Alternatively, it may be a good time to cut toxic people out of your life to escape their negativity.

Artist Comments: Ah Charlie, just when you made the audience feel sympathy for you in Three and Four of Swords, you go on and do this! This card is nearly identical to the original Five of Swords in composition. However, I chose to add a lot more red to the sky because I feel like it gave the card an overall more sinister appearance than the original cloudy blue sky.

Six of Swords

Keywords: *Need for change, moving on, transition*

Upright: This card represents the need to move on. This is a sad but necessary transition. You're being forced to leave behind something important to you, but in the end the change will be for the best. You may feel some regret, but know that you're heading towards a better life.

Reversed: You're resisting a necessary transition in your life. You're afraid of change. Alternatively, you may be trying to escape your past but carrying a lot of emotional baggage that is stopping you from truly moving on.

Artist Comments: Charlie spends a lot of time on his ship trying to run away from his problems, but he has a bad habit of carrying them along in the form of emotional baggage. The sun setting behind him symbolizes the ending of the chapter of his life he's leaving behind.

Seven of Swords

Keywords: *Deception, betrayal, stealth, running away*

Upright: This card represents betrayal and deception. You may be trying to use dishonest methods to attain your goals, and this card is a warning that you will likely be found out.

Alternatively, this card could be a warning to be cautious of betrayal or being taken advantage of by someone else.

Reversed: You feel that what you're doing is wrong. Now may be the time to reevaluate your life, and make changes that will help to get you on the right path again.

Artist Comments: Charlie's partner-in-crime Lucy the mongoose is taking a look at his treasure trove of fancy swords and wondering just how much they might be worth to pawn off of the next port. Of course, many of those swords themselves are probably stolen by him in the first place. I realized after drawing this card that it may make it appear that Lucy is planning to hurt him physically, but rest assured the intention was more to show that she plans to put a dent in his loot.

Eight of Swords:

Keywords: *Self imposed restrictions, imprisonment, powerless, isolation*

Upright: You're trapped in a difficult situation and feel powerless to escape. However, this is a matter of perspective. Although the situation may be tough to navigate, if you are willing to remove your blindfold you'll see there are ways to move forward. Whatever you're facing right now seems impossible to overcome, but you have the power to do so if you're willing to face it head on. Alternatively, you may be feeling like you're a victim and hoping for someone to come along and rescue you. This card is your call to action; in this situation, you need to be your own hero.

Reversed: You're ready to stop playing the victim and take accountability for your actions. This can be easier said than done; a good start would be to allow yourself to let go of behaviors and beliefs that have held you back in the past.

Artist Comments: I used to dread getting this card in a reading. A few years ago, this card would pop up as my present almost every time I did a reading. I felt like Eight of Swords was personally mocking me for being unhappy in my life. At the time I was in an unhealthy relationship, but I was used to it and it had become safe and easy for me. This card was practically yelling "Hello! You have the option to be happy but you're not taking it!" I know from personal experience how frustrating this card can be, but try not to brush it off. If it appears to you, there's likely a good reason.

Nine of Swords:

Keywords: *Anxiety, depression, nightmares, fear of the future*

Upright: You're excessively worried about something. It keeps you up at night, and when you do sleep you have nightmares. However, worrying about this thing is actually doing you a lot of harm. By focusing on it, you're giving it the power to manifest into the negative thing you fear. This is your wake up call; you need to stop giving this thing so much power in your life, and instead focus on finding ways to change the situation for the better.

Reversed: You're beginning to find your way out of a period of terrible anxiety. Don't let yourself fall back into your old thought patterns; remember that these fears are in your head and do your best not to let them spill back into your life.

Artist Comments: Poor Charlie likely has a lot of nightmares. He's made a lot of enemies and burned a lot of bridges in his time, and he worries that someday the things that haunt his dreams will appear back in his life. Here he's just woken up from a particularly bad one, with that sense of dread obvious on his face. I wanted to portray the feeling right after you wake from a bad dream, where your fears still seem very real and you haven't quite realized you're back in the safety of your warm bed.

Ten of Swords:

Keywords: *Endings, defeat, loss, betrayal*

Upright: This is the dark night before dawn. This card indicates disaster, betrayal, and an inescapable unpleasant ending to a situation. If this is your future card you may be able to alter your course and prevent this downfall, but it may also be necessary just to let it happen. You can take heart in knowing that after this it's all over, and no more pain will come from this particular source. It can only get better from here. Ten of Swords signifies an ending, but it's also a chance for a new beginning once the darkness gives way to morning. These events will free you to reshape and redirect your life.

Reversed: You are resisting the inevitable because you're afraid of the pain it will cause you. However, dragging out the ending of this cycle will only lead to more pain. Now is the time to allow yourself to let go so you can grow and move forward.

Artist Comments: It seems the things Charlie was worried about in Nine of Swords finally caught up with him. This definitely isn't a happy card, but at least it indicates that the worst is over. The sun is rising, soon to cast away the darkness. Charlie looks peaceful in his defeat, knowing at least that it's over and he doesn't have to worry about it anymore. Ten of Swords is so excessively negative in its appearance that it's almost melodramatic. It's a reminder that you can have a pity party about how bad things are, but eventually you'll have to throw your hands up and say enough is enough, time to move on.

Page of Swords:

Keywords: *Enthusiastic, curious, new ideas*

Upright: You have lots of plans and ideas for the future, and for the moment you are ready to tackle them with enthusiasm. The challenge will be keeping the momentum going once the going gets tough! The page is young and idealistic; he has the passion to succeed but he doesn't yet have the maturity and knowledge necessary to see him through. This card is a call to "go for it!" and follow your current dream, but it's also a reminder that you need to be willing to learn and grow along with your project.

Reversed: You may be acting hastily; although you have the enthusiasm to get the wheels in motion, you may be hindering yourself by trying to do too much at once. Alternatively, you may be making promises to yourself and others that you can't keep. You don't want to be seen as someone who's all talk and no action. If you need help to meet your goal, don't be afraid to let more experienced people teach you.

