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Tarot Deck

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Two Sisters' Perspectives

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0 - the Fool

Cindy's Description:
For the Fool, I used mirror paint, dripping it onto the canvas and rotating it until the silver forms took shape. Out of the swirling silver, an elephant-like Ganesh emerged with his dog—ready to embark on the journey. Like the traditional Rider deck, he carries a small pack on a stick, faces mountains that hint at future challenges, a cliff symbolizing the unknown, and walks beside his loyal companion. Ganesh is said to attract positive energy. Though known as the god of wisdom—ironically the opposite of the Fool—he is also a harbinger of new beginnings and remover of obstacles. The mirror paint reflects this duality, symbolizing both self-reflection and the idea of being shaped by the images we carry within.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Fool represents pure innocence and the thrill of new beginnings. It's the energy of a puppy or a child—wide-eyed, joyful, and ready to leap into the unknown. When this card appears, it signals a fresh start, full of potential, lessons, and unexplored paths. It invites you to embrace your inspiration, take the leap, and trust the unfolding journey. But it also offers a gentle warning: don't mistake innocence for preparedness. While enthusiasm fuels momentum, the Fool reminds us to be mindful of hidden obstacles and to balance our excitement with awareness. This card doesn't advise against taking the journey—it encourages it—but asks you to pause, plan, and pay attention before you leap.

Key Themes: New beginnings, innocence, enthusiasm, potential, naïveté, spontaneous action, mindful preparation

Reflection Question: Where in your life are you being called to leap—and what might you need to pack for the journey?

1 - the Magician

Cindy's Description:
Like the traditional card, the Magician stands before a table holding the sword, cup, stone, and wand—symbols of the four suits, and of air, water, earth, and fire. Two golden swords cross his back, giving him the appearance of a warrior firefly. Swords represent thought and discernment, essential tools for any magician. In his hands, he holds the symbol of infinity, with a gold sphere rolling atop, illustrating the continuous motion of alchemy, the ever-evolving magic that keeps the universe in balance. He is imagined as being from an island race, with a brown complexion, reflecting this deck's commitment to diverse representation and the truth that we are all interconnected.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Magician reminds us that we already hold the tools we need to create the life we envision. Through conscious intention and alignment with the elemental forces—earth, air, fire, and water—we have the power to shape our reality. This card calls us to remember that we are not passive participants in life, but active co-creators. When the Magician appears, it's a nudge to focus your energy, direct your will, and take full responsibility for what you're manifesting. Your potential is limitless when paired with clarity, purpose, and action.

Key Themes: Manifestation, personal power, intention, resourcefulness, alignment with the elements, conscious creation

Reflection Question: How are you using your energy and resources to shape your reality—and what would happen if you focused more intentionally?

2 - the High Priestess

Cindy's Description:
Unlike the traditional card, the High Priestess is not seated on a throne—she walks through the shadowy depths of her cave-like realm. Still, she stands framed between two columns, echoing the symbolism of duality. This card represents the unconscious self, the intuitive and mysterious magic of the High Priestess. The palette is dominated by red and green—complementary colors that create a sense of tension and balance. A rapt creature attends her, perhaps listening, perhaps ready to act on her behalf. At her feet, a blue crescent moon symbolizes intuition, the subconscious, and the presence of the Triple Goddess. Her head is otherworldly, bearing only a single, central eye—the third eye. She does not see or speak in linear ways; her wisdom is deeper, more ancient, and entirely intuitive.

Sara's Interpretation:
The High Priestess invites us into the quiet space of intuition, mystery, and inner knowing. While the imagery in this deck may feel intense or even unfamiliar, the essence of this card is cool, moonlit, and inward-facing—a space of stillness where wisdom lives just beneath the surface. She reminds us that not everything can be understood through logic or intellect. Some truths are only revealed in silence, in dreams, or through the soft voice of the subconscious. When this card appears, it may be a call to withdraw from external noise and listen more deeply to your inner voice. Trust what you feel, even if you can't yet explain it.

Key Themes: Intuition, inner wisdom, mystery, stillness, subconscious, sacred feminine

Reflection Question: What truth is waiting to be heard beneath the surface of your thoughts?

3 - The Empress

Cindy's Description:
The Empress reclines on a pillowed seat, gazing thoughtfully at a golden sphere—mirroring the one held by the Magician. She is surrounded by trees, a flowing river, and golden ground, evoking abundance and the richness of the natural world. Her modern appearance—a geometric haircut and high boots—reimagines the Earth Mother as contemporary and empowered. She's reminiscent of Death from Neil Gaiman's Sandman series, especially when Death walks the earth as a human, deeply moved by the sensations of touch, breath, and life itself. Similarly, this Empress seems mesmerized by the act of living. A single star glows above her head, symbolizing hope, connection, and the sacred power of creation.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Empress calls us into our role as nurturer, caretaker, and creative force. She represents the part of us that supports life—whether that means tending to others, growing something new, or offering care with intention and love. This card encourages us to step beyond the self and consider how we can lead through compassion, guiding others in ways that support their happiness and growth. In Cindy's modern vision of the Earth Mother, we're reminded that nurturing does not require sacrifice of self. We can be grounded and maternal while also liberated, creative, and complex. The Empress invites us to embody creation in all its forms—with strength, love, and purpose.

Key Themes: Nurturing, creation, care, leadership through compassion, fertility, grounded feminine power

Reflection Question: Where in your life are you being asked to create or care—and how can you do so without losing your sense of self?

4 - the Emperor

Cindy's Description:
Traditionally, the Emperor is depicted as a king-like white man on a throne—symbolizing authority, control, and protection. In this version, the Emperor appears as a large, slightly awkward bird wearing a crown, engaged in conversation with his subjects—other birds and creatures. His attention is focused on them, not on the glowing blue sphere off to the side. This suggests a ruler more concerned with power and the behavior of his followers than with the greater magic and mystery of existence.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Emperor embodies the energy of leadership, structure, and authority—along with the delicate balance required to wield power wisely. As Cindy's imagery suggests, this archetype holds both the strength to lead and the risk of overreach. True leadership requires clarity of purpose: is the drive to control coming from ego, or from a genuine desire to support and protect the greater good? The Emperor asks us to examine our relationship with power—both our own and that of those around us. This card may point to a figure in the querent's life who holds significant authority, potentially unbalanced, or it may speak to the inner self—our personal drive for sovereignty, influence, or stability. It's a reminder that power, when rooted in integrity, can build; when rooted in fear or ego, it can dominate.

Key Themes: Leadership, authority, control, structure, ego, protection, personal power

Reflection Question: Where in your life is power at play—and is it being used to uplift or to dominate?

