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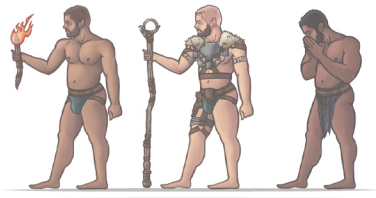


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INTRODUCTION

Wandering the realms of The First People

The ***Wood and Bone Oracle*** is a “reinvention” of a previous work, where the spiritual journey of man was explored in the context of a historical divination system. In this version, we present an expanded journey of physical evolution, the birth of civility, exploration of the world we live in, and a search for something greater to comprehend our purpose for being. We have witnessed the composition of the land, the mysteries of the waters, and the limitless skies. We have dreamt many things that have opened doors to unimagined growth. We have tapped into our given senses to explore new feelings and attempt to understand them. This is the story of man as the “Explorer” but not just contained to wandering the world. This is an exploration of being, what it is to feel, to see, to hear, to smell, to taste, to wonder what it all means. We witness the world around us and apply our desires, our dreams, our visions, and even our fantasies. Some are designed to serve the evolution of the species, while others are simply self-serving. Human kind was not designed to be perfect although it is a “status” that has been sought after throughout time and rarely, if ever, attained. Although this work serves to accompany others of fantastical creatures man himself was thought to have conjured on his journey, here is where life is documented and explored in both a physical and spiritual context. We have all been these men at some point in our life (or aspire to be.) The landscape presents many pathways, some we choose, some we are forced to take, some we move onto hastily, and some we fear to approach. We have been gifted a soul, from some divine, mysterious source we all visualize differently. But one thing remains: the motivation we have as humans to seek something greater for ourselves here on this Earth.



Welcome to the Mortal Realms, Home of the First People

The First People of Wood and Bone present various archetypes within our species. The title explores our diverse humanity, our relationship to one another and the world we continue to explore, and our mortality. The drive is vast with numerous goals in mind. There is desire and passion within every action – some with good intention, some not. We learn as we do and sometimes the outcomes move us to change course unless, of course, we learned nothing and simply continue on the path chosen. Same as with those we encounter along the way – we may learn something new from them and their lived experience, something about ourselves, something we can utilize to improve our way of life, something that enamors us, or something we just don't care for. And here we not only have the gift of wonder, but also the gift of choice - something else that defines being human. Being able to apply our senses, mind, and heart to make a determination. So without further ado, let's go wonder the world, fellow Explorer, and see what and who we find along the way.



The Wood and Bone: Reinvented is divided into 3 sections, each with 14 cards:

- ✧ **In the Beginning:** man coming into the world and beginning with things that are mundane: growth, work, exploration, relationship building, recognizing the senses, community building, and the start of the oral tradition for future generations.
- ✧ **Discovering the Divine:** this is where man settles but begins his desire/search for something more, begins to explore dreams, divinity, and encounters spirit. It comes through receiving divine power, connecting creativity to divine inspiration, sacrifice, and offering devotion.
- ✧ **In the End:** this is where the balance of power comes into play – encounters with good and evil, portrayed in various forms. Man begins to think, doubt, and have to make a choice as to his path. This is also where he begins to realize mortality and that his soul isn't bound to remain on Earth. As one passes on, he is succeeded by another (The High King) and the Herald is positioned to welcome new Explorers to their own journey.

✧ I. In the Beginning

The Explorer

The Explorer will teach you to seek understanding. There is much fascination with what thrives within our lands, across the shores, and even that which appears in our dreams. But as thinking creatures, we discover a way. The Sun, like many astral bodies, has been a fascination for all humans and has been attributed divine aspects over time. Typically associated with both masculine and feminine energies, the Sun provides light to illuminate the landscape and heat for comfort but also energies associated with health and joy. The young man in the card appears to be reaching for the light of the Sun as he senses its force. Yet it proves too intense to behold with the naked eye so his hand also protects from the glare. He begins to understand the Sun's immense power as a blessing for all creatures to enjoy, to bask in its warm glow, and nourish the soul.

