## O The Fool

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Jumping into the unknown

Living in the moment

Spontaneity & impulse

Sudden arrival of new opportunities

Fresh, new challenges

An instinctual need for change

**Optimism** 

Take risks

Abandon old restricting views

Youthfulness & fun

### The Fool

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Acting the fool

**Immaturity** 

**Impatience** 

Not listening to warnings or advice

Making rash decisions

Do not trust your own judgement

**Bad decisions** 

No commitment

Feeling unprepared

Being over cautious

## 1 The Magician



Anything is possible

Potential

Directing your future

Creating what you desire

Put ideas into action

Confidence

Goals are focused

A strong sense of purpose

You've all you need to make it happen

Positive creative energy

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**Apathy** 

Lack of confidence & self esteem

**Cutting corners** 

Conning & blackmail

Lies or misdirection

Wasting or squandering abilities

Hesitation

Ungrounded, a lack of reality

No creative passion or drive

Ignoring opportunities

## 2 The High Priestess

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Look within

The subconscious mind

Spirituality

Listen to your intuition & inner voice

Hidden truths & knowledge

Allow events naturally unfold

A situation developing behind the scenes

Latent potential

Passive & submissive

Seeking the unknown

### 2 The High Priestess

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Ignoring intuition

Confusion & jumping to conclusions

Irrational fears of what is unknown

Superstition

Psychic experiences are misunderstood

Decisions will be hard to make

A lack of potential, or potential ignored

Secrets

Misinformation

Disliking the truth

# 3 The Empress



Flowing emotions

Mother, or motherly female

**Fertility** 

Birth of a child, or pregnancy

Unconditional love

**Emotional** growth

**Happiness** 

Commitment

Creativity

Nurturing another, or an idea

## 3 The Empress



A difficult, clingy female figure

Sadness

Fertility issues

Family problems

Feeling trapped emotionally

Suppressing emotions & needs

A lack of creative energy

Overprotective

Unhappy homelife

Feeling vulnerable

## 4 The Emperor reversed

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Corrupt & dishonest

A bully

Dominance & coercion

Egotistical

Success is not possible

Unreliable

Father issues

Not willing to work for rewards

Unwanted responsibilities

Ridged mindset

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Father, or influential male figure

Maturity

A strong, determined, disciplined attitude

Responsibility

Authority

Law abiding

Protective

Organised

Take control of life & events

Long term success is possible



# 5 The Hierophant upright www.understandingtarot.co.uk



Spiritual father figure

Moral & ethical

A thirst for knowledge

Traditional values & methods

Convention

Doing what is expected

Traditional ceremonies

A teacher or life councillor

A piece of moral or honest advice

Study & learning



Restricted by old outdated rules

Changing views

Letting go of ideas once seen as fact

Being unconventional

Not conforming to other peoples beliefs

Originality

Novel ways of learning

Get a second opinion

Misleading information

Black sheep of the family

# 6 The Lovers upright



Relationships, old & new

Important & intimate sexual relationships

A relationship is relevant to a situation

Decisions which will affect a relationship

Sexuality

What calls to your heart?

Union

Major choices

**Emotional options** 

Carefully consider opportunities

#### 6 The Lovers

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Unrequited love

Divorce & separations

Unhappiness in relationships

Sexual & emotional issues

**Bad choices** 

Rash decisions

In a state of indecision

Unfaithfulness

Instant gratification

Disloyalty

# 7 The Chariot

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Triumph & success are possible

Stay in control

Mental effort

Quick decisions may be called for

Events will be fast moving

Taking the reigns

Persistence

Travel

Self-confidence

Drive & determination

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Feeling that a situation is out of control

A conflict of interests

Unable to direct a situation

Ego leading you astray

Delays

Plans going wrong

Chaos & upsets

Anxiety

Confusion

**Travel disruptions** 

# 8 Strength upright



Courage & inner strength

Controlling emotions & responses

Self-control

Taming an aspect of the self

Bravery in the face of problems

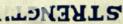
Life will not be problem free

A return to good health

A calm mind

Kindness

Guiding gently



Physical, mental or emotional weakness

Feeling vulnerable

Cowardly

Unable to control impulses

No personal boundaries

Self doubt

Insecurity

Ill-health

Defeat

Changes are unwelcomed



## 9 The Hermit

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Withdrawal & solitude

Soul searching

Seeking acceptance

Contemplation

Revaluation of life

Depend on yourself

Loneliness

Sadness & grief

Show caution

The influence of a mature & wise person

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Life is at a standstill

Not coping with loss

Severe withdrawal from life

Hiding from a situation

Reclusive

Crippling loneliness & isolation

Feeling like an outcast

**Immaturity** 

Living in a fantasy world

Eccentric

### 10 Wheel of Fortune

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Good luck

Life's ups & downs

Endings & new beginnings

Changes within problems or situations

A turning point

A time to create changes

Seeing opportunities

Fate, a result of past actions

Don't resist change

Moving in a new direction

### 10 Wheel of Fortune

reversed

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Bad luck

Changes for the worse

Unwanted change

Setbacks

Hurdles

Change being resisted

Past choices & words causing problems

Feeling victimised

Try to break away from negative cycles

Be patient

## 11 Justice



Honesty

Law

Truth prevails - favourable or otherwise

All wrongs will be put right

Balance

Responsibility

Weighing up a problem

Legal unions: marriage, business etc

Karma 'as you sew, so shall you reap'

