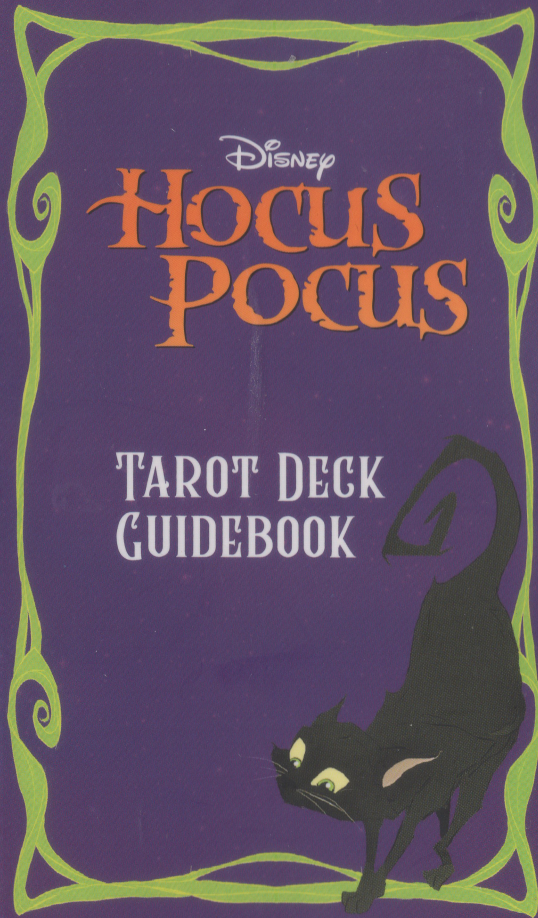




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# INTRODUCTION

Dead man's toe and oil of boil  
Newt and pox and cauldron broil  
Into this deck shall you peer  
For present, past, and future near.

The power of the tarot gives us the ability to reflect on our past, contextualize our current struggles, and inspire ourselves to take control of our future endeavors. Welcome to the *Hocus Pocus Tarot Deck and Guidebook*. You'll join Max and Dani Dennison, Allison Watts, Thackery Binx, and even the wicked Sanderson Sisters on a journey to help you explore the past, present, and future. You need not sell your soul for this power, nor light any Black Flame Candles. You merely need a deck of cards and an open heart.

Just as Winifred counts on her beloved Spellbook for all her potions and spells, so too shall the *Hocus Pocus Tarot Deck and Guidebook* guide your own reflections. Whether you wish to secure a possible promotion or save the town of Salem, it's always wise to reflect on what was, what is, and what will be. Whatever answers you may seek, so shall this deck provide.



Your tarot deck is here to provide clarity. You may be struggling to decide between two choices, facing a great challenge, or hoping beyond hope for a stroke of luck. We look toward tarot in some of our most troubling times, when the night is dark and the terrors unknown. But know that these cards are meant to guide your journey, not dictate it. They will highlight possible hardships and golden opportunities.

The *Hocus Pocus Tarot Deck and Guidebook* is filled with beloved characters, places, and themes carefully selected to convey archetypal meanings of the original tarot deck. This guidebook provides explanations for both the upright and reversed meanings of all seventy-eight cards, and the final chapter includes easy spreads for future readings.

Now, let us start a little hocus-pocus.



# UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAROT DECK

Every tarot deck comes with seventy-eight cards, each of which holds a special meaning. When that card is placed upside down, or reversed, the meaning changes. You can generally think of a reversed card as having the “opposite” meaning of when it is upright, though there are special exceptions to this rule. Every meaning, upright and reversed, is covered in this guide.

The first twenty-two cards in a deck are called the Major Arcana. They represent significant events in your life with a lasting impact. These cards also speak of a journey of sorts as you read them in order. The cards are numbered zero to XXI, starting with the Fool, who is filled with limitless possibilities. The Fool’s journey will see them gather strength and fortune, face justice, and overcome change. And after many hardships and enriching experiences, they shall be granted the enlightenment of the World. You may notice similarities between this journey and Max’s adventure as he struggles to stop the Sanderson Sisters’ nefarious plans.

The remaining fifty-six cards make up the Minor Arcana, which describes everyday situations and people



UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAROT DECK

in your life. The cards are divided into four suits: Candles, Pumpkins, Lightning, and Potions. (For the tarot-initiated among you, you may know them as the traditional Wands, Coins, Swords, and Cups. This deck takes those ideas and adds a *Hocus Pocus*-flavored twist.) The Minor Arcana cards are numbered I through X, with four additional court cards characterized by a Page, Knight, Queen, and King.

The Suit of Candles represents emotions, relationships, and imagination. The members of its court are creative and harmonious. It corresponds with the element water.

The Suit of Pumpkins represents finance, earthly materials, and laborious pursuits. The members of its court are hardworking and reliable. It corresponds with the element earth.

The Suit of Lightning represents conflict, power, and judgment. The members of its court are powerful and keen. It corresponds with the element wind.

The Suit of Potions represents adventure, creativity, and inspiration. The members of its court are courageous and passionate. It corresponds with the element fire.

Although many cards are represented by the women and men of *Hocus Pocus*, these cards are not limited to the gender binary. You may find that the Queen of Cups reminds you of your father, or that the Emperor is reminiscent of a nonbinary friend. Though the card descriptions may be traditionally masculine or feminine, they can be interpreted freely across many different gender expressions. The cards are here to fit your personal journey, whatever that may be.







THE  
MAJOR  
ARCANA

# THE FOOL

The Fool represents the beginning of a journey and the desire to accomplish a great goal. Like the Fool, Max Dennison starts his adventure one Halloween night when he lights the Black Flame Candle. In order to save the children of Salem, he must defeat the evil Sanderson Sisters. Although you may not have any witches to vanquish, you find yourself embarking on an adventure of your own.

**Upright:** Max is quick to accept his wrongdoings and begin his adventure, working tirelessly throughout the night to stop the Sanderson Sisters. Learn from his example and keep your conviction as you start your own journey. Though the night is long and has just begun, a wonderful dawn awaits you at the end. The journey's reward will be well worth the effort it takes.

**Reversed:** Max's foolishness leads to his undoing when he lights the Black Flame Candle and summons the Sanderson Sisters. You would do well not to follow his example! Though the adventure ahead is exciting, make sure to plan carefully. Rushing into a journey without properly preparing first will lead to naught but conflict. Remember that only fools rush in.



THE FOOL

# I • THE MAGICIAN

Winifred Sanderson is the wisest among the sisters, a powerful conjurer of the dark arts. Her Spellbook is filled with spells and potions for any occasion. For those who wish to master a craft of their own—be it music, art, or witchcraft—it would be wise to follow Winifred's steps.

**Upright:** You have the control, will, and mastery to begin practicing a new talent or art. Whether you seek to master a new craft or develop a new skill, keep in mind Winifred's dedication to her witchcraft. The only way to master a new talent is to keep learning all you can.

**Reversed:** Winifred's mastery of magic is not easily replicated. You may find yourself lacking focus and dedication as you struggle to master your new skill. Remember to take the time to rest, reflect, and recuperate. Your cauldron will be waiting for you when you return.