5-the Heirophant

Cindy's Description:
The traditional Hierophant card draws heavily from Christian imagery. This version also features a headdress, crown, and keys—symbols of spiritual authority and the power of a trinity—but it is not tied to any specific religion. The figure is intentionally androgynous, representing a broader, more inclusive form of wisdom. They carry a sign or satchel marked with an evil eye, a symbol of protection and enlightenment. The keys symbolize the ability to unlock the mysteries of life. The figure stands within a glowing sphere, gazing out at two monk-like followers, inviting contemplation, guidance, and a deeper search for meaning.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Hierophant represents a spiritual or ethical guide—someone we look to for wisdom, values, and a deeper understanding of right action. This card doesn't speak to material power, but to the invisible structures that shape our beliefs and moral compass. Traditionally depicted as the Pope, the Hierophant often carries religious overtones, but in Cindy's deck, the figure is broader and more inclusive—evoking guidance without dogma. When this card appears, it invites you to examine the source of your values: Who taught you what is right? Whose voice are you following? Are those teachings still serving you, or is it time to question, revise, or reaffirm them? Whether it points to a mentor, a tradition, or your own inner authority, the Hierophant reminds you to stay conscious of the moral frameworks shaping your path.

Key Themes: Ethics, spiritual guidance, tradition, belief systems, inner authority, questioning values

Reflection Question: Are the values you're living by truly your own—and where did they come from?

6 - the Lovers

Cindy's Description:
The Lovers card shows two fish circling one another in a yin-yang formation, reminiscent of the Pisces symbol. They are surrounded by vibrant, colorful water that evokes beauty, emotion, and movement. Fish symbolize abundance and prosperity, and here they swim in harmony with the flow—representing the natural rhythm of life and creativity. Engaged with one another, the pair embodies trust, intimacy, and the balance found in deep connection.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Lovers card speaks to duality, connection, and the powerful harmony that can emerge through meaningful partnership. Cindy's depiction of the fish in a yin-yang formation beautifully captures the essence of balance—two distinct energies that complement and support one another. This card invites us to explore what it means to be in true alignment, not only with another person but with ourselves. It often appears at a time of choice, asking us to make decisions that reflect our core values and heart's truth. The Lovers reminds us that deep connection—whether romantic, platonic, creative, or spiritual—requires trust, vulnerability, and conscious intention. It also reflects the inner union of opposing aspects within the self, and the integration that brings us closer to wholeness.

Key Themes: Partnership, alignment, balance, choice, vulnerability, integration of self, sacred connection

Reflection Question: What relationships—or choices—are asking you to come into greater alignment with your values and truth?

7 - the Chariot

Cindy's Description:
The Chariot is depicted as a shadowy figure encircled by a glowing, egg-shaped aura of soft yellow light. Seated at the heart of a lotus flower and riding atop a swan, the figure evokes the image of Saraswati, the goddess of wisdom and creativity. Two additional lotus flowers rest on either side of the swan, rooted in the earth below. Behind them stretches a warm summer evening sky. The figure is still in the process of transformation—unformed, not yet in full focus—surrounded by radiant energy that symbolizes healing and positive change. The lotus, a symbol of spiritual enlightenment, reinforces the theme of inner growth. The deep blue sky also echoes the hue of the Star card, foreshadowing a coming renewal.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Chariot represents movement, focus, and the need to stay aligned with your purpose. Traditionally, this card speaks to controlling opposing forces—emotions, distractions, or external challenges—that might pull you off course. Cindy's Chariot softens the traditional "warrior" feel but keeps the core message: the journey toward transformation requires awareness and control. Her version invites you to guide yourself with spiritual discipline and inner balance—less about brute force, more about maintaining alignment. Whether navigating outer conflict or inner evolution, the Chariot reminds you that progress requires clarity, willpower, and conscious direction.

Key Themes: Focus, willpower, opposing forces, spiritual alignment, transformation, discipline

Reflection Question: What needs to come into balance for you to move forward with clarity and purpose?

8 - Strength

Cindy's Description:
A female figure in white stands surrounded by radiant yellow light, symbolizing illumination and inner wisdom. She is held within an egg-shaped field of orange energy—a protective aura that also allows her to project her strength outward. Wrapped gently around her is a purple dragon representing a wild, strong, and magical intuition and energy flow. Yellow and purple, as complementary colors, enhance the card's visual and symbolic tension. At the top of the glowing field hovers the infinity symbol, representing the eternal dance of opposites: wild and tame, yin and yang, intuitive and grounded. This card speaks to the power of energy work—the ability to anchor oneself firmly while maintaining a clear energetic boundary, filtering out what does not belong and allowing one's true essence to shine.

Sara's Interpretation:
Strength reminds us that true power doesn't always come through force—it can be rooted in calm, clear boundaries and inner trust. In Cindy's card, a purple dragon coils protectively around the central figure, who stands steady within a radiant, egg-shaped energy field. Her strength comes not from aggression, but from self-awareness and the quiet confidence of knowing who she is. The dragon is her ally, not her armor—ready to defend only if her boundaries are crossed. This card invites you to explore how you embody strength in your life: not through domination, but through presence, protection, and emotional resilience.

Key Themes: Inner strength, boundaries, self-trust, support, quiet power, emotional resilience

Reflection Question: How can you stand more firmly in your strength without needing to raise your voice or your guard?

9 - The The Hermit

Cindy's Description:
The Hermit card offers an intimate view of the figure from behind, drawing the viewer inward. Cloaked and solitary, the figure stands with its back to the darkness, turning instead toward a glowing source of illumination. This yellow light shines like a distant star, symbolizing clarity, wisdom, and inner truth. A vertical beam runs through the center of the light, suggesting a stave—a sacred staff or line of connection—linking the earthly self to the divine. The composition reflects a moment of spiritual seeking, a pause for reflection and quiet revelation. In choosing to face the light, the Hermit becomes a guide for others, not through loud declarations, but through the quiet strength of presence, introspection, and the courage to walk alone toward higher understanding.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Hermit reminds us that solitude is not emptiness—it's a sacred space for reflection, healing, and reconnecting with our inner light. Sometimes we need to step away from the noise of the world to hear what our soul is trying to say. This card encourages retreat, not as escape, but as a path to clarity and spiritual resilience. In a reading, the Hermit may be a signal that it's time to pause, turn inward, and allow silence to guide you. It can also point to the quiet presence of a teacher, guide, or mentor—someone who may appear with subtle but meaningful insight to help you along your path.

Key Themes: Solitude, inner guidance, spiritual resilience, reflection, quiet wisdom, personal retreat

Reflection Question: What answers might be waiting for you in the stillness you've been avoiding?

10 - Wheel of Fortune

Cindy's Description:
The Wheel of Fortune represents the Samsara—the endless cycle of life, death, and rebirth, and the soul's journey toward liberation, or Moksha. The wheel itself is a spiral of color, encompassing the full spectrum of life's experiences. These colors flow in layered rings, drawing the eye either inward toward the center—toward truth and awakening—or outward toward the edge, where illusion and distraction reside. The spiral suggests movement and evolution, reminding us that life is not static; we are always in motion, rising or falling, awakening or forgetting. This card speaks to the patterns we inhabit and the choices we make on the path of transformation.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Wheel of Fortune symbolizes the ever-turning wheel of life—change, cycles, karma, and the patterns that shape our journey. I often think of it as a reminder that if we simply wait, the wheel will eventually turn—what feels heavy now may lighten, and what's stuck will shift. But it also asks deeper questions: Are we repeating the same challenges again and again? What patterns are we caught in, and how can we meet them with more grace and awareness? We cannot stop the wheel from turning, but we can choose how we move with it—finding steadiness in the motion, and wisdom in the cycles. The turning of the wheel can either pull us inward toward awareness or outward into distraction. We may not control the turning, but we can choose how we move with it.