Fairness & equality

### **Justice**

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Injustice

Unfairness

Discrimination & prejudice

Corruption

Lies

**Denying facts** 

Passing the buck - blame

Feeling like you're on trial

Not taking personal responsibility

Double standards





Alternative views & opinions

Individuality

Independence

Situations are delayed - up in the air

Seeing problems in a fresh light

At a crossroads

Remove yourself from a situation to think

An active enquiring mind

Reflection

Personal sacrifice



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Missed opportunities

Self-sabotage

A wasted sacrifice

In limbo

A lack of independent thought

Wishing to please other people

Hung out to dry by others

Self inflicted punishment

Narrow ideas

A fear of breaking with convention



## 13 Death

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A transition from one state to another

Major change & upheaval

Unavoidable, often sudden loss

Drastic change

**Emotional** pain

Disappointment

Uncertainty & fear of the unknown

Bad luck

Failure

End of a life chapter

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Clinging to the past

Clinging to dreams & hopes

Change is being resisted

No acceptance of a loss

Feeling abandoned

A lack of faith or trust in life

Stress

Fear of an outcome or future

Unrealistic

Stagnation

# 14 Temperance upright www.understandingtarot.co.uk



Co-operation & compromise

Balanced, rational views

**Balanced** emotions

Direction & purpose

Common sense

Calmness

Think before acting

Avoid extremes of behaviour

Coping well with problems

Reconciliation & forgiveness

Extremes of feelings or behaviour

Irrational

No patience

Repeating old patterns

No reconciliation

A stand off between you & another

One sided situations

No commitment

Lack of balance

Wanting a quick fix



## 15 The Devil

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A negative influence

A destructive situation or person

Self-destruction

Feeling powerless & trapped

**Temptation** 

A narrow, materialistic view of life

Self-gratifying, impulsive behaviour

Addiction

Depression

Making excuses to avoid changes

### 15 The Devil

reversed

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A time to break free

Realisation of negative ties

Escaping old ways of doing things

**Breaking addictions** 

Courage

Letting go of limiting beliefs

Working towards freedom

Difficult decisions

A focused mind

Newly found self-respect

# 16 The Tower upright www.understandingtarot.co.uk



Permanent change & major upheavals

Loss

Life turned upside down

Destruction of ideals

A massive change in how you see yourself

Flashes of deep realisation

Seeing through illusions

Crisis

A blow to the ego

Ideas & plans go drastically wrong

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A foreseen loss or change

Unprepared

Fearful, unable to comprehend changes

Wanting to run away

Clinging to the past

Retaliation & revenge

Irrational behaviour

**Grand expectations** 

Refusing to see the truth

Lying to yourself

# 17 The Star upright www.understandingtarot.co.uk



Hope & optimism

Rebirth & renewal

Renewed motivation

Life has a rosy glow

A period of suffering has ended

Life has a sense of purpose & direction

Good health & healing

Good luck

Counting blessings

Peace of mind

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Doubt

Ill health, or no healing/improvements

Loss of faith

Unhappiness

Feeling lost

Pessimism

Anxiety

Period of bad luck

A lack of new opportunities

Wishes unfulfilled

### 18 The Moon

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Confusion

Unclear, irrational thoughts

Emotions will be stirred up

No clear picture of reality

Inner most fears will surface

Feeling isolated & vulnerable

Imagination working overtime

Deceiving yourself

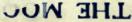
Make no decisions until the mind is clear

Dreams & instinct should not be followed

#### 18 The Moon

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Misjudging people or situations

Acting on clouded judgements

Creating new problems

**Nightmares** 

Obsessive thoughts

A distorted view of the world or a situation

Negative thinking

Declining mental health

A negative downwards spiral

Female reproductive issues

## 19 The Sun

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Complete & absolute happiness

Good luck

Anything is possible

Goals are reached

Liberation from past difficulties

Success

Commitment

Family celebrations & children

**Emotional security** 

A definite Yes to questions

### The Sun

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SUN

Optimism

Delays to happiness

Hurdles to completion

Problems need to be overcome

Iron out problems

Everything can be resolved

Patience

Happiness is still possible

Taking things for granted

Don't stop, keep going!

