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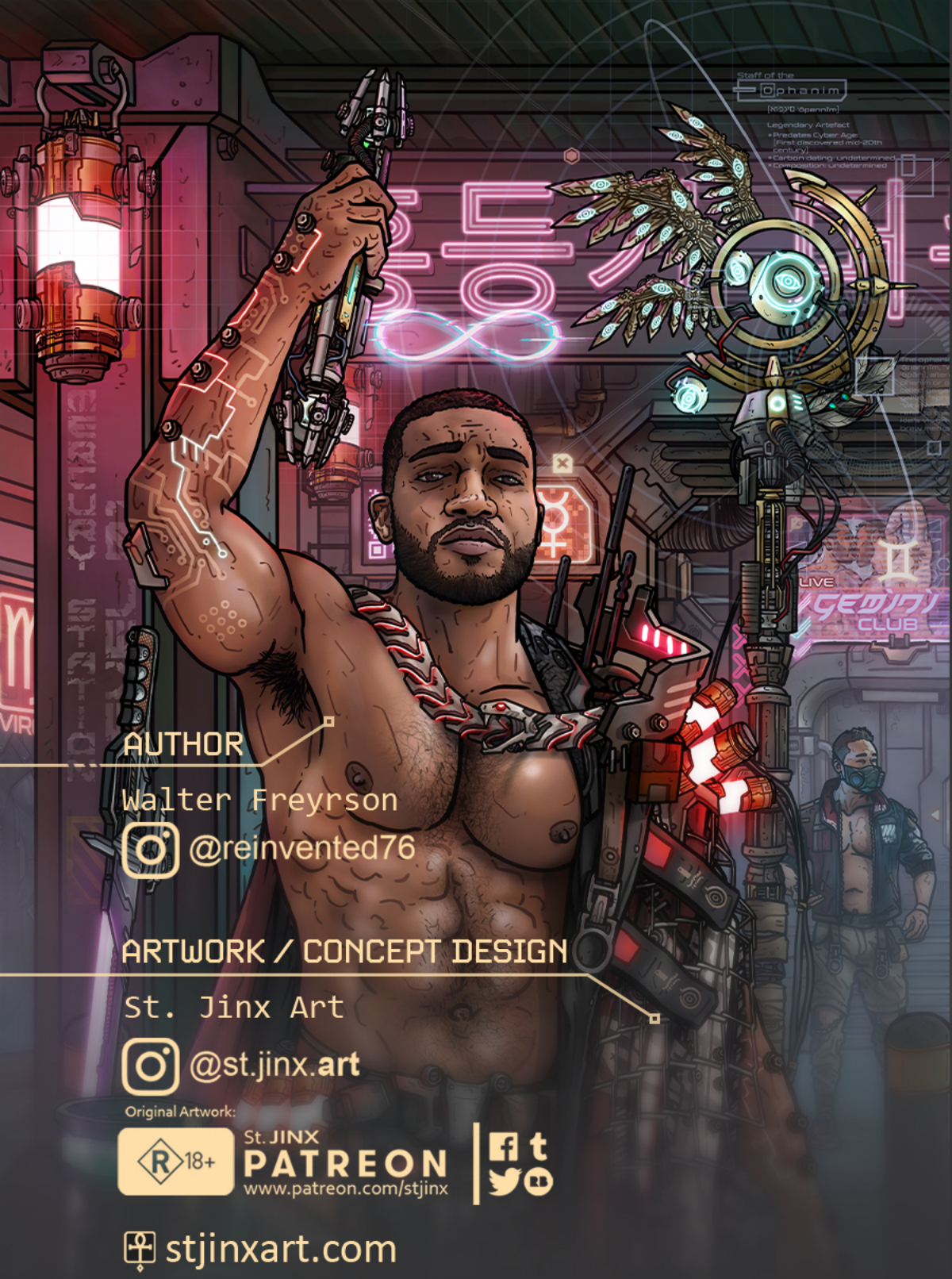

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welcome to the RECLAIMED_EARTH_ TAROT

The Reclaimed Earth is the traditional story of the tarot retold in a futuristic era. Explore the Journey of the Fool in the year 3036, where the outside air is toxic and humanity is forced to live in giant bio-dome cities, filled with dazzling neon attractions competing for your attention (and your credits).

Visit the capital dome of Pride Bastion, domain to both the Emperor's Imperial House and the Hierophant's Throne of the Ascendant. Explore vast open wastelands full of crumbling ruins, rediscover roads to long-forgotten places, and awaken echoes of a time long past (but avoid the acidic water!). Then, try your luck at The Anubis Casino, or if you're looking to get lucky in a different sense, drop by Mercury Station, famous for its Red Light District where it's almost too easy to find a bit of x-rated fun. There's lots to do here for a willing adventurer.

It's not so bad here for a post-apocalyptic world.

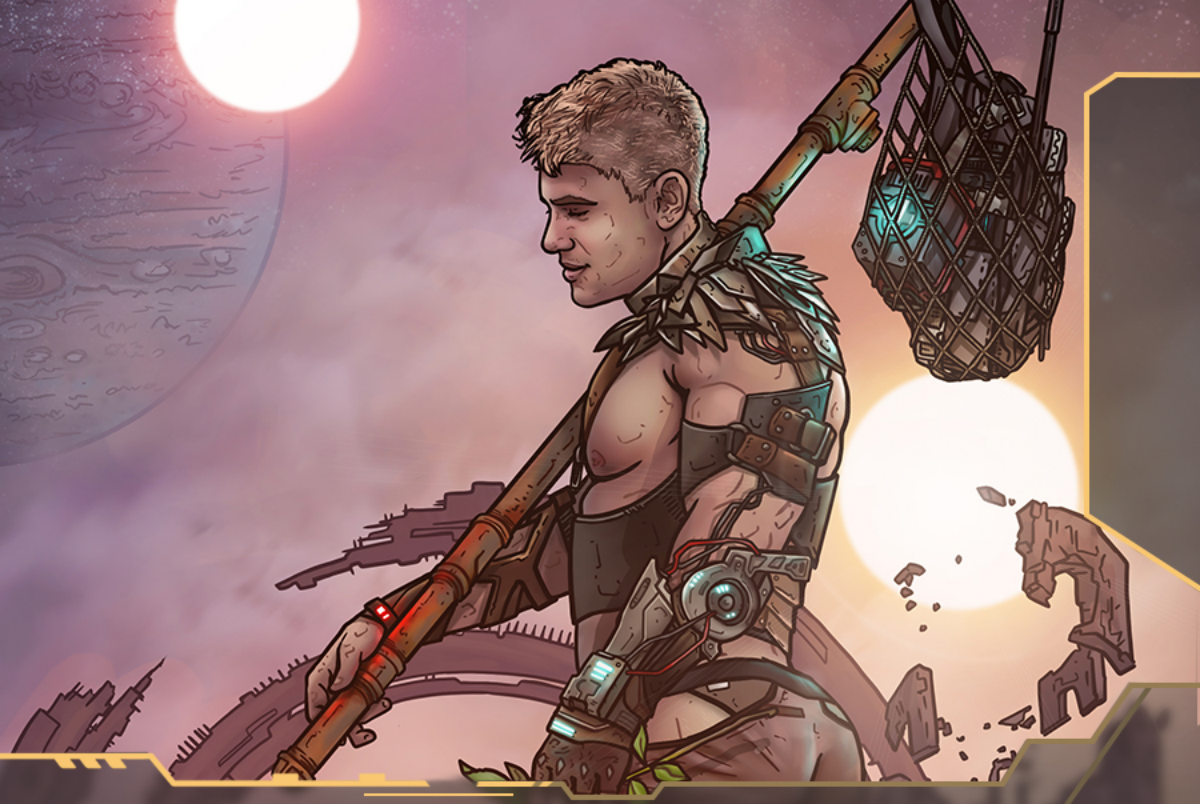


THE_MAJOR_ ARCANA_

Mapping Infinite Machinations of a Soul Construct

The Major Arcana cards in a tarot deck, composed of 22 individual archetypes, each bring unique lessons that influence the grander scheme of things with their own perspectives and messages. The Major Arcana points the spotlight on the bigger picture of human consciousness and some of the deeper and most complex issues we encounter as we move forward through life.

The Fool, unique amongst the other cards of the Major Arcana, is the main character of this story. Their card is unnumbered to show the limitless potential he possesses. He moves through the following 21 cards, learning each of the lessons the archetypes have to teach, gaining the knowledge and experience they have to offer with each new encounter. This is often called ***The Journey of the Fool***. It is an ambitious representation of the trials and tribulations we must travel to become complete beings. One hopes that by the conclusion of the journey we have learned, grown, and attained the fulfillment and wholeness depicted in the final card of the Major Arcana, The World.



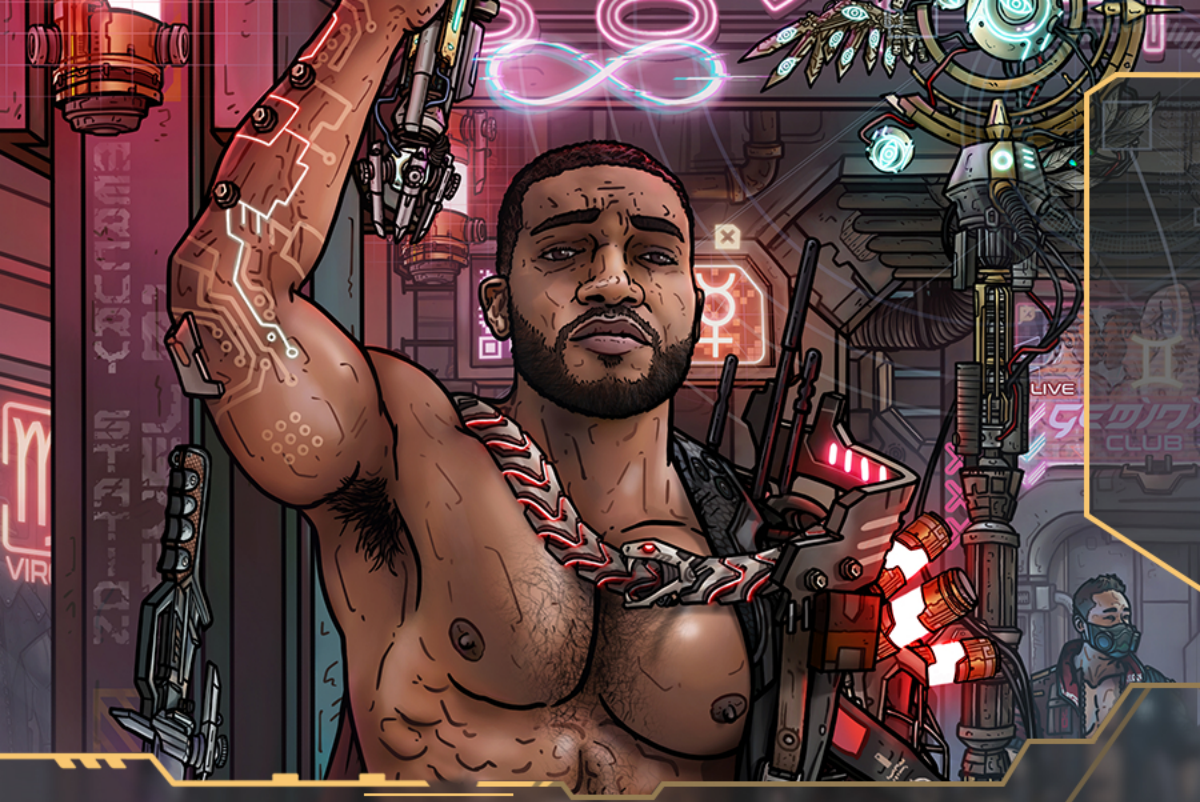
THE_FOOL_

an unbound yet naive spirit taking a carefree approach to life, wandering towards new beginnings, new opportunities, and new adventures. So enthralled with life is The Fool that there is little to no awareness about stumbling upon challenges, shady encounters, and life experiences that may not be all joyous and pleasant. The Fool reminds us to honor that free spirit but cautions not to disregard the senses (reminded by the aware familiar companion) for the unknown path ahead can have disastrous consequences along with enlightening rewards.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *innocence, freedom, beginnings, adventure, idealism, spontaneity*

REVERSED: *haphazard behavior, willful ignorance, disdain for/negligence of life experiences*



THE_MAGIC1AN_

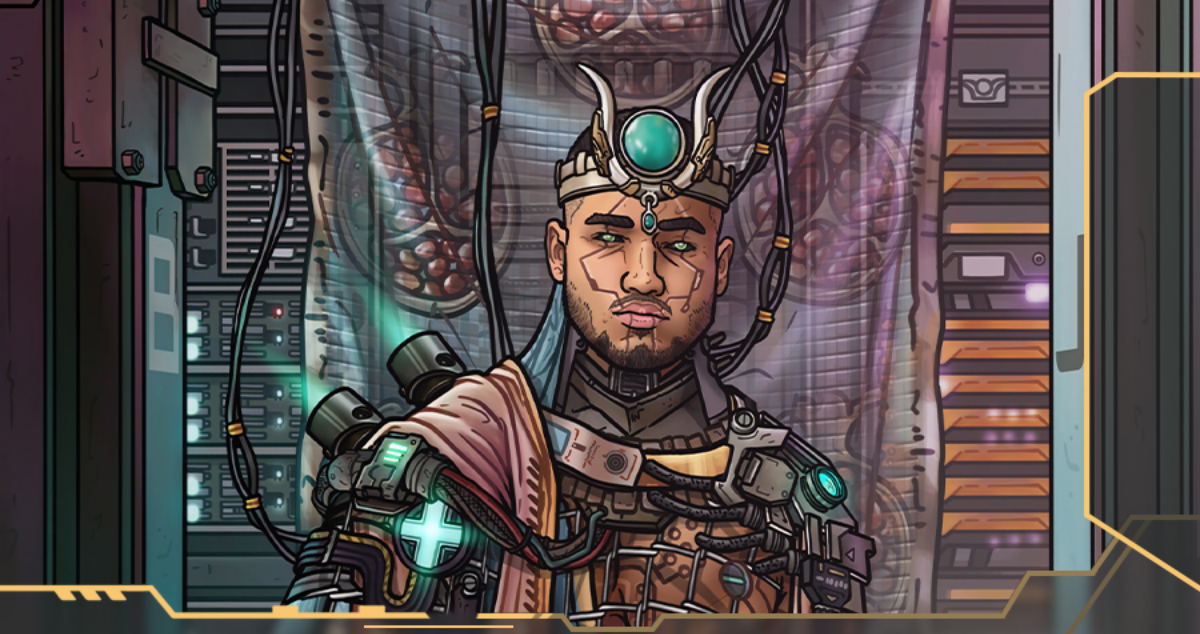
I.

mastery of the spirit requires understanding the balance of all things. The Magician appears, demonstrating artful command of the elements - Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. Within that manipulation, in reality, he manages his capacity to connect with the environment, seek and apply new found knowledge, strategize goals to fulfill passions, and balance his emotions. All contributing to an elevated sense of his Spirit. As extravagant as he may appear, The Magician is humble and relays that everyone is capable of such achievement, if only one is open to learning from living life and taking stock of what is experienced and discovered.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *willpower, manifestation, skill, inspired action, power, ability, concentration*

REVERSED: *unprepared, incapable of meeting the challenge, lack of balance, lack of vision, misguided intentions*



THE_MYSTIC_/

II.

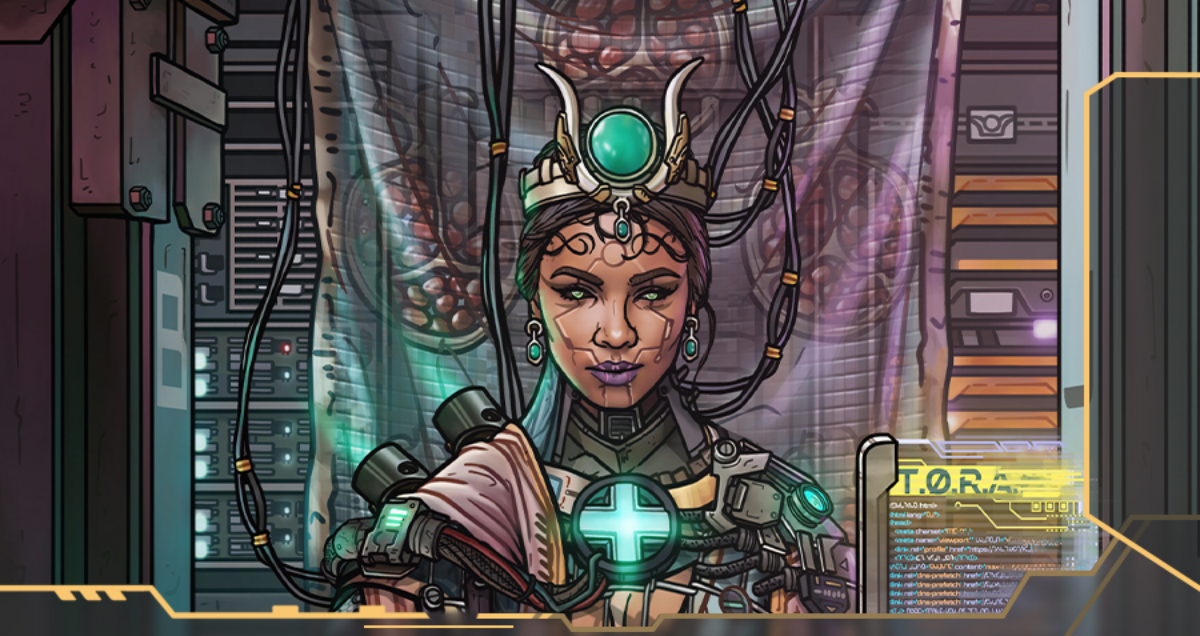
[variant of The_High_Priestess]

mastery of the faith requires relinquishing the mundane and surrendering to a higher power. The Mystic appears guarding a mystical gateway under speculation of your readiness to wander and experience the mysteries of life. They have acquired the skills of the magicians and have ventured further to spiritual work within, attaining their position of understanding powers of light and shadow. This study has been deep and profound, to truly know oneself as something more than just flesh, bones, and blood - a spiritual being given corporeal form. They hold their story tightly for it is for their decision whether to reveal their own mysteries, but any seeker must find out for themselves should they not fear the void and are prepared to journey forward and discover all is not what it seems.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***intuition, mystery, sacred knowledge, the subconscious, spirituality***

REVERSED: ***rational, lack of understanding, staunch ignorance, short-sighted, atheist approach, naysayer, non-believer***



THE_HIGH_PRIESTESS_ II.

