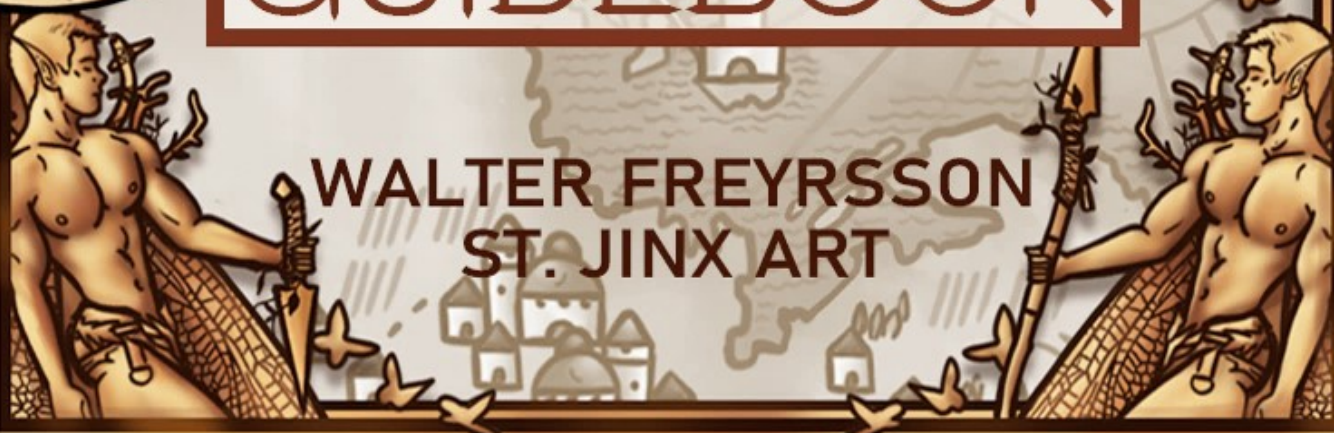


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INTRODUCTION

Wandering into the realms of the Fae and the Fallen

As children we have all, in some form or another, heard tales of powerful gods and dreadful monsters, divine beings of light, terrifying creatures of the night, and humans as the heroes, the villains, or the victims. We likely encountered these beings through childhood fairy tales, religious texts, mythologies, works of art, films, or music. Regardless of how we came in contact, we found a way to connect to them through our shared experiences; our joys and successes, our fears, our sorrows, and our trials. Maybe we aspired to be like one of these characters, or saw something of ourselves in these stories, influencing our growth into the individuals we are today. Perhaps we beheld ourselves as the brave underdog, the adored royal, or even the villainous beast. To some degree we fashioned ourselves after these beings, our attempt to bring a bit of magic to a mundane world. The *Feather and Stone Oracle* is a venture into fantasy realms where we can connect you, the “Explorer”, to a variety of forces and archetypes present in those fables of old. Each encounter has a story to tell, a lesson to teach, something new to reveal, or remind of things long forgotten. You will be reacquainted with those fantastical beings that influenced us at some point in time. But who will you encounter along your journey? Will it be the playful and optimistic Fae? The brutish yet enticing Fallen? Here we open the portal to the realm of the Sunlit Grove, land of the Fae, and the realm of the Shadowlands, dominion of the Fallen. Go forth and explore.



Welcome to the Sunlit Grove, Land of the Fae


The Fae are the wardens of the Sunlit Grove. An ancient race, they are the embodiment of nature and guardians of the earth. Although they have iridescent wings, and are often confused for masters of air, they are in fact most connected to the land where they dwell. As nature based beings, they ensure the protection of the forests, the hills, the trees, the flowers, the rivers, the stones, grains of dirt and all manner of creatures, no matter how big or small. The land sustains them and they sustain the land in gratitude, abiding by nature's laws. Under the blazing Sun and cosmic elements, the Fae live by the light of joy and desire – be it in love, sex, battle, knowledge, self-empowerment, or personal/communal growth. The Fae are not flawless however. They can be as imperfect as any human and they understand that. They live as righteously as possible although they have been known to stray from the path out of need or circumstance. The Fae are aware that their existence is based on the lived experience and thus, will live fully and freely.





Herald of the Sunlit Grove

Your search has led you down an unusual path, one of hope and passionate desire. The Herald greets you at sunrise and asks you to join him in saluting the rising Sun, a time where the nurturing land awakens. He asks if you are open to learning the world of light and discover your potential, explore that which warms the heart, and enrich oneself as part of a larger collective. He is relaxed and awaits your decision patiently while the mists part to reveal the path to the Sunlit Grove. The sacred land is prepared to show you how to follow your light.

 *New beginnings and prosperity. Optimism, positivity, motivation, readiness for new challenges.*

The Traveler

The Traveler desires to take you on a journey. He welcomes you onto an enchanted carpet, traded to him by a Djinn he met in his travels. He informs that you will be propelled forward at an unnatural speed but not to worry, for he is in charge of maneuvering the craft. He is ready to show you the vast and wondrous land, to take in the natural pathways of the earth and waters, and understand how the elements depend on one another. He also shows you the outcome of neglect and its impact on the land and the living organisms it once nourished but can no longer support. We must explore, observe, understand, and think broadly about how to enjoy and sustain the gift that is the world we live in.



Exploration, adventure. Hard work, following your path. Willpower, drive, ambition. Creative solutions.

The Druid

The Druid desires you to trust your intuition. He is deeply revered by the Fae, the most holy of their warriors, ruled by the divinity that charges him to act on their behalf – to defend the land and take action to protect it at all costs. He fights for the land as intensely as he heals it through his rituals honoring the elements. He spends long stretches in silence, preferring to communicate telepathically, encouraging you to listen to your inner voice and explore how divinity is speaking through your heart and soul. Look within and look outward and find the balance to be a warrior of spirit.



Retreat and reassess your situation. Inner voice, instincts. Sacred knowledge. The subconscious.