## 20 Judgement

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Old, lingering situations draw to an end

Lessons are learnt

An accumulation of past events

A time to move on & sum up events

Letting go

Realising possibilities

Self-compassion

Anticipation

Take notice of what inspires you to act

Pulled back to your spiritual pathway



Decisions are met with fear

Misunderstanding & confusion

Feeling uneasy

Not being honest with yourself

Self-evaluation is needed

Signs & warnings have been ignored

A pathway may be missed

Others will judge you harshly

Fighting the direction life needs to go in

Past choices have been the wrong ones

# 21 The World upright www.understandingtarot.co.uk



Completion, goals are realised

Success

Feeling elevated & on top of the world

Satisfaction

Wishes & dreams come true

A new chapter is starting

Enjoying efforts & rewards

Excitement

Gratitude

Travel

#### The World

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Unsatisfactory ending to goals

Even good intentions can lead to failure

Frustration

Stagnation

Events hanging in the air

Wanting to give up

Wishful thinking

Stuck, no progress

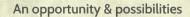
Placed faith in the wrong things or people

Be determined



### Ace of Wands

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Desire for action & movement

Creative energy

A fresh challenge

Enthusiasm

An abundance of physical energy

Work & creative openings

**Ambition** 

Put plans into action

Sexual energy, attraction & desire



Put ideas on hold

Now's not the time to start something new

A lack of ideas

No creative energy

Too busy or distracted

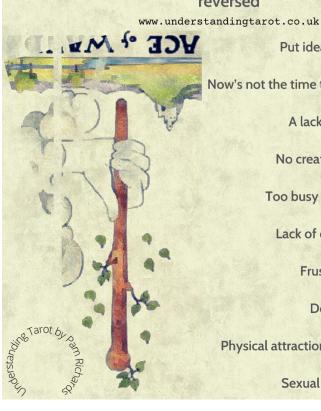
Lack of confidence

**Frustrated** 

Delays

Physical attractions should be ignored

Sexual problems







A need for change, or 'more'

Deciding to stay or go

Enterprise

Desire to succeed

Making clear-cut plans for the future

Comfort zones are tested

Seeking direction

New partnerships, business or personal

A wish to move home, or travel

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Indecisive

Worry about making changes

Over planning or poor planning

Lack of confidence in abilities

**Impatience** 

Action for actions sake

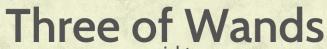
**Cutting corners** 

Thinking the grass is greener elsewhere

Disappointment is leading you

Be honest with yourself





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Stay focused

A good decision has been made

Confidence over decisions made

Knowing what you want

Self confidence

Success in work & creative undertakings

Satisfaction with achievements

'Your ships have, or are coming in.'

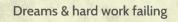
Peace of mind

Ideas are in motion & underway

### Three of Wands

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Being idealistic

Missing steps to success

Not taking risks

Ideas being misrepresented

A lack of support

Excitement for ideas not shared by others

**Bad decisions** 

Selfish partnerships

Get goals into perspective



## Four of Wands

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Celebration

Happy domestic situations

'All is well on the home front'

Everything is going well

A time to rest

Feeling settled

Improved surroundings

**DIY** projects

Moving home

Holidays

### Four of Wands

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Lack of security at home

Domestic upheavals

Unhappiness at home

Unconventional relationships/home life

Other's views can cause tension

Not fitting into others plans

Cancellations

Delays

Adjustment to changes

Disagreements

# Five of Wands

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Frustrating setbacks

Wires crossed in communication

Trivial, petty annoyances

Silly irrational arguments

Short-lived problems

A feeling that nothing is going right

Others will have different views

Lack of cooperation

Express your views, but listen to others

A time to brainstorm a problem

### Five of Wands

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A breakdown in communication