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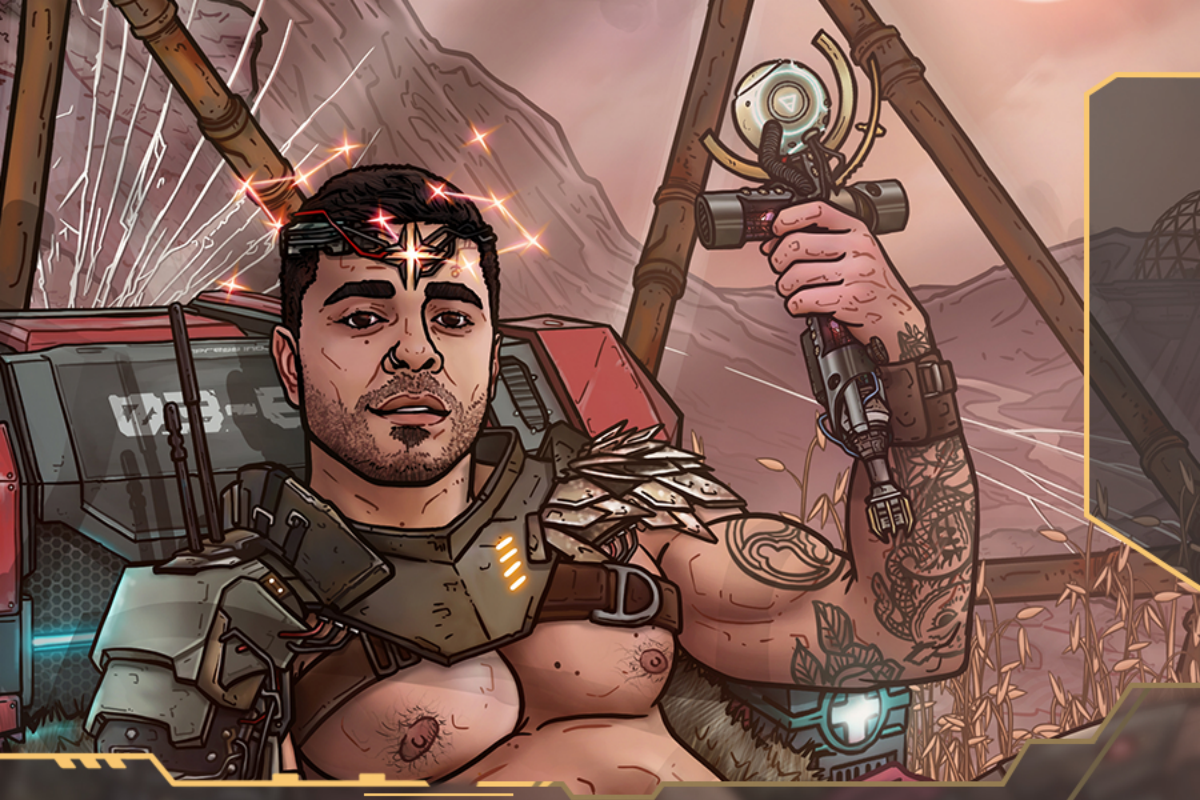

THE_CONSORT_

III.

[variant of The_Empress]

a welcoming vision appears among the field, smiling and inviting. The Consort naturally offers consolation, reflection, a nurturing disposition, and desire to share the joys available in life.
The Consort is familiar with the power of emotions, understanding when to open and guard the heart, and offer a caring environment to others. The energy streams from Venus but is not limited to feminine bodies as all genders are capable of providing the gift of love and comfort. Provisioning such a safe space allows for ideas and emotions to flourish and come to fruition.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***beauty, abundance, fertility, creativity, nurturing, nature, sensuality***

REVERSED: ***begrudging heart and feelings, overlooks personal connections/relationships, obsessive love, tough/mean disposition***



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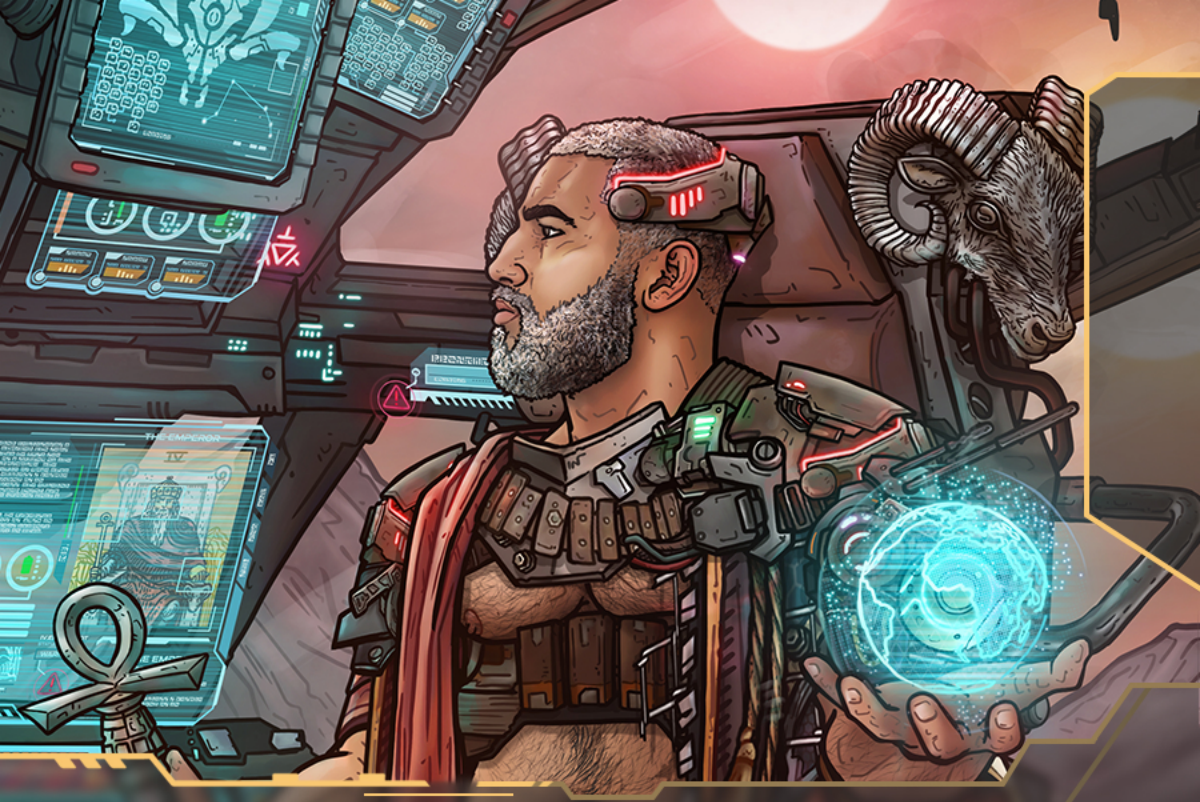


THE_EMPEROR_

IV.

acquired leadership requires copious amounts of management and control, for the self and those overseen. The Emperor sits poised, reflecting his position of power in his posture upon a throne that welcomes any challenge or challenger. He remains aware of all things around him and understands the responsibility to defend and protect. Order must be maintained and he is the one to oversee that the land he rules is stable. The prosperity of this oversight depends on where and for whom he decides to channel his energy.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***structure, stability, authority, focus, discipline, protection***

REVERSED: ***manipulative, controlling, power-hungry, reckless, cruel behavior, ego-maniac***



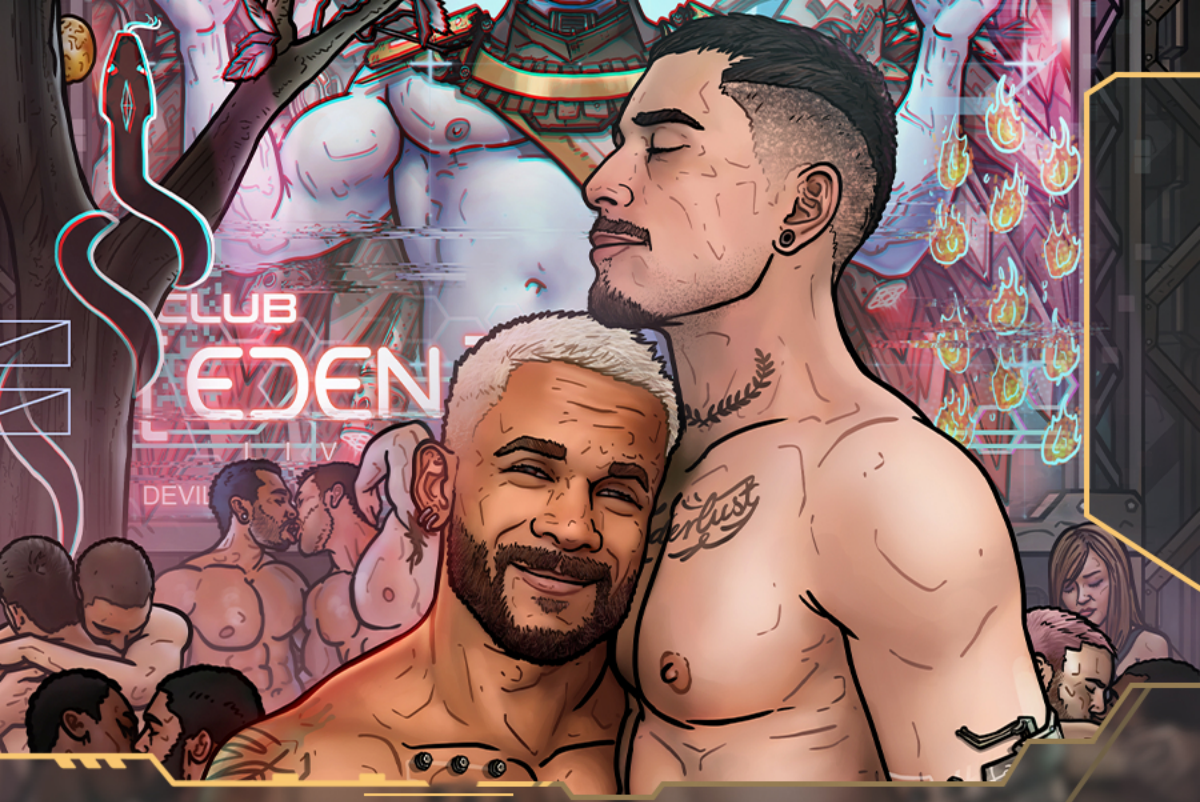
THE_HIEROPHANT_ V.

to live righteously under the guise of the divine requires understanding the rules. Long associated with established and organized bodies of faith, The Hierophant looms as the gatekeeper. He appears to withhold knowledge, blessings, and other mysteries of life until deemed worthy, thus imbuing him with a great role of power. Whether elevated to such stature through study or divine guidance, The Hierophant exudes an enormous amount of control, holding the ears of both the destitute as well as the empowered. But to gain favor, you must know his way and abide by the system he contributes to maintaining.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***conformity, institutions, knowledge, conventionality, religious beliefs***

REVERSED: ***hypocrisy, lies, obfuscated tactics, cruel dominance, extreme dogma/zealot, uninterested in differences***



THE_LOVERS_

VI.

in unison, two energies intertwine for a divine purpose. Whether momentarily or for a lifetime, the attraction between two beings can facilitate many opportunities under the mysterious and incomprehensible power of love. There can be many differences as there are similarities between two individuals, but like magnets, they pull on one another to find a cohesive existence. This can take the form of a pleasurable pairing to a suitable working relationship in any capacity. Even opposing forces can feel a pull, as if finding that which they themselves feel missing within themselves, and can, thus, feel compensated and fulfilled.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***love, relationships, unions, partnerships, choices, balance, romance, unity***

REVERSED: ***discord, contradiction, conflicting ideals, pushing away from a common cause, the end before a new beginning***



THE_CHARIOT_

VII.

adventure and knowledge awaits ahead if only we charge forward. Energy is focused to propel one forward, set on accomplishing whatever goal is in the soul of the driver. The road ahead is ridden with opportunities and challenges and The Chariot is not one to act apprehensively. Rather, those experiences are fully welcomed for they all provide an enrichment and understanding that is so desired within the driver's heart. Rejoice, for this is the recognition of one's will, taking them where they want, until the next journey appears.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *control, success, determination, self-control, ambition, direction, momentum*

REVERSED: *discord, contradiction, conflicting mismanagement, loss of control, apprehension, hazardous drive, carelessness*



STRENGTH_

VIII.

power is an unseen force desired by many for varying purposes - from courage to domination. Strength is characterized by tapping into the will within oneself rather than by force and, therefore, able to find the approach best suited to tame external elements. Seeing strength and power as an external desire poses wayward outcomes that diminish the ability to be disciplined, grounded. Strength is tethered to energy that can be directed positively or negatively, leaving the choice to the seeker.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***strength, courage, influence, perseverance, bravery, inner power, confidence***

REVERSED: ***weak-minded, insecure, doubting one's potential, recluse, mental/physical illness, brute stubbornness***



THE_HERMIT_

IX.

the way to enlightenment is to shine a light on the potential within. The world is oversaturated with information, bombarding the senses, making it almost impossible to avoid the noise in the world. Everyone seems to have a suggestion, counsel, or something to say but they are unaware as to what one's life is like nor are they responsible for it. The answer is to go your own way and allow yourself space to reflect and contemplate your thoughts. In that search, you are allowing your own soul to ignite the engine of the mind and heart and generate energy to illuminate that which is hidden from plain sight. In time and in solitude, your own senses and intuition will engage to reveal that which you seek, now that your spirit has been allowed to center and focus. You may be surprised at what is revealed, in time.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***contemplation, solitude, withdrawal, introspection, reflection, soul-searching***

REVERSED: ***loneliness, forgotten, close-minded, removed from reality, hopelessness, agitated/irritable, mad at the world***



WHEEL_OF_FORTUNE_ X.

nothing is certain other than the progress of time and the consequences of our actions. Herein is the realization that for as much as we would like to know what lies ahead for us, call it destiny, grace, or fortune, it is unknown and undetermined. The only things that are controlled are the decisions and moves that are made to set things in motion to produce an outcome. It may be what is desired, it may be what we most feared, it may be very painful, or could be better than expected. Chances are taken and that is the revelation of what risk is regardless if action is taken or not. Everything else is in motion, guided by external forces beyond comprehension. Every atom in the universe is in flux and you will move forward in time regardless of what you decide.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***change, luck, life cycles, karma, fortune, destiny, fate, turning point***

REVERSED:] ***risky behavior, addictive habits, fearing the unknown, negative outlook, self-fulfilling prophecy***



JUSTICE_

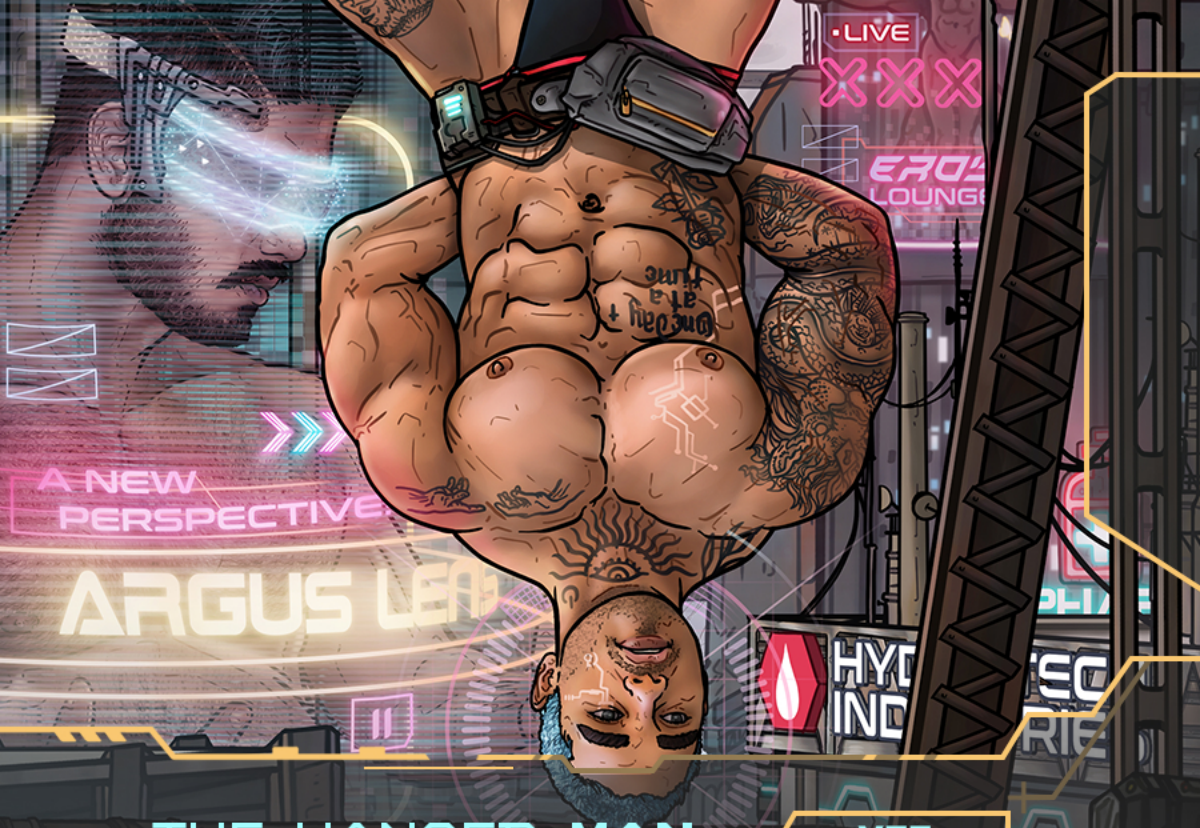
XI.

as humans execute actions, both negative and positive, one seeks divine intervention to judge their righteousness. Justice cannot be simply dismissed as a law-bound entity on the earthly plane that expunges judgement and executes rewards or consequences. Rather, like holy figures, theirs is an equalizing force tasked to listen, contemplate, and understand the dilemma of others that appears before them. Their experience and connection to divine guidance helps them to weigh the matter at hand. Relinquishing some control allows them to absolve themselves of the outcome they provide. When encountering Justice, one has to consider if they are facing judgement or seeing a reflection of themselves, tasked with the role of judge, jury, and executioner. In any case, the scales and sword are held in the hands of all at some point or another. How one is willing to use them in accordance with what they deem righteous is another matter that cannot be easily deciphered, and requires inner strength and confidence in a higher power acting through oneself.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *justice, truth, consequences, integrity, law and order, fairness, honesty,*