🔑 *Enlightenment, energy, nourishment, power, comfort, clarity, healing, opportunity.*

The Farmer

The Farmer will teach you to grow. Since ancient times, the cycle of the year was determined by the position of astral bodies, the weather, and periods of harvest. Skilled farmers had to maintain awareness of time and weather in order to best utilize their understanding, strength, and energy to care for their livestock and ensure a fruitful harvest for their family and community. A miscalculation could cost him and his family both financial loss and well-being. Here, the Farmer is steady at work, reaping the rewards of the harvest at the peak of the yearly cycle. He has secured sustenance for himself and his brethren and reminds that work requires planning and foresight. Consider internal and external factors and understand that growth is facilitated through work, both mental and physical.

🔑 *Life/yearly cycles, harvest, seasons, organization, foresight, physical/mental clarity, caring for others.*

The Merchant

The Merchant will teach you the art of communication. There are two men sharing an exchange of words, the breath carrying a message with words crafted to attain a specific goal – acquire what one seeks. The desire relies on the power of the word. It can be underestimated yet carry such force as to elevate the soul, seduce the heart or cut another person down. One can wield their voice to express a feeling, share knowledge, invoke insight, coerce, or cheat. Once the words are spoken, little can be done to reverse its course as it is reverberating out in the world in waves of sound. You cannot unring a bell. How do you plan to use your voice, Explorer?



Communication, eloquence, compromise, deal-making, divine voice, sweet-talker, manipulation, misinformation.

The Trader

The Trader will teach you to barter for services. Livestock was considered one of the main forms of mobile wealth among the First Men. Wealth was not determined by any sort of currency but rather the ability to maintain self, family and/or the community. Here we see a farmhand carrying a calf to trade for other goods he may need for himself and those he supports. He carries the knowledge needed in raising, herding, caring and maintaining his stock to secure life sustenance. His ability to offer a single source for food, clothing, and tools - essential for basic living - allows him to be sought after and sustain his position as provider. The way to abundance is by offering something in return, through deed or material worth.



Material gain, wealth, financial stability, transaction, labor/work, management, trade.

The Wanderer

The Wanderer will teach you to travel the world. He is associated with the pleasure of exploration, adventure, and the desire to seek new opportunities. For the First Men, the need to acquire riches, land and resources was comparable with the desire to journey to new locations and explore the land, beyond what they knew. Man himself is always on a quest to discover something new and should the opportunity for adventure present itself, all the more exciting. The young man sits proudly on his steed, prepared to go forward into the unknown to wander the land and discover what the world has to offer. Adventure awaits!



Travel, exploration, adventurer, energetic, always in motion, restless, relocation.

The Fighter

The Fighter will teach you to stand your ground! A warrior engages a bear in battle. Either as a trial of strength or a hunt for sustenance. The warrior is wielding great power in full awareness of his life journey and the potential for his journey to lead to the underworld in the event of his death. But he will not give up without a fight. Although this is a test of physical prowess, he is aware of the possibilities. Understand the ability to engage in combat is not limited to physical ability for one can hold their position through words or actions. The one thing to remember, Explorer, is that one must have the strength of will to engage.



Strength, will, courage, balance of power, spiritual warrior, tactful, endurance, awareness of possibilities.

The Beast

The Beast will teach you the significance of sacrifice. Depicted is the battle between man and feral beast, where man knows he has to lose to win. In an attempt to gain the upper advantage in this situation, the warrior knows he cannot position himself for victory without bringing close contact and therefore sacrificing his hand to lure the wolf. This displays a massive amount of bravery and sacrifice to achieve a goal. The contemplative look on the warrior is not one of pain or regret but rather an understanding that something more significant is at stake. Consider what victory will cost you, Explorer. There is always a price to pay.



Bravery, strong-willed, sacrifice, understanding, justice oriented, strategic approach.

The Tribute


The Tribute will teach you the true worth of a gift. As with most traditions, the First Men engaged in activities of gift-giving, which is not exclusively one-directional. Gifting is performed by all parties involved. This card depicts a playful young man with his puppy companion (a gift perhaps?) gifting an axe – a useful tool for crafting, hunting, or battle. The favor is to be returned in kind with gains from using the tool - chopped wood, nourishing game from a hunt, or a victory for the protection of the commune. The noteworthiness action of the gifting process is the most significant meaning than the material objects involved.



