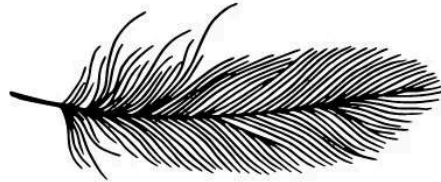


For the love of crows.



**The Complete
Guidebook
for
The Crow Tarot**

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What lies behind you and what lies in
front of you, pales in comparison to
what lies inside of you.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson



Dear Reader,

Dear lover of crows, thank you for joining me at the roost!

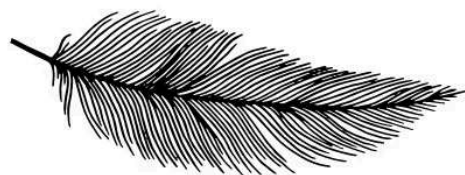
I hope you find this book not only informational but also a source for new ideas that will grow within you and blossom.

The Crow Tarot is based on the traditional Rider-Waite-Smith deck, and because of this, you will find that the messages contained in this book, although created for the Crow Tarot, travel within the same vein. If you are new to the Tarot, this book will help you develop a base understanding of the meanings of each card, and this information will then be transferable to other decks that also follow the RWS deck for inspiration.

If you are a professional, this book will serve as a source of a more in-depth look at the creation process for the deck itself and the inspiration for each image.

Thank you, and happy travels through the veil!

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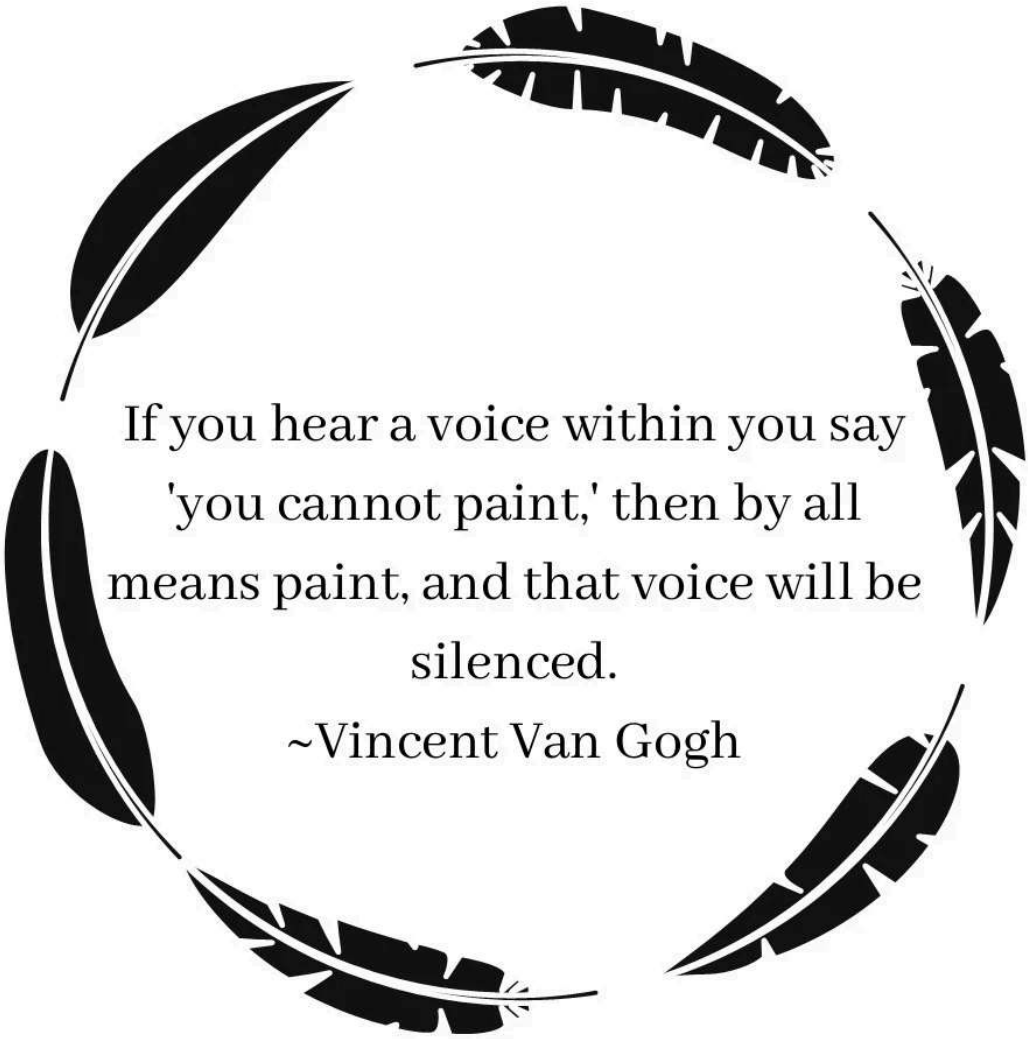
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If you hear a voice within you say
'you cannot paint,' then by all
means paint, and that voice will be
silenced.

~Vincent Van Gogh

Introduction

The idea for the Crow Tarot began its life as a private creative project after I received a tarot deck as a birthday present in August 2017. For months leading up to my birthday, I faced a reality that left me at times paralyzed by fear, at times in denial, and for a good deal of time angry at how cruel life could be. I was a full-time artist and mother of a little girl who depended on me, and with little in the way of income coming in, I was facing a potentially devastating financial situation.

For years, I knew the 78 cards of the tarot housed wisdom and guidance, I just didn't realize at that time how to extract the information. As thoughtful as the gift and as beautiful as the deck was, what I actually received was much bigger than a tool for sorting out my problems — it was a much-needed spark of inspiration.

Although, today, the Crow Tarot is sold throughout the world, when I set out to create the deck, it was initially for my own personal use as a means to learn tarot with the help of a creature with whom I feel a profound trusted connection. For years, crows have been my muse and have played an essential role in my artwork. Because of this, I knew they would serve as the perfect energy to channel guidance.

When it became clear that other people were interested in my work and the Crow Tarot, it rekindled my passion as an artist and a creator. I felt hope again! Having the enthusiasm of the Page of Wands combined with the naivety of The Fool, the Crow started to fly.

As a result of creating the Crow Tarot, what I thought I knew about my beliefs, what made me tick, and what I eventually uncovered turned out to be two very contradictory things. What I had known of myself in the past was only the surface level junk, the obvious stuff. Creating the Crow Tarot forced me to face my shadows and the deeply planted beliefs that created the habits and patterns that lead periods of stagnation in my life.

The tarot isn't going to predict whether or not your partner is going to cheat on you or whether or not you will lose your job.

However, it is going to reveal to you—if you let it—the patterns in your life that lead you to create the energy that attracts negative situations that seem to repeat.

The question is: Will you listen?

In the end, the Crow Tarot proved to be nothing short of a miracle, a divinely guided miracle. The 78 cards of the Crow Tarot came together out of love and a determination to learn. A commitment to growing.

The several-month-long creation process revealed quite a bit about what made me tick and where the shadows of the past dimmed my inner light. By the time I finished the deck, I had discovered how to appreciate the lesson of each card and allow the energy surface without fear. One of the greatest gifts the Tarot can offer you is an accurate and complete picture of your self, your strengths, or weaknesses, the inner-gremlins that wreak havoc just as things are going well.

The Symbolism of the Crow

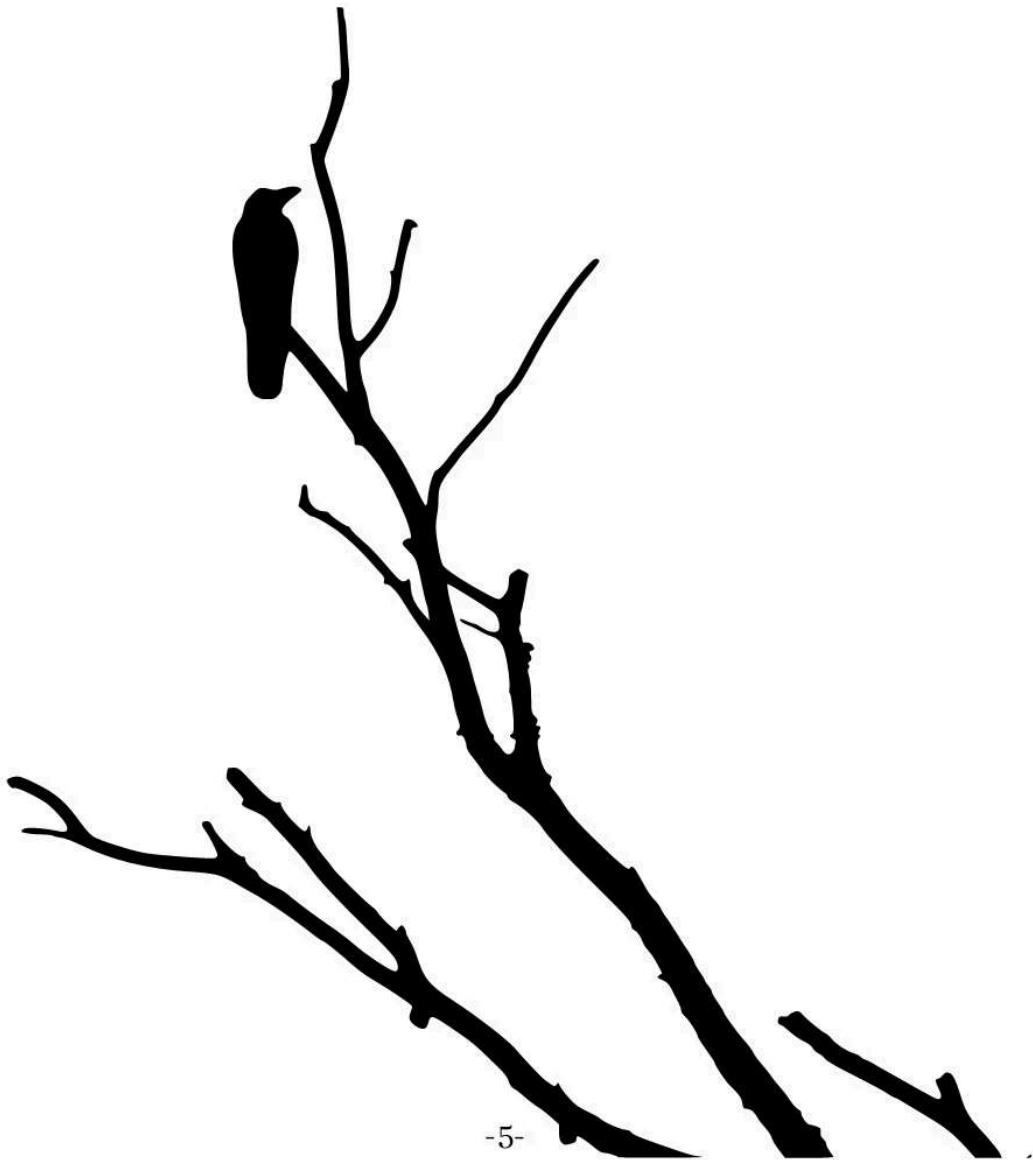
Crows have a wide variety of reputations from divine to wicked. Some cultures consider the crow bad luck and a harbinger of death, whereas others see them as good omens. I am guessing if you possess the Crow Tarot, your opinion of the bird is mostly positive. I have encountered people who are very firm in their belief that crows are evil and represent negative otherworldly influences. (And oh boy, do I get a few strange posts occasionally on my Facebook page regarding this.) Then there are others who appreciate the magical quality and view the bird as a welcomed messenger from the other side. Unlike say the hummingbird, a creature most everyone agrees upon as being a positive symbol, I find when it comes to crows, most people have some pretty strong opinions—I find this to be fascinating.

Aside from good or bad luck, messages from the divine or the Devil, the crow can symbolize new beginnings, being crafty, justice, karma, having a strong intuition, and more depending on the individual. The crow for me represents a connection to nature, to something greater than ourselves. It also serves as a reminder that there is so much more out there than we know or could ever comprehend.

I am reminded of a Buddhist story that goes something like this: One day a wild horse wandered on the land of a poor farmer. All the villagers gathered around and proclaimed, "Oh, how lucky!" The farmer tied up the horse and said, "maybe." The next day the farmer's eldest son attempted to ride the horse to see if it would be useful for the farm. The son fell off and broke his leg. The villagers once again appeared and proclaimed, "Bad luck!" The farmer picked up his son off the ground and said, "maybe." The following day the army arrived looking for all young men as the country was going to war; however, because the eldest son had a broken leg, he could not go. Once again, those nosy villagers appeared, this time proclaiming, "good luck!" and once again, the farmer replied, "maybe."

Like the story above, people's opinions about crows have little to do with the bird itself and to do with their personal perception. The same can be said for the Tarot as well!

Our gremlins reside in that space where our perceptions interfere with our goals. My hope is that this guidebook and the Crow Tarot will help you understand your perceptions and the beliefs that impact how you react to a situation.



Connecting With Your Crows

Your crows arrive ready to talk! They can be eager- if not over, at times, communicators. You are working with wild creatures; because of this, to get the most out of each interaction, trust needs to be established. When you sit down with the Crow Tarot, think of it like meeting with a committed advisor or an honest friend who has your back and wants nothing but the best for you—but will still tell you like it is. When you approach your reading as if it was a meeting, one where time is respected, valued, and appreciated, you will get far more out of the experience.

The crows in the Crow Tarot are incredibly clever birds—they know when you are serious and when you are merely using them for validation. Ardent problem solvers and task-oriented, crows relentlessly peck away at a challenge until they are satisfied. This makes them the perfect liaison for carrying messages between the spiritual and material realms. If a warning or signal is ignored, you will quickly discover that they have a talent for being persistent.

Your Crow Tarot will hold you accountable for receiving messages. If you are not picking up the messages or are blatantly ignoring them, the cards will often repeat. Sure, you can try shuffling for twenty minutes, spreading them out all over the floor in an attempt to mix them up. You can burn sage, cover them with crystals on the full moon—all in the hopes of getting a different outcome, but you will discover the crows mean business and will pick at you until you acknowledge them.

Calibrating your deck will help you establish rules and agreements in regards to what each card represents to you. Remember, the crows in your deck are yours and yours alone. They will speak to you in a language that you both agree upon. The goal is to teach your crows how to pick up and read your specific energy.

Before you start working with the deck, hold each card, and think about the emotions that surface. To reinforce or set the energy, you may find it helpful to jot down keywords or phrases that come to mind when holding the card. The more you work with the deck, you will teach your crows how to better communicate with you. Over time the relationship you build with your crows will become reliable, honest, and intimate.

To help with this exercise, you will find space to write down your specific keywords in the appendix section of this book.

Please keep in mind, in this deck, and in life, crows remember how you treat them; when kindness and respect are offered, they return the favor and deliver treasures.



Preparing Your Deck

I don't know about you, but when I get a new deck, I am so excited that I just want to jump in and start using them right away. Like a child on Christmas morning, I rip open the deck and sift through the images one by one with delight looking for little hidden images or small details. I look at each card up close and then from a distance to get a feel for its unique energy. Each card holds power and tells a story, and it is in this initial meeting that I connect with all the personalities and their quirks that reside within the deck. Some of the cards create a warm, comforting feeling like that of a good friend, others come off strong and create friction.

I use various methods to clear negative energy that builds up over time on my deck, and that includes first clearing myself of any negative vibes. If I am not in a good space energetically speaking while cleaning my deck, it's like mopping the floor while wearing big old pair of muddy boots! The shower (aka my portal to the beyond) is a great place to let bad vibes go down the drain. I imagine the water as pure light energy washing away all the murky mucky muck that tends to build up over time. Another technique and not to go too far down the woo-woo hole here is to imagine that holding all that negative junk in your body is one of those rubber tub stoppers with a metal chain. Imagine it is near your belly button or Solar Plexus. Now envision giving the metal

chain a good tug until the rubber stopper comes out, and with it, you release all the emotional toxins that seep into our bodies as a result of just well living.

The sun, when present (I am in Seattle, so it's often hit or miss nine-months out of the year), is also an excellent resource for clearing away any negative energy. The power of its light is transformative, and it doesn't take long, nor does it require you to get naked (unless you are into that, and that is awesome too—you and Ben Franklin, in that case, have something in common.)

I find just ten to fifteen minutes sitting comfortably in the sun does a wonderful job of shifting my mood.

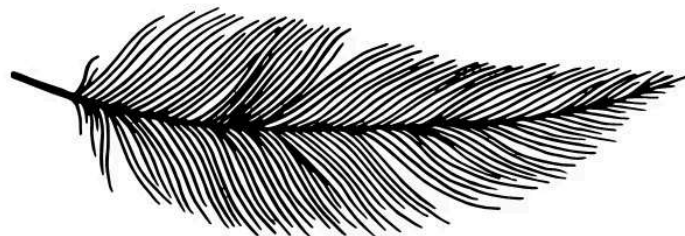
Cleaning the house and saging are two activities that, for me, go hand and hand. Not only do these activities make our home pleasant to be in, but it also raises the overall vibration. Saging I have found has a calming quality for both my child and pup Layla, so overall, it's a big win!

To clear a new deck or to clean a deck that has some negative energy build-up, I start by washing the cards. First, you spread the cards all over a table (image side down) and swish them around. Make sure they are nicely mixed up. Then let your intuition guide you around the table, picking up a card from one area then a couple from another. When you have about a third of the cards in your hand, shuffle them until you feel ready to stop and then

put that stack aside. Go back to the table and pick up some more cards from various places until you have only a third remaining. Shuffle the cards and set them next to the first stack. Finally, gather the remaining cards and shuffle those as well. Stack the piles however you like and then shuffle the deck as a whole. If it is a full moon, that evening set the deck near a window that allows the moonlight to come in.

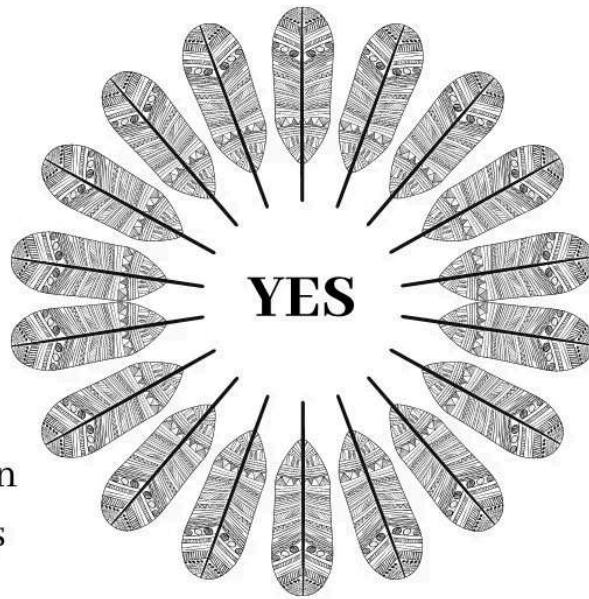
You may also want to keep your deck protected by using crystals such as clear quartz in your deck bag on the box.

Before you touch the deck of cards to do a reading, clear your mind. The goal is to transition into a space of feeling at peace and connected to divine energy. I find floral scents such as jasmine and rose help me escape from day to day stress and create a feeling of inner calm. You may find going for a walk is your path to your higher-self. Sometimes turning up the music and dancing can do wonders for disconnecting from stress. However, it is that you get to a place of peace; it is in the end up to you.



Single Card: Yes/No/Maybe

To use the Crow Tarot as an oracle simply think of a yes or no question. Shuffle the deck then randomly pull a card. Use the chart to discover what your crows advise.



The Fool

The Magician

The Empress

The Chariot

Strength

Temperance

The Star

The Sun

The World

Ace of Wands

Three of Wands

Four of Wands

Six of Wands

Eight of Wands

Page of Wands

Knight of Wands

Queen of Wands

King of Wands

Ace of Cups

Two of Cups

Three of Cups

Nine of Cups

Ten of Cups

Queen of Cups

King of Cups

Ace of Swords

Six of Swords

Page of Swords

Queen of Swords

Ace of Pentacles

Three of Pentacles

Nine of Pentacles

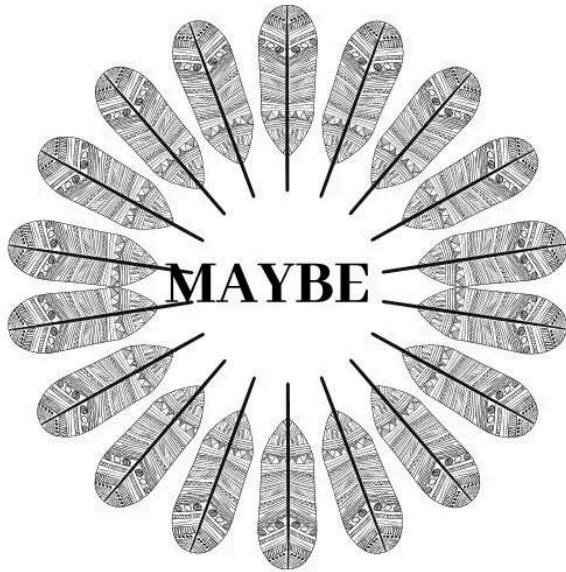
Ten of Pentacles

Page of Pentacles

Knight of Pentacles

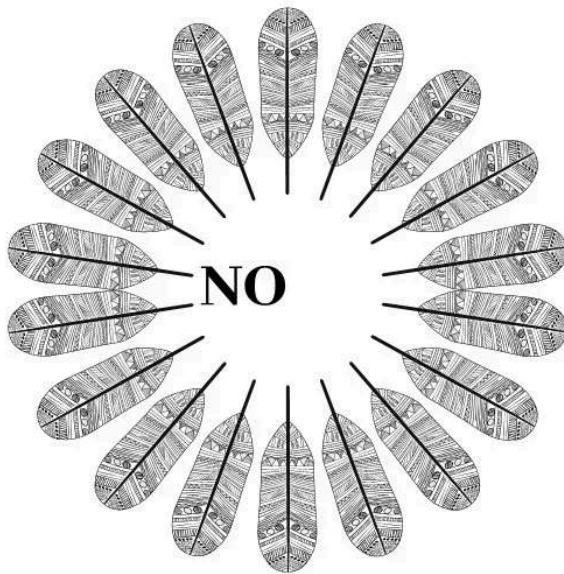
Queen of Pentacles

King of Pentacles



High Priestess
 Hierophant
 The Lovers
 The Hermit
 The Wheel of Fortune
 Justice
 The Moon
 Judgment

Two of Wands	Seven of Cups	Knight of Swords
Five of Wands	Eight of Cups	Two of Pentacles
Nine of Wands	Knight of Cups	Seven of Pentacles
Four of Cups	Page of Cups	Eight of Pentacles
Six of Cups	Four of Swords	



The Emperor
 The Hanged Man
 Death
 The Devil
 The Tower
 Seven of Wands
 Ten of Wands
 Five of Cups

Two of Swords	Eight of Swords	Four of Pentacles
King of Swords	Nine of Swords	Five of Pentacles
Three of Swords	Ten of Swords	Six of Pentacles
Five of Swords		
Seven of Swords		

Single Card: Advice

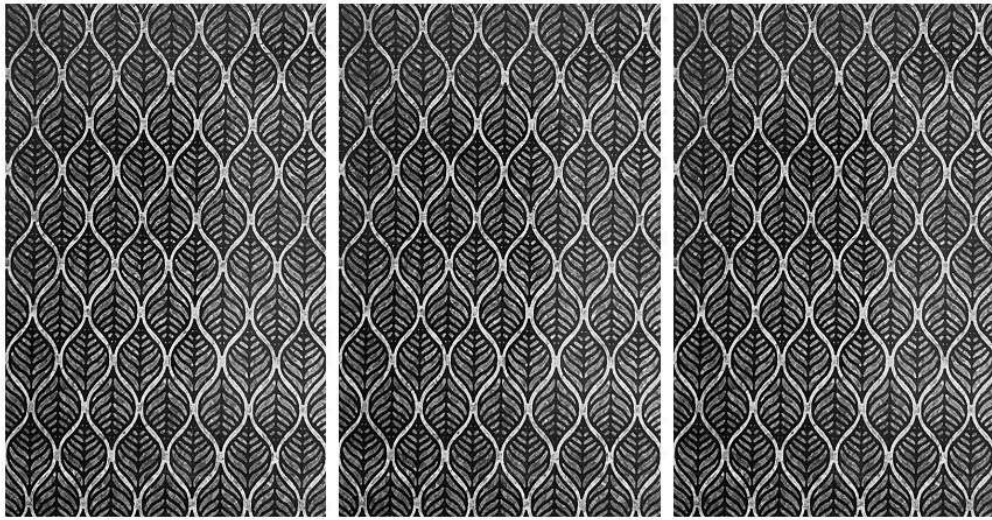
Single card draws can be especially useful for finding problem areas or knots that keep your energy from flowing smoothly.

Quiet your mind and hold the deck in your hands firmly. You may have a specific question in mind, or you may want to see what information your guides or higher-self wish to convey to you at the moment. Shuffle the deck until you feel that little tug in your gut—pull a card. Sometimes the message may be so obvious it is like a crow smacked you upside your head; other times, the message may be more subtle. Sometimes the message is undeniable, yet we choose not to see or understand because of denial.

I find it very interesting when the same card appears several times in a month. When this occurs, I see it as a message that my guides are trying to get my attention, and clearly, I must be either ignoring them or too daft to understand the first two or three times. You will find a place in the back of this book to chart your daily draws for a month. What cards do you find repeat over and OVER?



Three Card Reading



Spread Ideas

1. Past
2. Present
3. Future

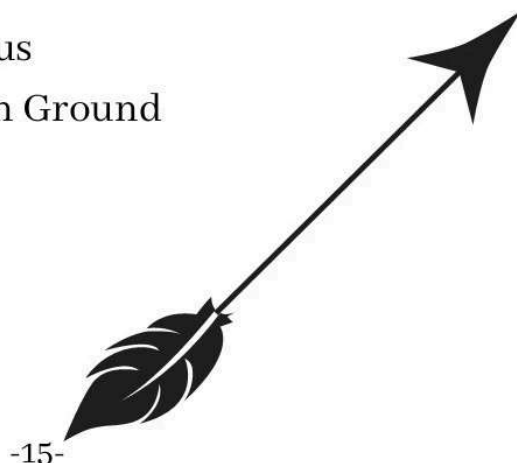
1. Opportunity
2. Possible Outcome
3. Potential Obstacle

1. External Influence
2. Obstacle
3. Advice

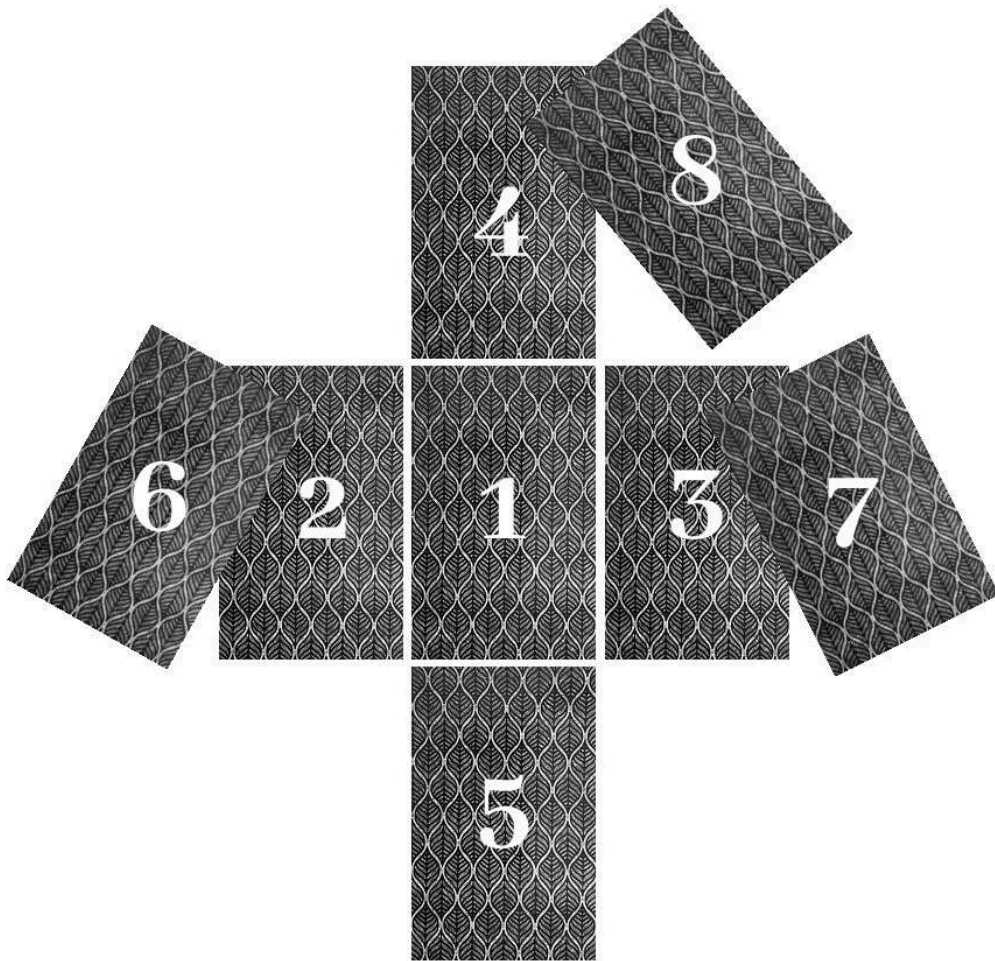
1. Current Energy
2. Energy you are attracting
3. Advice

1. Your focus
2. Your Partner's focus
3. Source of Common Ground

1. Current Problem
2. First Action Step
3. Long Term Plan



Eight Card Crow Spread



1. The first card represents your heart, and the honest emotions that you feel—the desire that you hold within. It is here that you send energy out that is pure of—well heart. This is your beacon, your light that transmits messages to the Universe. When you are operating at a high frequency, this card will tend to be positive and represents a goal that is in alignment. A negative card may indicate that your mood or frequency is low, and as a result, your actions and intentions may be out of alignment.

2. To the left of the heart is the energy you attract as a result of the messages you are sending out into the Universe. Can you find a connection between the first and second cards of the reading?

3. You may feel in your heart a strong desire for a positive outcome, and your frequency may be as high as it can be; however, in this position, the card reveals how your subconscious mind can sabotage success. Check out the negative attributes for this card, do you recognize any of these traits or habits?

4. The area of hopes and fears connects to the third card or subconscious card in this reading. What is driving you? What do you hope, or what are you afraid of that is the source of friction?

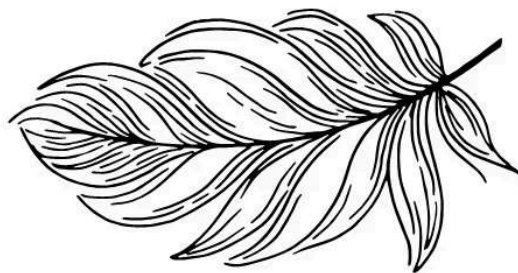
5. Your grounding energy. You will find your strength here, that part of yourself that keeps you connected to the earth. For example, if the card you draw is the Ten of Cups, you may find your source of strength comes from being part of a loving family. If the Tower or the Death card appears in this area of the Crow Spread, your strength may be that you are adaptable and can let go and face change courageously.

6. The past often repeats itself, and in this position. The card reveals a lesson from your history that may be relevant and holds wisdom for your current situation.

7. Think of this card as the uninvited house guest. This external influence will enter your life with little help from your actions as they are operating from a space of free will. This person may end up providing the answers or help you need, or they may end up mucking something up. You can't control what they do; you can only control how you react.

8. The crows travel through the veil and bring back what they see as the best approach to ensure that your outcome is the most beneficial.

I like to expand this reading by running through each position three times. The first card layer gives a base understanding of the energy that is present, and the following layers provide more insight. I have found that to do a full Crow Spread with three layers plan on at least 30 minutes; however, at least for me (I am a bit chatty), they tend to run closer to 60 minutes.





Things do not change;
we change.
~Thoreau

Symbolism

Although I took artistic license, you will find in the Crow Tarot many of the same symbols as in the Rider-Waite-Smith deck. When I created the Crow Tarot, I felt it was essential to work within the parameters of tradition concerning symbolism as I was using the creative process also to teach myself the Tarot.

You will find color plays an important role in the Crow Tarot as it sets the stage or mood for the energy represented on the card.

Red

You will find the color red throughout the Crow Tarot. From the infinity symbol to the poppies, I chose this color because it symbolizes strength and passion as well as danger, conflict, and power.

Pink / Magenta

The color pink represents calm, warmth, love, acceptance, and the feeling of security. You will find various shades of this color throughout this deck from lotus flowers to the warm sky of the Seven of Pentacles.

Orange

The color of the bright, warm sun—orange demands attention! It represents an energy that is flamboyant and enthusiastic. This color can also represent health, change, and balance. Although mostly positive, you will find this color represents decay due to neglect in the form of rust on the Ten of Swords.

Yellow / Gold

Although yellow has many meanings, including cowardice, I chose to use the color to represent happiness and joy in the Crow Tarot. The color of fresh spring flowers and summer days, shades of yellow help conjure up an energy that supports comfort and bliss.

Green / Patina Green

You will find various shades of green throughout the Crow Tarot. Aside from being my favorite color, green represents completion and abundance. It is the signal to “go” and is often associated with good luck. What's not to love about the color green? Of course, it can also represent greed and envy; however, in the Crow Tarot, green was mostly used to signify personal development and growth.

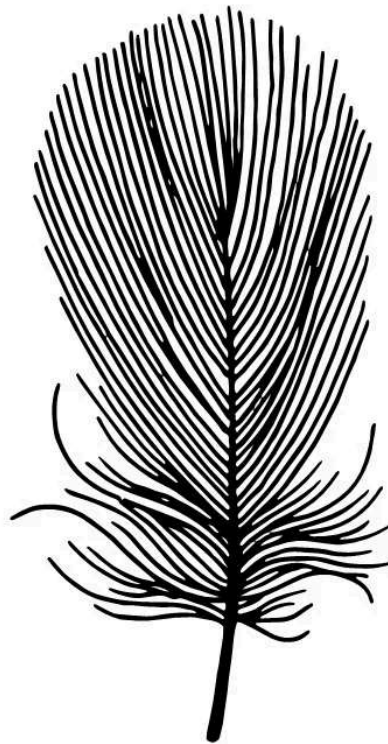
Blue

The color blue can represent a sharp mind with a clear vision, aloofness, or coolness, for example, the Queen and King of Swords.

Blue also represents loyalty, status (blue blood), and dependability. For the Nine of Swords, the color blue is associated with depression and over-analyzing a situation.

Purple

Purple evokes mystery and magical forces—it is a color that represents the subconscious mind and creativity. For centuries purple has also been associated with royalty and nobility. In the Crow Tarot, the color purple appears in the form of feathers that decorate the King of Swords' throne as well as the swirl around the High Priestess's eye.



BASIC SYMBOLISM


Infinite Possibilities


Integrity


Open to learning
Logic
Final decision


Fresh start, new beginnings


New possibilities & opportunities


Emotions


Strength during painful or trying times & numbing the pain


Finances, security & stability


Lighting the way, warmth, hope


Creativity, Enthusiasm


Being grounded
Abundance


Success


Personal Strength


Unclear vision, dreams, fantasy


Obstacles, barriers

The Major Arcana



The Fool



The Magician



The High Priestess



The Empress



The Emperor



The Hierophant



The Lovers



The Chariot



Strength



The Hermit



The Wheel of Fortune



Justice



The twenty-two trump cards of the Major Arcana represent the various archetypal energies that reside within each of us. It is this underlying and influential energy that often goes unacknowledged. Yet, at the same time, it performs an essential role in how we respond to situations as we travel along the journey of life.

We begin our trip through the Tarot, as the Fool, childlike, free, and full of optimism. To the Fool, the world offers boundless opportunities that feed our desire for spontaneity, entertainment, and adventure. For the Fool, it is not about the final destination; instead, the purpose of the journey lies in the experiences and possibilities for gratification. When we encounter the Magician, that is when we take control, no longer content with going with the flow, we accept accountability for the outcome.

It is through the Magician that we learn how to pull together resources that will create an aspired transformation. It is here that we recognize our power and the magic we hold within.

The High Priestess moves between the material and spiritual realms. When she appears, she comes as an advisor and serves as a connection to our higher self or subconscious mind. It is the voice of the High Priestess that signals when and when not to act.

The Empress enters at a time when our journey would benefit from the nurturing and abundant energy of a mother. To ensure that advancement continues and our trip proceeds with integrity and a clear vision, the Emperor arrives as a respected leader.

The energy of the Emperor complements the loving, motherly Empress, and the Emperor serves as a traditional father-figure who restores order during times of chaos and creates the feeling of security.

When our tour reaches the Hierophant, that is when we seek to understand our cultural heritage; it is in our search for belonging when we find the wise soul who serves as a teacher and spiritual advisor.

As we mature and our individual beliefs develop, we reach the Lovers who propose an opportunity for two opposing forces to come together to establish a karmic bond.

It is when our values become part of our identity that we sense the fearless and charging energy of the Chariot. During this leg of the journey, we discover the advantage of control and discipline as we learn how to direct our impulses and emotions with precision.

The Chariot delivers us to Strength. Understanding our motivations and feelings, Strength teaches us how to apply this knowledge when working with others who

may bring conflict. Strength shows us the power of patience and of developing a soft touch to reach the desired outcome. It is at this point in our journey through life that we learn about grace and our inner strength.

When we enter the deep dark woods, that is, when we encounter the Hermit, we go inward and experience introspection. This is when we meet a mentor and a guiding light. It is the wisdom we attain during this time that will someday light the way for others.

The Wheel of Fortune marks the halfway point of the Fool's journey, and it is here that we begin to understand our destiny, our place in this world, and the power of good luck. The Wheel of Fortune also serves as a reminder that the course is not direct; instead, it twists and turns to offer moments that are smooth and easy, and at other points, it is steep and riddled with impediments. In time, we will inescapably encounter both.

With growth and wisdom comes a greater awareness of our responsibility as Justice brings to our journey a willingness to hold ourselves accountable for our deeds.

Despite the knowledge gained and the strength achieved, we encounter forces that are beyond our control and hold us back. When progress stalls at the hands of another, it is because we have met the Hanged Man.

Although stagnation can be frustrating, it is the Hanged Man who pushes us to see our situation from a new perspective and thus sparks growth.

The time comes to confront the inevitable when Death appears along the trail; we must accept the demise of something so that we can continue progressing, as fate is not done with us just yet.

It is not long after we encounter Death that Temperance emerges, bringing moderation and an urge to find balance as a means of relieving or soothing a problematic or painful ending.

Every journey that grants an opportunity for growth and learning includes interaction with the Devil. It is the energy of the Devil that teaches us that not all beasts appear as they are: some arrive in masks. It is the Devil that causes us to feel comfortable to the point of laziness and removes pain until we become numb to all the sensations of life. It is the Devil that will have us placing ourselves in bondage. However, his many, many faults the Devil does at times add value to a situation as he creates passion and fuels desire.

The Tower follows the Devil on our mission, and its purpose is to generate havoc. The disturbance caused by the Tower is one that we can't ignore, as it uproots us and causes distress that rattles the bones. It is the Tower that shows us what we are made of. Can you rebuild?

When the dust settles, it is the divine light of the Star that elevates us up and out of the rubble. The Star bears the gifts of inspiration and the promise of a better tomorrow. When our trip seems to be going smoothly, and we see the sky as cloudless, that is when our journey takes us to the Moon.

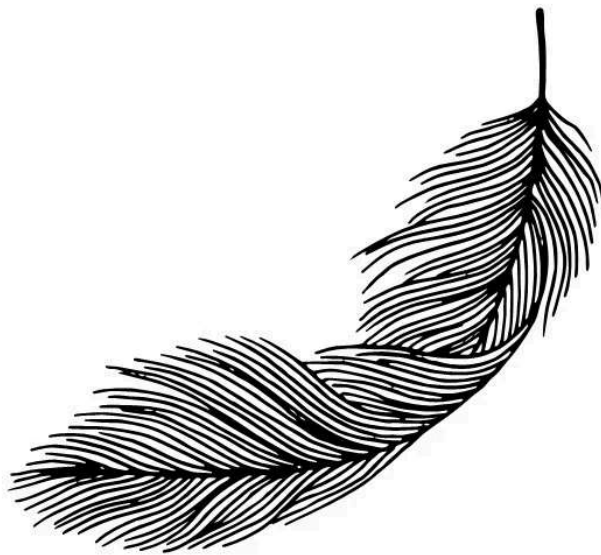
The light of the Moon reflects our anxieties and illusions; it reveals the shadow self that we try to suppress. The Moon encourages us to remove the mask that conceals our inner nature, and not only confront our true self, but also to allow our shadow moments some freedom.

We awake to a rising Sun that revitalizes the soul with its radiating warmth and comforting glow. It is in the brilliant light of the Sun that we dare to stand center stage, allowing ourselves to be seen.

As the journey enters its final leg, we must face Judgment. It is during this encounter that we are called to reflect upon our lives, to honor our history as a whole story, a complete account compiled of the good, the bad, and yes, the times we wish we could do-over. Combining our experiences create a comprehensive picture of who we are, not solely as a human being, but as a spiritual being. To advance, we must accept ourselves as a whole and take responsibility for who we have become.

Our trip concludes with the World, and much like the end

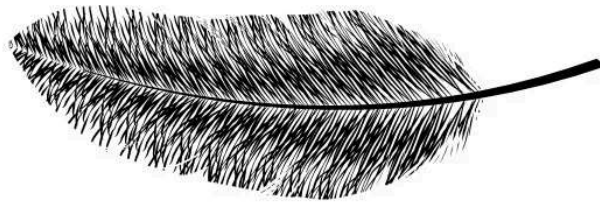
of a delicious several course meal, the feeling we experience at this point in our journey is one of being utterly satiated. For now, life is pleasant, and there is a feeling of ease in the air. Rest up as you bask in this moment of success because with every ending, there will be a beginning.