Key Themes: Life cycles, change, karma, patterns, timing, fate, perspective

Reflection Question: What patterns keep returning in your life—and how can you meet them differently this time?

11 - Justice

Cindy's Description:
The Justice card features two birds flanking a set of scales, represented by the Libra symbol. One bird sits just slightly higher than the other, illustrating the ongoing process of balancing and rebalancing that defines true justice. Above the scales, an upright infinity symbol takes the shape of a human figure, suggesting that justice is not static—it is a living, evolving force. At the top of the card, a star-like light shines brightly, symbolizing the aspirational goal of wisdom and enlightenment. The scales rest upon a raised platform, representing the solid foundation of order, fairness, and law. Beneath this structure, deeper, darker colors swirl—hinting at the chaos and shadow that justice must continually rise above and bring into harmony.

Sara's Interpretation:
Justice invites us to examine fairness, truth, and the complex relationship between action and consequence. Traditionally associated with objectivity and balance, it also asks: What does justice mean to you? Each of us carries an inner code of right and wrong, and this card asks whether our choices align with it. Are we acting with integrity? Are we holding ourselves and others accountable in fair and thoughtful ways? Cindy's birds, poised on either side of the Libra symbol, reinforce the airy, mental quality of this card: thought, analysis, and perspective. Justice is both a universal principle and a personal process of weighing choices and consequences within the changing balance of our lives.

Key Themes: Balance, truth, fairness, accountability, personal ethics, cause and effect

Reflection Question: What does justice look like in this situation—and are your actions in alignment with your inner truth?

12 - The Hanged Man

Cindy's Description:
The Hanged Man hangs from a leafy, tree-like structure, wearing red pants to symbolize physical passion and a blue shirt linked to the throat chakra—expression and truth. A halo of enlightenment surrounds his head as he views the world from an inverted perspective, his body glowing with a yellow, human-shaped energy field tied to the solar plexus chakra and personal power. His dark complexion and purple turban connect to the third eye chakra, intuition and inner vision. The chakras are marked along his body in their respective colors, emphasizing alignment and awareness. A second, softer egg-shaped aura surrounds him, suggesting layers of life force and energetic protection. The card reflects surrender, shifted perspective, and transformation through stillness.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Hanged Man calls us to pause and see things from a new angle. He hangs calmly, almost meditatively, in a pose that feels more like yoga than punishment. This card reminds us that insight often comes through surrender rather than struggle. When we draw the Hanged Man, we are asked to question our perspective, consider new ways of thinking, and release the need to control the outcome. It is a time of waiting, reflection, and sometimes sacrifice, letting go of old beliefs to invite deeper clarity. Cindy's calm figure with illuminated chakras reinforces this time of inner alignment and awakening. Rather than resist, we are encouraged to soften, observe, and allow transformation to unfold from within.

Key Themes: New perspectives, surrender, pause, spiritual insight, letting go, sacrifice, inner alignment

Reflection Question: What might shift if you stopped trying to control the outcome—and simply allowed yourself to see things differently?

13 - Death

Cindy's Description:
The Death card, the thirteenth in the deck, represents the end of a phase and the transformation that allows for rebirth. The figure is shown within a womb-like form, emerging from darkness into the next stage of existence. A white horse, echoing the traditional card and foreshadowing the horse in the Sun card, lends its strength to this passage. Two shadowy figures stand as silent witnesses, ensuring the process unfolds as it should. The womb and surrounding space glow with green, symbolizing the nurturing force of nature. At the bottom, a single feather rests beside a glowing yellow path — guiding elements that hint at renewal and foreshadow the phoenix rising in the Judgement card.

Sara's Interpretation:
Death often brings up fear. It speaks of endings, change, and the unknown. But this card is not about literal death; it is about transformation. When we draw Death, we are asked to accept that something has run its course. An identity, a habit, a relationship, or a belief may be dissolving, and though that process can feel painful, it creates space for renewal. This is the necessary clearing before rebirth. Often, the stillness and insight of the Hanged Man lead us here, to a moment of letting go. Cindy's imagery of a figure cradled in a womb-like space speaks to the importance of womb time, a sacred pause to nourish the next version of ourselves before stepping into a new chapter. The presence of the white horse and shadowy witnesses reminds us that even in moments of loss, we are held and supported. This card is not the end, but the transition.

Key Themes: Transformation, endings, renewal, letting go, rebirth, inevitability, surrender to change

Reflection Question: What in your life is ready to be released—and what might be quietly waiting to be born in its place?

14 - Temperance

Cindy's Description:
Temperance is one of the most challenging cards to depict, as it embodies the delicate balance of opposing forces. In this card, two cups rest on either side of a scale-like structure, pointing in opposite directions. From the left cup, water flows downward, symbolizing intuition and the unspoken, somatic wisdom often associated with the left side of the body. The right cup releases fire upward into the sky, its sparks representing energy, transformation, and moments of insight. The cups are balanced atop a triangular mountain or pyramid, a shape that anchors the card in the natural world while pointing toward the heavens. Together, the imagery represents the four elements—earth, water, fire, and air—held in a state of dynamic equilibrium, always shifting, always seeking harmony.

Sara's Interpretation:
Temperance is a quiet but powerful card that asks: What is enough? In a world of extremes, it invites balance, moderation, and mindful integration. This card is not about restriction, but the thoughtful blending of energies, desires, emotions, and opposing parts of ourselves. It is the alchemy of opposites, stirring fire and water into something new. Cindy's image of two cups, one releasing water and the other fire, reinforces this movement and energetic exchange. The structure beneath them reminds us that even fluid elements need a strong foundation. Temperance asks where we may be out of sync, overdoing or neglecting some part of life. Balance is not a fixed state, but a continual act of awareness and recalibration.

Key Themes: Balance, moderation, integration, patience, harmony, alchemy, flow

Reflection Question: Where in your life are you being asked to slow down, blend more mindfully, or return to center?

15 - The Devil

Cindy's Description:
The Devil warns against the seduction of materialism and excess. A snake slithers forward with fire in the distance and grapes in the foreground, symbols of temptation that echo the Rider deck's themes of earthly entrapment and self-made suffering. Across cultures, the snake can signify danger, transformation, or healing, its shedding skin suggesting rebirth. It also recalls the ouroboros, the snake eating its tail, an emblem of the eternal cycle. In biblical tradition, the snake offers forbidden knowledge, joining wisdom, temptation, and consequence. This layered symbolism suits the Devil, reflecting our continuing choices between higher awareness and worldly illusion

Sara's Interpretation:
The Devil asks us to take a hard look at our intentions, attachments, and the places where we may be bound—often by our own choices. Are we being controlled by desires, habits, or beliefs that no longer serve us? Are we stuck in patterns that keep us from growing? This card challenges us to examine what holds us back—whether it's external temptation or internal fear. In Cindy's image, the snake is a symbol of seduction, but also of metamorphosis. Snakes shed their skin to grow, and in that shedding lies a powerful truth: we are always capable of transformation. What if temptation isn't just about weakness, but about a deeper drive for knowledge, for awakening? The Devil reminds us that we can stay stuck—or we can choose to see clearly, shed the old, and start anew.