Artist Comments: Here we see Charlie as a young lad with his first sword. Poor little guy has no idea what he's getting into... but, that's the beauty of the Page of Swords! The Page is all about having the enthusiasm and willingness to learn about something new, without worrying about potential far flung consequences.

Knight of Swords:

Keywords: *Hasty, opinionated, determined, ambitious*

Upright: You are determined to succeed no matter what! Once you are on your path, there is no stopping you. You're intelligent and have strong opinions about how things should be done, and you can come up to a solution to any problem that comes along. However, the knight is also a reminder that you need to be mindful not to trample anyone else with your ambitions. Be sure that your family, friends, and colleagues are on board with you, or you may end up putting a strain on those relationships as you rush headlong towards your goal with no heed for anyone else's wants or needs.

Reversed: Slow down! You may have the drive to succeed, but you're at risk of exhausting yourself. Take time to ground yourself and refocus, so you can tackle your top priorities.

Artist Comments: The knight's red armor is symbolic of his passion. He's rushing forward and kicking up dust in his wake, unable to look anywhere but at the target he intends to overcome.

Queen of Swords:

Keywords: *Honest, perceptive, forthright, intelligent*

Upright: The Queen of Swords is a smart, mature leader. Unlike most of the feminine archetypes, she allows her intellect rather than her emotion to guide her. Now is the time to think with your head rather than with your heart. It would be easy to let compassion towards others sway your decision making, but this is a matter that is best solved with logic. Now might be the time to give someone some tough love. Don't sugar coat what you need to say, get right to the point.

Reversed: Remember the phrase "if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all"? If the Queen appears reversed to you, this may be an indication that your sharp tongue is hurting those you care about. There's a lot to be said for honesty, but make sure that you don't isolate yourself by acting cold-hearted and mean.

Artist Comments: Lucy makes another appearance as the Queen of Swords. Perhaps she took over Charlie's ship after his unfortunate end in Ten of Swords; it looks like being a pirate queen is suiting her quite well. The starry sky over her head represents a clear mind.

King of Swords:

Keywords: *Intellectual, just, ethical, authority*

Upright: The King represents intellectual power, courage, and authority. He is fair and honest in all walks of life. If he appears to you, you need to be prepared to make logical decisions. Make sure you do your research and pay attention to what's going on in your day to day life; now is not the time to get carried away in pipe dreams. Use your intellect and you can accomplish anything you desire! Alternatively, the King may represent an advisor. If you're having a hard time making a decision about something on your own, now might be the time to seek out someone with more knowledge and experience in the matter to help you make the best call.

Reversed: The reversed King is a tyrant, although he may be a charming one at first. His wit and knowledge make him interesting in conversation, but beneath it all he cares only for himself and his own personal gain. You or someone you know may be abusing your mental power, using your intellect to manipulate others for selfish needs. You don't want to be this person, and you don't want to be around this person. This sort of behavior can only do harm to yourself and others in the end.

Artist Comments: Charlie may have met his end in the Ten of Swords, but it seems he's resurrected here to become a king in the astral! New beginnings, just like Ten of Swords promised.

Bones

Overview

In a traditional tarot deck, this would be the suit of Wands. The element represented in the Suit of Bones is Fire. The Bones focus on intuition and innovation. The Bones suit is typically indicative of inspiration, creativity, determination, and strength. This suit deals with your ego and your personal energy. It's all about using the tools you are given to succeed.

Visually, the Suit of Bones follows my character Ray Gracey the shepherd/husky mutt and his partner Iggy Romero the coyote as they try to survive the apocalypse by whatever means necessary. The setting in this suit is strongly based upon the architecture in the town I currently live; Savannah, Georgia! I wanted this suit to have a dystopian Southern Gothic vibe to it.

Ace of Bones

Keywords: *Beginnings, enthusiasm, confidence, courage, potential*

Upright: This is a sign to “go for it”! Now is the time to follow your gut instinct. You have the passion and the energy right now. There will be plenty of time to do research later; for now just dive into whatever project you’re working on while your passion to complete it is strong. You have the initial spark of inspiration; it’s up to you to turn that spark into a roaring fire!

Reversed: You may be totally lacking in inspiration, feeling unmotivated and listless. If you’re working on a project you don’t care about, it’ll never get done. Now might be the time to reconsider what you want so you can find something you’re passionate about working on. Alternatively, you may have the enthusiasm to begin a new project but no time to get started. Consider what burdens you’re carrying that you can do without; it may be hard to make time for your passions, but it’s important that you do.

Artist Comments: Obviously, this is a very nontraditional Ace of "Wands" card in a lot of ways. The wand here is replaced with a molotov cocktail, but the beer label harkens back to some of the traditional tarot imagery. The castle is replaced with a Victorian house. Perhaps the zombie hand makes the "go for it" feeling more urgent; you need to kick that zombie off and throw the damn molotov.

Two of Bones

Keywords: *Planning, decisions, discovery, progress*

Upright: You need a plan to help make your idea a reality; consider your long-term goals. You might be asked to decide between staying in your comfort zone but reaching a plateau, or taking a risk to expand your horizons. Know that if you plan carefully to reach your end goal, you will be successful. Just be patient, and keep focused.

Reversed: This may indicate that you’re afraid to move forward, even though there’s a lot of opportunity to grow. Alternatively, you may have lost passion for the project you originally started, and now you’re at a roadblock. It’s time to decide what you really want. If you can’t reignite that spark, now’s the time to start over with something you feel enthusiastic about.

Artist Comments: Here we see Ray standing atop a building looking out over a river, holding a map of the world (I didn’t think it’d be particularly logical for him to be carrying a globe around during the apocalypse). For those curious, the text on the map says "X Infected" over the southern USA, "Too cold for zombies?" near Greenland, and "Escape to here" down by the Caribbean. Visually, the background is vaguely based on Savannah’s River Street.

