



THE VEILED SHORE EXPANSION

GUIDEBOOK



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Symbol Guide



Heraldic crest of the
Veiled Shore/Gorgons.



Appears beside the list of
keyword prompts for each
card.



Indicates the placement
of each card in a spread.

INTRODUCTION

Breaching the Veiled Shore, Lair of the Gorgons

There are rumors that hidden for eons beneath an impenetrable fog somewhere at sea, lies the fabled Veiled Shore, home to a secretive Gorgon settlement. None have ever been invited to explore their lands. No one who ventures into the mists have returned. You discover a carving deep within the bowels of an ancient temple ruin, dedicated to a long forgotten snake god. The carvings on the temple walls allude to the location of an uncharted isle not far off the eastern coast of the Sunlit Grove. It appears to be reachable by a short voyage by boat. Perhaps the Fae can lend a vessel and provisions to aid in your expedition? But understand that you will go on this treacherous adventure alone, Explorer. Nothing good has returned from that island other than the tales created to justify the end of those gone before you. If you manage to return, you will alone know the truth that slithers upon The Veiled Shore, and be forever changed.



Harbinger of the Serpent God

Beware his infectious power.

The Harbinger is known to wield a mental ability unlike any of the other Gorgons. He can equally heal as he can infect, cauterizing wounds as quickly as he can bring about a breakout of hives. He carries the ancient Staff of Aesculapius, a symbol related to the art of medicine, composed of snakes and their ability to shed their skins throughout their lifetime. There is a dual nature to the serpents entwined on the staff that reflects the Harbingers power to impose his rejuvenating or harmful will, just by thinking about it. Know that we too have the ability to direct our mental power to heal or harm ourselves, if only we can discipline ourselves. It all depends on your state of mind.



Anticipation, foresight, hypochondriac, warning signs, caution, worry, mental ability/instability, medicine, dual nature, dual forces.

The Snake Charmer

Beware his power to tempt.

The Snake Charmer is a talented Gorgon with the ability to mesmerize through his crafty wiles. He is able to manipulate soundscapes that arouse any creature's interest, immobilizing it to make for easy prey for the snakes on his head and that below his torso! He relishes in his ability to garner attention on himself, debilitating others' personal power. Your senses will not be able to resist The Snake Charmer so you are forewarned to rely on your intuition which may be the only sense he is unable to reach. Don't allow your curiosity to get the better of yourself and entranced by someone's illusionary performance.



Enticement, entrancement, hypnosis, sexual/spiritual temptation, surface-level attraction, show-off, charm, skin deep.

Gaze of Stone

Beware his paralyzing control.

This Gorgon is a master of speech, using a cacophony of words to control victims in his line of sight. The trapped human has learned to avoid his direct gaze (from what he's been told as a way to survive an encounter) but is unable to cover his ears from the sounds of the Gorgon's voice. The man is incapable of shutting out the phrases, the poetry, the dialogue he is being enticed to engage in. It will only be a moment until the man lowers his defenses and responds, and then it will be too late.

Understand the power of words and how it can be used in devious ways to hurt, paralyze, control, and ultimately destroy by affecting emotions. You may be able to avert your gaze, but will you be able to ignore the seductive sound directed your way?



Master of speech, power of words, provoking, opportunist, manipulative nature, seduction, avoidance, control.

Sons of Medusa

Beware their entangling coils.

This dubious pair work together for one purpose – to ensnare victims through gluttonous pleasure. Why settle for one when you can have two? Seeing their engagement in the distance is powerful enough to lure you in, allowing curiosity to get the best of you. They encourage abandoning morals and ethics to achieve a greater sense of pleasure in ways you couldn't dare imagine. You won't know if you like it if you don't try. What you may not know is that as you drown in pleasure, they are suffocating you into submission, preparing your demise. Don't give into your urges so hastily, Explorer, for there is a reason everything should be taken with moderation.



Gluttony, pleasure, abandoning morals, lust, moderation, temptations, resistance.

The Warlock

Beware his mastery of illusion.

The Warlock is a skilled magician, well versed in incantations, spells, potions, and charms to cunningly affect knowledge and understanding. He is accompanied by a serpent specter, a fragment of his soul, and extension of his nature to slither far and wide. The Warlock is able to affect information by changing the narrative and confusing others to alter and exacerbate the truth so that it takes another form. He wants to only know what's true to serve his purpose alone. Don't take any piece of information at face value, Explorer. You've encountered enough temples of information to know the importance of research and study. Ultimately, the truth is your own.