I • THE MAGICIAN

## II · THE HIGH PRIESTESS

The High Priestess represents the bonds between desire and manifestation, the seen and unseen, the magical and the physical. Sarah Sanderson knows this connection well, as her magic allows her to mesmerize children and perform dark spells. From her connection, you shall learn to recognize your desires and make them manifest.

*Upright:* You have focused your will and manifested your desires into being. And although you may not be sucking the lives from the children of Salem, this newfound power will help you gain a better understanding of yourself and your current path. Continue to reflect on your goals as you journey forth, for understanding is the first step to manifesting.

*Reversed:* Sarah's will is not always stable, as she is prone to flights of terrible fancy. You too find yourself struggling to focus on your desires. Perhaps you're hesitating, unsure of your current ambitions. Or the problem may stem from a lack of power to manifest these dreams. Take the time to look inward and find what may be hindering your progress.



II • THE HIGH PRIESTESS

### III · THE EMPRESS

The Empress is a ruler and nurturer, allowing others to prosper under her watchful eye. Jenny Dennison exemplifies these traits as a caring mother. Though she doesn't believe her children are being chased by the Sanderson Sisters, she still attempts to comfort Dani and searches for Max to ensure he is safe. She reminds us that to nurture is to love. Will you be inspired to take on the same supportive spirit?

**Upright:** Jenny is the empress of her home, and you have followed in her good example. All that you care for shall surely prosper under your thoughtful care, whether it be your family, career, or hobbies. Look forward to the sweet fruits of your loving labor.

**Reversed:** Even with her best intentions, Jenny does not believe her children and fails to protect them from the Sanderson Sisters. Similarly, there is an aspect of your life that you struggle to nurture and maintain. This may be due to insecurity or an unexpected loss of power. Reflect on what has led to this struggle and how you can overcome it.



III • THE EMPRESS

## IV · THE EMPEROR

The Emperor holds the ultimate authority over his dominion, taking full command over that which he reigns. Dave Dennison shows this by doing what he thinks is best for his family. Whether it is moving to Salem, requiring Max to take Dani trick-or-treating, or showing concern for his daughter's safety, it's obvious that Dave cares for and seeks to protect his family. You may find yourself in a similar place of power.

**Upright:** Dave takes command of situations when he believes it is called for. Despite Max's many protests, Dave moves his family to Salem for a better career and life. Follow in his footsteps as you take the mantle of leadership. Let your convictions be firm and decisions just, even if others disagree. The strength of your resolve shall become the strength of your authority.

**Reversed:** Even an emperor can sometimes falter. Dave, despite obviously caring for his children, is unable to protect them from the Sanderson Sisters. You may have experienced a similar misstep in your life recently, where you were unable to take command when the situation called for it. Reflect on where you feel powerless and what circumstances led to this loss. Is it possible to reclaim control?



IV • THE EMPEROR

## V • THE HIEROPHANT

The Hierophant upholds the traditions of a society. Although Winifred's Spellbook may uphold an unusual sort of culture, it does contain the secrets of black magic and witchcraft. The Sanderson Sisters are reliant on the Spellbook for their dark arts and are lost without its guidance. Do you find yourself similarly relying on traditions? Or do you wish to strike out on a path all your own?

*Upright:* Every potion, every spell, every dark art is aligned. Your life is strongly influenced by societal norms and conventions. Take the time to reflect on these traditions and how they may impact your journey. Does tradition aid you, or do you feel hindered? Does convention guide you, or are you forced to conform to it?

*Reversed:* Though their Spellbook is powerful, the Sanderson Sisters are lost without it. They're unable to perform spells and create potions when their book is stolen. You, however, don't need tradition or convention to guide your actions. You have learned to strike out on your own, walking a path not ordained by others but rather chosen by you.



V • THE HIEROPHANT

## VI · THE LOVERS

The Lovers represents balance between two opposing factors. Max shows his affection toward Allison when he hands her a note with his phone number at the end of class. However, Allison is quick to return the note, refusing his advances. Though at first they struggle to get along, by the end of their adventure, they truly begin to feel a connection to each other. Whether kindling a romantic relationship or simply finding balance, there's much we can learn from this card.

**Upright:** Though Allison rejects Max's advances at first, she slowly warms up to him. Throughout their adventure, they learn to trust and aid each other. You may find yourself similarly allured by someone or something. Know that balance must be maintained, even when falling in love. Do not allow temptation to lead to overindulgence.

**Reversed:** After Allison declines to give him her phone number, Max is so driven to impress Allison that he lights the Black Flame Candle. This, in turn, summons the Sanderson Sisters. His actions remind us that love can make fools of us all. You may be feeling similarly foolish over a current temptation, whether it be a person, a hobby, or an indulgence. Take the time to balance yourself and stabilize your emotions.



VI • THE LOVERS

## VII · THE CHARIOT

The Chariot rushes toward the goal ahead, caring not what distance it must travel or what obstacles lie in wait. Similarly, the Sanderson Sisters work tirelessly to take back their Spellbook and ensure their immortality, lest they turn to dust at sunrise. They fly across the sky long into the night on broomstick, mop, and vacuum in order to achieve their goals. Do you feel driven to accomplish something?

*Upright:* The Sanderson Sisters search desperately to find their Spellbook and ensure their survival come the morning. You find yourself working relentlessly to accomplish a goal, and perhaps feel the pressure of a similar deadline. Keep up the pace, and you shall surely succeed. Remember that your destination lies ahead, not behind.

*Reversed:* Sometimes we pursue a goal without reason or care. Winifred chases down Dani to exact her revenge, refusing to listen to her sisters. Take time to reflect on your current path and consider if it is truly the best way to accomplish your goals. It's easy to lose sight of your destination during such a long journey.



VII • THE CHARIOT

## VIII · STRENGTH

Strength calls on us to rise above every challenge and overcome every obstacle, no matter what it may be. Dani shows this strength throughout her adventurous night, starting with the group of bullies who try to steal her Halloween candy. Although we may all admire such courage, it is all too easy to shift from brave little girl to blustering delinquent.

***Upright:*** Dani's bravery is a true test of strength when she faces a group of older bullies. Her courage stems in part from her belief in her big brother, Max. Just like Dani, you have the strength to overcome what obstacles you encounter. However, you do not have to face these challenges alone. Look toward the strength of others to add to your own, and you will be unstoppable.

***Reversed:*** For every hero, there is a villain, and it is within us to choose who we wish to be. Just as Dani chooses to stand up to her bullies, those same bullies choose to antagonize her. You may feel a similar temptation to use your power to bully and abuse. Know that misusing your strength will only lead to ruin.



VIII • STRENGTH

## IX · THE HERMIT

The Hermit gains wisdom through their solitude, reflecting on their journey before continuing forward. Billy Butcherson has had a lot of time to reflect on his actions throughout his many years of being dead. What did he learn? How did he change? Take note of his newfound wisdom, for it may guide you on your own journey.

**Upright:** Though Billy seems a lowly servant of the Sanderson Sisters, he has gained much wisdom over the years. He realizes the sisters' true nature and eventually aids Max in defeating them. Just like Billy, you must learn from the mistakes of your past. All of your experience has led to a greater understanding of what you want and who you are. Likewise, be sure to listen to the advice of others who may have more experience than you.