Serious arguments over opinions

Physical arguments

No conclusion

Belittling & mocking

Hasty words

Feeling intimidated

Carelessness

Accidents

Do not be led by anger

## Six of Wands

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Victory

Accomplishment & achievement

Acknowledgement of hard work

Recognition & praise from others

Congratulate yourself

A deep sense of personal pride

Self confidence

Believe in yourself

Hard work pays off

Future optimism

## Six of Wands

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Delays to victory

Success is still possible

Complacency

Overconfident

Bragging

Negligence

Disloyalty

Jealousy from others

Someone is not on your side

Success is met with rudeness or flippancy



## Seven of Wands

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Backing down to others

Letting others take advantage

Lack of confidence

**Shyness** 

Overwhelmed by others opinions

The competition will win

Being ganged up on

**Embarrassment** 

Misjudging another persons ability

**Build stronger boundaries** 

## Seven of Wands

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Feeling unprepared

Suddenly called to fight for what you value

Standing your ground

Defend your beliefs

Determination

Not giving in to others

A positive outcome via perseverance

Competition in the workplace

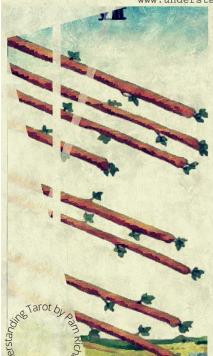
Have faith in your abilities

Seeing a different perspective than others



# Eight of Wands

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Communication

Good news arriving

Conclusions or solutions arriving

An end to any delays

Life is on the move

**Productivity** 

Being busy

**Excitement** 

Take action & grab opportunities

Travel, flight

## Eight of Wands

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Too busy & rushed

Overworked

Disappointing news

News not arriving

Situations will be up in the air

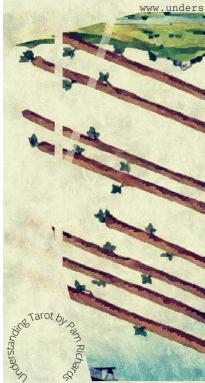
Chaos

Making mistakes

Jealousy & envy

Slow down

Rethink plans



## Nine of Wands

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A time to be patient

Waiting

Past or present failures are on your mind

Caution is needed

Think plans through

Revaluate

Situations are moving slowly

Tired of fighting

Low energy levels

You can't win them all

### Nine of Wands

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Overwhelmed by problems

Surrounded by past issues

Unresolved issues

The last straw

Feeling defeated

Tackling issues from the wrong angle

Unfounded mistrust & suspicion

Blaming yourself

Losing perspective

Being defensive

## Ten of Wands

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Responsibilities

Bogged down with burdens

Preoccupied

Unwanted worries & ordeals

Life will be tiresome

Routine

Not asking for help or delegating

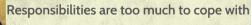
Self-imposed stresses

Taking on too much

Heavy workload

### Ten of Wands

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Looking at the issues you're carrying

**Burnt out** 

A wake-up call

Taking action

Delegating

Asking for help

Loosening control

**Prioritising issues** 

Being honest about how much you can do



## Page of Wands

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Fire: Sagittarius, Leo, Aries

**Talkative** 

Enthusiasm & optimism

Full of mental & physical energy

Full of new ideas

Confidence

Communication

Good or constructive news

**New information** 

Give ideas time to develop



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Fire: Sagittarius, Leo, Aries

Lacking confidence

Someone, usually talkative, being quiet

Withdrawn

Superficial ideas

Ideas have not worked out

Nervous about sharing opinions & ideas

Embarrassed by failure

Feelings of missing out

Disappointing or disruptive news



# Knight of Wands

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Fire: Sagittarius

Generous

Sincere

Unreliable & impulsive

Desire to please

Life & soul of the party

Sexually attraction

Restless for change

Rush, travel & commotion

Exciting changes within a situation

WANDS.

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Fire: Sagittarius

Hectic & busy, takes on too much

Disorganised

Will let you down

**Impatient** 

Little self control with ideas

Making mistakes

**Empty promises** 

Frustrating news

Disrupted events



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Fire: Leo

Sociable

Self-reliant

Independent

Committed

Sensual & flirtatious

Proud of family & work

A valued friend

Unpredictable

**Fearless** 

## Queen of Wands

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WANDS.



Fire: Leo

Jealous

Spiteful

Unfaithful

Affair

Gossip

Bad advice

Lies & manipulation

Revenge

Alienating people

# King of Wands upright upright



Fire: Aries

A charming & attractive personality

Fun loving

Enjoys a challenge

Deeply committed

Business orientated, the 'boss'

**Enterprising & dedicated** 

Passionate about life

Positive & very persuasive

Determined

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Fire: Aries

Superiority complex

An over inflated ego leads to failure

Corrupt

Bending the rules

Untrustworthy

Unfaithful

Lack of commitment

Bad, unreliable advice

**Temper outbursts** 

### Ace of Cups

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CUPS.

New emotional opportunities

A gift of love

**Happiness** 

Spirits will be uplifted

Follow your heart & emotions

New friendships & romantic attractions

Respect & faithfulness

A birth or pregnancy

Good health

Affection

### Ace of Cups

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Unhappiness

Sadness & tears

Feeling alone

Feeling unloved

Feeling unlucky

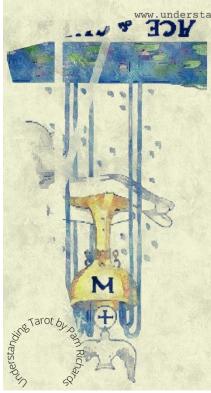
Stuck

No new emotional opportunities

No emotional security

Feelings not returned

Repressed emotions



## Two of Cups

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A close bond between two individuals

Platonic friendships

New friendships to be made

Trust

Commitment

Sincerity

Differences can be reconciled

Compromises can be made

**Equality & fairness** 

Mutual respect

## Two of Cups

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Break ups & break downs in relationships

Lack of respect

Ego driven relationships & friendships

Not seeing eye to eye

Power struggles

Sulking

Being petty

Holding grudges

Trust issues

An emotional roller coaster



## Three of Cups

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Celebration

Savouring the moment

Reaping emotional felt rewards

Social events

Party time!