Key Themes: Temptation, illusion, attachment, shadow work, awakening, choice, transformation

Reflection Question: What are you clinging to that no longer serves you—and what skin are you ready to shed?

16 - The Tower

Cindy's Description:
The Tower card signals sudden, often violent change—upheaval that is rarely chosen but can ultimately clear the way for a better path. Here, the tower is painted in a deep, dark red, symbolizing passion, pain, and the physical body. Red sparks and an orange glow pour from its window, while dark green tree-like figures stand in the foreground, bearing witness to the transformation. These trees represent the natural world and the cycle of Samsara—birth, death, and rebirth—that continues through the seasons and after catastrophe. Fire, though destructive, is also cleansing. The tower itself merges into a mountain, suggesting a deeper invitation to examine the structures in our lives and ask whether they truly support us or merely offer the illusion of stability.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Tower is one of those cards that often brings a jolt. Our first instinct might be, "yikes!" It signals sudden change, collapse, and emotional upheaval. But beneath fear, it offers a powerful message: take a closer look at the foundations of your life. What have you built your reality on? Are those foundations solid, or are they ready to shift? The Tower reminds us that sometimes things must fall apart so we can rebuild with greater honesty and strength. Yes, change can be painful. What is created may crumble. But that doesn't mean everything is lost. The same self, the same materials, can be used to build again—this time, with more awareness. It is natural to feel unsteady or upset when the Tower falls. What matters is how we respond. Will we resist, or will we learn, grow, and rebuild with intention?

Key Themes: Sudden change, upheaval, truth revealed, breaking down illusions, growth through destruction, rebuilding

Reflection Question: What foundation in your life is being shaken, and how can you rebuild it with greater?

17 - The Star

Cindy's Description:
The Star represents renewal, healing, and a return to hope. At the center of the card is a radiant star, surrounded by seven smaller stars—each symbolizing one of the seven chakras and the alignment of mind, body, and spirit. Four boats appear to drift effortlessly through a dreamy blue sky and float on the gentle eddies below, both shaped by the stream of water pouring from a jug into the body of water below. The rich blue hue blurs the boundary between sky and water, illustrating the seamless flow between intuition and the subconscious with knowledge and understanding. This card carries a sense of mysticism and lightness, untethered from the weight of the physical world and inviting the viewer into a space of spiritual connection, clarity, and trust in the unfolding of the universe.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Star is a quiet kind of light. It doesn't bring clarity or completion, but it reminds us that healing is possible and that even the smallest flicker of hope matters. Often overlooked between the chaos of The Tower and the joy of The Sun, it can seem like a softer echo, yet it has its own strength. The Star marks the moment we begin to hope again, when we start to believe that things can feel better. In Cindy's artwork, a central star is ringed by seven others for the chakras, while small boats drift between sky and water, carried by ripples from a pouring jug. It shows us that healing often comes from places that aren't logical or linear, but soft and intuitive. The Star invites us to pause, rest, and let the light return, asking only that we stay open to what might come next.

Key Themes: Hope, healing, restoration, intuition, gentle guidance, renewal, spiritual reawakening

Reflection Question: What part of you is ready to feel lighter—and are you willing to trust that healing is already happening?

18 - The Moon

Cindy's Description:
A solitary dog gazes upward toward a crescent moon, enclosed within a surrounding cave. The purple of the cave and the yellow glow of the moon are complementary colors, heightening the tension between shadow and illumination, mystery and insight. The dog's posture evokes longing and introspection as he looks out over a quiet landscape and up to the sky, searching for guidance, connection, or a message from the moon goddess. The cave represents the inner world, the subconscious realm we enter during times of uncertainty. The moon itself symbolizes dreams, intuition, and the unknown, reminding us that not all paths are lit with logic; some must be followed by instinct and trust. This card captures a moment of inner searching, a spiritual yearning for light in the midst of shadow.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Moon is a card of mystery, intuition, and the quiet, often confusing language of the subconscious. It asks us to explore the space between what we know and what we sense. The image of the dog in the cave, gazing up at the crescent moon, captures a feeling of safety, but also loneliness, a longing for connection or clarity. Traditionally, this card speaks to illusion, dreams, uncertainty, and the parts of ourselves we don't always understand or want to face. It reflects the tension between our inner wildness and our outward composure. Both look to the moon for guidance but may receive its messages differently. The Moon asks: What is your intuition telling you? And how do you know when to trust it? Intuition is different from instinct - quieter, more reflective, less reactive - but deeply wise.

Key Themes: Intuition, illusion, dreams, emotional undercurrents, shadow work, inner guidance, uncertainty

Reflection Question: What inner voice have you been ignoring—and what might happen if you followed it into the unknown?

19 - The Sun

Cindy's Description:
The Sun card symbolizes joy, clarity, and the reassurance that you are on the right path. It brings warmth and illumination, encouraging trust in the journey ahead. In this image, the rider is mostly out of view—only a blue horse and an outstretched hand are visible —suggesting a forward movement guided by faith rather than certainty. Like the Fool, this figure ventures into the future with openness and trust. The surreal, dreamlike style was inspired by the work of Odilon Redon, a 19th-century French symbolist painter known for his mystical and imaginative imagery. The blue horse, both serene and strong, becomes a symbol of wisdom and creative spirit, moving confidently toward the light of a promising future.

Sara's Interpretation:
The Sun is a card of joy, clarity, and radiant presence. It reminds us what it feels like to be fully alive, stepping into the light and claiming the warmth and energy that have always been ours. In Cindy's image, we see the outstretched hand of a rider moving forward into the sun. For those who have ridden, the symbolism is immediate: freedom, trust, and the wild grace of being one with a powerful creature. Even if you have never ridden, you may know that same presence from dancing freely, running through nature, swimming in cold water, or laughing until nothing else exists. The Sun signals success, vitality, optimism, and joy after hardship. It reminds us that we are not just surviving. We are meant to thrive.

Key Themes: Joy, success, clarity, vitality, freedom, radiance, confidence, personal truth

Reflection Question: What part of your life is ready to be celebrated—and are you allowing yourself to fully feel the joy that's available to you?

20 - Judgement

Cindy's Description:
In this deck, the Judgement card departs from the traditional religious imagery of people being resurrected from the dead and instead features a phoenix rising—an enduring symbol of transformation, renewal, and awakening. The colors blend and swirl around the majestic bird, capturing the beauty and intensity of rebirth as it ascends into the vastness of the universe. The phoenix is framed by an arch, echoing visual elements found throughout the deck: the Hierophant within a sphere, the solitary dog in the Moon's cave, and the High Priestess in her shadowed chamber. This repeated motif suggests sacred space, a threshold between worlds, and the moment of crossing from one state of being into another. Judgement, in this vision, becomes not a call to answer, but a call to rise.