Graciousness in the act of gifting, sharing, mutual exchange, reciprocation, friendship, sharing, tradition.

The Warrior's Respite

The Warrior's Respite will teach you to celebrate your successes. This card depicts a smiling man offering a drinking horn of mead. The energy conveyed is an exchange accompanied by joy in its purest form. It can be tangible or intangible. Most significantly, hearth and home can only be maintained harmoniously if joy is present through celebration, honor for the harvest, conquest against a challenge, etc. This is a reminder to share your love, joy and self with those around you. Life is meant to be enjoyed to its fullest, Explorer!

 Joy, celebration, happiness, self-worth, honoring others, harmony, comfort, reward.

The Twin Consorts

The Twin Consorts will teach you about awareness. Two men stand on the beach, one facing forward and one with his back to his partner. There are times where we just can't accomplish goals on our own. Contrary to the belief that one must be self-sufficient, depending on others can be helpful in various situations. It offers the opportunity to share perception, consider options, amplify strength and sort thoughts. Strength in numbers is beneficial in more ways than attempting to take matters single-handedly. Test and rely on your senses, Explorer, and if by chance you meet someone that can assist you, all you have to do is ask for their support.

 Awareness, trust, strategic action, intuition, teamwork, collaboration, asking for help.

The Enthralled

The Enthralled will teach you about passion. We see two lovers engaged in sensuous contact, illuminated by the flame of a torch representing the fueled desire for one another. Fire is a fascinating element with many essential uses such as heat and light. On a spiritual level, it has been associated with comfort, kinship, motivation, passion, and power. However, as with most elements, fire has the potential for negative consequences if left unchecked – wrath, anger, annihilation. It can destroy in its wake if mishandled so be cautious when invoking, Explorer. In the thrall of lustful passion, these men can also burn their abode to the ground if they lose control.



Passion, lust, heat, pleasure, uncontrollable desire, destructive potential, fire, eroticism.

The Stargazers

The Stargazers will teach about endless possibilities. The universe is large beyond our comprehension. Looking up at the stars sparks an undeniable wonder and pulls at the explorative nature within. Mankind has always marveled at the heavens, ascribing the celestial bodies into constellations and endowing them with aspects of divinity that inspire hope and opportunity. There is a sense of familiarity as we recognize these patterns. Learning the stories behind constellations serves as a reminder of the mindsets and values of people who walked the ages well before us and how the heavens inspired them to seek beyond the familiar. It is hard not to feel humbled by the vastness of the universe and how small, but far from insignificant, a part we play.



Contemplation, reflection, familiarity, wonder, celestial movements, marvel, vastness.

The Hollow Man

The Hollow Man will teach about emptiness. All living species have a need, from basic to the frivolous. The harsh environmental conditions and lack of basic supplies prompted the First men to overcome obstacles and seek what they needed elsewhere. This card represents need through hunger but not necessarily in the literal sense. The young man is in need of sustenance he can't afford on his own - physical, emotional, spiritual. The flame of the candle is barely kept lit but the desire to keep it burning is there and requires both human and divine intervention for the benefit of one or all. The sense of emptiness serves as a reminder to reflect on what we should prioritize as need.



Need in all forms, desire, motivation, intention, hunger, emptiness, obstacles, priorities.

The Storyteller

The Storyteller will teach you about the past, present, and future. A Storyteller invites you to join him and his friends by the fire and unwind after your long travels. He encourages you to enjoy a well-earned period of relaxation and listen to the tales all have to share. Each person has a unique experience, holding its place in time. These stories speak of what has happened, what is, and what can be. No doubt, there is something one can learn from all the stories that are told. The hope is, Explorer, that you will listen to the lessons held within, carry them with you, and add them to the story you are creating to share with others you encounter along your journey.



Relaxation, recreational activities, sharing experience, understanding various perspectives, lessons learned.