Enjoyable time spent with friends or family

Intimate relationships are intense

Honey moon phase

Updating personal appearance & image

Letting down your hair

### Three of Cups

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After the party, the hangover!

Overindulgence

Shame

A dislike of your physical self

Disappointed with yourself

Vanity & being superficial

Shallow relationships

Very short-lived relationships

Confrontational friendships & connections

Feeling used

### Four of Cups

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Realising new opportunities

Enthusiasm

Passions being revived

Waking up & smelling the coffee!

Able to see possibilities

Moving on

Letting go of what has kept you stuck

Life feels full of hope

Climbing out of a rut

Excitement

### Four of Cups

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Boredom

Self pity

Focused on the past, or what's lost

Dissatisfied with life or a situation

Disappointed

Apathy

Being defensive

Life feels empty

Missing new opportunities around you

Time to take a fresh look at life





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**Tears** 

Disappointment

Regret

Grieving over mistakes & losses

Fixated on a loss

Unhappy changes in relationships

Relationships not turning out as expected

A reluctance to except changes

Situations can be worked through

Leave the dust to settle

### Five of Cups

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Life goes on

Situations are repaired

Apologies are made & accepted

Acceptance

No regrets

Letting go of emotional hurt

Hopeful

Events are put into perspective

Learning from a situation

Understanding a situation better



### Six of Cups upright

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Nostalgia & reminiscing

Happy memories

Homesick

Going 'home'

Thinking of your childhood

Old relationships will be resurrected

Hearing from old friends

Your past will influence you

Random acts of kindness

Happily reliving the past

### Six of Cups

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Tarot of Sam Ricks

**Unhappy** memories

Forced to deal with the past

The past being dug up

Trapped in the past

Unable to move on

Grudges & harsh words

Not wanting to cut the apron strings

Living in the past

Refusing to grow up

Peter Pan personality

### Seven of Cups

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**Decisions** 

Important choices to be made

Confusion

More than one option to choose from

Spoilt for choice

All decisions will be final & unchangeable

Be honest about what you want

Don't be distracted by ego

Avoid delusion

Being free to direct your life

### Seven of Cups

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No choices

**Unwanted options** 

**Daydreaming** 

Head in the clouds

**Delusions** 

**Fantasy** 

Overwhelmed by imagination

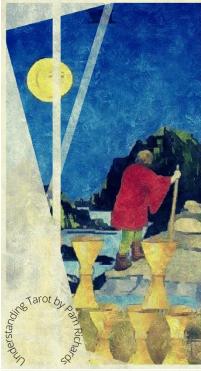
Hoping & wishing

**Procrastinating** 

Not knowing what you really want

## Eight of Cups

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Stuck in a rut

Seeking change to avoid stagnation

A deep feeling that change is needed

A desire to leave a secure situation

Outgrowing a situation

A current situation does not satisfy

Courage

Independence

Restless

Tiring of old routines

### Eight of Cups

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Making excuses

Boredom

Impulsive changes

Look before you leap!

Actions based on temporary feelings

Making the best of a situation

A situation has plenty still, to give

Trying to please another

Escaping from yourself

Struggling to improve a situation



## Nine of Cups

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A wish coming true

Action to fulfilment of a wish

An active & positive frame of mind

Desires will be fulfilled

Success

Physical & emotional security

Accomplishment

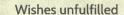
**Happiness** 

Satisfaction

Self-indulgence

### Nine of Cups

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**Bad timing** 

Dissatisfied

Disappointed

Feeling let down

Sadness

Being unrealistic

Set longer time limits for success

Keep it in perspective

'be careful what you wish for'





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**Happiness** 

An abundance of love

unconditional love

**Emotional security** 

A happy family

Old emotional wounds can be healed

Everyone is satisfied

Miracles

Commitment

Celebrations

### Ten of Cups

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Domestic upsets

Family problems

Family rifts

Stress in normally secure situations

Self-sabotaging

Close to failure, take action

Feeling hemmed in

Needing to be reassured

Happiness taken for granted

Complacency





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Water: Cancer, Pisces or Scorpio

Sensitive

Quiet & trusting

Imaginative & artistic

Considerate

A day dreamer

Trust

The early stages of psychic growth

News/information concerning children

A birth or pregnancy



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Water: Cancer, Pisces or Scorpio

Overactive imagination

Unrealistic

Trust issues

Over sensitive to criticism

Unaware of consequences

Undedicated

Hurt feelings

Superstitious

Concern for a child



CUPS.