The Fool

The fledgling hopped along the edge of the riverbank, where it spotted a log floating along in the water. Mesmerized, the crow watched as the wood gently bobbed up and down, dodging rocks and fallen trees. What an adventure thought the young bird. Without much consideration, the crow lifted its body into the air and landed firmly on the log. As the crow rode down the river, it watched the passing landscape with wonder and delight. Although it was eager to see what would eventually be revealed, it did not take to the air for a peek; instead, it remained patient knowing that the log and river would provide an enchanting story with perfect timing.



General Message

The Fool speaks of innocence and possessing a child-like spirit. The message this card offers is one of letting go of expectations and the need to judge or over-analyze a situation with a critical eye or our jaded adult-eye. The Fool asks that you be open to new experiences and resist the need to control a situation. When the Fool is present, have faith that the Universe will offer an adventure worth pursuing.

Symbolism



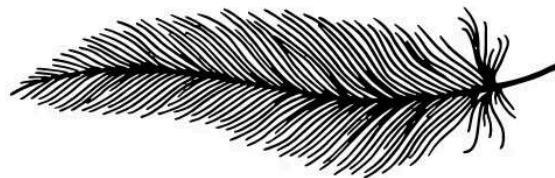
The Log: Buoyancy,
unsinkable, optimism

The Wind: Warning, other
people's fears or concerns

Trees: Feeling grounded,
balanced root chakra, an
opportunity for abundance

Lotus Flowers: Pure heart,
divine intervention

Fern Leaf: Inner-strength



Positive Traits / In Balance

Trusting, having faith in the unknown, living in the
moment, being spontaneous

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Reckless, acting without considering others,
wasting time on frivolous pursuits

Past Position

The Fool may represent a time spent following a pipe dream or putting your faith in something or someone without considering the consequences. The Fool may also serve as the foundation for a divinely guided situation.

Is your current situation one that benefited from a leap of blind faith, or do you look back to see only time spent goofing off?

Present Position

In the Present position, with the energy of the Fool swirling around, you may feel more inclined to agree to a blind date, a last-minute road trip, or apply for a job that you would have once considered a long shot.

Could your current situation benefit from having faith? Are you able to let go of the need to take control and enjoy the journey of life?

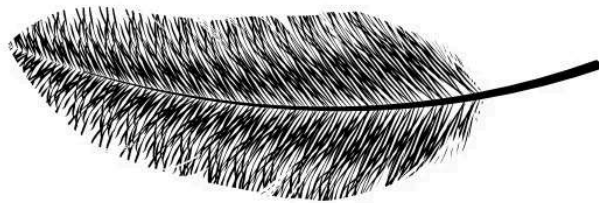
Advice Position

The Fool advises you to take chances and allow for inspiration to be your guide. Although the Fool asks that you have faith in the process, in this position, it cautions against being complacent.

Are you going with the flow, or are you avoiding responsibilities?



The crow extended its massive black wings as it gracefully lifted into the air. The bird lifted its head and took a deep breath and summoned the creative energy that circulated through its veins. Feeling energized, the crow then stretched its neck and tilted its beak, just so, and with a flash, the crow connected with the transformative electricity that thundered above in the clouds. Streams of energy fluttered through the crow's body as the elements for manifesting fused together. The bird could suddenly sense what it desired. In its mind's eye, it could see every detail. Using all of its senses, the crow could smell and hear as if its goal was within reach. The crow knew for sure that what it desired was no longer a mere thought—no, it was out there—and it was close. The crow's final act was to reach out and take it.



General Message

When the energy of the magician comes forward, the call is for you to commit to taking action. The message this card offers is for you to use your creative mind to imagine with complete and utter clarity the thing that you yearn to hold. When you can recognize and understand your desire, you will know the resources to cultivate. When intention and action blend, that is when you have the force to draw down some serious source energy—that all-important final element to manifest your goal.

Symbolism



Mountains: Obstacles,
barriers between you and a
goal

Crow Rising: Finding clarity

Lightning Bolt: Divine or
source energy

Golden Hues/Light: A new
day, a fresh start, opulence,
manifesting finances

Wand, Pentacle, Sword, Cup:
Pulling together all available
resources (creativity,
passion, vision, and
material)



White Roses: Spirituality,
true love, purity

Red Poppies: Strength

Positive Traits / In Balance

Focused, creative, committed to a plan, action-oriented,
clear vision, feeling purposeful

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Lazy, scattered-brained, unable to find clarity, moving in
too many directions without achieving anything

Past Position

The Magician in the past position indicates that you, at one time, used focused attention to manifest an outcome. You may or may not have consciously set out to create or bring something into your life; however, everything lined up just so, and today this event serves as a piece of the foundation for your situation.

Can you remember a time when something you thought about or obsessed over seemed to magically manifest?

Present Position

In the Present position, the Magician is calling out for immediate action. The process of manifesting something you desire has begun. Now it is time to finish what you started by believing that it is already yours. The Magician asks that you gather your resources, summon the magic within, and create.

Can you see your dream or your goal with complete clarity? What does it look like? What feelings are connected to achieving this goal?

Advice Position

In the advice position, the Magician asks that you be open and allow yourself some room for creative thinking when new opportunities present themselves, as this will help you understand the potential. When you use your creative mind to see beyond the surface, you may uncover a hidden gem that would have otherwise gone unnoticed.

Are you able to trust your intuition?



High Priestess

The crow quieted her mind and allowed the journey inward to begin. Through a kaleidoscope tunnel, she soared until she found a crescent moon to perch herself on. In the space where the veil is the thinnest, where the physical realm overlaps every so slightly with the spirit, she observed both sides equally with an open heart and mind. A deep knowing washed over her as she began to understand the secrets and that the connection between the two worlds was much stronger than she was raised to believe. As the crow's intuition became stronger, the line between the physical and the spiritual realms blurred. The crow no longer viewed each plane as separate—she saw the world as a whole through the celestial lens of a goddess.

General Message

When the High Priestess visits, the call is for you withhold action, resist impulses that may be ego-driven, and allow your intuition to guide you. Whereas the Magician energy asks you to seize an opportunity and take action, the High Priestess says, “Not so fast—you may be missing something important. Allow room for patience, as it will prove valuable.” The spirit of the High Priestess is non-judgmental and in tune with the energy of her surroundings. She sees the world for what it is and not what she expects it to be, and because of this, she is open to receiving messages or signs that may go unnoticed.

Symbolism



Crescent Moon: Connection to divine feminine energy

Pomegranates: Persephone's obligation to return to Hades every six months

Wand, Pentacle, Sword, Cup:
The connection between intuition and creativity, finding resources, understanding intellectually and emotionally



Upright Sword: Open mind and analytical thinking

Purple Spiral Around Eye:
Seeing the fine line between the material and spiritual planes

Positive Traits / In Balance

A powerful connection to the divine feminine spirit, intuitive, empathetic

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Secretive, disconnected and withdrawn

Past Position

The High Priestess represents a time when you withheld action because of a hunch, and as a result, you may have avoided some grief or a setback. You may have felt in tune with the energy surrounding a situation, and because of this, you were able to pick up on signs or clues that enabled you to make a thoughtful decision. What clues did the High Priestess leave for you, what triggered you to follow your gut?

Present Position

The veil is thin right now, and the High Priestess is trying to communicate a message from the other side to you by sending you signs. Pay extra attention to your feelings and your intuition regarding what you see or hear at this time. Have you noticed the same song seems to come on the radio, or you meet several people who have one thing in common such as a name or occupation? Are you open to receiving messages, or are you blocking them out because of skepticism or denial?

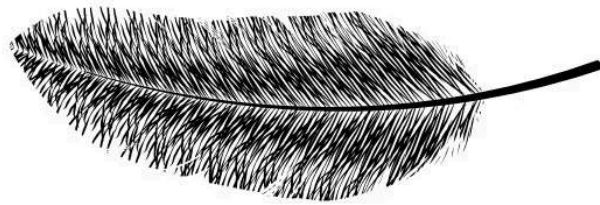
Advice Position

In the advice position, the High Priestess asks that you get in touch with your spiritual side. You will benefit from having a well-tuned intuition that you can trust, and the best way to achieve this is to exercise your third-eye. Where can you create a retreat or safe place to connect and build a trusting relationship with your High Priestess?



The Empress

The crow soars majestically over the fertile landscape. She is a mother to all — a goddess. She views the land below, not just a place of dirt and rocks but rather like that of a child full of potential. She listens with a mother's ear to the water, how at moments it is quiet as it moves slowly, and at other moments, it is wild and erratic. She understands the desire of the river to break-free—she feels the sorrow of the ocean. From the sky, she soars patiently observing forests as they transform from season to season. The Empress feels each root as it extends, each young leaf as it pushes itself out into the air. She watches over fields to ensure that they grow healthy and are capable of fulfilling their purpose. The Empress sends love to the planet with the intent to create pockets of harmony with the hope that they grow.



General Message

The Empress asks that you connect with your feminine side and acknowledge within you is life-giving energy. You have the power to extend generosity and be a positive influence in the world. The Empress also offers permission to direct compassion inward. Take the time to enjoy your surroundings, bask in abundance, and treat yourself like royalty.

Symbolism



Sun: Spreading warmth,
creating comfort for others

White Heart: Divine love,
unconditional love

Cup: Empathy, self-aware,
emotional intelligence

Wand: Creativity, bringing
ideas to fruition

Water: Subconscious mind,
intuition

Trees covered landscape:
Providing protection and
stability, feeling connected
to a community, grounded



Fruit tree: Offering
nourishment and comfort,
creating ease for others

Positive Traits / In Balance

Nurturing, supportive, generous, regal

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Critical, petty, hoarding of resources

Past Position

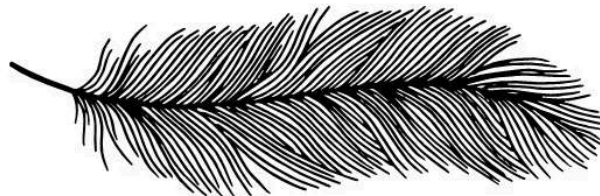
The foundation for your current situation may have its roots in a strong female presence from your childhood, or the Empress in this position may be directing your attention to a time when you brought something to life. Are there lessons from a grandmother or another wise older woman in your life that would prove useful today?

Present Position

The Empress asks you to take care of yourself, splurge a little, and enjoy moments of creativity. The call is for you to not only extend compassion outward but also inward. Are you comfortable spending time and money on little things that will make you feel like royalty?

Advice Position

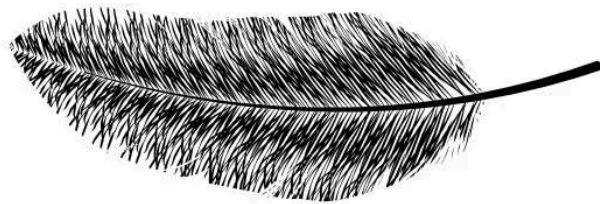
In this position, The Empress asks that you try to see your situation through the loving eyes of a nurturing mother. Your current situation will benefit from offering kindness and compassion over judgment and criticism. How can you extend your support to the situation?





The Emperor

The great crow perches on a throne of his own, making high above the clouds where he has an unobstructed view of the valley. The crow knows that it is not a chair that creates a leader but rather integrity and a disposition that favors fairness tempered by compassion. When squabbles or conflicts arise, those under his rule recognize the Emperor as a valued voice of reason. No, this powerful bird did not gain his authority by muscling his way to the top or through trickery—he is a true leader, one who earned the honor by offering respect to all in the roost.



General Message

The Emperor is a mature father figure who creates structure and restores order during times of chaos. He may represent an authority figure or someone who has the final say in a decision. When the Emperor is present, the call is to move forward with integrity, regulate emotions, and work within rules or guidelines.

Symbolism



White feathers around the crow's neck: Wisdom, gaining knowledge with age

Red throne: Power, lust for life

Placement of the crow and the clouds: Having a long term view, seeing a situation beyond immediate events

Mountains: Solid position, unshakable strength



Sword: Clear vision, the ability to articulate a plan, clean and precise action

Ram's head: The Emperor's connection to Aries

Positive Traits / In Balance

Father figure, authoritative, unbiased, fair and logical, dependable

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Lack of empathy, controlling, tyrannical, despotic

Past Position

When the Emperor visits the past position, the foundation for your current situation may be the result of a ruling or a decision made by someone in power. The Emperor may also point to an event, whether you liked it or not, that you were required to play by the rules. Did you experience the sting of being reprimanded or encounter a fair and just ruling?

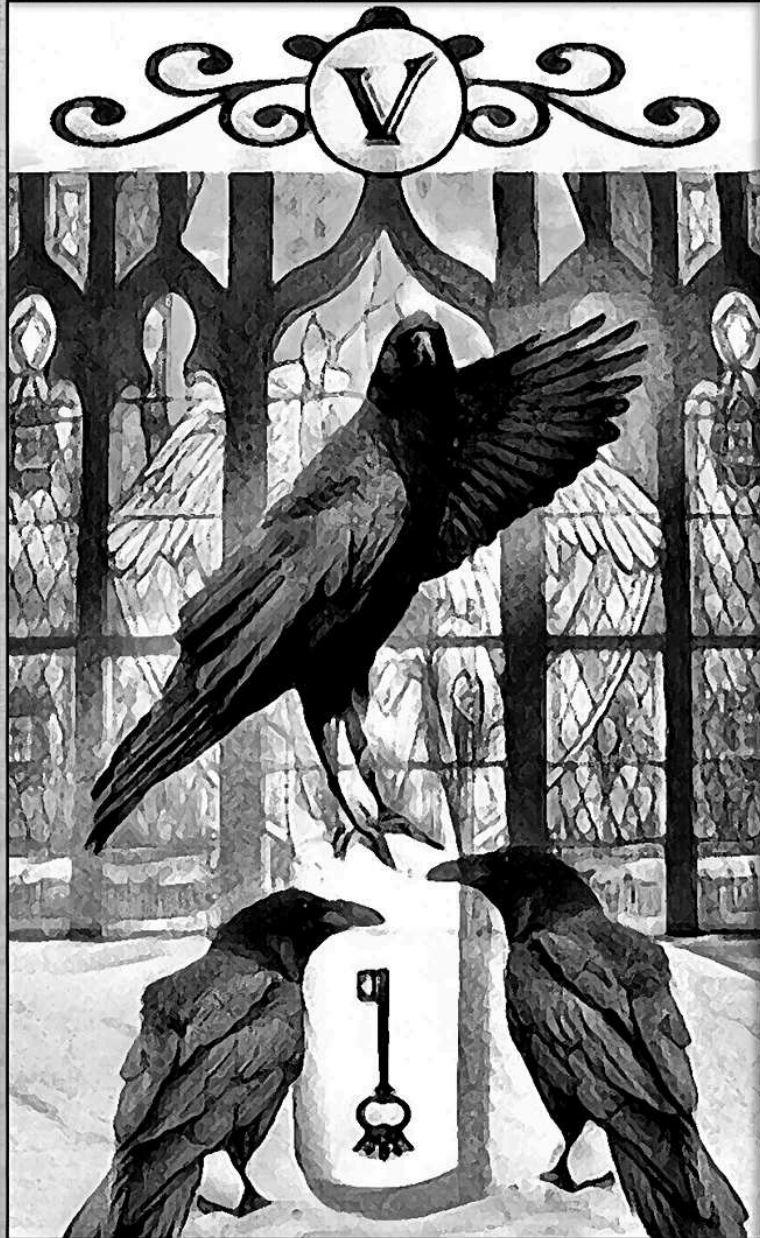
Present Position

The Emperor appears in the present position to indicate that your current situation would benefit from discipline and structure. Now would not be an ideal time to test authority or go against established guidelines or rules.

Advice Position

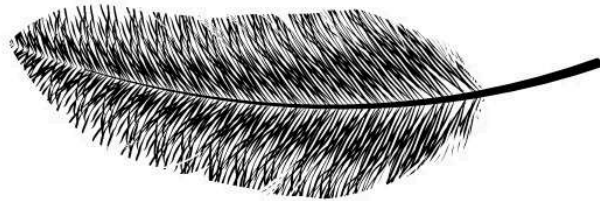
In the advice position, the Emperor suggests that you have the wisdom, authority, and clear vision needed to achieve a successful outcome. It is time that you embrace the role of leader. Can you feel the energy that comes from the noble ruler that resides within your soul?





The Hierophant

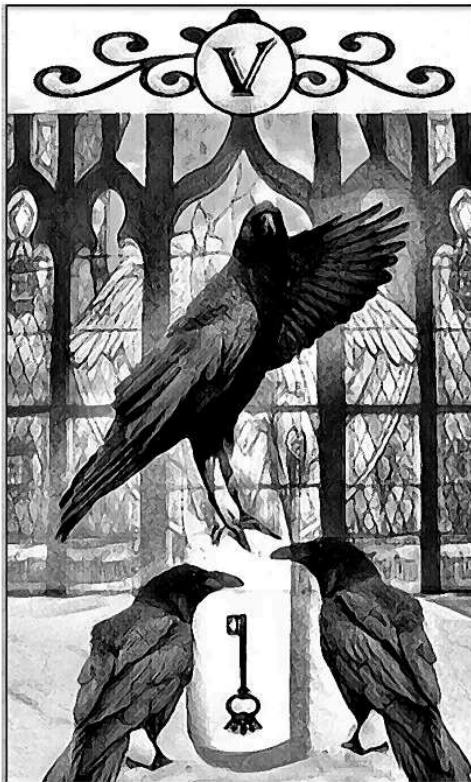
The fledglings gathered as a wise crow bestowed his knowledge and the lessons that kept the old bird alive far longer than any other crow in the city. He shared all of his tricks for finding food and shelter when it was scarce during storms and the best places to cool off during hot summer days. The old crow was less concerned about losing its resources or having to share his favorite watering hole — he felt compelled to pass down his history to ensure that others would survive and live as long as he has. The wise crow made only one request: Do not to hoard this information —share it, teach others.



General Message

The Hierophant denotes a desire to connect with others who share a belief or heritage. It may be time for you to take on the role of the curious student and seek out wisdom from a trusted source. When you commit to learning, the teacher will appear.

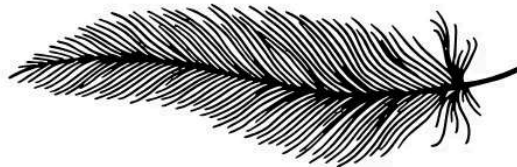
Symbolism



Candle: Lighting the way for others

Key: Wisdom

Stained glass window:
Organized religion, dogma



Positive Traits / In Balance

Feeling connected, joining others, conformity, openness to learning

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Intolerance, authoritarian, being a "know-it-all"

Past Position

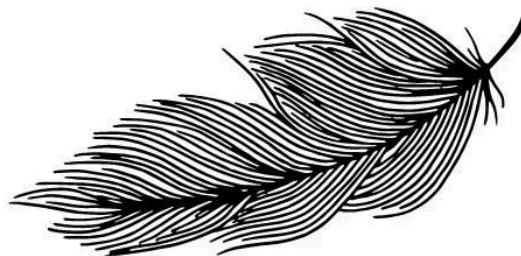
The Hierophant in the past position indicates a foundation created from conforming or agreeing with the beliefs of a group. Decisions or actions you made during this time may have been impacted by your firm connection to a specific heritage, culture, or philosophy. What groups do you feel loyal to today?

Present Position

When the Hierophant arrives in the present position, the call is to get curious about something that interests you and seek out knowledge that will help you advance your understanding. Is there an opportunity for advancement through learning something new or expanding your skills?

Advice Position

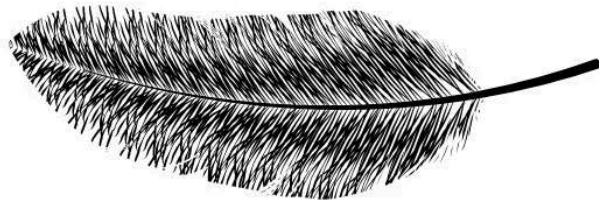
In the advice position, your situation may benefit from joining a group or connecting with other like-minded people. However, you may also want to consider if your identity is too tightly linked to a group or organization. Do you feel your self-worth or value is dependent on your relationship within a group, or does the group benefit as a whole because you offer a valuable contribution?





The Lovers

The vibrant and energetic crow took a moment to refuel its spirit and bask in the sun. A crow who prefers the darkness of the night sky was intrigued by the crow in the sun. The curious bird swooped down to learn more. Each crow contributed their unique story, and when they shared their history, a feeling of wholeness formed between them. The pair found strength from vulnerability and offered not only a piece of themselves but also the valuable time for the other to express their truth. The crows understood the significance of the interaction. They knew if either became overly demanding or restrictive in regards to the other's time, friction would result, and balance would be thrown off. The birds consciously worked together to maintain harmony.



General Message

The Lovers offers an energy that brings two different forces together. Although it may indicate a sexual relationship, it may also point to a stable and supportive friendship or partnership. We may also encounter the Lovers when it is time to clearly define our individual values and philosophy to make a decision that offers the best possible outcome.

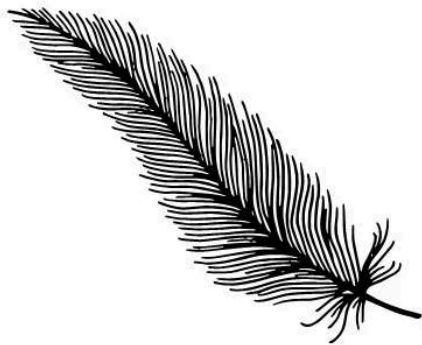
Symbolism



Sun/Moon: Two equal and valuable beliefs or ideas that come together to create something bigger when whole

Trees: Standing firm, feeling connected to each other at the root despite differences

Snake: Temptation that may try to come between two forces



Heart: Something that draws two separate forces together and provides nourishment

The crows in the sky: Giving and receiving time and power

Positive Traits / In Balance

Harmonious relationships, being self-aware, capable of compromise, open-hearted

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling detached from society, irritable, pushing others away, questionable morals or behavior

Past Position

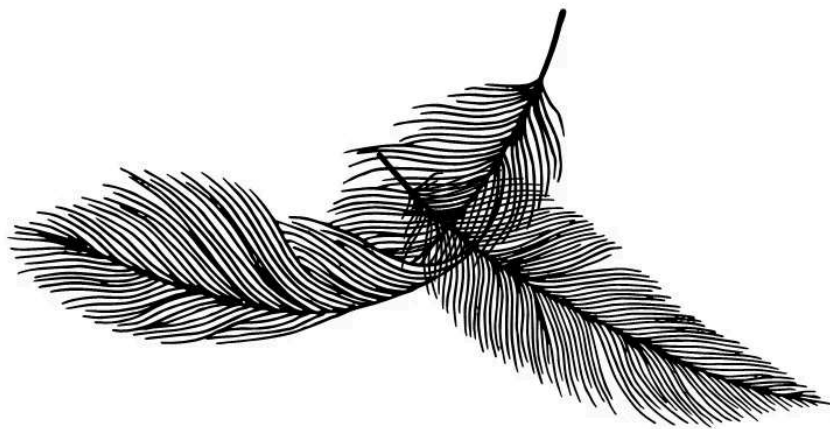
The Lovers in the past position indicates a stable foundation built on a loving relationship that offered equal respect and compromise. The Lovers may also point to a time when you established your belief system and became clear on what you wanted from your life.

Present Position

When the Lovers appear in the present position, the call is for you to open your heart and allow room for a new relationship to enter as it may result in a significant and positive outcome. The message is to embrace the passion and let attraction be your guide.

Advice Position

Are you clear on what you want from a relationship or a situation? Are you sending mixed vibes? The Lovers in the advice position asks that you take the time to examine your wish list and focus your energy on cultivating relationships that are in sync with your values or philosophy.





The Chariot

The confident crow embarked on a long journey in search of success. In time the bird's body began to feel heavy, and its wings grew weak, yet it persisted and called upon all the strength it mustered to push through what felt like a constant headwind. Despite the progress, the crow knew if it settled for immediate gratification, it was settling for less. When the crow committed to finishing its expedition, it encountered a fierce energy storm. It recognized the storm for what it was —an opportunity to soar ahead quicker and without a struggle. The bird conjured up the last bit of its energy. Reaching out and up the crow and felt the wind and rose above the clouds, away from the rain. From this position, the bird realized that the clear sky offered many options and many paths to the same destination. It was free and flew swiftly without obstacles —except for the one within its mind —self-doubt.

General Message

The Chariot brings the message of being in charge, taking command of the situation (forcefully if necessary) and not giving in to fear or self-doubt. When the Chariot appears, be on guard because events and circumstances may progress quicker than anticipated, and it can be easy to lose control. A ride on the Chariot will help you reach your destination quickly; however, you will need discipline and the strength to focus your energy with intention and confidence.

Symbolism

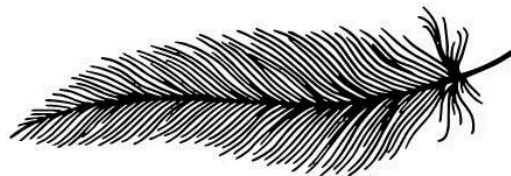


Moon: Letting intuition guide the way

Laurel Wreath: Victory, commanding presence

Lightning: Raw energy, sudden or unexpected changes, easily solved problems

Clouds: Clarity of goals or dreams



Positive Traits / In Balance

Confident, sound judgment, ego-driven, authoritative

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Overwhelmed, fearful, scatter-brained, low self-esteem

Past Position

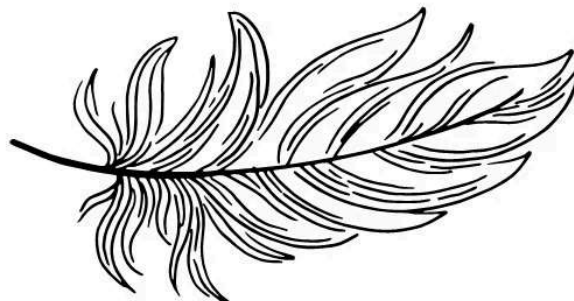
When the Chariot appears in the past position successful outcome is the foundation for your current situation. Because of your contribution or leadership, you have within greater confidence, and this will set you up for being in an advantageous position. It is much easier to build upon success rather than failure.

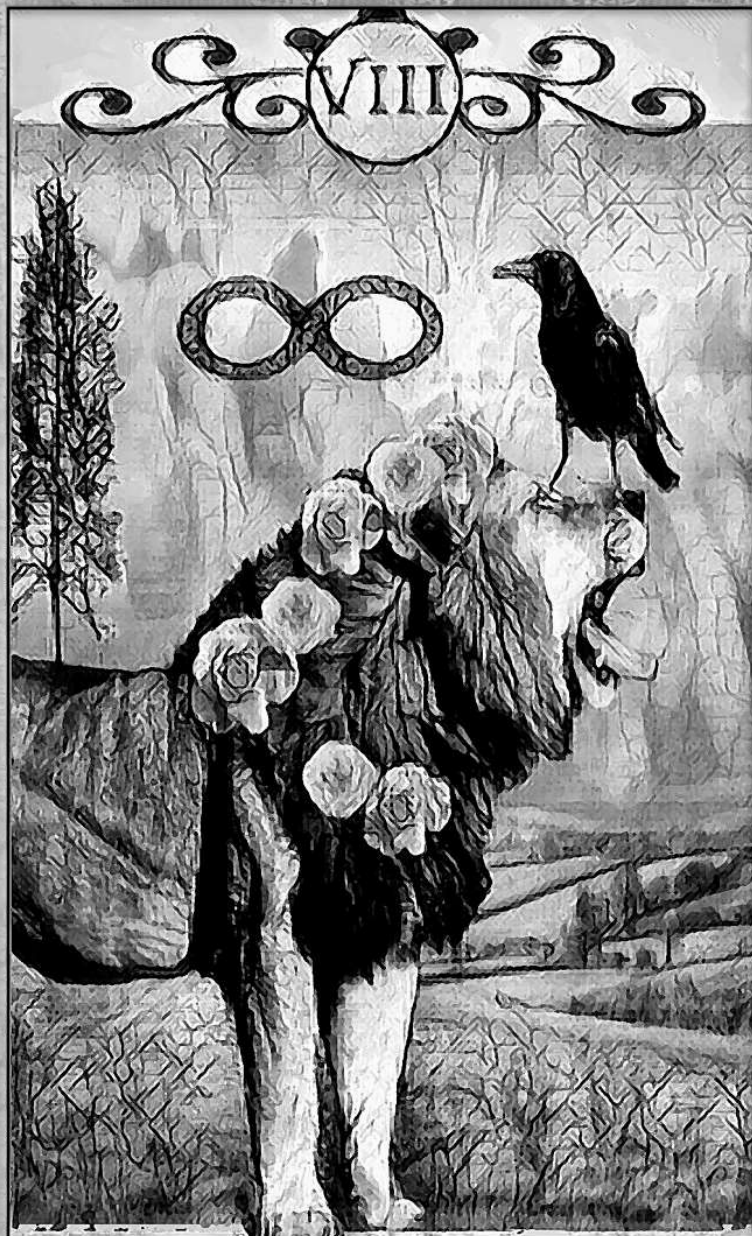
Present Position

Victory is coming, and it is coming quickly! Are you ready to take the reins and control any fear or self-doubt that may get in the way? Now is the time to take the lead —call upon your courage and have faith in yourself.

Advice Position

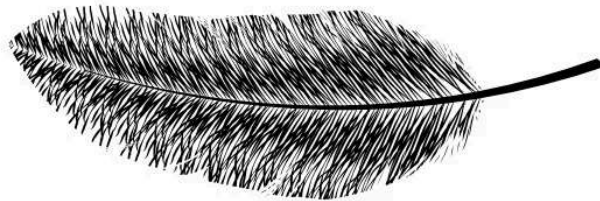
The Chariot in this position asks you to consider if you are in the driver's seat, or are you letting things progress without your consent or input. Your current circumstances will benefit from you taking the reins and contributing to your desired goal with courage and determination.





Strength

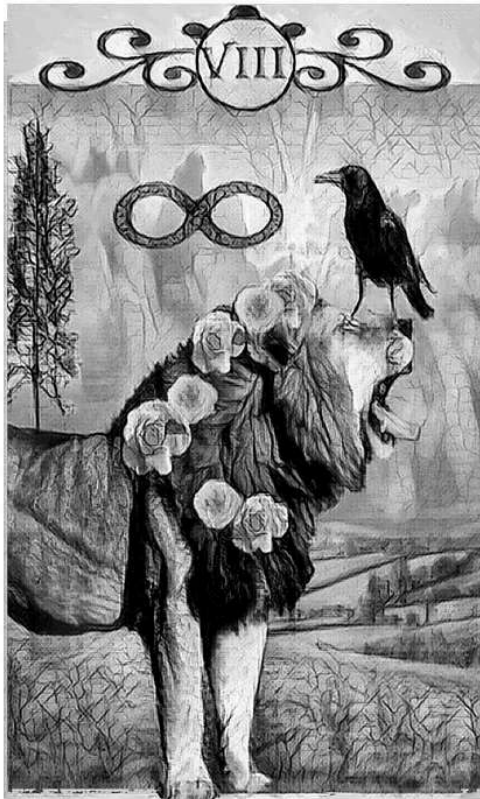
The crow stood on the lion's snout, not in disrespect or dominance; it was a playful act, one that required trust on both sides. Although each creature is wild, they deeply understood the impact acting on their impulses would have on their future. The lion extended to the crow a healthy heart that gave kindness and understanding. The crow offered a sharp mind and the ability to forecast possibilities. The crow and the lion, although challenging at times, consciously made an effort to retrain their natural needs and desires because they recognized the potential their union created and the success that would result.



General Message

Strength indicates that your situation will benefit from practicing patience, self-control, and compassion. You may feel tempted to push others into action; however, when Strength is present, you will find that a gentle touch will bring about the results you desire far more than a heavy hand.

Symbolism



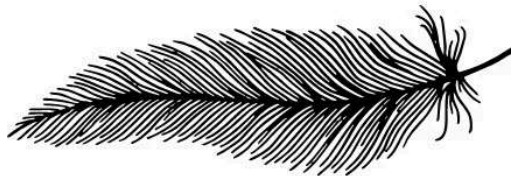
Infinity symbol: Infinite possibilities

Crow closing the lion's eye:
Controlling how you see a situation, being blind to fear

Flowers in the lion's mane:
Taming or softening wild tendencies

White roses: Pure intentions

Pink roses: Gentleness and admiration



Positive Traits / In Balance

Compassionate, self-restrained, graceful, capable of compromise, soft influence, guiding others rather than forcing

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Boorish, feeling impatient or bothered by others, using bullying tactics

Past Position

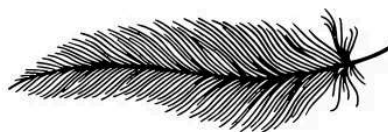
In the past position, Strength indicates a time when you were able to master your emotions, find grace during a contentious period, and work with others to reach a harmonious outcome.

Present Position

When Strength arrives in the present position, the message is to connect with your feminine energy and draw from within feelings of compassion. Take time to work on your approach and advance your emotional intelligence. Not only will you move closer to reaching your goals, but you will also create mutually enjoyable interactions. Are you able to let go of a little control if the result is a better relationship with those around you?

Advice Position

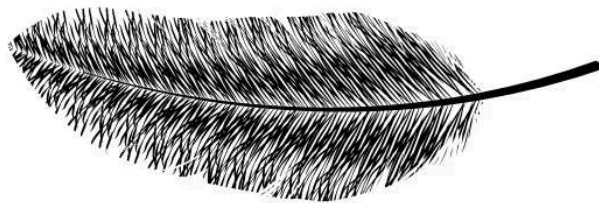
If you are feeling driven or anxious. If you are dependent on the actions of others and are tempted to nudge or poke them to move quicker, what will best serve your situation at this time is patience and a firm resolve that everything will work out how it is intended. Strength asks that you trust your intuition and assess if your actions are coming from a place of confidence or fear-based - is your intuition guiding you, or is it your ego?





The Hermit

The city crow grew tired of the distractions that seemed to bombard her day in and day out. From morning to night, the cacophony of caws and coos and squawks made concentrating on a single thought for even a mere minute all but impossible. Overwhelmed by the stimulating city, the bird retreated into the woods for a period of peace. On a tree —alone, as the snow fell gently to the ground, the crow heard a voice. The soft whispering did not come from an angelic bird above or a trickster below —it traveled through the branches as it weaved a story for only the crow to hear. Each night the tree spun tales that inspired, delighted, and intrigued the bird. With each passing night, the crow became more thoughtful, more assured —it began to understand its purpose is not that of a spectator or competitor, but instead, it is to be a participant— a creator.



General Message

The path to happiness is through understanding how it is you arrived at your situation. The Hermit appears when it is time to go inward, quiet your mind, and connect with your inner guide. You have within a light that burns brightly; you need to allow yourself to see it.

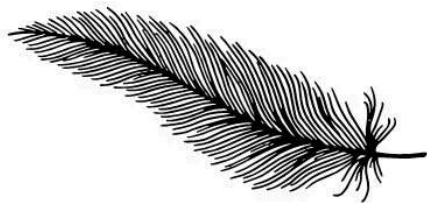
Symbolism



Snow: Chatter, feeling confused, unable to get a clear view

Lantern: Seeing a situation as it indeed is, removing darkness from a situation

Tree: A quiet place to connect with nature, connecting with someone or something wise, feeling grounded, a healthy root chakra



Star: Lighting the way for others, providing wisdom and guidance to others in need

Positive Traits / In Balance

Self-reflective, introspective, capable of meditating and quieting the mind

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling like a misfit, uncontrollable monkey-brain, feeling disconnected from spirit

Past Position

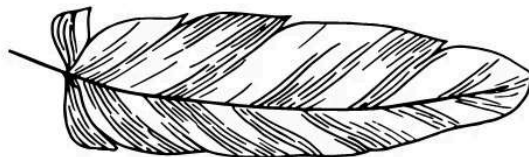
In the past position, The Hermit represents a time when you prioritized getting better acquainted with your spiritual side and practiced connecting with your higher-self. As the foundation for your current situation, the Hermit indicates that you naturally find peace from within and grounded energy during times of conflict.

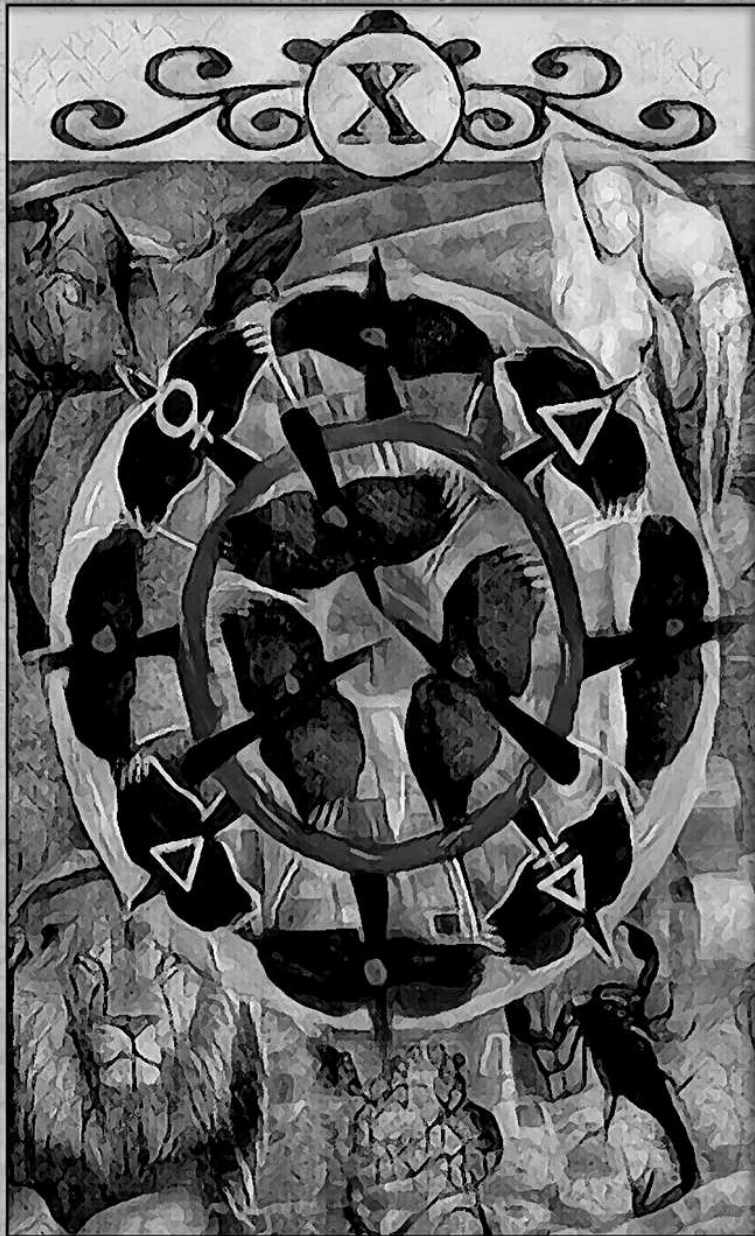
Present Position

The Hermit in this position indicates that you may be consciously busying your mind in an attempt to ignore the advice or wisdom your higher-self is trying to get through because you know it will require some level of discomfort. If you have a hard time being alone with yourself, you may want to consider if meeting the Hermit frightens you, and if so —why?

Advice Position

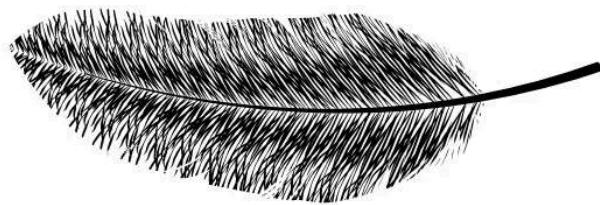
When the Hermit appears in the advice position, your situation will benefit from listening to the guidance your higher-self offers. You will benefit from removing yourself from the chatter so that you can receive the messages that are trying to come through. When you quiet your mind, what words come through?





Wheel of Fortune

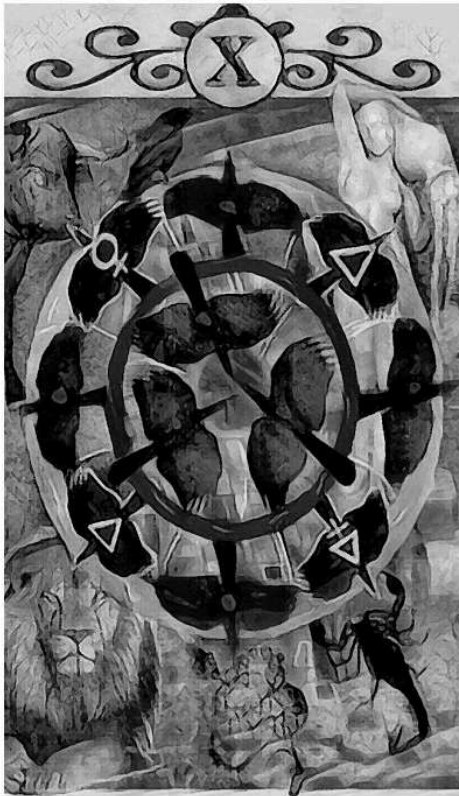
The Wheel of Fortune spins and spins without stopping, thus ensuring that every crow has its day. After the rain, the crow will have its time to bask in the sun. After a famine, the crows will feast on the beach. Just as the sun rises and sets time rolls on unfolding stories along the way. Although the birds cannot stop time, they can either revel in the good seasons or wallow in the bad — either way, their actions impact the length of their exposure.



General Message

The message of the Wheel of Fortune is simply —this too shall pass. Time stops for no one. When the Wheel of Fortune appears, it is usually a positive sign and a reminder to stay optimistic as with time, all circumstances change. Stay focused on what is going well as your optimism is making a difference and will move the wheel into a period of ease and comfort.