The Collector

The Collector desires you to remember. He walks the land, observes, and gathers knowledge from what he finds and encounters. He does not take without permission, and ensures that he either returns what he takes after studying it or finds some method to replace it. He performs rites to honor the land and understands the significance of the exchange. He teaches the explorer sustainable practices as a result of his work and encourages taking up the mantle to teach others for we are all explorers. Are you taking more than you give? The Collector encourages you to find balance and temperance in all that you do.



*Temperance. Patience and purpose, balance.
Sustainability, exchange. Preserving the future.*

Keeper of the Keys

The Keeper of the Keys desires to embrace you. With open arms, he welcomes you deeper into the Sunlit Grove, showing the endless pathways through the land, including those that lead to the darker Shadowlands. He praises your open-mindedness and encourages you to continue looking forward, not just with your mind and eyes, but also with your heart and soul. Let your curiosity lead you forward, and recognize that you have the ability to open or close doors. Understand the nature of influence and the impact of actions. You are welcome to go forward and follow your heart's desire.



*Embracing new opportunities. Pride. New outlooks,
open-mindedness, curiosity, decision-making*

The Lantern Bearer

The Lantern Bearer desires to bathe you in light. He stands prepared to illuminate your way forward on whichever path you decide to take. Along the way, he will whisper instructions on how to admire, contemplate, reflect, and question things you observe. He encourages active thinking, but take care to not get too lost in your mind, for it can create ideas and images that are not real or factual, like a mirage, that can lead you astray. He reminds you to let your inner light shine forth and follow the spirit that illuminates within.



Solitary exploration. Caution. Light in the dark. Not giving into fear. Courage in the face of the unknown.

The Entwined Hearts

The Entwined Hearts desire you to know physical love. You encounter this duo engaged in an entranced state of physical union. They know you are there and welcome you to watch their practice. They want you to understand how great love is and how it exists in both a physical and spiritual form. In its purest form, pleasure is a divine power. Through consent, beings can demonstrate and engage in the most primal acts of exchange. How we can be aroused by anything in the world and relish in the joy it brings. But know to wield it appropriately for this ability can take a darker form if self-control is abandoned. Pleasure is connected to spiritual energy and that gift is within us all to be explored, shared with others, and with the higher force that gave us this gift – in gratitude.



Unity, harmony. Love and romance. Physical and/or spiritual pleasure. Relationships, emotional need.

The Scout

The Scout desires for you to seek your truth. He is a master of observation and recognizes the importance of memories and desires. He will encourage the explorer to be aware of the senses and of time. Look at the past and the lessons learned, understand movement in present time, and how ideas and actions impact the future. The Scout teaches how to use silence as a tool for survival, a weapon, a divine action. He also teaches skills in awareness – what can be seen and heard internally as much as externally. Look, listen, feel, smell, taste.



Quick thinker, imaginative/creative. On the lookout. Alert, intelligent. Adapt at reading behavioural cues.

The Strategist

The Strategist desires you to plan. He is in contemplation of his next steps. He is undressing and setting his tools and armor about to best understand what resources he has at his disposal. This act is one of many methods he employs to organize, analyze, and strategize his next course of action. What is useful, what is not. It is equally meditative as it is calculated. He teaches the explorer to think through various options and plan for both success and failure. Look about with every possible outcome in mind. He is the power behind cause and effect and is prepared to face both once a decision is made on how to proceed. What are your thoughts, explorer?



Calculated, organized, meditative, thoughtful, cunning. Foresight. Reflection. Future conflict.

The Dreamer

The Dreamer desires you to imagine. He is in a continuous state of dreaming, imagining all the endless paths to what he desires in the moment. Listen attentively, explorer, for not all may be as it seems. Don't dismiss everything imagined, take what you can to realize your ideas, but understand that which is not possible given your limitations. You may notice how unlike the other Fae you've encountered, he is not using all of his senses, nor fully aware of what's around him. The Dreamer is vulnerable to external factors since he lives in his head. He is an example of dreaming your life away. Your desires cannot become reality if you do not take action to manifest them.



Fantasy, imagination, unrealistic goals. Daydreaming. Distraction. Missed opportunities. Disillusionment.

Priest of the Sun

The Priest of the Sun desires you to bask in the sunlight. He was chosen by the Sun to understand its energy and show others the astral force that dwells in living by the light. We are given choices in life and must learn that living by virtues that elevate oneself and brethren is divine. Are you willing to trust the blinding orb and feel the sun light on your skin, on your face, and in your soul? There is a reason we can't stare directly at the Sun. Perhaps the lesson is trust, but that is something we must believe for ourselves. If you are ready to access the light within, the Priest will guide you on your journey.



Good fortune, happiness. Material success, vitality. Optimism. Harmony. Truth brought to light. Well deserved period of fun, positivity and joy.

The Captive

The Captive desires you to be reborn. You witness a human holding a lost Fae by the wings, clearly begot of life as it transcends to the ether. Little is known of this Fae's end or what caused it. Rather than consider the cause, consider what of the spirit? Where is it going? How will it evolve? What pathway has it created for something else to live on? Sorrow and sadness are normal during this time and should be acknowledged but so is the possibility of something new flourishing. This is a reminder that every end is also a beginning. Life must go on.



Death and rebirth, sacrifice, belief. Change, loss, transformation. Period of grief. New beginnings.

The Free Spirit

The Free Spirit desires you to love yourself and enjoy. Without worry or care, the only interest of the Free Spirit is to enjoy life and you should enjoy it too, Explorer! He is a pure pleasure-seeker and wants everyone to know they can have a good time with others or by themselves. He wants all to know that as independent beings, we do not depend on others to fulfill our need for happiness, for we are capable of it on our own. Sometimes, we have to be selfish and do what feels right for ourselves. If things don't feel right, change your trajectory, go elsewhere, look within yourself and determine what you enjoy and what makes you happy. Life is to be lived, Explorer.



Self-focus, fulfillment, enjoyment, pleasure-driven, desire, fun, folly, putting yourself first. Naivete, carelessness.