REVERSED: *corruption, indecision, disruption, suddenly uprooted from comfort, lacking analysis skills, unfair advantage, favoritism*



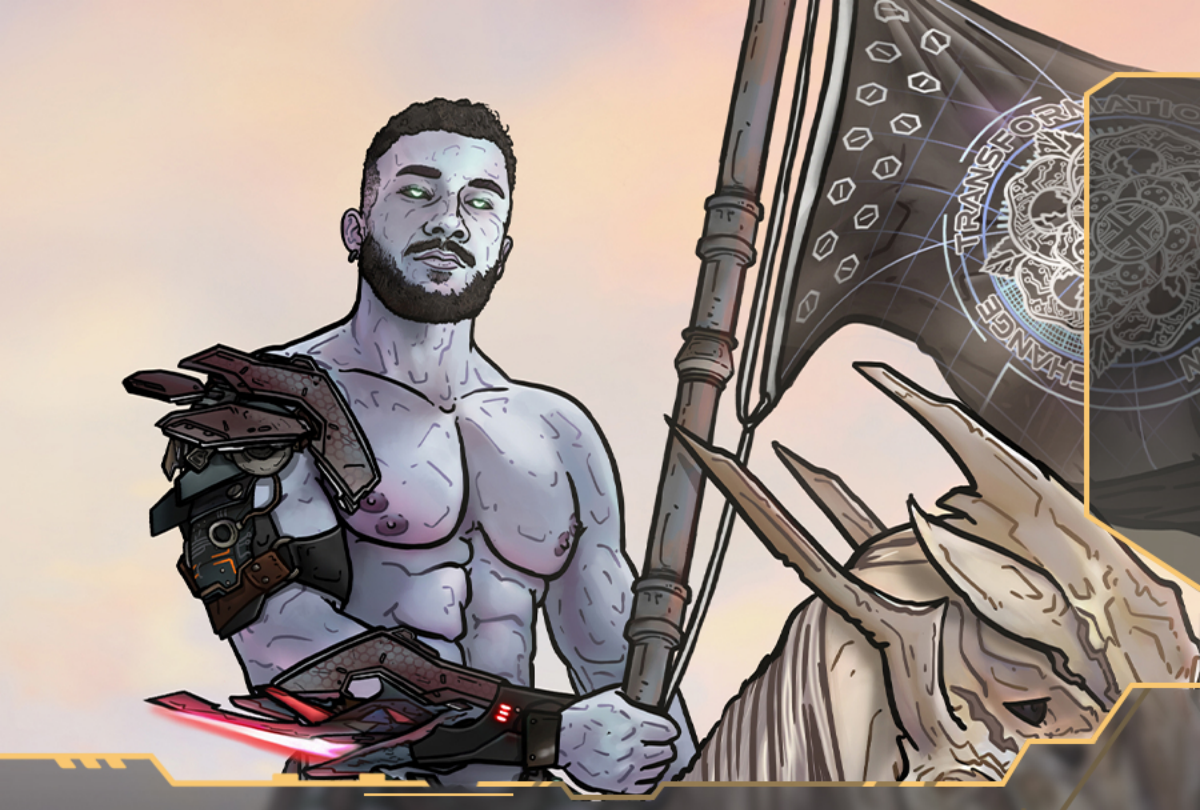
THE_HANGED_MAN_ XII.

much can be gained from entering a form of stasis, whether self-imposed or through coercion of external forces: rest of mind, body, and soul, reflection, contemplation, recovery. This isn't a punishment but rather a state of being which only requires the sacrifice of time in order to achieve a new perspective on life. Many divine beings obtained great wisdom and knowledge from engaging in such stillness. Just as significant, circumstances that impose a holding pattern are beneficial to allow time for thinking and sorting through matters or just hold space for physical rejuvenation. The adage of 'good things come to those who wait' is embedded in the message of the Hanged Man for possible shifts lie ahead.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *waiting, surrendering control, new perspectives, contemplation, sacrifice*

REVERSED: *impatient, burdened, superiority complex, lacking awareness, depletion, burn out, blind to mental/physical well-being*



DEATH_

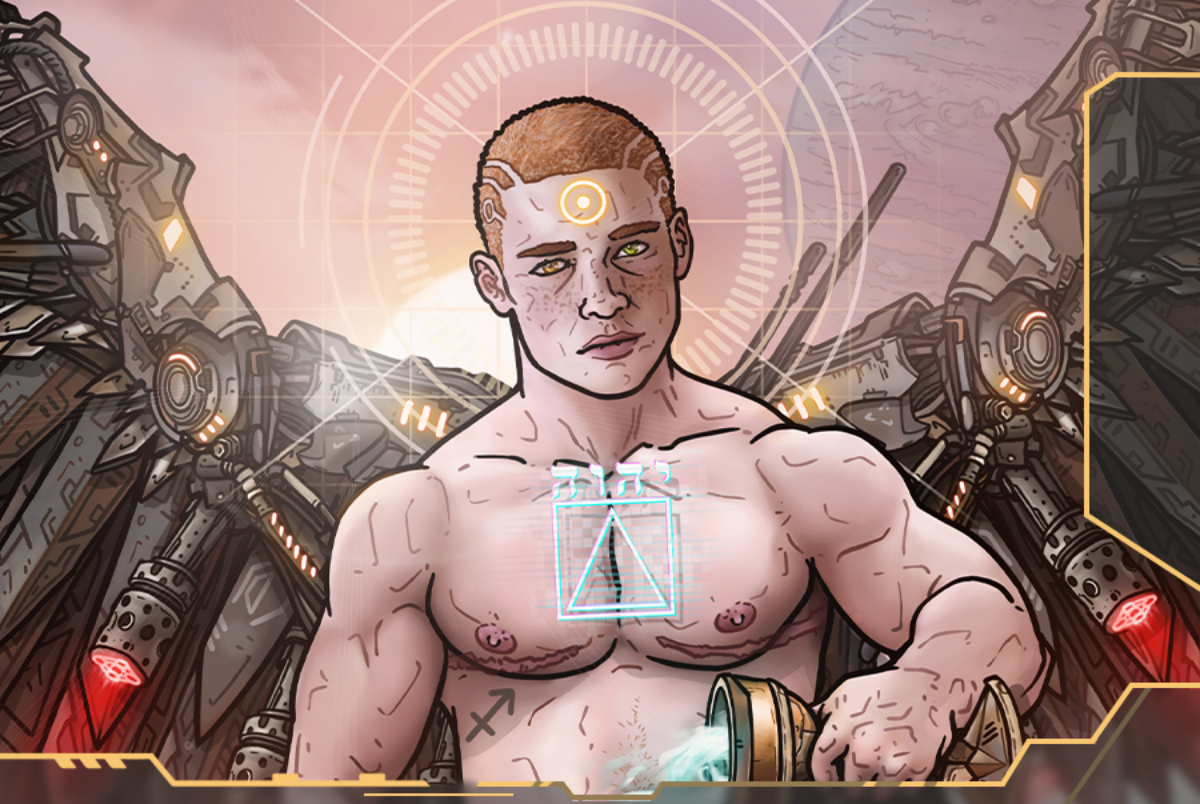
XIII.

a vision of what awaits every living thing: Death. Yet the arrival of Death is nothing more than a message that all things must end at some point in time to allow other things to come into being with the opportunity to flourish. Even in the process of metamorphosis, there is a small death that occurs. What is constant is transition, change, and transformation. However, the time for that to happen is unknown and varies for all. Will you overcome fear of the unknown to let your past self go and become again? Death will lead the way, whether you want to or not.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***transformation, change, transitions, endings, renewal, release, letting go***

REVERSED: ***stagnation, resisting change, holding onto the past, traditionalist, repetitive behavior, fear of the unknown***



TEMPERANCE_

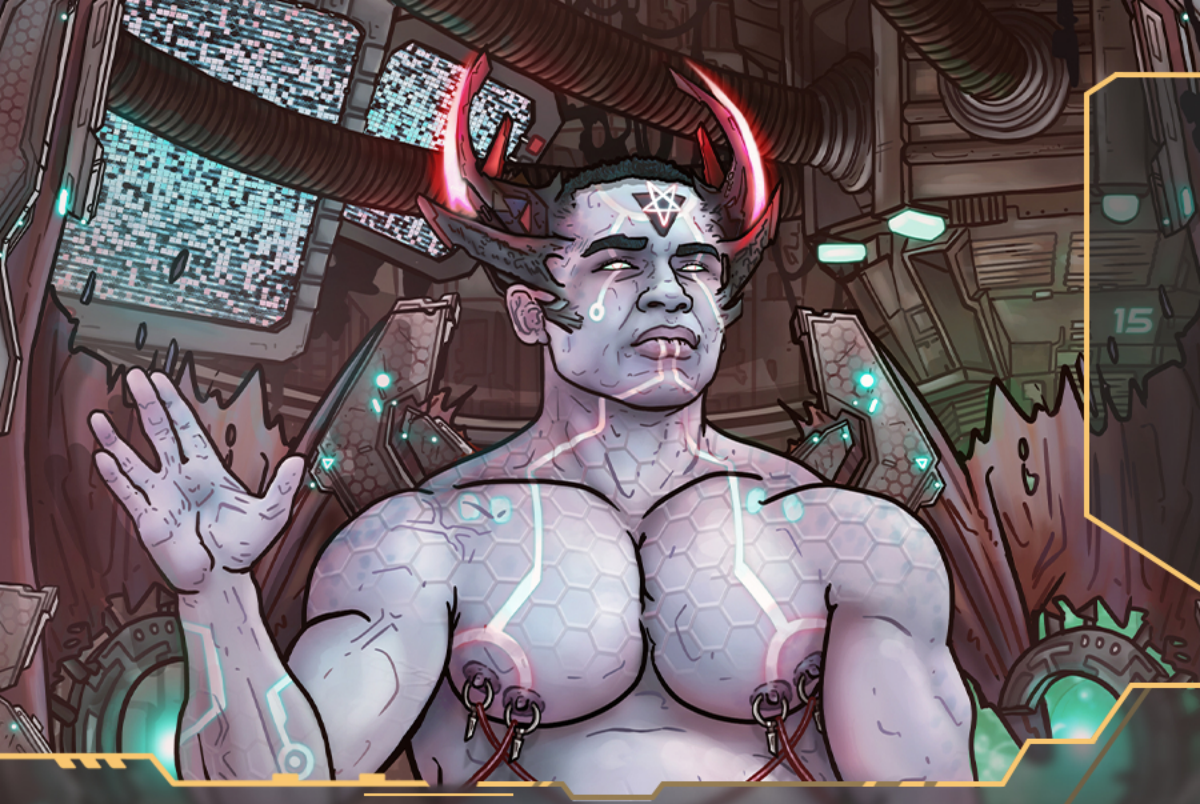
XIV.

divine peace materializes when there is equilibrium between the mind and the heart. With one foot on the earthen ground and another in a body of water, an angelic being exchanges the sustaining life force of water between cups in his hands. The mystical symbolism on his person further cements the idea that in all things, the end goal is balance. Understanding that fluctuations in life are a reality and circumstances can position anyone to exist either on the fringes or deep in extremes, the only pathway to peaceful living is through a balance of polarizing forces. Light with darkness, joy with despair, energy with rest, holiness with wickedness.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *balance, tranquility, calm, patience, moderation, purpose, harmony, serenity*

REVERSED: *chaos, imbalance, flightiness, extremist behavior, unorganized living, no control over one's own life*



THE_DEVIL_

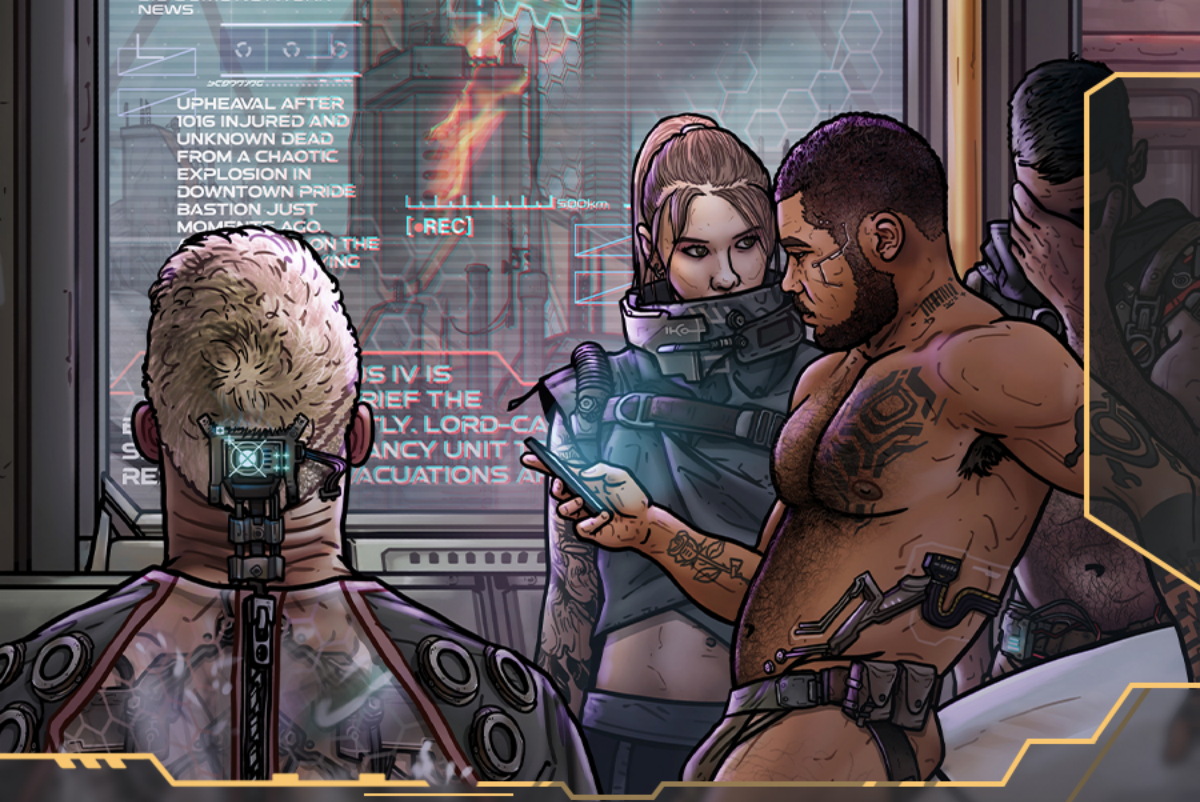
XV.

a creature created to embody all the negative forces that plague us, forged from our own self-serving actions. We have been conditioned to extract that part of ourselves to not deal with the reality that we are imperfect beings. We are also imposed by rules regarding lust, greed, wrath, sloth, envy, pride, gluttony in submission of others. This monster is of our own doing and, despite any illusion of fear, we choose to bind ourselves to it in justification of our behavior to be imperfectly human and experience earthly pleasures.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***oppression, addiction, dependency, sexuality, excess, obsession, attachments***

REVERSED: ***approaching salvation, untangling the web, hope, diminishing negativity, taking back one's will, owning actions***



THE_TOWER_

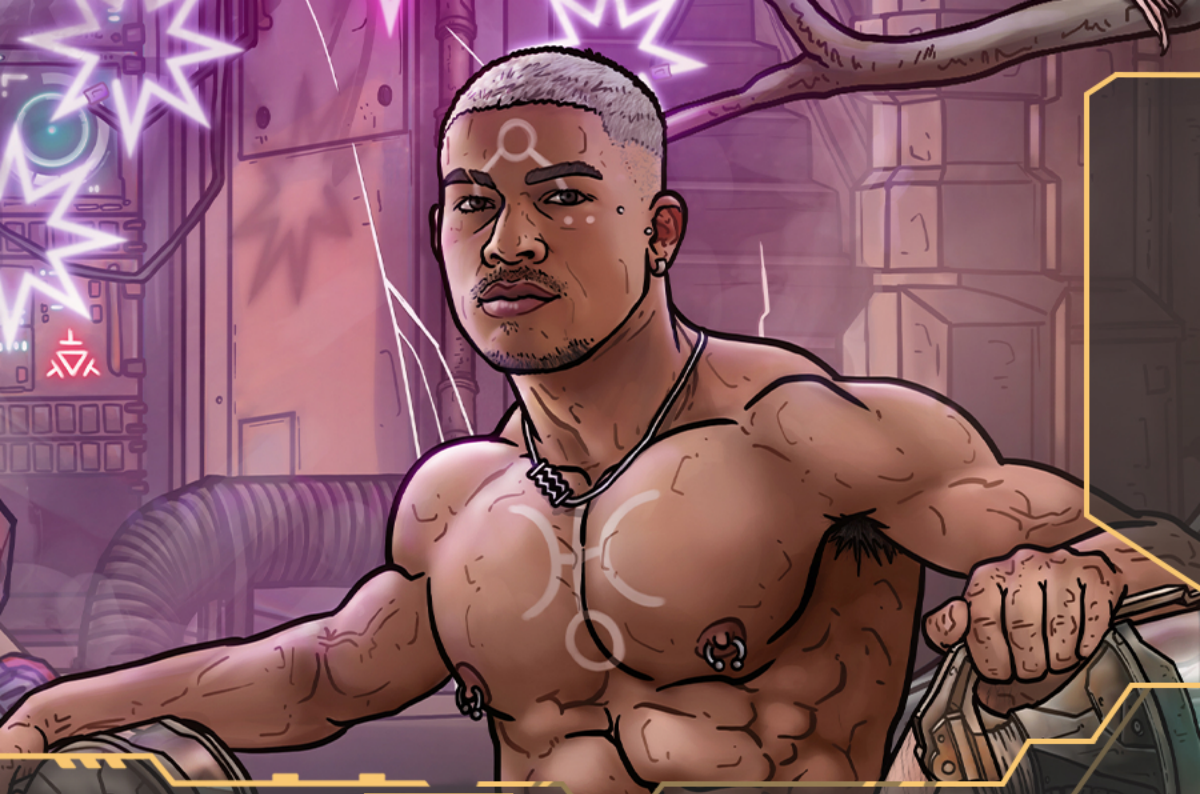
XVI.