Three of Bones

Keywords: *Preparation, exploration, foresight, expansion*

Upright: Thanks to careful planning, you are well on your way to reaching your goals. You are being given a lot of opportunities to expand and improve your future. These opportunities will present a whole new host of challenges, and you have to decide whether you want to take that risk. This card encourages you to take that leap; the way ahead is bright, so long as you keep to your plans and stay motivated.

Reversed: Despite hard work and planning, you’ve been unable to reach your goals so far. Understandably, you’re going to be feeling pretty disheartened. Try instead to learn from the mistakes you may have made, and don’t let a few setbacks keep you from following your dreams.

Artist Comments: Ray is well prepared to face the the zombie apocalypse. But even though his plans so far have provided him with a temporary safe space, he’ll have to consider his future. He can’t stay there forever.

Four of Bones

Keywords: Happiness, harmony, satisfaction, celebration

Upright: Four of Wands heralds good news! It often indicates a special milestone in your life, such as marriage, graduation, birth of a child, a new home, or the completion of a big project. Now is the time to celebrate your success! Four of Bones is closely associated with home, so now is a great time to get together with loved ones. Your life is in a period of stability, harmony, and joy, so live it up!

Reversed: This may indicate a time of decreased stability in your home, such as a divorce or a big move. Understandably this is a time where you feel tense and uncertain about your future. Know that this is a necessary transition, and soon the feelings of stability will return.

Artist Comments: Here's Ray and his beau Iggy enjoying happier times in front of their home. I think this is when they first moved in together, and they're feeling a great sense of freedom and excitement to start their new life together. Notice this is the same house seen as the "castle" in the background of the Ace of Bones.

Five of Bones

Keywords: Conflict, competition, tension, disagreement

Upright: This card indicates conflict and tension. Oftentimes it means you are at an impasse and are having a hard time coming to an agreement, which could be impeding your progress. Similarly, it could represent competing against similarly matched opponents, such as vying for a job position or pitching an idea. Five of Bones urges us to put our differences aside, and try to work towards a common goal rather than allowing ourselves to waste time arguing.

Reversed: You tend to avoid conflict wherever possible. Although it can be good to keep the peace, ensure that you're not allowing others to push you around. Your own concerns are valid and must be addressed. Conflict can be a good thing, if it means a better solution.

Artist Comments: The conflict here is literal, of course, and there will be no "talking it out" with these zombies.

Six of Bones

Keywords: Confidence, victory, success, recognition

Upright: Your strength, planning, and perseverance have paid off! You're finally being recognized for all of your hard work, whether this is something as big as an award or just a pat on the back from a respected person in your life. This card is an indication you're on the right track. Keep going, but don't forget to allow yourself to feel proud of what you've accomplished so far!

Reversed: You may lack confidence, or feel that you're not worthy of success. If you're getting compliments from people, rest assured they're well deserved. Allow your confidence to grow! Alternatively, you may have once been highly respected, but failed to live up to your own legacy and thus have fallen from grace. Remember, success requires that you continue to sustain it!

Artist Comments: The imagery here is quite different from what's traditional; our heroes are riding away into the sunset in a beat up car rather than on a white horse, and they're surrounded by zombies rather than an adoring crowd... but their success is no less obvious! The background is inspired by the marshes around Savannah.

Seven of Bones

Keywords: *Challenge, perseverance, conviction, resistance*

Upright: This card indicates a challenge to your continued success. You must continue to prove yourself, lest you be overtaken by others who desire what you have. You may feel like you've reached a roadblock in your path, but so long as you stay determined you'll overcome it. Hold your ground and defend your position. You've worked too hard to give up now!

Reversed: This indicates a lack of confidence and conviction. Criticism has left you feeling weak and vulnerable. You're being challenged, but rather than rising up you're allowing yourself to back down easily. You need to return to the lesson of Six of Wands, and remember that you're worthy of success and happiness.

Artist Comments: This is one of my favorite illustrations in this deck. While it's nontraditional imagery, I wanted to suggest the same feeling as the original card; high stakes, a lot rushing you at once, and the need to defend yourself at all costs.

Eight of Bones

Keywords: *Action, moving forward, travel, speed, conclusion*

Upright: You're moving fast towards your goals, having plowed through the challenges that tried to stop you. You're feeling very energetic and enthusiastic, and have a renewed sense of determination. You might even be completing on project or life cycle and moving on to the next one; just be sure you tie up any loose ends with the old one before moving on! Decide where your energy needs to be directed, and forge ahead. Nothing can stop you now.

Reversed: This indicates delays. You're feeling incredibly frustrated and impatient; despite your own best efforts and enthusiasm, you seem to be unable to move forward. You will overcome the obstacles, eventually; just take the time to figure out the best way to get around them.

Artist Comments: This is one of the goofier looking cards in the deck; I wanted to draw something a bit more humorous (it's a bone joke, get it?) after drawing so much dark stuff. At least this nameless zombie doesn't seem to be upset about his bones flying through the air like the wands in the original tarot card.

Nine of Bones

Keywords: *Defending, perseverance, resilience, courage*

Upright: You're reaching the final stretch, but right before you complete a particular goal or journey, a final challenge stands in your way. You may be tired of dealing with all these obstacles, but if you truly want to succeed you need to tap into your inner strength to overcome this. Be patient, stay determined, and you will come out victorious. You've come too far to give up now!

Reversed: You're feeling on-edge that something is going to come swooping in and steal your success from you. While there's a lot to be said for vigilance, being paranoid won't help you in the end. See to it that your personal fears and boundaries don't become a cage.

Artist Comments: In the original Nine of Wands, an injured man has set up a wall of sticks around himself, and though he's obviously tired he's still ready to fight. Here, Ray hides behind flimsy pieces of wood hoping he goes undetected, but despite his wounds he's still ready to defend himself. This is a rather anxiety-inducing card visually, but don't forget that you're not defenseless; you can fight to overcome this final challenge.