Symbolism

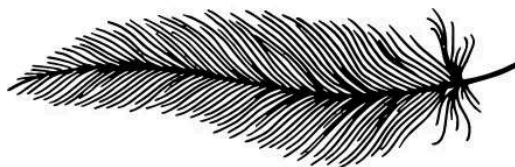


Bull, Waterbearer, Scorpion,
Lion: Symbols of the zodiac
and all things change in time

White symbols on the crows:
Sulphur, Mercury, Fire,
Water

Red dots on the crows: Fixed
position on the wheel,
unable to escape the passage
of time

Snake: Desires of the
material world



Positive Traits / In Balance

Feeling optimist, luck, balanced emotions

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Setbacks, misfortune, focused on negative experiences

Past Position

The Wheel of Fortune in the past position indicates that your current situation benefited from a turn of good fortune. If you look back, you may be able to see the exact moment the wheel moved into your favor. Take a moment to acknowledge your good luck!

Present Position

Get ready for a change because the Wheel is about to move, and you will be pleasantly pleased by the direction. The fates have you in their scope and are working to create a positive shift. Open yourself up to new experiences that will help ease friction and create a smooth surface for the wheel to roll.

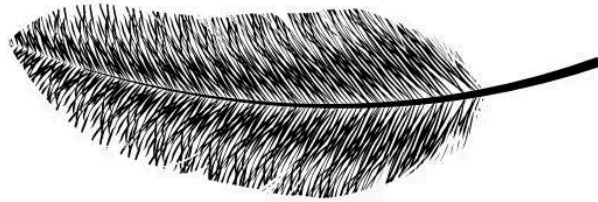
Advice Position

The Wheel of Fortune in the advice position is less optimistic; however, the message remains the same; whatever you are experiencing at this moment will not last, and change is on the way. If you are suffering through a difficult time, the Wheel of Fortune offers hope and the promise of brighter tomorrow. If you are feeling the joy that comes from success and triumph today, be aware that this moment too, shall pass.





The blindfolded crow used its knowledge and intuition as a compass to avoid obstacles as it rose gently into the air. To ensure that it made the best decision and operated with integrity to prevent any adverse effects later, the crow imagined above its head a crown that carried with it honor and respect. Understanding the finality of each decision, the crow carefully weighed each decision and considered the spiritual consequences of karma.



General Message

Justice asks that you own your history or contribution to the situation. Consider the implications of your actions and decisions as they may have an impact on your future that you can not predict. When Justice is present, be aware that karma is not far behind.

Symbolism



Downward point sword:
Final decision, decisive
action, finality

Red ribbon: Free from
discrimination, unbiased

White square: Connection to
the spiritual realm and
karma, cause and effect,
being held accountable

Scales: Balance between
what is logical or learned
knowledge and intuition



Crown: Operating with
integrity, taking the high
road

Positive Traits / In Balance

Thoughtful, feeling in balance, honest, accountable

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Mistreating others, judgmental, lack of accountability

Past Position

The foundation for your current position is connected to a choice you made in the past, using only the information you had at the time. The decision may have seemed trivial, and because of this, emotion or expectation had little influence; however, looking back on it today, you can see how your decision had a significant impact on your future.

Present Position

A simple decision you make at this time will have an impact on your future. Carefully consider your actions and the laws of karma.

Advice Position

Justice asks that you observe, and listen to those around you before you make a final ruling. Before casting anything in stone, seek out the truth, consider the consequences, and ask yourself if the result will benefit the greater good.





Hanged Man

The crow perched itself on a branch of a cherry tree where it contemplated its next meal; however, ideas were few and far between, and it feared the moment when its stomach would begin to rumble. Before the crow could brace itself, a gust of wind ripped through the tree and knocked the unsuspecting bird off balance. At the same time, its foot became trapped by a freshly sprouted stem. The crow at first flapped its wings fervently as it tried with all its might to free itself or at least resume an upright position, but it was of no use —it was stuck. Giving in to its situation, the crow relaxed its wings and released them to the forces of gravity. The world looked very different from this perspective thought the crow as the landscape appeared fresh and new. The bird noticed how the colors and the plants on the ground appeared, and as it marveled at the scene within inches of its eyes, it saw new opportunities, including once, overlooked bugs and fallen fruit. An eagerness to enjoy all abundance the environment offered replaced the worry the crow initially felt of having a rumbling stomach. Just as the crow became comfortable in its position, the stems gave way —and the crow landed on its next meal.

General Message

Sometimes there are forces beyond our control that hold up progress or require us to put a plan on hold. Getting your knickers in a twist isn't going to change the situation and will only result in frustration. Take this forced time-out as an opportunity to see your situation from a different perspective; the time may reveal new insights that you had overlooked.

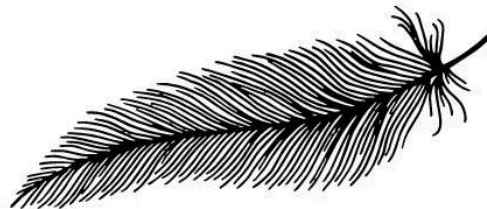
Symbolism



Cherry blossom branch:
Potential for a new
beginning, a fresh start

Poppy flowers: Strength
during painful times

Upside down crow: Seeing a
situation from a different
perspective



Positive Traits / In Balance

Letting go of control, allowing for change, being open to
new ideas

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling rigid or controlling, impatient, ego-driven

Past Position

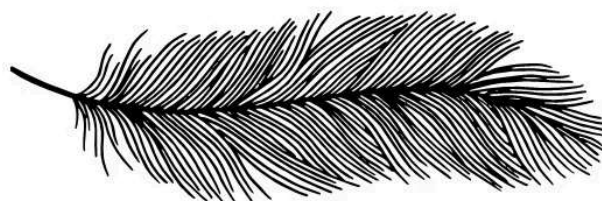
The foundation for your current situation can be traced back to a time when external factors forced progress to slow down or stop. For example, without action on your part, a job or housing situation was put on hold or fell through. There was nothing you could do except accept and adjust your plans.

Present Position

Resist the urge to push ahead or force action if progress is moving slower than expected. The Hanged Man appears in this position to remind you that expectations can get in the way of seeing your situation objectively. Surrender any notion that you are in control of the situation and allow time to meditate.

Advice Position

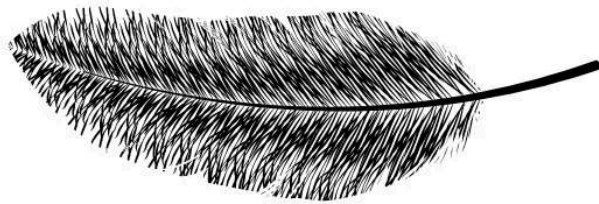
Sometimes the best action is no action, especially if you are confronted by someone who is trying to drag you down with them. Now is not the time to engage in arguments or petty disagreements as they will do little to further your cause.





Death

The crow's mind was active. The bird had an endless list of ideas it wanted to pursue. There were places the crow need to be. However, its body was still and would not budge. Using all its concentration, the bird tried to lift its thick greasy wings, but they were too heavy. Its lungs were empty; its heart was dry and brittle. Its mind was active and wanted nothing more than to move ahead; it couldn't convey a message— the signal stopped before it could be understood. The crow had become a prisoner of a body that provided no warmth or comfort. The crow was clever, and with its mind racing from scheme to scheme, it discovered an easy solution to its problem. At first, the process felt strange and vaguely uncomfortable—but it did not deter the bird. Although the bird experienced moments of pain, the crow knew it was the only path to freedom. Feathers fell, bones shook, and although it felt as though its body didn't want to let go—the crow released itself and soared into the air.



General Message

Its time to let go of something or someone who is not helping you reach your potential. You can fly, but something is weighing you down. Take time to examine if limiting beliefs or the fears cast on to you by others is preventing you from evolving.

Symbolism



Feathers: Something or someone that is no longer committed, something that has moved on

Skeleton: Something or someone that is with you physically but not mentally or spiritually

Crow Ascending: Letting go or removing yourself from a situation that is keeping you stuck, or that is lifeless



Red poppies: Finding strength from leaving

Positive Traits / In Balance

Letting go of attachments, admitting failure, death

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Refusing to change, clinging to attachments, unable to let go

Past Position

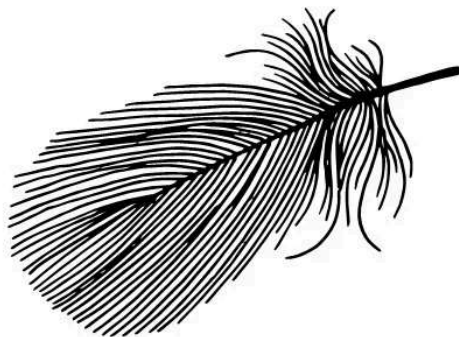
The foundation for your current situation formed as the result of releasing old patterns, beliefs, or relationships you knew held you back. During this time, you recognized that a change was needed to move forward, and although it may have been difficult, you let go of the attachments that limited your potential.

Present Position

When the Death card lands in the present position, you are asked to analyze your current situation. Are you attached to something that is holding you back —is there something you can't let go? It may be time to face the inevitable and allow for a situation to pass.

Advice Position

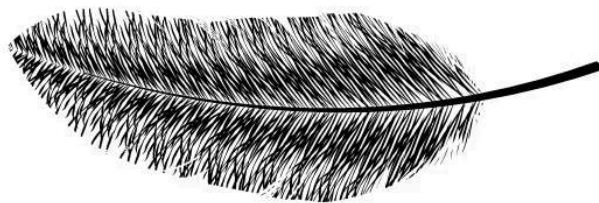
The Death card asks you to acknowledge your mortality. Are you living life to the fullest right now, or are you just trudging along? It may be time to free yourself from the old to make room for new, brighter, more fulfilling experiences.





Temperance

The crow stood at the edge of a small hot spring. Although it looked like just another crow in the roost, it was unlike the other birds and appeared almost angelic as it gracefully moved its body. Despite all the ruckus, she remained peaceful projecting grace and dignity. The bird allowed one foot to stay firmly planted on the cold ground as it stepped into the warm water. Carefully the crow picked up a cup containing a strong tea made from flower petals. Tilting her head just right to maintain balance, she mixed the concoction into a cup filled with water from the hot spring to create the perfect harmony of flavors.



General Message

Temperance asks that you avoid extremes and move towards moderation. When you seek out common ground or work with others to find an equally satisfying solution, you will mitigate friction and prevent conflict.

Symbolism



Positive Traits / In Balance

Feeling at peace, creating harmony, bringing different ideas together for a common goal

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling detached, out of sync with those around you.

Spring flowers: A fresh start, a clean slate, hope for a warmer times

Halo: Feeling the power of the divine flowing through you and influencing your actions

Pouring water from one cup to another: Finding balance, patience, grace

Golden wings: Feeling touched by angelic forces

White square with a red triangle: Universal laws or truths that connect all of humanity

One foot on the ground:

Staying grounded

Water: Intuition, finding grace, and patience



Past Position

The foundation for your current situation is one of harmony and feeling at peace with your life. This may reflect a happy childhood or, more recently, a time when you joined forces with others to establish a place for all to enjoy equally.

Present Position

Your current situation may require reaching out to some with an opposing view. When you blend ideas and seek a solution that benefits all parties, you will find a harmonious ending that all will appreciate.

Advice Position

If facing conflict instead of focusing on your differences, try to seek out areas that you both agree. The energy you create from finding common ground will help promote a successful outcome.





The Devil

The Devil, a fierce competitor, spotted one afternoon, a little bird that was making significant changes in its life and, as a result, was getting a good deal of attention. Not one to be in the shadow of another creature, the Devil got an idea. Putting on a smile, it cozied up to the little bird, which at that moment was complaining about its progress not being as quick as it liked and how difficult tasks had become and how exhausted the whole thing made it. The Devil listened patiently then offered the bird space in its warm, comforting nest. The next morning when the bird felt refreshed, the Devil reminded the little bird of all it had endured thus far and that resting another day would be beneficial. Over time the little bird became accustomed to staying with the Devil and forgot about its big plans. And the Devil, well not only did he remain the most powerful creature, but he also procured himself a reliable snack if he were to ever get hungry.

General Message

The energy of the Devil is multifaceted. It is the charming, jovial Devil that, in no time, will have us accepting unsavory or destructive habits as banal and without consequence. When the Devil appears, the message is to consider attachments or addictions that are destroying your life or keeping you a prisoner. You have the power to break the chains and free yourself; however, once the Devil has his hooks in you, it will take work. The Devil, may also indicate that you need to add a little passion to your situation. Consider the cards that surround the Devil as well as its placement.

Symbolism



Red Water: Blood, life force, personal energy or power, intuition clouded by desire/lust

Mask: Fooled by a disguise, being manipulated

Chained bluebird:
Happiness with strings attached



Positive Traits / In Balance

Charming, sexual, feeling passionate, using manipulation to get your way

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Addicted, low-self esteem, easily manipulated, unhealthy attachments

Past Position

As a foundation for your current situation, the Devil may indicate past attachments to something or someone, whether that be to a bad habit or a relationship that impacted how your current situation evolved. The Devil may represent a time of breaking the chains of addiction, or it may indicate that your present situation is the result of becoming yet another victim for the Devil.

Present Position

You are attached to something that is at best holding you back, and at worst, is destroying your life. Let the Devil in this position be a wake-up call. Take time to assess unhealthy habits or beliefs you have ignored because a change would require discomfort. If you feel reluctant to initiate change because the thought of it causes uneasiness —that right there is a sign that the Devil has some control over you.

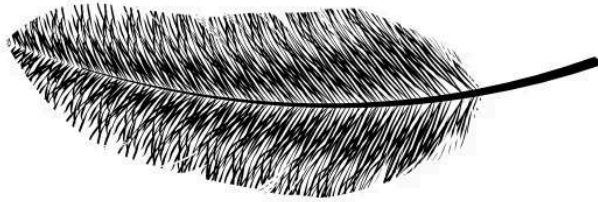
Advice Position

The Devil in this position may indicate that your situation would benefit from recognizing that someone or a belief manipulated you. As a result, you are not operating at your highest potential. In this position, however, the Devil may also offer the advice to spice up your life a bit. Add a little passion to your situation, turn on the charm offensive, and take life by the horns.



The Tower

Each evening around dusk from all corners of the county, the crows would begin their trip to the old abandoned tower. In the beginning, the tower was home to only a handful of crows, but over the years, the roost grew. Despite the "wear and tear" as a result of so many birds—the tower remained a reliable retreat. That was until the night of the big storm. The crows thrown into the air and jolted by the blast of lightning found themselves flying through the morning sky disoriented and uncertain where to go next.



General Message

A shift is coming. The Tower brings the message to anticipate and plan for change. If things have been moving ahead with relative ease, do not become complacent. It is always better to hope for the best but prepare for the worst.

Although while experiencing the destruction the comes with the energy of the Tower can be frightening, what may result could be a situation that is far superior to where you were.

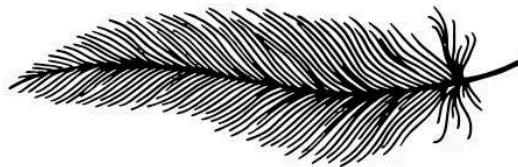
Symbolism



Clock: Passage of time, moving forward not backward, end of an era

Lightning: External forces beyond the control of humans, lousy luck, highly charged situation, loss of ignorance (the hard way)

Clouds: Feeling uncertain, unclear which way to go, lost



Positive Traits / In Balance

Being prompted into action, rebuilding after destruction, rising from the rubble

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling unable to move, incapacitated as a result of being overwhelmed

Past Position

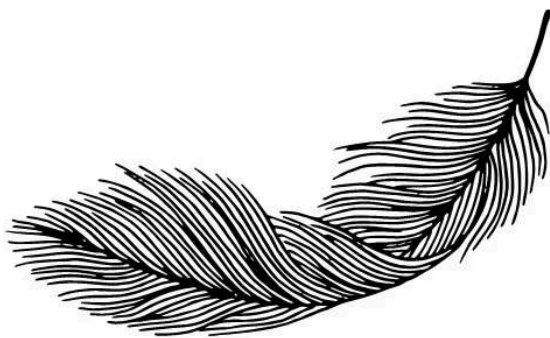
The foundation for your current situation may have its roots in a time when you were forced to change course as a result of something stable falling apart, such as a job or a relationship. Examine areas in your past when you triumphed over adversity as there may be a lesson there that will benefit your situation today.

Present Position

Be aware the Universe will course correct you if you drag your heels, and the Tower may indicate that time is soon to come. Expect a change, one that will shake up your life. However destructive, it will, in the end, help you move in the direction that best aligns with your purpose.

Advice Position

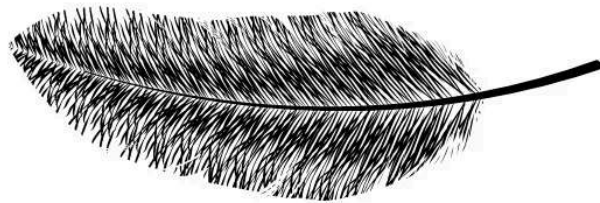
You have an opportunity to create your outcome. The Tower advises you to take action now on your own terms before you are forced to deal with a situation that will no longer be in your control.





While the crows slept comfortably in the roost, a single small crow descended from the trees to spend time near an inlet. A bright star illuminated the night sky creating enough light for the bird to find its way through the dark woods. The bird felt as it stood on the cold dew-covered ground a deep connection to the planet. As if it was a faucet, the Star poured down a flowing stream of glistening light that washed over the bird, illuminating its feathers as it rinsed away any negativity that it may have picked up during the day. The crow felt revitalized and loved. Free to be its natural self, the crow danced, it played in the water, it relished the feeling of life as fresh night air filled its lungs.

The crow carried back to its tree a renewed optimism and a promise of a better tomorrow.



General Message

The Star offers hope and new reasons to feel optimistic about the future. When you open your heart to sharing your talents and resources with others, inspiration will flow smoothly, and new opportunities will magically blossom. When you find your center and connect with your spirit, the star will shine a path to success.

Symbolism

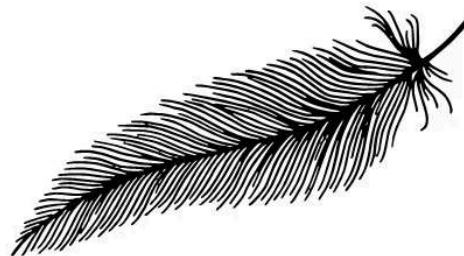


Six Pointed Star: Shielded or protected from negativity, feeling lucky

Songbird: Good omen

Pool of Water: Deep emotions, strong intuition

Crow Posture: Being grounded, and sensible as well as being highly tuned in to intuition.



Positive Traits / In Balance

Feeling hopeful and lucky, healthy, connected to divine guidance

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling dread and detachment, illness

Past Position

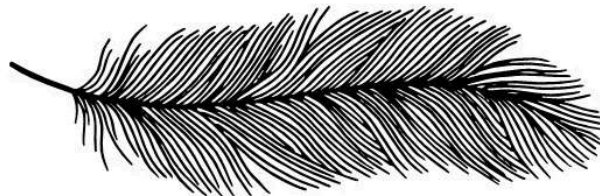
In the past position, the Star indicates a time of feeling lucky or blessed. Your current situation may have benefited from some unexpected good fortune. In this position, the Star may also suggest a time in your life when you reached for the stars and allowed yourself the freedom to dream.

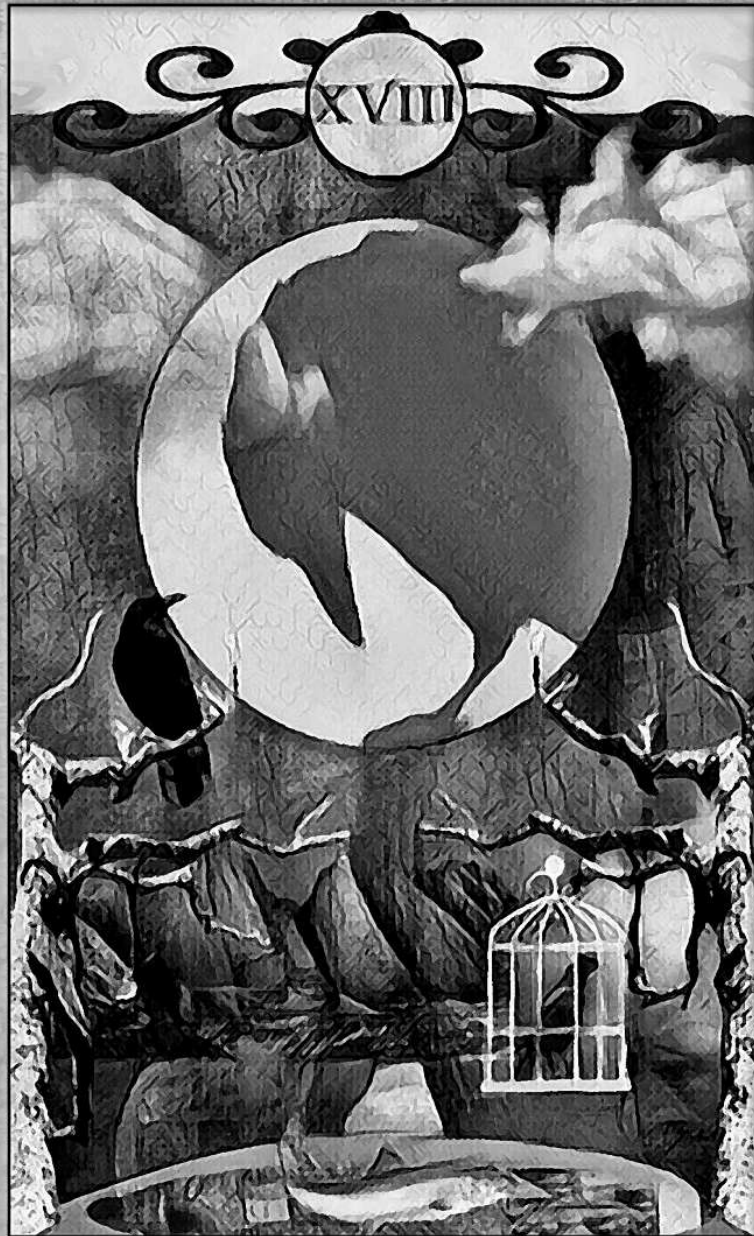
Present Position

The Star offers hope and asks that you remain optimistic. When you visualize success and gather the feeling of realizing your goal with the Star lighting the way, you will find guidance.

Advice Position

The Star advises that you reconnect with your higher-self by quieting your mind. Take a moment to stand under the stars and connect with the energy of the night. When you allow negative thoughts to wash away, fresh ideas for a brighter tomorrow will take root.

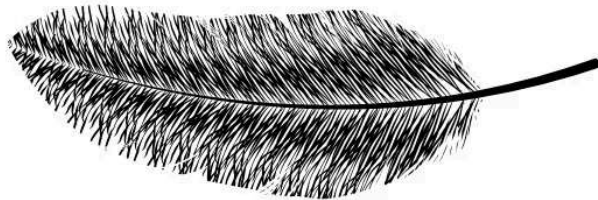




The Moon

The moon mercilessly called out to the crow each night, making it all but impossible for the bird to get a good night's sleep. Exhausted, the crow tried to ignore the Moon. The Crow did not want to be bothered by what the moon had to say. Although the sleep-deprived bird was successful in its struggle not to wake up entirely — the moon's persistence began to take its toll as it became too tired to hunt for food during the day.

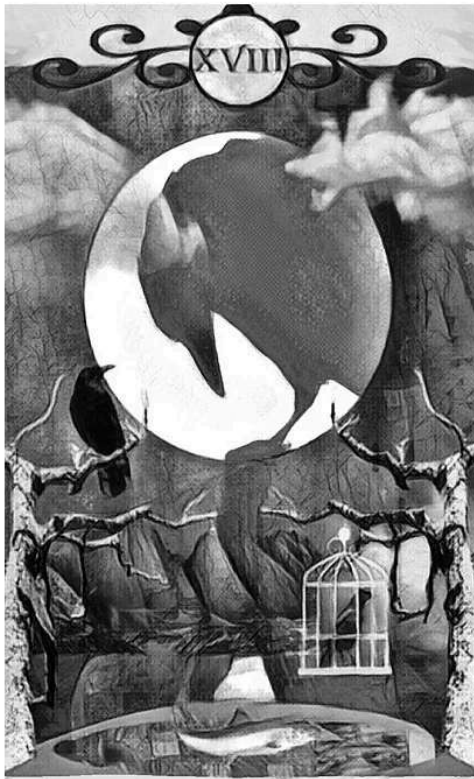
Eventually, weakened and worn down, the crow gave in knowing that the Moon would not give up. The next evening the fatigued crow made its way to the highest tree to face its tormentor. However, what the crow saw was not a bright ball of light in the sky —it was a reflection of itself.



General Message

The Moon appears when the time has come for you to face yourself —your true self. You are asked to dive deep into the murky waters of the subconscious and explore what dwells in the darkness. Use your imagination to examine your fears and anxieties with the mind of an explorer. How did they get there? What beliefs or ideas do you suppress that are secretly sabotaging your potential?

Symbolism



Positive Traits / In Balance

Creative ideas, healthy anxiety, appreciating your true self

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Fear of the unknown, feeling trapped, denial, feeling dread

Dead trees: Accepting one's mortality, Wisdom gained from the aging process

Water: Subconscious mind, connecting to intuition

Fish: Awareness of the subconscious mind at work, connecting to your higher self

Golden road: Path to understanding

Caged crow: Taming wild thoughts, controlling impulses, hiding true personality

Clouds: Confusion, uncertainty



Past Position

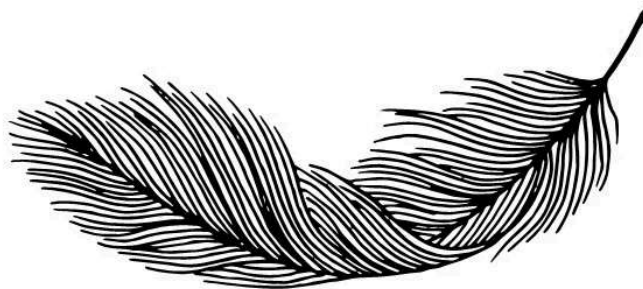
The Moon may indicate the foundation for your current situation was constructed from an illusion. You may want to consider if you remember past events how they were, or have you formed a narrative that your ego prefers?

Present Position

You may be at the risk of straying off course because of a fantasy or dream is luring you away from reality. Consider if fear is at the root of the distraction, and if the illusion you are chasing is nothing more than an excuse to avoid discomfort.

Advice Position

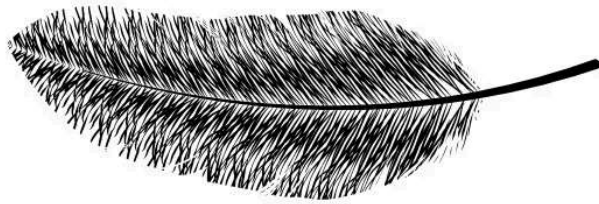
Remove your ego and allow for events to unfold without interference. The Moon asks that you accept the truth as it is without trying to alter or mold it into what you want it to be.





The Sun

The sun broke through the chilly morning air and wrapped the crow in a blanket of radiant light. The bird felt the sun's warmth soak through its feathers, and its tense muscles began to loosen. Feelings of optimism and hope ran through the bird's veins, causing the crow hop upon a large white horse and extend its wings with youthful delight. The bird felt its heart open as pure joy entered. In the glistening light, the sight that surrounded the crow took on a new look, what once was overlooked became apparent and beautiful.



General Message

The Sun offers the advantage of adding light to your situation and provides an opportunity to bask in confidence. Tilt your head up and absorb the rays of the sun like a god or goddess drawing your power - this is your time to shine! The Message the Sun brings is to take center-stage, knowing that you are ready to be in the spotlight.

Symbolism



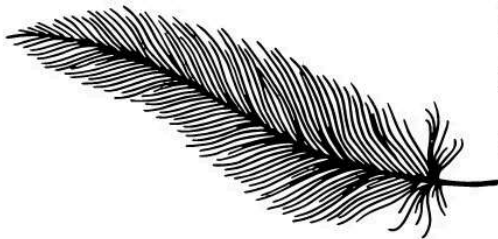
Sun: Abundance, a spotlight on a situation, radiance

White horse: Purity and strength

Sunflowers: Happiness and loyalty

Crow's posture: Being open, vulnerable. childlike

Red ribbon: Passion and enthusiasm



Fading snow: Warmer times, coming out a period of darkness

Positive Traits / In Balance

Confident, playful, radiant, charismatic

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Suspicious, trying to conceal or hide, feeling low-energy

Past Position

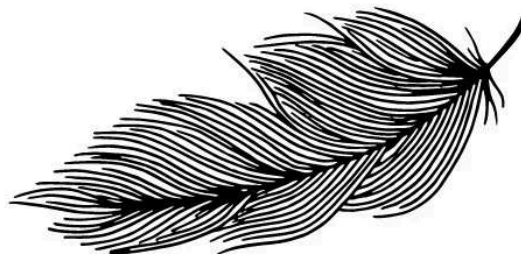
In the past position, the indicates your current situation benefited from being recognized for your talents or hard work. This may have been a particularly empowering period of your life, one that may have left you feeling lucky or blessed.

Present Position

You are encouraged to stand up, trust your abilities, and allow yourself to be seen. It is your time to step with confidence into the spotlight without fear. The Sun is casting you in a favorable light—use it! The moment to draw your power from this energy is now—do not delay.

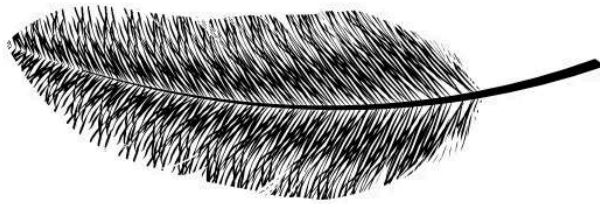
Advice Position

The Sun asks that you focus on being positive and if necessary shine a light on any negative beliefs that may be holding you back or maybe casting a shadow on your success. The energy is right to illuminate areas in your life that will help you progress whether that be uncovering limiting beliefs or underappreciated strengths.





The angelic crow stood tall and called out to those who were ready to rise. It called out to the crows who accepted their whole story — those crows that owned their history for its truth, a truth that stood apart from the beliefs of others. A new beginning was waiting, a phase of enlightenment was ready to be explored. The time had come for those crows who accepted their flaws, who made amends for their mistakes to move forward, leaving behind a fragmented life as it is time for a new consciousness to emerge.



General Message

Judgment brings a reckoning. You are asked to face your history objectively. The time has come to take ownership of your contribution to your successes as well as failures. A new beginning is on the horizon; you are asked to accept your life not in fragments but as a whole story.

Symbolism



Stone pilings: The past, a part of your life that is no longer part of the present

Feathers: Letting go of what no longer serves you

Water: Subconscious mind, intuition

Mountains: A barrier, inability to escape judgment

Positive Traits / In Balance

Taking ownership and accepting past mistakes, moving forward

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Lack of accountability, blaming others, feeling stagnant, playing the victim

Pluto Symbol: The underworld, conversion, renewal

Red Cross/White Flag: Purity, absolution Four stages of life (birth, childhood, adulthood, death)



Past Position

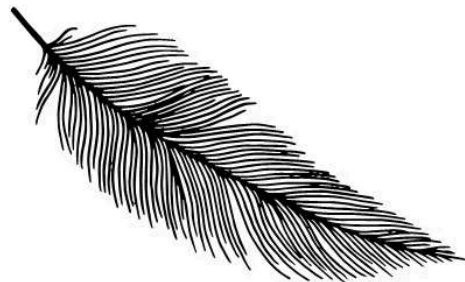
Judgment in the past position signifies a notable turning point in your life. You may have felt or answered a calling or experienced an awakening. If you look back, you will see a distinct line that separates your life before and after this event.

Present Position

Are you being pulled in a new direction? When Judgment appears in the present position, you are asked to release the past and own your story. The time has come for you to accept your past, the good, the bad, the mistakes you wish you didn't make, and learn from them so that you can move to a new phase of your life. You are not who you were yesterday, but who you become tomorrow is still in your hands.

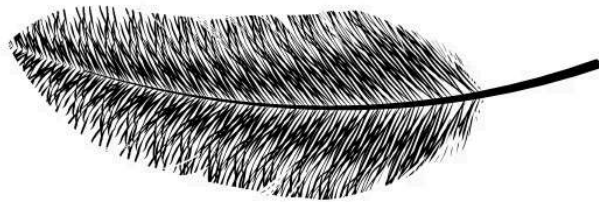
Advice Position

Release the urge to criticize others or find fault; it is not your place to cast judgment or force others to accept their story. Judgment advises that you forgive yourself and others —its time to rise above the drama.





The long and arduous journey began with a leap of faith and ended with a victory. The crow discovered along the way love and learned the value of compromise. One minute a student and the next a leader, the crow embraced curiosity and the meaning of integrity. Through hardship and temptation, the crow persevered, and eventually discovered a comforting warmth that radiated from within — a warmth that supplied the power to stand up, spread its wings, and dance.



General Message

The World brings a successful closure to a situation. The journey may have been long, and there may have been challenges along the way, but you persevered and found your rightful place in the victory circle.

With a victory under your belt you are all the more prepared for your next great adventure.

Symbolism

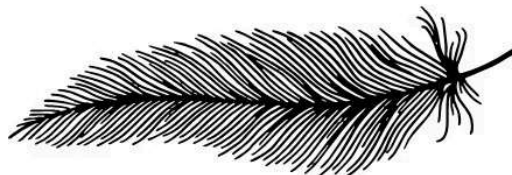


Laurel Wreath: Victory, victorious ending

Infinity Symbols: Endless potential

Crown: Integrity

Bull, Waterbearer, Scorpion, Lion: Symbols of the zodiac and the passage of time, a long and tedious pursuit



Positive Traits / In Balance

Feeling victorious, allowing time for opportunities to expand, feeling confident

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Ungrateful, feeling impatient, unable to stay focused, cutting corners to speed things along

Past Position

The World in the past position indicates a previous victory set the foundation for your current situation. You may have a leg up or be ahead of the game, thanks to a recent success. If your position is less than favorable today, you may want to consider if you are resting on your laurels.

Present Position

You will soon realize the work you put into your current situation is about to create a positive ending or period of your life. With every closure, there is an opening; as a result, you will be able to build upon your success.

Advice Position

Withhold the urge to rush or push things along as success will come to you in due time. You will still need to take action; however, it must allow for events to unfold naturally. Cutting corners or trying to bypass necessary steps will only create more work. Stay optimistic and know that you are on the right path — victory will be yours.



Conversations with the Crows From The Major Arcana

The Fool

“Are you having fun?”

“Are you enjoying the process?”

The Magician

“Are you using all your resources?”

The High Priestess

“Have you considered what is expected of you?”

“is there something that is missing?”

The Empress

“Can you add life to the situation?”

The Emperor

“Are you working with integrity?”

“Are you devoted?”

The Hierophant

“Have you learned all there is to know?”

The Lovers

“What personal beliefs do you hold sacred?”

The Chariot

“Are you in control of the situation?”

Strength

“Can you mentally handle the situation?”

The Hermit

“Is it time to take a break?”

The Wheel of Fortune

*“Are you focusing on the positive or are you
fixed on only the negative?”*

Justice

"Can you see your situation objectively?"

The Hanged Man

"What if the timing isn't right?"

"Can you see your situation from another perspective?"

Death

*"What happens if something comes to end, can you
let go?"*

"What are you holding on to?"

Temperance

"Can you find ways to de-stress or ease friction?"

"Where is the common ground?"

The Devil

"Where are your weaknesses?"

"What makes you comfortable?"

The Tower

"How do you rebuild?"

The Star

"Can you find reasons to be hopeful?"

The Moon

"What are you hiding?"

The Sun

"Are you ready to be in the spotlight?"

Judgment

"Do you own your story?"

The World

"How does it feel to finally reach a goal?"



Odd how the creative
power at once brings the
whole universe to order.

~Virginia Woolf

Wands



Element:

Fire

Keywords:

Passion

Creativity

Action

Intense

Fiery

Enthusiastic

Arrogant

Leader

Ego-driven

Problem Solver

New Ideas

Energy:

Masculine



Ace of Wands

The inquisitive crow spotted from the sky a new path and decided to break from its daily routine to investigate. As the bird stood on the wand that marked the trailhead, it admired the shininess of the bricks. A warm breeze moved through and pushed the clouds to reveal a city in the distance. The bird was intrigued by this discovery and felt a strong desire to follow the trail. The town seemed to call to the crow. The bird looked around for a sign —a confirmation that it was the right action to take. It looked down and noted the spring flowers that bloomed next to the wand. Surely a sign of a fresh start thought the crow. Little white feathers drifted down from a few seagulls overhead. Surely a sign, the path was divinely placed thought the crow. The rocks along the trail took on a golden hue in the sun. Surely the city is where I will find my fortune conceived the crow. The crow needed no more confirmation and flew off to the new city positive in that it held the potential to change its life for the better.

General Message

These are exciting times. A new adventure awaits if you are ready to have faith in yourself. Now is the time to muster up your courage, let your imagination soar, and enthusiastically go after an idea. This is not the time for self-doubt or second-guessing. Pay attention to signs that you are on the right path —the Universe is guiding you.

Symbolism



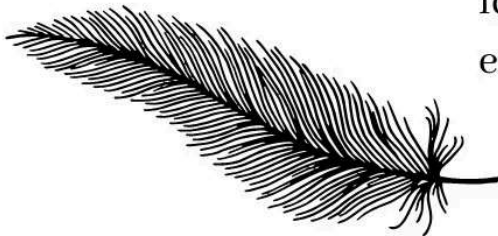
White Feather: Divine guidance, signs from above

Spring Flowers: A fresh start as a result of an opportunity

The City: A new destination that may expand your potential

Golden Path: Using your creative mind to construct a plan forward for success

Clouds: Clearing out old ideas so that new ones can emerge



Positive Traits / In Balance

Inquisitive, adventurous, feeling connected to intuition

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Lack of direction, feeling lost or off track

Past Position

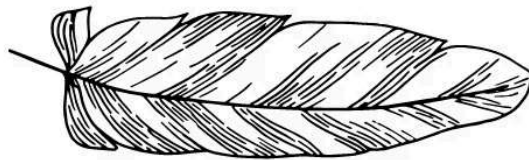
In the past position, The Ace of Wands points to a time when you decided to go against the grain. You may have changed majors, moved across the country for a new job or relationship, or got married at a young age to someone you just knew was the love of your life. During this time, you felt in tune with your intuition and trusted the signs that were directing you.

Present Position

Open your mind to new possibilities. If an opportunity to move in a new direction presents itself, you are advised to go forward with enthusiasm. Let your creative genius stimulate your imagination.

Advice Position

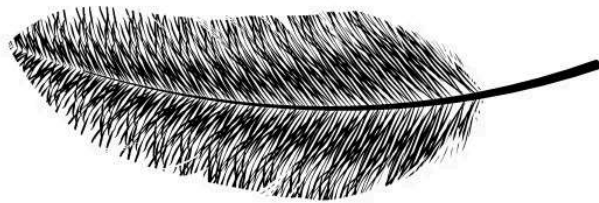
Are you feeling drawn to something? The Ace of Wands asks that you pay attention to the signs and follow your gut as it will lead you down a path to fresh opportunities.





Two of Wands

The crows guarded two wands that held the world in perfect balance. If either of the birds decided to grab a wand without warning or consent in an attempt to take control of the world, it risked causing chaos and disorder. The world is too heavy for one bird to hold and for harmony to remain consistent, the pair must work together conceding power at times for the greater good.



General Message

Before you commit to making a drastic decision, or try commanding a situation, consider the impact your actions will have on those around you. Although you may have a fire in your belly and you are itching to move forward, now is the time to consider the value of finding harmony. The Two of Wands asks that you seek out a solution that will enable you to take control and seize the day without jeopardizing the blessings of those who will feel the impact.

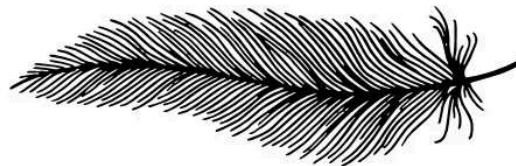
Symbolism



Cherry Blossoms: New beginnings, future opportunities

The World: Power, control, being in charge of a situation

Separate Colors: A distinct or clear vision that separates two individuals or ideas.



Positive Traits / In Balance

Restraint, planning for the future, understanding the impact of your decisions

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Impatient, bullish behavior, myopic

Past Position

The energy of the Two of Wands serves as the foundation for your current situation. Where you are today is the result of a significant decision. You may have made a power play or decided to take action regardless of its impact, and only time will tell whether or not the move was beneficial.

Present Position

Your current situation may require you to make a bold choice or take the lead in the decision-making process. Take time to consider all the consequences of your actions; you may, in the end, discover the challenge is bigger than predicted.

Advice Position

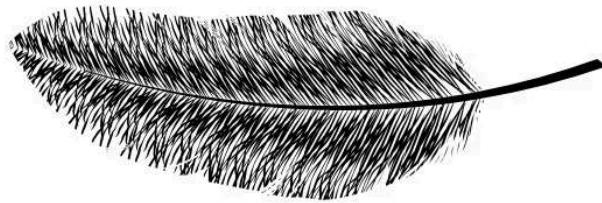
Resist the urge to second-guess your decision. If you spent time considering all angles, consulted with those who may feel the impact, and weighed in all the information available to you, let it go and be final. If you are concerned about the outcome and can see the possibility of regret in the future, there is also no shame in holding off on making a decision.





Three of Wands

The crow stood on a decrepit, abandoned dock that once served as a steady source of food. As it gazed out into the sound, the wind pushed the clouds away, revealing an island off in the distance —one that the bird never noticed before. A bright, brilliant star burned through the morning sky and sent tingling feelings of hope up and down the crow's feathers. A spark of curiosity ignited within the bird as it envisioned a better life and the potential the undiscovered land promised. With each moment, the crow grew more excited, and although it calculated the long and arduous trip across the choppy water would not be swift, it set out on a new adventure fueled by courage and optimism.