In the aftermath of a cataclysmic event, the ground clears to give rise to new opportunities in the rebuild. For as much effort as one puts into creating anything, there are forces beyond anyone's control that can uproot and change plans, sometimes in the most unpleasant manner. However, within time, the purpose for enduring a destructive event is to start anew and allow one to reflect on ways to do better, be better, and approach life in an alternative direction. This is a lesson in resilience and recovery. The process will be slow and, at times, grueling. But there is potential in what the future holds when the time feels right to start over and evolve from what was before.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***chaos, disaster, destruction, upheaval, sudden change, trauma, awakening***

REVERSED: ***negativity, guttural feelings, strange premonition, illusion/cover-up, fragility, cracks in the foundation***



THE_ST4R_

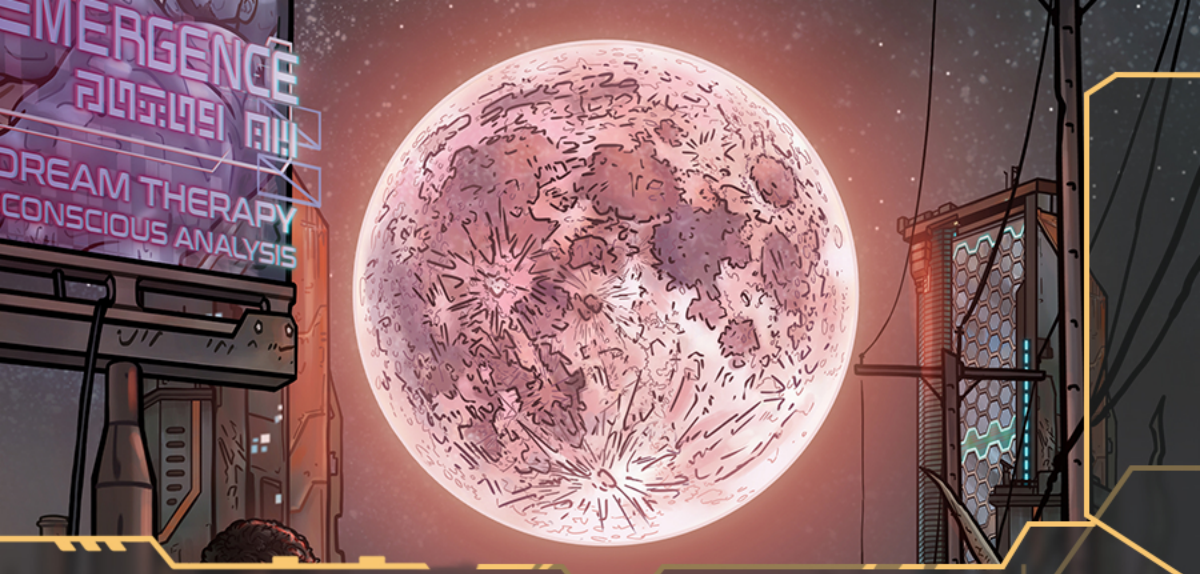
XVII.

a night sky strewn with a multitude of guides, stars hold magickal energy that inspire and serve as emblems that evoke hope. The Star is a symbol of contemplation and reflection where us mortals are asked to look out as we are asked to look within. The constraints we keep are held by self-imposed obstacles and we, as thinking beings, must tap into hope and understand that we are capable of flowing like the water we pour out of the vessels - to nourish ourselves and those around us. When in doubt, gaze to the stars for they will guide the way to healing the soul.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***hope, faith, renewal, rejuvenation, positivity, purpose, healing, inspiration***

REVERSED: ***hopeless, wandering lost, unimaginative, resigned to give up at any challenge/opposition, loneliness***



THE_MOON_

XVIII.

close to our world, we are reminded of the presence of a mysterious, cosmic force, The Moon barely illuminates what is hidden in the dark, despite the luminescence, the energy is foreboding, unknown, and does not grant its power so easily to orient oneself onto what destination awaits ahead. Under its gaze, one suddenly feels the reality of how immense the world is and at night, we know other things exist, unseen, and capable of striking concern and fear to the core. Yet, should one find composure, revelations can occur that provide answers to such mysteries, whether welcome or not. The Moon cannot be quite deciphered regardless of ventures to its surface or its study from our planet over the ages. At its fullest, the energy pulls on the element of water, another cast force. At its darkest, it obfuscates everything in shadow and difficulty. The essential question whenever in its presence is how deep you are willing to look into yourself and muster the strength to feel its power and allow it to slowly unveil what is hidden above or below.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *subconscious, illusion, uncertainty, fear, anxiety, confusion, secrets, intuition*

REVERSED: *weakness, delusion, despair, foggy thoughts, oblivious*



THE_SUN_

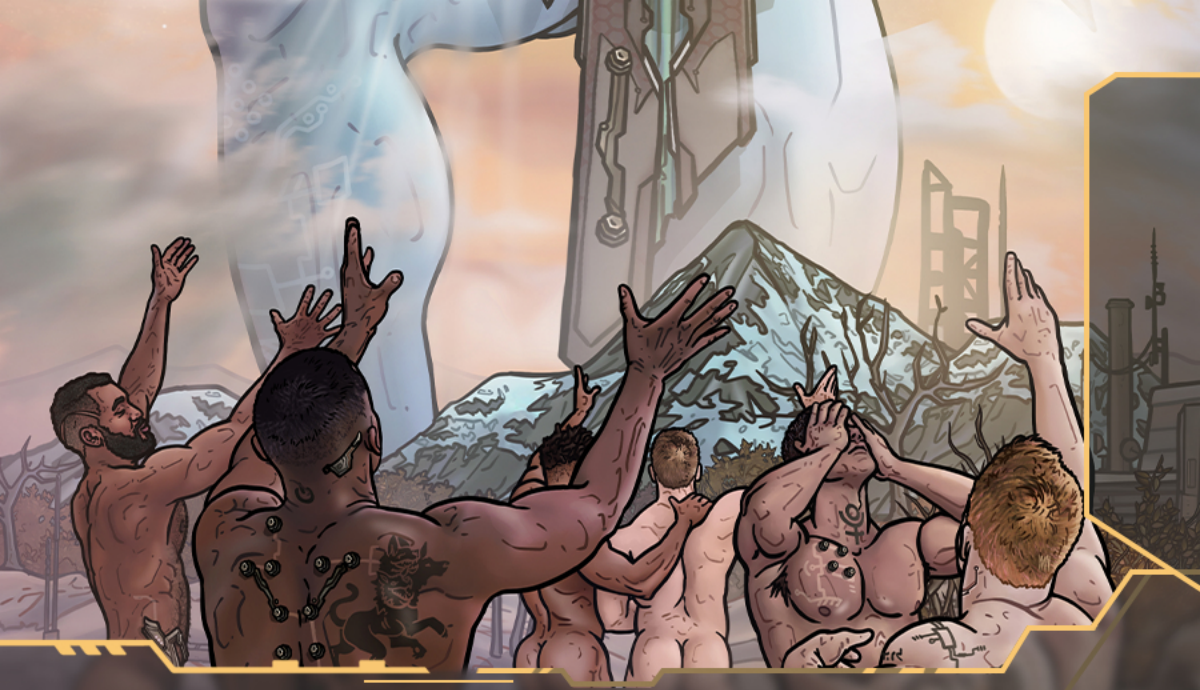
XIX.

the cosmos have aligned to illuminate all the joys of life. The Sun, the giant celestial body that generates heat, light, and energy, bestows happiness. Simply, it is contentment for all you have and recognizing that it was meant to be yours to enjoy. This is not necessarily dependent on what one has acquired but rather recognizing that feeling of wondrous fulfillment in the moment. The clouds of concern, despair, and sadness are nowhere to be found. The fog of uncertainty, fear, and pain has dissipated long ago. The Sun shines down and forth to highlight pleasure, fun, laughter, and all those things that bring joy to the soul. If only it was always this way but as it sits at the end of a journey, it indicates that reaching the Sun requires moving through uncertain weather before one can settle down to celebrate.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *happiness, warmth, fun, joy, optimism, vitality, confidence*

REVERSED: *insecurity, regret, wavering feelings, high maintenance, easily bored*



JUDGEMENT_

XX.

at the end of one journey is simply the beginning of another. Considered as a holy determination of whether one has lived a righteous life (whatever that may be) to earn the grace of the divine, the essential meaning here is to live again. Understand that there are opportunities to start anew and make right any wrongs, encounter a missed opportunity, approach a vision or idea from a different perspective. This is the Phoenix burning down and rising again from the ashes should one will it. There is no external judgement occurring, other than our own. Do we stay comatose in the casket or do we blow the lid off, get up and get going? At times we are bound to repeat mistakes, but consider this another opportunity where one can step back and judge the approach, for how one proceeds is by one's own will.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***judgement, rebirth, self-evaluation, awakening, absolution, awareness***

REVERSED: ***resignation, missing out, repeating mistakes, lost opportunities, self-criticism, valuing outside opinion rather than self***



THE_WORLD_

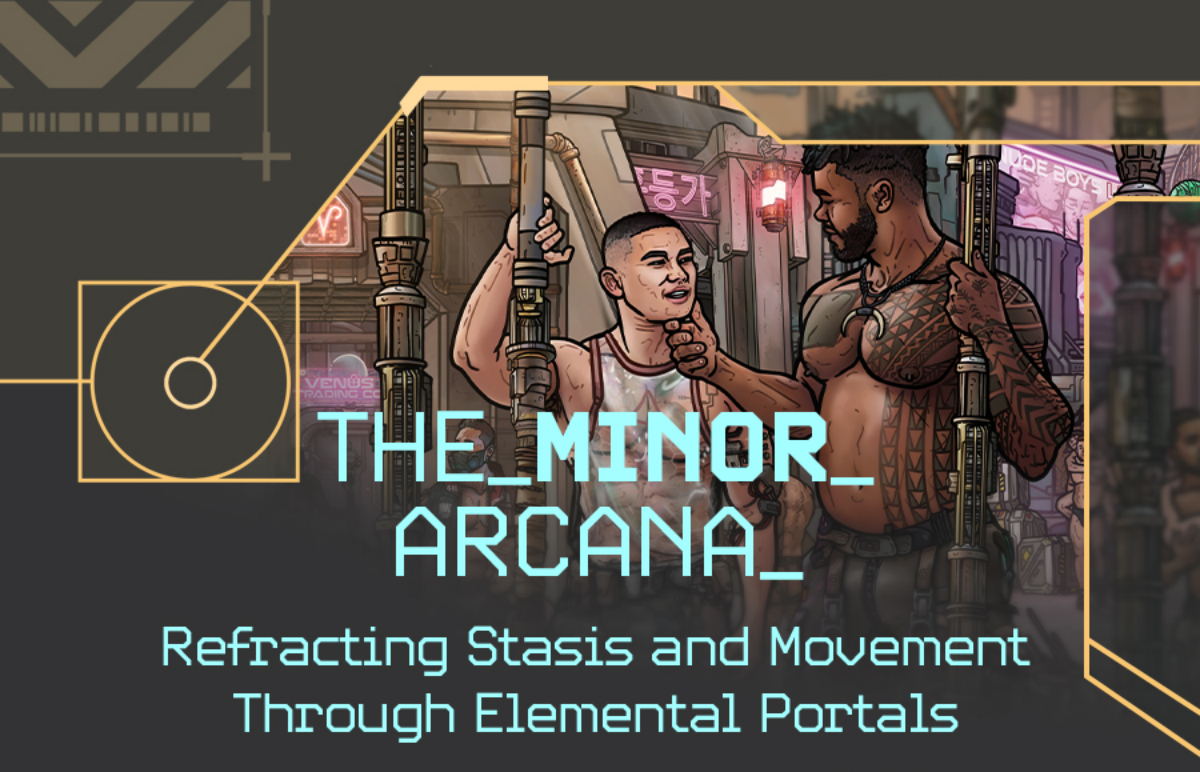
XXI.

understanding completion is realizing the end is an invitation to walk through the gateway of a new beginning. Guided by the elemental forces and spirit that first led the seeker down the path of self discovery, one is given the opportunity to bask in the euphoria of completion and find a much needed pause to reflect, wonder, compose, and prepare oneself for what's to come. Should one care to understand what lies ahead, they must understand that a form of deconstruction must occur for that is how one goes deeper into life's mysteries and gains a greater understanding. It is this granular observation where one has an opportunity to focus on those things considered imperfect or require further study so that growth and evolution can occur. This pause is not the end we think it is but rather it is the realization that we are offered various opportunities to explore in the time we are afforded.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***completion, accomplishment, achievement, travel, fulfillment, wholeness, integration***

REVERSED: ***incomplete, lost, distraught, failing decisions, instability***



THE_MINOR_ ARCANA_

Refracting Stasis and Movement Through Elemental Portals

The Minor Arcana, sometimes called the *Lesser Arcana*, mirrors mundane occurrences that can be found in our day-to-day lives. They resonate with all facets of the human experience, covering a full, interwoven spectrum of emotions, thoughts, passions, and desires. Captured in these cards, across the four suits, are the small victories, the tragedies, the ups and downs, and everything in between that make up the life we have chosen by the decisions we've made, or circumstances we've been dealt. Essentially, the Minor Arcana handles the side quests of life needed to grow, move forward, and live fully. These tarot cards represent events occurring in the present, and can offer insights and guidance on how to navigate the rewards or consequences.

Within the Minor Arcana are four suits, each representing a realm of influence, aligned with an elemental correspondence:
The Suit of Cups, the element of Water
The Suit of Pentacles, the element of Earth
The Suit of Swords, the element of Air
The Suit of Wands, the element of Fire
Each suit contains 14 cards: ten numbered cards and four court cards.



THE_SUIT_ OF_ CUPS

The Suit of Cups is connected to the element of Water. Water can be as placid as a stream, as cleansing as a rainstorm, or as destructive as a tsunami. It can be as hard as falling hail and as treacherous as frozen ice. Even gentle waves have the power to slowly erode away a mountain. Water, at its core, represents fluidity, and this is important to keep in mind when thinking of cards in the Cups suit. Like water, feelings and emotions are fluid in nature. Because of this, Cups rule over the realm of intuition, relationships, and emotional states. Empathy, compassion, and creativity are aspects closely tied to this suit as well.



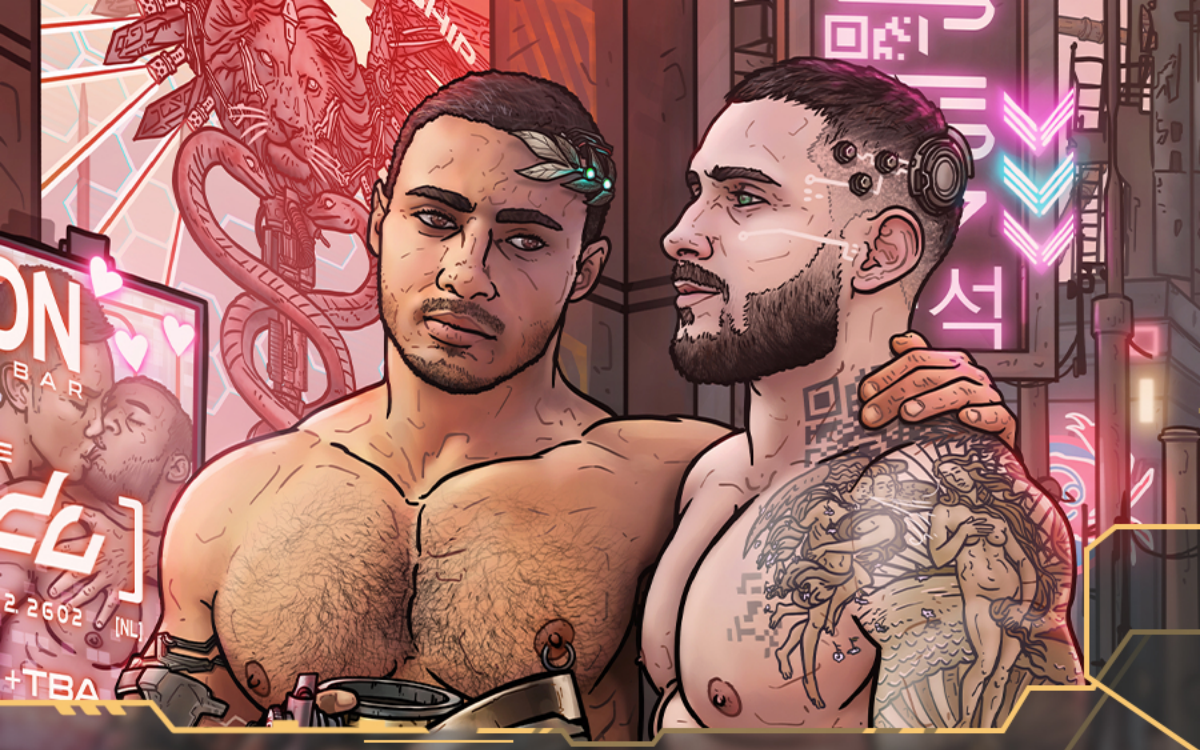
ACE_OF_CUPS_

Calling Forth Emotions and Beginnings.
This is a time where a connection is made to feelings, comprehending the breadth of emotions, and understanding the potential for those emotions to drive us to new endeavors. These feelings can be enigmatic and ebb and flow at times so we must remain aware as to what they may be communicating. We may not fully understand their power but they are forceful, with the potential to inspire, mesmerize, and drive us to action. Open your heart and welcome opportunities to fill your cup with feeling, for they will lead the way to greater understanding of our humanity.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *love, compassion, emotional awakening, new feelings/relationships, creativity*

REVERSED: *wasted emotions/feelings, loss of focus, emotionally unstable, chaotic demeanor*



TWO_OF_CUPS_

Contemplating Communion.
The pact between two beings symbolizes the strength found in making such a commitment. This is emotional growth and emotional sacrifice with hopes of nurturing their feelings into something greater. This is not necessarily a marriage but rather a bond, or offer, to dedicate one's energy to another and have that exchange occur in return. You fill my cup and I will fill yours regardless if we have slightly different tastes. We know that together, the possibilities of fulfillment are greater. Sometimes these unions are momentary but the reality is that they run their own course and exist for as long as they are meant to. It does not diminish the power it had, and is capable of resurfacing when the two are once again prepared to become one.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***unity, partnership, joining of forces, mutual attraction, close bonds***

REVERSED: ***disagreement, conflictive, selfish, ego-driven, apathetic, solitary disposition, incapable of working with others***



THREE_OF_**CUPS**_

Facing the Pleasure.
Feeling unbound by the constraints of commitment, one can explore the freedom of living frivolously and joyously (with the company of a few others or many). One is reminded “the more, the merrier,” having greater access to the excitement of others partaking in the celebration. The energy is at its most extreme, positive peak, and all experiencing it are living for it. A select few will come back to reality from the high while others continue to chase it or hold onto it for as long as possible, alluding to fun in moderation, lest one diminishes their lust for life or obsesses to keep the party going long after it was meant to be over. But that is secondary to what is living in the moment, feeling the energy of the elements, and the thrill of experiencing life without restraint or bounds. Let loose and enjoy the festivities for they will make great memories and revitalize one’s desire to find happiness, wonder, and delight in the world.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***celebration, community, revelry, friendship, social/group events, teamwork***