**Reversed:** Max would have been out of luck, had Billy not gained the wisdom he did. If the undead paramour had chosen to obey the Sanderson Sisters rather than fight against them, Salem would have been doomed. You may currently be struggling to find wisdom from your past, unable to mature and grow. Take a moment to reflect on how this stagnation may hinder your journey. Likewise, be sure to listen to the wisdom of others.



IX • THE HERMIT

# X · THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

The Wheel of Fortune warns us that sometimes fate is out of our control. Despite their best efforts, Allison and Max are unable to defeat the Sanderson Sisters time and time again. They must constantly react to what fate throws at them, such as by quickly placing a protective circle of salt when the Sanderson Sisters invade Max's home, or by creating a false dawn from headlights in order to save Dani. Can you handle what fate offers?

**Upright:** Fate has seen fit to gift you with good fortune. Be on the lookout for an unexpected stroke of good luck or sudden success. However, it is always good to be prepared for even the best of luck. Good fortune is multiplied when met by preparedness.

**Reversed:** Unfortunately, fate has deemed that you will be confronted with misfortune in your future. Be watchful for unexpected bad luck, which may lead to a failed enterprise or serious setback. But even when faced with adversity, we can always prepare. Brace yourself for this misfortune, and you can weather whatever fate throws at you.



X • THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

# XI · JUSTICE

Justice means equality, balance, and due process. The townsfolk of Salem make sure the Sanderson Sisters meet justice for stealing the life of young Emily Binx. Will justice be on your side today, or will you be forced to face it?

*Upright:* You shall find justice today, as Salem finds justice against the Sanderson Sisters. Injustices that you have endured will finally be righted, and your actions will be met with their just rewards. However, you must remember that balance is needed in matters of justice. Anger must be tempered with kindness, the material supplemented by the spiritual.

*Reversed:* Justice will not serve you today, no matter how harsh the transgression you endured. You will be met with inequality and mistreatment. But know that this is not the end of your battle. Avoid severity and judgment, and meet others with mercy and understanding. Better to rise above the situation than be dragged down by it.



XI • JUSTICE

## XII · SUSPENSION

Suspension is being trapped between decision and indecision, choice and hesitation. You are filled with an inner conflict or perhaps trapped by a twist of fate. Ice finds himself in such a predicament when he is trapped by the Sanderson Sisters. He is unable to free himself from his bindings and can only await his fate. Do you feel similarly trapped, or are you able to break free from that which binds you?

*Upright:* You face a decision that has left you paralyzed, unable to turn back and unable to advance. Ice feels similarly as he hangs from the Sanderson Sisters' rafters. Take this time of respite to gain greater insight into your current situation. Sometimes it is better to reflect on challenges than rush forward. Take account of all that you have to lose and all that you wish to gain. Why do you hesitate? How can you come to a decision?

*Reversed:* No matter how much Ice screams and begs, he cannot escape his prison. Similarly, you fight and rally against your current situation. The path forward is blocked, but you are too arrogant to see this truth. Your efforts will only lead to wasted energy. Your journey will continue, but not quite yet. Have patience and wait for the opportune moment.



XII • SUSPENSION

## XIII · TRANSFORMATION

Transformation is a card of endings and beginnings. After Thackery Binx fails to save his sister from the Sanderson Sisters, they curse him with an immortal life as a black cat. Through this transformation, Thackery is trapped in a seemingly endless cycle of guilt. Is there something you cannot move on from? Or have you finally found release?

**Upright:** As one thing is destroyed, another is born anew. Even when Thackery is turned into a cat, he chooses to defend the Black Flame Candle and ensure the Sanderson Sisters do not return. You too will face great destruction, followed by great renewal. Allow the old to pass and new ideas and opportunities to move forward. By accepting them, you shall become greater.

**Reversed:** For years, Thackery is unable to move past his guilt for failing to save his sister. Your own journey has stagnated as well. This may be because you fear the change that looms ahead of you. After all, is there a greater fear than that of the unknown? Reflect on this hesitation and seek out the truth. Do you truly wish to remain inactive? Or is now the time for change?



XIII • TRANSFORMATION

## XIV · TEMPERANCE

Temperance tells us that we must balance the material with the spiritual. More, we must adapt to our circumstances in order to maintain that balance. Allison Watts adapts to every challenge the Sanderson Sisters throw her way. She never hesitates to save her friends and protect her hometown. Can you find balance along your journey?

**Upright:** Allison is clever enough to evade the Sanderson Sisters' dark magic, using salt circles and creative tricks to defeat them. This balance between tradition and modern-day ingenuity prevails in the end. Similarly, you have learned to find balance within your life. You have met material gain with spiritual enlightenment, a successful career with a happy home. Through this balance, you continue your journey, wiser than ever before.

**Reversed:** Sometimes, harmony in our lives is not so easily achieved. Allison is tempted to learn the secrets of the Spellbook, luring the Sanderson Sisters directly to Max's home. Like Allison, you have allowed yourself to be entrapped by only one aspect of your life. This imbalance will draw you away from the path you truly seek. Try to find harmony once more.



XIV · TEMPERANCE

## XV · THE MASTER

The Master offers the Sanderson Sisters candy, but they believe he has the authority to offer them much more. They praise and adore him, leaving off the search for their Spellbook in order to spend time with him. Will you be similarly drawn away from your path? Or can you resist such temptation?

**Upright:** The Sanderson Sisters believe the Master will grant them power in return for their wicked deeds. Your desire for material gain has overpowered your search for spiritual enlightenment. Know that such vice will only lead to your downfall. Reflect on what has tempted you and find a way to resist it. Even wicked witches can change their ways.

**Reversed:** Though you were once held in sway by temptation and vice, you are now on the path of enlightenment. You have taken interest in your spirituality, though your journey toward enlightenment may be rocky at first. Know that even the Master's sway can be broken, should you stand strong.



XV • THE MASTER

## XVI · THE TOWER

The Tower crumbles and falls, leading us to our doom. It is a symbol of chaos and conflict. The Sanderson Cottage embodies these threats, housing evil witches as they brew their vile potions and chant their wicked spells. Will you be lured into their lair? Or have you the bravery to escape their clutches?

**Upright:** Just as the children of Salem are lured to the Sanderson Cottage, you have also found yourself in a troubling predicament. Chaos and strife have entered your life due to a great conflict. Your journey may be disrupted by your own incapacity or an outside force working against you. The Sanderson Sisters have their hold on you, and there's no escape in sight.

**Reversed:** Just as Dani and Max escape the Sanderson Sisters' clutches, so too have you freed yourself from chaos. However, this freedom comes at a great cost. You may find yourself struggling to return to normalcy, exhausted by your harrowing ordeal. Be kind to yourself and take respite before starting your journey once more.