General Message

Change is on the horizon. Now is not the time to be short-sighted, instead consider the long-term implications of your actions before you proceed. When you become clear on your goal and what you want to accomplish, you will not only increase your likelihood of success, you will find a distinct path to victory will appear.

Symbolism



Star: Divine guidance, a reason to feel optimistic, protection

Clearing Clouds: Opportunity coming into view

Choppy/Swirling Water: A long journey that may not be easy

Mountains: Unknown destination / a new beginning



Old Dock: A situation that no longer serves its purpose or its time has run out

Positive Traits / In Balance

Taking calculated risks, long-term vision, planning for the future

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Low confidence or feeling cowardly, seeking immediate gratification

Past Position

The Three of Wands denotes a time when you felt optimistic about life and your future. You had a long-term vision for what your life could become, and it fueled motivation. You may still be on your journey to that place in your mind. In this position, the Three of Wands may also indicate that you have lost hope in a dream.

Present Position

An opportunity is on the horizon that may require you to have a great deal of faith, as some could consider it a risky move. Although you may have an idea of what the ending will look like, the path will be a long one. Have faith and pay attention to the signs that will guide you along

Advice Position

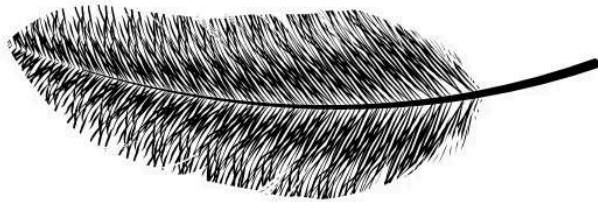
Nothing ventured, nothing gained. The Three of Wands in the advice position is a green light to take action. Go forward, knowing that whatever the outcome it will lead somewhere positive.





Four of Wands

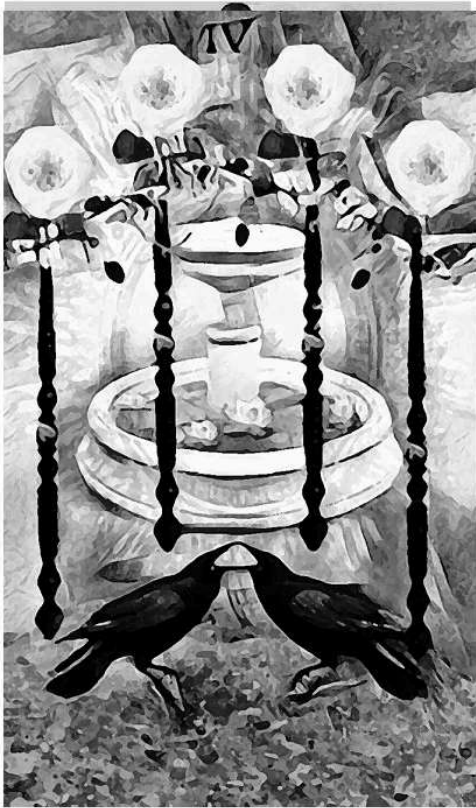
The crows gathered in a beautiful garden to celebrate a turning point in their lives. Together, the birds enthusiastically collaborated as new ideas and inspiration seemed to spark between them magically. Before long, the crows realized that although the time spent was enjoyable and would hardly be considered as work—it ushered in a promising opportunity that would create a comfortable and stable life.



General Message

The Four of Wands indicates a positive energy is swirling around opening the door for a celebration that will put you in the perfect frame of mind to encounter someone who will play a pivotal role in your life. This person may end up being your next relationship, lead to a new job, or future business partner. Enjoy the party, allow yourself to relax and appreciate life because it will open you up to new favorable possibilities.

Symbolism

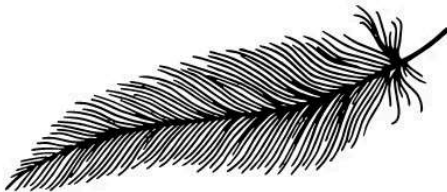


White Flowers: Love and purity

The Fountain / Lotus Flowers: A gathering spot that fills the soul

Flower Garland: Creating new opportunities as a result of bringing ideas or people together

Gold Light/Hue: Manifesting a unique opportunity from a creative idea that may have fortuitous results



Positive Traits / In Balance

Feeling social, celebrating, connecting with others, open-hearted

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

In need of constant validation, unable to be alone with your thoughts, low self-esteem

Past Position

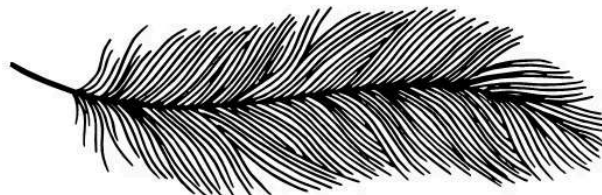
A boost of positive energy as a result of a successful collaboration may be responsible for your current situation. In the past position, the Four of Wands points to creating with others and working towards a common goal. During this time, you may have found many reasons to celebrate.

Present Position

Something extraordinary may come from an event that you consider mundane or routine. On the surface, it may be a birthday party, a cousin's wedding, or an office party, however, the energy that will be present during this event will create an opportunity for you to connect with someone who will become a significant contributor to your happiness.

Advice Position

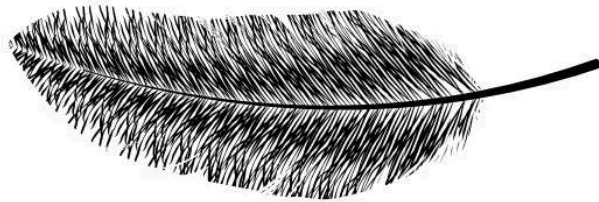
Allow yourself to express enthusiasm for an idea you and share your vision with others. There is the potential for you to meet someone who will help you realize your goal; however, it will be up to you to get the word out.





Five of Wands

The crows enthusiastically took to the air to flaunt their abilities. Each believed they possessed the highest skills, the more exceptional talent, and took great delight in showing off their brilliance in a flashy display of self-assurance. To the outside observer it may have appeared that the crows were battling to the death and perhaps in some way they were — the death of an over-inflated ego.



General Message

When it appears as though everyone around you has an opinion and egos are thrashing about, you may feel as though progress is stagnant. The Five of Wands implies that you will encounter some drama as a result of petty debates and demands. Although having many different opinions forced upon you can cause stress, all the ideas that are flying around me offer an opportunity to gather more information before you need to make a decision.

Symbolism



Different Color Wands:
Individual viewpoints,
contributions, or ideas



Positive Traits / In Balance

Healthy competition, sharing ideas and opinions,
friendly disagreements

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Overly combative or aggressive, unwilling to listen to
others, stubborn

Past Position

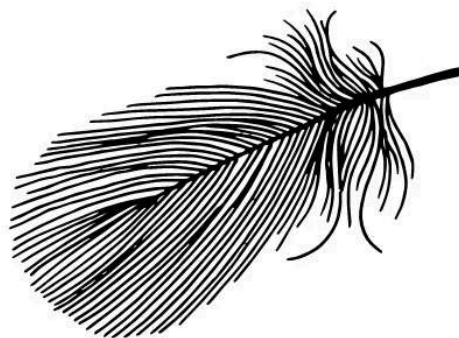
An onslaught of opinions, ideas, or just plain old criticism regarding an event in your life may have caused a breakdown in communication or a slowdown of progress. Although this time may have been a source of aggravation or conflict, if there was one positive thing that resulted, it was you are more discriminating with who you share your ideas.

Present Position

You may feel at this time that everyone has an opinion, and everyone wants to put their two cents in. There may be some value in a healthy debate as you flush out essential details; however, you will need to take control and be the final word; otherwise, your idea will never get out of the committee phase.

Advice Position

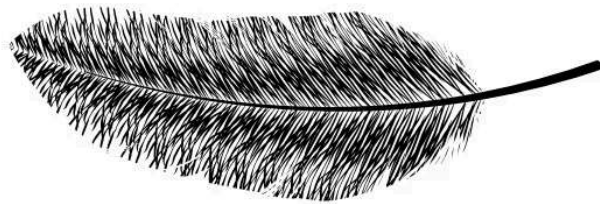
The time has come to narrow down your ideas to the ones that have the best potential for success. You may have many different interests at this time that are pulling you in various positions; however, that is only diluting your time. The Five of Wands asks that you commit to an idea and stick with it.





Six of Wands

The crow had a grand vision. If successful, it would lead to a big feast for all those within its territory. Despite the naysayers that tried to convince the bird, it was foolish —the crow pushed ahead hellbent and undeterred to reach its goal. With progress, support eventually grew as others began to see the value in the crow's pursuit. The crow's determination, creativity, and ability to gain support led to a successful outcome. As a result of its tenacity, not only did all the birds enjoy a bountiful meal —the unwavering crow moved into a position as a leader.



General Message

Victory is yours. It is your time to bask in the sun and allow yourself to feel the warm reception of those who value your dedication and hard work. You worked hard, pulled together support, and found success. However, this moment will be just one of many —this is not the time to sit back and rest on your laurels. Savor the praise while you receive it and then continue building upon your success.

Symbolism



Laurel Wreath: Finding success, a victorious outcome

Sun: Being in the spotlight, feeling radiant, a warm reception

Pink Roses: Admiration

White Roses: Pure intentions

Sunflower: An idea or plan that has reached maturity

Gathering Crows: Being recognized by peers, feelings admired by others



Positive Traits / In Balance

Feeling pride, accepting praise with humility and grace

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling entitled, arrogance, expecting others to acknowledge achievements

Past Position

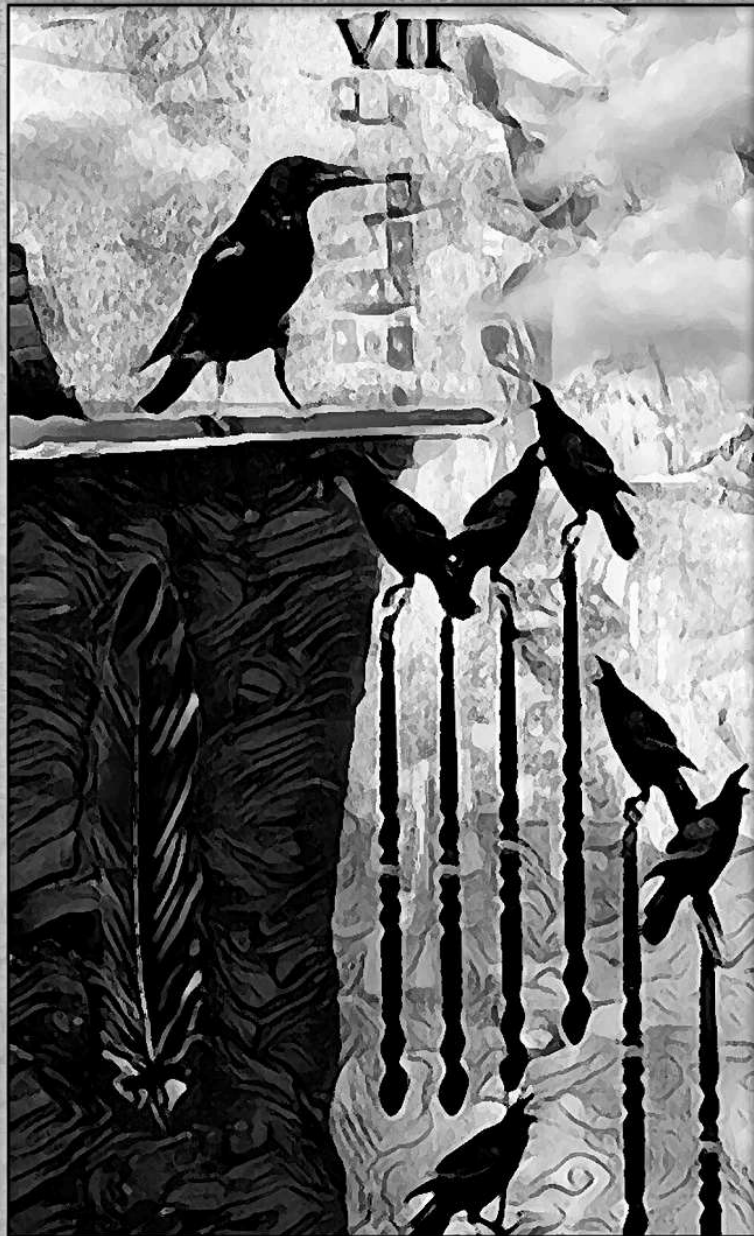
The Six of Wands directs your attention to a time when you felt praised and acknowledged for your efforts. You may have been the class valedictorian or star of the school musical year after year. When the Six of Wands appears in the past position, there is the risk of creating a persona based on who you once were. Are you resting on your laurels, or are you building on a previous success?

Present Position

Your time to take a bow is coming —be prepared to have the sun shine on you! Your commitment to an idea or a project will earn you much deserved accolades. Let the moment sink in, feel proud of what you were able to accomplish! Enjoy this time but understand this is not the end, you still have work and this moment will be one of many.

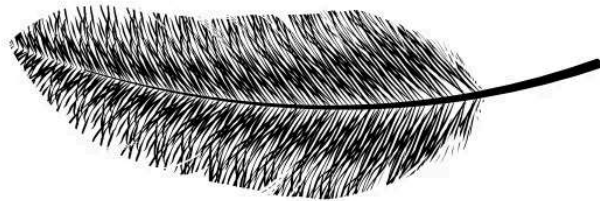
Advice Position

You have an opportunity to be an inspiring leader. Your success will open the door for you to not only realize your full potential; you also will have the ability to assist others as they embark on their journey. When you see yourself not as a competitor but rather as a contributor to the greater good, not only will help or inspire others to reach for their goals, you will solidify your success.



Seven of Wands

The crow held its position firmly after it battled its way to the top of a cliff. From this vantage point, the bird was now able to clearly see the landscape ahead and any trouble that may arise. Although challenged at times by those who wished for nothing more than to knock the crow off its place, the bird remained confident and secure, knowing that its position was one of its most significant advantages.



General Message

You may find that it is lonely at the top, and there will always be some who will want to challenge your position. Hold firm. When you commit to your post, you will be unshakeable. Use your position to look ahead. Where you stand today is advantageous and will allow time for you to prepare for any challenges that may try to throw you off balance.

Symbolism



Clouds: (Moving Out)
Clearing your mind of
negative thoughts
(Moving In) Catastrophizing,
over-active mind that
creates drama

Cliff: Advancement, reaching
the top, rising above a
situation, Feeling on edge

Crow Feather: Ancient
wisdom, boldness, releasing
yourself from past beliefs



Golden/Orange Wand:
Freedom to be yourself,
creativity

Positive Traits / In Balance

Having conviction, holding a position, feeling grounded
and secure

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling defensive, expecting trouble or confrontation,
having a chip on your shoulder

Past Position

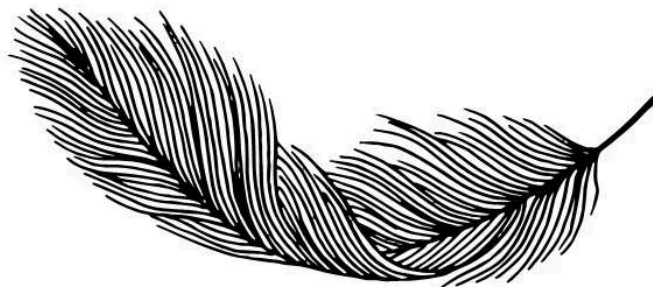
The Seven of Wands in the past position points to a time in your life when you went against the grain, formed your own opinions or beliefs, and as a result, you felt compelled to defend them. An example of this would be a teenager who broke away from the ideas or customs of the family.

Present Position

Are you looking for a fight? The Seven of Wands indicates that your position is firm; you deserve your place at the top, and if there is any friction, you may want to consider if you are the one calling on challengers.

Advice Position

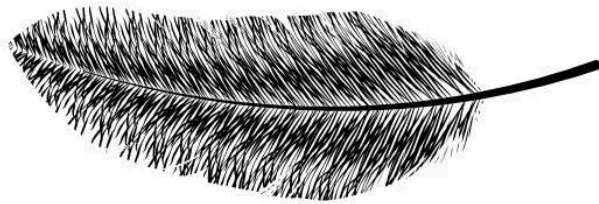
Enjoy your success and allow yourself the benefits that come from being on top. The Seven of Wands asks that you allow yourself to stand tall with confidence. You have the skills and the knowledge to prove to any challenger that the position is rightly yours.





Eight of Wands

The crow decided to travel to the other side of the woods to find a new home, one that would offer more food and better security. Just as the bird found a comfortable, steady rhythm to flap its wings, the wind kicked up. Eight sticks darted through the air and shot past the bird as they dodged trees and other obstacles with precision. Recognizing an opportunity, the crow picked up speed and followed the sticks. Although challenging at first, the bird eventually found its cadence. The sticks led the bird on a brisk chase through the forest. Flying at such a rapid speed, the crow did not have time to appreciate its surroundings and risked possibly becoming lost. The crow needed to decide without delay whether to keep the pace or slow down and risk losing momentum.



General Message

Progress will suddenly seem to pick up the pace when you commit to a path forward. The Eight of Wands asks that you let go of any expectations and remain flexible so that you quickly can adjust or modify plans to avoid friction or conflict. There is one word of caution—keep your eyes open as you may miss valuable information as a result of pushing ahead so quickly.

Symbolism



Tree: Feeling secure in your place as a result of taking action, the ability to bend and stay flexible

Sunflowers: Harvesting new opportunities as a result of past efforts

Red Poppies: Feeling the strength to open yourself up to vulnerability

Swirling Skies/Wind: Getting caught up in action, events that move quickly, limited obstacles to get in the way



Positive Traits / In Balance

Focused, the ability to go with the flow, flexible, quick, accurate decisions

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Clumsy or scattered, making mistakes as a result of being stressed, rushing without thinking, overlooking valuable information

Past Position

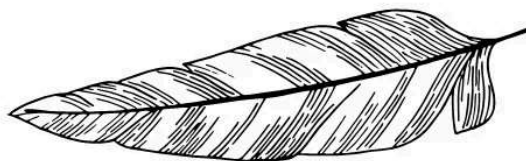
In the past position, the Eight of Wands asks you to consider if your current situation may be the result of jumping ahead or an assumption that turned out to be incorrect. Did you move too quickly without considering the consequences?

Present Position

The Eight of Wands brings swift action to your current situation. Be prepared and stay sharp; life is going to start moving much faster. You may need to make quick decisions with little time to thoroughly research each option.

Advice Position

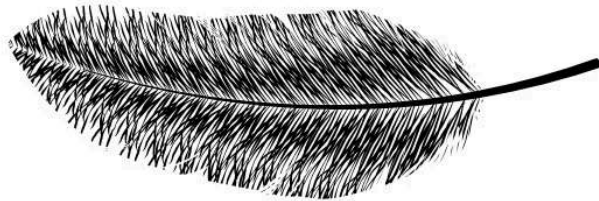
When an opportunity to advance your position presents itself, don't hesitate! You may miss a chance to improve your career, relationship status, or stability if you overthink your next move. The message from the Eight of Wands is to go with the flow.





Nine of Wands

The exhausted crow fervently attempted to place the last wand. Although the previous wands seemed to go up effortlessly —the final task proved to be quite the challenge. Frustrated by the difficulty, the bird found itself becoming increasingly agitated. What worked so swiftly in the past no longer was effective. With each new attempt, the bird struggled. Frustration took over, filling the bird's mind with despair and anger. Losing its concentration and balance, the bird's fatigue became a liability. If the crow did not step away, it risked accidentally knocking all of its wands and the progress it had made.



General Message

The Nine of Wands indicates that you will need to step back and take a break. If the work must continue, you may need to call in support or delegate tasks. Exhaustion can result in silly and avoidable errors. Allow yourself time to rest so that you can complete the job without added struggles or setbacks.

Symbolism



Fern Leaves: Feeling confidence or finding happiness and wealth as a result of a creative endeavor

Flower Garland: Accepting the help or contribution of others to create something pleasing

Clouds Moving In /Blocking the Sun: Time, limited hours to work on a task, feeling rushed to finish a job, taking a break to rest



Feathers: Working past exhaustion, working past pain, feeling stressed or under attack

Positive Traits / In Balance

Going the extra mile, knowing when its time to rest

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Playing the martyr, feeling resentment, being paranoid

Past Position

The Nine of Wands in the past position speaks of a solid work ethic. You will do what it takes to get the job done, even if that requires late nights and long days. Your current situation may be the result of going the extra mile. An example of the Nine of Wands in action would be increasing your workload by doubling up on classes or taking on an additional project at a job to prove your value.

Present Position

In the present position, the Nine of Wands brings a warning. You may be working yourself too hard. Without downtime or rest, you may risk an injury or make a foolish error out of exhaustion. Consider enlisting the help of someone you know you can trust that will help you complete the task.

Advice Position

If you over commit or take on too much, you may be setting yourself up for either failure or a healthy dose of resentment. Establishing boundaries may help you keep your workload to a manageable level. The Nine of Wands asks you to consider if you are trying to be all things to all people, or perhaps you are worried about how some may perceive you if you take time out for yourself? There is no need to play the victim or the Viking because neither one will help you find contentment.



Ten of Wands

The crow flew through the air and spotted on the ground off in the distance a bushel of sticks nicely tied together. The bundle appeared to be waiting, hoping even to be scooped up. As the bird approached, it envisioned all the beautiful things it would create with the sticks. With each flap of its wings, anticipation, and enthusiasm grew—it could hardly contain its excitement. The crow pictured a successful trip back to roost and how the others would admire its newly found treasure. It swooped down and latched on to the bundle, and as it pushed up into the air feeling pure joy, it felt the weight of the sticks pull it back down to earth. It pulled up again—figuring perhaps its grip was off, and still, the bird felt the pull of gravity. Each time the crow approached the sticks using the same tactic, and each time the result was the same. Fixated on its inability to lift the sticks, the crow was unable to see another alternative. The bird could not conceive another way to get the bushel back to the roost, and because of this, it was forced to leave the bundle of sticks where it found it.

General Message

An idea that you were excited about may have appeared simple from a distance; however, now that you are trying to get it off the ground, the task is proving to be far more challenging than anticipated. With struggle comes the risk of losing passion or enthusiasm. If you want to succeed, you will need to rekindle the fire in your belly. With the current information, you may also decide that the result is not worth the effort.

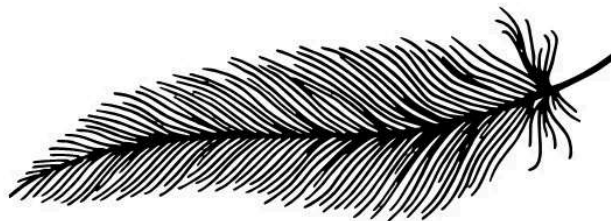
Symbolism



The City: Opportunity for new ideas or offers as a result of creative thinking

Shadow Beneath the Wands: Getting an idea off the ground, a challenge that may require facing your shadow or limited beliefs

Orange Strap: Enthusiasm, encouragement, creative ideas



Positive Traits / In Balance

Taking on a challenge, changing strategies, creative problem-solving

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling like the victim, doing something the hard way, giving up when things get difficult

Past Position

The Ten of Wands points to a period when you held a lot of responsibilities or jobs, to the point you felt tied down. You may have been in a caregiver position or required to be on call, and because of this, your movement was limited. This experience taught you to value your freedom, and today you may appreciate and protect your time a little more.

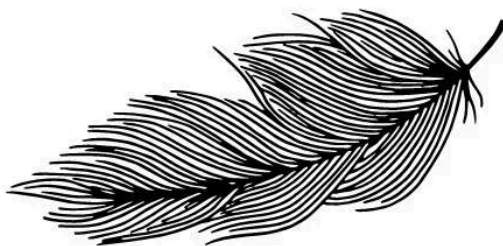
Present Position

You may encounter an obstacle that will slow down your plans. Be prepared for a struggle that may require you to put in an extra effort. You may fair better if instead of working harder, you seek out an alternative solution. Use your creativity to come up with new ways to reignite your initial enthusiasm.

Advice Position

The Ten of Wands in this position asks you to examine if a struggle or obstacle is more difficult than it needs to be because of a negative belief that centers around what you can and can not accomplish.

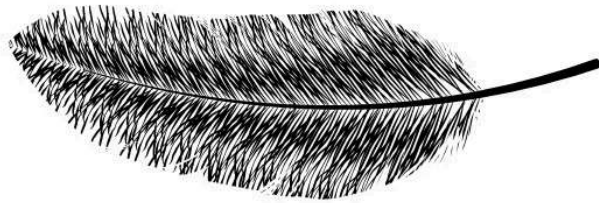
Do you perceive the task to be much more complicated than it really is?





Page of Wands

With the bright hot sun high in the sky, the young, eager crow knew there was plenty of time to uncover new treasures before heading back to the roost in the evening. Passion bubbled within the little bird's body as its mind whirled—Oh, the adventures that were out there waiting for the crow to discover! Practically paralyzed by sheer excitement, the crow didn't know which direction to fly in first. The crow stood up, shook its little body to calm the energy that seemed to bounce between its bones, and let out a long, confident caw.



General Message

The Page of Wands indicates that your current situation will benefit from conjuring up a little enthusiasm. Believe in yourself and understand that within you, there is a fire that is ready to ignite change. You are prepared to seize an opportunity —strike now while the iron is hot. If you are looking for a green light to go ahead with a new idea or opportunity, this is it!

Symbolism

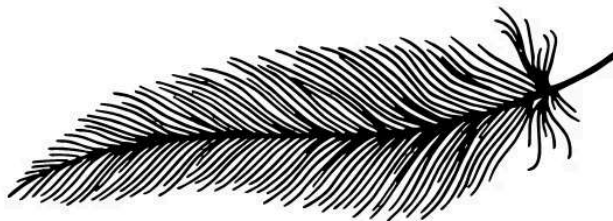


Unobstructed Sun: A hot situation or idea, plenty of time to pursue a creative plan

Patterned Landscape: Active and creative mind, new and expanding ideas

Cawing Crow: Enthusiasm, excitability

Clear Sky: An opening or opportunity that will show off your creativity



Positive Traits / In Balance

Feeling confident and ready for adventure, feeling inspired to take action

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Overly confident, excited but unfocused and without a plan

Past Position

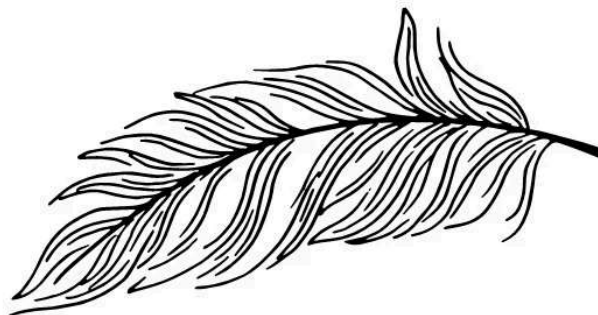
The foundation for a current situation formed when you found something that interested you enough to take action. There was a great deal of enthusiasm around this time in your life as you uncovered a new source of inspiration and confidence.

Present Position

You are in a position to make a change. The Page of Wands asks that at this time, you allow your creative mind to explore all options and gravitate towards those that spark passion. When you hold in your heart that you can achieve anything you set out to accomplish, you will find the confidence to take a risk that will lead to success.

Advice Position

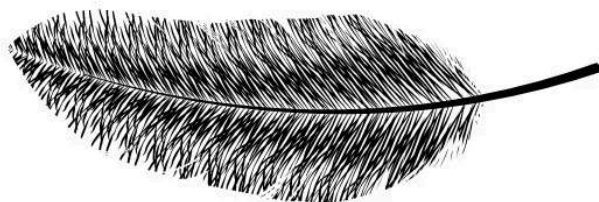
The time has come to ditch conventional wisdom and think outside the box. Have the courage to be adventurous because the answers you need to move forward will require a curious mind and a fire in the belly.





Knight of Wands

The sun, high in the sky, offered plenty of fiery energy and daylight, sparking the impulsive and at-times overly confident crow to embark on a new journey. As the bird moved through the air, it used its creativity to call upon the energy of a charging horse to lead the way and set the pace.



General Message

The Knight of Wands indicates that the time to act is upon you, and your situation will benefit from taking decisive action. The “fake it till you make it card”— the Knight of Wands advises that you conjure up in your mind the person you want to become and do the things that person would do. Be creative! Be bold! Dig deep and find the confidence needed to play the part because when you do, things will fall into place. If your goal is to be a leader at your job, behave the way a leader you would admire would act. It’s all about walking the talk.

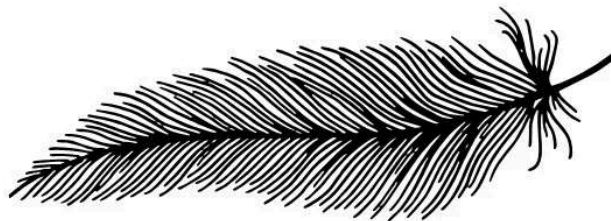
Symbolism



Sun: Plenty of time to pursue a goal, feeling re-energized, unobstructed passion or enthusiasm

Horse: Fast acting, powerful momentum, charging forward

Wand: Larger than life, overly creative



Positive Traits / In Balance

Confident, feeling capable of handling any situation, passionate, ready to take charge

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Cocky, over-inflated sense of self-worth, engaging in risky behavior

Past Position

The Knight of Wands in the past position points to a time when you moved forward with an idea despite not having it planned out or ready to execute. Depending on your current situation, this power move may have created an opportunity to grow or provided a lesson in failure.

Present Position

Your current situation may benefit from a little fearlessness. It is time to embrace a goal or dream and own it as if it was already yours. The Knight of Wands brings the message to muster up a little more self-confidence and put yourself out there. Run with an idea and see how far you can go!

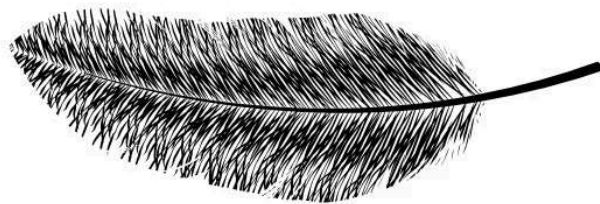
Advice Position

Are you self-assured, or are you cocky? There is a fine line between having chutzpah and being arrogant. Chutzpah will enable you to take the steps necessary to get your foot in the door. Arrogance creates an atmosphere of entitlement without action. To secure your position and to create a real viable path towards success, the Knight of Wands warns against expecting others to bend to your will without producing something of value in return.



Queen of Wands

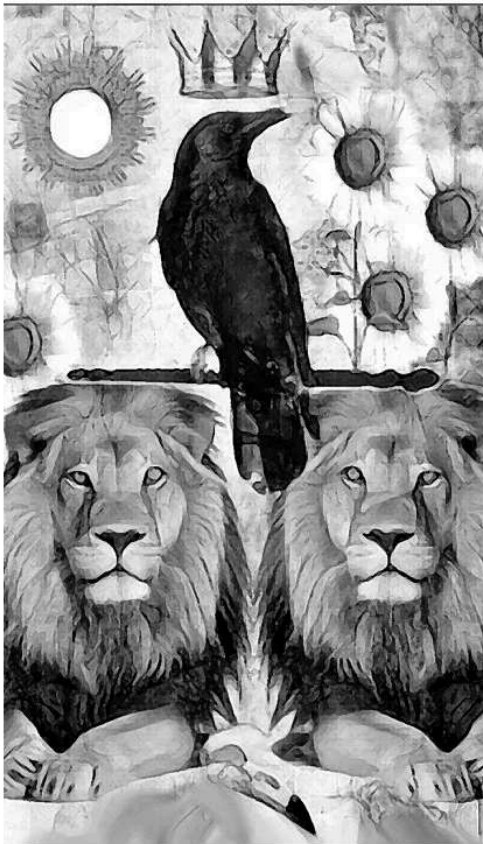
The mighty crow landed her wand on the head of two male lions. Her toned body and iridescent feathers created a presence that was fierce and commanding. Her ability to develop a devoted team of followers is the result of her natural charm and charisma. She is intelligent enough to know that strongarm tactics or fear are not long term solutions for cultivating support. To remain in the good graces and benefit from the generosity of the queen, she asks only one thing — respect. Make no mistake, as engaging she is, this bird is not soft nor sentimental. When the Queen of Wands is determined to get a job done or finish a task, she will not hesitate to dismiss those who do not pull their weight, even if she enjoys their company. It's not personal — its business.



General Message

The Queen of Wands commands attention and is the picture of complete health —mentally and physically. Her energy level is high, yet she knows how to control her emotions. When you encounter the Queen of Wands, the call is to pull her fierce royal energy inward and see the world from her perspective. It is time to see yourself as an unstoppable force!

Symbolism



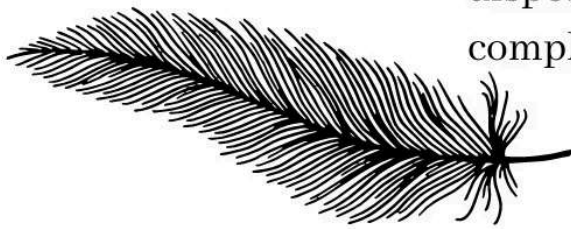
Male Lions: Sex appeal,
attractive, viral

Sun: Radiating warmth,
lights up a room, bright and
healthy

Skull: Lives life to the fullest,
aware of the preciousness of
life

Crown: Noble and graceful,
the consummate host

Sunflowers: Cheerful, bright
disposition, plans that reach
completion



Positive Traits / In Balance

Mentally and physically healthy, feeling in command,
capable of making decisions that will produce long-term
benefits

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Diva-like behavior, using sex as a means of control,
greedy

Past Position

In the past position, the Queen of Wands represents a powerful feminine energy that had a direct impact on your life. Your current outlook on life and beliefs may have their foundation in your time spent in her presence. Is there a lesson from this person you can apply to your situation today that will improve your situation?

Present Position

When you step into the role of a leader who works alongside a team, not only will you gain respect and support, your vision will lead the team to success. The Queen of Wands brings optimism and passion to a project or situation. Now is the time to stand up and take charge!

Advice Position

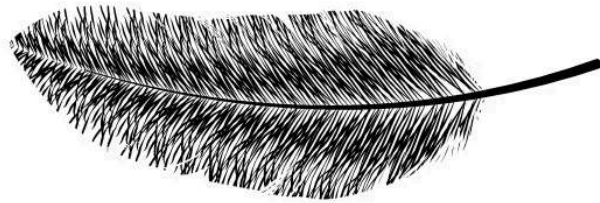
You are directed to step into the shoes of the Queen of Wands and take control of the situation. You may need to take the lead at work, get a handle on your health, or add some passion to your love life. When you call forth the energy of the Queen of Wands, you will have the confidence and the optimism to press forward.





King of Wands

The crow and Lion created a partnership. The crow contributed a creative mind and the ability to problem-solve quickly. The Lion's courage and inner-strength allowed the pair to face obstacles without letting fear or worry dictate actions. Their combined resources created a dynamic and unstoppable team. Using charm, determination, and wisdom derived from maturity, they can tackle just about any task with relative ease.



General Message

The energy of the King of Wands is inspiring and inventive. You are being directed to call upon your creativity and channel the entrepreneur within. Add a little flair, be bold, and take on the role of the charismatic leader—your originality will be rewarded.

Symbolism



The Sun: Clear vision, plenty of time, radiant personality

Infinity Symbol: Endless possibilities or potential

Crown: Integrity, working for the overall good

Lion: Calling out your courage and grace to get a job done, soft skills, combining courage and determination to reach a goal

Positive Traits / In Balance

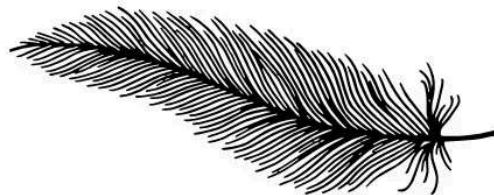
Charming and persuasive, entrepreneurial and imaginative, can inspire a team into action

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Demanding more of others than oneself, despotic, arrogant, overly dramatic

Red Rose: A sincere desire that sparks a creative idea

Salamander: Rebirth, immortality, creating something that stands the test of time



Past Position

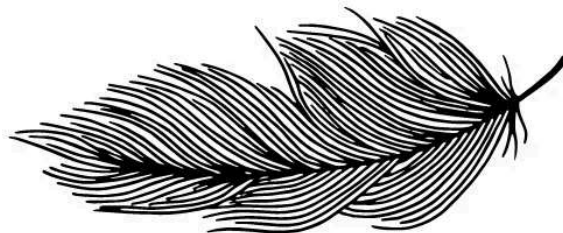
The King of Wands represents a leader or a strong male presence in your life that you found inspiring. This person may have been directly involved in your life or could be a character who possessed the qualities you admired and, as a result, influenced past decisions.

Present Position

Your current situation will benefit from a creative and bold move. You may need to be the one that is brave enough to stand up and take charge to get the ball rolling. Your actions will inspire others, and as a result, you will find the support you need to reach a successful outcome.

Advice Position

It may be time to add a little flair or creativity to a situation if it has become stagnant or non-responsive. The King of Wands advises that you stand up for yourself, confront those who may be standing in the way of your success. There may be a situation that will benefit when you take strong, decisive action. Be bold, but remember to maintain humility as keep the energy of the King can easily to slip from confident to arrogant.



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Standing Your
Ground



Swift
Action

Once we believe in ourselves, we can risk curiosity,
wonder, spontaneous delight, or any experience that
reveals the human spirit.

~ E.E. Cummings



Frustration
Overwhelm



Struggle



Enthusiasm



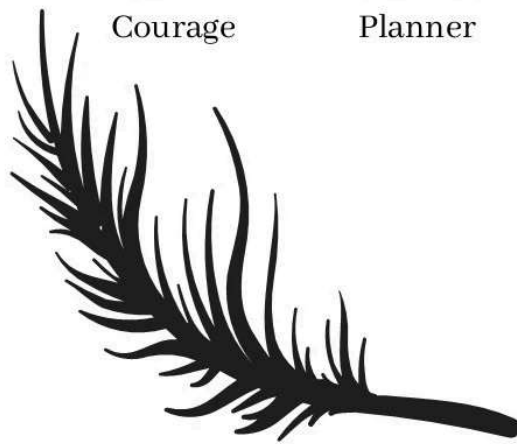
Passion
Taking Action



Health
Courage



Creative
Planner



Conversations with the Crows:

Wands

Ace of Wands

"Which direction is your gut tugging you to go?"

"Do you trust the signs that are being offered?"

Two of Wands

"Are you working towards creating harmony?"

"Do your decisions impact others?"

Three of Wands

"Can you imagine a brighter future?"

Four of Wands

"Will you allow yourself to let loose and celebrate?"

Five of Wands

*"Can you put your ego aside and
allow others to have their say?"*

Six of Wands

"Are you ready to be a leader?"

"Do your actions have long-term benefits?"

Seven of Wands

"Are you creating battles or defending yourself?"

Eight of Wands

"Can you predict what you need to do next?"

Nine of Wands

"Do you acknowledge the signs of exhaustion?"

*"Are you able to pat yourself on the back for all you
have already achieved?"*

Ten of Wands

"Is the struggle worth the reward?"

"Is there another way to achieve your goal?"

Page of Wands

"What are you truly passionate about?"

"Can you create a plan to reach your goal?"

Knight of Wands

"Are you ready to take action?"

"Are your plans well conceived or are you rushing ahead out of arrogance?"

Queen of Wands

"Do you treat your body with love and respect?"

"Is your loyalty dependent on what others offer?"

King of Wands

"What can you do to make your idea even better?"

"Is your ego getting in the way of progress?"





Cups



Element:

Water

Keywords:

Intuition

Love

Deep Emotions

Divine

Sorrow

Wisdom

Karmic Relationships

Joy

Calm

Spirituality

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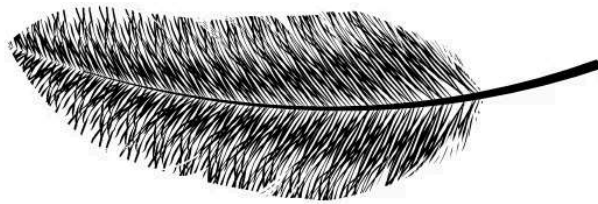
Energy:

Feminine



Ace of Cups

The crow rises early to greet the warm light as it rises over the beautiful fragrant garden. The crow's senses come alive as it feels the contrast between the energy of the sun and the cold water of the fountain gently flow over its feet. Delicate streams of water pour gently over the edge of the cup, creating the illusion of dancing lotus flowers—it was as if they were in rhythm with the music of the garden. In this place, where the air is thick and sweet the crow feels a deep connection with its spiritual self—the part of itself that goes beyond the material world and rests in the divine. When it is time to return to the city, the crow leaves, taking with it a feeling of revitalization and purpose. In love with life, the bird sees the city from a different lens—it sees beauty where others see the mundane. The divine-like crow sees treasures where others see junk, and because of this, the world offers more possibilities and opportunities.



General Message

Open your heart and love deeply. When you appreciate the beauty that is all around you, a door to new possibilities and opportunities will open. The Ace of Cups asks that you trust your intuition and connect with your higher-self—let emotion be your guide right now.

Symbolism



Positive Traits / In Balance

Connected to nature, open-hearted, genuine love, seeing the world with the eyes of a god or goddess

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling over-protective, feeling angry or distrustful of humans

The Sun: New hope, a new day, a fresh start, warmth

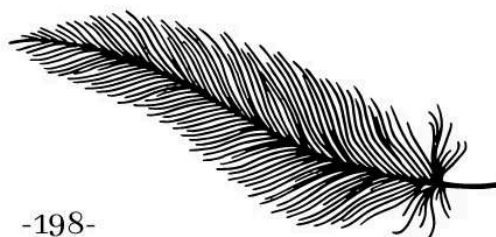
Clearing Clouds: Coming out of a funk, clearing the air, seeing a situation clearly

Lotus Flowers: Connecting with the divine spirit or higher-self, finding peace from nature

The Cup: Your higher-self, subconscious mind

Five Streams of Water: Your five senses

Crow Descending: Awareness of your role as a co-creator, working with spirit, feeling inspired by the beauty of nature



Past Position

The Ace of Cups indicates a transformation that occurred as a result of acknowledging and accepting your role as a co-creator working together with divine energy to mold your life. You may have experienced a situation in your past that helped you connect to your inner emotions. As a result, you not only found a new appreciation for the outside world you also tapped into your spiritual self.