## Knight of Cups

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Romantic

Starry eyed

Daydreaming about love

High aspirations

Unrealistic

**Flirtatious** 

Seeking intimacy

Wears heart on his sleeve

A new opportunity for romance

## Knight of Cups

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Water: Scorpio

**Bruised emotions** 

Lashing out & twisting facts

Misleading

Passing blame

A fragile ego

Rejection

Unrequited love

Unrealistic

Unreasonable



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## Queen of Cups

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Water: Cancer

Gentle

Protective & maternal

A natural councillor

Intuitive

A woman who cares for your well being

**Emotional** 

Sensitive

A need for emotional security

Unselfish & forgiving

### Queen of Cups

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Water: Cancer

**Vulnerable** 

A hard shell

Difficult & disagreeable

Trust betrayed

Can be smothering

Scared of changes

Overly emotional

Depressed

Prone to exaggeration

## King of Cups

Water: Pisces

Kind-hearted

A relaxed & caring person

Someone who loves you & cares deeply

**Emotionally committed** 

**Tolerant** 

Good advice

Compassionate

A man of few words

Emotionally very deep



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Water: Pisces

Bitter & uncaring

Emotionally unstable

Self-pitying

Intolerant & prejudiced

His own worse enemy

Blames others

Losing interest emotionally in you

Bad advice

Can see others as 'stupid'





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A new way of thinking

Victory is possible via a clear mind

Logic

Letting go as the something is cut away

Cold intellectual facts

**Cutting away confusion** 

No delusions

A gift of truth

Inspiration



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Confusion

Doubt

Speculation

Assumption

Not believing the truth

Giving in to fears

Not listening

Failure to let go

Accusations

**Temper outbursts** 



## Two of Swords

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Avoiding of conflict

Ignoring a problem

Turning a blind eye

Stalemate

An uneasy truce

Personal conflict

A temporary peace

Arguments are waiting to happen

Having a defensive attitude

Indecision

#### Two of Swords

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Compromise





Forced conclusions

Challenging difficult situations

Situations come crashing down

Tripping up over old problems

Conflict bringing change

Relief

Seeing reality

Unsettling truths

Letting go of emotional ties



## Three of Swords

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Heartbreak & heart ache

Sadness

**Emotional loss** 

Anger

Frustration at disappointments

Separations in relationships

Feeling rejected

Disruptions

**Distress** 

Hurt caused by words or actions

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Emotional pain is moving away

Healing

Life goes on

Time to let go

Moving forwards

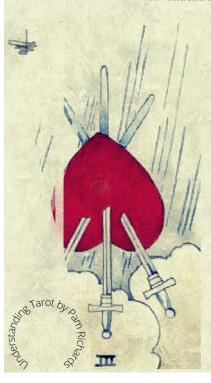
Acceptance

Starting to think clearly after a loss

Anger may persist

Frustration

Forgiving or forgetting



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### Four of Swords

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Retreat from problems or life in general

A time to lick wounds after difficulties

Stress & anxiety

Praying for things to improve

Sleeping on a problem

A break from routine

A time for peace & quiet

Illness

Recuperation

Isolation

#### Four of Swords

reversed

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Hope

Recovery

Fresh mental energy

New perspectives

**Optimism** 

Feeling productive

A time to act

Acceptance

Seeking direction

A time to be with others

## Five of Swords

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Intimidation

Stubborn pride

Not listening to others

Defeat

**Failure** 

Arguments over power

No compromise

Resentment

Bully

### Five of Swords

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Be on guard

Watch your back

Scapegoat

In a war with another/others

Violence

Dominance

Accusations

Unfair decisions

Humiliation

Scared of opposing someone



## Six of Swords

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The calm after the storm

Relief

Stress & tension are reduced

Moving away from stressful situations

Acceptance

An escape from a situation

Looking to the future

A positive turning point

Problems will still need resolving

A physical journey

### Six of Swords

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A difficult situation getting worse

One problem replaced with another

Going back/staying in a bad situation

Self-sabotage

Going in circles

Fearing change

Someone 'rocking the boat'

Delays

Complications

Tackle the truth

### Seven of Swords

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Tack & diplomacy

A battle of wits

Approach problems with intellect

Change tactics, even if it feels insincere

Forward plan difficult situations

Keeping the peace

Walking on eggshells

Guilt

**Underhand actions** 

Be wary, a spy in your camp

#### Seven of Swords

reversed

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Deceit

Dishonesty

Withholding information

Watch what you say

Be careful who you trust

Rumours & gossip

A grudge

The cat is out of the bag

Respond only with facts

Theft, another will desire what you have

## Eight of Swords

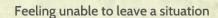
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Negative thinking

Feeling trapped



A difficult situation of your own making

Limited beliefs

Fear of change

Blaming others

Stagnant

Trying to avoid an emotional situation

Find help from a friend

### f Swords

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Realisation that you can break free