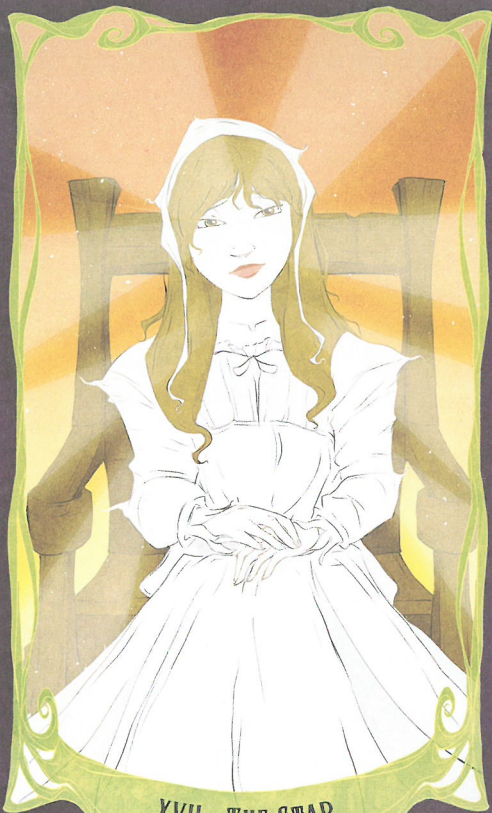
XVI • THE TOWER

## XVII · THE STAR

The Star is a symbol of hope even in our darkest hour. However, this light can sometimes be misleading. Emily is lured by Sarah Sanderson as she sings a bewitching song. Similarly, you have been drawn in by false faith. Will you be similarly fooled? Or is the star overhead truly a beacon of hope?

**Upright:** There is no need to fear the spells of witches. After a long night of dark despair, a star now shines on the horizon. You will find great love and much-needed aid waiting for you at the end of its light. Remember, however, that it is only through your own strength that you can follow such brightness.

**Reversed:** Just as Emily is beguiled by Sarah's sweet song, you have been lured by false hope. You have been betrayed and broken and are now unable to see past the dark night within your heart. Do not lose faith. Your troubles are not endless, and a new star will soon shine in the sky. You must simply wait for the clouds to pass.



XVII • THE STAR

## XVIII · THE MOON

The Moon's light offers intuition and illusions, hanging bright amid the dark sky. Mary Sanderson embodies these traits through her powers, having an incredible sense of smell and keen instincts. However, this intuition is often betrayed by her insecurities. Will you trust your instincts or fall prey to the illusions that the moonlight offers?

**Upright:** Just as Mary doubts her own powers, your intuition has similarly failed you. Through illusions and imagination, you have been deceived by the moon's light. Beware of unknown foes and hidden perils as you journey forth. Open your eyes to those who wish to deceive you. And remember, sometimes we are the ones who deceive ourselves.

**Reversed:** Just as Mary is at her strongest when she trusts her intuition, so are you. Allow your instincts to lead you down the right path, and you shall be met with great success. Do not assume your journey will be an easy one, however. The night brings many dangers, despite the full moon hanging overhead.



XVIII • THE MOON

## XIX • THE SUN

The Sun proclaims a happy ending to those who are gifted by its light. Just as Max, Allison, and Dani are saved from the Sanderson Sisters as the dawn rises, the sun speaks of triumph after a long journey. Will you be able to finally see the dawn? Or are you still trapped within the night?

**Upright:** Just as the morning sun brings the end of the Sanderson Sisters and saves Salem from their dark magic, you have found salvation after a long journey. Look forward to victories and well-earned achievements. Know that this happy ending is a direct result of your hard work and dedication.

**Reversed:** The sun has not yet risen, and the Sanderson Sisters still stalk the night. Be on the lookout for broken promises, failures, and troubling times. Your journey will not be met with success. However, do not lose heart. Where one path ends, another begins. A brighter sun surely awaits your next adventure.



XIX • THE SUN

## XX · JUDGEMENT

Judgement is a card that may signify settled disputes, legal battles, or the perceptions of others. For the Sanderson Sisters, judgment comes in the form of hallowed ground. As punishment for their wicked ways, they are unable to set foot within a graveyard. Judgement defends the honorable and condemns the malevolent. Where do you stand?

**Upright:** Just as Max, Dani, and Allison find refuge within the town graveyard, you have also found a haven after a long journey. Your dedication and labor will be justly rewarded. With this great success will come a greater understanding of who you are and where you belong.

**Reversed:** The Sanderson Sisters have been judged unworthy to step on hallowed ground, and you have also been judged unfavorably. You have taken the wrong path, which has led to your failure. Expect the loss of something important to you. Reflect on what actions have brought you here. What might you have done to deserve such judgment?

The image is a tarot card with a dark purple background. It features a central illustration framed by a decorative, Art Nouveau-style border in a light greenish-yellow color. The illustration depicts a cemetery scene. At the top, a large, gnarled tree with dark, twisted branches dominates the upper half. Below the tree, a black wrought-iron archway spans across the middle. The archway is inscribed with the words "OLD BURIAL GROUND" in a stylized, gothic font. Below the archway, a pair of ornate, black wrought-iron gates stands closed. Through the gates, a cemetery is visible, featuring several tombstones of various shapes, including a prominent white cross. The background of the cemetery is a mix of dark and light greenish-blue tones, suggesting a misty or overcast day. At the bottom of the card, a light greenish-yellow banner contains the text "XX • JUDGEMENT" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

OLD BURIAL GROUND

XX • JUDGEMENT

## XXI · THE WORLD

The World ushers in a deeper understanding of the universe and your place in it. It tells of what is and all that will be. Though it may be the ultimate end of a journey, it also speaks of a readiness for a new beginning. Thackery Binx embodies this stage when his soul is able to move on to the next life. He is reunited with his sister and finds peace at last.


**Upright:** Just as Thackery gains solace at the end of his adventure, so have you. The World has granted you wisdom everlasting, and you have found a deeper connection to your place in the universe. Your journey is complete, and with its end, you have gained a greater understanding of both the material and the spiritual. Take these lessons with you as you begin your next journey.

**Reversed:** Thackery, Dani, Max, and Allison's journey comes to an end as the dawn rises, but it is not an easy adventure to finish! They feared the Sanderson Sisters and were uncertain if they could succeed. You feel similarly afraid, unable to meet the end of your journey. You may currently lack the vision to accomplish your goals. Take the time to reflect on lessons learned and hardships endured. Why do you now hesitate?



XXI • THE WORLD





THE  
MINOR  
ARCANA

# SUIT OF CANDLES

## KING OF CANDLES

**Upright:** The King of Candles is a fiery man with the charisma to entice a whole room to dance. His determination inspires others, though once his mind is made up, he may not change it easily. He leads by his shining example, though his influence may inspire blind dedication.

**Reversed:** The King has become arrogant and condescending, refusing to hear the opinions of others. He dictates the actions of others to suit his moods. Beware, for his charisma masks condescension. He does not have others' best interests at heart.



## QUEEN OF CANDLES

**Upright:** The Queen of Candles nurtures her environment and inspires those around her. She is generous with her time and energy and aids others along their paths. She offers welcome respite when the road seems too difficult to continue down.

**Reversed:** The Queen has grown dispassionate and apathetic. She cares little for the worries of others and does not share her true feelings. Her coldness may come from a recent disagreement or betrayal. Is there a way to rekindle her warmth?



# KNIGHT OF CANDLES

**Upright:** The Knight of Candles is proud to the point of fearlessness. They trust their instincts and always follow through, with never a moment's hesitation. This confidence leads to various adventures, whether for better or for worse.

**Reversed:** The Knight has grown too arrogant, leading to impulsive and often irresponsible actions. This results in more trouble than their friendship is worth. To be swayed by their charm is to be trapped by their consequences. Be wary of their influence over others.