REVERSED: ***entanglement, indulgence, over-stimulation, deceitful intentions, complicated relationships, competing voices***



FOUR_OF_**CUPS**_

Embracing Restlessness.
As we grow, our needs begin to shift from the essentials such as air, water, food, sleep to other items, both tangible and intangible - the latest technological marvel, trendy clothing, a companion, a position of power and so on. It is that evolving thirst for need that appears as ambition, and sometimes that ambition can feel relentless in being satisfied. One, two or three of whatever is desired may not be enough and the hunger for more elevates. This may be a dangerous space to be in and one may be settling rather than concentrating on what they really want. Consider the energy that is invested and sharpen your focus so that you are not left wanting after acquiring the next best thing rather than the goal. This lesson of feeling disappointment or discontent needs to be experienced so that one learns to understand their drive and where to place their energy.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***disconnection, meditation, contemplation, discontent, boredom***

REVERSED: ***lazy opportunist, ungrateful, always unfulfilled, fraudulent disposition, wasteful, desperate measures***



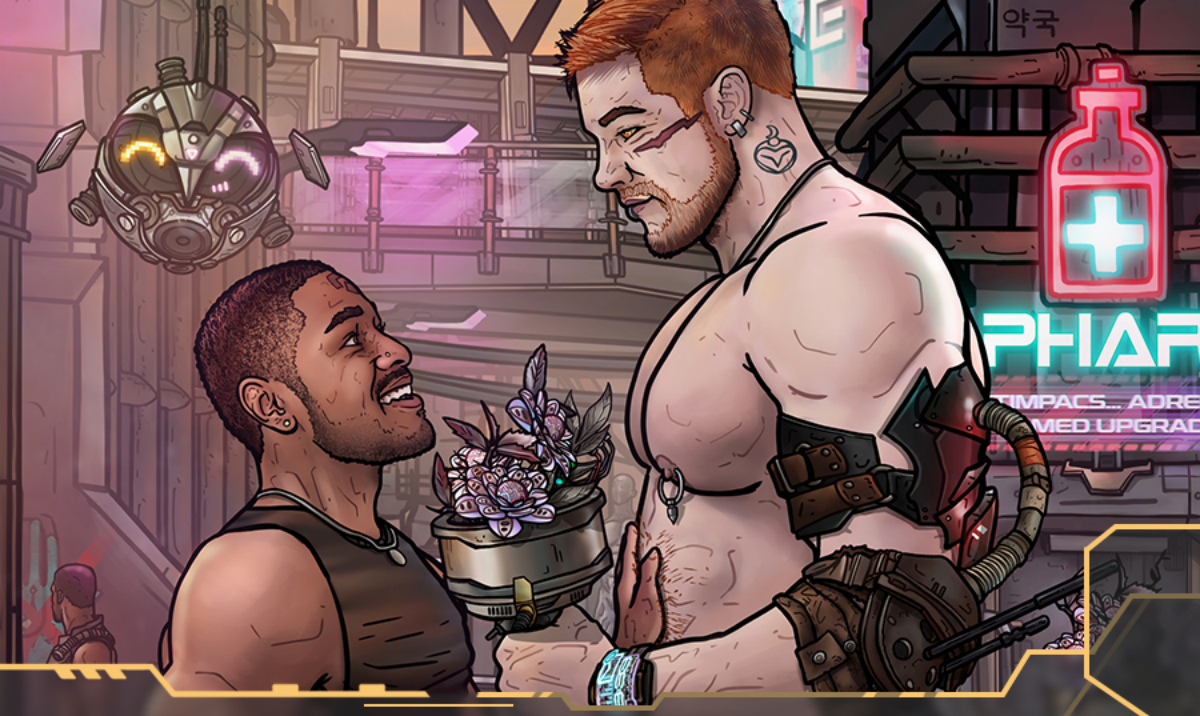
F1VE_OF_**CUPS**_

Experiencing Disillusion.
We don't know what we have until it's gone, or is it? In our quest to acquire what has been built up by personal expectation, we manage to ignore or oversee it in its simplest form when it is right in front of us. Be it admiration, acknowledgement, or reward, we think we know what it is meant to look like and reach a level of disappointment when we manage to gather many things in the process except for what we were hoping for. The heart begins to suffer from displeasure and hurt when the expectations aren't met. It is not until the moment one realizes that they have made progress and collected their just reward (just not how it was visualized) that we understand our capacity to achieve our goals. The simplest things in life can be sufficient and fulfilling.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***discontentment, regret, loss, sadness, failure, misguided goals, pessimism***

REVERSED: ***strenuous grief, regret, insatiable, greed, ignoring the simple things, lost in the process, starting over, cutting one's losses***



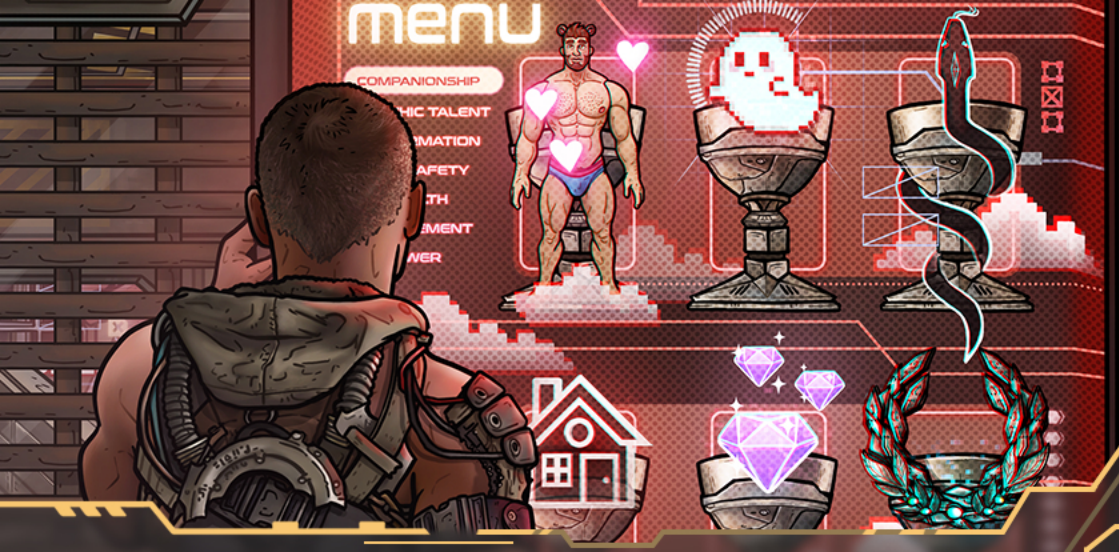
SIX_OF_**CUPS**_

Acknowledging Innocence.
As emotional beings, there are times when we begin to reflect on the past, simpler times, when everything felt new and full of wonder. Events in the present prompt this reminiscence in an effort to remind us that we can still carry that sense of compassion, joy, care, excitement, and curiosity. This isn't so much about what we don't know but what feels like a happy memory presenting itself once again in another style. This is an exchange of energy in its purest form, from the heart. As we mature, we cannot ignore the realities of the world and how both positive and negative entities must exist concertedly, as "the way" of things. But a choice is given to us to decide in what manner we are to proceed and the energies we give and receive.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***nostalgia, reflection, memories, comfort, innocence, revisiting the past, sentimentality***

REVERSED: ***regret, guilt, lost opportunities, immaturity, naivete, jaded, stuck in the past***



SEVEN_OF_CUPS_

Confronting Wants.
We may not fully know what we have spent so much time striving for, and sacrificed so much for, until the options are held before us. We have desires that constantly change throughout our lives. When all of them appear at once, prompting an on-the-spot decision, it puts one in a difficult position. Will we make a poor decision or have regret for not selecting something else? Are some things too good to be true? Will we get another opportunity to obtain something desirable? Is it worth pining for any of these things at all? Visualization and dreaming are powerful tools to help us in setting goals and analyzing our wants from a subconscious level. We are indeed confronting wants and desires and the doubts and questions that arise when they are all laid before us. Opinions and thoughts from others can be gathered but eventually it is one's choice to make. Perhaps this is an opportunity to consider all those things we want, assess what their true value is, and whether we gain any worthwhile benefit.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *choices, fantasy, illusion, daydreaming, wishful thinking, indecision*

REVERSED: *overwhelmed, careless/always losing/misplacing items, hard to please, fear of not having, always dreaming but never realizing*



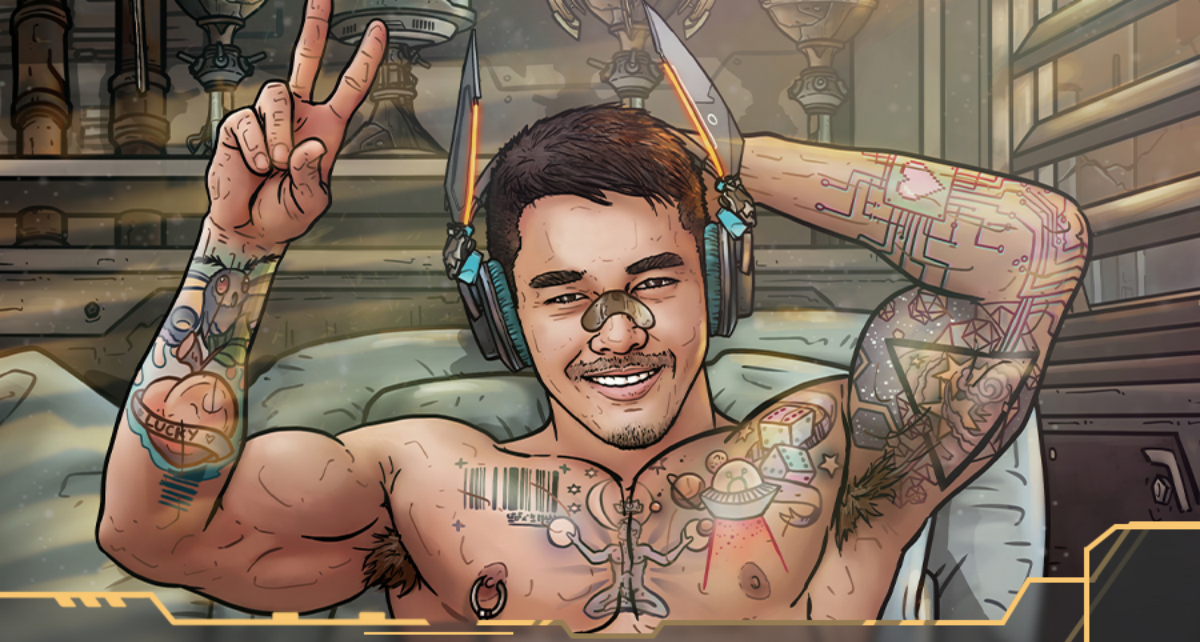
E1GHT_OF_CUPS_

Hopeful Discovery.
Although much has been experienced and collected over time, there is still an internal sense that wants something else. This deep desire prompts one to continue seeking and fulfilling their thirst for adventure, new challenges, unique experiences, and so on. This is not to negate that which has been experienced in the past but their need has run its course and is no longer fulfilling. Their essence is remembered and carried within, serving a purpose again should it be required. Should the memories of the past be forgotten, one can be destined to repeat patterns and be met with the same unfulfilled feelings, left to wander aimlessly seeking that which simply does not exist or is not meant to be for them. The unknown paths ahead can be quite alluring so take stock of the risks and opportunities. At some point, one may find the end of the journey and enjoy all that they have gained.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *walking away, abandonment, letting go, moving on, escape, searching for truth*

REVERSED: *insatiable, never satisfied, hard to please, wandering without direction, greedy disposition, opportunist, emotional vampire*



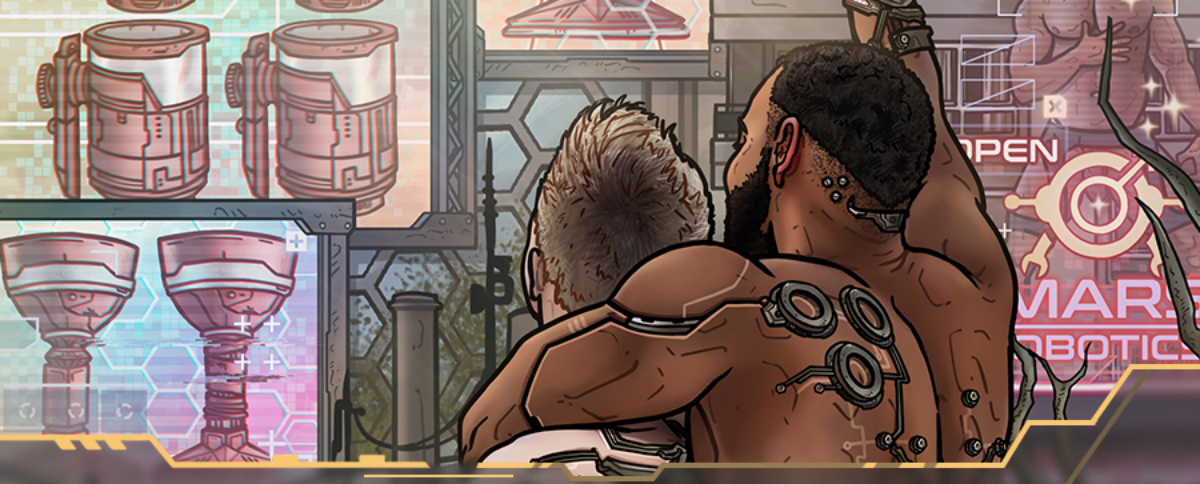
NINE_OF_CUPS_

Achieving Fulfillment.
One is fully satisfied with what they have and they are grateful for it - one's own health, shelter, relationships, just about anything that brings them joy. Understand, this does not necessarily reflect material wealth nor showing it off. Rather, it is relishing in the rewards from one's work and knowing they have rightfully earned their desires. Hence, one feels wrapped in the happiness of their accomplishments. Those in this position are more than willing to share because they know they can and have faith that the world is filled with opportunities for joy. Good fortune seems to smile upon them. This is optimism personified. When something is needed or wanted, it is only a matter of time before they accomplish it, and if they don't that is not an issue for they are just as happy with what they have, both tangible and intangible.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***success, satisfaction, contentment, wish come true, achievement, gratitude***

REVERSED: ***discontent, unsatisfied, greedy, hoarding habits, insatiable, envious, not knowing what one has until it's gone***



TEN_OF_**CUPS**_

Encountering Joy.
We are capable of understanding when everything feels just right - a caring family, good friendships, a happy home, fulfilling employment, orderly finances, etc. all is in order and all is good. One's heart feels full from the love that surrounds them and they carry that energy wherever they go, infusing it in whatever they do. These experiences aren't constant nor are they intended to be, for emotional growth and work is required to create and maintain this approach to living. One needs to understand how to love and trust themselves and build authentic and sincere relationships with others to bring joy into being. There is no model to this as emotional fulfillment will look different for everyone and there is potential for this to change throughout time as our desires evolve as we age. We may aspire to build a stable and happy home with a partner or be the glue that keeps the family together in communal harmony. This is not to say that challenges and conflicts don't present themselves but in hindsight, you are loved, life is good, and filled with joy.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***happiness, domestic bliss, the home, harmony, family love, fulfillment, security***

REVERSED: ***insincerity, empty feelings, broken/ toxic family, dependant relations, leeching off others, emotional needs displaced***



PAGE_OF_CUPS_

Emerging Creativity.
The Page of Cups is discovering the elemental powers of Water and learning to wield its attributes: emotional expression, artistic talent, and intuition. Like the tides that ebb and flow, the Page rides the waves of creativity and feeling in wonder and excitement. Although the approach and process is unrefined due to the freeform nature of this being, participating and exploring the range of emotion within is worthwhile. This Page has much to learn in the ways of the heart and may need guidance, but in time they will learn how to tap into intuition and allow the waters of emotion to flow naturally. They must have space to let themselves and their ideas grow. This Page will blossom nicely, as they go forth in the world feeling and experiencing their surroundings.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***idealism, dreaming, emotional expression, intuition, curiosity, opportunity***

REVERSED: ***obsessive, extremist, uncouth, emotionally messy, insecure, unimaginative, unproductive***



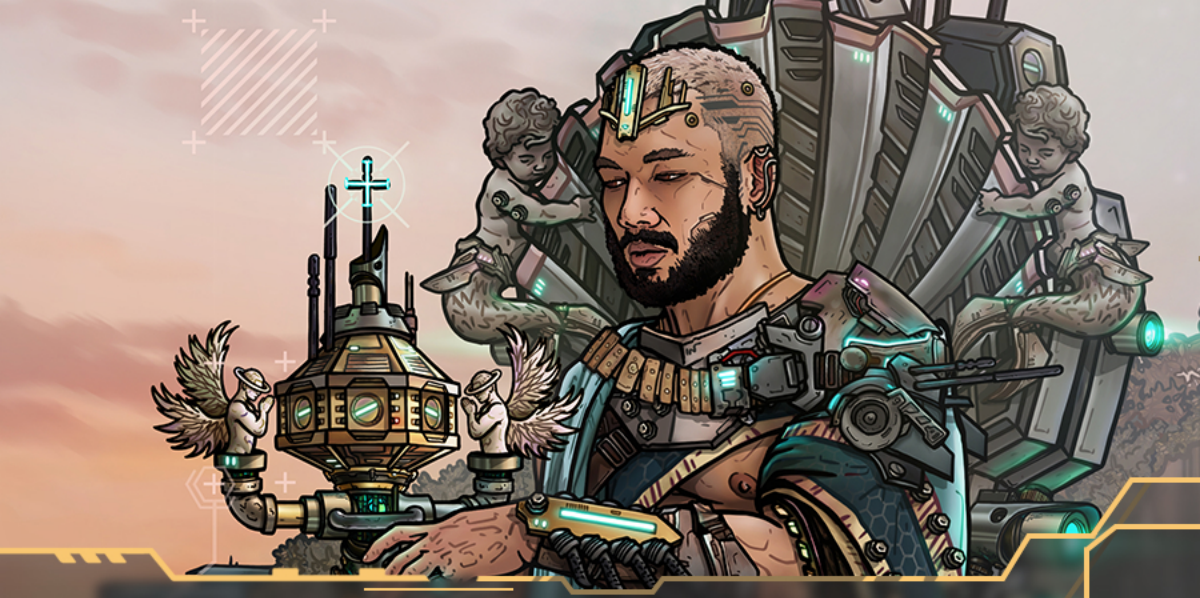
KNIGHT_OF_CUPS_

Charging with Love.
This warrior is ruled by the heart and is prepared to seek what the heart desires. Since the knight has trained as an apprentice of the arts, in tune with their emotions, and blessed by the power of Water, they are ready to prove themself as a lover in the world. With such goals laid forth, this Knight is prepared to encounter what they've been dreaming of as well as confront the unknown, despite how fearful it may be. Wielding the power of emotions, their charm is the weapon of choice. The chalice is a reminder that although the power is in their hands, spilling the contents just as well represents losing control of one's emotions and ensuring a confrontation with loss, sadness, and despair. The quest of love and passion lies ahead for this warrior and they are prepared to meet the challenge with the heart wide open.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *charm, romance, lover, graceful, artistic, desires of the heart, diplomatic*