✧ II. Discovering the Divine

The Hearth

The Hearth will teach you about community. Partners embrace on the homestead they built together and rejoice in the love and affection they have for one another. They recognize their efforts and understand it has a greater value, which they are willing to share with others and build a welcoming, strong community together. This is the card of completion in reference to the establishment of a stable home and contributing to the growth of the surrounding community. It also recognizes the contributions of all those that came before and all those that will pass through in the future. They represent the strength of the kindred within the community to ensure prosperous growth. Welcome to your new home, Explorer.

🔑 *Community, kinship, hearth and home, protection of others, selflessness, prosperity, inheritance, completion.*

The Summit

The Summit will teach you to be illuminated. A young man witnesses the rising sun or perhaps the end of a fruitful day, nonetheless, standing in reflection. The points where the sun rises and sets are two powerful times of the day that hold a wonder over sentient beings and instills a sense of magical power. It's where day and night meet and powers converge in harmonious balance. The young man is in wonder of such power and considers opportunities that lie ahead for him, in the moment, and in the near future. He is destined for great things as the light reveals the vast world before him. Explorer, what does the light reveal for you?

🔑 *Sun energy, illumination, meditation, sense of direction, seeing the big picture, optimism, kinetic energy.*

The Sentinel

The Sentinel will teach you about realizing your purpose. As humans, we have self-awareness, the ability to think, create, feel a myriad of emotions and honor earthly and astral beings. Although imperfect, man strives to learn, grow, be of use to himself and others, and establish himself in the world by making an impact, no matter how small. This man sits attentively, alone, yet prepared to contribute to his fellow man or community. His eyes contain the fires of desire, to achieve greater things, and aspire to reach the grace of the Gods. The potential to do great work on this earthly plane is in his hands and yours too, Explorer.



Introspection, observant, devout, orderly yet free-thinking, student becomes the teacher, aspirational, artistic.

The Conqueror

The Conqueror will teach you to seek victory. Aurochs are an extinct land mammal that were hunted by First men, typically as a rite of passage to demonstrate virility, strength, power, and growth. The ability to battle and overcome these beasts was no easy feat. Therefore, he not only represents the challenge but the successful result of setting a goal and conquering the battle. All of these are attributed to being mindful of the body and maintaining good health. This young warrior is celebrating his victory over the auroch but sits in repose until the next challenge presents itself. He raises his horn of ale in toast to good health and wellbeing.



Goal-setting, challenge, good health/vitality, rite of passage, power, tenacity, growth, self-care.

The Forge Master

The Forge Master will teach you about crafting your ideas. The Forge Master is at his workstation, toiling away at his latest creation. Is it a new tool for farming or an armament of war? He heats and hammers the glowing metal until it bends to his vision, exhibiting focus within the context of manual labor. He represents the creative force motivated by his will. Bringing ideas to fruition requires work and unless we forge those ideas into this world, they will remain suspended in space. Feel that energy flow through, Explorer, and breathe fire into your ideas to give them new life.



Creativity, ideas, process, focus, crafting, toiling away at work, productive struggle.

The Tranquil

The Tranquil will teach you to rest. The young warrior is treating his body in ice water to quell the exertion of battle (or calm the fires of passion?) and revitalize himself so he can proceed with his next course of action, whatever that might be. We must take note of our physical, mental, and emotional state and seek repose when needed. Employ patience, maintain awareness, take cautionary moves, rest, take time to balance the mind and the body. Work/life balance is essential for in time, the fruits of labor will be revealed and we can take ease in the accomplishment.



Patience, perseverance, healing, meditation, life-work balance, tranquility, rest from exertion, calm.

The Artificer

The Artificer will teach you to contemplate mysteries. A relic hunter attempts to unlock the magical force of the artifact he holds. What power is contained within? Does this power have the potential to create or destroy? A mystery is unknown and therefore tempts men to indulge in curiosity. This, in turn, is a reflection on understanding the polarity in natural law and the choices we make: light and darkness, good and evil, and so on. So we contemplate this unknown and consider the outcome. Regardless of our approach, Explorer, whatever action we take will resonate through the land so choose wisely.



Mystery, the unknown, polarizing forces, setting things in motion, leaving things alone, curiosity, decision-making.