# PAGE OF CANDLES

**Upright:** The Page of Candles is eager to experience life and is optimistic about what lies ahead. She may be a student or apprentice. She seeks the guidance of others and shares her sense of wonder in return.

**Reversed:** The Page has grown careless, her actions misguided and her focus mismanaged. She requires the aid of others if she is to find her way again. The wisdom of those more experienced will set her back on the correct course.



# ACE OF CANDLES

**Upright:** A newfound passion has begun to burn within your heart. Follow the flames to begin a journey filled with inspiration, ambition, and expansion. The start of a new adventure lies before you, should you be brave enough to face the flames.

**Reversed:** Your passions have been snuffed out, whether by a lack of inspiration or an outside force. You may feel discontent and insecure, unable to take on new projects or continue your current creative endeavors. Take the time to rekindle your energy before starting anew.



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## II OF CANDLES

**Upright:** Your heart is prepared to start a journey, though your path may yet be unknown. Now is the time to plan, dream, and discover. Whether with a dark spellbook or a container of salt, there are many ways for you to plan for the journey ahead.

**Reversed:** You are not ready for the journey before you. You fear the dangers lying ahead, the witches unknown and the nights unseen. Take a moment to breathe. Sometimes our imaginations are our worst enemies and put a stop to our adventures before they begin.



THE MINOR ARCANA

## III OF CANDLES

**Upright:** You are well prepared for the journey ahead, whether it be traveling to an exciting locale or the beginning of a new enterprise. Allow your motivation to carry you forward, and embrace the new opportunities that lie before you.

**Reversed:** Your adventure has started with a misstep due to scattered goals and weak motivations. You don't know how to begin your journey, or perhaps you don't have the energy. Focus on your long-term goals, not your current distractions.



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## IV OF CANDLES

**Upright:** You will find great inspiration and comfort from your friends, family, and community. Look to them for support and affection after your many struggles. This card may also suggest an important familial event, such as a wedding, birth, or other celebration.

**Reversed:** You feel disconnected from those around you, whether they be your family, friends, or community. Reflect on this and see where communication may have broken down. Is there a way to reconnect? Or should you seek more supportive relationships?



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# V OF CANDLES

**Upright:** As a flickering candle can grow to a devastating flame, so too can the disputes we have with others. You are facing one such conflict yourself, whether as a result of competition or disagreement. Is this fight worth the struggle? How can you resolve it?

**Reversed:** You may feel that the world is against you, like a candle left out in the wind. However, this resentment hides a deep discontentment that you may be projecting onto others. Are those around you truly your enemies? Or are you seeing foes where there are none?



# VI OF CANDLES

**Upright:** Once a mere candle, now a mighty torch, you have found yourself in a position of leadership. This recognition has come after hard work and dedication. Know that this newfound power carries a weighty responsibility. Be sure to lead with light.

**Reversed:** You have failed at a great endeavor and are now left feeling humiliated and defeated. Know that you can be your own worst critic. It is far more admirable to try and fail than to never try at all. Every journey worth taking is well worth the price of defeat.



## VII OF CANDLES

**Upright:** The time has come to defend what is yours. Perhaps you need to save a school club, convince your boss to promote you, or defeat a trio of witches. Whatever the cause, continue to stand your ground. This card promises victory to those who refuse to waver.

**Reversed:** You no longer have the fire to continue a long-fought battle. You may be burned-out after such an arduous struggle or perhaps frightened of those who oppose you. Not every conflict is meant to be won. Take time to rest, recover, and prepare for what comes next.



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# VIII OF CANDLES

**Upright:** Your plans are quickly coming to fruition. All your preparation, hard work, and dedication has resulted in success. Be prepared to act swiftly in order to meet rapid changes. Your journey's end is just ahead, but it is not here quite yet.

**Reversed:** Unexpected setbacks have hindered your plans. These may be due to changing circumstances or a lack of proper planning on your part. Take a moment to stop and reflect. What is hindering you? How can you meet the challenge?



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# IX OF CANDLES

**Upright:** You feel like a candle lit too long, all melted wax and little wick. Still, your flame remains. You have survived a great struggle and overcome many obstacles. Take the time to rest and recuperate. You've certainly earned it.

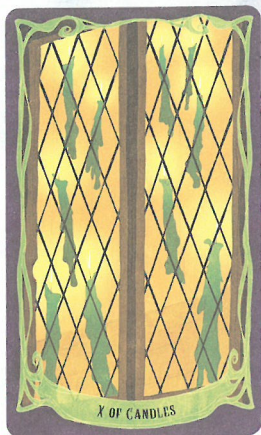
**Reversed:** Life has worn you down, and you see no end in sight. This has caused you to grow callous and cruel. No longer do you wish to live in light, but rather long to give in to darkness. Do not be swayed by this temptation. You must keep hope that brighter days will come.



# X OF CANDLES

**Upright:** Your journey is at its end, and you have been made all the greater for it. This success will be met with both material reward and spiritual growth. This end, however, is only another beginning. Another journey awaits, greater and grander. And you are ready to face it.

**Reversed:** You have gained responsibilities but feel overwhelmed and overburdened. The expectations of others lie heavily on you, like a candle burning far too bright. This may have led you to ignore your responsibilities altogether, lest you burn out quickly. Take time to rest and evaluate your obligations. Is there something you can let go of?



# SUIT OF PUMPKINS

## KING OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** The King of Pumpkins is a gracious and industrious man. He is a protector and shelters his loved ones during times of trouble. He is wise in matters of business and aids the endeavors of others. This card may also indicate the successful outcome of a venture.

**Reversed:** The King has turned miserly and greedy, refusing to share both wealth and wisdom. No shelter can be found within his heart. He takes as he pleases and spends what he will, with no care for the benefit of others.



# QUEEN OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** The Queen of Pumpkins is a caring woman who provides for those she loves. She aids others in their hours of need, whether directly or in secrecy. Her warmth shines brightest during the most trying times. She always offers aid, even if all she has to give is her support.

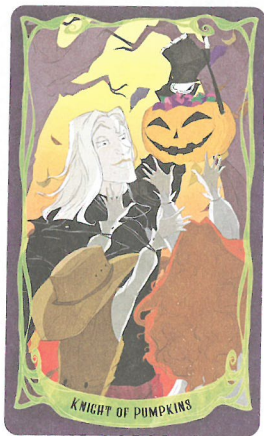
**Reversed:** The Queen only aids those she can manipulate. She seeks to enable others for her own benefit. Everything she offers comes with a heavy price. What she asks for in return is never worth the support she provides.



# KNIGHT OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** The Knight of Pumpkins is a straightforward, diligent man. Though he is unable to lead, he follows with absolute loyalty. His aid is dependable, though he may be unusually stubborn about how he provides assistance.

**Reversed:** The Knight has grown obstinate, so dead set on his current course that he refuses to listen to the wisdom of others. This course will lead to naught but dead ends, resulting in his downfall. Resolve must be tempered by wisdom.



# PAGE OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** The Page of Pumpkins is enthusiastic in all they do, though they have little experience. They inspire others in their creative pursuits, always bringing out the best in those they meet. Their assistance will ensure the success of any artistic endeavor.