Ten of Bones

Keywords: *Burdens, struggle, stress, achievement*

Upright: You're reaping the rewards of all of your hard work. You've worked hard to reach your goal, but now that you've got it you've got to deal with the consequences. You now have the

responsibility of seeing to your continued success; this commitment can quickly become a burden if you allow it. You may need to let go of some of the workload and delegate it to others; that may be easier said than done when something is really important to you. You need to pace yourself, so you actually have time to enjoy all that you've accomplished.

Reversed: You may be holding onto a burden that's not your own. If you can't change something, let go of it. Alternatively, you may be starting to realize there are things in your life that are holding you back and beginning to purge them. Now is a good time to get rid of excess physical and emotional clutter in your life.

Artist Comments: Ray and Iggy have overcome the zombies, but now they have to face a world of uncertainty. Life during the apocalypse won't be easy. Where will they go? How will they eat? Who can they trust? They'll have to rely on each other to do what's necessary to survive.

Page of Bones

Keywords: *Enthusiasm, exploration, discovery, confidence*

Upright: The Page of Bones is full of inspiration and enthusiasm for life! If this card appears to you, you are about to enter a very creative period of your life, get some very good news, or begin a new journey or venture. Stay positive and embrace the opportunity!

Reversed: In the past you may have been unsuccessful with a project or venture you were really excited about, that's holding you back from ever trying to start a new one because you fear the same failure and disappointment. Allow yourself to learn from your mistakes and try again!

Artist Comments: Ray as a puppy, toasting a marshmallow over a little campfire. He doesn't know what kind of dark stuff he'll face and he gets older, and frankly he doesn't care. Right now he's all full of positivity and zest for life.

Knight of Bones

Keywords: *Energy, enthusiasm, impulsiveness, action*

Upright: You're full of confidence, or you will be very soon. You're determined to reach your goals, and you have the energy and enthusiasm to do it! If you're the type of person who seems to "act now, think later", Knight of Bones also serves as a warning. While it's important that you charge ahead with enthusiasm, be sure you consider some sort of plan of action and take calculated risks.

Reversed: Impulsive decisions have left you feeling stuck and frustrated. You aren't getting what you want, and you're getting impatient. You're spinning your wheels and getting nowhere; now is the time to stop for a moment and consider how to free yourself from the mud. Carefully consider your options and proceed cautiously.

Artist Comments: The original Knight of Wands rides a horse that's rearing up, but the Knight of Bones rides a motorcycle doing a wheelie. Wands/Bones is the suit of fire, and this guy has the literal fire in his hand in the form of a molotov. The alternative title for this card as seen in this deck would be: "how not to ride a motorcycle safely".

Queen of Bones

Keywords: *Determination, vibrancy, demanding, exuberant*

Upright: The Queen of wands is a "mover and a shaker"; she knows what she wants and how to get it. This Queen asks you to be a leader, to actively pursue your desires, and to work hard for yourself. Remain optimistic, and don't forget to allow your friends to help you along in your journey. A little charm can go a long way towards helping you reach your goals!

Reversed: You may be afraid of success or attention, or a small setback has caused you to lose confidence in your own abilities. Remember that you alone have the power to make yourself

happy and successful; have faith in yourself! Alternatively, you may be pushy or manipulative. Make sure you don't scare people away in your quest for success!

Artist Comments: This cat lady is honestly one of my favorite characters I created for the deck. Officially she has no name, but perhaps she'd be named "Daisy" like the flower in her hair. Who says you can't be feminine and totally badass at the same time?

King of Bones

Keywords: Leader, honor, entrepreneur, visionary

Upright: The King of Bones loves a good challenge. He's very clear about what he wants in the future, and he knows how to get there. The King of Bones has deep respect for other people, and wants everyone in his care to be successful and happy. The King of Bones encourages you to follow his path to success; making a list of firm, attainable goals and following the steps to reach them. Don't waste time on relationships or activities that will hold you back. Now is the time to focus on the future.

Reversed: This King is pushy, impulsive, and overbearing. This isn't necessarily out of malice; he simply doesn't realize when he's crossed the line. If this sounds like it might be you, try to be more aware of how you interact with others. Be sure you aren't accidentally forcing people into submission with your fiery personality.

Artist Comments: Ever since I started drawing anthropomorphic animals, I've always loved the idea of a lion with a big, fluffy mohawk shaved into his head. This punk rock king has taken up residence in an old Victorian house, and his leadership makes sure that him and his friends stay safe from both zombies and intruders.

Crystals

Overview

In a traditional tarot deck, this would be the suit of Cups. The element represented in the Suit of Crystals is Water. The Crystals focus on emotion and connection. The Crystals suit is typically indicative of love, relationships, and feelings. This suit is about thinking with your heart rather than with your head, and helping you make decisions that are best for your emotional well being.

Visually, the Suit of Crystals is set in the Arctic. This suit doesn't follow a particular character, but several arctic animals as they survive in the frozen wilderness.

Ace of Crystals

Keywords: *Overwhelming emotion, compassion, love, fulfillment*

Upright: Happiness and fulfillment are within your reach; the question is whether or not you'll reach out and grab them! This is a very positive card which can indicate new relationships, be they close friendships or romance. It can also indicate other forms of emotional or spiritual fulfillment. Open your heart and reach out your hands to accept the positivity coming your way!

Reversed: Your emotions may be absolutely overflowing right now; if you feel like your emotions are getting in the way of your life, now is the time to reign them in and take control back. Alternatively, you may be bottling up your emotions, and need to find some sort of release. Don't allow yourself to become numb and afraid of love and happiness.

Artist Comments: This is one of the simplest cards in the deck, but I'm quite happy with it nonetheless. This lonely little crystal sits atop a mountain, but its radiance waits to dazzle those who climb to great heights.