Fury of the Primordial Gods

Fury of the Primordial Gods will teach about uncontrolled emotion. Here we see a warrior wielding a mighty warhammer during the heat of battle. His purpose isn't as unnerving as is the elemental destruction occurring around his environment, perhaps as the result of his action. Like the Gods and the power they wield, man is imperfect and is capable of unruly behavior without considering the consequences. We can determine to use our emotional energy to destroy or create. There is a purpose behind recognizing time, taking a breath, and thinking things through. Heed this warning, Explorer, that our minds can give life to ideas but our hearts have the ability to sustain life or end it.



Uncontainable energy, dispensing justice, focused will, taking a pause, purging/cleansing, male sexuality, fight or flight.

The Hedge Witch

The Hedge Witch will teach about taking chances. One of the most mysterious of the First Men, The Hedge Witch dwells among unknown opportunities he wants revealed. He seeks to test his luck against whatever the mysteries have in store for him. In his hand he holds a woven relic used to foretell his destiny, a mystery in itself. Perhaps there is a chance at wealth, a closer relationship to the gods or something much deeper. He is open and willing to take the risk to move ahead by not fearing chance or his destiny because it is already written. What are you destined for, Explorer? Consult the oracle, if you dare.



Luck, chance, risk-taking, creation/birth, exploration, aspirational, revelation, a gamble, opportunities.

The Unguarded Prince

The Unguarded Prince will teach about vulnerability. A young man is presenting himself, submissively, giving way to the thralls of passion. For the man assuming this position, there is exposure, anticipation, and a level of vulnerability. But this isn't a sign of weakness, rather great strength and self-worth, offering his body as a gift to you, Explorer. He is both the gateway and the catalyst for divine pleasure, one of the greatest gifts bestowed upon humankind. Honor the preparation of this carnal gift but remember to take care as to who you offer your power.



Open-minded, willfulness, vulnerability, nurturing/giving, multi-faceted, ecstatic spirituality, eagerness, anticipation.

The Prime Mage

The Prime Mage will teach about enduring trials. He has tied himself to a sacred tree, its roots dig deep into the earth, boring into the realms of the underworld, and branches reaching out to the mysterious realms that lie beyond knowledge. He pierces his side as an offering to the gods and in return is rewarded with understanding beyond anyone's imagination. Here we witness divine sacrifice. This vision is interpreted as trials we must face upon the journey we choose, whether through desire or circumstance. Understand that through tribulation is where we encounter the greatest lessons.. Those tasks are not designed to be easily attainable, Explorer.



Suspension, endurance, harsh trials, sacrifice, indecision, reflection, contemplation, inaction.

Cradle of the Ancients

The Cradle of the Ancients will teach about honoring ancestors. On our journey, we not only seek to find information about what exists before us but also remember to honor what has transpired in the past. Give gratitude and pay tribute to those who came before you, who paved the way for your progress today. Recognize the legacy you leave for those who will come after and the impact your actions will take on the future. Those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it. Learn lessons from past mistakes and own the consequences our actions have. Our paths transcend time, Explorer.



Honoring the ancestors, learning from the past, leaving a legacy, respect, consequences, reflection.

The High Priest

The High Priest will teach living divinity. Through study and endless devotion to a spiritual power, the High Priest greets you, and offers a lesson that has not crossed your consciousness. He is prepared to teach you about belief – belief in yourself, belief in your spirit, belief in the spirit of other living creatures, and belief in the gifts granted by a higher force. Although he appears to have a status of authority, it is the energy that flows from the divine through him that elevates his stature. And you are capable of this achievement as well, Explorer, should you choose it.



Connection to higher power, mastery of the elements, in tune with spirit, guidance, spiritual enlightenment, divine vessel, the sacred.

Spring of Resurgence

The Spring of Resurgence will teach about rejuvenation. Water sustains all living creatures on the planet - it nourishes, it cleanses, it purifies, it can extinguish fires. Yet water also cannot be fully contained, it can cause floods and destruction, and carry toxins. Water is used for various spiritual purposes, from initiation to spiritual cleansing to breaking spells/curses. A young warrior kneels in shallow water to rejuvenate his energies and give himself to the element. He is in a meditative trance, requesting the divine element to heal, cleanse, regenerate and empower his body with loving energy. Heal yourself in the waters, Explorer. But be aware of what lies in the deep.