Letting go of old beliefs

Thinking clearly

Feeling empowered

Breaking free of a comfort zone

Confidence

Taking personal responsibility

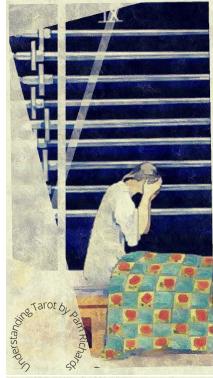
Seeing the truth

Being positive

Taking positive steps to change

## Nine of Swords

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Filled with worry

Doubt

Feelings of hopelessness

Anxiety

Pessimism

Fear

Confusion

Concern over the past, present or future

Old trauma

Outcome will not be as bad as expected

#### Nine o f Swords

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Aversion to dealing with issues

Anxiety & panic attacks

Thoughts running wild

Irrational

Illogical beliefs

Paranoia

Insomnia

**Nightmares** 

Depression

Obsessive

### **Ten of Swords**

upright

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An emotional ending

Changes forced onto you

A situation at it's worst

Views & beliefs will be shattered

Unhappiness

Loss

Grief

Cleaning of the ground

Situations ending badly

Without a sense or purpose

#### Ten of Swords

reversed

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Acceptance of a loss or change

Willing to move on

Adjusting to a new way of life or being

Solutions can be found to issues

Picking up the pieces

Emotional baggage

Recovery

Healing

Putting the past to rest

Hope for a fresh start



Air: Gemini, Libra or Aquarius

**Immature** 

Enjoys causing trouble

Insecure

An angry adult or teenager

Gossip

Rumours, dirty laundry being aired in public

Verbal conflict

Someone not to be trusted

**Underhand actions** 

# of Swords reversed

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Air: Gemini, Libra or Aquarius

Vindictive

Extremely irritating

Secretive

**Fantasist** 

Feeling inadequate

Insecure

Anger outbursts

Lies & manipulation

Trouble will be caused by someone





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Air: Gemini

**Spontaneous** 

Seeking out challenge

Inquisitive

Easily distracted

Dislikes commitment

Uncaring towards others feelings

Selfish

A person creating highly charged emotions

Short lived chaos

### Knight of Swords

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Air: Gemini

Complete lack of patience

No real purpose

Troublemaker, getting into trouble

Bull in a china shop

Creating disruption

Arrogant

Self-righteous

Mass disruption to plans

In the wrong place at the wrong time



SWORDS.

## Queen of Swords

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Air: Libra

Has suffered in life

A strong, direct personality

Sharp witted

**Patient** 

Intelligent

An excellent diplomat

Demands truth

Unbiased

**SWORDS**. Single, through choice or circumstances

### Queen of Swords

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Air: Libra

Overly critical of others

A victim mindset

**Demanding** 

Unreasonable

Life seems unfair

Unkind

Bitter

Gossip

Trouble maker

## King of Swords

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Air: Aquarius

A person in authority

**Factual** 

Respectful

A strong moral character

High standards

Organised

Non-emotional

Intellect rules decisions

A sarcastic sense of humour

### King of Swords

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Air: Aquarius

Corrupt

Unethical

**Dominant** 

Bully

Callous

Will resolve issues in his favour

Demands respect

Aggressive verbally

Psychological mind games

### **Ace of Pentacles**

upright

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A financial opportunity

A chance at security

A gift

Help financial, practical or material

Career opportunities

Good luck

Good health

Success

Money is coming your way

A good base to work from





#### **Ace of Pentacles**

reversed

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Financial help will not arrive

Bad financial judgements

New financial opportunities are not found

Materialistic

Not taking responsibility

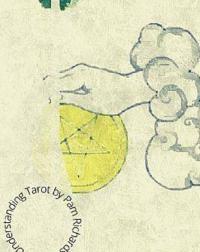
Don't trust opportunities

Bad luck

Stress

Miserable

Tired



## Two of Pentacles

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Juggling responsibilities

Balancing act with finances

A precarious situation

Flexibility

Calm attitude

Busy

Quick thinking

Going with the flow

Weight up alternatives

The divisions of goods or property

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Unable to cope

Financial difficulties

At risk of losing something of value

Impulsive behaviour

Gambling or excess spending

Overwhelmed

Poor financial planning

Poor time management

Too busy & rushed

Unpredictable events

## Three of Pentacles

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Making & sticking to plans

**Dedication & practice** 

Goals are closer to realisation

Firm foundations have been made

Pay attention to facts & rules

Businesses & careers going well

A return to work

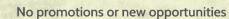
Acknowledgement of your efforts

A pay rise, promotion, or praise

A boost in self confidence

#### Three of Pentacles

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Being unrealistic

Setting sights too high

Delays

Not putting enough effort in

Lacking the right skills or knowledge

Bad teamwork

Plans will fail

Careless work

Lack of faith in yourself



### Four of Pentacles

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Opting for security

Safe

Vulnerability

Static situation

No change

Risks & change is avoided

No effort being implemented

Fear of change or challenge

Neither a win nor a lose situation

Controlling



reversed

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Take a risk

Throw caution to the wind

Make change

Movement is needed

Open either your heart or purse strings

Relax & let go

Neglected areas of life need tlc

Be realistic

Avoid stagnation

A new perspective





## Five of Pentacles

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Financial hardships

Material loses

Unemployment

Pay attention to financial & work details

Situation spiralling out of control

Financial problems will cause arguments

Feeling emotionally detached

Feeling left out

Given the cold shoulder

Neglecting what matters

#### **Five of Pentacles**

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Improvements with work & money