**Reversed:** The Page has grown too impatient. They have not put in the time and effort needed to master their trade and are frustrated by the lack of quick results. They must remember that patience is its own skill, and one they need to hone.



# ACE OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** This card represents the beginning of a business venture or the start of financial success. Now is the time to kick off a new endeavor. Look for new beginnings in your career or investments. Meet this opportunity with an entrepreneurial spirit, as no reward comes without risk.

**Reversed:** The start of a venture has fallen through. You may have lost wealth or failed a business endeavor. Know that every pumpkin patch has a few rotten gourds. Your next opportunity may be just around the corner, waiting for you to seize it.



## II OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** You seek to find balance between material gain and spiritual well-being. This requires harmony between all aspects of your life, such as your career, relationships, and personal health. Keep striving for this balance, for it will benefit you greatly.

**Reversed:** You struggle to find balance between your career and personal well-being. Know that for every trick, there has to be a treat. Try to find ways to balance work and play before you lose your grasp on both. To hold too tightly to one will mean losing the other.



## III OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** Three pumpkins are better than one, and that's true of any endeavor. Collaboration with others will result in success, though you must be willing to pull your own weight. Whether you feel fit to lead the pack or follow in someone else's wake, teamwork is the way to go.

**Reversed:** Someone has refused to collaborate with others, resulting in strife and delayed rewards. Their attitude may be due to selfishness or stubbornness. Reflect on how you might encourage them to work as a team. Alternatively, you may be the one refusing to collaborate with others. Seek out ways to compromise, for it will lead to success.



## IV OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** Your pumpkin patch prospers due to your hard work and diligence. You are responsible with your newfound wealth, which will be of great benefit to you. However, be careful that this frugality does not lead to greed. All things in moderation.

**Reversed:** Your great reward has come at last, but it has led to greed and stagnation. You would rather see your pumpkin patch rot than share your rewards. Beware this temptation. Such miserliness will end in nothing but misery.



# V OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** As the cool autumn turns to bitter winter, your fortune turns to strife. You may find yourself struggling financially, vulnerable and anxious. Know you are not alone. Seek the aid of others, and watch for a way out. Even winter eventually turns to spring.

**Reversed:** This card holds a similar meaning in the reversed position, though the crisis may be looming ahead rather than currently happening. Reflect on what may be the cause of this future financial hardship. How can you prevent it? Who can lend their aid?



# VI OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** Like a jack-o'-lantern guiding trick-or-treaters, you are a beacon of aid and hope for others. Your charity and kindness do far more good than even you know. Alternatively, you may be the one receiving charity from another. Be thankful for their kindness.

**Reversed:** Your jack-o'-lantern has begun to rot, left out too long. The charity you give others has overwhelmed and exhausted you. Remember that it is okay to be selfish sometimes. Alternatively, you may have refused to aid those in need or have been refused. Know that a charitable heart will lead to the betterment of everyone.



# VII OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** A healthy pumpkin patch starts with well-laid seeds. Knowing this, you have begun laying the foundation for future success. Your diligence and patience will be rewarded in time. All you must do is stay the course.

**Reversed:** You have invested poorly, or not at all, in a future endeavor. Rushing toward a goal will lead to disastrous results. Take time to plan, to plant, to build, and to grow. Only through our foundations can we find long-term success.



# VIII OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** You have begun learning a new skill that will benefit your career or craft. Your commitment and dedication will see you through. Remain diligent, and listen to the wisdom of others. Who knows what spells you'll master by the end of your journey?

**Reversed:** You have begun a new skill, but your lack of progress frustrates you. You may feel overwhelmed, burned-out, or unable to focus. Rest, reflect, and recollect. What currently hinders you? How can you best meet this new challenge?



# IX OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** Your hard work has paid off, and your pumpkin patch has finally begun to flourish. Know that this stability is a direct result of your persistence. Take time to enjoy your newfound success and celebrate your accomplishments. You have certainly earned it.

**Reversed:** Despite your best efforts, your pumpkin patch has refused to grow. No success is yet to be found, and you feel overwhelmed and anxious. Look toward what you have accomplished and all that lies before you. Perhaps it is time to start a new journey.



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# X OF PUMPKINS

**Upright:** What good is a pumpkin patch without family and friends to enjoy it with? Others share in your success, creating a prosperous home or community. This stability will not only bring happiness to you, but to those you love.

**Reversed:** You have been rewarded for your success, but you have no one to share it with. This may be due to your own greed or perhaps a lack of loved ones in your life. Now may be the time to build relationships rather than wealth.



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# SUIT OF LIGHTNING

## KING OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** The King of Lightning has good judgment and makes for an excellent ally, should others pass muster. His analysis and calculating nature may seem domineering at first, but his firmness is always mitigated by fairness. Many seek to impress him, but few do.

**Reversed:** The King has become a villain, his calculating nature turning cold and inhospitable. He demands obedience and criticizes those around him. His influence and malice are used to strike down those who oppose him.



## QUEEN OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** The Queen of Lightning may come across as uncaring, but this is only because she disdains the lies of others. Her sharp eyes cut through to the heart of any matter. Her advice should only be sought when one is prepared for the truth, for she is brutally honest.

**Reversed:** The Queen has become impatient in her judgment, critical of all who oppose her. She uses her influence for selfish ends and seeks to control those around her. Her barbed words strike down her foes without care.



# KNIGHT OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** The Knight of Lightning seizes every opportunity with zeal and fearlessness. He is not afraid to charge headfirst into adventure or proudly proclaim what he believes. When others hesitate, they look to him to encourage them onward.

**Reversed:** The Knight's zeal has become aggression, and he charges forward without care for others. He's unwilling to compromise and seeks victory over all else, no matter the cost. He uses his influence to betray others when the opportunity arises.



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# PAGE OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** The Page of Lightning seeks a new truth and has opened his mind to the possibilities laid before him. His curiosity and intellect are only hindered by his current inexperience. He may require the aid of others as he seeks out new challenges.

**Reversed:** The Page refuses to listen to others, forcing his perspective and needs before all else. His pretentiousness will lead to his downfall. His glib words attempt to hide his insincere actions. He does not care about the fate of others.



# ACE OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** Like a lightning bolt, a great truth has struck you to the core. This breakthrough has given you the clarity to see the required journey and the courage to begin it. Do not hesitate. Though challenges lie ahead, you are prepared to face them.

**Reversed:** A great truth has been uncovered, but it is a dark one. You do not know what to do next and perhaps feel betrayed by this discovery. Alternatively, this card may indicate a dire secret that has yet to be uncovered. Choose your next actions carefully to avoid misfortune.



## II OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** Two paths lie before you, and your gut does not agree with your head. Your instinct urges you to take one path, though it seems to go against all logic. Trust your instinct and have faith in your gut. This choice will make far greater sense in time.

**Reversed:** You are paralyzed with indecision over a choice you must make. This has left you feeling anxious and insecure. You fear the storm ahead and cannot take the first step. Know that your hesitation will only delay the inevitable. If you do not make a choice, life will make one for you.



## III OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** You have suffered a great heartbreak, perhaps the loss of a loved one or a rejection by someone you admire. Your anguish has left you disillusioned and hopeless. Give yourself time to grieve and move past this heartbreak. Only then can the healing begin.