REVERSED: *dumbfounded, obsessive, blinded by emotions, uncontrollable desires/emotions, self-centered and doesn't know it*



PRINCE_OF_CUPS_

[variant of The Queen_of_Cups]

Sustaining Care.
The Prince of Cups reinforces the elemental court of Water. Rather than lead, the Prince is concerned with attributes that support and balance the emotional King. The Prince is graceful, gentle and kind hearted. However, do not misunderstand their kind nature for the tides can quickly turn and they can be overprotective. They will not hesitate on establishing boundaries to guard what they hold near and dear and have a set of limitations they will not compromise. Providing emotional support is of great value to the Prince of Cups and they believe in the power of love. Their presence offers an opportunity to encounter a nurturing and, at times, overprotective individual for this prince relishes in providing care for others. They boost exuberant amounts of love and comfort, reflective of their caring nature. Allow yourself the honor to know the comforts of the water element.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***compassion, warmth, kindness, caring, supportive, emotional stability, healer***

REVERSED: ***smothering, nagging, getting into everyone's business, shady, cold-hearted, stern/strict***



QUEEN_OF_CUPS_

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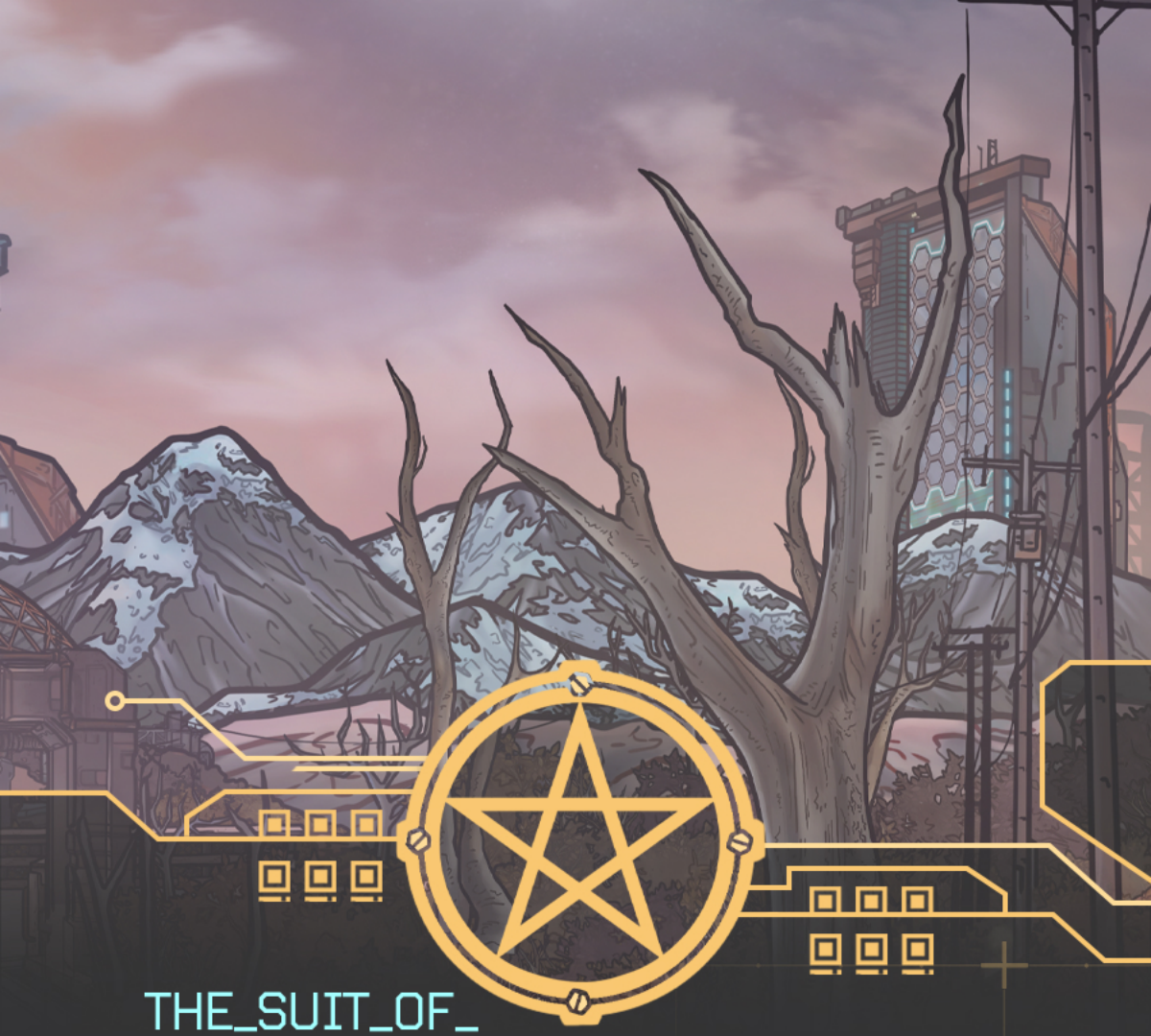
KING_OF_CUPS_

Leading with the Heart.
The King of Cups governs the element of Water and all matters of the heart for they adore and love all they oversee. This King represents the querent or a known individual that exemplifies selfless love for all things. They surround themselves with the love and emotions they embody, sharing emphatically and offering sympathy to all. The King of Cups has earned their stature having lived through all of the emotions experienced in life and is capable of understanding and balancing them. These experiences have nurtured and molded this individual to be an observer of life, an intuitive listener, a creator/ artist, an experienced lover, a life-long and dependable friend.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***emotional equilibrium, wise council, centered, diplomatic, advisor, compassionate***

REVERSED: ***emotionally distant, selfish means, domineering, manipulative, impulsive behavior, needy/obsessive, mood shifts to extremes***



THE_SUIT_OF_

PENTACLES

The Suit of Pentacles is connected to the element of Earth. Earth is the stable, comforting mass beneath our feet, capable of grounding earthly beings in its power. It is what nourishes and sustains us all by providing a resource in which to plant and grow food. But the Earth can also be as immovable as a mountain, as hard and uncompromising as stone, and as jarring and disastrous as the tectonic plates that shift in an earthquake. Earth is the foundation upon which all else is built, and like the element of earth, the suit of Pentacles deals with the realm of the physical and material world. This includes but is not limited to health, managing resources, our sense of safety and wellbeing, and financial stability. Because of this, resilience, fortitude, reliability and resourcefulness are aspects that embody this suit.



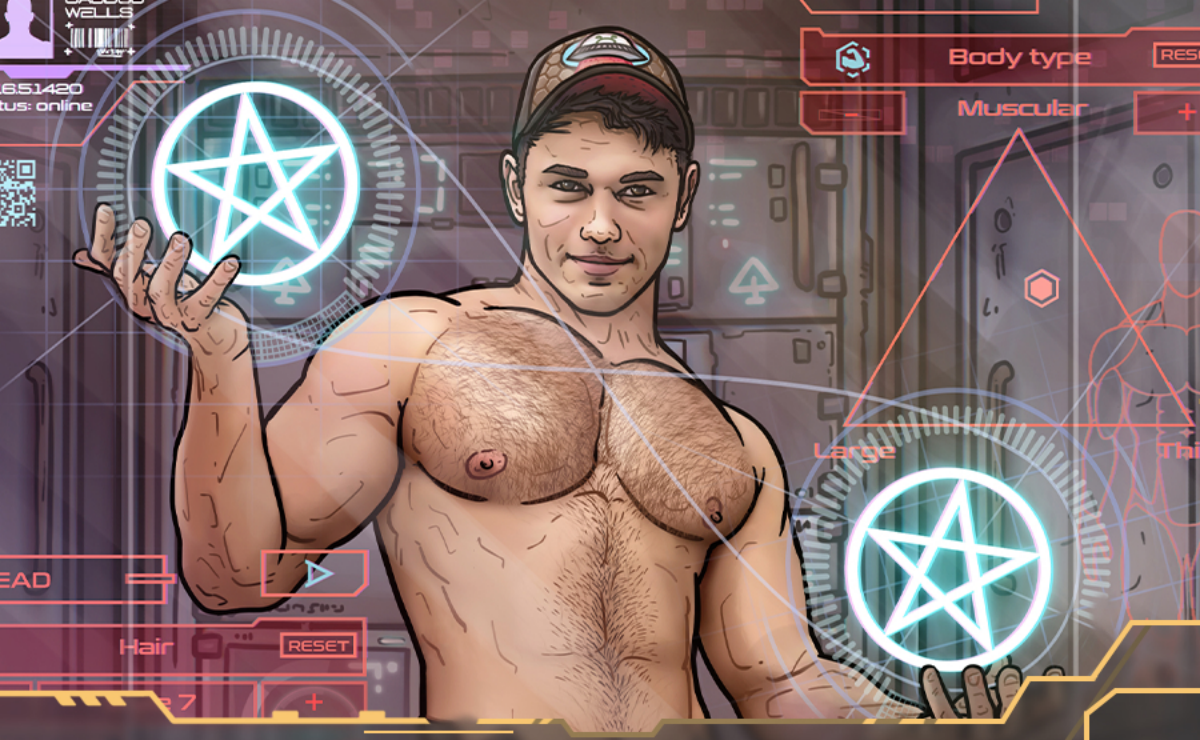
ACE_OF_PENTACLES_

Calling Forth Success and Stability.
This is a time when the earth conspires to grant balance, grounded contemplation, practicality, and reward. Ideas and efforts give way to the potential of acquired wealth and material gain, to support oneself and others, and offer comfort in knowing that all is taken care of. The imprint on the coin reflects an upright five-pointed star, signifying the balance of the elements of earth, air, fire, and water, with spirit the topmost point. That spirit is the drive that realizes accomplishment. Set roots into the ground and aspire for greatness!

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***abundance, prosperity, stability, new opportunities, security, manifestation***

REVERSED: ***unbalanced, wasteful, suppressed, missing opportunities, lack of security***



TWO_OF_PENTACLES_

Contemplating Priorities.
Cause and effect exists in the material world through the actions we take in response to our given and chosen responsibilities - work, income, self-care, family, and more. We have options as to where we decide to focus our energies, although the desire is to balance everything we carry. Those responsibilities can be of our own doing or completely out of our control but what determines the outcome is how good of a grasp we have on all that is thrown at us, as well as all those things we choose to take on. Options are equally as beneficial as they are overwhelming, so a discriminatory approach is suggested to ensure balanced living and the ability to walk on stable ground rather than the edge.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *adaptation, flexibility, prioritization, managing resources, balance*

REVERSED: *disorganized, irresponsible, lacking focus, missed opportunities, mismanagement, disregarded responsibility, chaotic lifestyle*



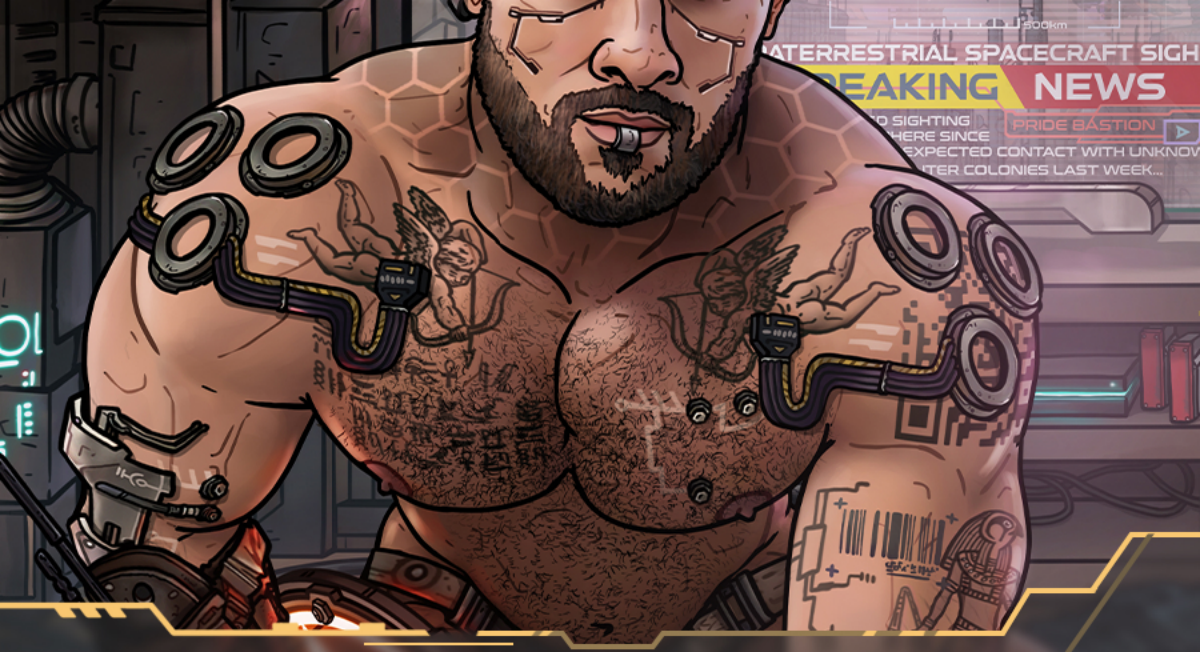
THREE_OF_PENTACLES_

Facing the Work.
We typically engage in work and tasks independently which serve a purpose to the individual. However, whenever collaboration occurs, the rewards and lessons learned are greater. Skills and talents of the many congregate for a common purpose to create something greater. Therefore, the magnitude is increased in terms of conceptualizing and development, distribution of leadership aligned to one's particular skill set, execution, analysis, feedback, revision, and successful conclusion. The process of teamwork is more significantly important in this case with the collective goal to realize a vision. Whether you are leading a job or a key player of a team, it is how you manage yourself and invest in the work that determines the outcome of your contribution. As part of a greater whole, one is capable of elevating or disrupting opportunities for success and that will be noticed as a reflection of your character and your value to those in your surroundings.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***teamwork, apprenticeship, collaboration, learning, shared goals, effort***

REVERSED: ***strife, sabotage, arguments, destabilization, inconsistencies, "one-upping" approach, leeching off others***



FOUR_OF_PENTACLES_

Embracing Conservatism.
One can become consumed over protecting what one has worked so hard to obtain - be it property, money, friends/lovers, or whatever one considers a prized possession. This is not so much an issue of greed or avarice (although it can certainly be so) but rather the need to protect one's own. On a more abstract perspective, this isolation and tight grip on those things one cares for represents the need to care for oneself - ensuring that all needs are cared for and maintained and that safety for the self is ensured. Only then can one find comfort in assisting and supporting others but there are limits. One can only give so much before they find themselves depleted of not only resources but energy as well, leaving one vulnerable. Take stock of yourself and what you care for and know when and what you can offer within your comfortable means.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***conservatism, hoarding, insecurity, possessiveness***

REVERSED: ***greed/avarice, selfish, needy, hoarder, depleted/empty feelings, never satisfied, fearful of losing or missing out***



FIVE_OF_PENTACLES_

Experiencing Loss.
There are times and various situations where we feel a sense of loss, from the basic to the extravagant. It's different for everyone but the feeling of hopelessness is the same. Herein, one finds themselves without - be it health, shelter, income, or the latest trend. Where the focus is on the things we don't have also begets ignorance of those things we do have - life, limb, freedom, contingency, and those that truly care about us. Seeing oneself in such a destitute place can prompt an awakening of what one truly needs to be happy, cared for, fulfilled, satisfied... but alas, they are lost in a state of despair and missing the signs that could support them, including one another.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***financial hardship, loss, adversity, worry, struggle, isolation, alienation, poverty***

REVERSED: ***survival, upward progress, awareness of options, reprieve/repair, welcoming support, looking on the bright side, new optimism***



S1X_OF_PENTACLES_

Acknowledging Benefaction.
When in one's means, the most effective way to strengthen your environment is by contributing to it. Charitable action offers support but also demonstrates an understanding on the end of the donor, that of humility, support of the larger spectrum of one's environment, resources, and community. Communal fortitude and stability is further elevated when the means is distributed to many rather than held for one self. Although not a given expectation, the hope is for those receiving alms and support to "pay-it-forward" and continue the mobilization of efforts to increase strength and opportunity to overcome meager means. The action of generosity is rewarding and nourishes the soul, something that has been understood over the ages, be it in monetary value or offering care for your fellow man.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***charity, community, sharing resources, giving and receiving, gratitude, generosity***

REVERSED: ***debt, hoarder, self-serving, regret, shame, discontent***



SEVEN_OF_PENTACLES_

Confronting Diligence.
This is a time period where energies have been applied and are moving at a steady pace, heading to a fruitful outcome. Whether a lengthy project, negotiation, or investment, it all requires its time to evolve and come to a purposeful or productive end. The message here is all about patience. Get lost in the process and take care not to be hasty as interruption can derail everything that has been done prior. An opportunity presents itself to encourage alignment to the rhythm of the work at hand and avoid burning out. Just do not lose sight of what is already in motion. One cannot simply dominate time for everything in their sphere of existence. As long as one remains steady and nurtures the process, will one be rewarded with prosperous results.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *investment, long-term goals, growth, patience, planning, harvest, progress*

REVERSED: *impatient, premature movement, trigger-happy, desperate, pressure to finish, overworked, taken advantage of*



EIGHT_OF_PENTACLES_

Hopeful Productivity.
Herein is that feeling of energy surging from concept to creation as ideas are given form, sometimes in an obsessive manner. Capable of being multitaskers, a significant amount of level focus is required to ensure the work is as intended and to the satisfaction of the creator. This is what can be referred to as being 'in the zone' as it feels almost natural to be so engrossed in the work at hand. This is all about process and less about completion although that is significant so the work can be assessed and understanding achieved. However, this is also a reminder that time is a tool to use lest one burns out from overworking themself, even though some just can't help it. Keep work/life balance in mind. Regardless of what the process may look like, this is active productivity and learning in action, where knowledge is growing in the subconscious as the body creates.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *mastery, skill development, quality work, high standards, commitment, talent*