Present Position

You are ready for a shift in your life that will help you feel more connected to the loving energy of the Universe. Look for areas where you can connect with someone who will create a lasting bond. This relationship may or may not be romantic, but it will feel secure and karmic. If you are feeling detached or hurt by someone, look for ways to open the channels for forgiveness as that will help you connect to your inner god/goddess.

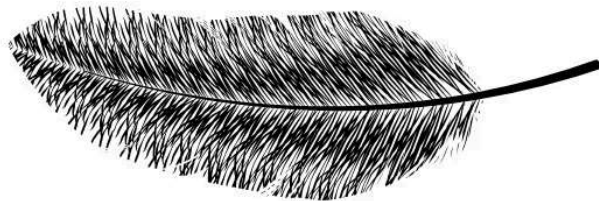
Advice Position

The Ace of Cups in the advice position asks that you open your heart and allow the beauty that surrounds you to influence your decision or outlook. Appreciate all the beautiful things that surround you! As Audrey Hepburn said, "For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone."



Two of Cups

Separate, the crows flew through life experiencing small victories and, at times, crushing defeats. Until the day they met, and their hearts became one. With their energy welded, the crows discovered new strength, a new dynamism that enabled them to push through obstacles with tenacity. When they worked together, their triumphs seemed grander, and their stumbles less painful as the other was there to soften the fall.



General Message

The Two of Cups indicates a karmic relationship or connection. You may have traveled through lifetimes with someone or held an occupation or passion for something that evolves with each incarnation. Examine areas where you feel a magnetic connection, as that will be a source to draw strength.

Symbolism

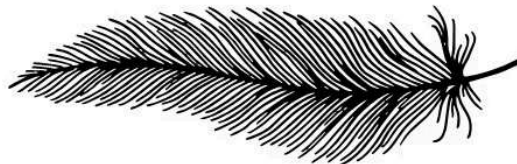


Anatomical Heart: Karmic bond that transcends lifetimes, a soul-level connection, twin flame

Water: Sharing thoughts and ideas that create an emotional bond

Lotus: Pure heart, working for the highest good of all

Caduceus: Coming together to create harmony



Positive Traits / In Balance

Joining forces to become more powerful or stronger, karmic relationships, trusting business relationships, healthy marriage

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

A co-dependent relationship, relying too heavily on a partner, loss of independence

Past Position

A relationship forged in the past and one that is still strong today created the foundation for your current situation. This relationship is one that has traveled with you from lifetime to lifetime. Although traditionally, this card represents a romantic partner, business partnership, or friend, it may also signify a relationship you have with your talents and beliefs.

Present Position

Do you feel a magnetic pull towards someone that you can't seem to shake even though you haven't given this person much thought before? The Two of Cups indicates a connection to someone with whom you have a karmic history is forming. Although you may mistakenly perceive this person as inconsequential or offers little to enhance your situation, however, there may be something more to this person than you realize. There may be a reason you are feeling drawn to someone, and it may be worth your time to explore.

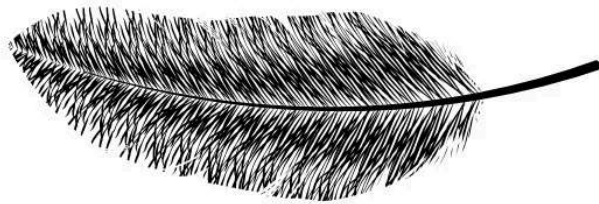
Advice Position

In the advice position, the Two of Cups brings the message to seek out common interests, find areas of interest that you have in common with someone—especially if your current situation is suffering from some friction.



Three of Cups

The three crows gather in a beautiful garden as the fruit trees offer an abundance of sweet ripe fruit to eat. Together they make plans for the future. In this happy state, their energy is passionate and focused on creating more positive experiences. They are not concerned with any negative experiences from the past - or stirring up trouble for the future - no, these three are only concerned with maintaining a feeling of complete and utter comfort and joy for as long as they can. With the victory wreath overhead - success for this trio is all but confirmed.



General Message

Look to those who you enjoy spending time with as a source of help. Chores or tasks will be not only more fun but also more productive when you enlist friends and family to help. Work is always much more pleasurable when it's a work—party!

Symbolism



Fruit Tree: Feeling nourished by other's support, emotionally satisfied

Water in Cups: Connecting with others on a deep emotional level

Laurel Wreath: Finding success, a victorious outcome

Spring Flowers: A new beginning as a result of a successful closure



Red Poppies: Drawing strength from the love and support of others

Positive Traits / In Balance

Happily joining others to complete a task, being open to and accepting help, balancing work and fun

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Letting socializing interfere with getting a job done, letting others do the work while you relax

Past Position

The Three of Cups in the past position indicates that the foundation for your current situation may have formed when you collaborated with friends or family members to complete a goal. During this time, you were open to letting others share in your success and used their knowledge and time to help you succeed.

Present Position

A task or a goal in your life may benefit from recruiting a little help. Look inside your inner circle for those who have the time and a willingness to lend an extra hand. Not only will you complete the task quickly with more people involved, but it will also help make the time spent working more enjoyable.

Advice Position

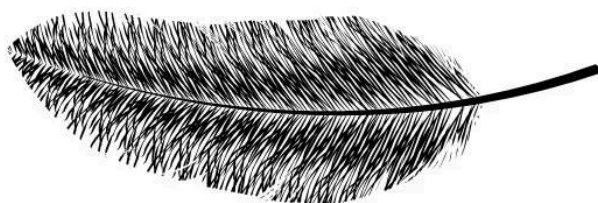
The Three of Cups suggests you consider asking for help or allowing others who may be impacted by your goal or desires to get involved in its success. Use your enthusiasm for a project to enlist those who genuinely want to see you succeed. Not only will you gain an eager team ready to get to work —you will find the victory will be sweeter.





Four of Cups

The crow sat in a dense green tree where it contemplated life and its current situation. Below the crow, on the ground, were three cups the crow had gathered but not too long after he lost his interest. Although they are shiny and offer some value, the bird was unable to imagine how the cups could be anything more or could serve a greater purpose. Because the crow held firm expectations for what a cup is and its value, it was unable to see the solution to end its dull days was right in front of its face.



General Message

You may be missing a valuable opportunity to connect with someone or something that would benefit your situation because you are too self-absorbed to recognize it. Consider if you are genuinely open to all options, or have you lost your passion? The Four of Cups may also indicate that you are discerning and can recognize opportunities that are not worth pursuing.

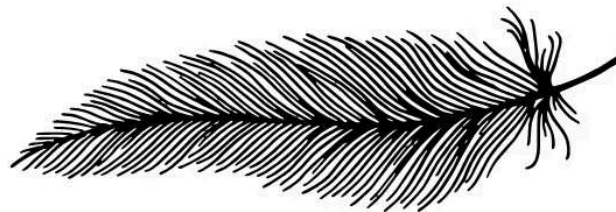
Symbolism



Tree: A place of comfort, security, feeling at peace, connecting with nature, rooted or feeling grounded

Snow: Something blocking or causing limited visibility

Clouds: Dreams, gifts from the Universe



Positive Traits / In Balance

Meditation, contemplating life or situation, self-awareness

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling depressed, melancholy, uninspired

Past Position

The Four of Cups in the past position may indicate you missed an opportunity due to being consumed by feelings of fear or anxiety. Because your focus was blurred by an event causing you to stress, you may have overlooked a solution that would have resolved or eliminated a point of friction today. The Four of Cups in this position may also indicate that the foundation for your current situation is one of self-awareness. With maturity comes an understanding of what will help you along your journey and what may be a frivolous pursuit. As a result, you know which opportunities are worth pursuing and which ones aren't worth your time.

Present Position

Are you taking an active role in your life or are you just letting it roll on by? The Four of Cups is a reminder to do an internal check-in with your emotions. The call right now is for you to clear your head and re-energize your spirit so that you can see potential opportunities on the horizon.

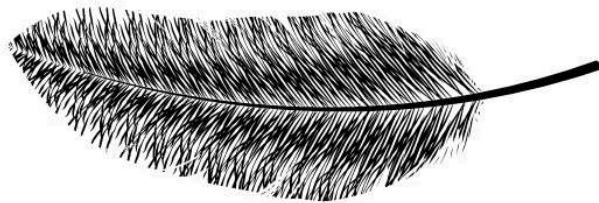
Advice Position

The Four of Cups asks that you connect with something that excites you, that wakes up your spirit. Come out of hibernation and take in all that life has to offer! In the advice position, the Four of Cups may also indicate that you should consider if the offer you see is one that will benefit you long-term or will it fill an immediate need for gratification.



Five of Cups

The crow returned to the bank of the river, where it discovered three of its five cups knocked over. The bird quickly became consumed with anger and guilt. It blamed the creature or element that knocked them over, it blamed itself for not being there to protect the cups, and it blamed the cups for not being sturdy enough to withstand the push. Over time the intense feelings softened, and the attachment to the situation began to fade. The events of that day no longer rang with loud intensity as they transformed into a low, dull hum, not demanding attention yet not wholly silent either. Eventually, the crow allowed itself to raise its head and stretch its wings so that the feeling of hope would once again return to its heart. The next day a new path through the trees appeared across the river; the bird did not hesitate —without looking back, it took flight.



General Message

You may have experienced a setback or a loss; however, you still have much in your life to appreciate. Allow yourself time to grieve as you will need time to heal. Let your emotions out. Feel anger, feel despair, let sadness have its moment, and then move on. It is crucial that you find acceptance because that will help you discover the path to a brighter tomorrow.

Symbolism

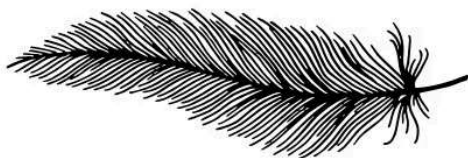


Water in Cups: Emotional attachment

Trees Across the Water: Feeling detached from sources of strength or grounding

The River: Flowing, uncontrollable emotions

Break in Trees: Solutions, possibilities, potential opportunities



Mountains: A new destination or goal

Positive Traits / In Balance

Accepting failure, allowing for the grieving process to run its course, processing emotions

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Holding on to guilt and shame, unable to move past a loss or disappointment

Past Position

The Five of Cups in the past position asks you to consider if your current situation is being impacted or you are holding back on taking action because of feelings attached to shame, guilt, or feeling a sense of loss as a result of a disappointment. In an attempt to avoid reliving any pain, you may be unconsciously sabotaging your current situation because of an expectation that the events will be similar.

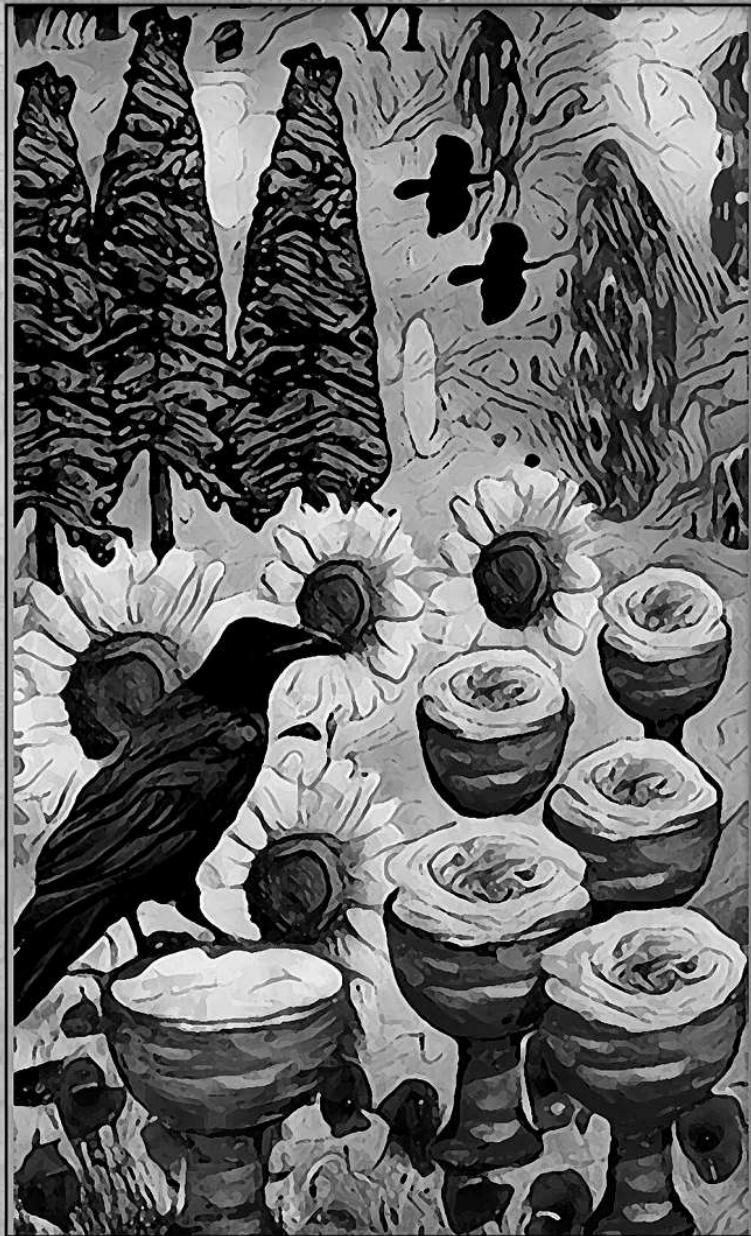
Present Position

The Five of Cups brings an energy that creates the perfect atmosphere for feeling loss or disappointment. You may be feeling like a prisoner of your emotions as sadness and regret seem to be controlling your current actions. The path to freedom is releasing that which is out of your control. Yes, you may need time to grieve or process the pain you are experiencing; however, you may also want to consider if your actions are constructive, or are you throwing yourself one hell of a pity party?

Remember that life is waiting for you, and you have people or situations in your that are eagerly waiting for your return.

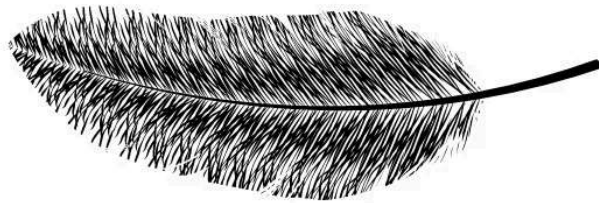
Advice Position

The Five of Cups warns if you direct your attention to what you no longer possess or what you lost instead of what you have —you may end up losing something else that you will deeply miss. Direct your attention and cherish what you have that fills your spirit.



Six of Cups

The crow feeling a bit nostalgic returned to the place where it learned to fly. It remembered the feeling of awkwardly flapping so hard it feared its heart would beat out of its chest as it fell to the ground only to catch the wind under its wings. It recalled the moment it let go of fear and soared into the air. It remembered spending days circling the field and playing with the other crows, and for a brief moment, it lost itself to a time when day to day worries and survival were no bother, and it was free responsibility.



General Message

The Six of Cups asks that you remember a time of innocence, a time when the world held endless possibilities, and the simple joys of life left you feeling cared for and content. Your situation will benefit when you reconnect with your inner-child and rekindle a feeling of fearlessness that comes from being carefree.

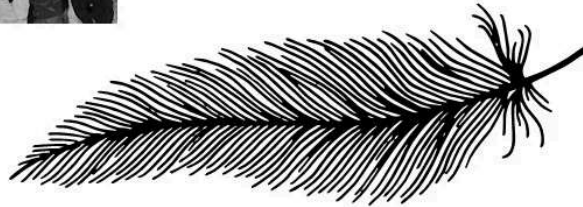
Symbolism



Trees: Connecting with your roots, feeling grounded

Sunflowers: Feeling a sense of happiness when remembering a past event

Poppy flowers: Find strength as a result of going home or from feeling cared for



Positive Traits / In Balance

Youthful, nostalgic, innocence, allowing time for play, connecting with your inner-child, not taking life so seriously

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Living in the past, passing blame or ownership, expecting others to do the heavy lifting or work

Past Position

The youthful, innocent presence of Six of Cups serves as the foundation for your current position when it falls in the past position. Although this child-like energy can open the door for new experiences as it helps you escape from some of the challenges of adulthood, it also can lull you into making decisions that are not well thought. Like a child, you may not have had a long term vision or completely understood the implications of your actions. You may want to examine if your current situation is the result of naive choices or decisions.

Present Position

When the Six of Cups lands in the present position, you may benefit from revisiting the past. Make time for play and enjoy the simple pleasures of life—as if you were a kid again. Connecting with your inner-child may help you see your situation from a different perspective, shed some light on areas where you feel blocked at the moment, or help you raise your vibration.

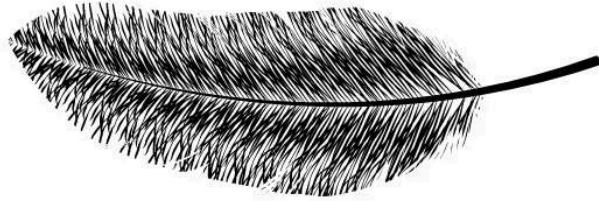
Advice Position

The Six of Cups in the advice position indicates you may be letting a childish attitude influence your current situation. Are you dodging responsibilities or letting someone else do the heavy work? Although tapping into your inner-child will allow you to stretch your creativity and help you enjoy some downtime, in the advice position, you may need to be the adult in the room.



Seven of Cups

The crow landed on the highest branch of the tallest tree. The clouds were the thickest at this particular place and created the perfect backdrop for daydreaming. She let her mind roam as she gazed into the chilly, misty air. In her mind's eye, she saw a life that was bigger and grander than anything she has ever witnessed. She imagined herself as a queen, as a ruler of the territory. She envisioned being the envy of the roost because her mate was loyal and influential. She mentally traveled to her nighttime spot that was, of course, the most comfortable and provided the best shelter. When it was time to leave the tree, say goodbye to her moments of fantasy, and return to her regular life, the crow did not feel demoralized or discouraged; instead, she felt inspired to bring her dreams into reality.



General Message

There is a fine line between dreaming big and becoming lost in a fantasy. The Seven of Cups asks that you allow your mind room to wander through the clouds without restriction; however, you must remain aware of where your feet are planted. When we dream big, our creative mind expands, allowing for more opportunities. However, the difference between dreaming and living in a fantasy world is action. When you take steps to bring a dream to life —you increase your odds of making it real.

Symbolism



Treetop and clouds: Head in the clouds, fantasizing

Mountains: Underestimating obstacles, overly optimistic towards challenges

Laurel wreath: Expecting a great victory or achievement

Heart: Falling head over heels in love, seeing a relationship with rose-colored glasses

Positive Traits / In Balance

Being able to visualize dreams and goals, allowing the mind room to wander and explore

Lotus: Holding others up to high standards or expecting a high degree of purity

Steeple: Phallic, sexual prowess

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Becoming lost in a fantasy, unable to get a clear picture of the future

Skull: Life and death

Snake: Health, immortality



Past Position

The Seven of Cups in the past position indicates that you may be better off today because you allowed yourself time to fantasize. When you constructed lofty goals in the past, you opened up the creative process. Because of the daydreaming, you were able to perceive alternative possibilities, and as a result, you moved in a direction that otherwise would have gone unnoticed.

Present Position

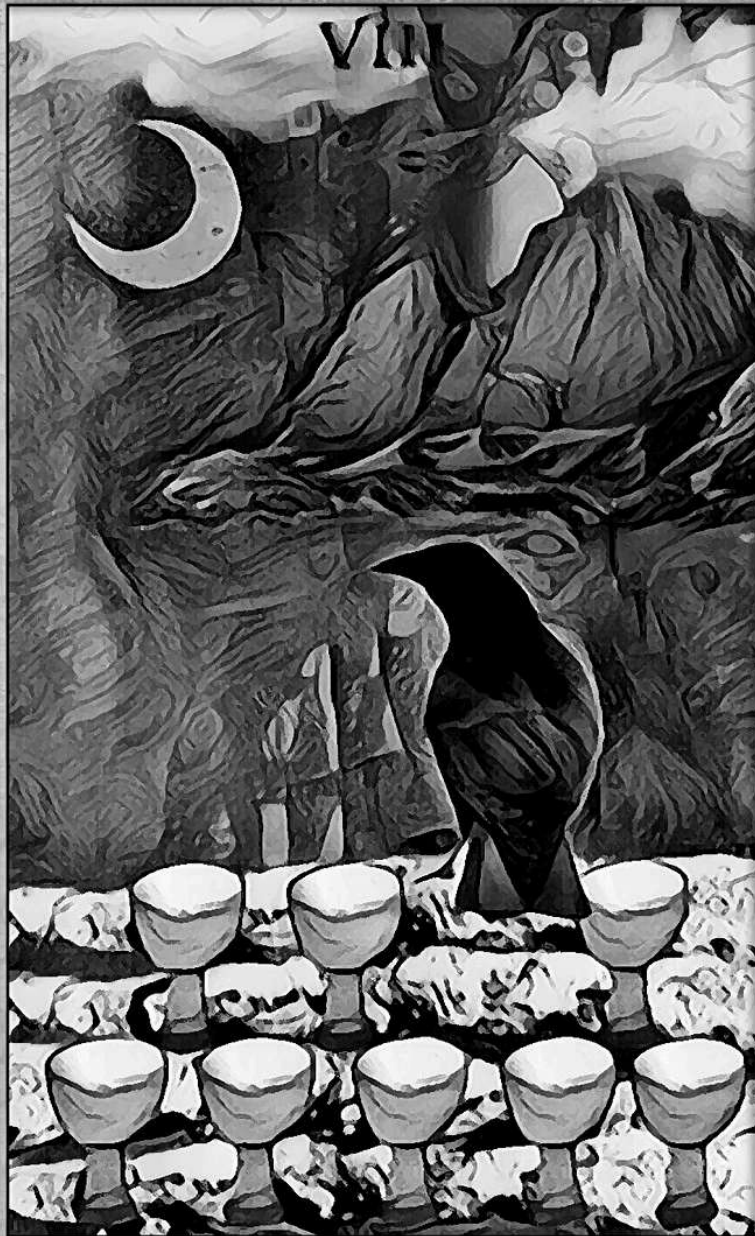
You may be allowing fantasy to overshadow reality.

Step back and examine if an illusion of your own making is impacting your current situation. Are you making decisions or taking action based on how you feel about the situation, or are you being objective and considering the facts?

Advice Position

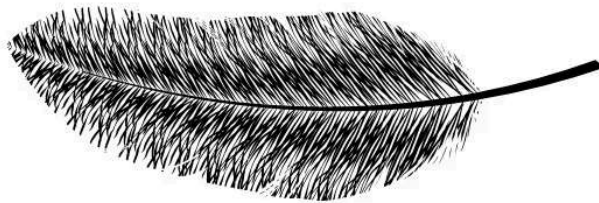
Dream big because when you do, you will spark something within that will help motivate you into action. It is when we allow ourselves the freedom to dream big, we conjure the feeling of possessing our dreams within our hearts, and that is when we broadcast our openness—our readiness to the Universe. Even if we fall short of that towering goal, we still end up higher on the ladder because of it.





Eight of Cups

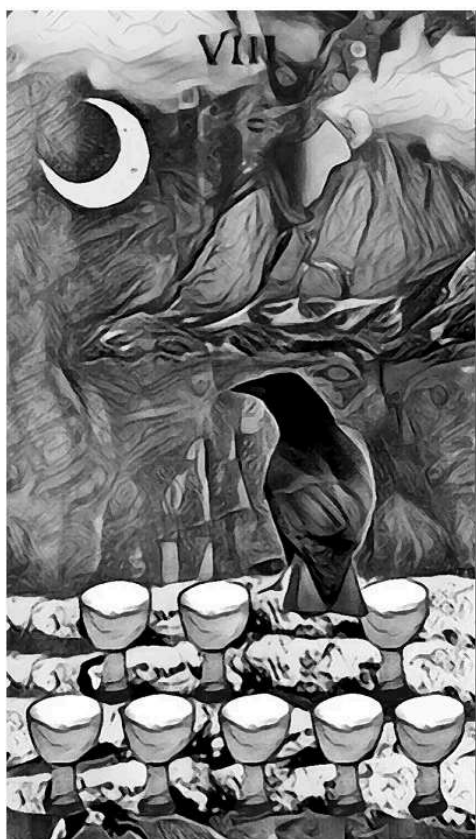
On the bank of the canal, the sullen crow stood as the dark, murky water slowly lapped on the shore as if it was commiserating —it understood the sorrow that flowed through the crow. In the distance, at the cut in the mountains, a light rose from the shadows—it created a golden path that seemed to dance across the inky waves. The crow stood there for a while, considering the light. It began to feel a new destination was out there waiting and trying to connect. The crow pondered its choices, and although it had acquired many memories, unfortunately, the good times had grown faint and no longer offered the spiritual sustenance, the bird needed to stay mentally healthy. The bird took flight leaving behind the empty cups on the sand in search of the source of the golden light.



General Message

The Eight of Cups asks you to reflect if at this moment you are living your truth—are you going about your day feeling numb or apathetic about your situation? If so, you probably already feel in your heart that a change is in order. It may be difficult to see in the darkness, but there is a light that will guide you.

Symbolism



Positive Traits / In Balance

Looking for a deeper meaning of life, accepting a closure or ending gracefully, going within in search of a higher meaning to life

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling depressed, giving up easily, lack of hope or optimism

White ground/discarded oyster shells: Something that no longer provides emotional sustenance

Moon: Consulting or leaning on intuition for making a decision, feeling in tune with your guides or higher self

Mountain: The unknown, an opportunity to try something new, a potential for a fresh start, concentrating attention on something solid or dependable

Golden trail/ light: A reason to feel hopeful or optimistic, feeling guided by a divine or otherworldly source

Clouds: Allowing time and room for dreaming

Past Position

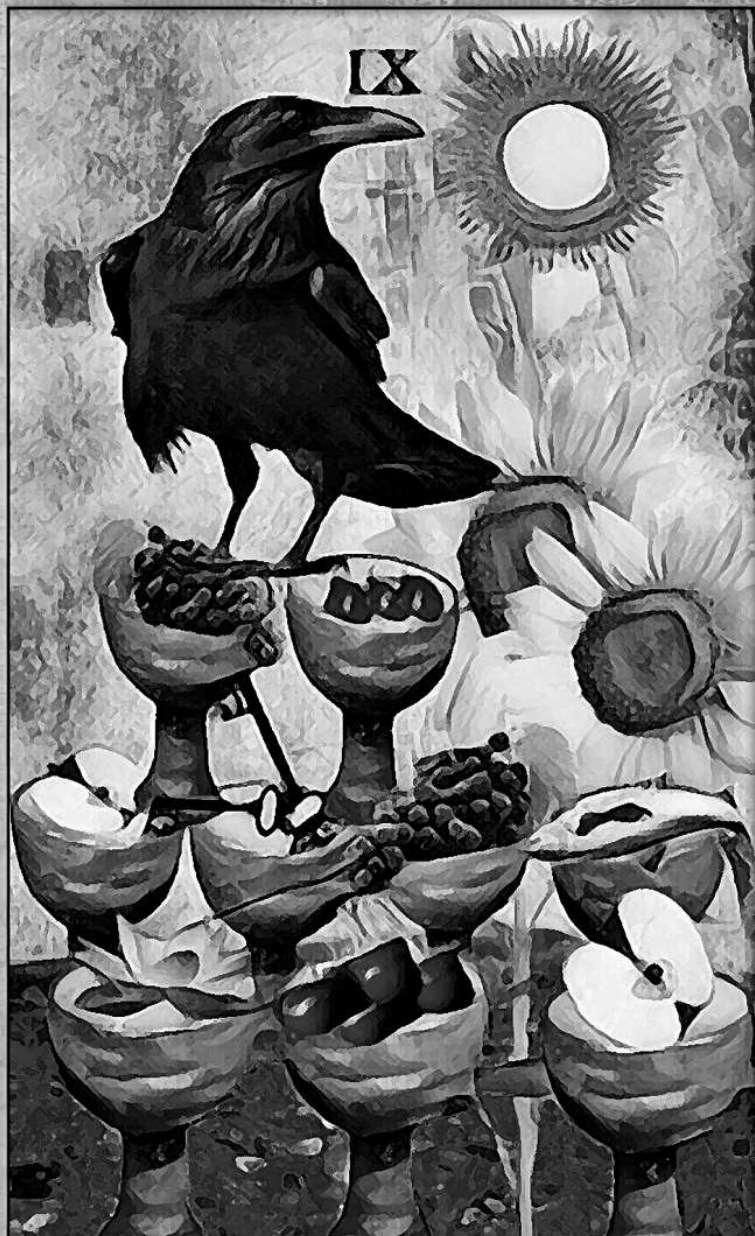
The Eight of Cups signifies a time in your life when you recognized that a situation was not going to improve, and although disheartening, you found the courage and hope to move forward. This event may have created a spiritual growth spurt as you transitioned away from attachments and into a time of enlightenment.

Present Position

Something is coming to an end or has run its course. Although change can cause discomfort and feelings of unease can swell within, accepting that some events were never meant to be permanent will make the transition smoother. An example is graduating from college or university and moving into your chosen career. Although it can be sad to say goodbye to that time, unless you wish to remain a student forever and keep your life on hold, at some point, you need to move on and graduate! Take the positive moments and grow from them, let them reside in your memory without attachment because there is future out there waiting anxiously for you.

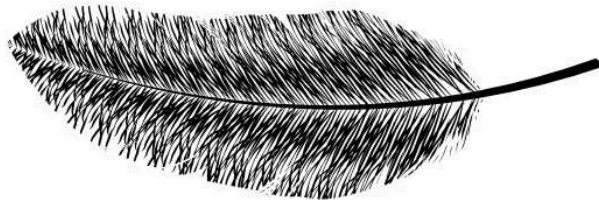
Advice Position

Are you ignoring the signs that something has run its course and is no longer serving your needs? The Eight of Cups asks that you look within and evaluate if you are staying in a situation, a group, or a relationship you have spiritually outgrown. Signs of a new path or a new direction will be there when you are ready to see them.



Nine of Cups

The proud and, at times, smug crow stood on top of all of its treasures. With a glint of pride in its eye it looked around, took stock in all that it had accumulated and as if to say "look at what I did — oh the cleverness of me." — it gave a bit of a smile. What the crow won't tell you is — it wasn't easy. No, it laborious and required many sacrifices. The bird spent countless hours seeking out its treasures; it worked hard and gave up flights of fancy other crows enjoyed. Although cleverness may have played a valuable part in amassing its riches, it was, in the end, the bird's commitment to each desire. The bird put its heart and soul into each pursuit, and diligently worked until it felt satisfied with the level of success it achieved. With the hard work in the past, the crow can relax and focus on the highest pursuit of all—enjoying life.



General Message

It is time to take a break to give yourself a good pat on the back and acknowledge the hard work you put in to create a life of abundance. The Nine of Cups brings the feeling that comes from receiving a desire or having a wish fulfilled.

Take it from the crow who stands on top a mountain of treasures, appreciate what you have, relax, and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Symbolism



Sun: Plenty of time to enjoy life

Sunflowers: Harvesting all that you have sown

Key: Knowledge, acquired wisdom

Lotus flower: Pure heart, benevolence

Apple: Luck, youthfulness, seeds of success

Grapes: Charity and abundance

Fish: Creativity

Cherries: Innocence lost



Positive Traits / In Balance

Well-earned pride, gratitude, appreciating life

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Feeling smug, arrogant, looking down at others who are still working on their goals

Past Position

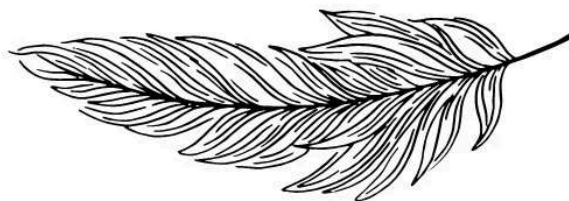
The Nine of Cups in the past position points to a moment when you reached a significant goal. During this time in your life, you may have felt particularly victorious, and as a result of this achievement, your faith (and self-esteem) received a boost. You may still be riding high as a result of this accomplishment, and with this feeling keeping your motivation high, you are ready to tackle future challenges with confidence.

Present Position

Wishes do come true, and If you have any doubt whether or not you should move ahead with an idea the Nine of Cups indicates when you focus your energy on creating the life you desire, you will find success. Conjure up that emotion that comes from being successful, even if you are still on your way. When you can get into the feeling of reaching the end, you will have the energy to keep moving forward.

Advice Position

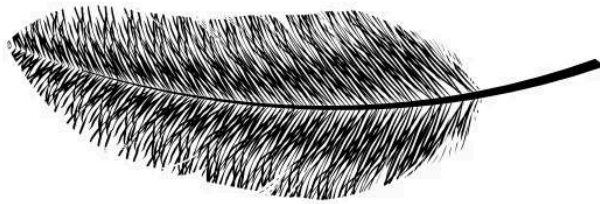
Enjoy what you have achieved, take stock what you can accomplish and yourself to splurge a little! You earned a moment or two to relax. The Nine of Cups asks that you appreciate your good fortune by enjoying life





Ten of Cups

The two crows looked out into the abundant garden they created with an enormous amount of pride and satisfaction. Not only did they find themselves in place of comfort, but they also created a refuge, a safe place for their community that would last for generations. Those who were fortunate enough to call the garden home enjoyed a life of ease without fear of lack or scarcity. There were plenty of resources for all to share, and the children were among the happiest in the county. Warm days led to afternoon rains that fed the garden. After the shower, a rainbow appeared overhead as if to tell the world theirs was a special place.



General Message

The Ten of Cups carries feelings of happiness and contentment with one's life. You are entering a time when your life is moving along harmoniously, and as a result, you can experience the euphoric feeling of complete bliss. You are in the perfect condition to spread the joy by incorporating others in plans or projects as you will find teamwork will strengthen your position.

Symbolism



Goldfinch: Importance of positive thinking, feeling optimistic, harmony, abundance

Rainbow: Awakening, peace, harmony, moments of bliss, luck

Fledglings in a nest: Happy children, happy family life

Blossoming Branch: New opportunities as a result of a positive attitude

Positive Traits / In Balance

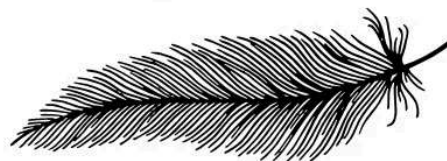
Feeling pure bliss, creating a happy family life. working towards building a stronger community

Flower Garland: Creating a place of beauty for others, joining forces with others to create harmony

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Self-preservation, lack of gratitude

Red Poppies: Strength from family, friends, and community



Past Position

Experiences from your past instilled an appreciation for feeling part of a loving family or a community. The decisions you make today are rooted in your history and reflect a commitment to establishing a place of peace and harmony for those you love today. You may find that you focus on building relationships and communities as they are a source of comfort. In addition, if you find yourself in an environment that contradicts your upbringing or is competitive, you may feel out of your element.

Present Position

The Ten of Cups brings to your current situation moments to enjoy peace and harmony, and as a result, you may be feeling a bit blissful these days. When the Ten of Cups is in the present position, the energy is perfect for bridging differences and creating bonds over common ground. Set differences aside, create space in your heart for all, and allow for some quality time to connect.

Advice Position

A situation will benefit from letting go of animosity and allowing for positive interactions to take place. You have the power within to extend an olive branch that will have lasting positive effects. Focus your energy on what you have in common rather than where your differences keep you apart. The message of the Ten of Cup in this position is that all will gain when you work together to create an atmosphere that promotes harmony.



Page of Cups

The young crow went down to the shore, hoping to find a quick bite to eat. While jumping through shallow puddles and damp sand, it came across a cup that washed up on the beach. Intrigued, the crow hopped up and balanced itself on the rim, inside the cup swimming in brackish water it spotted a little fish. The crow felt its stomach rumble and satisfaction crept in—the perfect mid-morning snack. The crow carefully eyed its newfound treat to determine the best angle to attack. The bird cautiously lifted its head and made eye-contact with the fish. Just as the bird opened its beak to pluck the fish from the cup—the meal looked up and of all things—spoke. The crow was not so much startled as it was curious and moved in closer. It closed its mouth and listened as the fish spun terrific tales of life under the sea. The fish, also very clever and focused on self-preservation, redirected the hungry crow to another area of the beach that would provide a more magnificent feast.

General Message

Expect inspiration to come from unexpected places. The Page of Cups indicates that you will benefit from allowing your creative mind and intuition to come together as a guiding force. When you let go of biases and open your heart to someone who may not have considered a source of information, you may receive the wisdom needed to overcome an obstacle.

Symbolism

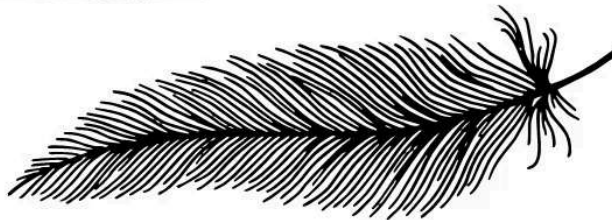


Fish: Using your imagination. finding empathy

Moons and Stars: Allowing for creativity to flow naturally, feeling in tune with your creative side.

Seastar: Divine love

Crab: Allowing yourself to be open-hearted and vulnerable



Positive Traits / In Balance

Imaginative, open to new experiences, intuitive, seeing the world from a place of wonder

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Second-guessing a situation, not trusting intuition, creative block

Past Position

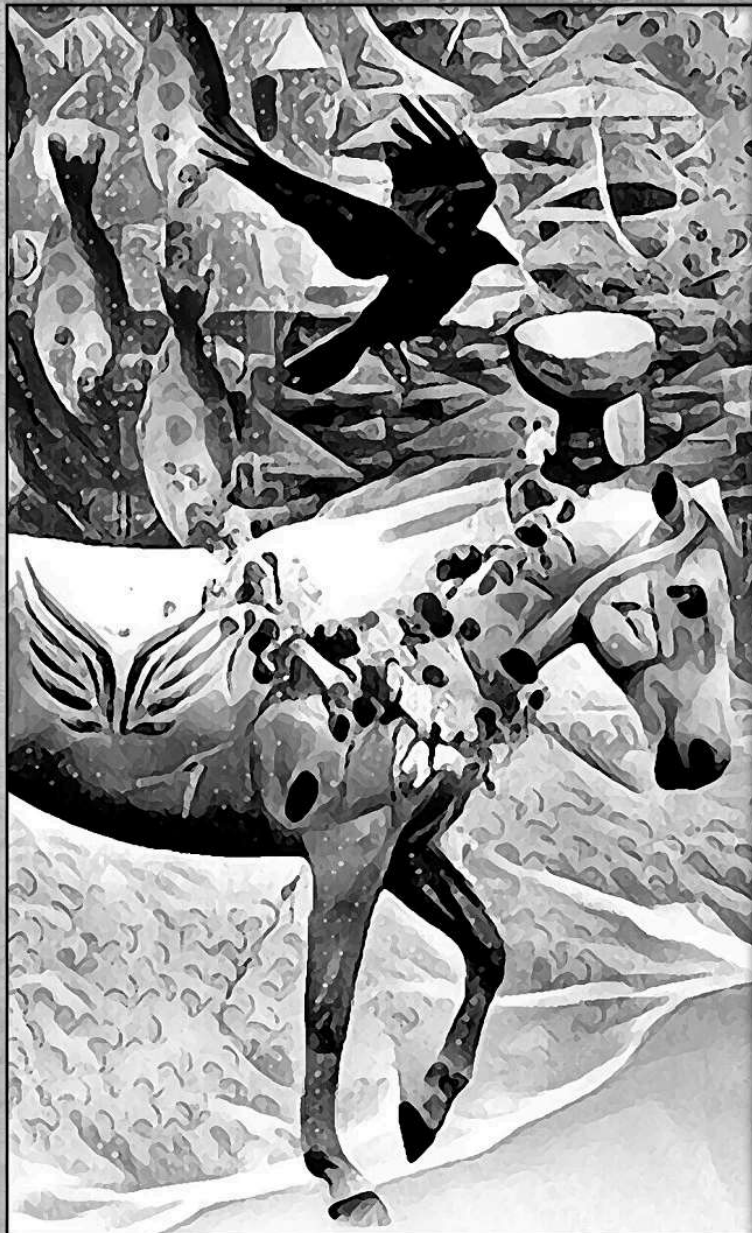
The Page of Cups in the past position suggests an open heart, and a willingness to explore the world influenced your current situation. There is a youthful unjaded quality to the energy of the Page of Cups, and in its innocence, you find it easier to accept the world without criticism or judgment. Your current situation may its roots in the magic that forms when your heart connects with the Page of Cups. In this position, The Page of Cups may also point to a loving childhood that enabled you to discover a life without worry or concern.

Present Position

When the Page of Cups arrives in the present position, you may feel a bit more prone to open yourself up emotionally to others. You may what once was a casual friendship now has the potential (at least in your mind) to become so much more. Follow your heart and let your intuition guide you at this time. Your deep emotions and connection to your intuition may lead you somewhere you may have otherwise been closed off to seeing.

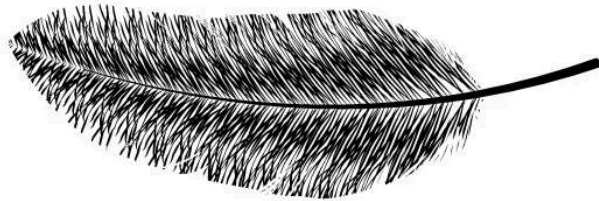
Advice Position

The Page of Cups asks that you have open-mind. Let your heart and intuition govern the decision-making process at this time. The solution you need to help get over an obstacle or move progress along will not come from being cynical or emotionally closed off. Be open to seeing the good in people as you never know who will surprise you.