Nurturing, protection, divine blessing, rejuvenation, cleansing, initiation, empathetic/sympathetic, emotional, mysticism, holy site.

✧ III. In the End

The Bard

The Bard will teach you about the beauty of sound. The Bard plays you a song, his lyrics pulling at your heart strings. He wants you to feel he notes he's composed. Is his tune one of joy or sadness? Perhaps his message is a cautionary one, as the quest for glory and fame often doesn't have a happy ending, as dreams are left unfulfilled. Are your goals realistic? Will the Bard be singing of your achievements to the adoring crowds or your demise? Sound carries through the air, unseen, but rich in information. Can you hear the message, Explorer?

🔑 *Artistic vision, information, craftiness, emotional expression, communication, voice, wariness, warning, cautionary tale.*

The Prodigal Son

The Prodigal Son will teach self-reliance. A mysterious figure stands before you and simply asks if you know your self-worth? It is a deep question but he knows the importance of self-awareness, trusting your own abilities and learning to stand on your own two feet, for sometimes the only one you can count on is yourself. He encourages analytical thinking, rather than trusting something at its face value. Do your own research, verify facts from multiple sources, even if it makes you uncomfortable or unpopular. Too long we've given to others to only neglect ourselves. Know your value, Explorer.

🔑 *Self-reliance, self-awareness, solitude, value, selfishness, abilities, independence, isolation, loneliness.*

Weaver of the Fates

The Weaver of the Fates will teach how to live your destiny. The Weaver inspects each of the threads of fate, the measure of one's life and achievements, the total sum of their mark left upon the great tapestry of the First Men. He doesn't seek to divine the future for he knows that whatever will be, will be. The Weaver accepts his circumstance and knows that nothing occurs by coincidence for there is a greater purpose at play. As humans, we are given choice and free will but know this is all by design. Live life to the fullest, Explorer, for you never know when the thread might be cut.



Fate, patterns, greater plan, freedom of choice, choosing a path, multiple choices/paths, bigger picture.

The Shaman

The Shaman will teach about living spiritually. He greets you deep in the woods as another spiritual guide on the path you walk. Rather than a studied mage, he is guided by nature's spirit to tap into the earthly elements at your behest and set forth on accomplishing any intended goals. He invokes the gods to protect him and bless his work. The Shaman represents practical spirituality and the balance needed to live on the earthly plane and ensure his divine return as an elemental upon his departure. We live, we die, but our energy is everlasting.



Practical magic, connection to elemental spirit, life/death, praise, honor, responsibility, leadership, spirit guide, invocation.

The Apostate

The Apostate will teach you about living darkness. The Apostate does not deal with the light but rather in matters of shadow. He appears human but desires to transcend his physical form to better understand the afterlife. Why would he disregard the gift of life? Because men fear the darkness and the unpleasantness that accompanies it but still desire to understand it. The Apostate is depicted with his hands positioned in a sacred form, fueling his spell with his life-giving blood. This vision prompts if dwelling in darkness is a means to truly understand the living. If the answer is yes and you are unafraid to take the leap, he is willing to share his dark knowledge. There's a reason it exists, Explorer, and we must know it if we are to achieve true balance.



Corruption, outcast, self-destructive behaviour, lead astray, secrets, isolation, misunderstandings, risk/reward.

The Wayward

The Wayward will teach about human existence. Like you, Explorer, I have taken my journey. I have bathed in the light, have been touched by darkness, have sought knowledge through sacrifice, have tried to divine the future, and listened to many. I now stand here, middle-aged, with so much in my head and a soul no more enlightened than before. I know pleasure, I know pain, and still don't know what's left for me. As difficult as this may be, I must push forward and keep trying for I know I have purpose, although I may not know it yet. But I will share what I know so far - to inspire hope. There are choices yet to be made, Explorer, for I am you and you are me and can only hope for the best.