The Brotherhood

The Brotherhood desires you to build comradery. The Brotherhood of the Fae are all the Fae that dwell in the Sunlit Grove. All are welcome and all are part of the community. As a species, the Fae vary in shape, color, traits, personality, desire, beliefs, interests, and so on. They know those factors exist and for the Sunlit Grove to thrive, they must understand one another intimately, whether they agree or not. Perspective is respected, above all else. Every Fae has something to teach one another, for better or worse. They appreciate that the essence of evolving as a species is through learning and everyone has something to teach. Come sit with us by the fire, Explorer. Tell us your story.



Comradery, community, diversity, teaching, learning.
Lived experience, working and evolving together.

The Warden

The Warden desires you to protect your world. You wonder why there are so many warriors among the Fae and encounter the Warden. He is beautiful as he is focused, and you are mesmerized by his toned physique and repose. He is calm, collected, and ever vigilant of the land he guards. He protects with kindness over brute force. He would prefer to show you methods in caring for the earth and using its resources sustainably. He tends to use the sword as a tool of agriculture rather than a weapon, but it is available should it be needed. He shows you how to forage for enriched foods, how to spark and carefully extinguish flame, how to use the winds for energy, and how to ensure the cleanliness of the waters, all while respecting and honoring the spirits of the elements.



Centered, grounded, focused, practical, resourceful, respecting the earth, natural health. Protector.

The Ferryman

The Ferryman desires you to be unbending as iron before the unknown. Remain unafraid, Explorer! You reach a stream and are welcomed to sit aboard the raft. The Ferryman is silent but you notice he is very aware of the surroundings. He has taken an uncharted path, fearless yet observant. You feel a lurking presence - could this be the Fallen that you have heard whispers of during your travels in the Grove? The Ferryman finally speaks and says "Often there is only a single path to a goal. One must venture into it, without fear, prepared for unexpected challenges and obstacles. The journey is as significant as reaching the destination, for there is much to learn along the way."



The unknown. Danger, risk, the difficult path. Transition/change. overcoming fear. Hardships.

The Ranger

The Ranger desires you to stand for what is right. The Ranger is a skilled archer and will assist you on your journey. He sees the obstacles that lie ahead and those who do not have your best interest at heart. There are beings about that are prepared to derail you. He is a stealthy protector. He has a Fallen in his sights and is prepared to administer divine justice, but understands the battle may not be easy. He symbolizes defense, protecting one's values and well-being, and protecting others. Not all matters can be resolved passively and reminds that it is better to be proactive rather than reactive.



Ongoing battle, expecting trouble, defending yourself, protecting your family/possessions.

The Recluse

The Recluse desires you to self-care. After leaving the battle, you encounter a solitary Fae, floating gracefully ahead. He appears to be in a meditative state but is aware and acknowledges your presence. He shares that he is applying techniques of self-care, not due to a recent battle, but to balance himself and sort through any traumatic experiences he may have had to endure over his existence. He says he is like The Free Spirit but where there is joy, there is also pain and sadness. He prefers to not dwell in any one emotion but rather acknowledge its existence and keep himself balanced by using techniques of rest, meditation, exercise, chanting, and relaxation. Recognizing the need to care for oneself is essential, especially when we spend much time caring for others.



Reflection, meditation. Soul searching. Solitude, Self-discovery, self-improvement.

The Scholar

The Scholar desires you to learn. You find yourself walking into a massive tree and enter a grand library, filled with books of every type, on all topics, from ancient times until present day. The Scholar greets you and asks you to sit with him and read anything you like. He is completing a map while skimming through written resources. He is focused on his task but welcomes you to share your thoughts - if you wish. He enjoys literature-based discussions. You hear whispers emanating from the books - sounds of delight, sounds of sorrow, sounds of darkness, sounds of folly, and so on. The Scholar

indicates that the amount of information available is almost endless but it is up to us, as individuals, to explore and sort through the vast materials to achieve a deeper understanding and make informed decisions. There is much to learn, a lot to discover, a lot to ponder. How we go about it, is another matter, but the tales can give us the insight we need.



Knowledge, enlightenment. Multiple perspectives, sorting information, thoughtful discussion.

The Alchemist


The Alchemist desires you to practice. Walking past the library where you encountered The Scholar is a laboratory where The Alchemist of the Fae steadily holds a shimmering liquid in a vessel, almost as if containing light itself. He is identical to The Scholar in appearance. He tells you they are one and the same and both engage in the same activities, as one only fully achieves a level of understanding by using what they learned and studied. He represents the practical application of acquired knowledge. He tests and evaluates his experiment. If he is successful, he moves onward. If he fails, he re-evaluates his steps. He learns from and records his errors, making another attempt with his newfound insights. He informs you that failure is the most valuable teacher. Let's test what we've learned.



Transformation, manifestation. Resourcefulness, creativity. Transmutation. Trial and error, practice.

Guardian of the Grove

The Guardian of the Grove desires you to lead with light. He is the chosen ruler of the Fae, having demonstrated understanding and balance of all the qualities of his kind. He lives by light, dwelling in the center of the Sunlit Grove, leading by example, working in tandem with truth, justice, and love. The needs of his people weigh heavily upon his wings and his wings alone. He holds himself and others accountable for the land, charged with its protection as messengers of the divine. He doesn't command from a throne, but rather mingles among his people, listening, collaborating, and working together as one unified force. He places high value on truth and integrity in others, but asks nothing he wouldn't expect first and foremost of himself. The Guardian of the Grove upholds the law of cause and effect and shares his learnings with his kind and visiting explorers. You reach his feet and he welcomes you to sit next to him and look upon the land, feel the energy in the elements, and its influence on the mind, the heart, the soul. He will be by your side always and seals the pact with a kiss.