Two of Crystals

Keywords: *Partnership, unity, love, affection, commitment*

Upright: Two are becoming one. This card indicates a harmonious and well balanced relationship. This union is mutually beneficial, where both parties are deeply respectful and supportive of one another. This card may indicate an engagement or a marriage, but can also be indicative of a close bond between friends.

Reversed: This may indicate tension or lack of respect in a relationship. Alternatively, you may be avoiding relationships (both romantic and platonic) out of fear of being hurt.

Artist Comments: I took some visual inspiration from a scene in the animated film Brother Bear, where the main character is surrounded by animal spirits that are in the form of the aurora borealis. It was a challenge to nail down the right brush strokes, but after a lot of practice aurora have become one of my favorite things to paint.

Three of Crystals

Keywords: *Community, friendship, celebration*

Upright: Three of Crystals represents harmonious, supportive friendships. You're open to new friendships right now, so spend quality time with your friends, go to parties, enjoy visiting new places. Now is the time to create meaningful, but fun, relationships or reinforce old ones. Alternatively, if you're feeling very stressed out and isolated, now is a good time to call on your friends for support.

Reversed: You're isolating yourself. You may have lost touch with your close friends, or even the community in general. Now could be a good time to reach out to old friends to try to reconnect, or to go out and just allow yourself to have some fun and meet new people. Perhaps consider joining a club or organization within your community.

Artist Comments: I chose orcas for this card because they're known to be highly intelligent, social animals. They can live in closely bonded groups of up to forty individuals who work together for the success of the whole pod.

Four of Crystals

Keywords: *Meditation, contemplation, reflection*

Upright: You're at a point in life where nothing excites you or truly makes you feel happy. This card indicates the need to re-evaluate your life. Look inward for answers, and figure out a path forward that's right for *you*. Just be careful not to shut yourself off completely from new opportunities. Though only you can decide what you need in your life, don't ignore when life brings an unexpected opportunity for growth or happiness to you.

Reversed: You may be feeling apathetic but unwilling to break yourself out of the cycle. This could be a call to action, asking you to break out of the rut by changing negative behaviors. Reflect on what you're unhappy with, and find ways to change it. Alternatively, you may be actively avoiding new opportunities because you fear change and vulnerability.

Artist Comments: A tiger just seemed like the right choice for this card. They seem to be very spiritually powerful animals; they're one of the largest predators on earth and yet they're able to hide in plain sight and walk almost silently. Although those aspects have scientific explanations, it's not hard to see why many cultures see them as mystical beings.

Five of Crystals

Keywords: *Bereavement, despair, loss, regret*

Upright: Five of Crystals might appear to you when you're grieving, or having trouble letting go of the past. You might be looking back and focusing on what you've lost rather than on the ray of light ahead of you. Grieving is important, but you can't allow yourself to wallow in self pity for too

long. You're placing a lot of blame on yourself and allowing guilt to stop you from living your life. You need to forgive yourself and move on.

Reversed: The sun is finally starting to come out from behind the clouds. After a long period of bereavement and regret, you're finally starting to move on. Painful memories are becoming bittersweet, and you're allowing yourself to learn and grow from your experience. You're starting to really live your life again, and new opportunities for happiness are on the way.

Artist Comments: This was unintentionally one of the saddest cards in the deck. While I was drawing it, I thought perhaps that the wolves here are in fact the same pair from the Two of Crystals, and one mate is having a hard time accepting the loss of the other.

Six of Crystals

Keywords: *Childhood memories, nostalgia, innocence*

Upright: The Six of Crystals is all about nostalgia for better times. If this card appears to you during crisis, it could be suggesting that you look back and remember that you have overcome trouble before and will overcome it again. However, this card may also appear if you're spending too much time focusing on the past instead of living in the present. While it's important to remember where you came from, don't let yourself forget to pay attention to where you are now! Alternatively, Six of Crystals can represent a literal return to a familiar environment, such as visiting your hometown, your parents, or even a school reunion.

Reversed: This may suggest unpleasant memories from your past, such as some sort of childhood trauma. Although it's hard, this may suggest that you need to allow yourself to work through these issues and release yourself from these memories. Alternatively, you may still be holding yourself to the expectations you had for yourself as a child back when you saw the world through "rose tinted glasses". Allow yourself to realize that some of your dreams may have been unrealistic, but don't forget remind yourself of how far you've come in spite of that!

Artist Comments: Polar bears seemed a good fit for this card. Bears are known to be some of the most protective and nurturing mothers in the natural world. However, once a polar bear reaches adulthood they lead solitary and oftentimes very difficult lives. It would make sense that these little bears might miss their childhood once they were grown and on their own.

Seven of Crystals

Keywords: *Illusion, fantasy, escapism, wishful thinking*

Upright: The Seven of Crystals indicates you must deal with reality rather than focusing solely on your dreams. You might be constantly caught up in fantasy or worry, and this card encourages you to get out of your head and move forward. Wishful thinking won't help you reach your goals. Now is the time to make a realistic plan of action so you can move forward.

Reversed: You may be using your imagination to try to escape something in your life that you're trying to ignore. It might be something that's painful to deal with, and you're tempted just to pretend it's not real. Although it's not fun, you need to try to get away from these distracting thoughts so you can move forward with your life in the real world.

Artist Comments: This is a fairly lighthearted illustration in comparison to the traditional tarot imagery. This hungry little fox is chasing arctic hares in his mind, but if he wants to get a meal he'll have to put in the work to pursue them in real life.

Eight of Crystals

Keywords: *Abandonment, withdrawal, hopelessness*

Upright: Eight of Crystals evokes an immediate sense of sadness. This card indicates you're so unhappy with your situation that you're willing to walk away from everything you've attained already and abandon your current life. But despite appearances, this can actually be a good

thing. You may be at the beginning of a spiritual journey, or beginning to discover your own personal truth.

Reversed: You may be constantly walking away from your problems. Rather than dealing with any situation that becomes difficult, you see it best to cut ties and leave. This might leave you feeling isolated, hopeless, and confused. You may need to try to face your problems head on this time, so you can find a sense of closure.