REVERSED: *introvert, unoriginal, scattered thoughts, fearful of the outside world, wasting time, impractical, unfocused energy*



NINE_OF_PENTACLES_

Achieving Self-Sufficiency.
When one's work has paid off, they can breathe a sigh of relief and ease into living and enjoying themselves. To be surrounded by all that one has built through their own blood, sweat, and tears, is to reap the rewards of rest and maintain a stress-free lifestyle. At times, it is best to close the doors to outside noise (the news, bills, needy people) and focus on the self. Yet, understanding that there are varying degrees of isolation and absolute solitude isn't always a healthy approach for social beings. This is about finding peace and comfort within one's zone of tranquility.
Enjoy yourself for you've earned it.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *abundance, self-sufficiency, independence, leisure, earned rewards, luxury*

REVERSED: *overworked/worked to death, deficit mindset, depletion, pessimist, thriving in chaos, isolation, paranoia, losing time*



TEN_OF_PENTACLES_

Encountering Community.
Wealth is typically considered tangible by many and it is not until one has experienced moments of destitution that one realizes the intangible is what truly makes one prosperous. What is intangible is the comfort and support provided by those around you. This can be family (biological or chosen), friends, familiars, or even those that have gone into the beyond. This kinship provides an invisible barrier for the heart where one feels fulfilled knowing they have someone else's trust and loyalty. Understanding this presence exists allows one to honor love, which is priceless. In addition, one can rest in comfort, make space to focus, and be assured that there is a system willing to hold you up or offer advice for your betterment. There may be moments of struggle, disagreement, and even strife but these growing pains are natural for the "family" to evolve, expand, or even change. Nothing is perfect but what remains is knowing that the choice to surround oneself with others that are happy to invest their time and energy in you is in your hands and your heart.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *family, legacy, foundation, long-term success, stability, ancestry, tradition*

REVERSED: *estranged relationships, broken structure, loneliness, lack of understanding, vulnerable setting, avoidance*



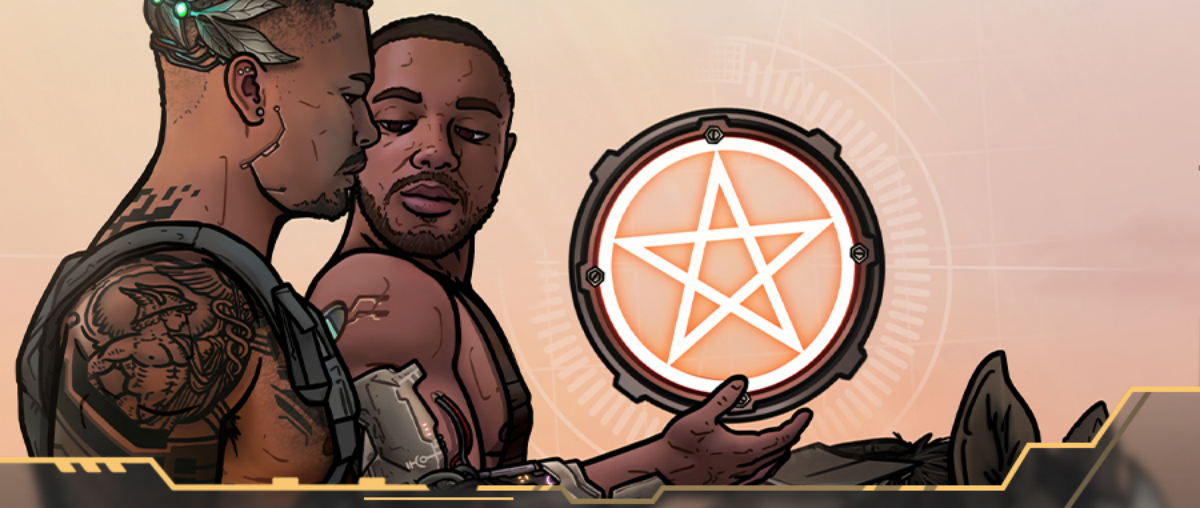
PAGE_OF_PENTACLES_

Emerging Inquiry.
The Page of Pentacles is discovering the elemental powers of earth and learning to wield its attributes: practicality, balance, and a grounded perspective to living fulfilled. Like the soil that encompasses the seeds of fruits and roots of the trees that bare them, the Page thirsts and absorbs the energy around them to enrich themselves and grow, to prosper, and nurture their surroundings so that those in the moment and those to come can live comfortably. Although there may be rocky bouts of impatient and impulsive behavior, the desire to learn is there. Making mistakes and encountering failure is all part of the process. The Page will learn to understand it as essential to growing and mastering concepts for they are the roots of experience. For now, the seed is planted and with tending, the Page will blossom forth in time.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *ambition, diligence, grounded, dependable, loyal, planner, studious*

REVERSED: *aloof, overconfident, careless approach, wily, impatient, unstable, lack of attention span*



KNIGHT_OF_PENTACLES_

Charging with Practicality.
This warrior is ruled by spirit with a goal and a plan fully in balance with his ideals. Since the knight has trained as an apprentice of practical approach, grounded in reality, and blessed by the power of Earth, they are ready to prove their intention as guided by instinct. With clarity, this Knight is prepared to realize their well-thought out vision, be it a long standing goal or something that has presented itself as a logical need. Wielding the power of confidence, their oratory skills are the weapon of choice. The knight is a reminder that although the power is in the soul, desperate moves can produce catastrophic actions should they be approached haphazardly. Without control, balance (understanding pros and cons), and practicality, holding onto your source of power can affect not just yourself but others you're connected to. The quest for stability and position lies ahead for this warrior and they are prepared to meet the challenge with trust and comprehension of their abilities and the blessings of a higher power.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***practical, reality-driven, hard-work, routine, productivity, patience***

REVERSED: ***disorganized, hasty, impatient, flighty/absent-minded, uncontrollable habits, impulsive, lacking personal responsibility***



PRINCE_OF_PENTACLES_

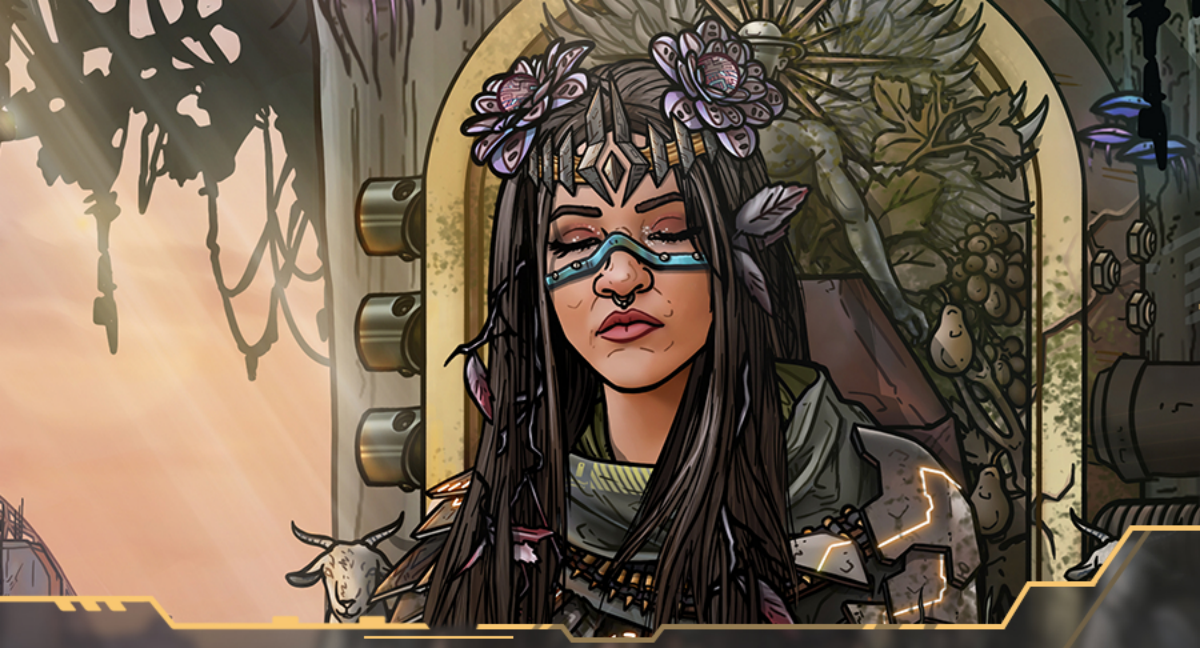
[*variant of The Queen_of_Pentacles*]

Sustaining Support.
The Prince of Pentacles reinforces the elemental court of Earth. Rather than lead, this prince is concerned with attributes that support and balance the grounded king. They are quiet yet firm, prompting reflection, consideration, stead-fastedness and delicacy in any approach to their work. However, do not be misled by their demureness as they can be very protective of those they care for. Spiritual fulfillment is of great value to the Prince of Pentacles and they believe the way is by taking pride in one's work. Their presence offers an opportunity to encounter a nurturing , humble, and, at times, coddling individual, for the Prince of Pentacles relishes in providing comfort. They boost exuberant amounts of patience and tact, reflective of their graceful nature. Allow yourself the honor to know the comforts of the earth element.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *comforting, welcoming, sensible, homebody, nurturing, provider, introvert*

REVERSED: *neglectful, self-absorbed, easily distracted, messy, disorganized, carelessness for themselves/others, lacks priorities*



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KING_OF_PENTACLES_

Leading with the Senses.
The King of Pentacles governs the element of Earth and all matters of the senses (a culmination of all the elements) for they are invested in and value everyone and everything they oversee. This King represents the querent or a known individual that exemplifies taking stock of the needs of the populace and provisioning comfort for self and others in their stead. They surround themselves with the worth and pleasures they admire, willing to share the essentials (and much more!) to all who they serve. The King of Pentacles has earned their stature having lived through moments of need and work, understanding well how effort pays off and can provide the riches of the world. These experiences have nurtured and molded this individual to be a provider, a care-taker, a role-model, a hard-worker, and a generous and well-rounded head of state.

KEYWORDS

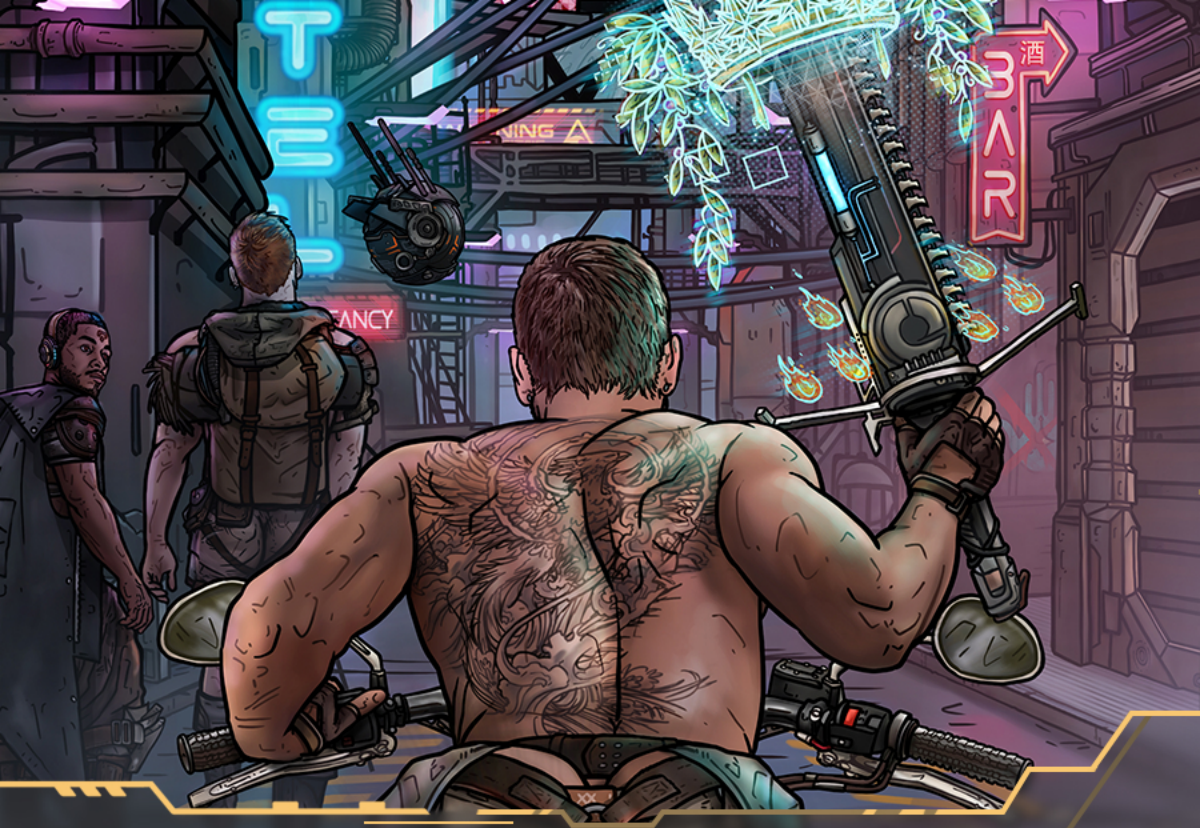
UPRIGHT: ***leadership, ambition, wealth, prosperity, safe, sensual, protective, steadfast***

REVERSED: ***pretentious, unwavering temper, staunch traditionalist, self-serving, monetary corruption, unreliable/unbalanced partnership***



THE_SUIT_OF_ SWORDS

The Suit of Swords is connected to the element of Air. Air can be as gentle and relaxing as a warm summer breeze, a cleansing breath, or a cold, cutting wind. It can be a destructive tempest, ripping up everything in its path. Air is an intangible force with no form and, yet, is in constant movement. For this reason, the suit of Swords symbolizes our capacity for thought, intellect and mental acuity. Logic, communication, intellect and the realm of ideas are the dominion of this suit.



ACE_OF_SWORDS_

Calling Forth Thought and Logic.
This is a time where mental activity is at its peak, firing neurons in multiple directions, accepting input, analysis, observation, biological processing, and delivering output through some form of communication. This sword is pointed up and out, ready to cut through anything with the weilder's truth. It is the "AH-HA!" moment when one knows they are certain about what they know. With experience at their back, the power of the intellect is held firm and can both remain contained or fully unleashed, to ensure that one is successful in whatever they set their mind on.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***clarity, new ideas, breakthroughs, vision, focus, truth***

REVERSED: ***impulsive, unguarded, aloof/accident-prone, mistakes happen, short-tempered***



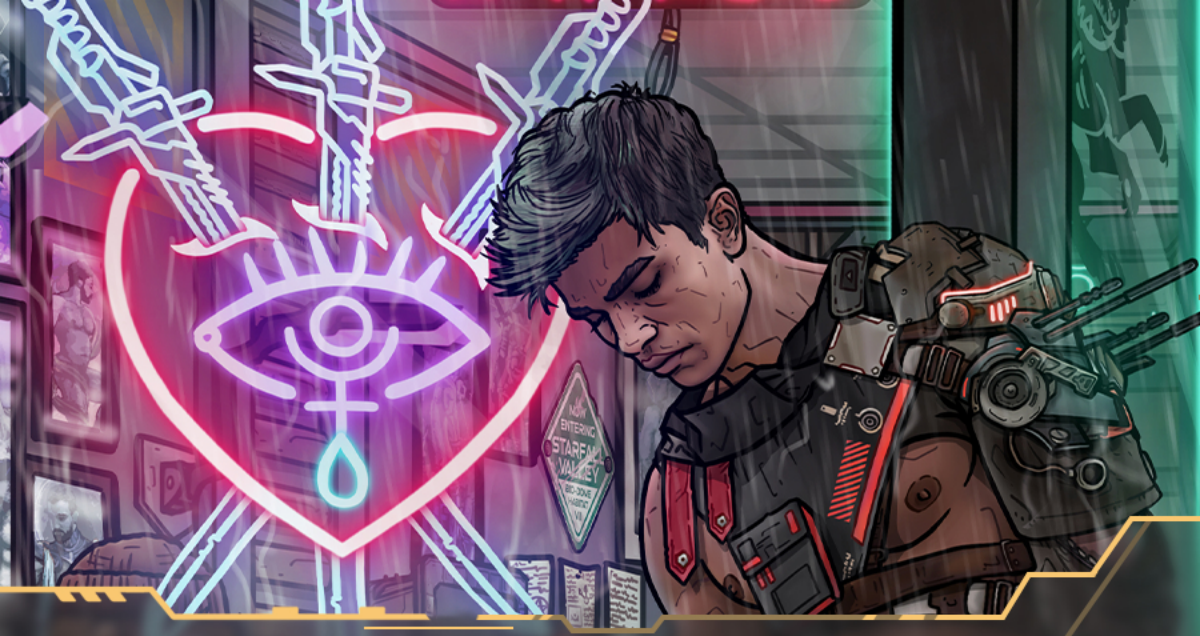
TWO_OF_SWORDS_

Contemplating Decisions.
Being gifted free will does not guarantee clarity when posed with decisions. They weigh on the mind and can at times cloud one's thinking. There is doubt, concern, worry and other energies that arise and need to be sorted out before deciding to act. At times, we must shut off outside noise, look within, and balance the options so that we can facilitate the thinking process and guide action. Most times, we must do so on our own. In the end, one must willingly look within, reflect, and welcome the decision, rewards, and/or consequences that follow.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *difficult choices, unclear path forward, hidden information, weighing options*

REVERSED: *missing information, imbalance, overwhelmed by thoughts, mental instability/ illness, incapable to decide.*