Sara's Interpretation:
Judgement is an uncomfortable word, bringing to mind being evaluated or found lacking. But this card is not about punishment or shame. It is about awakening. In traditional imagery, people rise from their graves at an angel's trumpet, a moment of reckoning when we are asked to see our lives clearly and decide how to move forward. It is not about being judged by an outside force, but reflecting on our choices with honesty and courage. Cindy's card shows a phoenix rising in brilliant color, surrounded by an arch that echoes sacred space throughout the deck. The phoenix reminds us that we can rise from the ashes of our past, not in spite of what we have endured, but because of it. Judgement asks us to rise, recognize that we are not who we were, and step fully into who we are becoming.

Key Themes: Awakening, self-reflection, transformation, renewal, rising from the ashes, spiritual calling

Reflection Question: What truth are you ready to face, and who are you becoming because of it?

21 - The World

Cindy's Description:
This card draws from an ancient image in Hindu mythology, echoed in other cultures: the earth supported by four elephants standing on the back of a great turtle. This powerful visual replaces the traditional figure in the garland, though the egg-like shape remains, reflecting recurring energy fields throughout the deck. The turtle symbolizes stability, wisdom, and longevity, carrying the world as it sails through the cosmos — precarious, magical, and wholly dependent on balance. The image is also famously referenced in Sir Terry Pratchett's Discworld series, bringing this arcane symbol into a contemporary narrative. The orange sky blends the red of the body with the yellow of enlightenment, a recurring color theme in the deck that reflects the delicate balance of opposites needed to live a conscious life.

Sara's Interpretation:
The World represents completion, fulfillment, and integration. It marks the closing of a cycle, a moment when something meaningful has been accomplished. This card invites you to pause and reflect: What patterns have emerged? What lessons have come full circle? In Cindy's artwork, the world supported by elephants on a turtle symbolizes balance, longevity, and cosmic design. It is a living myth, a world held gently yet precariously by nature, reminding us that we are both part of the world and responsible for it. The orange sky blends earthly experience with spiritual clarity, showing that wholeness comes from embracing the entire journey. The World asks you to honor where you have been, recognize how far you have come, and know you are exactly where you are meant to be.

Key Themes: Completion, fulfillment, integration, wholeness, perspective, alignment, success

Reflection Question: What cycle in your life is coming full circle—and how can you pause to honor your own becoming?

The Suit of Swords - Air

The Suit of Swords appears in vivid yellow, symbolizing the mind, clarity, and truth. Like the sword itself, intellect can illuminate or wound. These cards call for clear thinking, honesty, and compassion.

Ace of Swords
The Ace of Swords marks a sudden moment of clarity, insight, and mental awakening. Like a blade cutting through confusion, it reflects truth revealed and the power of seeing clearly at last. A single upright sword divides the glowing landscape, suggesting a breakthrough of understanding emerging from uncertainty. This card reminds us that truth can arrive with sharpness and precision, bringing both illumination and the possibility of decisive change.

Two of Swords
The Two of Swords appears when truth is difficult to face or a decision cannot yet be made. Conflicting thoughts, fears, or loyalties create a temporary standstill, asking us to pause before moving forward. Two crossed blades rise from a calm horizon, suggesting tension held in balance. This card reminds us that clarity must be balanced with intuition and self-trust. It takes courage to sit with uncertainty, allowing mind and inner knowing to align so you can take the next step with wisdom and calm resolve.

Three of Swords
The Three of Swords speaks of heartbreak, sorrow, and the difficult truths that pierce the heart. It often appears during times of grief, betrayal, or emotional pain, when life feels heavy and clarity comes through discomfort. Three blades intersect through a central heart, capturing the intensity of emotional impact and the way pain can arrive suddenly and directly. Yet this card also reminds us that sorrow is not permanent. By allowing ourselves to feel and acknowledge what hurts, we create space for healing, understanding, and eventual

Four of Swords
The Four of Swords invites us into stillness, rest, and recovery after difficulty or emotional intensity. It often appears after conflict, heartbreak, or moments of mental strain, asking us to step back and allow space for reflection and healing. In the image, three swords rise above while a fourth rests below, suggesting the movement of thoughts and worries above the surface, while a deeper truth remains steady and grounded beneath them. This card carries a quiet, contemplative energy, encouraging inner rest, perspective, and a return to clarity before we move forward again.

Five of Swords
The Five of Swords represents the aftermath of conflict and the uneasy clarity that can follow a difficult exchange. It often appears after arguments, tension, or moments where winning and losing become tangled with pride or pain. Scattered blades across a quiet landscape suggest the residue of struggle, where something has been gained but something else has been left behind. Yet the open horizon hints that the intensity is passing, and understanding is still possible. This card asks us to reflect on how we hold victory and loss, reminding us that being right is not always the same as being wise, and that true resolution often requires humility and release.

Six of Swords
The Six of Swords reflects the journey toward calmer shores after conflict or hardship. Like refugees leaving behind a storm, the figures carry with them the ideas, truths, and wisdom that remain after difficult experiences. Though weary and still carrying sadness and uncertainty, this card holds hope for a brighter future. The swords suggest lessons and memories carried forward, while the pole guiding the boat reminds us that healing also requires effort, will, and the courage to keep moving.

Seven of Swords
The Seven of Swords reflects strategy, caution, and the need for discernment. It often appears when something is not fully revealed, or when careful thought is needed before taking action. A cluster of swords stands gathered together, suggesting ideas, plans, or knowledge being held close, while also hinting at the importance of awareness and clear intention. This card invites us to stay observant and honest, to notice what may be hidden or unspoken, and to trust our instinct when something does not feel fully aligned or transparent.

Eight of Swords
The Eight of Swords reflects feelings of fear, restriction, and being trapped by our own thoughts or perceptions. This card often appears when anxiety, self-doubt, or overwhelming emotions create a self-imposed inability to move forward. The surrounding swords suggest barriers that feel impossible to escape, though many are shaped by fear or limited perspective. The swirling energy creates a feeling of thoughts spiraling beyond control. The Eight of Swords reminds us that we may not be as trapped as we believe.

Nine of Swords
Anxiety, sleeplessness, and emotional burden lie at the heart of the Nine of Swords. This card often appears when worries, grief, guilt, or overwhelming thoughts begin to weigh heavily on the mind and heart. The many swords suggest fears and thoughts that repeat and spiral, making problems feel larger and harder to escape. Like stones carried within us, these burdens can feel painfully real, yet this card encourages us to gently examine the source of our suffering rather than becoming consumed by it. The Nine of Swords reminds us that even in darkness, awareness and understanding can begin to ease the weight we carry.

Ten of Swords
The Ten of Swords reflects painful endings, betrayal, despair, and the feeling of total defeat. This card often appears during the darkest moments, when painful truths or experiences seem to shatter what we once believed to be true. The figure beneath the radiating swords emphasizes this sense of collapse and finality. At times, the Ten of Swords can represent the death of an old belief, identity, or way of being, leaving us forever changed by the experience. Yet even within this card there is a hint of light on the horizon, reminding us that endings are also beginnings, and that after the darkest night, a new day eventually arrives.