Confusion, purging/cleansing, letting go, unchecked force, losing control, finding your way, light at the end of the tunnel.

The Enchanter

The Enchanter will teach about death's purpose. The Enchanter understands the cycle of life, decay, and revitalization. He uses his enchantments to provide for his fellow man, conjuring essential rains to ensure a bountiful crop and to stave off famine, providing fire to cleanse the land and provide a slate for new beginnings, bring disease to strengthen existing biology. He uses his gifts for the betterment of his people in the most unconventional form. There is always a price. You cannot create from nothing, something must be given as fuel for his magic. What price are you willing to pay to attain what you desire. Life must end, and death gives way to life.



Natural law, entropy, decay/regrowth, order, selflessness, greater good, pay the price, cost/benefit.

The Soul Ward

The Soul Ward will teach care-taking. Too often we encounter those without hope, the disenfranchised, the unfortunate. Here, the Soul Ward holds a vulpine spirit, protecting it from the unstable surroundings. Or is the supernatural fox offering spiritual protection to the Soul Ward? As beings on this earth, we are capable of offering the very least, which is care. This does not require much effort other than presence, an ear to listen, a gentle touch of support, words of comfort. But to help others, we must remember to help ourselves. And if we are unable to help ourselves, not to fear asking others for assistance. Sometimes we will find it in the most unlikely places or beings.



Protection, companionship, empathy, linked souls, dependency, guises, mutual respect, symbiosis.

The Ardent

The Ardent will teach about virility. A man prostrates himself on the earth, submitting to the elements - to ground himself, invigorate, make him a vessel between earthly and spiritual energies. He plants the seed as the seed is planted in him. In the distance is the flourishing land as blessed by all five elements – Earth, Air, Fire, Water and Divine Spirit. Blessings flow unseen through the ether and hold great power when intention is held by those that wield it in pure love. Give to the world and the world will return in kind. Create abundance, Explorer.



Sexual magic, fertility, union, elemental energy, grounded, spiritual intention, abundance, virility, invigoration.

Throne of the Damned

The Throne of the Damned will teach about consequences. A figure sits upon a throne of granite at the gates of the underworld, the inscriptions long worn away, forgotten to the ages. Is he barring the way forward or is he keeping at bay what lurks within? What he does share, is that everything in life has consequences. Every action, has a reaction, every cause, has an effect. The choices are front and center at this time and a decision must be made. Are you prepared to face the result of your actions, Explorer?



Cause and effect, action and reaction, consequences, final stand, forgotten, time, waiting, barred, blocked path, lurking threats.

The Last Rites

The Last Rites will teach about grief. We know that life will have an end, although we may not know or understand what transpires upon death. What we know is what we feel, the emptiness, the heartache, the unusual pain, and the tears in our eyes. For something that is known, this is not an experience we fully comprehend. So instead we have built a ritual to honor this passing stage and let it serve as a remembrance that life had on this world. It reminds that the world of the living continues onward and we must move forward with the changing times. The moments and persons of the past may be gone, Explorer, but not forgotten. We must move on.



Endings, new beginnings, death, transition, change, grief, sorrow, moving on, new realities, adjustments, emptiness.

The Ascendant

The Ascendant will teach about legacy. We may not know where we go when life ends so we can only imagine that it is to a better place. A Valkyrie-like spirit has chosen a fallen warrior from the battlefield, lifting his spirit, announcing him worthy to be raised to a higher plane of existence and spiritual fulfillment. The raging battle in the background is a symbolic one, depicting the endless trials and challenges faced throughout the course of a life. How we face these challenges and overcome them is what matters. Did we carry ourselves with dignity and grace, or do we give in to our base savagery? How will we be judged? Let this serve as an opportunity to consider our deeds, how we decide to live. Our bodies may be temporary but our spirit is everlasting.



Judgement, ascendance, enlightenment, goals accomplished, eternal struggle, spiritual fulfillment.

The High King

The High King will teach about life cycles. The king is dead and the prince is crowned. We bear witness to how life continues to move forward. It will be different. Opportunities are at stake. The only certainty is that this will happen time and time again with a new face. Again, we are reminded about our legacy, what we leave behind so others can take up the mantle and make their mark in this world. The only constant is choice. We can either choose to diminish the role, remain in the same position or elevate it further. We are all capable to be king, Explorer, if we want to.