 *Justice, law, honesty, truth, consequences of actions. leadership, accomplishment. Cause and effect, balance and fairness in decision making.*





Wandering the Shadowlands, Dominion of the Fallen

The Fallen are the Lords of the Shadowlands. The origins of their race is steeped in mystery and mythology, lost to the ages. The Fae believe they had shared ancestors at one point in their existence, beginning with a tribe of ancient Fae that renounced earth-bound worship and resigned themselves to only satisfying their own needs, blending with shadow and allowing it to become part of their being, internally as well as externally. They retain a more extreme version of their former selves, with feathered wings and gnarled horns, choosing to align themselves with the more unruly element of air – specifically in the destructive form of the tempest, tornado, and typhoon. The Fallen are ruled by ambition and absolute power – be it lust, temptation, manipulation, greed, indulgence, and selfish progress at the mercy of others. But like the Fae, they aren't completely lost and don't always desire to live through devious means. There are glimmers of hope, regret, understanding, and for some, the need to rise above the shadows, for better or worse, and reclaim their place in the light. Be careful, Explorer, for danger lurks in the darkest places.



Herald of the Shadowlands

Your search has led you down a dangerous path of ambition and unrelenting drive. The Herald of the Shadowlands greets you at dusk, a point where light and shadow are balanced. He asks if you are prepared to enter the realm of shadows and confront your limitations, explore that which lingers deep down inside, and allow that to surface - no matter the cost. What appetites and desires are you keeping hidden? The Herald's eyes are open wide but his wings obscure the path ahead. There is no light without darkness and you will see that for yourself.



New ideas/plans, mental clarity, success, vision, breakthroughs, force, will. Unafraid of the dark.

Lord of the Four Winds

The Lord of the Four Winds wants you to take flight, to relish in the freedom, throw caution to the wind. The Fallen take to the skies in haste to seek and explore the land for what they need, what they desire, what they hunger for. They move swiftly, unconcerned by dire conditions, fearless of the storms they are heading into. They are either very brave or very naïve. The Lord of the Four Winds attempts to ride the tempest, use the unruly winds to further his will and passions, his insatiable desires, and his need for discovery. Nothing will stop him from his conquests and from elevating his position of power. If it takes an army to attain his goals, then so be it.



Haste, quick action, thoughtlessness, recklessness, disorganization/synchronicity, uncontrollable forces.

Lord of Lore

The Lord of Lore wants you to know. Do you want to know? There is physical power but it is the power of the mind that sustains it. The Lord of Lore will consider showing you all the sacred mysteries of the world, if you are willing to risk your innocence. He is a master at playing to your temptations. So much importance is given to education but wasn't the thirst for knowledge the undoing of the first humans? It is true that the more you know, the more powerful you can become. Whether you decide to take that power to a light or dark place is up to you. Regardless, you will be delighted as long as you're focused. Have a taste of the apple. Don't mind the serpent, he doesn't bite...



Keeper of secrets, truths and lies, knowledge seeker, seeking advice. Tradition. Temptation, learning.

Lord of Many Faces

The Lord of Many Faces wants to tell you a tale or two. He fashions many guises to make you vulnerable and susceptible to his predatory ways. He manipulates many with his words and actions. Sometimes he gets away with it, sometimes he doesn't and suffers for it, only to repeat the same mistakes because he has lost a sense of self. He has started to believe he is all the falseness that he portrays and no longer retains a sense of reality, just trickery. He no longer knows who he is so he hides behind masks. Should you decide to listen to him, would you believe everything he says? There may be a lesson, or nothing at all.



Trickster, deceiver, unreadable, manipulator, a spy, untrustworthy. Dishonest. Scheming, underhanded.

Lord of Indulgence

The Lord of Indulgence wants you to be touched, to be fed, have your thirst quenched, and be satisfied. He is the embodiment of physical and sensual pleasure, and a master of vices. Why should anyone be denied such joys? Understandably, this is a test of limits, for one can only remain here if they can master self-control and moderation, as that is the only way to keep indulging in the delights of the world. The lie is that few realize their limits until it's too late, driven out of control by excess, so proceed with caution! Will you give in and satisfy your wants and desires, Explorer? Will your indulgence leave you feeling satisfied? or will you only be left with guilt?



Indulgence. Living in the moment, no thought to the future. Disregard for others feelings and emotions.

Lord of Misanthropy

The Lord of Misanthropy wants your unwavering admiration. He wants it all but is never satisfied. It is the insatiable thirst, never having enough and always being dissatisfied and disappointed. He has become empty and jaded, like a hole in a water jug. He knows many but is always alone. Someone of such emptiness is fed by the attention of others, but only temporarily. He exists because others enable him to. What are you ready to give him? Or are you strong enough to deflect his hunger?



Disdain, resentment, distrust. Hollowness. Unfulfilled desire. Lack of empathy, greed. Materialism.

Lord of Reckoning

The Lord of Reckoning wants you to take action. We were given free will, of both thought and feat. We measure ourselves by our deeds and have walked this earth long enough to know how to act. But on occasion there is no time to think, plan, consider perspectives - only time to react. It is these moments that our true character is revealed. The Lord of Reckoning can be quick to anger and deals out what he considers to be just punishments, but who is he to cast judgement? Are his actions and motivations so pure? Are our own? And what of the cost? the outcome may not be what you want. Judgement is a double-edged sword, proceed cautiously or be prepared for the outcome – good or bad.



Judge, jury and executioner. The law. Quick to act. Temper. Self-evaluation, casting judgement.

Lord of The Hunt

The Lord of the Hunt wants you to seek out what you need. He is a master tracker with relentless focus. He is an expert observer of the world and is able to pinpoint his target from the smallest detail in the landscape. Once in his sights, he will employ his strategic skills to acquire what he wants. He may seem callous but he makes full use of what he hunts, as the ancestors have in the past. His attunement to nature is made evident by his companion, a mighty tiger, his spirit guide and only confidant. He is a symbol of balance, and hunts for survival rather than sport. He thinks, he contemplates, and is unwavering in his determination to meet his needs. His strength transcends physical bounds.



Resourceful, stealthy, attuned to nature. Strength, independence. Off the grid, courage, compassion.