Knight of Cups

The crow and horse travel together on the beach. The pair make a colorful and creative team and attracts a good deal of attention, as you might imagine. Engaging and charismatic, the couple possesses an uncanny ability to connect easily with others and quickly detects the most profound wants and desires of a new acquaintance by merely looking into their eyes. To say they are mesmerizing is an understatement. Although not always intentional—at times, their creativity can become a bit inflated, and combined with an innate desire to please, the pair has a bad habit of making promises they can't keep. Not one to wear out their welcome the crow and horse, do not stay in one place for too long, and just as quickly they came in—they leave.



General Message

The energy of the Knight of Cups is a charmer and can create the perfect distraction when you need an emotional lift. Let this energy come in and do what it does best, let it create the feeling of butterflies in your stomach and passion for something or someone new. Use the energy of the Knight of Cups to ignite a new idea or a fling that will help you get your groove back. One warning, however, utilize this energy and be grateful for it while it lasts because the Knight of Cups is not only dashing—it dashes.

Symbolism



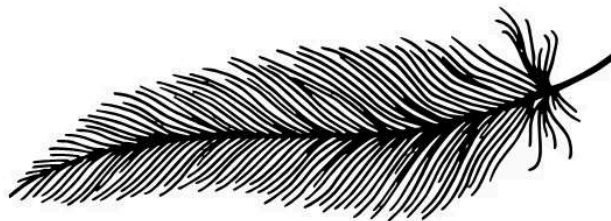
White horse: Purity and grace

Empty cup: Promises that may go unfulfilled

Fish: Creativity and imagination

Angel wings: Connection to divine or angelic energy

Moon: Intuition, feeling connected on a karmic level



Positive Traits / In Balance

Charismatic and charming, compassionate and genuinely warm to others, creative thinking and problem-solving

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Overly sensitive and needy, needs to be the center of attention

Past Position

The Knight of Cups in the past position may represent a relationship or an encounter that, although brief, came in at the right time to lift your spirits. The best way to describe this energy is—getting your groove back. That weekend fling that if it lasted into Monday would become too long. Consider if your current situation may have benefited from the much-needed boost to your ego the Knight of Cups offered.

Present Position

The Knight of Cups brings to your current situation a little romance. Embrace the beauty and splendor that is all around you, breathe in deep the fragrant air of a garden, or freshly baked bread, or whatever it is that moves your heart and allows your creative mind to wander. It is time to feel sensual, feel in love with life. Just remember to use this energy while you can, as the Knight of Cups can be a bit of a philanderer.

Advice Position

Your situation may benefit from seeking out someone with a creative flair and the ability to charm a room. Although this person will be a help, they will not be there to do the heavy lifting; you mustn't become too dependent on their contribution. Yes, they will be supportive at the moment; however, they will not be reliable in the future. Appreciate them for who they are and the feelings they stir, but when it is time to say good-bye, do so with gratitude, and the Knight of Cups will once again return.



Queen of Cups

The beach was the crow's favorite place to spend the day—the warm sand, soft, cool salty breezes from the ocean, and of course, the enormous amount of food to be found. This crow, however, was unlike the others. She stood tall and held a regal presence. While other birds would have defended their space from invaders, she played hostess. Not a single crow or bird for that matter went away hungry; instead, she lovingly cared for all, ensuring there was plenty to eat and comfortable place to rest. As she welcomed more and more birds on to her beach, she found herself spending her days hopping from group to group preventing squabbles over crab and dead fish that washed up on the sand. She had a unique quality for a crow—empathy. Her reputation for compassion spread, and before long, she found herself in the role of part mother, part counselor, part negotiator, and part referee.

General Message

The Queen of Cups asks that you consider your role as a contributor to the greater good. Allow your intuition to be your guide as you connect with those around you on a deeper, more personal level. When the energy of the Queen of Cups is active, you will recognize yourself in others and, as a result, will feel more compelled to help those in need. Keep in mind, however, to extend compassion and kindness inward as well during this time to avoid feeling overextended or resentful.

Symbolism



The Moon: Intuition, feeling emotionally connected to those around you

Feathers over the cup:
Divine thoughts and ideas

Crown: Noble action,
benevolence, integrity

Fish: Fertility, serenity,
tapping into your emotional
side

Seastar: Infinite divine love

Positive Traits / In

Balance

Caring and supporting,
dedicated to the well-
being of others,
generous, self-
sacrificing

Lotus: Pure heart, connected
to spirit

Red poppies: Being a source
of strength for others in
need

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Resentful, feeling like a
martyr, emotionally
manipulative

Crab: Letting your guard
down, feeling emotionally
connected



Past Position

You may have the natural ability to sense the suffering, frustration, or pain of others. Because of a deep connection, you feel you may be more apt to act to serve or on their behalf. Consider if the foundation for a situation today is rooted in the act of love and compassion.

Present Position

The Queen of Cups strength comes from understanding the value and importance of ensuring that those around her feel loved and supported. In a work environment, she is the co-worker who believes that a rising tide should raise all boats and will put her ego or self-interests aside for the team. In romantic relationships, it is the Queen of Cups who will take the time to learn her partner's love language so that they can better communicate. If you are feeling friction or if a situation has been a source of stress, allow the energy of the Queen of Cups to fill your heart, and she will show you the way to reconciliation.

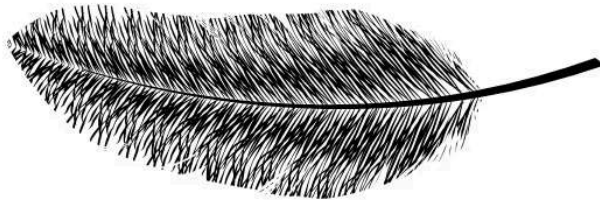
Advice Position

The Queen of Cups warns against letting others take advantage of your good nature. Extend kindness and support to those in need; however, be aware of those who will ask very readily without concern for your well-being to overextend yourself. The Queen of Cups is an empath, and empaths attract energy vampires. When you establish boundaries, you ensure that each interaction you offer comes from a place of love free of resentment.



King of Cups

The wise old crow hopped on to the stone throne that sat on the beach calmly and confidently claiming his position. Although the ocean behind him violently thrashed about as the frothing cold water hit the shore, his composure remained stoic, without reaction as if detached from the world around him. The crow understood getting flustered will not change the sea; it will not aid him in getting fish, so he waited patiently. In time the water receded gently back into the sea and, in its wake, an abundant trail of food.



General Message

The energy of the King of Cups creates confidence and calm as he favors diplomacy and compromise over conflict. When you use your intuition and emotional intelligence to find solutions that will smooth a source of friction, the riches you receive will be far greater.

Symbolism



The Moon: Intuition, understanding a situation with little information being provided

Fish Flying Out of the Water: Chaos or turbulent situation

Sailboat: Smoothing out a situation, creating calm

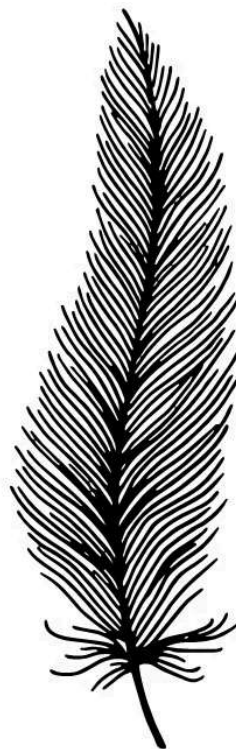
Fish Amulet: Creative thinking, problem-solving

Positive Traits / In Balance

Mature guidance, calming energy, compassionate, grace under fire

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Manipulative, emotionally sensitive, feeling depressed



Past Position

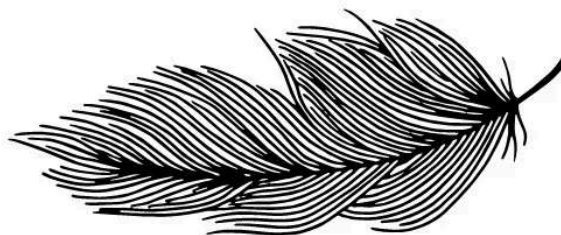
The foundation for your current situation may have formed from a connection with a kind, wise older gentleman who served as a mentor or someone whose grace and compassion inspired feelings of peace. You may have encountered the King of Cups during a time when you needed help restoring calm to your life, and because of their efforts, you are better off today.

Present Position

The King of Cups asks that you extend compassion and resist the urge to act impulsively during a situation that may be volatile. Allowing events to unfold will provide a new perspective that will prove beneficial. When you stand firm with grace and integrity, your calmness will have a ripple effect. Focus on what you can change as you can not control what other people do; you can only control how you react to it.

Advice Position

Your situation will benefit from seeking areas of agreement as opposed to focusing on your individual demands. When you prioritize finding a harmonious ending, you will create an atmosphere of peace and a stable foundation for future progress.



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Ace of Cups

Connection
to the Divine



Karmic
relationship



Celebrating
with friends



Meditation
Apathy



Consumed
by loss



Childhood
Innocence



Dreaming
Fantasy



Letting go
Moving on

You can search throughout the entire universe for someone who is more deserving of your love and affection than you are yourself, and that person is not to be found anywhere. You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe deserve your love and affection.

~ Buddha



Wishes
Fulfilled



Happiness
Bliss



Open-hearted



Romance
Passion



Empathy



Transforms
chaos into
calm

Conversations with the Crows:

Cups

Ace of Cups

*"Can you appreciate your place
in this beautiful world?"*

Two of Cups

"Who do you feel drawn to?"

Three of Cups

"Who do you call when you have good news?"

Four of Cups

*"Are you feeling content at the moment,
or has apathy taken hold?"*

Five of Cups

*"What are you unable to let go of?"
"What have you been neglecting lately?"*

Six of Cups

*"Do you remember what it felt like to feel
completely free of any responsibilities?"*

Seven of Cups

*"Can you dream bigger?"
"Are your dreams lacking action?"*

Eight of Cups

"Are you ready to leave what you have outgrown?"

Nine of Cups

*"Can you allow yourself to feel
the success you achieved?"*

Ten of Cups

"How can you pass on to others the feeling of bliss?"

Page of Cups

"Are biases or a closed-heart preventing you from seeing someone as a source of inspiration?"

Knight of Cups

"Are you ready to allow others to enjoy your company?"

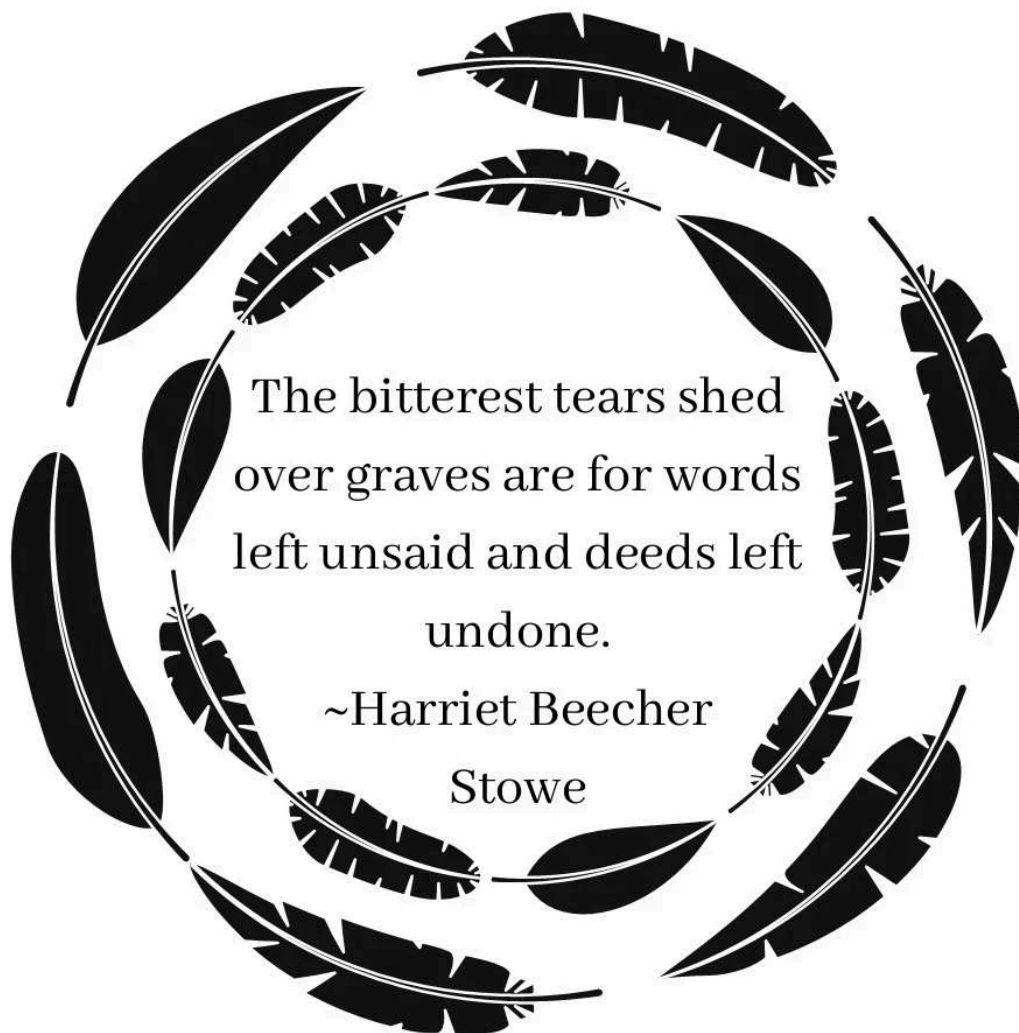
Queen of Cups

Are you offering your services out of love and compassion, or do you feel obligated?

King of Cups

"Will your actions today result in creating calm or are you reacting out of fear?"





The bitterest tears shed
over graves are for words
left unsaid and deeds left
undone.

~Harriet Beecher
Stowe

Swords



Element:

Air

Keywords:

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Pragmatic

Cunning

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Ruthless

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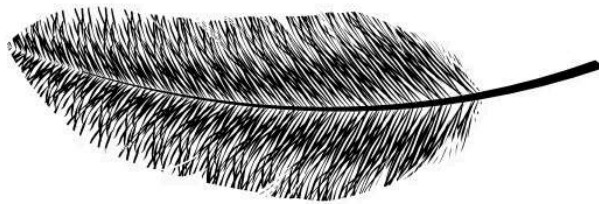
Energy:

Masculine



Ace of Swords

The crow found itself increasingly frustrated by a situation it didn't comprehend. Other lesser intelligent birds may have given up but not this crow, no—it channeled its frustration and used the electricity to feed a desire to find the answers that would lead to clarity. As if to conjure the forces of nature, the crow extended its large, sturdy black wings into the air. A sharp surge of energy ripped through its body, sending the bird into the sky like a rocket. The crow broke through mountains and soared above the clouds. A bright light trailed the bird illuminating the land below. From above the clouds, the crow saw its situation clearly and understood what action needed to follow to find success.



General Message

Stay focused and take decisive action because your goal is within reach! The Ace of Swords calls on you to seek out the truth behind your circumstances. Use your logical mind to find the answers. When you see your situation objectively, you will better understand your role, and as a result, you will be able to move with swift determination to resolve any conflict.

Symbolism



Rising Above the Clouds:
Developing a plan, a clear
vision, removing negative
thoughts that cloud the
brain

Crow and Sword: Force,
feeling empowered, clear
compelling communication
and the ability to articulate a
plan effectively

Laurel Wreath: Victory
earned from an effort

Positive Traits / In

Balance

Seeking truth, creating an
action plan based on a
clear understanding of a
situation, fighting for
justice

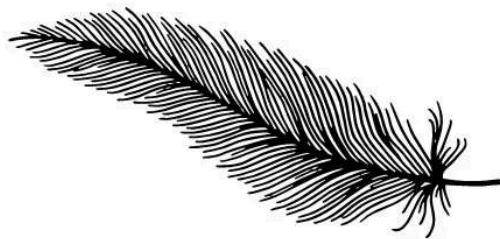
Break in Mountains:

Overcoming obstacles,
breaking free from negative
thinking or people

Red Rose: Deep emotions
feeling passionate

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Aggressively righting a
wrong, letting logic get in
the way of compassion,
vigilantism



Past Position

The Ace of Swords in the past position may indicate your current situation is the result of finding clarity during a period of uncertainty. During your youth may have formed a belief or an opinion that serves today as a significant part of who you are and how others perceive you.

Present Position

In the present position, the Ace of Swords indicates that you are at the point of discovery. The energy is right for uncovering missing information. If you are experiencing a lack of vision, however, at this time or aren't capable of wrapping your head around all that needs accomplishing, make a point to learn, get the facts, ask the right questions—when you do, you will experience a breakthrough. If an obstacle or something is blocking your growth, you will find facing the challenge head-on, and owning your contribution to the situation with courage will help you understand the action needed to find success.

Advice Position

The Ace of Swords brings the message to reach success; you will need to be honest with yourself and others. Clearly articulate your needs, speak with certainty, and operate from a place of integrity. When others can understand without ambiguity, you will find support.



Two of Swords

The crow was uncertain of which direction to move. All the facts weren't in yet, and for the bird, there wasn't enough information to get a clear idea of the possible outcomes. It felt trapped.

If the crow could talk, it would tell you that during this time in its life, it felt as though there was a blindfold wrapped tightly around its head, and somehow through no fault of its own became perched between two thick, sharp swords. The crow would say to you that what kept it from moving—what kept it stuck in the same place for so long was fear of making a misstep. Not being able to immediately and logically predict a possible positive outcome had all but paralyzed its body.

The crow remained fixed and immobile unable to shake the assumption of severe pain that would result if it took a chance and made a wrong decision out of haste or impatience.

General Message

Are you avoiding taking action because it may cause discomfort, or are you stuck because you don't have enough information to proceed without feeling uneasy or fearful? Your intuition will serve as an excellent compass at this time. Only you will know if your inaction is the result of taking a pragmatic approach or one that is the consequence of denial.

Symbolism

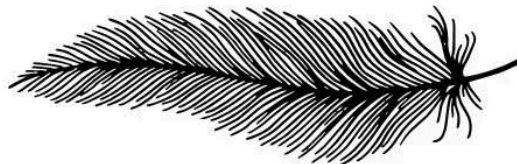


Blindfold: Avoidance, choosing to ignore

Mountains: Stalemate, blocked intuition

Swords: stuck between two difficult situations

Break in Clouds: A need for something to give



Positive Traits / In Balance

Not taking action until the facts are in, using intuition as a compass

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Denial, not seeing a problem clearly, choosing inaction to avoid discomfort

Past Position

A current setback or stalemate may be the result of inaction in the past. It was an inability to conceive the pain you would suffer as a result of taking action would be worth the outcome. For example, you may be in a dead-end job today that has you feeling stuck because you didn't make a move to contact a recruiter who asked you to create a resume. The uncertainty around a new job created space that caused a lack of action the more comfortable choice.

Present Position

You may face a difficult situation that will require you to make a decision. You may not have all the information necessary to move ahead with confidence. Consider if now is the best time to move, or if time and patience will prove beneficial. Let your intuition be your guide, if your gut tells you to move forward, do so without an attachment to the outcome as the source of pain is attached to events, not meeting expectations.

Advice Position

You may be withdrawing from a situation that needs your attention as a result of not having enough information to proceed with confidence. The Two of Swords advises you to take the blindfold off and address problems or obstacles from a place of courage. The difficulty may not go away, and inaction today may create specific issues in the future that will be more painful and unavoidable.



Three of Swords

The first sword entered the heart was so razor-thin and sharp that at first, the crow didn't realize the damage its partner inflicted. Much like how a paper cut seems to sting more the moment we notice it, the crow went about its day without noticing the betrayal. The second sword felt blunter and more substantial, but undeterred, the crow put aside its agony and remained with its partner. Instead of anger, it focused its energy on healing the wounds. The third and final sword was a blow that the crow could not ignore as the feeling of being cut open shot through its weakened body sending waves of torturous throbbing pain from its feathers to the center of its bones. It could stand by its partner no more, and although fragile and uncertain of the future —it flew away. With each stroke of its wing, the pain faded, and with time, the bird grew stronger, and the wounds healed.

General Message

The Three of Swords denotes betrayal, distrust, and painful separation. A relationship or situation may cause a great deal of discomfort as a result of not recognizing the warning signs, The Three of Swords may indicate that your current situation is not healthy and that pain is inevitable with this current course. The time may come to find the strength to break free from a relationship that is not healthy or supportive. Acknowledge your part in the event, either as the recipient or inflictor of pain, understanding your role will help you move towards the healing process

Symbolism



Anatomical heart:
Physical and emotional
pain to your heart, feeling
the physical effects of a
painful event.



Positive Traits / In Balance

Moving on from heartbreak, leaving a bad situation,
transforming pain into strength

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Betraying someone, using sharp words to cut someone
down, causing heartache

Past Position

Your current situation may be the result of a foundation created from heartbreak or feelings of loss. Although this earlier event may have been painful, over time, you healed and found strength. Depending on the situation, you may be in a better place today as a result of the separation. It may have been the bad relationship or job in the past that provided context for ensuring a healthy relationship or situation today.

Present Position

There is no escaping the pain that is associated with the Three of Swords. Whether you are the one inserting the blade or the recipient, both hearts will feel some form of impact. If there is one positive you can take from this card, it is that time will continue to move forward, and with a clean break, healing will occur, and new strengths will emerge.

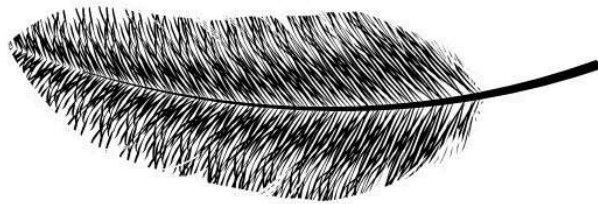
Advice Position

Be aware of signs that cracks in a relationship are forming. A partner, friend, coworker, etc may be inserting the blades strategically. Cutting remarks here and there may not catch your attention at first, but over time it may result in a painful separation. You may, at this time, also consider taking the sword to end a relationship. The events and narrative of what happens next is a matter of perspective. Regardless of who makes the first or final cut, break-ups can be unpleasant. In time the hurt will fade, you will be stronger and happier.



Four of Swords

The crow left the loud and raucous roost that settled just outside the cemetery in search of a place that would offer a moment of peace. Troubled and exhausted from a situation, the bird needed a space to find clarity and sort out all the thoughts that ran wildly through its head. Some of these thoughts were of its own creation; other thoughts were the result of over-opinionated crows who felt compelled to offer advice. On the other side of a high ivy-covered wall was a mausoleum with a broken window. The crow slipped in undetected, looked around, and knew it would provide the perfect hideaway. Although not dead, the crow assumed the position as it escaped into itself. As the crow began to relax into its position, the cawing outside became distant, and eventually, the only voice the bird heard was that of its own.



General Message

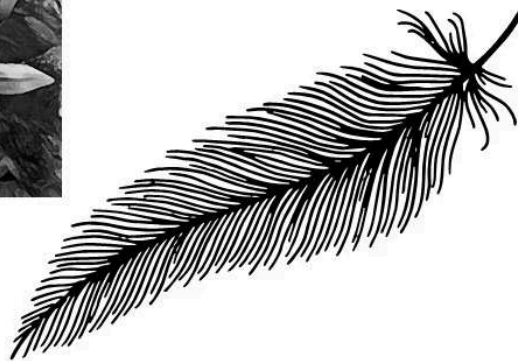
Your situation will benefit from a little quiet contemplation away from distraction to rebuild your strength. Those around you may be pushing an agenda, guidance, or advice; however, helpful those around you may consider themselves to be, at this time, you will find the solution you need resides within. Seek a peaceful place away from any chatter and listen to your inner voice. Your intuition will provide you with the best guidance at this time.

Symbolism



Window: Separating yourself from the outside world, seeking a place of solitude

Death Position: Going inward, getting in touch with your spiritual self, temporarily disconnecting from a stressful event



Positive Traits / In Balance

Going inward, escaping from distractions, not allowing others to influence decisions, trusting intuition

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Escaping, closed off from the world, stubborn, unable to connect with intuition

Past Position

The Four of Swords indicates that you are stronger mentally and physically today because of an event that brought to your awareness the understanding that you deserve to create boundaries. Although it may have been challenging to separate yourself from a group or an individual, what you gained was a clearer understanding of how to maintain a positive relationship.

Present Position

From friends who always seem wrapped up in some drama that requires your attention to overly protective or needy relatives, our energy can become quickly zapped before we even know it. Take a moment to tune in—are your mental resources depleting as a result of too many outside stimuli? The Four of Swords asks that you prioritized self-care and make time for rejuvenation. By not giving in to the emotional demands of others, you will focus your valuable energy on conceiving and executing a plan for growth and success.

Advice Position

The Four of Swords in the advice position indicates that you have the right answers or ideas at the moment, but they may be drowned out by well-meaning friends and family. Although others may be offering insight as a means to help, what will best serve your current situation is tapping into your intuition and following your inner wisdom.



Five of Swords

The crow's narcissism created a myopic world vision that was narrow and short-sighted, and because of this, he often found himself at odds with those who challenged his perspective. However, this did not bother him much as he didn't care if his desires clashed with the vast majority of the other crows. In the end, his brash behavior may have allowed him to win a battle or two, but in doing so, he did not earn any accolades or respect. Those who opposed the crow's actions and had the strength to leave flew away. To avoid attracting the attention of the despot leader, other birds backed away from confrontation or simply played dead.

General Message

The Five of Swords indicates one of three positions. The first is that of a brute, the person who takes what they want without considering the impact of his or her actions. You may have made gains through tactics that were less than honorable, and as a result, any victory will be hollow as you will have damaged your reputation.

The second position is that of the enabler or someone who is complacent. You may have avoided conflict with someone who is a barbarian or a bully by staying out of their way. Although you were not directly involved, your inaction will leave you weakened. The final position is the person who acknowledges that fighting with a tyrant is futile at the moment and chooses to not waste time or energy by retreating. The best course of action at this time may be to walk away before any damage is done as you are not in a position of power at the moment to make a significant change, at least not one that will leave you unscathed.

Symbolism

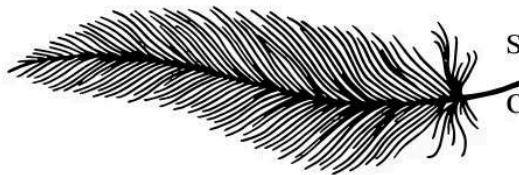


Crows Flying Away: Giving up on someone who is a combative or a bully

Crows Playing Dead: Complacency, feeling weak, unable to defend yourself

Downward Pointed Sword: Feeling a sense of finality

Clouds: Unclear motives, or clouded judgment



Snow: Someone or something that is adding confusion to the situation

Positive Traits / In Balance

Looking out for yourself, taking control, getting the ending you wish at all cost

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Brutish behavior, bullying others into submission, being forced to choose between right and wrong

Past Position

The Five of Swords indicates a recent success or outcome was the result of you looking out for your best interests only without considering the impact of your actions on those around you. Although initially, your actions led to achieving a goal, unless you are ruthless and without virtue (and I am assuming that is not the case here), that satisfying feeling that comes from success may be missing because there is an energy associated with it that isn't in alignment with your beliefs or standards. Your current situation may face an uphill battle if you need to rebuild lost trust.

Present Position

The Five of Swords represents a person who knows what they want and will do what it takes to get it even if that means resorting to less than honorable tactics. You may be working for someone who is deceptive and will cut corners or fudge the numbers so that they come out looking like a star. Be alert as this kind of character is always in search of a new scapegoat.

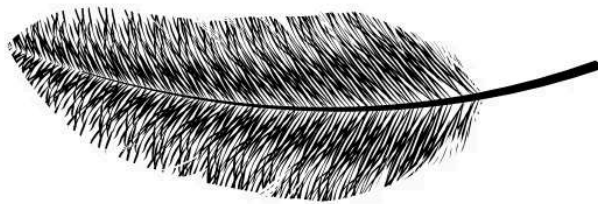
Advice Position

There are times when you may need to think about what is best for you, and although you aren't operating from a place of malice, others may perceive your actions as self-serving, and as a result, you find a cloud hovering over your success. The advice the Five of Swords offers you at this time is to keep things and events in perspective.



Six of Swords

Just on the other side of the water, there was a new destination that offered hope, and although there was still uncertainty, just the mere promise of a new beginning was enough to get the crow's heart beating again. The bird boldly took the sky without looking back. The wind pushed its delicate body, but it did not succumb. Using its instincts and knowledge, the crow, found pockets of air that offered the least resistance. The journey was not swift nor easy - but it was essential, and once the bird hit land, it knew the destination was well worth the price of few lost feathers.



General Message

The Six of Swords carries an energy that is slightly depressed as you somewhat reluctantly move ahead with a plan. Although the circumstances for the fresh start are less than ideal—in the end, you will secure a favorable position. Time is of the essence, and with a clear vision, you will know that your decision is sound. As positive the move, it does not come without a little regret as you contemplate what might have been if the circumstances were different.

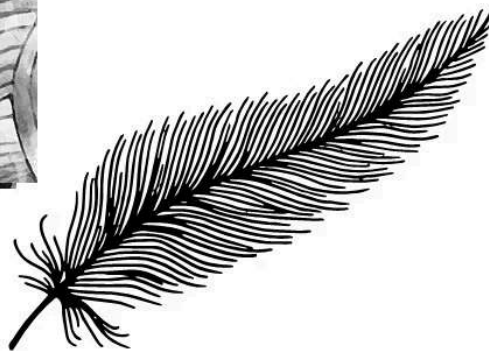
Symbolism



One Sword Lower in
Position: Committing to a
plan or taking action

Cherry Blossoms: A new
opportunity

Lost Feathers: Regret,
leaving something behind



Positive Traits / In Balance

Letting go of a situation to move forward, accepting an ending and allowing a new beginning can take place

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Living with regret, carrying attachments, living in the past

Past Position

In the past position, the Six of Swords speaks of a time when you made a tough decision to let go of an idea or dream because you realized it wasn't going to be. There may have been a misstep here and there, and although in your heart you wanted to find success, in the end, you knew that there was little reason to continue. A positive event did occur as a result of letting go, you opened the door for a favorable situation with a great deal of potential to enter.

Present Position

The Six of Swords in the present position indicates that you are recovering from a difficult period in your life. You may have experienced a setback, however regrettable mistakes in the past may have been they are not a formidable challenge to your perseverance and drive for success. The Six of Swords may also denote a new travel opportunity is on the horizon. Open your mind up to new opportunities that take you out of your comfort zone.

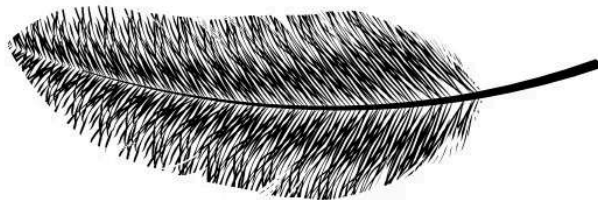
Advice Position

A new door is opening for you, one that holds a great deal of potential. The Six of Swords suggests examining if you are carrying any baggage from the past that could impact your progress. Let go of the past and any regrets you may have as you move forward towards a new life.



Seven of Swords

The sly crow spotted a cache of swords that another group of crows had collected. They were so very shiny and desirable, and the crow coveted their treasure very much. One day it made a plan for obtaining them. From a tree in the distance, the bird waited and observed the crows, studying their routine. He noticed when they foraged for food, one small crow lagged behind. The clever bird calculated the time it would take to reach the swords and considered the weight of each one, and when the moment was right, it would swoop in and execute the plan. When the crows would return from foraging, they would blame the little bird! However, despite all the planning and calculating, the bird's strategy wasn't as perfect as it had imagined. In addition to not getting all the swords, the crafty crow carelessly left a few feathers revealing itself and removing any chance of deniability.



General Message

Did you push others aside so that you could seize an opportunity only to discover later that what you gained paled in comparison to what you hoped to achieve? The Seven of Swords cautions against swooping in and taking an opportunity without carefully considering the consequences as you may risk being perceived as dishonest or distrustful.

Symbolism



Falling Swords: Not getting away with something, settling for less

Lost Feathers: Being found out, losing anonymity

Swords Facing Downward: Irreversible decision, staking your claim

Tree: Actions that have consequences that extend beyond what you can see on the surface (roots)



Positive Traits / In Balance

Going after an opportunity, being clever and shrewd, taking calculated risks

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Being deceptive or cheat, feeling detached from others

Past Position

You may have benefited from a little craftiness or willingness to take advantage of a circumstance or loophole. Although this event wasn't a game-changer in your life, you profited from seeing an opportunity and seizing it. An example of this might be knowing where your boss gets coffee and then using this information to conveniently show up to pitch an idea you and your coworkers have been working on. You may get the praise for the idea, but your coworkers will forever know that you deceived them.

Present Position

Be aware if your actions are an effort to get away with something—if you are trying to be sly, it will not go unnoticed, and chances are it won't go as well. How damaging the result, however, is unknown. The Seven of Swords brings the message that although some occasions call for a little trickery here and there, you will need to be ready to face any consequences if you inadvertently hurt or deceive someone.

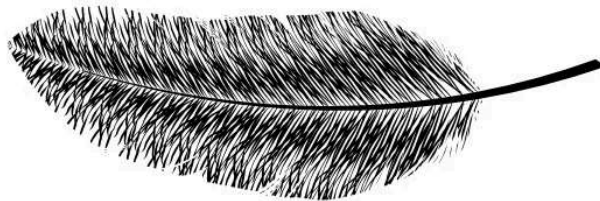
Advice Position

Be on guard and stay sharp as there may be a situation that will require you to confront someone who is trying to pull the wool over your eyes. The Seven of Swords warns that there may be someone who will use your lack of knowledge to their advantage. If something doesn't pass the smell test, ask questions, and get curious.



Eight of Swords

The crow woke up with food on the mind and decided to fly over to the nearby beach. It landed in the soft wet sand and looked around as water rose up around its legs. It looked down at the pool of water, expecting to spot little fish swimming, but there was nothing. Fixated on the idea that food should be where it had been on previous days, the crow did not budge. The rumbling within the bird's stomach grew louder, and with each passing minute, its vision became more narrow. The beach had been a faithful source of food, and because of this, the crow had become accustomed to easy pickings in the morning. The bird wasn't prepared for a challenge that day. While the confused crow stood there frozen in disbelief on the other side dunes, waiting to be discovered—there was a feast waiting.



General Message

Are you trapped in a cage of your own making? Limiting beliefs or expectations may impact how you perceive a situation and, as a result, narrow your potential. The Eight of Swords asks are playing the victim hoping for someone else to save you, or is it denial that is restricting your progress?

Symbolism



Red Ribbon: Denial, confusion, blind to what is obvious

Cage of Swords: Self-imposed limitations, negative or limiting beliefs, low self-esteem

Water: Intuition, feeling a situation without understanding it completely

Clouds: Cluttered mind, inability to form a clear vision



Light Breaking Through the Clouds: Hope, finding a path out

Positive Traits / In Balance

Recognizing your limitations or inaction caused by overwhelming problems

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Playing the victim, not taking responsibility for your progress, feeling trapped, waiting for someone to help

Past Position

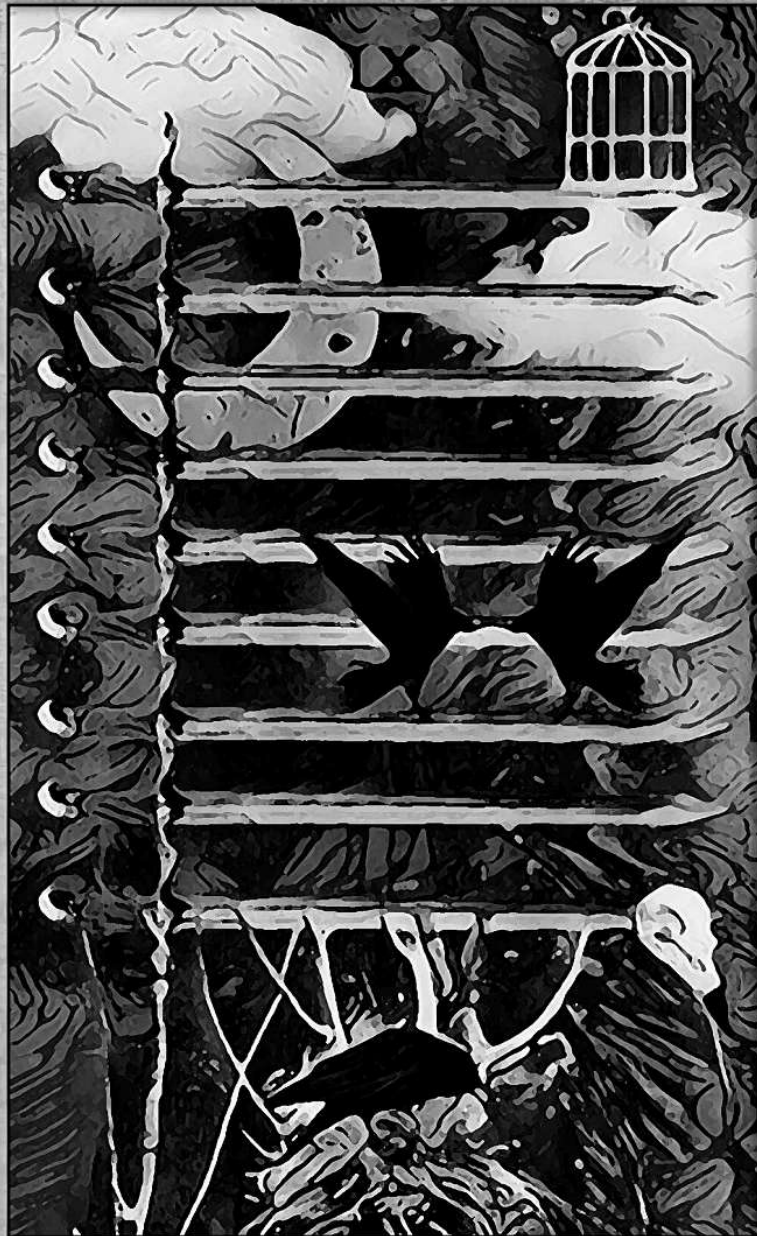
The Eight of Swords in the past position creates a rocky foundation for your current situation. If you have unresolved dilemmas or obstacles as a result of fear or feeling overwhelmed, your progress today may be stunted or restricted. You may have constructed a narrative that allowed you to feel comfortable in your inaction; however what you created as immobility.

Present Position

There is an issue that you are not holding yourself accountable for, and because of this, you are unable to see potential solutions. Are you letting an obstacle get in your head and become far more massive than it really needs to be? The Eight of Swords brings the mindset of "well this problem is just too difficult, so it is out of my hands..." A situation may arise that will serve as a wake-up call and denotes a pressing issue that you are not addressing, perhaps out of fear, self-doubt, laziness, or because its easier to stay trapped as a victim than to be your own knight in shining armor.

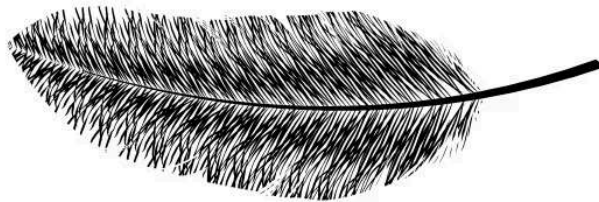
Advice Position

The Eight of Swords in the advice position asks that you examine your current situation for problems or tasks you are avoiding because you believe it may be time-consuming, a hassle, or that you don't have the skills to solve. If you take on the small stuff now, you will prevent it from becoming the big stuff later.



Nine of Swords

The crow woke up from yet another paralyzing nightmare. It had been a long time since this unfortunate bird had a good night's rest, and the stress of being sleep-deprived began to take its toll. The crow focused its thoughts on what could happen. It could be trapped. It could go hungry. What if it was forced into a fight to the death? Although the crow had lived a relatively mundane existence, the fact the world can be a harsh place for a crow rattled its brain. The stress of survival created images that summoned fear and paranoia. Perhaps it was the lack of sleep that caused the bird to see monsters where there were none. Before long, the exhausted and hungry the bird picked a fight, it was inevitably going to lose and found itself near-death in a cage.



General Message

Stress and anxiety carry heavy low vibration energy and can create discomfort or depression if not addressed. The Nine of Swords brings a message to confront areas of your life that are creating worry or tension before they intensify. The Nine of Swords is a warning. It is not too late to prevent a difficult situation from becoming a catastrophic one. Listen to your intuition; you are being guided to resolve a matter that can not be avoided.