**Reversed:** You have suffered a great heartbreak, but you have finally begun to heal. Rejection has progressed to understanding, loss to acceptance. Your broken heart is mending, and it is now time to move on with your journey.



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# IV OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** The blazing lightning in your heart has left, but sparks still remain. Now is the time to rest and recover after a hard-fought battle. Reflect on the hardships you have faced, and take a while to recuperate from your wounds. The next journey can wait until you are ready.

**Reversed:** You cannot let down your guard, though the battle is over. This anxiety has led to paranoia and fear, as you constantly wait for the next lightning bolt to strike. Realize that fear only hurts you further. It is time to rest, not fight. Focus on achieving peace of mind.



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# V OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** You have entered into a conflict greater than a thunderstorm but risk losing yourself in the process. Is the victory you seek worth the scars you have endured? Are you willing to lose the goodwill of those you fight? Choose your battles wisely.

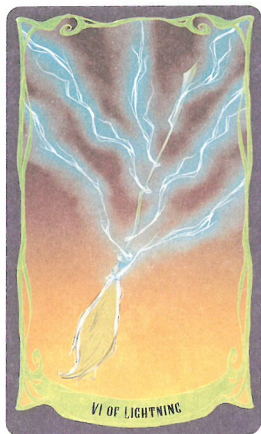
**Reversed:** A battle looms ahead of you, but you refuse to fight. This may be because compromise and reconciliation are more important to you than hollow victories. However, this card may also indicate a fear of conflict. Is it in your best interest to back down now?



## VI OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** Your past haunts you, and the scars run deep, but now is the time to unshackle yourself from such trauma. Leave behind your storm-filled days and seek a clearer sky. Though the journey ahead is not an easy one, you must find the strength to persevere.

**Reversed:** You are trapped in the storms of your past, unable to move on from the trauma you endured. You cannot grow, cannot thrive, cannot survive in such stagnation. You may even fall into old habits and relive past hurts once more. Beware this pitfall.



# VII OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** Beware deceit and manipulation by those around you. The ones you call friends may be foes in disguise, and their betrayal will be devastating. Reflect on those who may gain from your misery. Have they been honest? Have you been fooled?

**Reversed:** A great betrayal has been uncovered, and you have realized that someone has taken advantage of you. Be sure to strengthen yourself to weather this storm. Conversely, you may be betraying another. Have you been truthful to those who care for you?



## VIII OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** You feel imprisoned by fate, yet the door to your cage is unlocked. You may think yourself unworthy of freedom, or perhaps you are too blinded by self-pity to escape. Know that the way is open. You need only the strength to leave.

**Reversed:** The chains that bound you are no more, and you have gained newfound freedom. The time has come to open yourself to new perspectives and seek better opportunities. The storm is behind you, and sunny skies are ahead. Enjoy the days to come.



# IX OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** Lightning crashes overhead, and you have no shelter to protect you. The burdens you currently face lie heavy on your heart, leading to anxiety and depression. Know that your pain is real and your feelings are valid. Be kind to yourself in this troubling time.

**Reversed:** A storm rages before you, but shelter lies ahead. You now see how to resolve a great conflict, and your clarity has given you hope. Maintain a cool head as you weather this storm. The end of your troubles is within reach.



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# X OF LIGHTNING

**Upright:** The storm has left, but wreckage remains. So too have you endured a great conflict and been devastated by its brutality. You may feel broken and defeated, unable to continue. Take time to mourn and recover. Though your suffering has taken a toll, it is at an end.

**Reversed:** Your conflict has ended, and the storm has passed. Though you've suffered losses, you understand that this brutal end can lead to a more hopeful beginning. You are stronger, wiser, and greater than ever before.



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# SUIT OF POTIONS

## KING OF POTIONS

**Upright:** The King of Potions is dependable and mature, a master of his emotions but never dominated by them. He aids others through any emotional crisis, though he may hide his own pain to avoid worrying his loved ones. He is at his strongest during times of instability.

**Reversed:** The King has grown cold and insincere.

He manipulates emotions and abuses those who trust him, attempting to control everyone around him. This card may also indicate a person in your life who has grown cold and distant, refusing to share their emotions with you. Is there a way you can reconcile with them?



# QUEEN OF POTIONS

**Upright:** The Queen of Potions has a nurturing soul, placing the needs of others before her own. She provides strength during times of hardship and inspires creative endeavors. Her wisdom is always filled with great insight, guided by her intuition.

**Reversed:** The Queen has grown anxious and insecure, clinging to others for validation of her self-worth. She demands the time and attention of others, often seeking praise. Be careful, for her mood is prone to boil over faster than an unwatched cauldron.



# KNIGHT OF POTIONS

**Upright:** The Knight of Potions is a giving soul who fills the lives of those around them with affection and care. They may have a flair for the overdramatic. If this card does not represent a person, it may indicate that a newfound romance will soon begin or a heartfelt message will be received. Be prepared to take action!

**Reversed:** The Knight has grown moody and pretentious, creating drama in your life where none is needed. Their words are as hollow as an empty potion bottle. Beware their shifting moods, for flattery may soon turn to jealousy.



# PAGE OF POTIONS

**Upright:** The Page of Potions is a sensitive soul, full of creative inspiration and optimism. Their endless potential inspires a renewed sense of wonder within the hearts of others. They should accept guidance when it is offered, for they have the capacity for greatness.

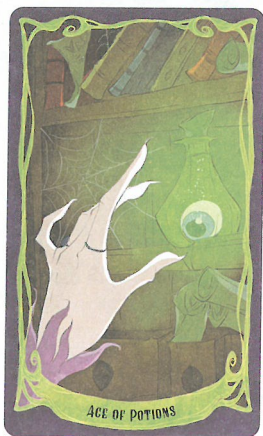
**Reversed:** The Page has lost their inspiration, feeling stifled and trapped. They do not have the creativity to find a way out of their current misfortunes. More than ever, they need someone by their side to spark their inspiration once more.



# ACE OF POTIONS

**Upright:** The Ace of Potions represents the start of new creative endeavors or new relationships. You will find fulfillment in this fresh beginning and the ability to balance your emotions. Look forward to compassion, tenderness, and new potential. What potion will you decide to brew?

**Reversed:** You feel stagnant. You may have cut off your emotions to protect yourself from rejection. Or perhaps you lack the inspiration to start a creative endeavor. Open your spellbook and check your ingredients. A different potion may be required.



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## II OF POTIONS

**Upright:** You have entered into a partnership full of trust and respect. This association may be with a friend, romantic partner, or business partner. Know that compromise is the key to a fruitful relationship. This card may also indicate the need to make amends with those you have broken away from.

**Reversed:** You have entered into an unequal relationship filled with disrespect and broken promises. This imbalance of power must be addressed if the partnership is to bear fruit. This card may also indicate the end of a relationship.



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# III OF POTIONS

**Upright:** You have found a community that supports and nurtures you. Know that you can confide in them, and that their friendship will aid you in the days to come. Just as they offer their support, you should be sure to support them in return.

**Reversed:** Your community has grown untrustworthy and unsupportive. Others conspire against you, seeking their own selfish gains. Reflect on this turmoil. Is there a way you can reclaim this community? Or is it time to break away and be a lone witch?