Lord of Whispers

The Lord of Whispers wants to tell you a secret, so lean in close, Explorer. His words melt your heart and disarm you. These are the things that pull on our emotions and open our soul to deep-seated desires and joy. He brings about those pleasures we suppress and allows us to realize that we are capable of giving and receiving love and lust. He makes us feel special and wanted - who wouldn't want to feel that? We may become vulnerable to the sweetness of his words and not realize if intentions are pure, but the feeling is undeniable. We are warmed and feel alive, just by his words alone.



Happiness and celebration. Pillow talk. Joy and satisfaction. Temptation, exchange of energies, secrets and revelations. Safety and comfort of the home and in the arms of the one you love the most.

Lord of Destruction

The Lord of Destruction wants to dismantle the world. He is the catalyst that breaks barriers, brings down factions, and will level the earth if needed. He is not interested in what exists but what things can become. This is not about redesigning but starting over. The only way to create the world you want is with a clean slate. This extreme approach is significant and painful, but it is necessary. Are we strong enough to admit that we must destroy to being anew?



Cataclysm. Sudden and unforeseen change. Danger, destruction. Liberation. Sudden surge of inspiration.

Priest of the Moon

The Priest of the Moon wants you to bathe in the moonlight. He was chosen by the moon to keep her mysteries and show others the cosmic force that dwells in darkness. There is no good or evil here, solely the unknown. Are you willing to discover what is shown in the moonlight as well as what's on the dark side of its façade? There is a reason for what is revealed and what is hidden. Perhaps that is the lesson you must learn. Trust your intuition and listen to what your instincts are telling you. Pay attention to the omens, signs, your dreams, your subconscious. If you are ready to tap into the power of the moon the Priest will show you the way, but you must finish the journey on your own.



Mystery and illusion. Duality. Deception. Hidden things. Misunderstandings. Difficult truths. Being confused and not knowing who to turn to. Something is not as it appears.

The Horned Lord

The Horned Lord wants you to submit. Be vulnerable and open. You may uncover something that has held you from moving forward. You may realize what your desires are and what no longer serves you. It may not seem as being in control of yourself but you are indeed in charge of your power since you are giving permission to outside forces. There is power in vulnerability, in letting go, in wearing your heart on your sleeve. Make your weaknesses into armor and no one can harm you. But are you playing with fire? How much is enough?



Change in direction. Submission. Resigning old ways, versatility, change of heart, letting go. Vulnerability.

The Bound Lord

The Bound Lord wants you to know pain. He allows himself to be bound, not knowing what fate awaits him in that moment. He is reminding us that pain is a signal, pain is a lesson, and that pain can give strength. We can only survive the pain if we allow ourselves to be steady and resilient in its presence. Acknowledge that it is a reminder of our fragility as a species, how easy it is to cause injury to self and others, and learn from past errors. Some relish in giving pain and some are aroused by receiving it. Both have reached a point that most avoid. It cannot be denied that there is value and strength in realizing our weaknesses.



Pleasure/pain, self-restraint, submission, Prison of your own making. Addiction and attachment.

Lord of the Claw

The Lord of the Claw wants you to know your own magic. He lives by the unbridled laws of nature, like a nocturnal creature that thrives under the cover of night. He is skyclad, he is observant, he is connected to a silent spirit only he knows. He is a vessel for the shadow we all try to ignore but know exists. He thrives, wielding the full strength of the dark, empowered by his understanding that darkness is what keeps light in balance. It exists to teach us more about ourselves as beings in the world. How we choose to use our shadow is left up to us.



Unrestrained lust, dark energy, masculine spirit, possession, manipulation, balancing forces.

Lord of Redemption

The Lord of Redemption wants you to be a divine force. He is a skilled warrior, ruled by unbridled passion for victory and achieving his goals by any means. He is the brother and mirror of the Lord of Reckoning. He thrives in the light but at its haziest state. He functions in extremes in an effort to be the most connected to cosmic divinity but does not truly feel worthy. He struggles to accept the shadow that lurks within. The result is an unhealthy obsession with what he sees as the correct way of living. He accepts the regret that accompanies his mission.



Goal-oriented, obsessive, tough love. Stubborn. Under attack. Non-conformity. Hard decisions.

Lord of the Pathways

The Lord of The Pathways wants to lead you astray. The world is at your feet, but he is overconfident and over-enthusiastic. He does not see what's ahead but that which he wants to see. Some may say its folly, some may ridicule his approach, some may question his sanity, but he knows the way. Is it the right path? or the wrong path? or even a dead end? Will you trust him to guide you? He relishes in wandering a maze and bringing travelers along with him. He enjoys the reaction of others and waits to see if they learned their lesson or require further pushing. He doesn't dwell on time or reason which makes him frightening, yet alluring. Come this way, I have something to show you...



Unlimited potential, connectivity, Open doors, instant gratification. New phase/goal/objective. The entire world is at your feet.

Lord of the Pierced Heart

The Lord of the Pierced Heart wants you to reflect on defeat and despair. He is the embodiment of loss and the understanding of why it exists in the world. It is an inescapable reality. Anyone is capable of administering and suffering loss. It is a real fear that all have. Some like to test it, others spend their life trying to avoid it. But in the end, we will all meet loss in varying degrees. Whereas the Bound Lord has intention when submitting to pain, this Lord cannot overcome the nature of circumstances that plagues him - a perpetual masochist. Sadly, You too will know loss, Explorer. As will we all.



*Defeat, loss of energy/will, pessimism, giving up.
Heartbreak. Pain, betrayal and loneliness. Misery.*

Lord of the Wilds

The Lord of the Wilds wants you to know your shadow. Unlike the Lord of the Claw who externalizes the shadow energy, the Lord of the Wilds wanders in a meditative state and internalizes shadow. He doesn't allow it to manipulate him, he controls it. He thinks about shadow. Speaks to shadow. He listens and learns from shadow. He understands it and realizes its purpose in the world, just as he comes to understand his own purpose in the world. He wanders alone under the hazy glow of a blood moon, embracing the more feral aspects of his nature, trusting his animalistic senses and instincts, allowing them to guide his path.