Justice, consequences of actions. leadership, perceptive, decision making, a higher value on truth and integrity, changing times, elevation, legacy.

Herald of the First People

The Herald of the First People will teach about man's journey. You come upon the Herald of the First People, straddled upon a tamed, large tiger with a fixed stare. He smiles and welcomes you, excited about the journey you are about to undertake. He has heard the tales of the Explorers before you, and is prepared to set you on your course with blessings and warnings to heed on your path. He is aware that you must learn all these things for yourself and must be prepared to encounter all that is light and dark in the world for that is how to best understand your purpose. The Herald will record the path you walk and share with those that come after.



New opportunities, adventure, initiative, documentarian, new beginnings, freedom, new journey, taking up the mantle.

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.



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 Wood and Bone Oracle

As *The Wood and Bone 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 Explorer's First Step

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 should be specific. Those requiring detail may best be utilized in a lengthier spread. Pull the card and focus on the message it provides. Consider if the message is spiritual in nature or reflects a more practical approach to the situation. Gaze on the character's actions, demeanor, title, illustrated situation for the message.

The Apprentice, the Mage, and the Sage

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.

Walking the Path

5 card spread

You will start with a card on the left-hand side and pull the remaining cards to the right of the initial card and read from left to right. You can choose to arch the layout upward or downward should you prefer.



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 outside influence - i.e. individuals/people/spirit guides



Card 5: The possible outcome

Should you choose to explore the message of the final card in this spread further, move it to the top of the spread and choose 3 additional cards from the deck for further guidance on the “outcome.”

The Tree of Life

10 card spread

This spread is designed to represent the nodes/emanations on the Kabbalah tree of life, a spiritual diagram used in various magickal traditions that, in simple terms, represents the influence of divinity on the human psyche. In accordance with the theme of this deck, this spread is employed to represent man's search for a closer spiritual connection to divinity and would be best employed for self readings. Shuffle the deck while meditating on connecting to the Divine you honor or resonate most with. You will select 10 cards and lay them out according to the diagram below:



Card 1: Crown - What is divinity/the subconscious guiding you towards?

Card 2: Wisdom - What will you need to research to obtain knowledge you will need?

Card 3: Understanding - What lessons and experiences lie ahead for you?

Card 4: Kindness - What areas would you need to employ positive emotion?

Card 5: Strength - How can you empower or protect yourself?

Card 6: Beauty - Where can you perceive care of self/others?

Card 7: Victory - Where can you seek opportunities for success?

Card 8: Splendor - How can you bring more joy to the desired path?

Card 9: Foundation - What basic needs are to be considered?

Card 10: Kinship - How will community benefit or assist your evolution?



The Seeker's Journey

Yearly Outlook

This is a spread to achieve a yearly outlook. It is recommended to document the outcome of this spread to reflect as time progresses and may be used for journaling. You can begin from any point of the year, end of the year or at the beginning of a new year. Regardless, you will pull a total of 12 cards, one for each month. Shuffle, meditate and focus on any short and long-term goals you may have or ask for what experiences lie ahead. Begin laying the cards out in a circle, starting slightly to the right of top center (think 1 o'clock). Consider how the cards lead into each other. If the change is drastic between two neighboring cards, consider the potential for choices that can cause such a shift. If desired, you can select or place a specific card in the center of the circle at the beginning of the reading to signify yourself or a client you are reading for. It can also represent a specific desire you'd like to fulfill for the year. Alternatively, you can opt to select a center card at the end of the reading to summarize the theme of the reading.

About the Author and Artist

St. Jinx is the concept creator and artist of The Wood and Bone oracle. He started working in art at the age of X and has been developing his skill for over the past X years. 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, as well as the Wood and Bone: Reinvented. St. Jinx currently lives in New Zealand.

Walter Freyrsson is author of The Wood and Bone: Reinvented 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 [2018] (which was his first published work). Freyrsson plans to continue his venture into writing and will soon launch his spiritual business tentatively 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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