Artist Comments: Visually, this card was heavily inspired by the animated series Wolf's Rain. In the context of this deck, I think this is the wolf from Two and Five of Crystals finally allowing himself to move on, despite the feelings of hopelessness.

Nine of Crystals

Keywords: *Happiness, completion, fulfillment*

Upright: Nine of Crystals is one of the most positive cards in the deck! It represents happiness in all areas of life; physical, spiritual, and emotional. If you aren't quite there yet, this card is a sign that happiness is coming to you. For now count your blessings and enjoy what life has to offer. Happiness is in your grasp!

Reversed: This may indicate that you're overindulging. Living it up and enjoying life is a wonderful thing, but be sure not to go overboard! Some moderation might do you a bit of good if you're starting to suffer the consequences of living excessively.

Artist Comments: The imagery here is quite different from the original Nine of Cups, which features a large, happy man surrounded by gilded cups. Perhaps my Nine of Crystals is more about spiritual fulfillment than the original Nine of Cups, which is more sensual. I like to think this is the same wolf from Eight of Crystals, finally happy again.

Ten of Crystals

Keywords: *Harmony, happiness, marriage, stability*

Upright: You're in a very happy, stable part of your life right now! You've fulfilled personal dreams and goals. Your relationships (be they familial, platonic, or romantic) are all harmonious and loving. This card may also indicate an event, such as a wedding or a family vacation, which will help to bring you and your loved one(s) closer together!

Reversed: You might be feeling disappointed in your relationships right now. Plans have fallen through, people you loved have let you down, and you feel like your relationships are falling apart. Reopening communication, and being respectful, loving, and understanding, will help to restore harmony. Be compassionate, and patient, and things will be back to normal before you know it.

Artist Comments: This card is compositionally very similar to the original Ten of Crystals! This is probably one of the most traditional looking cards in the deck, except that the characters are replaced with wolves. However, this card took me several tries to get to a version I was happy with, despite basically copying the original card's composition.

Page of Crystals

Keywords: *Emotional intuition, young at heart, creativity, beginnings*

Upright: You're bursting with creativity and your intuition is sharp. Expect the unexpected, and be open to new ideas that come your way. Trust your gut feeling and let your heart guide you into a new and wonderful adventure.

Reversed: You, or someone you know, might be prone to childish behavior. This person might throw tantrums or live entirely in a fantasy world so they don't have to face the consequences of their actions. Don't let this be you.

Artist Comments: Orcas are symbolically associated with meditation, diving down deep into your psyche and soul searching, so I thought an orca would be an appropriate animal for a card so deeply linked with intuition.

Knight of Crystals

Keywords: *Romantic, sensitive, imaginative, charming*

Upright: The Knight of Crystals makes decisions with his heart rather than his head. He is in love with love itself. He's charming to everyone he meets, and has a unique view of the world. The Knight encourages you to take your ideas and make them into a reality; let the world see *your* unique world view. Follow your passions! If this card appears to you in a love reading, you may either be about to meet your "knight in shining armor", or enter a deeper level of commitment and happiness in your current relationship.

Reversed: The honeymoon period is over, and now you're feeling disappointed in a situation. You may have been looking at it through rose tinted glasses. This Knight is all about thinking with your heart, but sometimes its important to think with your head. Don't allow your emotions to control every aspect if your life. Sometimes you need to make hard decisions logically.

Artist Comments: The Knight here is a young wolf surrounded by beautiful glowing rose quartz crystals that seem to give the white wolf's fur a rosy shimmer. His feet are immersed in the pool of water, showing his connection with his heart and intuition.

Queen of Crystals

Keywords: *Intuition, compassion, calming, emotional security*

Upright: This Queen has strong intuition. She's the ultimate wife and mother. She's warm, genuine, and comforting. She always knows what to say to make someone feel better, and has all the best advice with regards to relationships and and emotions. If she appears to you, it might mean you need to comfort or teach someone else.

Reversed: You may be bottling up your emotions, or you may be an emotional wreck. You're stressed, prone to outbursts, and may be using your way with words to manipulate others.

Artist Comments: Polar bears are one of the greatest mothers in the natural world, so they were an obvious choice for the Queen in this arctic-themed suit. The crystal before he is a rose quartz, a stone associated with love and healing.

King of Crystals:

Keywords:

Upright: The King of Crystals represents a controlled emotional state, a balance between the heart and the head. He's are an emotionally mature person. He's able to remain calm under pressure, and is always compassionate and understanding in his dealings with others. He always takes responsibility for his actions. This King encourages you to be sensitive, balanced, and caring.

Reversed: You or someone you know is emotionally unbalanced. This could be a toxic person in your life who refuses to take responsibility for their actions and has left you feeling as if you're a problem or a burden. This could also be someone who, while loving and mature, is still allowing some sort of emotional pain to control their life, and who may depend on others to validate them.

Artist Comments: Just as the King sits calmly atop a cliff amidst a turbulent sea, his mental state is always calm and balanced. I like to think this is the same little fox from Seven of Crystals, all grown up and in control of his mind and his heart.

Coins

Overview

In a traditional tarot deck, this would be the suit of Pentacles. The element represented in the Suit of Coins is Earth. The Coins focus on the material world. The Coins suit is typically indicative of money, business, property, and prosperity. This suit is about how we interact with our surroundings and the self image we create for ourselves.

Visually, the Suit of Coins is set in the East. I was watching a lot of nature documentaries about India, China, and Japan while I was illustrating this suit. Lucy the mongoose, who made an appearance in Swords, gets another appearance in this suit.

Ace of Coins

Keywords: *New opportunity, prosperity, manifestation*

Upright: New opportunities are coming your way. You're ready for success and happiness to come into your life, and the Universe is sending it your way! You may be looking at starting a new business venture, a new job, an investment, or may even receive an unexpected windfall. You may pursue opportunities that are "out of character" for you, but this will all help you to reach your full potential!