*Isolated, lonely, introspective, lone-wolf,
self-imposed meditation/sacrifice, apprehension.
Primal instinct.*

The Summoner

The Summoner wants you to know control. He has studied, he has practiced, he has reached a level of understanding but it is self-serving. This is not for the benefit of the greater good but of himself alone. He desires to be in full control of what he wants, what he desires, fulfilling his quest for power without understanding the potential impact on others. Is this new want or obsession needed? Can you manage with what you have? Contemplate what you do and the possibilities that result. You may be in for an awakening.



Focus, control/balance, study, fearlessness, hunger, fulfilling desire. Effort, improvement, hard work.

Lord of Magic

The Lord of Magic wants you to tap into your energy. He is a student of the arcane arts, competent both in theory and application, but he can often become lost in his mind and consumed in thought. He tends to spend most of his time pondering the meaning and purpose of his mystic knowledge rather than using it. He has the ability and power to manifest his will but not the motivation. The candles have all blown out, indicating a temporary loss of focus but it has now been brought under control. Beware of wasting your talents. The Lord of Magic is a reminder to put your time to good use.



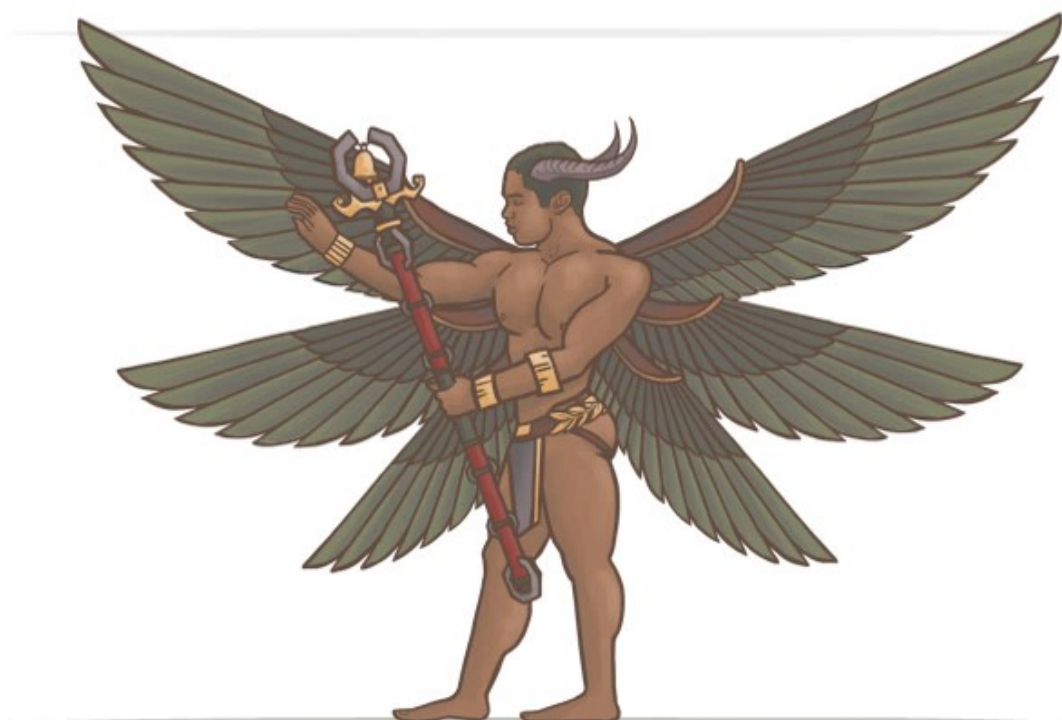
Flourishing power, uncontrolled impulses, loss of focus, distraction. Determination, improvement. Honing skills.

The Fallen Archon

The Fallen Archon wants you to rule your shadow. He is the unchallenged leader of the Fallen, having mastered all of the qualities from the brethren he leads. He governs the Shadowlands through hard work, structure, discipline, and immense self-control. He lives by the law of the shadow and maintains the law for all under him. The Fallen Archon upholds and enforces the traditions of his people to maintain a tight grip on his position. He sits upon a throne of ancient stone, dragged from the sunlit grove by the first of his kind so long ago. Whether he is loved or feared is of no interest to him, he is content in the knowledge that he does what he must for those he rules over. You reach his feet and stand before him, his enormous wings are intimidating, his horns sharp and cruel, his eyes cold. Will you be made a trusted confidant, or will you be found unworthy to stand in his presence for denying a part of your true self?



Stability and security. Hard work, structure and discipline. Self control. Authority, law and order. In control of life and destiny. Following your own rules. Solid foundations but resistant to change.