Symbolism

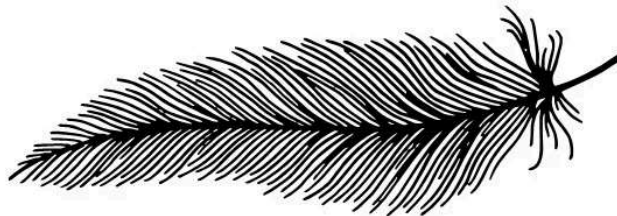


Moon Behind Swords:
Intuition blocked by over-analyzing a situation

Cage: Fear of being trapped or losing control

Clouds: Unable to find clarity, imagination running wild

Skull: Nightmares, detached from spirit



Positive Traits / In Balance

Feeling healthy anxiety, picking up clues that things need to change or be addressed

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Denial, ignoring responsibilities, sleep deprived, anxious

Past Position

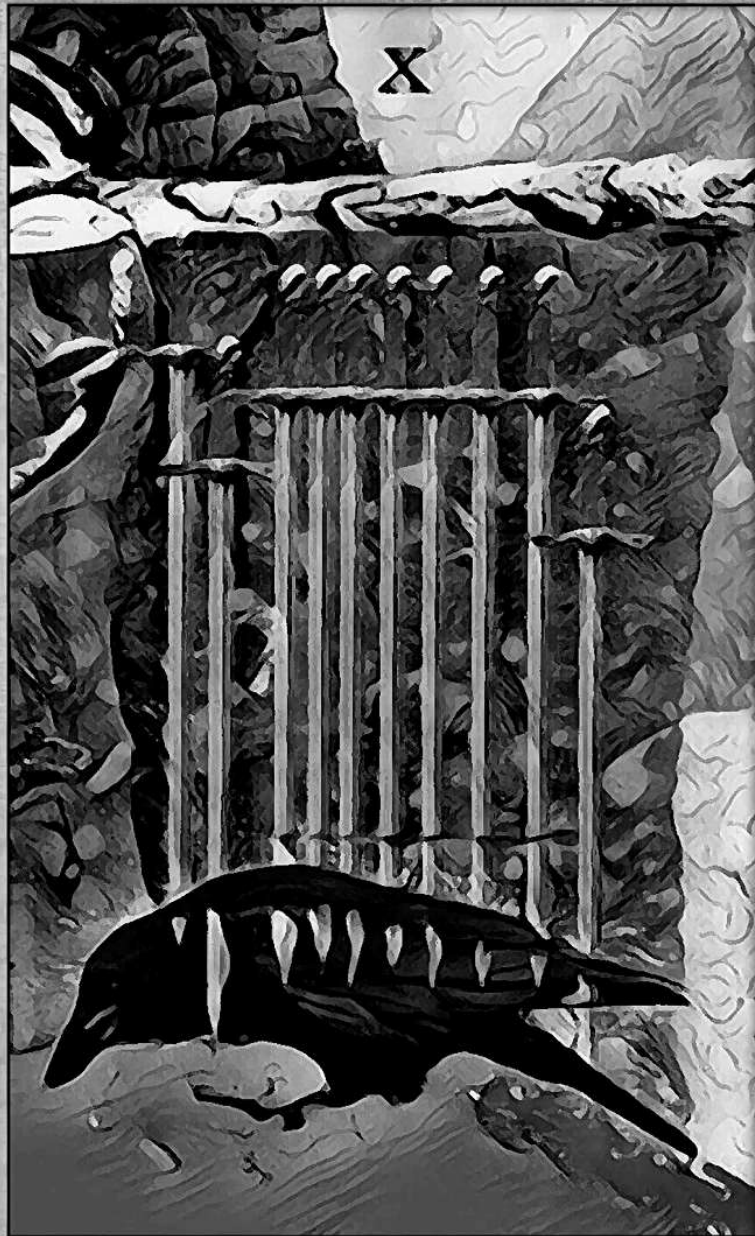
As a foundation for a current situation, The Nine of Swords indicates a concern or fear from the past may impact how you react today. It may not be obvious. It's like an underground river flowing through you, subtly influencing your decisions. Perhaps as a child, you were told you weren't good enough at something or felt unsupported in an area of interest, and as a result of this "curse," you hold this idea in the back of your head today. Despite your logical mind knowing that the belief is false, it impacts your decisions and can cause a great deal of stress. The energy of the Nine of Swords can manifest in many different ways and result in self-sabotage.

Present Position

The Nine of Swords points to an area in your life that is causing you undue stress or anxiety. Look for areas in your life that aren't working or have become a source of depression. What small steps today will help lighten the load or lift your spirits tomorrow?

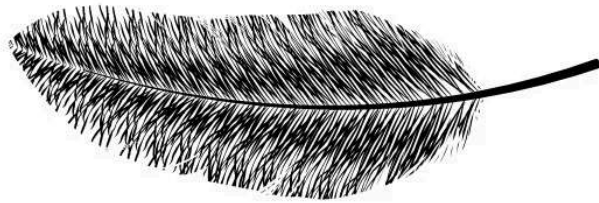
Advice Position

The Nine of Swords advises you to be careful where you direct your thoughts. Are the scenarios that run through your head rooted in reality, or has fear constructed a vision that you find too compelling to ignore? When you focus your energy on visualizing events, you don't want to happen, you risk attracting a situation you would soon rather avoid.



Ten of Swords

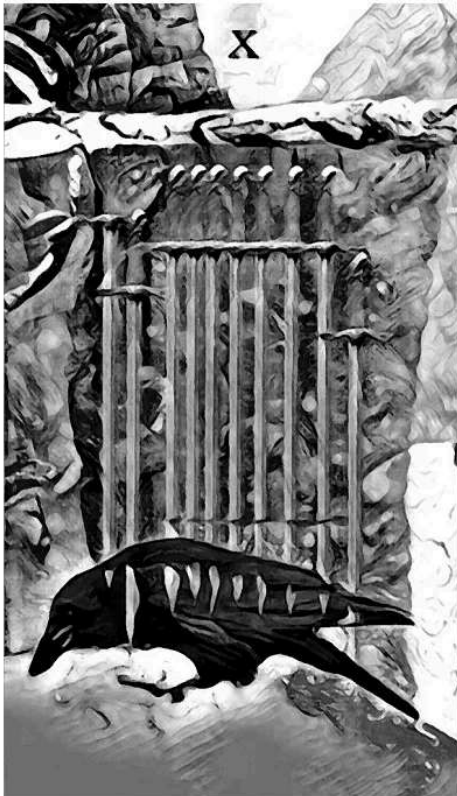
Initially, the crow did not realize ten finely crafted swords impaled its body. Over time, however, the discomfort grew, and the pain became too much for the little bird to endure. Exhausted, the weak crow leaned up against a wall as it could no longer hold the weight of its body and swords, and with a heavy heart conceded — it could tolerate no more. The swords cut across the crow's body and detached its soul. The pain was excruciating and numbing all at once. The moment the crow resigned and let go of the battle, a sense of relief washed over —it was finally over.



General Message

When you hit bottom, the only way to move is up. The Ten of Swords indicates a painful ending, one that rattles your soul. This event may have left you feeling detached from those around you and hollow. Although you may have been caught you off guard, the signs were present. Although this situation may have drained the life out of you, it created an opening for something new to enter. Use this event to discover your strength so that you can heal the wounds and rise like a phoenix.

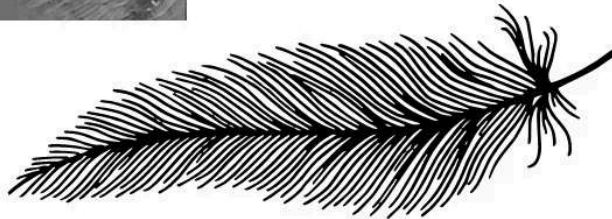
Symbolism



Dead Branch: Mortality, empty, no longer providing comfort or new opportunities

Lack of Blood: Feeling drained, loss of life force as a result of a painful event

Orange/Rust Ground: A slow decay of the situation, an ending, breakdown of communication



Positive Traits / In Balance

Accepting defeat, allowing the experience of pain to heal, finding inner-strength

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Falling into victim-mode, accepting disrespect from others, manipulation

Past Position

Although the worst is over and you are on the path to healing, it was a painful event that serves as a foundation for where you stand today. Your current situation and how you react to circumstances is impacted by whether you have moved on or if you are still nursing wounds and unable to let go. Are you stronger today because of this event, or are too focused on keeping the cuts open?

Present Position

When the Ten of Swords arrives in the present position, you are asked to push through the pain and accept that something is over. There is no going back, there is no undoing an act that can't be undone. A closure may be emotionally exhausting to your spirit, and reconciling the events may take time before you any of it makes sense, but you must find peace at this moment for progress to occur. The path to healing begins now.

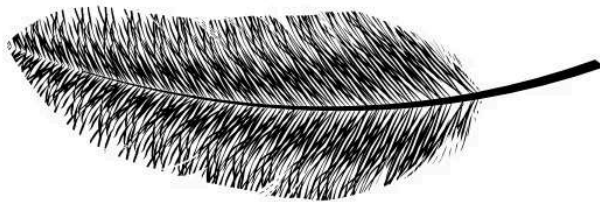
Advice Position

One of my favorite lines I would use on my ex when he would complain about how everything in his life was miserable, and everyone was out to get him was "get off the cross, we need the wood." *I know I can be less than sensitive at times.* The Ten of Swords in the advice position may suggest that you are playing the victim or being a martyr to manipulate a situation. Are you able to see with complete clarity how to use the suggestion of or the accusation of betrayal as a means of getting your desired outcome?



Page of Swords

The young crow used his strength and stamina to carry a historic and noble sword through an intense energy storm. Along the journey, he lost a few feathers, but it was a small price to pay for a chance at something more significant—a cause that sat firmly within its heart. The rumbling of the sky echoed through its hollow bones as bolts of lightning shot violently out of the clouds, but the young bird would not be deterred. If anything, the electricity in the air fueled the bird's enthusiasm as it took on the storm as if it was a worthy challenger.



General Message

The Page of Swords has the heart of an activist as passion, conviction, and a quest for truth collide. When you speak from your center, to convey a transparent and honest position, you will find others who unite behind your cause. Your willingness to take the lead and own the outcome may earn you respect; however, at this time, if you are new to the path, you may find it best to use your enthusiasm to learn from someone with experience.

Symbolism



Clouds: Flying under the radar

Lightning: Dynamic energy

Lost Feathers: Eagerness to move forward despite small obstacles or losses



Positive Traits / In Balance

Standing up and speaking truth to power, fighting for justice, renewed energy and inspiration, having grit

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Being honest to a fault, lacking social skills, seeing situations as only good or bad

Past Position

The Page of Swords in the past position suggests a time when you felt confident and held a youthful optimism towards a belief. You may have been quick to stand up to fight for what you believed to be true. You may have volunteered for a worthy cause and spent your summers spreading the word enthusiastically or fought for someone you felt was being unjustly persecuted. It is this energy that serves as your foundation and is at the root of how you see your current situation.

Present Position

When you stand up and speak your truth, you will find that others will support your ideas. Don't be afraid to call an injustice for what it is as you will find your voice will gather the support of others. Your message will attract others who will help you stand up to prejudice or fight for what is right. Use your eloquence to articulate your vision, and those in power will take notice. Your honesty, integrity, and passion will lead you to success.

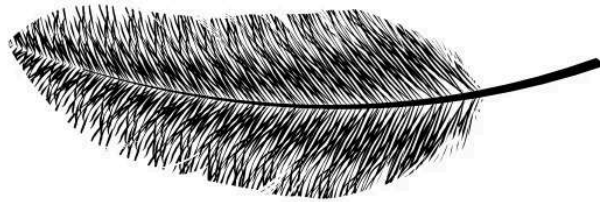
Advice Position

Your current situation will benefit from clearing the air and seeking out the truth. You may need to be honest with your self or others and take responsibility for your actions. Don't let circumstances discourage you as you have the power and intellect to rise to any challenge.



Knight of Swords

The crow was fixated on a goal and had become determined to reach it triumphantly. Channeling the energy of a stampeding horse, the crow charged across the land. Traveling at a fast pace, the landscape became nothing more than a blur as crow focused only on its goal off in the distance. Full of energy and lacking perspective, the crow trampled over anything or everything that got in its way. Without stopping to communicate its plans or offer an explanation for its actions, the crow was unaware that its efforts ruffled a few feathers. The crow's myopic attitude cost him the insight and support of those who may have been useful in helping the bird achieve its goal. At the very least, the crow left in its dust, some who did not view the crow so favorably.



General Message

When you move into action, are you conscious of those around you, can you perceive another viewpoint? Showing an earnest disposition can express your excitement; however, The Knight of Swords cautions against rushing ahead without considering the consequences of a narrow approach. When you focus too tightly on a goal, do you miss some valuable input or information? Be careful, what may seem logical or well-reasoned to you may come across as uncaring or rude to others.

Symbolism

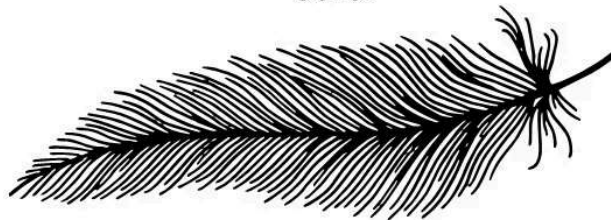


Eyeless Charging Horse:
Closed off from seeing how
actions impact others,
moving forward without
understanding the
situation clearly

Bluebird: Liberation

Goldfinch: Aspirations and
goals, Feeling the need to
act quickly on a desire

Snow: Harshness or being
cold



Positive Traits / In Balance

Capable of making logical decisions quickly, a
knowledgeable leader, driven towards a goal

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Hyper-critical and opinionated, unable to accept
other's ideas or thoughts as valid, insensitive

Past Position

The support you receive may have a direct connection to how you treated others in the past. Did you fire up others with your clear vision and knowledge? Or, did you come off as an entitled know-it-all? Were you perceived as a leader ready to execute a plan? Or, did you create conflict by your unwillingness to listen to the ideas or opinions of those you viewed as less committed? You may be experiencing the reaction as a result of your past actions.

Present Position

Your current situation will benefit from taking a firm stance, articulate your goals to others succinctly, and commit to moving forward with determination. You may encounter someone who will bring forward information that may challenge your plan; however when you lean into the energy of the Knight of Swords, you will be able to poke holes in their argument. Use your knowledge and act with purpose without haste.

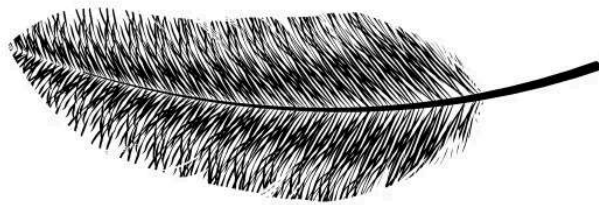
Advice Position

The Knight of Swords brings a word of caution as you may need to negotiate with those whose feathers have been ruffled by your actions. Pay attention to the words and body language that are on display as they will provide a window into your adversary's mind. In the advice position, the Knight of Swords also brings the message that the time has come for you to be a leader, not a dictator.



Queen of Swords

The crow was not content with her current surroundings as they were common and not fitting a crow of her refinement. In search of a place to call her own, she flew across the city where a park caught her eye. As the day wore on, she grew less and less concerned with how the others would perceive her absence; her focus was on creating a beautiful retreat that would honor her royal stature. Above her protective stone throne, a cherry tree blossomed, offering the queen reassurance that her efforts would lead to new beginnings and usher in a time of comfort and warmth. Although perfectly content to be alone away from those who treated the land with disrespect, she allowed her gates to remain open to all who appreciated a life well-lived and surrounded by beauty.



General Message

The Queen of Swords calls for you to claim your independence by owning your story, even if that requires you to face some initial discomfort. When you are direct and honest, you may come across as cold or aloof, but that is just because your bar for personal integrity is high. Allow your natural wit and good humor to shine through when you need to thaw a situation.

Symbolism



Upright Sword:

Decisiveness, sorting out fact from fiction, sharp and analytical

Crown: Noble action,

holding yourself and others to a high standard

Crow Flying Overhead: a

long-term plan or vision,

Cloudless sky: Clear view,

offering practical advice or insight

Positive Traits / In

Balance

Discerning, honest, capable of analyzing and making decisions quickly

Tree: Feeling secure in your

position, standing tall

Garland of Flowers:

connecting with those who are like-minded

Negative Traits / Out of

Balance

Rude, lacking empathy, rigid and incapable of seeing the world other than black and white

Cherry Blossom: New

opportunities as a result of expressing or articulating a goal with clarity

Past Position

As a foundation, the energy of the Queen of Swords may have prompted you to strike out on your own and seek independence. You may have had a clear idea for what you wanted to achieve or where you wanted to be, and because of this, you were able to cut any ties without much emotion or sentimentality as those would have only held you back.

During this time, living your truth and moving towards a plan for the future was your focus.

Present Position

It is time to find independence and allow yourself to feel confident in your vision and your judgment. When you encounter the Queen of Swords in the present position, this may indicate a strong female presence who will help you find your voice and the clarity needed to make an important decision. Although intelligent and witty, the Queen is not one to be warm and fuzzy, she may not deliver her knowledge with the compassion of the Queen of Cups, but trust it will be well-thought-out and advice worth taking.

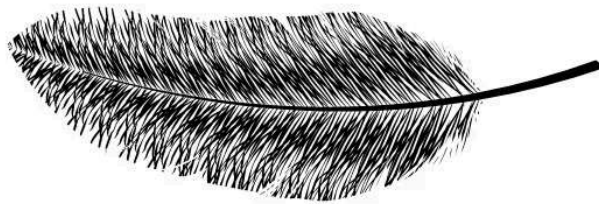
Advice Position

Your situation will benefit from removing any emotion and seeing events objectively. Resist the urge to lower your standards and hold tight to the energy of the Queen of Swords. Now is not the time to go with the crowd; instead, maintain your high level of integrity, and those who are worthy will rise to you meet you.



King of Swords

The wise old crow takes its time and listens. It withholds judgment until satisfied that all necessary information has been provided to ensure the most trustworthy and most sustainable outcome prevails. The noble crow analyzes each situation systematically and methodically until it is certain the solution is sound and fair to all parties involved. The King of Swords is respected for fairness and high standards; because of this, he sought after who wish to settle disputes and seek justice. The crow knows for peace across the land it is essential that he offers a solution that will be beneficial in the short term but also one that will create a solid foundation for future endeavors.



General Message

The best course of action will require patience, listening, fairness, and logic. If you need to sway opinion or gather support for your idea, lean into the energy of King of Swords, you will easily articulate the facts of your case with passion and sincerity. In addition, your heightened intuition will enable you to connect with others on a deeper, more profound level, ensuring that not only is your position is logically sound, it also balances the needs of all involved.

Symbolism



Positive Traits / In Balance

Fair and just, logical, seeks the truth, witty and eloquent, open to understanding all sides of a situation

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Authoritative, manipulative, over-analytical, cold and aloof

Upright Sword:

Decisiveness while at the same time remaining flexible or open to new arguments or ideas

Crown: Noble actions, acting with integrity

Trees: Connection to a group or community, grounded

Purple Feathers:

Compassion, empathy

Clear Sky: Clear vision, able to construct long-term goals

Saturn Symbol: Hard work, building civilizations, creating order



Past Position

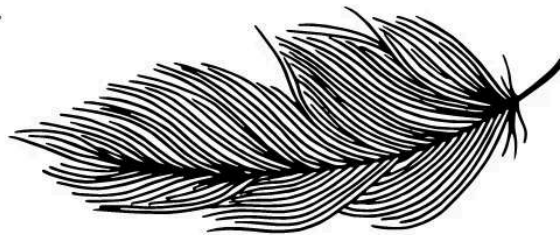
In the past position, the King of Swords may represent a strong male presence in your life that helped you become the person you are today. You may have had a brilliant teacher who inspired your current path or a relative that supported your dreams because he knew that you were on the right track.

Present Position

The King of Swords indicates that if you are facing any form of conflict at this time when you take the high road, you will find the situation will resolve fairly, and justice will prevail. Have faith that the truth and fairness will win over deception as the energy at this time favors an outcome that benefits the greater good.

Advice Position

Your current situation will benefit from finding clarity so that you can move forward with confidence and integrity. You are asked to use your wisdom and influence to create harmony within a group or situation. If you are dealing with a complicated matter, you may discover breaking up tasks or ideas into smaller pieces will help you understand your problem as a whole more clearly.



Quick Reference Guide:

Swords



Ace of Swords
Overcoming
obstacles



Lack of
information



Painful
separation



Escaping
Inner-wisdom



Inconsiderate
Brutish



Moving on
Regrets



Cunning
Trickery



Denial
Inaction

"If we listened to our intellect, we'd never have a love affair. We'd never have a friendship. We'd never go into business, because we'd be cynical. Well, that's nonsense. You've got to jump off cliffs all the time and build your wings on the way down."

~ Ray Bradbury



Anxiety
Nightmares



Betrayal
Suffering



The Page
Speaking
out for justice



The Knight
Focused
mindset



The Queen
High
standards



The King
Fair judgment
Unbiased

Conversations with the Crows:

Swords

Ace of Swords

"Can you clearly identify the obstacle that is blocking you?"

Two of Swords

"Did you put off addressing a problem because it would have required you to face an awkward or less than comfortable situation?"

Three of Swords

"Is there someone in your life that may be disrespectful or disparaging to you?"

Four of Swords

"What do you think you should do?"

Five of Swords

"Are you using bully tactics to get your way?"

Six of Swords

"Can you chart your new journey?"

Seven of Swords

"Are your plans clever or are you hoping that trickery will result in achieving your desired goal?"

Eight of Swords

"Is there something that you have been putting off because the issue has become more complex or scary in your head than what it is in reality?"

Nine of Swords

"Is there something keeping you up at night that needs addressing?"

Ten of Swords

"Are you ready to begin the healing process?"

Page of Swords

"Do you have the courage to speak your truth?"

Knight of Swords

*"Can you see the big picture or are you focused only
on a small fragment of your goal?"*

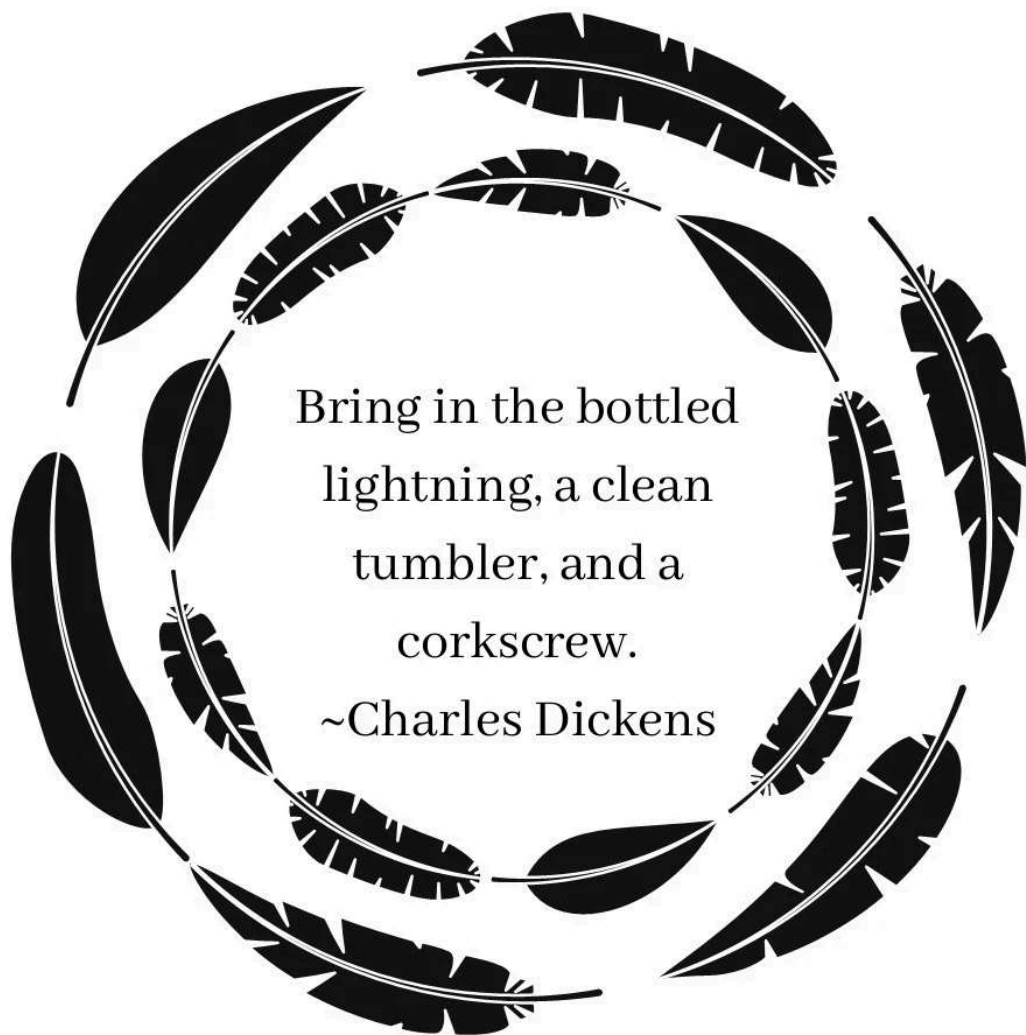
Queen of Swords

*"Are you lowering your standards in an attempt to fit
in or find acceptance?"*

King of Swords

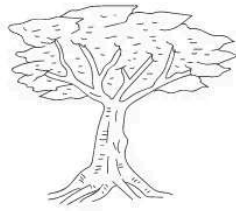
*"Can you understand both sides of an argument
without inserting your own beliefs?"*





Bring in the bottled
lightning, a clean
tumbler, and a
corkscrew.
~Charles Dickens

Pentacles



Element:

Earth

Keywords:

Prosperity

Abundance

Planning

Investing

Career

Lack

Scarcity

Creativity

Manifesting

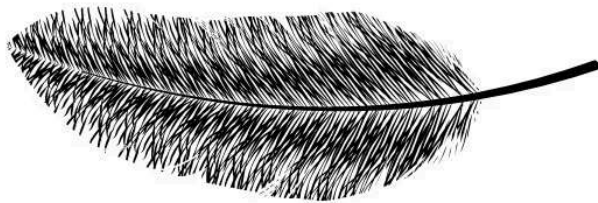
Energy:

Feminine



Ace of Pentacles

The crow perched itself on top of a giant golden pentacle where it watched over as the bulbs and seeds it planted so long ago began to bloom. At the time of planting—(what the crow considers now serendipitous), the ground was freshly thawed and rich with nutrients. The small slope in the land created a steady flow of rainwater during the wet months, ensuring the new roots remained hydrated. The tree nearby did not completely block the sun but prevented it from burning the freshly sprouted green plants as the days grew longer and the warmer. Perhaps it was luck that the crow just so happened to toss the bulbs and seeds somewhere that would offer an opportunity for growth, or maybe it was the crow's talent for seeing the potential held within the small space —or perhaps it was a little of both.



General Message

You are planting the seeds for long-term goals. The riches of the world are available to you. When you use your wisdom and listen to your intuition together, they will guide you in the right direction. The Ace of Pentacles serves as a reminder that small, purposeful actions taken today will blossom into something fruitful in the future.

Symbolism



Large Pentacle: Abundance that is available for all.

Spring Flowers: New opportunities for financial gain

Red Poppies: Becoming strong or secure financially

Tree: Finding a place to put down roots, having the financial resources to create a stable place

Positive Traits / In Balance

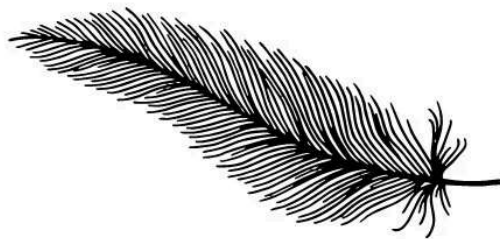
Having faith in a plan, planting seeds, creating a vision and taking action

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Relying on faith to produce results, giving up due to impatience

Clouds: Transforming a dream into a reality

Mountains: unshakable faith, feeling solid, having unmovable goals



Past Position

The seeds planted in the past, either by your hand or that of another, created the roots for your current situation to grow. You may have come from a home that lavished praise and material possessions and, as a result, impacted your perspective of the world today. You may have access or are aware of more resources because your childhood was free from a fear of lack. The Ace of Pentacles may also indicate that you not only had a dream, but you also began to take the necessary steps to see it realized.

Present Position

You are in the position to begin the transformation process if your current situation is not to your liking. The Ace of Pentacles brings the message to take time to envision your goal, then cultivate your resources. Your resourcefulness and intuition will come together to pave the way to your desired outcome. Have faith that when you take action, your efforts will be rewarded.

Advice Position

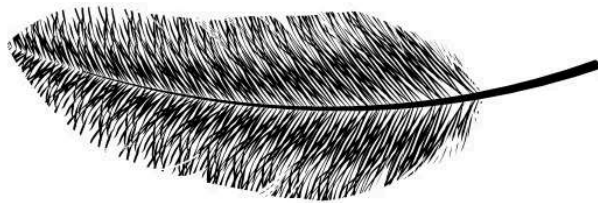
Your actions will produce results. The Ace of Pentacles advises patience. If you planted the seeds and put in the effort to nurture and support a goal, you will find success. It may take time to understand the impact of your actions fully but have faith. Your work was not in vain.





Two of Pentacles

The patient crow juggled two pentacles. With each pass, the bird grew more familiar with their weight, their shape —it had developed a deep understanding for that which it held. The rhythm became soothing, almost meditative as the pentacles moved back and forth with perfect balance. The bird wasn't moving forward or taking action at the moment; instead, it contently stayed in place. Some may have perceived this time as wasteful; this crow, however, appreciated the time as it provided the necessary break to consider all of its options. When the moment came to add a new pentacle or move forward, it would do so with a clear understanding of what it could and could not handle comfortably.



General Message

Are things moving along smoothly? The Two of Pentacles advises flexibility and remaining open to change as you incorporate new tasks or responsibilities into the flow. A situation that requires a decision will benefit from taking time to consider the impact on your life. Will there be any consequences for the balls you already have in the air?

Symbolism



Infinity Symbol: The ability to juggle multiple tasks opening you up to endless possibilities

Crows Flying Through the Wind: The ability to remain moving forward with focus and intent



Positive Traits / In Balance

Getting into a comfortable groove, able to manage several tasks without feeling flustered, patience

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Settling for easy, complacency, falling into a rut

Past Position

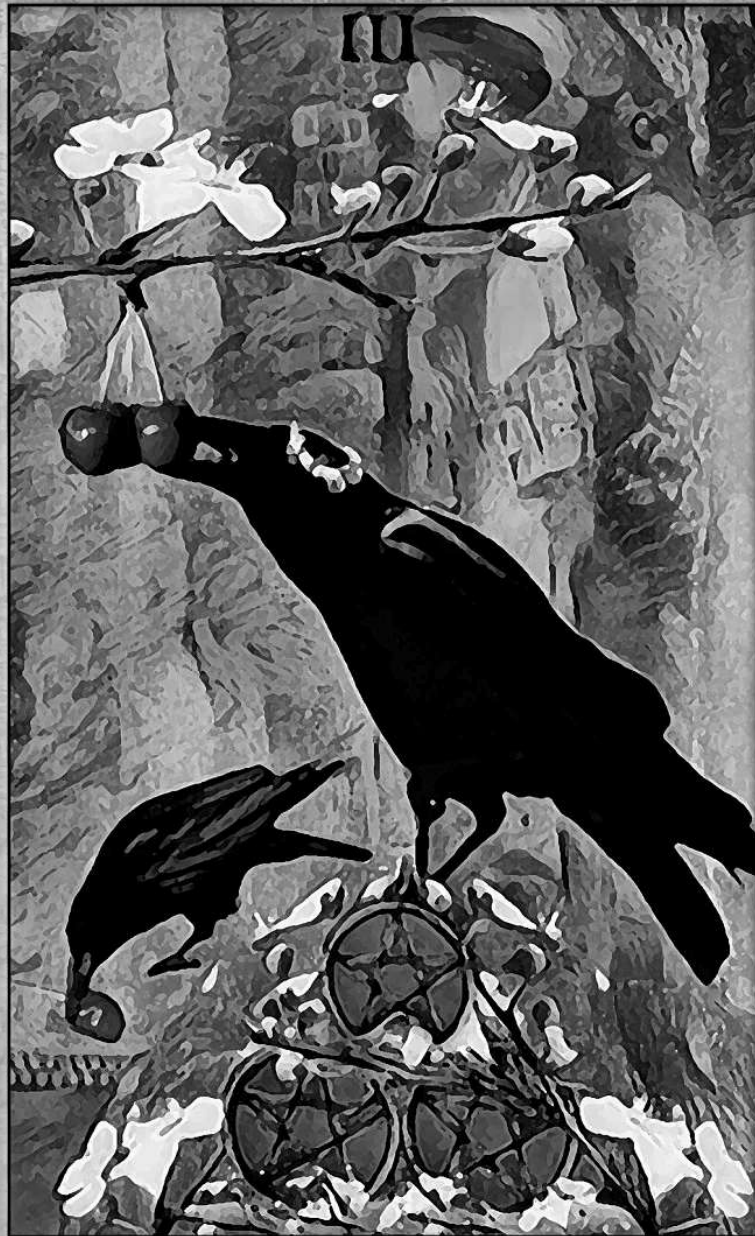
The foundation for your current situation may have formed as a result of taking a slower, more methodical approach to an opportunity. Although it may have been interesting by carefully considering what you were able to comfortably take on, you were able to maintain a steady, even pace. Understanding whether or not you could manage any additional expectations helped you keep life in harmony.

Present Position

Things may be moving along with a gentle natural rhythm at this time. Enjoy the steady flow of life while you can because you may need to add something new to your rotation of tasks. The Two of Pentacles in the present position asks that you remain flexible and open to new opportunities that will require you to adjust your routine.

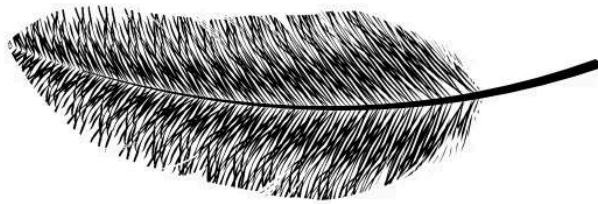
Advice Position

There is no need to rush things along. If someone or situation is demanding your immediate attention, all involved may fair better if you hold off on making any decisions or taking action. The Two of Pentacles asks that you listen to your gut —does taking action feel right? Will forcing another ball into the mix disrupt the balance? If you have many things going on or you feel like you are juggling several tasks, it may be worth letting life sort out or at least get into a rhythm before tackling another project.



Three of Pentacles

The clever crow found enjoyment building, solving problems, and helping others learn to see everyday items for more than what they appear to be on the surface. For this bird, the world was an enormous toy box full of potential with things to learn from and explore. When it came time to pick cherries, whereas other birds may have seen plain flat coins, the crow saw the makings for a ladder. Because the crow's brain accepted various perceptions, the world opened up, and it enjoyed numerous opportunities that others may have missed.



General Message

It is time to show off your talents and call upon your inner-inventor. You will receive recognition, and new opportunities will come into view when you use your creative mind to seek out solutions that benefit a group or team.

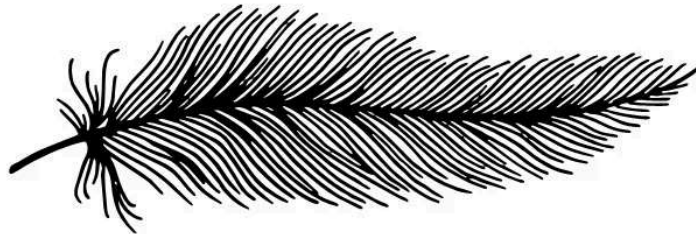
Symbolism



Cherry Blossoms: New opportunities for financial rewards

Pentacles Forming a Triangle: Strength

Cherries: The cycle of life



Positive Traits / In Balance

Being inventive, developing new techniques to solve a problem, working together with a team

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Over-analyzing or scrutinizing, disregarding or dismissing the input of others

Past Position

Your current situation may be linked to a time of apprenticeship or being tutored. Look back and examine if a lesson from the past can be applied to your current situation, as it may be the key to solving a problem or overcoming an obstacle.

Present Position

You may be in the perfect position to find a solution that will benefit a group or a team. When you stand up and take the lead, use your creativity and unique wisdom. Let your inventive mind roam, give it the freedom to conceive new solutions that others may overlook. The energy is receptive right now for you to take the lead, to pave a new direction, or bring a new idea to life. When you tap into your inner-inventor new opportunities will come as a result of your efforts.

Advice Position

The Three of Pentacles suggest taking a scientific approach. Consider all the variables before committing to one single action. Experiment without fear as only through trial and error will you discover the best solution. Now is the time to use your creativity to expand your available resources as there may be something of value that is being overlooked.



Four of Pentacles

The crow was thrilled with its new found treasure of four bright and polished coins - they instantly made the bird feel special and boosted its self-esteem. It didn't take long before the coins became an essential part of the crow's identity—to the little bird, they gave its life value and meaning, and as a result, the bird began to use the coins as a measuring stick for assessing the worth of others as well. With time panic and fear crept into the crow's mind. Other crows and animals soon took on the appearance of a threat. The crow became increasingly convinced that he would lose the coins and, with it, his position, his status. Out of fear, while the other creatures slept, he moved his treasure away from the city. His fear became crippling as he felt uneasy when away from his stash. Over time the bird found himself tethered to the coins, unable to leave them, and at the same time unable to gather more.

General Message

If a recent success or a windfall created an intense attachment that leaves you feeling insecure or fearful, The Four of Pentacles suggests you are clinging too tightly to material possessions, and as a result, you are limiting your potential by focusing on lack or scarcity. Use gratitude to combat the fear of squandering your resources. When you spend your money on things you value and bring you joy, you will create a steady flow of energy that will keep scarcity and lack at bay.

Symbolism



City: Removed from opportunities due to stagnation or being stuck

Crow Posture: Holding on to resources tightly, feeling insecure or lack

Trees: Feeling strong or denying a weakness



Positive Traits / In Balance

Feeling in control, saving, understanding the value of money

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Operating from a place of lack and scarcity, fear of losing something, hoarding, paranoia

Past Position

How you view money may have its roots in your childhood. If you grew up feeling as though there wasn't enough for everyone, this might impact how you see your resources today. When the Four of Pentacles arrives in the past position, examine your beliefs around money. Were you raised to believe it is the source of all evil? Is it something that offers new opportunities to expand your potential? What tenets from the past are impacting your relationship with money today?

Present Position

The Four of Pentacles suggests that although you may have a desire to be in control, the grip you have at the moment may be stifling. You may want to consider if your current actions suggest possessiveness. The Four of Pentacles always reminds me of this quote from Anais Nin "And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom." When you feel secure and allow your situation to evolve with ease, you will find more potential for growth.

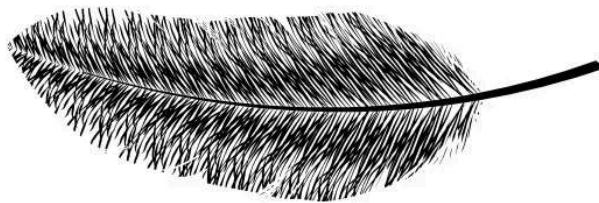
Advice Position

Your current situation will benefit from taking the time to express gratitude for all that you have at the moment. At the same time, it is also essential to let go of any feelings of attachment you may have towards possessions. Feeling grateful but not attached to resources not only raises your vibration, it also signals to the universe that you are open to receiving more.



Five of Pentacles

Seeing an opportunity to wait out the storm—a group of crows stopped for a short spell where they found comfort and security in the branches of a sturdy tree; the same could not be said for the two crows on the ground. The physically and mentally exhausted pair moved forward slowly, struggling to stay below the fierce wind. Their heads down—their eyes could only focus on the ground immediately in front of them. If these two poor birds could just look upward for a moment—they might have seen the help they so desperately needed. If they fought the wind and looked up for only a second or two, they may have spotted the chance to rest from the storm and an opportunity to join forces with those who could assist them on their journey.



General Message

The Five of Pentacles suggests that you take note of where you direct your focus at this time. Are you trudging along with your head down as you battle obstacle after obstacle, and as a result, difficulty and despair are all you can see? Your current situation may benefit from taking a short break to look around. Are there any resources available to you that you are not utilizing? Is there help out there or an opportunity to find a moment to rest that you may be overlooking?

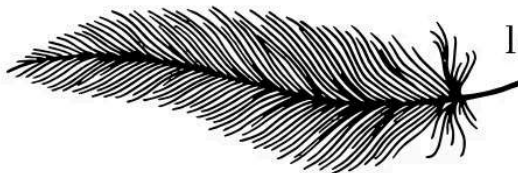
Symbolism



Glowing Tree: Place of comfort, finding security through charity or the help of others

Snow: A distraction, low visibility, unable to see the near-future

Crows on the Ground:
Fighting against outside forces, focusing on immediate needs, feeling beaten down by external events, feeling scarcity and lack



Positive Traits / In Balance

Taking the hard way, pushing through a difficult time, finding support in others

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Focused on difficulty, unable to see opportunities for help or support, playing the victim

Past Position

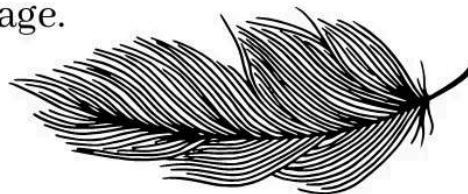
The Five of Pentacles calls to your attention a time in your life when you faced a struggle that may have seemed almost impossible to overcome; however, you pushed through and persevered. Today you are all the stronger and wiser because of this experience and although while difficult what kept you moving forward was help from someone or an organization that stepped in to assist.

Present Position

You may encounter a challenge that will leave you feeling as though you are battling a headwind—every one step forward you make you are then pushed back two. This kind of obstacle or life event can leave anyone feeling out in the cold. If your focus has been solely on getting through the storm, you may want to consider if you are missing an opportunity for support. You may benefit from shifting your perspective. Look around for others who may be able to lend a helping hand.

Advice Position

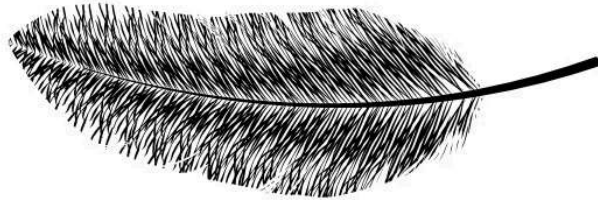
Take a close look at your current situation, is it stable, or are there signs that things could fall apart quickly? The Five of Pentacles suggests cultivating your resources now so that you will be ready if a storm should roll in and cause damage.





Six of Pentacles

The hungry crows decided to go to the beach in search of food. When they arrived, however, the tide was high, and the pickings were extremely slim. With their stomachs rumbling it was clear that there was not enough to feed them both. Flying overhead was a crow carrying two fish and spotted an opportunity. The shrewd crow sensed the pair was hungry and offered them one of his fish. Make no mistake—this crow, as generous his offer, was no philanthropist and asked for something in return. The hungry crows without considering the consequences took the offer. In time they learned the sacrifice was much higher than the value of the one fish. If the pair waited just a couple of hours, the tide would have receded, and the beach would have rendered plenty of food—free of any obligation.