The Page of Swords
The Page of Swords carries themes of curiosity, mental energy, and the early stages of learning how to use ideas, truth, and communication wisely. This card often appears when someone is eager to learn, question, observe, or gather information, though their thoughts and reactions may still feel restless or ungrounded. In the image, a single figure stands beneath a sweeping sky of movement and light, with wind-like forms suggesting a mind in motion and full of possibility. The oversized sword cutting through the space hints at the challenge of learning to carry knowledge and truth with maturity and balance. The Page of Swords reminds us to stay curious, think carefully, and remain open to learning.

Knight of Swords
The Knight of Swords pursues truth and ideas with intensity and conviction. This card often appears when thoughts, words, or decisions move faster than wisdom. The charging figure and shifting landscape suggest urgency, momentum, and a mind driven by certainty. At its best, the Knight represents courage, intelligence, and the willingness to defend what feels right, but it can also warn against impulsiveness, anger, and the need to be right.

Queen of Swords
The Queen of Swords embodies wisdom, clear perception, and honest communication. This card often represents someone who has gained insight through experience and learned to see beyond illusion or emotional confusion. In the image, a central figure emerges beneath a strong upward flow of color and form, suggesting clarity rising through intensity. Intelligent, perceptive, and visionary, the Queen values honesty and expects others to think clearly and act with integrity. She values clarity over comfort and has learned discernment through experience.

King of Swords
The King of Swords represents authority, clear thinking, and mastery of communication. Intelligent, rational, and highly discerning, this card values truth, logic, and honesty above emotion or illusion. In the image, a strong vertical current of color rises through the center, with a grounded landscape holding steady beneath it, suggesting control, direction, and clarity of force. The King of Swords encourages fairness, accountability, and thoughtful decision making, asking us to look at situations clearly and with integrity. Though he may appear austere or emotionally distant, his strength comes from wisdom, clarity, and the ability to see things as they truly are.

The Court of Swords
Page of Swords learns the power of thought and perception.
Knight of Swords pursues ideas and truth with momentum.
Queen of Swords embodies clear perception and discernment.
King of Swords commands structure, judgment, and intellectual authority.

The Suit of Wands - Fire

The Suit of Wands blazes in vibrant orange, symbolizing fire, creativity, passion, and action. Its imagery evokes sparks, flames, and the energy of inspiration. These cards speak to courage, ambition, and the inner fire that moves us forward.

Ace of Wands
Aces symbolize the gift of the element from the universe, and the Ace of Wands brings the gift of fire: inspiration, creativity, motivation, and new potential. It reflects the opportunity to act, move forward, and pursue a new goal or passion. The spring tree suggests life force awakening after dormancy, filled with energy, growth, and promise. This card speaks to new possibilities and the courage to follow inspiration.

Two of Wands
The Two of Wands reflects possibility, choice, and future direction. The glowing world suspended between the two wands symbolizes potential, opportunity, and the paths that lie ahead. This card speaks to standing at the threshold of expansion, deciding what to do with new energy, and recognizing that growth requires movement. The future is still unwritten, shaped by the choices we make.

Three of Wands
The Three of Wands reflects growth, movement, and preparing to move forward into new experiences and opportunities. The three living wands stand like markers along a path, symbolizing progress, vision, and readiness for what lies ahead. The open landscape and glowing horizon suggest expansion, exploration, and the excitement of stepping beyond the familiar. This card speaks to the feeling of preparing for a journey, when plans are beginning to take shape and energy is moving toward action.

Four of Wands
The Four of Wands is a card of stability, celebration, and rest. It suggests a strong foundation after a period of growth and movement, arriving at a place of harmony, security, and comfort. The four wands frame the home, symbolizing shelter, belonging, and sanctuary. The garland overhead indicates a welcoming and celebratory energy, creating a sacred hearth where the fire of inspiration can continue to grow. This card reminds us to pause and celebrate the progress that has been achieved before continuing the journey.

Five of Wands
The Five of Wands illustrates tension, competition, and the challenges that arise when many energies, ideas, or ambitions are in play at the same time. This card introduces movement and friction, and the testing of strength through experience and interaction. Though the crossing wands suggest conflict, the card remains warm and bright, reminding us that we must learn to balance competing forces through creativity, collaboration, and effort.

Six of Wands
The Six of Wands is a card of victory, recognition, and the successful emergence of an idea, effort, or direction. The central wand rises above the others, crowned with a wreath symbolizing success, confidence, and achievement. Though many of the surrounding wands appear supportive, one still stands in opposition, reminding us that recognition and success do not always bring complete agreement or harmony. This card reflects the confidence that comes from perseverance and achievement, while acknowledging that visibility and success often attract both admiration and resistance.

Seven of Wands

The Seven of Wands speaks to perseverance, resilience, and the courage to stand your ground when faced with challenge or opposition. The dominant wand rises above the others, symbolizing strength, determination, and holding firmly to one's position or beliefs. Though pressure and competing forces surround it, the wand remains steady, reflecting the willingness to protect what has been achieved. This card reminds us that growth and success often require maintaining boundaries, trusting ourselves, and remaining confident even when challenged by outside forces.

Eight of Wands

The Eight of Wands reflects momentum, rapid movement, and events unfolding quickly once energy has been set into motion. The wands sweep across the sky like arrows already released, symbolizing communication, action, ideas, and forces moving swiftly toward their outcome. This card often appears during times when many things are happening at once and events begin accelerating beyond careful control or delay. Once the wands have been thrown, they cannot easily be called back. The die has been cast, and the journey must now unfold where it will.

Nine of Wands

The Nine of Wands shows us resilience, endurance, and the strength to keep standing after a long period of challenge or effort. The wands remain upright and rooted, symbolizing perseverance and the ability to withstand difficulty without giving up. Though much has been achieved, the final wand leans slightly apart from the others, suggesting weariness, caution, and the toll that the journey has taken. Still, the wand remains standing, holding onto the remaining fire and determination needed to continue forward. This card reminds us that resilience does not mean remaining untouched by hardship, but finding the strength to continue despite it.

Ten of Wands

The Ten of Wands reflects responsibility, effort, and the weight that comes from carrying too much at once. The gathered bundle of wands suggests many tasks, obligations, ideas, or ambitions being held together through hard work and determination. Though the wands remain vibrant and full of life, their tightly bound form creates a feeling of pressure and strain. This card often appears when much has been accomplished, but the effort required to manage everything has become exhausting. It reminds us that while perseverance is important, balance and support are sometimes needed to keep the burden from becoming too heavy.

Page of Wands

The Page of Wands reflects curiosity, enthusiasm, inspiration, and the first awakening of creative fire. This card often appears when new ideas, passions, or possibilities begin stirring, bringing excitement, restlessness, and the desire to explore something unknown. The glowing landscape and living wand suggest energy beginning to rise and take form, while the large bright circle feels like a doorway into something new, asking whether we are willing to step forward into the unknown. The Page of Wands encourages us to remain open to inspiration, trust our instincts, and approach new experiences with courage, creativity, and a willingness to learn through experience.