Deception, illusion, confusion, gossip, changing the narrative, coercion, false narratives, do your research.

The Poisoned Fangs

Beware his sharp penetration.

This Gorgon is swift with his strike. He is an adept, stealthy hunter, able to inject his poison unsuspectingly into his victims. The bite may go unnoticed until the venom reaches the bloodstream, affect the nerves, and incapacitate from within. The most unpleasant injection to feel like you are rotting from the inside out. Take this as a metaphor for those encounters where others unload and leave behind their toxin, becoming your problem to deal with. He is the reason we armor ourselves when approaching someone or someplace new. If we appear vulnerable, we are ideal prey for creatures like him.



Empath, susceptibility, weak-skinned, intoxication, hidden pain, rotting from within, dealing with other's problems, taken advantage of.

Priest of the Scales

Beware his slithering control of faith.

The Priest of Scales is the gatekeeper of the Unveiled Shore. He feels he is the only one that can grant or deny the mystic gift (or curse) of the Gorgons. Like many authoritarian figures of faith, he will do anything to maintain his grip over the will of others. There aren't many, even among his kind, that will get far without offering or sacrificing something of worth to him. It is within his divine right to demand it. He cannot be bothered to employ his ability to turn one to stone when he can find ways to get others to serve him. Hold firm in your beliefs, Explorer. Ensure your spiritual armor is secure.



Cruel dogma, superiority complex, gatekeeping, ego, unsubstantiated facts, sacrifice, authority.

The Stone Carver

Beware his pension for forgery.

The Stone Carver is no artist. He thrives by altering the petrified victims of the isle, all in attempts to acquire a glorious reputation. He has no integrity, no regard for work, no respect for creativity, no original thinking. He tries to take advantage and claim the energy others have expended as his own. Don't let his actions discourage, for his actions only remind of your own worth, Explorer. If anything, you are given the opportunity to be pushed further in your abilities and elevate the work you have started. Imitation may be flattering but it will never imbue the energy and power of the original. Always be your own person and keep pushing ahead.



Imitation, deception, second-rate quality, laziness, unoriginal, keep chipping away, push yourself forward.

Crown of Madness

Beware his reign of despair.

This Gorgon is as terrifying as the Queen of the Unveiled Shore. He has the ability to plunge your thoughts into darkness, ensuring that you feel helpless at not knowing the source of your trouble. He relishes at the thought of others thinking his victims are as mad and troubled as he. At one's greatest point of deterioration, he will crown his victims, sending them to a bottomless pit of fear and anguish. Don't let your mind be your undoing, Explorer. We may not have all the answers and reasons for when our emotions venture into a dark place. We are all capable of finding the light again, if we want to.



Depression, , fear, despair, poor mental health, deterioration, disintegration, pitfalls, possibility of hope.

MEDUSA, Queen of the Veil

Beware her wrathful gaze.

The ruler of the Veiled Shore is Medusa. As Queen, she has amassed a collection of adopted children and imbued them with the unconditional love she never experienced when she was once human. Transformed into the beautiful monster she is known to be, ruled by cold wrath, she has closed the Veiled Shore off to the outside world, her way of protecting her chosen family. Her gaze is all that is sufficient to share the depth of her pain and leave anyone who looks upon her stone-face and cold-hearted. This is her curse and yours as well. Understand, Explorer, that it will be nearly impossible to escape her when you're in her sight. Close your eyes and run. Know that nothing can come out of a heart of stone, not even for yourself.



Lost compassion, grudges, heartache, deep emotional pain, self-imposed isolation, defensiveness, protecting family, transformation.

Integration with the Oracle Decks in the St. Jinx Collection

The Veiled Shore expansion is intended as an add-on pack to accompany the other oracle decks in the Muscle and Magic series, compatible with:

Vol. I: *The Wood and Bone Reinvented*

Vol. II: *The Feather and Stone Oracle*

Vol. III: *The Salt and Ash Oracle*

Mix this expansion pack with one or all of the oracles. Each volume functions as a stand alone deck or can be merged together to create the “New Eden” oracle.

Because Vol. IV: *The Veiled Shore* is intended as an add-on there are no specific spreads for these cards on their own. Refer to the suggested reading spreads in the previous guides, or feel free to create your own.

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