Consecration and Care

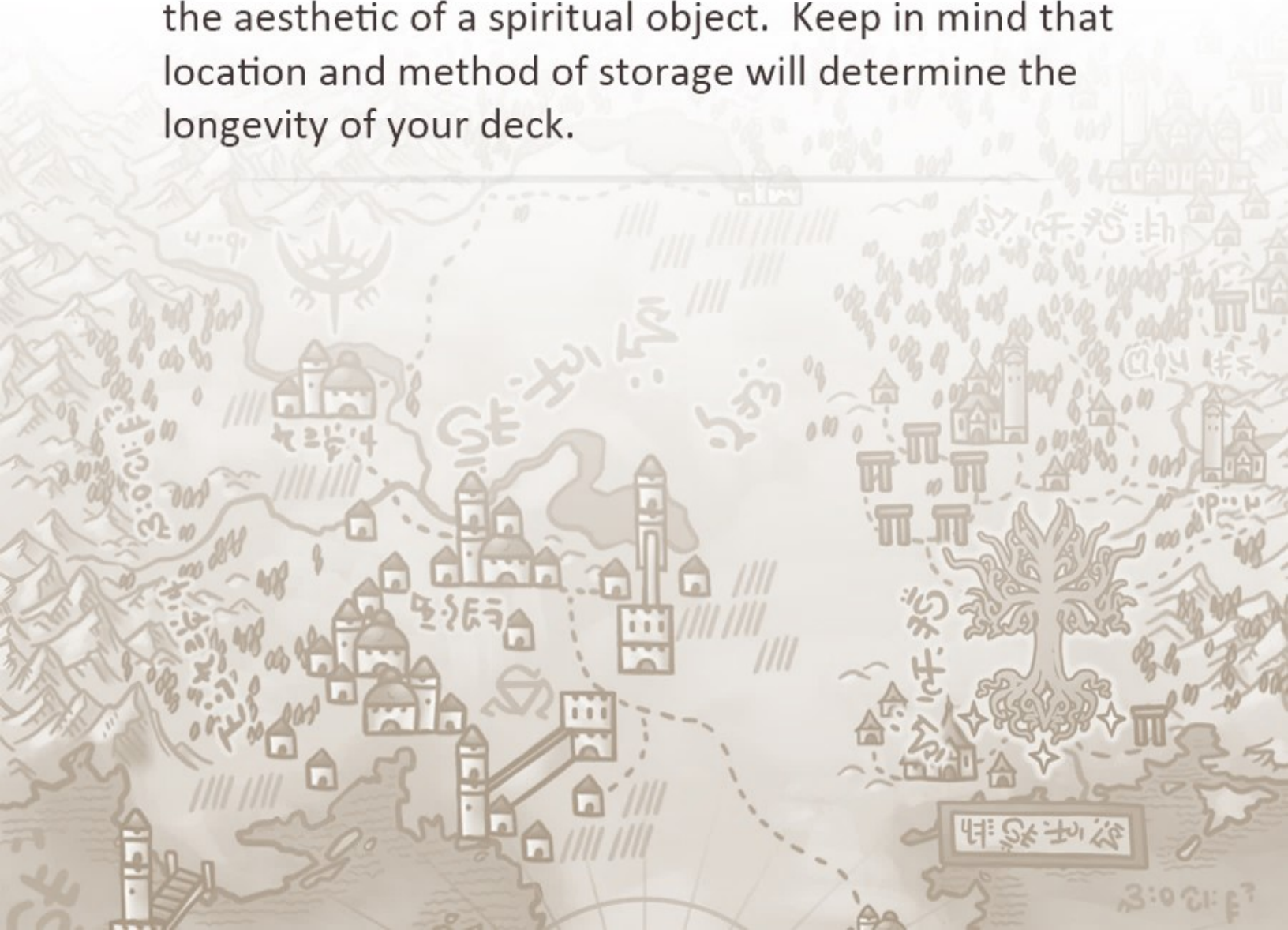
looking after your oracle cards

The consecration of any deck, be it tarot, oracle, or other, ranges from the complex to nothing at all. We will offer some suggested practices and rituals to cleanse and consecrate your new deck prior to use. We will also provide some methods to ensure care and longevity of your new cards. Know that how you prepare and care for your cards is entirely up to you.

- ◆ **Saging:** Light a sage stick (bought or self-made) and carefully run your deck through the smoke, being careful not to get too close to the lit tip. Make sure to run the smoke on all sides, front and back. Visualize the smoke cleansing the deck/cards of any energy and replacing with a white-gold glow. If you like, you can pass each card individually as opposed to stacked in a deck. Alternatively, you can use palo santo or incense of choice instead of a sage stick.
- ◆ **Dreamscape:** Place your deck under your sleeping pillow. Make sure the cards are kept in a bag and free from any location that could bend or damage the deck. Use a cleansing prayer before going to sleep, meditate on making a personal connection to your new deck. Do this for a number of consecutive nights (3, 7 or 9 are considered fortunate numbers.)
- ◆ **Sun/Moon Consecration Ritual:** This ritual can be employed in various forms. You can take your deck outside during clear weather and ask the Sun and/or the Moon to cleanse your deck and empower it with its energies. Consider

performing this ritual at high noon/midday and/or during a Full Moon at midnight. Say any chant or prayer of your choosing to cleanse the deck and envelop it in gold/silver light in your visualization. Feel free to include incense and a lit candle in your environment. Alternatively, you can split your deck and use the energy of the Sun to bless the Fae and use the energy of the Moon to bless the Fallen cards separately to charge with the polarizing energies of light and shadow.

Your deck and booklet is delivered in a safe-keep box and can be kept in such for ease of storage. Should you choose, you can store your cards in cloth bags or boxes sold through numerous stores, online makers/merchants, or self-created. We strongly recommend using natural materials in whichever method you employ, such as silk or cotton fabric or wood storage. Your new deck should be stored in a dry location or can be displayed on an altar to keep the aesthetic of a spiritual object. Keep in mind that location and method of storage will determine the longevity of your deck.



Working with the Feather and Stone Oracle

As *The Feather and Stone Oracle* is an original and unique divination tool, we will provide some suggested uses for reading the cards. We are providing various spreads to employ (from simple to more complex) but encourage you to develop your own or use spreads as featured in tarot or other divinatory card systems.

The Pathway

single card pull

Shuffle the cards in whichever method you prefer while focusing on your question. Questions can be a simple yes/no or a little more complex but keep in mind that questions requiring detail may best be utilized in a lengthier spread. Pull the card and focus on the message. Consider if it is a message from the Fae. What is it trying to illuminate? Consider if it is a message from the Fallen. What shadows lurk on the surface? Keep in mind that just because it is a message from either realm, it will not exclusively represent a positive or negative response but rather the focal character's actions, demeanor, title, illustrated situation.

The Triad

3 card pull

A 3 card pull is another simple and often utilized method of performing a divinatory reading. Each card will represent a point in time and provide insight as to events in the past, present, and future.

Shuffle the cards in any method you prefer and lay the cards face down from left to right.



Card 1: Past

Card 2: Present

Card 3: Future

The first card on the left represents matters of the Past or what you seek. The center card represents matters of the Present or what you are experiencing. The card on the right represents matters of the Future or what you desire. You are free to work with the entire deck or solely work with either the Fae or the Fallen.