Knight of Wands

The Knight of Wands reflects passion, momentum, adventure, and the fearless pursuit of what inspires us. This card often appears when energy is moving quickly and the desire to act becomes impossible to ignore. The charging horse and blazing colors create a feeling of movement, confidence, and untamed creative fire, while the living wand suggests vision and ambition pushing ever forward. The Knight of Wands encourages bold action, courage, and trusting the spark that drives us toward new experiences, while also reminding us not to rush so quickly that wisdom and balance are left behind.

Queen of Wands
The Queen of Wands embodies confidence, creativity, passion, and personal magnetism. This card reflects someone who radiates warmth, vitality, and a strong sense of self, inspiring others through both presence and action. Intelligent, intuitive, and deeply connected to her own creative fire, the Queen of Wands encourages courage, authenticity, and trusting the creative force that burns within. The glowing light and watchful black cat hint at the intuition and inner power that guide her path.

King of Wands
The King of Wands represents vision, leadership, confidence, and creative force. This card reflects someone driven by inspiration and able to bring ideas into the world through passion, courage, and determination. The strong pillar of light suggests stability and the ability to direct the fiery energy of the suit, while the living wand reflects continued growth and vitality. Though bold and charismatic, the King of Wands reminds us that true leadership comes from inspiring others rather than controlling them.

The Court of Wands
Page of Wands learns the power of passion, inspiration, and creative energy.
Knight of Wands pursues adventure, vision, and the next quest with momentum.
Queen of Wands embodies confidence, creativity, warmth, and intuitive fire.
King of Wands commands vision, leadership, and the direction of creative power.

The Suit of Cups - Water

The Suit of Cups is rendered in blue, symbolizing water, emotion, and the unconscious. These cards speak to love, longing, dreams, grief, and the ever-changing flow of emotional life.

Ace of Cups
Aces represent divine gifts or moments of opportunity. The Ace of Cups symbolizes overflowing emotion, love, intuition, and grace. The flowing waters and soft arches surrounding the cup create a feeling of inner renewal, healing, and openness of the heart, suggesting that love and blessings are being freely offered. When this card appears, reflect on the emotional gifts already flowing into your life and the ways your heart may be opening to deeper connection.

Two of Cups
The waters of the Two of Cups flow between connection and exchange. This card symbolizes attraction, partnership, collaboration, and the beauty that emerges when two energies meet in balance and trust, becoming something greater than either could alone. The mirrored cups and flowing blue tones create a feeling of harmony, openness, and mutual understanding. This card reminds us that meaningful connection is built through trust, balance, and the willingness to truly meet another heart.

Three of Cups
The Three of Cups celebrates friendship, community, and the joy that grows when people gather together in harmony. The three raised cups create a feeling of shared celebration, support, and abundance, while the fruits and flowers below suggest beauty, gratitude, and the blessings of companionship. This card reminds us that joy is meant to be shared and that meaningful connection can nourish the heart and spirit.

Four of Cups
The Four of Cups reflects withdrawal, contemplation, and the tendency to overlook blessings already present. The three cups resting below suggest what has already been given, while the floating cup above represents a heartfelt opportunity or insight that may go unnoticed. The quiet landscape and stillness of the image create a feeling of introspection, reminding us to remain open to the gifts, connections, and possibilities that may already be surrounding us.

Five of Cups
The Five of Cups represents grief, disappointment, regret, and loss. The dark central figure creates a feeling of sorrow and emotional heaviness, while the spilled cups beside it reflect what has been lost or mourned. Yet two upright cups remain standing nearby, reminding us that even in moments of sadness and darkness, not everything has been taken away. This card encourages us to honor grief honestly while slowly allowing awareness, hope, and healing to return.

Six of Cups
The Six of Cups is a card of nostalgia, memory, innocence, and the comforting warmth of the past. The simple blue cups filled with greenery create a feeling of gentleness, familiarity, and remembered sweetness, while the distant dress-like figure evokes memories of childhood, family traditions, and meaningful moments. This card reminds us of the comfort found in the cherished past, while encouraging us to carry these gifts forward with gratitude.

Seven of Cups
The Seven of Cups represents fantasy, illusion, temptation, and the difficulty of choosing clearly when too many possibilities appear before us. The many floating cups create a dreamlike and uncertain feeling, while the dark central form suggests the unknown or hidden consequences behind certain desires. This card reminds us to remain grounded and discerning, recognizing that not every shining possibility holds what it promises.

Eight of Cups
The Eight of Cups reflects a time to move on from what no longer fulfills the soul. Though something may once have deeply nourished the heart, this card suggests it is no longer enough. The dark figure walking away beneath the moon evokes a quiet inner journey into the unknown, guided by inner longing rather than certainty. This card encourages trust in the deeper call toward truth, transformation, and spiritual growth, even when the path ahead is unclear.

Nine of Cups
The Nine of Cups represents fulfillment, satisfaction, pleasure, and emotional abundance. The row of cups above the flowing waters creates a feeling of fullness and completion, while the rich blue tones suggest depth, comfort, and enjoyment of life's blessings. This card celebrates gratitude and the fulfillment of desires, while also reminding us not to become too complacent or overly consumed by comfort and self-satisfaction.

Ten of Cups
The Ten of Cups represents joy, deep fulfillment, harmony, and shared happiness. The rainbow arching across the painting creates a feeling of blessing, peace, and wholeness, while the soft colors and open landscape suggest warmth, connection, and the comfort of belonging. Associated with family, community, and harmony, this card reminds us that the heart ultimately seeks love, peace, and the feeling of being truly at home

Page of Cups
The Page of Cups represents emotional openness, intuition, tenderness, and imagination. The soft flowing lines and gentle blue tones create a feeling of quiet sensitivity and curiosity. The Page of Cups encourages us to remain open to love, creativity, intuition, and the subtle messages rising from the subconscious, approaching life with wonder, compassion, and an open heart.

Knight of Cups
The Knight of Cups is the seeker of the suit of water, pursuing emotional truth, beauty, intimacy, creativity, and spiritual longing. The flowing horse and soft movement of color create a dreamlike feeling of motion guided more by emotion than force. The Knight of Cups encourages us to follow the heart and imagination toward meaningful connection, while remaining mindful not to become lost in fantasy or unrealistic idealism.

Queen of Cups
The Queen of Cups embodies intuitive wisdom, compassion, and the deep currents of the subconscious heart. The flowing waters and soft movement of color create a feeling of emotional depth, sensitivity, and inner knowing. This card reflects the ability to hold emotion with grace and understanding, encouraging trust in intuition, empathy, and the quiet wisdom found within the soul's deeper waters.

King of Cups
The King of Cups represents emotional mastery, compassion, wisdom, and calm strength. The steady cup resting beside the flowing waters suggests balance and the ability to remain centered amidst changing tides. Though deeply connected to intuition and feeling, the King of Cups remains grounded and composed, guiding emotion with wisdom, grace, and quiet stability. This card reflects the ability to lead with both heart and maturity, offering calm guidance even during emotional uncertainty.