Seeking advice

Financial strain being lifted

Situations start to heal

Renewed trust in life

A new understanding

Getting back on your feet

Doors open to you

Options & solutions arrive

Welcomed with open arms



#### Six of Pentacles upright

Financial or practical help

Finances will improve

Debts will be eased or repaid

An unsatisfying job

Obtaining a loan

Having to rely on another

Feeling demoralised

Thrown a lifeline

Investing in someone's future

Inequality in relationships

### Six of Pentacles

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Regret over debts

Disruption to a reliable situation

Missed opportunities

Condescending attitudes

Snobbery

Dependency, financial or practical

Begging for support or help

Someone controlling what you have

Unfairness

Disappointment

## Eight of Pentacles



Apprenticeship

Dedication

A new hobby

Study or training

Hard, enjoyable work

Developing a talent

A new job or career

Earning money from a natural skill

A consuming interest

Getting to grips with something new

#### Eight of Pentacles

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No satisfaction with work

Boredom

**Frustrated** 

Isolated

No long term benefits

Despite qualifications, not getting noticed

Difficulties learning new skills

Disliking what you're learning

Wishing to be doing something else

Not as skilled as portrayed

### Seven of Pentacles

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Working hard towards the future

An important time of evaluation

Revaluating achievements

Reflection on the past

Being mindful of the present

Considering the future

Commitment to the future

Changes within a current job

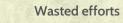
Don't give up

Results are not far away

#### Seven of Pentacles

reversed

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Tired of trying to progress

Bad career or financial moves

Lost opportunities

Lack of personal achievement

Trouble with, or at work

Life disrupting your hard work

No rewards

Going blindly into a situation

Lack of focus





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Living life at your own pace

Independence

Self sufficiency

Not relying on others

Personal success

Enjoying & appreciating your life

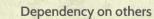
Feeling pleased with yourself

Pampering yourself

Time alone enjoyed

Contentment

### **Nine of Pentacles**



Feeling inadequate

Judging yourself against others

Feeling disappointed with yourself

Worried you've let others down

Disagreements

Lack of money or company

Loneliness

Being too independent

Not letting others in



### **Ten of Pentacles**

upright

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A secure family life

Household & financial security

Material & financial well-being

Long term security

Commitment

**Buying property** 

Investments

**Profit** 

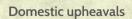
**Tradition** 

Family duty & solidarity

#### Ten of Pentacles

reversed

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Being misunderstood

Wishing to break free from responsibilities

Bored

Feeling hemmed in

Feeling unwanted

Taking things for granted

**Bad investments** 

A loss of status

Disagreements with family over money



# Page of Pentacles

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Earth: Capricorn, Virgo or Taurus

A student

Learning new skills

Gaining new knowledge

An enquiring mind

**Patient** 

Reflective

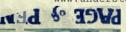
A gentle peace loving soul

An opportunity to earn extra income

Good financial news

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Earth: Capricorn, Virgo or Taurus

Issues at school

Struggling to grasp an idea

Frustration

A lack of confidence

More study is needed

A lack of money

Ideas may need to be abandoned

Lack of progress

No financial opportunities



## Knight of Pentacles

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Earth: Virgo

Patient & reliable

High expectations

Confident

Independent of other's views

Organised & methodical

Realistic

Unimaginative & predictable

**Employment** 

A regular income

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Earth: Virgo

Overly cautious

Hard to motivate

Insecure

Pessimistic

Defensive

Possessive

Angry

Unemployment

Money or work problems

## Queen of Pentacles



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Earth: Capricorn

Honest & loyal

Big hearted

Loves family life

Down to earth

Affectionate

Maternal

Creative

**Enjoys responsibility** 

Practical

#### Queen of Pentacles

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Earth: Capricorn

**Emotionally insecure** 

Disorganised & messy

Going through a rough patch

Lacking financial security

Materialistic

Depression

Unhealthy coping mechanisms

Creative blocks

Fertility issues

# King of Pentacles

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**Earth: Taurus** 

Has the Midas Touch

Successful at work

Takes money seriously

Very committed

Cautious but direct

Practical

Persevering

Stubborn

Full of common sense

### King of Pentacles

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Earth: Taurus

Uncompromising

Resentful of others gains

Materialistic

Easily brought

Corrupt

Greedy

Prone to depression

Possessive

Angry, violent outbursts