Reversed: An opportunity might fall through. Careful planning is needed at this time to make sure you remain financially stable. Be careful how you spend your money. Now isn't a good time to make frivolous purchases or to go in over your head. Don't depend on the future; do only what's within your means right now.

Artist Comments: Weasels are very clever and opportunistic little creatures, so I thought it was fitting for one to start out the suit of Coins. The aesthetic in this card is based on the Himalayas.

Two of Coins

Keywords: *Juggling responsibility, balance, time management*

Upright: Two of Coins serves as a reminder that you need to balance your life between work and other areas of your life, such as family, spirituality, or even just having fun. You need to manage your time and prioritize what's truly important to you. You need to be aware in your daily life; don't forget to pay your bills on time, go to the doctor for your yearly checkup, or go to that boring work meeting. Those tasks may be mundane but will help to keep you on track.

Reversed: You may be struggling to meet financial commitments and putting yourself under a lot of stress. This card may be asking you to try to be more organized with your finances. Alternatively, you may be working too much and spending too little time with family or friends. Make sure you don't let work interfere with your relationships more than it needs to.

Artist Comments: Lucy the mongoose makes another appearance, from before her days of sailing with Charlie. I think she may have been a performer of some sort beforehand, as seen here.

Three of Coins

Keywords: *Teamwork, collaboration, learning, encouragement*

Upright: Three of Coins indicates the initial completion of a goal or project. You have the ability necessary to succeed; it's up to you to keep moving forward with careful planning and hard work. Don't be afraid to ask for help or input from someone more experienced than you. Teamwork and collaboration can will help give different perspectives to your work. This is a card of encouragement; don't let fear or insecurity hold you back. Even if you're not an expert yet, you're respected for your hard work and abilities.

Reversed: This could indicate a lack of harmony within a team; competition and showboating are leading to tension. You may need to cut ties and find a new group to collaborate with, or go solo if you think you'll work better alone. Alternatively, you might be frustrated in a stagnant work environment where you have no room for growth and your skills are under appreciated. Now might be the time to consider a career change.

Artist Comments: The original Three of Pentacles shows three architects working on a cathedral. One of the architects is a young apprentice, but despite his age is being treated as an equal. Here instead we have three tiger monks, one a younger man, working on a sand mandala together.

Four of Coins

Keywords: *Stability, security, possession, greed*

Upright: You're very financially stable right now, due in part to how conservative you are with your money. You're very protective of what you've gained, to the point where you might be penny-pinching. Being safe and secure is important, but leading an overly cautious life can lead you to greed and unhappiness. Make sure you don't isolate yourself or forget to truly live life in the interest of protecting your material possessions.

Reversed: You might be greedy or stingy, obsessed with protecting your material gains. Or you might be so focused on your career that you have no energy for anything else, particularly your loved ones. Alternatively, you might be too loose with your finances and would do well to hold on to your resources a bit tighter.

Artist Comments: Lucy the mongoose again, now well into her days of being a pirate. She's amassed quite the hoard of wealth; perhaps too much for her to evil feasibly take with her! But she won't be leaving any of that precious gold coin behind.

Five of Coins

Keywords: *Poverty, insecurity, isolation, worry*

Upright: You may have experienced a financial loss or failure. You might be feeling isolated and worried about the future. A lack of wealth often leads to a lack of self-esteem due to society's equating success with wealth. Perhaps you're losing faith in yourself or in your spiritual path as a result of this loss. There's no shame in seeking out help and comfort from loved ones, friends, and your community if necessary.

Reversed: Things are beginning to look up. You're coming out of a period of insecurity, maybe with the help of a new job, a raise, or assistance from friends or family, and your hope and self-confidence are returning.

Artist Comments: This poor hyena looks to be having a rough life. Luckily, hope is coming to him in Six of Coins...

Six of Coins

Keywords: *Charity, generosity, prosperity, sharing wealth*

Upright: You have enough wealth that you're able to help those in need, and are happy to do it. In fact, you may give just as much time and emotional support as you do material wealth. You're thankful for your wealth, but you aren't conservative with your money. However, you always make sure you have enough for yourself first! Alternatively, you may be receiving help from someone else. If this is the case, you may wish to repay the person or organization, either with regained wealth or some of your time, once you're self sufficient again.

Reversed: Being generous is a fantastic trait, but be sure you aren't overdoing it. If you don't have much to give, perhaps it would be best for you to hold on to more of your money. You need to be able to help yourself before you help others!

Artist Comments: The hyena from Five of Coins is receiving a generous amount of gold coins from a wealthy dhole merchant. I didn't end up illustrating either of these fellows again, but I like to think the hyena used the money to get his life back on track and eventually paid the dhole back; perhaps they even became friends. I overthink the backstories of these characters.

Seven of Coins

Keywords: *Investment, perseverance, reward, reflection*

Upright: You understand the value of hard work and don't expect any handouts. However, it's easy to get frustrated when you are working hard and not seeing immediate results. Take some time to look at what you've accomplished already and realize how far you've come. Then, think about where you can best invest your time, effort, and money into making the future you want to have. Your hard work will pay off before you know it!

Reversed: You might have invested a lot of time into something that isn't paying off the way you hoped. Analyze whether or not you can get more out of it by allotting your time and energy differently, or if it might be better to let it go all together and start a new venture.

Artist Comments: This rat is planting a new grove of trees, but taking time to rest in the shade of one he planted much earlier and appreciate that his hard work will pay off some day.

Eight of Coins

Keywords: *Diligence, education, knowledge, applying yourself*

Upright: Success will come to you through your own hard work and not through luck or generosity. Eight of Coins suggests that you're starting a new cycle in your life or your career, and you're learning the skills necessary for you to be successful. Your perseverance will pay off someday, for now hard work, diligence, and a willingness to learn are necessary.