The Court of Cups
Page of Cups experiences water for the first time.
Knight of Cups moves through water.
Queen of Cups contains and understands water.
*Kingof Cup*s governs and stabilizes water.

The Suit of Pentacles - Earth:

The Suit of Pentacles is rendered in green, symbolizing earth, growth, and the material world. These cards speak to the body, home, work, resources, and what we build, nourish, and sustain.

Ace of Pentacles
The Ace of Pentacles reflects a new opportunity in the material world, offering the potential for prosperity, strong foundations, and tangible results. The glowing golden pentacle radiates above the green landscape, reflecting fertile and abundant energy. The path leading beneath the floral archway suggests the beginning of a journey toward something that can be built, nurtured, and brought into lasting form. This card speaks to new beginnings connected to work, health, home, finances, creativity, and the physical foundations of life.

Two of Pentacles
The Two of Pentacles reflects balance, adaptability, and the need to manage competing priorities in the material world. The flowing infinity symbol connecting the two pentacles suggests the ongoing cycle of balancing finances, responsibilities, time, and resources. Filled with movement and flexibility, this card reminds us that life often requires adjustment and careful handling of many moving parts in order to maintain balance and harmony.

Three of Pentacles
The Three of Pentacles reflects learning, craftsmanship, collaboration, and the process of building something meaningful through steady effort and dedication. The cathedral-like arches and glowing pentacles suggest the sacred hidden within the material world, reminding us that creative work and practical skill can become acts of devotion when approached with care and intention. This card speaks to the steady development of talents, cooperation with others, and the understanding that meaningful things are built over time.

Four of Pentacles
The Four of Pentacles reflects stability, security, and the importance of preserving strong foundations. The grounded pentacles resting before the distant city suggest carefully guarding resources against outside pressures, uncertainty, or loss. This card speaks to financial caution, preservation, and careful stewardship of resources, while also reminding us not to become so fearful of loss that we stop the natural flow of abundance.

Five of Pentacles
The Five of Pentacles reflects hardship, insecurity, and the feeling of being shut out from warmth, stability, or support. The glowing pentacles within the window suggest that help and shelter still exist, even during difficult times. Surrounded by snow and darkness, this card reminds us that hardship can make us feel isolated, yet support may be closer than we realize if we are willing to seek or accept it.

Six of Pentacles
The Six of Pentacles reflects generosity, charity, balance, and the sharing of resources within the material world. The central figure holding the scales suggests fairness, discernment, and the careful balance between giving and receiving. Surrounded by glowing pentacles, the image reminds us that wealth, support, and abundance often move in cycles, and that there are times in life when we are able to help others and times when we may need help ourselves.

Seven of Pentacles
Patience and steady effort are central themes of the Seven of Pentacles. The heavy green growth surrounding the pentacles suggests abundance slowly developing through care, time, and persistence. The single wand standing beside the growing harvest reflects the continued work and attention still required, even as success begins to appear. This card reminds us that we often reap what we sow, and meaningful things develop gradually through patience, care, and continued attention

Eight of Pentacles
The Eight of Pentacles speaks to diligence, dedication, and the rewards that come through focused work and steady effort. The carefully arranged pentacles and strong geometric structure of the painting reflect discipline, repetition, and the gradual mastery of a skill through patience and practice. The single pentacle set apart suggests the work currently being shaped and refined, reminding us that meaningful accomplishment is often built slowly through attention, craftsmanship, and persistence.

Nine of Pentacles
The Nine of Pentacles reflects abundance, prosperity, fertility, and the peaceful enjoyment of what has been built through steady effort and care. The lush garden filled with greenery, flowers, birds, and glowing pentacles suggests harmony with the natural world and comfort within the material realm. The great tree at the center of the painting gives the card a feeling of rootedness, shelter, and enduring abundance. This card speaks to financial peace, self-sufficiency, and the ability to enjoy the beauty, security, and abundance created through patience and dedication.

Ten of Pentacles
The Ten of Pentacles reflects lasting security, family, inheritance, and the fulfillment that comes from building something meant to endure across generations. The tree-like structure formed by the glowing pentacles suggests growth, lineage, and stability deeply rooted over time. The surrounding landscape feels sheltered and protected, with safe walls, home, and strong foundations. This card speaks to financial security, family support, legacy, and the desire to create something lasting that can provide comfort and stability for future generations

Page of Pentacles

The Page of Pentacles reflects curiosity, learning, and the early stages of understanding money and the material world. The large glowing pentacle rising from the landscape suggests a new awareness of value, opportunity, and what can be built through patience and effort. The open fields and distant mountains give the card a grounded and hopeful feeling, reflecting the beginning of a practical path toward growth, stability, and meaningful accomplishment.

Knight of Pentacles

The Knight of Pentacles reflects steady effort, responsibility, and the pursuit of stability through patience and dependable action. The black horse standing calmly beneath the glowing pentacle suggests endurance, discipline, and quiet strength rather than aggression or reckless movement. Unlike the more impulsive knights, this figure feels grounded and protective, focused on maintaining and building rather than conquering. This card speaks to persistence, reliability, and the understanding that lasting success is often created through steady and careful effort over time.

Queen of Pentacles

The Queen of Pentacles embodies nurturing, abundance, fertility, and the grounded wisdom needed to sustain life and create stability. The flowing organic forms and rich earth colors give the painting a deeply fertile and maternal feeling, while the rabbit and glowing pentacle symbolize prosperity, fertility, and the natural cycles of growth and nourishment. This card speaks to generosity, practical wisdom, and the ability to create comfort, beauty, and security for both oneself and others.

King of Pentacles

The King of Pentacles governs stability, prosperity, and the wise stewardship of the material world. The great glowing pentacle and staff suggest authority, responsibility, and the careful direction of resources, while the bulls above reflect strength, protection, endurance, and fertility. The calm symmetry of the painting gives the card a feeling of structure and stability, reminding us that true abundance is not only created through wealth, but through the ability to protect, sustain, and wisely manage what has been built over time.

The Court of Pentacles

Page of Pentacles learns the value of growth, skill, and building something meaningful.

Knight of Pentacles pursues stability, purpose, and long-term goals with patience and dedication.

Queen of Pentacles embodies nurturing, abundance, practicality, and grounded wisdom.

King of Pentacles commands structure, prosperity, stewardship, and material mastery.

Thank You!
We hope you enjoy working with these Tarot cards and allow them to become a trusted guide over time. There are many ways to lay out the cards, and countless books and resources to help deepen your understanding. One of our favorite approaches is a simple three card reading.

Begin by considering the insight or guidance you are seeking. Shuffle the deck, select three cards, and place them from left to right. Read the first as the past, revealing what has shaped the current situation. The second represents the present and what is asking for your attention now. The third suggests the future, showing where the current path may lead if nothing changes.

The meanings in this booklet are intended as a starting point. You may also explore other interpretations, but remember that your own intuition is an essential part of every reading. With time and practice, the cards will begin to speak to you in a language that is uniquely your own.

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