# IV OF POTIONS

**Upright:** You have grown dispassionate and dissatisfied with your life. Lost in your daydreams, you're unable to see the opportunities laid before you. This card may also indicate material success with no care for spiritual enlightenment.

**Reversed:** Your cauldron begins to boil with newfound potions and passions. Though your past still holds some regrets, you are ready to face reality and grasp new opportunities. This zeal for life will rekindle your creativity and lead you to self-discovery.



# V OF POTIONS

**Upright:** You are overwhelmed by your grief and anguish, unable to move forward or reflect on what has happened. Know that you are not defined by your suffering. Now is the time to take that painful first step toward reconciliation and healing.

**Reversed:** You have overcome great hardship and are ready to brew a healing potion or two. Though moving away from grief is never easy, it is necessary if we are to grow and learn. New loves, new passion, and new experiences await you.



## VI OF POTIONS

**Upright:** Reminiscing on simpler days, you have been struck by a sudden bout of nostalgia. This may be because you have reconnected with past acquaintances or are mentoring someone in their youth. Allow these memories to be your guide. Reflection leads to greater understanding.

**Reversed:** You cling to the past like a child holding on to a threadbare doll. By looking back, you refuse to see what lies ahead. You fear the challenges before you and a fate unknown. The time has come to let go of the past. The future will be even brighter.



# VII OF POTIONS

**Upright:** Your spellbook is filled with potions to brew, each more exciting than the last. Endless opportunities are laid out before you. Look toward your fantasies for inspiration regarding where you should head next. Now is the time to turn your daydreams into reality.

**Reversed:** You feel trapped in your current predicament, with few choices laid before you. Alternatively, this card could indicate temptation or deceit. Take a moment to carefully reflect on your next step. Are there truly so few choices? Does someone mean to deceive you?



## VIII OF POTIONS

**Upright:** You have let go of something dear to you, whether it be a relationship, career, or hobby. Know that this is for the best. Sometimes our paths in life are cut short for good reason. Open yourself to where fate next takes you. A new path lies ahead.

**Reversed:** You cling desperately to something that must be let go of. You fear loss so greatly that you cannot see that now is the time for change. Know that holding on will result in greater suffering. Do not allow your fears to lead to stagnation.



## IX OF POTIONS

**Upright:** After toiling over a hot cauldron, your potion is finally complete. Great challenges have netted great rewards, and your prosperity is well-earned. Your material success will be balanced by spiritual enlightenment.

**Reversed:** You feel dissatisfied with the rewards offered. This may be due to your greed, or your expectations may be too high. This card may also indicate that the obsession with the material has led to neglect of the spiritual. Look within, not without, to see what you lack.



# X OF POTIONS

**Upright:** A cottage is only a home with a family there to share it with you. And you have indeed found happiness with others, whether they be your family, friends, or community. Your joy is multiplied by everyone with whom you share it. Enjoy your happily-ever-after.

**Reversed:** Your home is broken and neglected. Those you once felt connected to have drifted away or become hostile. This card may also indicate that you are overly romanticizing relationships and holding expectations that are too high. Your loved ones are only human.







TAROT  
READINGS



**THERE'S A LITTLE MAGIC  
IN EVERYTHING WE DO.**

Taking your little sister out to trick-or-treat could turn into a grand adventure, or passing a note to the person you have a crush on could result in a new romance. Although not everyone may possess a grimoire of ancient spells, we can all choose to let some hocus-pocus into our lives. As a reader of tarot, you already have. Now is the time to take the magic held within your new deck and truly make it your own.

# CARING FOR YOUR DECK

There are several ways to connect with your deck. You may do daily readings to get a feel for its energy or place it under your pillow at night. You can also choose a favorite scarf or other fabric to wrap around your deck, infusing it with your energy.

Some cleanse their decks periodically in order to purify the energy of previous readings. You may do this by passing your deck through herbal smoke, by allowing it to soak in moonlight, or through the use of crystals. Let these cleansing techniques be personal to you. When do you feel the most connected to the moon? Which herbs and crystals help you cleanse your energies? The tarot deck is an extension of you. Treat it as you would treat yourself.



# PREPARING TO READ TAROT

Every tarot reading begins with a question. You may need advice on a relationship, career choice, or creative endeavor. Perhaps you simply wish to see what the next year will bring. Or perhaps you're about to fight off three evil witches and want to know how best to go about it.

First, clear your mind of everything but your question. You may do so by meditating or simply closing your eyes and taking a few deep breaths. Allow the question to fill your mind, becoming your only thought. When you are fully prepared, shuffle the deck in the manner that feels most natural to you. Some choose an overhand shuffle to keep their cards from bending, while others forgo shuffling entirely and spread the cards over a large surface before selecting randomly from the pile. Do whatever feels comfortable for you.

When you feel that the time is right, draw cards and place them in a spread. A spread is a specific way of orienting your cards in order to read them. The following pages contain a few simple spreads to get you started.



# THE SPREADS

## WISDOM OF WITCHES

*A question lies within thy heart  
An ember now grown to a spark.  
In three cards thy answers wait  
To tell thee yes or tell thee nay.*

The Wisdom of Witches spread is a fast and easy reading for a simple question that can be answered by a yes or no. Is my friend mad at me? Will I pass my next test? Generally, two to three cards upright indicate a favorable outcome, while two to three cards reversed signal an unfavorable outcome. As always, keep in mind that the cards merely offer their advice. You can always change fate, should you have the resolve to do so.



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1. Your first card shows your current feelings and thoughts on the situation. Use it to assess your state of being. How do you truly feel?
2. This card shows an important, but ultimately hidden, aspect of the situation. What have you not considered?
3. The last card gives you advice on how to handle the situation. Consider this card most carefully of all, for it will help guide you toward your answer.

# THE CAT'S EYE

*A choice to make now lies ahead  
One that fills thy heart with dread.  
There is no time to hesitate.  
Let the cards guide thy fate.*

This reading will allow you to determine when the time has come to let go, when to hold on, and what to look forward to in the future. Know that the end of one path often leads straight to another.

1. Your first card reveals what you need to end, move on from, or leave behind. This may be a person, place, or position.
2. The second card shows the reason for this ending and why a new start is needed. Reflect on this and how it coincides with your first card.
3. This card shows what you gain from letting go. Remember, leaving behind something makes room for something else. Something better.
4. Your fourth card shows you what wisdom has been gained from this experience.
5. The last card reveals what is waiting for you after this transition. Look toward what is to come, not what has been left behind. A new journey awaits.



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# HOCUS-POCUS

*What waits ahead? What's left behind?  
What now awaits thee by thy side?  
Peer deep into the moon-filled night  
And find the gift of mystic sight.*

This reading will help you remember what has been, reflect on what is, and look toward what will be. The spread is an excellent choice when you have no specific question in mind but wish for the cards to guide you toward a better understanding of your current situation.

1. & 2. These two cards show past events that have led to your current situation, and are meant to be read as a set. Their meaning may not become clear until you finish the reading.
3. This card shows a recent event that has triggered a change.
4. This card represents your current state of being. Reflect on this card deeply, for it resides at the heart of the entire reading.
5. This card represents what direction your present course is taking. Have you chosen this direction, or are other forces at play?
6. & 7. These last two cards show your future and are meant to be read as a set. Do they signify an outcome you desire? Or do you wish to change your fate?



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