Reversed: If you tend to be a perfectionist with your work, it may actually be keeping you from making any real advancements in your particular area of expertise. Be open to change, to the idea of making mistakes. It's all part of the learning process!

Artist Comments: The cat seen here is a Japanese Bobtail, learning the art of sumi-e, or ink painting. As shown by the amount of discarded paintings, he's determined to master it!

Nine of Coins

Keywords: *Culmination, luxury, gratitude, self sufficiency*

Upright: You've reached a point in life where you're self-sufficient, confident, and happy. Your hard work has paid off and you now have the time to enjoy leisure and luxury! If you're not quite there yet, this card is an indicator that someday you will be. Keep working hard, but don't forget to feel gratitude to yourself for how far you've come and for what you already have. Indulge yourself a little bit as a reward for your success so far; you deserve it!

Reversed: You may be so invested in your work that you've forgotten to see the beauty in the world around you, and to feel gratitude for your own success! Now might be a good time to take a vacation, especially to somewhere you can reconnect with nature, or to give yourself some sort of reward for all your hard work.

Artist Comments: The lady here is a kitsune; a fox spirit who has gained wisdom and power as evidenced by her three tails. In Japanese folklore, it's said that a fox that lives long enough will gain mystical power and its tail will begin to split and its fur will become gold or silver. The more tails a kitsune has, the older, wiser, and more powerful they are. This lady is enjoying the benefits of her power and wisdom in her beautiful koi garden.

Ten of Coins

Keywords: Retirement, family, wealth, inheritance

Upright: Ten of Coins indicates you have a stable home, financial reserves, and plenty of time to spend with your family. You can rest assured in knowing that you can provide for yourself and your loved ones. Enjoy your hard earned success and stability, and enjoy spending time with your family. You've worked hard to get here! Even if you're not there yet, this card is a reminder that someday your hard work will pay off.

Reversed: This may indicate that financial, relationship, or familial problems are shaking the foundation of your future "happy ending". Something is causing a lack of stability in your life; reflect on what it could be, and try to figure out how to get it back on track. If your foundation has crumbled, now is the time to start trying to build a new, stronger foundation for your future.

Artist Comments: A grandfather akita dog telling stories to his three grand pups in his beautiful, autumn garden. Akitas are known as being loyal, hardworking dogs.

Page of Coins

Keywords: Financial opportunity, manifestation, a new job

Upright: You're at the beginning of a new job, a new education, hobby, or business venture. You have the initial energy and passion to help manifest your goals. Make a practical plan for yourself, and set some smaller, manageable goals, to keep yourself on the path to success once the initial spark fades away.

Reversed: Poor planning or a lack of motivation are standing in the way of you meeting your goals. You'll need to reignite that spark of inspiration or at least make a realistic plan of action to get yourself on the path to success once again.

Artist Comments: This is the same weasel from the Ace of Coins. The sun behind him shows the potential for a bright future if he stays focused on the opportunity he's been given.

Knight of Coins

Keywords: Hardworking, methodical, efficient, routine

Upright: The Knight of Coins is a hard worker who is successful in everything he does. His methods aren't always original, but they're tried and true. He's loyal, protective, and will always get the job done. This Knight reminds you to keep going even when you're feeling worn down, and to see every task you start through to the end.

Reversed: You may be ignoring some mundane task, such as cleaning your home or some paperwork you need to complete. This is your reminder that sometimes boring tasks are necessary to keep your life in order. Alternatively, you may be so stuck in your routine that you're bored with life and craving spontaneity.

Artist Comments: The Knight of Coins is a kitsune just like the lady in Nine of Coins. He's a samurai knight, who trains diligently every day and lives by a strict code of honor.

Queen of Coins

Keywords: Motherly, secure, practical, trustworthy

Upright: The Queen of Coins strives to create a safe environment for herself and others. She's financially stable and independent, and is able to find the perfect balance between work and home. She's able to be generous because she worked hard to become wealthy and prosperous. This Queen encourages you to create a balanced and prosperous life for yourself, and to be compassionate and generous with your loved ones.

Reversed: You may be worried about whether or not you will ever be wealthy, especially if you still want to have time to spend with your family! You may need to choose what's most important to you in life; whether that's your career, or your loved ones; and focus on that.

Artist Comments: The Queen of Coins returns us to a more Indian aesthetic. The background was heavily inspired by Indian art. Tigers are known to be independent and powerful, just like our Queen here.

King of Coins

Keywords: *Abundance, power, security, control*

Upright: Wealth comes easily to the King of Coins. He's a powerful man who wants for nothing. He's wise, generous, and in control of his life. However, he wasn't always the King. He gained his position through diligence, enterprise, and hard work. This King reminds you to work hard, keep your ideas down to earth, and to reward yourself for your hard work at the end of the day.

Reversed: The Reversed King will do anything for money. He's obsessed with the material aspects of his life, and defines his own self worth and the worth of others based upon their material wealth.

Artist Comments: The King of Coins is a snow leopard, one of the rarest big cats on earth. His success is evidenced by his gilded sword and armor, not to mention the hoard of gold he's amassed and protected during his lifetime.

About the Artist

Zack Loup is a 25 year old self taught artist living in Savannah, GA. He was born in Orlando, FL and lived there for most of his life. He became interested in art at a young age, inspired by seeing his grandfather's beautiful paintings of animals and landscapes. His greatest inspiration has been nature, from a young age he practiced drawing animals and scenes of nature in his free time. After graduating high school, he spent several years traveling to various conventions and art shows, selling his artwork and trying to find himself. During that time, his life was fairly hectic and he began to take comfort in spirituality. He found himself working with gemstones and animal remains, and learned to see the beauty in both life and death. His artwork evolved as he did, becoming vibrantly colorful and beginning to explore metaphysical themes. He moved to Savannah to be with his fiancée, and the charm of the historic city won his heart. He finds inspiration everywhere, even from something as simple as watching the sunset through the spanish moss. He hopes his artwork will inspire people to feel a renewed connection to nature and the universe.