The Star Voyage

5 card spread

This is a modified version of my go-to 5 card spread. You will start with a card on the right hand side first and lay the cards clockwise to form a “star” layout, concluding with the last card to form the top-most point of the star.



Card 1: The question at hand

Card 2: Background situation leading to the question

Card 3: The desired outcome of the querent

Card 4: Message from the Fae or Fallen (or spirit guides)

Card 5: The foretold outcome

Should you choose to use this spread magickally, you can use this spread in an upward pointing star to perform a wishing spell or you can use this spread with a downward pointing star to perform a banishing spell. For the wishing spell, pre-select 5 cards with Fae and/or Fallen that will help you accomplish your desire and focus on your intention as if it has already been fulfilled. For banishing spell, pre-select 5 cards with Fae and/or Fallen that will assist you in banishing or removing anything or anyone that doesn't suit your growth while visualizing moving forward without the ailment.

Reflections of Light and Shadow 10 card spread

This spread is ideal to investigate matters you are currently experiencing and reflect on the elements of light and shadow within. What are the Fae and Fallen trying to bring into the light from the shadows? What are they supporting for your spiritual evolution? What are they indicating as not beneficial to your spiritual growth? This spread is also ideal for reflection and meditation on both sides of the situation you are questioning. You can choose to utilize the entire deck, start with the Fae, or start with the Fallen (in any case, you will be working with both realms for this spread).

Lay out 5 cards from bottom to top to form a column. Study those present in the reading and reflect on how they appear to support you in your or your client's inquiry. Once completed, flip through the deck to find each card's counterpart (use the pairing chart at the end of this booklet). Lay out the corresponding cards to the right of each card from

the first pull to form another column. Reflect on the alternating view they represent and how it mirrors your initial pull. What messages are constant? Where are you given an alternative perspective? Contemplate the messages. You are encouraged to write and document your reading for future reference.



Walking Through the Sunlit Grove / Shadowlands

7+ card spread

This spread is designed to allow you to focus on the energies of either realm. You will need to pull the Herald and Priest from either the Fae or the Fallen, depending on which realm you resonate with or

desire to work with for the given inquiry. Place the Herald at the left side of your reading space for he will lead the way through. Place the Priest at the right side of your reading space for he is prepared to offer blessings to see you on your way. They will be your guides through this journey, showing you internal and external archetypes that are of influence to the question at hand. Between the Herald and the Priest, you are going to place 7 cards. These cards can be from one realm or a mix of both. Look into each card and the aspects the characters represent. How are they a reflection of you and/or your situation. If you like, you can use the following list as prompts for reflection:

Guide Card: Fae or Fallen Herald

Card 1: Reflection of Personality

Card 2: Reflection of Emotions

Card 3: Reflection of Thoughts

Card 4: Reflection of Doubts

Card 5: Reflection of Ambitions

Card 6: Reflection of Misfortunes

Card 7: Reflection of Successes

Guide Card: Fae or Fallen Priest



You have flexibility to reduce or increase the number of cards pulled within this journey. Choose an area(s) of reflection above or use/include your own. Your journey and those you are reading for can be uniquely tailored to an area of focus or need. There are no limitations to the journey before you.

Pairing Chart

For development of *The Feather and Stone Oracle*, we used a chart to guide the design and structure as we envisioned the Fae and Fallen beings to be reflections of one another, although not exclusively as each card was designed to also tell its own story. Feel free to use this chart as a reference guide for your meditative work or to gain a deeper insight to readings using the suggested spreads in this booklet.

 The Fae	 The Fallen
Herald of the Sunlit Grove	Herald of the Shadowland
The Traveler	Lord of the Four Winds
The Druid	Lord of Lore
The Collector	Lord of Indulgence
Keeper of the Keys	Lord of Many Faces
The Lantern Bearer	Lord of Misanthropy
The Scout	Lord of Reckoning
The Entwined Hearts	Lord of Whispers
The Strategist	Lord of the Hunt
The Dreamer	Lord of Destruction
Priest of the Sun	Priest of the Moon
The Captive	The Bound Lord
The Free Spirit	The Horned Lord
The Brotherhood	Lord of the Claw
The Warden	Lord of Redemption
The Ferryman	Lord of the Pathways
The Ranger	Lord of the Pierced Heart
The Recluse	Lord of the Wilds
The Scholar	The Summoner
The Alchemist	Lord of Magic
Guardian of the Grove	The Fallen Archon

About the Author and Artist

St. Jinx is the concept creator and artist of The Feather and Stone oracle. He has always had an affinity for drawing but it was not until 2015 that he started working as an illustrator, and began to concentrate on building a career from his art. His works usually focus on gay fantasy and spiritual themes, crafting divinatory tools that attempt to represent the diversity present across a multitude of faiths, cultures, and races. St. Jinx first developed and published the St. Jinx Arcana in 2017, his debut into the tarot and oracle market, which was well received within the gay community it was created for. The Wood and Bone oracle followed shortly behind, released in late 2018. In 2020, St. Jinx released The Feather and Stone oracle, and began working on a companion deck, the Salt and Ash oracle. St. Jinx currently lives in New Zealand.

Walter Freyrsson is author of The Feather and Stone oracle. Growing up in South Florida, Freyrsson started to explore the wiccan arts and divination in the 1990s. Through his growth and exploration, he took a liking to tarot and rune divination in particular and has been a reader for over 20 years. A former web designer, teaching and learning came naturally to Freyrsson and he continues to work in education to this day while offering readings to friends and family and continuing solitary practice with an emphasis on runes. Having developed a virtual friendship with the artist St. Jinx since 2016 as a fan of his work and showing interest and skill in various

spiritual practices as an open, gay man, Freyrsson was asked to write the accompanying booklet to The Wood and Bone oracle (which was his first published work). Freyrsson plans to continue his venture into writing and will soon launch his spiritual business called “Queer Divine.” Freyrsson wrote the booklet for The Feather and Stone oracle, and has begun work on the guidebook for the next deck in the series, the Salt and Ash oracle. Freyrsson currently lives in New York City, USA.

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