General Message

Be careful of those who make offers that seem too good to be true. Not all those who offer help do so from a place of generosity, before you accept support read the fine print and understand what will be expected of you as you may be required to pay back more than what you received. The Six of Pentacles may also indicate that you are in the position to offer resources as an investment that may or may not pay off. Let your intuition be your guide as you weigh all the details.

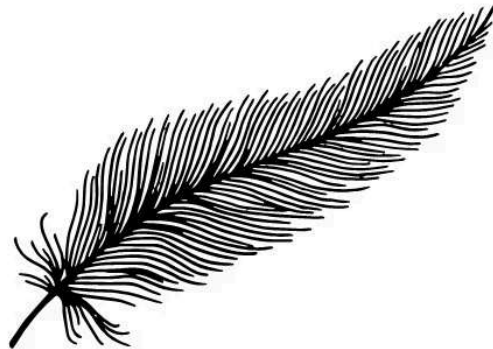
Symbolism



Scale: Authority figure,
someone who has the power
to tip the balance

Fish: Resources, or material
possessions

Grey Skies: Lack of any real
opportunity or promise



Positive Traits / In Balance

Looking for investment opportunities, using resources
to garner favors,

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Using resources to take advantage of the less fortunate,
greed, using guilt to manipulate others

Past Position

The Six of Pentacles in the past position indicates that you may be feeling obligated to help someone because of the support they once offered you during a time of need. Feelings of guilt and obligation may be keeping you stuck or in a stagnant position today because you feel a need to repay a debt that seems to accumulate unlimited interest.

Present Position

Before you accept a generous offer or assistance, consider the motivations of all involved. Although the debt you repay may not include a long paper contract, consider the source that is offering help. When the Six of Pentacles appears in the present position, the support you receive will not be from a philanthropist, it will come with strings attached. An example of this may be the wealthy family member who offers to take you on vacation. You may have been dreaming about this vacation, and because of this, you accept their offer without considering if there will be strings attached. After the trip is over, this person continues to remind you of their generosity as they have you doing chore after chore for them.

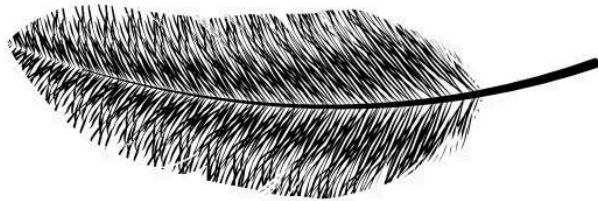
Advice Position

You may be in a fortuitous position that will enable you to offer your time or resources in exchange for something valuable or desirable. An example of this might be negotiating a better schedule or time off because you helped your boss move a couch.



Seven of Pentacles

The last tree in the woods without a nest was dead, but where others saw an inhabitable space, the soon-to-be mother crow saw the perfect framework to create a safe and secure home. The bird worked tirelessly to find and carry back the polished pentacles one by one from miles around. With pride and precision, she placed them just right to form a barrier against the wind and predators. Although it took her a bit longer to create the fortress-like nest, in the end, it was far superior to those in lush leafy trees as it not only offered a stable structure; her nest was also shiny —something that both she and her fledglings enjoyed.



General Message

The Seven of Pentacles suggests that the time is right for investing in your future. If you have not already begun to lay the groundwork for a stable and secure tomorrow, do not delay as time is of the essence. When you use your resources to develop skills or for investing, you will see signs of growth. Now is not the time to allow fear or stinginess to impact your decisions.

Symbolism



Dead Tree: Acknowledging mortality, planning for the well-being and security of others

Warm Sky: Emotional balance and harmony as a result of financial security



Positive Traits / In Balance

Creating a long-term plan, investing in the future, working toward a goal

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Hoarding money or resources, unable to enjoy or appreciate accomplishments, obsessed with preventing death

Past Position

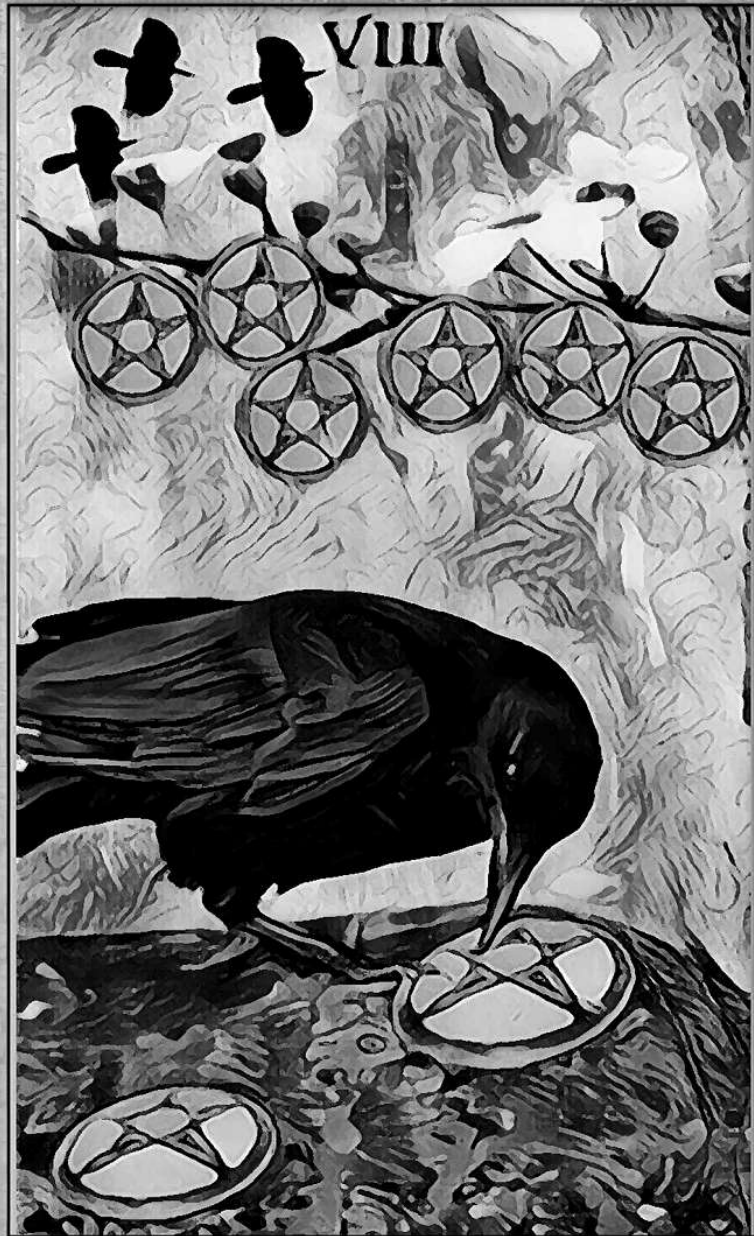
An investment of time or resources created the foundation for a current situation. You may have started a small savings or retirement account, and as a result, your finances have a little more wiggle room. The Seven of Pentacles may also indicate your position today may have been possible only through investing in your future by taking classes, buying a house, or making a temporary sacrifice.

Present Position

The time is right for making long term plans. When you envision a goal, the opportunities needed to begin achieving it will emerge. What resources can you commit to your plan? You may not have the financial means at this time, but you may be able to provide sweat equity. When you commit to a strategy, you will see roots form. Assess where you are in life, what stage are you in —is it where you want to be? Now is the time to pivot if need be and adjust before its too late.

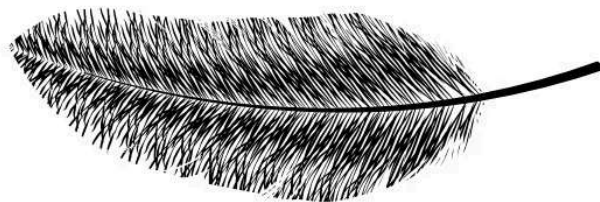
Advice Position

Are you being offered an opportunity to create a more stable and secure future? The Seven of Pentacles asks that you consider the long-term consequences of your actions and begin taking steps today to build stability in your life. The moment has come to invest in establishing permanence as it will set you up for a stronger, more firm future.



Eight of Pentacles

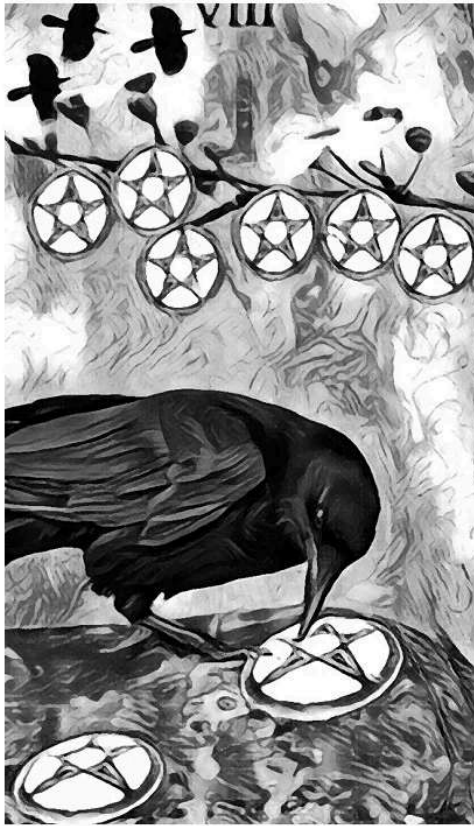
The crow concentrated its attention on each line it carved with its beak. Unhappy with the outcome, it put the imperfect coin aside and began working on another. Again the crow repeated itself and again reached for another coin. The crow was compelled to attain complete perfection despite how futile its efforts or how small the alternations may have appeared. To the layperson, each coin looked exquisite and masterly crafted — to the crow, not a single one was free from some flaw or blemish. The bird had become obsessed with the idea of creating the impeccable. Because of this, not a single coin was allowed to leave its workshop. Others began to take notice of the bird's work, and soon the crow garnered a reputation for producing exquisite and consistently well-crafted works of art that were never allowed to be fully appreciated.



General Message

You have mastered a skill, and because of this, others appreciate your efforts and talents. Your reputation for being thorough and detail-oriented is one of your crowning achievements. Although you may strive for a high degree of excellence, the Eight of Pentacles does offer one warning —do not allow fear of vulnerability disguise itself as perfection.

Symbolism



Blossoming Branch:

Opportunities as a result of a positive reputation and striving for perfectionism

Crows Flying Overhead:

Attracting attention, being recognized for your work



Positive Traits / In Balance

Seeking perfectionism, a desire to learn and develop skills

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Overly critical of oneself, lack of vulnerability, using perfectionism as an excuse

Past Position

When you dedicated resources to developing and perfecting a skill or talent, the mastery you achieved did not go unnoticed. Although you may or may not have found success at the moment, the foundation you created is one that is solid and ready for expansion.

Present Position

The Eight of Pentacles indicates that something that you are passionate about or interests you will be worth your investment of time and energy. You have the resources at your disposal, and the moment is right to dedicate the time needed to perfect your skills. When you commit your best efforts, you will discover a natural talent.

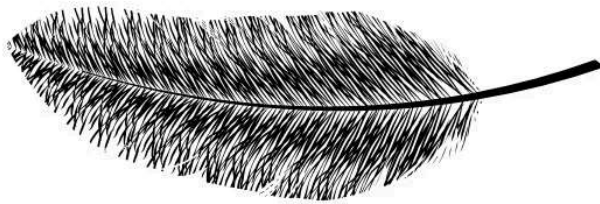
Advice Position

Are you letting perfect get in the way of good? You may want to consider if you are hiding behind the mask of a perfectionist because of fear of scrutiny. Having talent is only one piece of the equation when it comes to success, vulnerability is also required. I feel like this concept pertains to women more often than men. For example, if you are looking for a job and you do not meet every last requirement, even though you know you have the skills to be successful, do you still apply? According to HR professionals, if you are a woman, sadly, the answer is no. Consider if you are holding yourself back because of a belief around perfection.



Nine of Pentacles

The crow and wolf reside in serenity within the walls of a beautiful garden full of anything and everything they could need. Their wild sides have been tamed, and they no longer fight to survive. The butterfly hovers above as a reminder of their transformation. They have entered into a new life — one that is permanent and irreversible.



General Message

You have within you the power to create a life of abundance and ease. When you tame your wild side and understand the triggers that cause feelings of lack and scarcity, you will not only be in control of those emotions, you can use them constructively to avoid obstacles. The Nine of Pentacles brings maturity and self-awareness to your situation as you welcome new opportunities for growth with an open heart.

Symbolism



Butterfly: Metamorphosis, transformation, coming into your own

Leafy Tree: Abundance, feeling secure and stable

Sun: A time of warmth and comfort, feeling blessed

Cherry Blossom: New beginnings or opportunities

Positive Traits / In Balance

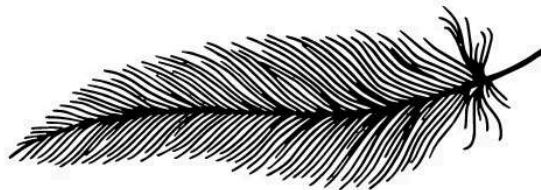
Managing obstacles in life with stride, accepting a life of ease without guilt, understanding and taming the shadow-self

Wolf: Wild side, taming emotions connected to fear or scarcity

Lotus Flowers: Connected to divine love and spirit, pure heart

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Becoming overindulgent, feeling alone or disconnected, overconfidence



Past Position

The Nine of Pentacles in the past position indicates a time when you decided to take responsibility for your life and your future success. For example, an event from your past may have prompted you to realize your resources would be better spent on classes rather than at happy hour or using retail therapy to ease stress. It may have been reaching a new level of maturity that prompted you to take action and hold yourself accountable every step of the way until completion.

Present Position

The time is right for you to enjoy life and feel a sense of peace with your place in the world. The Nine of Pentacles speaks of maturity and discovering through life's struggles or challenges how to tame your once wild tendencies or emotions. Welcome new opportunities and allow for life to unfold the potential for greater prosperity and good fortune.

Advice Position

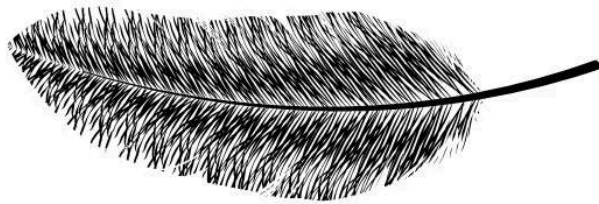
Let your creative mind wander as you consider what life might look like if you were utterly self-sufficient and financially free. What are the finer things in life you would enjoy if you had the resources? Take a moment to create your perfect day, what are you doing? What sacrifices can you make today that will help bring that vision to reality?



Ten of Pentacles

The crows created a life of comfort for current and future generations in the dense and abundant garden.

Although the founders of the garden could have kept their secret location to themselves —protecting their resources and creating a territory that was unwelcome to outsiders, the birds understood that along with discovering this treasure came responsibilities. In the end, allowing all those who wanted to enter the garden to do so did not deplete its resources, it allowed for more assets to be discovered.



General Message

The Ten of Pentacles asks that you understand that success and good fortune come with responsibilities and urges you to use your resources to contribute to the greater good. You are directed to create a long term vision that will have a positive and lasting impact. When you plan and invest wisely, you will not only solidify your position; you will have the ability to create a legacy that will benefit those within your circle.

Symbolism



Positive Traits / In Balance

Planning for the future, spending money or using resources wisely, feeling a desire to contribute to the greater good

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Hoarding resources, self-protection, spending too freely or wasting money on foolish ventures

Tree: Shelter, security, having roots in a community

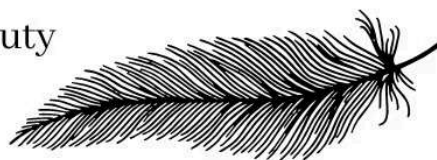
Garden: Paradise, conscious of your surroundings

Magenta (color): Universal harmony and love

Stacked Stones: That which is eternal, creating a foundation for others

Lotus Flowers: Purity, connection to the divine, using wealth to help others as part of a purpose or life goal

Flower Garland: Pulling together financial resources to create something of beauty



Past Position

The foundation for a current situation formed during a time when you benefited from the generosity of others. You may have been the recipient on a scholarship or discovered your life's passion thanks to a community center you visited as a child. Although at the time you may not have understood the impact one person's planning had on your life today, it is something to be appreciated.

Present Position

The Ten of Pentacles in the present position indicates that when you use your resources prudently and plan for the future with the intent of helping others not only will protect your status, you will ensure that others will have a leg up in life. Consider the long-term impact of spending or using your resources and how you can create security for yourself and others. Are you investing in something that will pay off or solidify your security?

Advice Position

When you work towards a goal that focuses not only on your needs but those of the community, you will lay the foundation for building wealth.

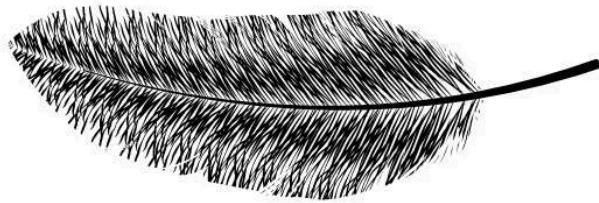
What can you do today to create a pattern of giving or philanthropy in your community?



Page of Pentacles

The crow sat in the quiet garden where it could focus its attention on manifesting a perfect and complete pentacle. In its mind's eye, the crow reconstructed each line and curve. It could taste the metal in its beak and feel the warm sun as it casts soft golden hues that illuminate the coin. The bird visualized the pentacle as a three-dimensional object, one that was within reach.

Lovingly the crow felt admiration fill its heart as its creation stretched out between the branches and the mountains in the distance. What the crow soon realized was the pentacle no longer resided in its mind —it had transformed into something real.



General Message

You have the power to manifest that which you desire. The Page of Pentacles asks that you not only have faith that you will find the outcome you want but also commit to taking action. When you hold in your heart, the desire for something, you send out to the Universe an energy that is more powerful than just thinking about what it is you want.

Symbolism



Positive Traits / In Balance

Manifesting opportunities, creating wealth and abundance, creating a plan and moving forward

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Focused on materialism, motivated only by financial gains

Little Songbird: Freedom to go after an idea or a dream, spiritual connectedness

Red Poppies: Discovering strength or stamina as a result of working towards a goal

Spring Flowers: A new beginning, rebirth

Garland of Flowers: Building wealth, trying resources together to create something bigger

Cherry Blossom: Opportunity to grow

Cloudless Sky: A clear vision, creating a plan

Mountain: Future obstacles

Tree: Abundance, feeling safe and secure

Past Position

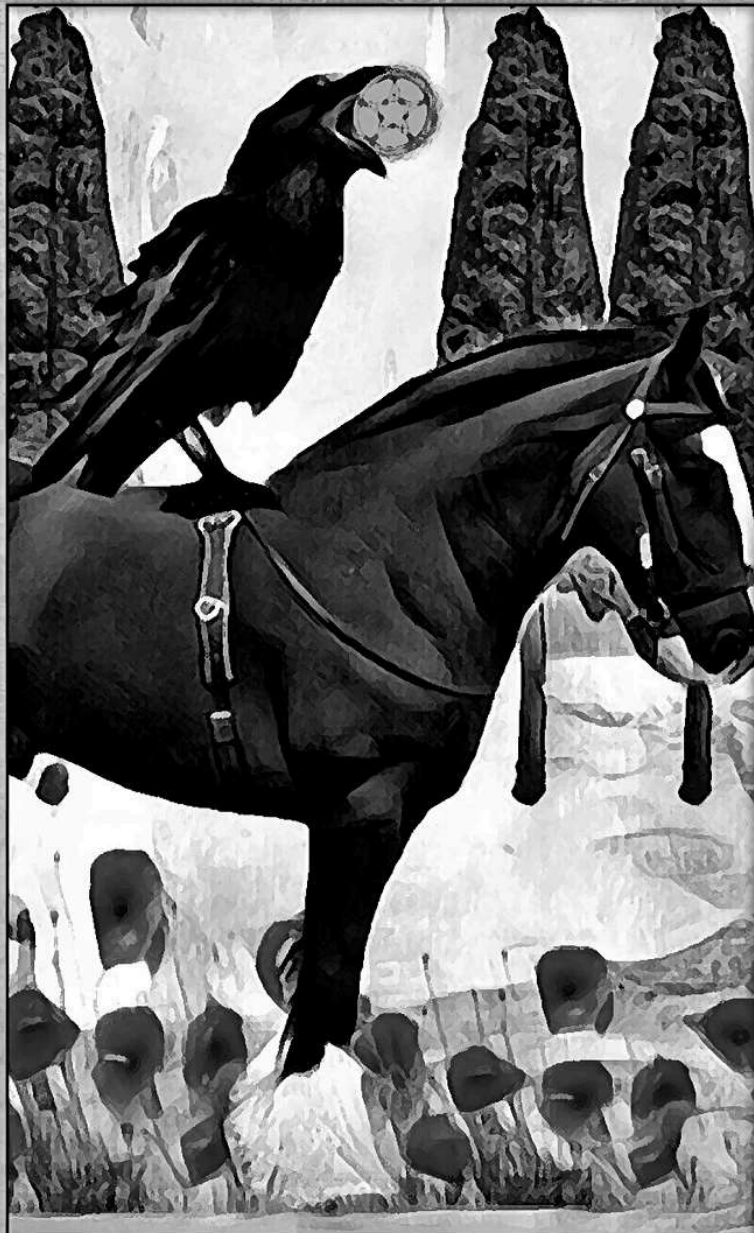
The Page of Pentacles in the past position indicates that your current situation began with a desire. You held a vision in your mind for what you wanted to achieve, and because you allowed space for this thing to grow started to feel real. The action you took as a result of clearly seeing your goal set into motion new opportunities to transform the idea into a reality.

Present Position

It is time to take action and create the life you want. If you wish to be a musician, an entrepreneur, a doctor, a yoga guru, whatever it is—start walking the walk and imagine yourself in the role. When you generate a vision of your desire in your mind's eye with every little nuance appreciated, it will feel real, and that is the first step to manifesting. How does it look and feel? What steps can you take right now to inch your way closer to it?

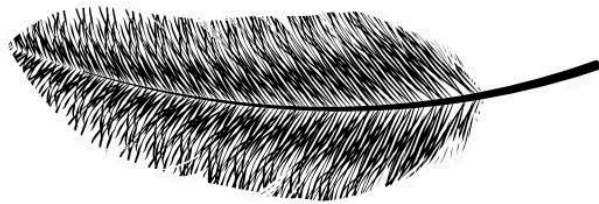
Advice Position

Stay patient and focused on moving forward. Manifesting a goal can take time, and you may encounter challenges. Use any obstacles or setbacks as a way to prove yourself dependable and dedicated to fully realizing your dream.



Knight of Pentacles

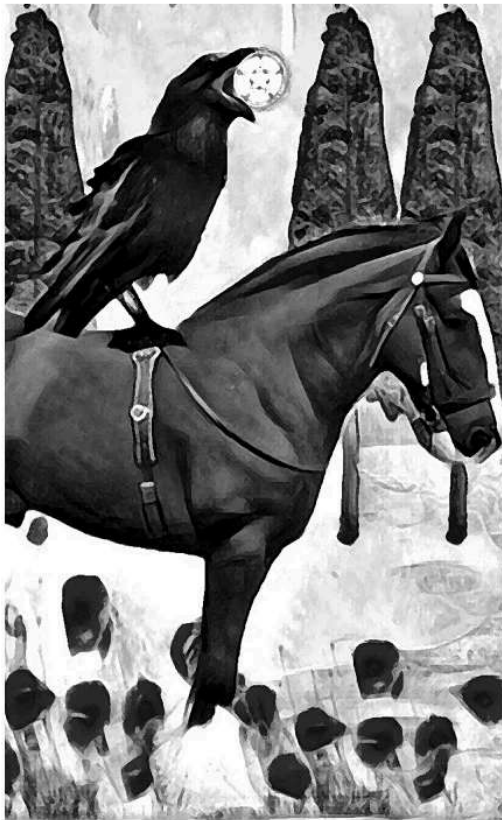
The crow had an idea but wasn't sure how to proceed. It hopped on the back of a slow-moving horse that worked on the farm and rode along with it —connecting with the powerful horse energy as it contemplated its situation. The crow thoughtfully examined the horse's routine. The bird noted the steadiness and determination the horse exhibited as chores were completed without anxiously rushing ahead. The massive creature worked quietly and patiently— it understood that commitment was essential, and although it would take time to manifest—the crops would grow.



General Message

When you stay focused and methodically work towards a goal, you will find success. The Knight of Pentacles asks that your efforts are steady and consistent. When you are firm in your commitment, and allow for progress to unfold patiently, you will see signs of growth. Remember that seeds need time and space to grow!

Symbolism

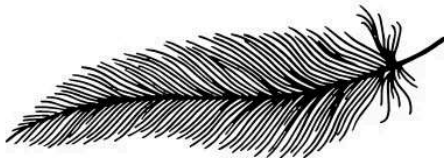


Trees: Grounded, strong
root chakra, standing tall

Pentacle in the Crow's
Mouth: Undisturbed focus,
holding an idea firmly
without distraction

Red Poppies: Strength,
working through pain or
discomfort

Workhorse: Slow,
determined action, work,
methodical process



Clear Sky: Clarity of vision

Positive Traits / In Balance

Methodical planning, taking the time to do things
right, staying focused on a goal

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Slow-moving, stagnant at times, stubborn or inflexible

Past Position

The Knight of Pentacles indicates your current situation is benefiting or would have benefited from taking a long-term vision approach. Planting seeds, however small in the past, would have you in an advantageous position today.

Present Position

Sow the seeds today for tomorrow's harvest. You will benefit from taking the time to plan and prepare for what you want to grow in your life. Much like how a farmer plans the crops for each year when you use your wisdom and commit to putting in the time, you will see signs of change. Focus your attention on what needs addressing immediately and work to tie up any loose ends before moving on to the next task. Others may want you to speed things along; however, your situation will benefit from taking a slow and steady approach.

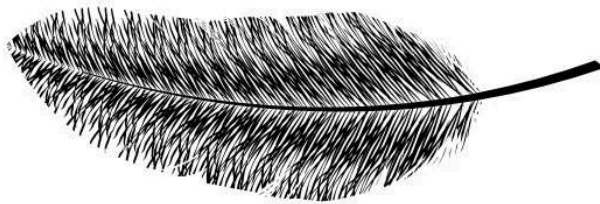
Advice Position

Are you in a groove, or are you in a rut? If progress is moving too slowly, you may want to examine if you are moving along at a snail's pace because you lost your focus or things have become too comfortable. It may be time to see your situation realistically and decide if the goal is still worth the effort.



Queen of Pentacles

The warm and motherly crow takes her place on a throne that sits in the center of a lush, fragrant garden that was once nothing more than an empty lot in the city. The gentle crow did not see bare patches of grass and discarded waste —she saw a place where young fledglings would learn to fly and a safe place for fellow crows to gather. She committed to her idea and dedicated the time and resources to the transformation. In the end, her efforts produced a beautiful and welcoming space, not just for herself but for all those who seek out comfort and security to call home. It is because of her generosity and open-heart that her resources do not dry up or dwindle; instead, they expand and flow freely for all to enjoy.



General Message

Open your heart and look for areas where you can help others. The Queen of Pentacles offers motherly energy and asks that you extend your support to others in need. When you connect with the loving, kind, and gentle spirit of the Queen of Pentacles, you will create a positive transformation in the lives of others as well as yourself. Easy ways to conjure up the Queen is through gardening, spending quality time with children, and volunteering.

Symbolism



Butterfly:

Metamorphosis/change

Crown: Noble action and integrity

Fruit Tree: Creation of life, providing nourishment and comfort

Lotus Flowers: Pure heart, connection to spirit

Rabbit: Fertility, feminine energy

Positive Traits / In

Balance

Loving and nurturing, motherly, generous, the ultimate hostess, ensures that all are comfortable and secure

Red Poppies: The power to soothe the pain of others caused by financial woes

Pine Tree: Secure position, connection to the planet

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Unable to delegate, need to feel in control of the situation, can quickly become overextended

World: Contributions to society that have a significant impact, being part of something bigger

Past Position

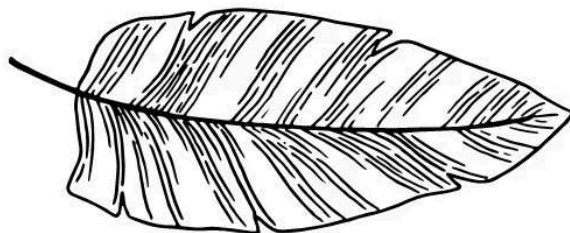
The Queen of Pentacles in the past position often refers to a strong female presence in your life, which created a space for you to feel safe and secure. Because of the love and support this person offered, she helped mold you into the person you are today. The Queen of Pentacles may have been a doting grandmother or aunt that lavished you with gifts regardless if it was a holiday or not. At the very least, she made you feel exceptional.

Present Position

Your current situation will benefit from adding the warm motherly energy of the Queen of Pentacles into the mix. Trust your instincts and address any problems or concerns as they arise with confidence. When you use the abundance of resources you have at your disposal, you will find issues will be effortlessly ironed out.

Advice Position

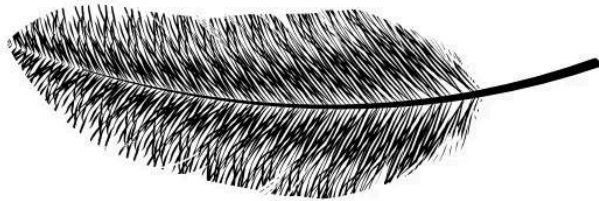
Connect with your inner-goddess and extend love and kindness outward. When you help others by being a dependable source of help and compassion, you strengthen the energy of the Queen of Pentacles within, and as a result, you help yourself.





King of Pentacles

The gregarious crow stood on a large adorned throne, lifted its wings, and welcomed all those in its territory to enjoy a life of affluence. Unlike other rulers whose areas faced food shortages and insecurity, the regal crow did not need to work hard to fight off invaders or worry about rations. At a young age, the King of Pentacles realized how to work with the field of unlimited potential that is available to each and every creature on the planet. The King recognized the importance of allowing energy and resources to flow freely without restriction, and because of this, it only took a mere thought of what he craved and almost like magic it manifested.



General Message

You have the Midas touch! The King of Pentacles permits you to splurge a little. Eat at a fancy restaurant, buy new clothes, donate to your favorite charity. When you see the world as a place of abundance with ever-expanding resources, you will feel financially free. When you let go of lack, be generous, and spend money, you will open the door for new opportunities that will help you generate more wealth.

Symbolism



Apple: Luck, youthfulness

Apple seeds: Sharing resources, planting seeds

Grapes: Charity and abundance

Blossoming tree: Rebirth, potential, new beginnings

Tree: Connectedness to others, feeling grounded

Positive Traits / In Balance

Generous, connected to divine-energy, a gracious leader and business person

Negative Traits / Out of Balance

Materialist and shallow, spend money frivolously, gluttonous

Crown: Noble action, caring for others, responsibility for others

Star: Shield against negativity, magic, protection

Garland of Flowers: Bringing together opportunities for a positive outcome



Past Position

The King of Pentacles in the past position represents a masculine presence in your life who was very generous and supported your ideas. This person had a knack for accumulating resources, and because of this, he offered help without attachments or requirements.

Present Position

Your current situation will benefit from seeing yourself as a contributor. You have the power to make a difference in your community, and when you open your heart and resources to others, you will create a positive energy flow.

More opportunities to expand your potential and create an abundant life will come from your willingness to help and provide resources to those in need.

Advice Position

When you focus on lack or feelings of scarcity, you create a block that will prevent abundance or financial gains from freely flowing to you. The King of Pentacles asks that you open your wallet and give what you can without worry or fear. Give the barista at your local coffee shop a little extra, buy a couple of boxes of girl scout cookies, donate to your favorite charity—there are plenty of ways to get the positive flow moving. Open the door for positive energy that comes from a generous spirit as it holds power to raise your vibration, and as a result, you will attract more opportunities for wealth and abundance to flow to you.

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Pentacles



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for success



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order



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outside the
box



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lack



Financial
hardship



Bartering
Investing



Planning for
the future



Perfectionism

"I used to think I was the strangest person in the world but then I thought there are so many people in the world, there must be someone just like me who feels bizarre and flawed in the same ways I do. I would imagine her, and imagine that she must be out there thinking of me too. Well, I hope that if you are out there and read this and know that, yes, it's true I'm here, and I'm just as strange as you."

~ Frida Kahlo



Enjoying life
Harmony



Creating a
legacy



The Page
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Attraction



The Knight
Slow-moving
Determined



The Queen
Motherly
Caring



The King
Generous
Midas-like

Conversations with the Crows:

Pentacles

Ace of Pentacles

"Are your actions and intentions in alignment?"

Two of Pentacles

"Has growth or progress stalled because its easier to maintain a comfortable position?"

Three of Pentacles

"Do you have an idea that could benefit others?"

Four of Pentacles

"Are you in control of a situation, or are you only getting in your own way?"

Five of Pentacles

"Are you focused on just getting through the storm?"

Six of Pentacles

"Is the opportunity extended out of kindness or out of an expectation for something in return?"

Seven of Pentacles

"What can you invest in today that will lay the foundation for a better tomorrow?"

Eight of Pentacles

"Are you letting the idea of being perfect hold you back?"

Nine of Pentacles

"Can you allow yourself to feel comfortable splurging a little?"

Ten of Pentacles

"Where can you use your resources for the greatest good?"

Page of Pentacles

"Can you clearly see your goal as if it was already yours?"

Knight of Pentacles

"Do you have the stamina and mental strength to keep pushing forward despite a delay in gratification?"

Queen of Pentacles

"Who in your life could benefit from your loving support and financial assistance?"

King of Pentacles

"Can you let go and enjoy all the abundance the world offers without fear of lack or scarcity?"



Minor Arcana by the Numbers



Ace of Wands



Ace of Cups



Ace of Swords



Ace of Pentacles



Fresh Start
Momentum
Inspiration

Partnership
Compromise
Moving Forward

Growth
Relationships
Loyalty



Inner-Strength
Self-Care
Patience

Ego
Struggle
Conflict

Harmony
Solutions
Self-Awareness



Long Term Goals
Personal Growth
Planning

Mastery
Emotional Growth
Mastery



Abundance
Transition
Maturity

Completion
Legacy
Renewal



Manifesting and Spellcasting

Every Law of Attraction guru will tell you the key to manifesting is feeling with complete conviction in your heart that your desire isn't just possible that it's also already out there—waiting for you to reach out and grab it. You can wish day and night for a new car, new job, a boatload of cash, or a new hot romantic partner, but unless you actually believe profoundly without question that your desire exists and you are worthy of obtaining it—you might as well save your energy. And right there, there is the kicker because all too often even if we don't admit it, there is some little part of ourselves buried deep down that believes that we don't deserve whatever it is that we want.

Simply wishing, birthday wishes, wishing on a star, making a wish you see 1111 or whatever sign you connect the Universe to is like calling in a pizza order without actually dialing the number. You aren't going to get pizza, and all it does is remind you of how much you want it when it doesn't show up in 30 minutes or less.

Tarot cards come in quite handy when you need to reinforce a positive belief or solidify an intention because they allow suspension of disbelief. Your logical

mind won't be fooled into thinking your desire is real without proof, and when you stack the cards in your favor, you trick your rational mind into accepting the reality. That is all very crow-like if you ask me. That being said, you must believe with your heart of hearts that the cards are bringing forward to you something real, something tangible otherwise, we just fall back to square one.

First, things first. What is it you want to manifest? Is it at all realistic? Could you obtain this thing without the help of the all-powerful Universe? Sure, you can try and manifest a rocket to the moon, but really, I mean—really? You would need some serious suspension of disbelief to pull that off or a connection at NASA. However, a new job, a partner who treats you like a god or goddess, a little extra spending money, all those things are available to you right now with or without the help of the Universe. Getting the Universe involved is just to make the process a bit easier. It's like having an extra set of hands when you need to do some heavy lifting. Sure, you could figure out how to get a couch down three flights of stairs alone, but it is a hell of a lot easier when you've got help.

First things first, imagine what your life will be like after you achieve this goal. How do you feel? Are you wearing new clothes? Did you move to a new home? Are you free of the stress that comes from feeling worried about money? Let it all linger around your brain. Also, have

fun with this as you get to create what you want, why limit yourself?

Before you get out the Tarot cards, take some time to write a little thank you note to the universe that outlines how your life has improved as a result of the manifestation.

I have a "Universe" box that I created years ago. It's basically just a fancy box with a slit on top for depositing letters. I do not open it, it is only for one way communication with the Universe. Or if you have a fireplace, I find it sometimes more satisfying to burn the letter. Watching my words turn into a bright blaze then poof off it goes. Either way, I figure my message is being sent, and really that is all that matters here.

Now that we are mentally prepped and ready to go, it is time to get to work! Yep work, I didn't say it was easy, and the Universe isn't running some sort of charity. It does, however, happily, eagerly, actively provide for those who take action, of course, the definition of action may vary depending on what you are trying to achieve. Are you asking the Universe to metaphorically speaking here, move a couch, or an entire house? Like a friend, the Universe isn't going to be happy about moving your belongings while you sit on the couch, snacking on chips.

Next, pull out twenty-four of the most positive cards that relate to your desire. For financial matters, you may want to pull out the Magician, Strength, the Wheel of Fortune, the Sun, Six of Wands, King of Wands, Ace of Swords, Ace of Pentacles, Seven of Pentacles, Ten of Pentacles, Page of Pentacles, Queen of Pentacles, King of Pentacles...you get the picture.

Hold the cards in your hands and focus your question around what it is you would like to manifest. I suggest keeping the question positive. For example, ask if your new job will have opportunities for travel and a bigger salary as opposed to asking whether or not you will get a new job. See the difference?

Shuffle the cards and then create a Crow Spread (pg 16)

Because you shuffled the cards and there are more cards than spots, there is a sense of chance, and in that—right there in that randomness, you find the magic. Sure, you could have pulled out the positive cards and placed them where you wanted them, but that doesn't work because it leaves too much room for the rational mind to make excuses for why it isn't possible. It is in not knowing where each card is going to land that gets our creative mind going.

To manifest a new loving relationship, you may want to

pull out cards such as the Empress, the Lovers, the Star, the Sun, Ace of Cups, Two of Cups, Nine of Cups, Ten of Cups, Knight of Cups, Four of Wands, etc.

Let the position for each card sink in.

What card landed in the inner self or heart position? Can you feel the energy that card holds deep in your soul?

Direct your attention now to the second position. Can you find examples of that card's energy swirling around you?

The third position is the energy that our subconscious mind conjures up. Although this could reveal blocks in spellcasting, it here to reinforce a positive belief and offer supportive energy.

Similar to the third card, the fourth card in the hopes and fears position may reveal to you a hidden fear around your desire that could sabotage your spell. Acknowledge it and focus your attention on resolving the belief so that you can move on.

The card in the grounding position will prove especially powerful as it will help reinforce your feelings towards your desired outcome. It will be what keeps you motivated.

The lesson in the past will help you realize that your dream is not so out of reach. Think about a time when you achieved a similar goal.

It is in the external influences position that you encounter the butterflies in the belly that comes from meeting someone or finding an opportunity that will help you reach your goal.

The last card is the advice/outlook card. Looking pretty good right?

The last step is to look at the spread as a whole and believe it to be true! Hold the feeling in your heart and see it in your mind's eye. What action can you take to get the ball rolling?

You may also want to summon up so serious enthusiasm as well as that will send a message out saying, yes you are ready, yes you believe this desire of yours is there waiting for you, and yes you will take the opportunities that will help you achieve that goal. Come to think about it, you might want to have the Page of Wands handy as well.

When it comes to manifesting, it is best to start small and think of each attempt as an experiment. The goal is to reinforce the notion that you have the power to attract, and belief is essential.

Happy Manifesting!

MJ

Work Pages

Help your crows better communicate with you by clearly defining the energy you feel when you hold each card. Use the space below to jot down your personal keywords for each of the 78 cards.

Card	Key Words
Major Arcana	
The Fool	
The Magician	
The High Priestess	
The Empress	
The Emperor	
The Hierophant	
The Lovers	
The Chariot	
Strength	
The Hermit	
The Wheel of Fortune	
Justice	
The Hanged Man	
Death	
Temperance	
The Devil	

Card	Key Words
The Tower	
The Star	
The Moon	
The Sun	
Judgment	
The World	
Minor Arcana	
Ace of Wands	
Two of Wands	
Three of Wands	
Four of Wands	
Five of Wands	
Six of Wands	
Seven of Wands	
Eight of Wands	
Nine of Wands	
Ten of Wands	
Page of Wands	
Knight of Wands	
Queen of Wands	
King of Wands	

Card	Key Words
Ace of Cups	
Two of Cups	
Three of Cups	
Four of Cups	
Five of Cups	
Six of Cups	
Seven of Cups	
Eight of Cups	
Nine of Cups	
Ten of Cups	
Page of Cups	
Knight of Cups	
Queen of Cups	
King of Cups	
Ace of Swords	
Two of Swords	
Three of Swords	
Four of Swords	
Five of Swords	
Six of Swords	
Seven of Swords	
Eight of Swords	

Card	Key Words
Nine of Swords	
Ten of Swords	
Page of Swords	
Knight of Swords	
Queen of Swords	
King of Swords	
Ace of Pentacles	
Two of Pentacles	
Three of Pentacles	
Four of Pentacles	
Five of Pentacles	
Six of Pentacles	
Seven of Pentacles	
Eight of Pentacles	
Nine of Pentacles	
Ten of Pentacles	
Page of Pentacles	
Knight of Pentacles	
Queen of Pentacles	
King of Pentacles	

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The End