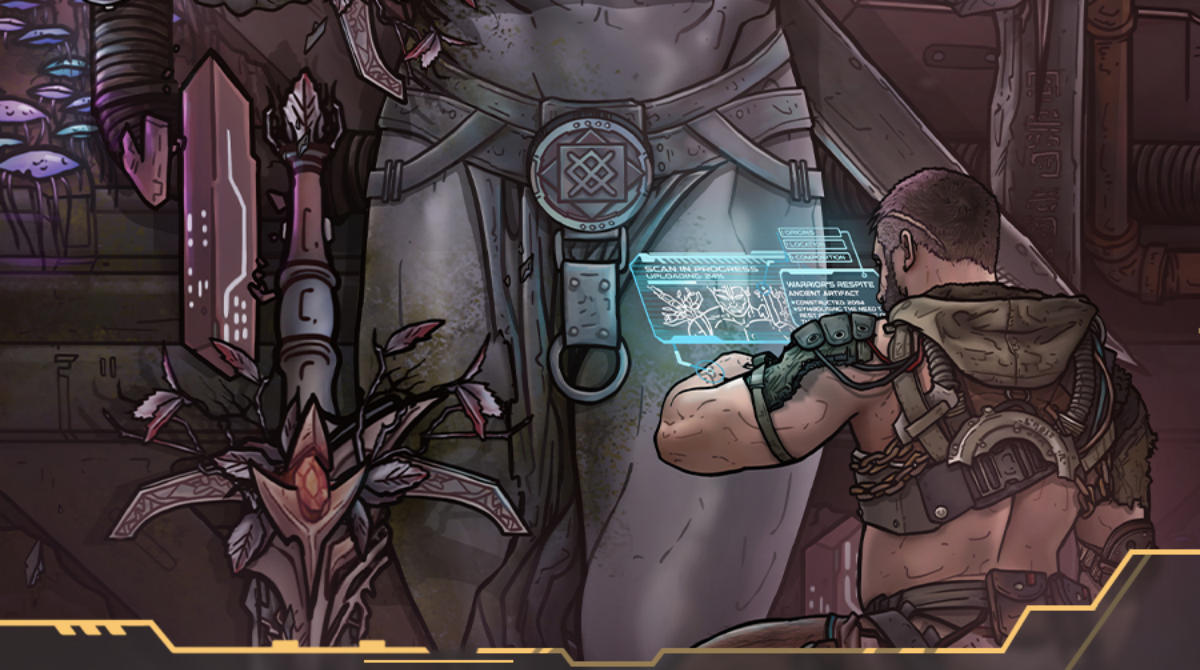
THREE_OF_**SWORDS**_

Facing the Pain.
There is absolutely no way to escape the hurt that accompanies emotional disappointment, even if drastic measures are taken. As there is ecstasy in joy, there is struggle in sadness. The difference is that we abandon ourselves in the moments of happiness while we are given an opportunity to evolve emotionally when experiencing moments of emotional pain. This is a period where our heart begins to saturate the mind in an effort to make sense of the senseless. The task at hand is to regain emotional control and find the means to slow down, sort out, and self-care to rise above the storm within. Lingering too long in the pains of the heart can pull you into the void and disconnect you from reality. This message, for as disheartening as it may be, is a message of hope and that there is a pathway out, in time.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***heartbreak, sadness, pain, emotional turmoil, grief, sorrow, trauma, tears***

REVERSED: ***lost, mental fog, delusional, defeated spirit, blind to reality, disengagement, lingering grief***



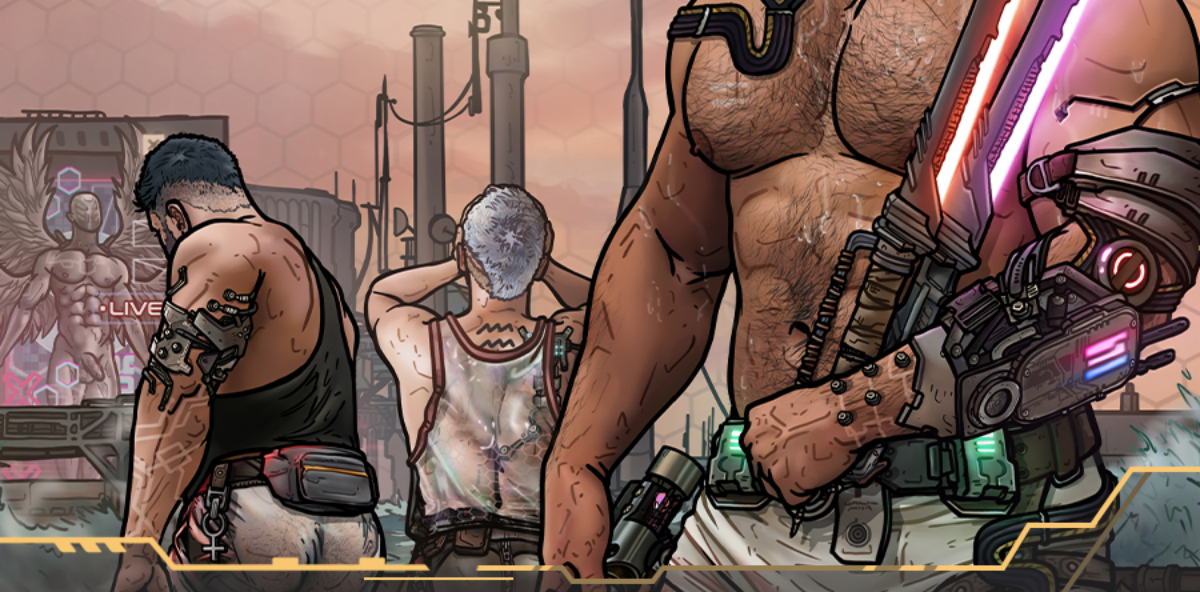
FOUR_OF_SWORDS_

Embracing Stillness.
Life's daily occurrences take a toll on not only our bodies but also our psyche. We are called to hold space for ourselves and seek rest and composure in order to engage in rejuvenation for the body, mind, heart, and spirit. As organic beings, we push ourselves in various ways just to meet the expectations we place on ourselves and/or imposed by others. There is a limit to all things, even the brain. We are reminded that we are to recognize our limits and listen to our fragile bodies when the need arises to rest, lest we end up completely depleted of energy, or worse, at our living end. The work will remain, life keeps on moving, and the world will go on with or without us. It is in our minds that we determine how much we can give of ourselves day to day.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***peace, sanctuary, rest, relaxation, recuperation, reflection***

REVERSED: ***overworked/overthinking, exhaustion, mental illness, deterioration, burning the candle on both ends, pushing the limits***



FIVE_OF_SWORDS_

Experiencing Conflict.
When competition is high, there are opportunities for disagreements to appear and it can drive some to the point of blatantly flaunting their challenging Intention. Should this be your current approach to a situation with someone, know there's a likely chance you will be found out and have to answer for your actions. This may be an exercise in demonstrating your strategic planning to undermine the competition, or result in being caught and humiliated for the devious behavior. One must be bold and take risks when taking on any challenge but action has to be thoughtful and well-researched to support a victorious outcome. When push comes to shove, one should be tactful and timely and not give in to desperation, otherwise errors are likely and plans can dissolve quickly and not in your favor. Consider your options and approach when confronted with conflict because although unpleasant, it isn't always avoidable.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***conflict, disagreements, competition, stress, intimidation***

REVERSED: ***unprofessional, immature, doesn't take anything seriously, headstrong, easily exposed, falseness, sore winner/loser***



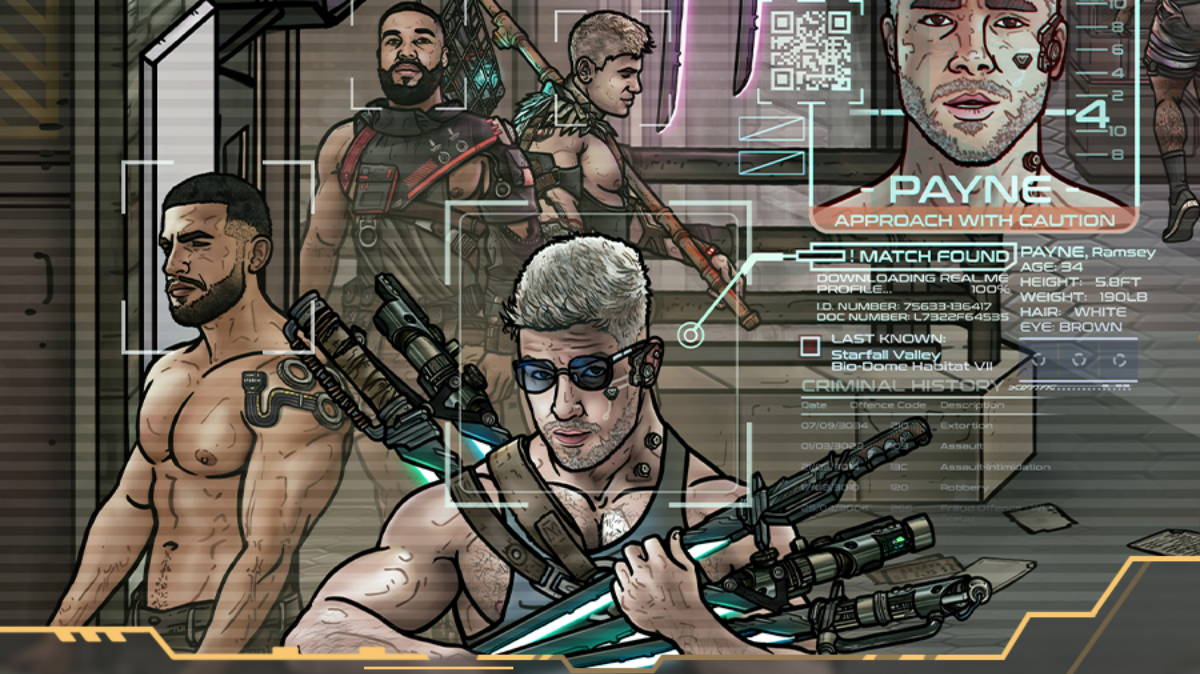
SIX_OF_SWORDS_

Acknowledging Transition.
Any decision desiring a change in one's life can weigh heavily on the head. There will be a significant amount of matters to consider, now or later, and a series of decisions will be required regardless. One can choose to escape or run away from having to deal with the consequences of choices, but know they can catch up to you eventually. The hope is being in the right mindset to handle them. Given the uncertainty of the future, acting upon a decision (even impulsively) will carry implications. What cannot be denied is the adrenaline of hope when one desires something better for themselves. In such excitement, one may neglect to realize that they may still be tethered to the past, still carrying baggage of doubt, fear, or pending responsibilities. Consider handling that which serves no purpose from the onset so that you are prepared for a new beginning. Rejoice in your inner strength and for taking the first step forward into a sea of opportunities.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***change, transition, moving on, leaving behind baggage, distance***

REVERSED: ***quick escape, hiding, thoughtless action, neglecting/ignoring responsibilities, drowning in doubt***



SEVEN_OF_SWORDS_

Confronting Fraudulence.
When consumed by desperation, one is aware they can succumb to acts of thievery. This comes with loss of trust, ruined reputation, potential to sink into avarice, and other unsavory labels. Not to mention that consequences are bound to catch up. On a heightened level of spirituality, this is an awareness in knowing that what you are taking isn't always the correct thing to do, regardless of intention, especially if it's to cause harm rather than to protect. One has to be very wily and stealthy to think they can get away with something untowards but understand that such treacherous acts can only snowball into a more complicated situation that is bound to any variety of unsavory results. One must ponder if stealing is worth it if it has nothing to do to ensure one's survival.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***deception, betrayal, trickery, scheming, sneakiness, strategy, cunning***

REVERSED: ***lacking strategy or stealth, loudmouth, cannot keep secrets, unoriginal, stirs the pot for amusement, untrustworthy***



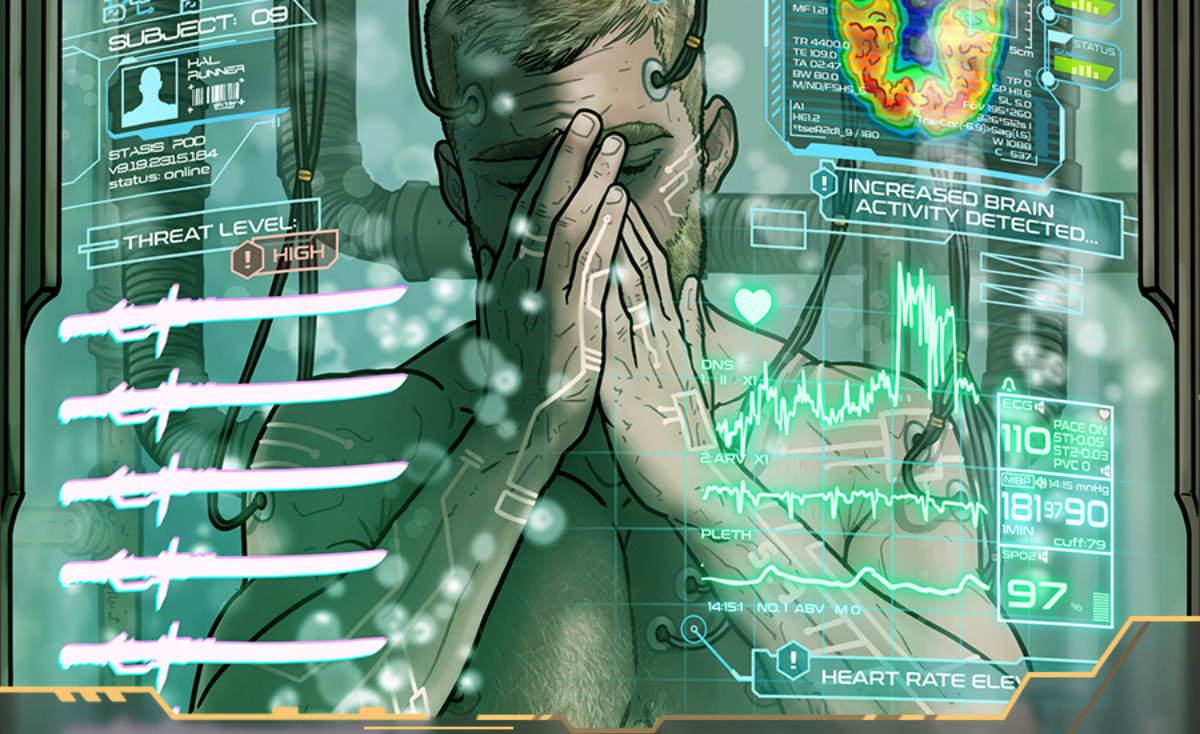
EIGHT_OF_SWORDS_

Hopeful Recovery.
We may find ourselves in moments of emotional and physical paralysis, brought on by some event that is consuming and fear-inducing, holding one hostage at the thought. This incapacity to think, much less react, is a vulnerable aspect of the human condition. There is a lack of awareness, strategy, or control that can stabilize the mind to see oneself through because there is a way out, although it may not be clear at first glance. Finding oneself restricted or cornered initially sets off the "fight or flight" response but either option is not always so evident. Herein is a reminder to hold still and gather one's thoughts so as to not lose one's head. Assess what's in the moment and place faith in the action you've decided upon to see yourself through, accepting whatever consequences may exist. There is a way out but it will not be easy or painless. Knowing that is your key to escape this prison of the mind.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *self-imposed restriction, trapped, imprisonment, helpless, victim mentality*

REVERSED: *liberation, escape, realization, free thinker, open-minded, moving on and out, unrestricted*



NINE_OF_SWORDS_

Achieving (Uncomfortable) Awareness.
The nightmares are given too much power by what is burdening the mind. So much is swirling within, that it is manifesting even in the subconscious. This is the worry that keeps you up at night or startles you out of deep sleep as the restlessness within is real. What may be troubling you is not simply the mundane and overwhelming “day-to-day” responsibilities but perhaps the realization of a matter that is disrupting your emotions and mental state until it is confronted or accepted. The presence of these “swords” is a signal to face your concern and fears and find a way to put them to rest, even if it requires coming to terms. That move in itself can cause sleepless nights but at least action is being taken to put them to rest so you can rest as well.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *fear, anxiety, nightmares, despair, worry, negativity, isolation, depression*

REVERSED: *high-anxiety, distraught, hopelessness, depletion, unable to confront reality, living in fear*



TEN_OF_SWORDS_

Encountering Defeat.
Despite all we do, at times we feel that everything has come to a horrid end. This is the feeling of betrayal, hopelessness, destruction, and everything we fear thrusted into our very core. The results aren't infinite as much as they appear or feel to be. The world will continue to function with or without us and the reality is that we are left with a decision to do the same despite all things. It may take time, it may require additional effort, and it may be painful but know that taking that first, difficult step, that one breath to lift yourself up, that strain to reach out is the lesson. Never give up. Whatever the cause, it was a lesson learned the hard way. Should this be a foretelling of things to come, you are still offered the opportunity to expect this trial and to overcome it. In the end, we are human and fragile. Pain and suffering thrive in the world and we will encounter the pair in various points of our existence. Remember that the essence of our purpose in the world will thrive as long as we want it to.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *ruin, failure, exhaustion, lasting despair, painful endings, darkest before dawn*

REVERSED: *survival, regeneration, lessons learned, resistance, relapse*



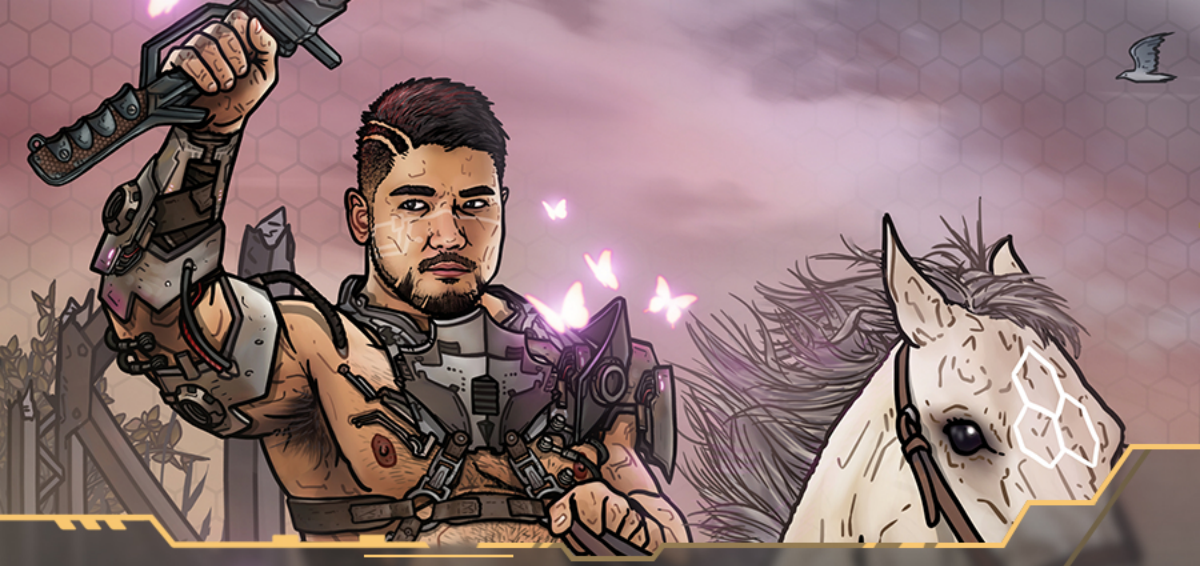
PAGE_OF_SWORDS_

Emerging Vision.
The Page of Swords is discovering the elemental powers of Air and learning to wield its attributes: mental prowess, analysis, observation, strategic planning and action. Like the gentle breeze that can turn into a fierce gust, the winds are rising within the Page, poised to lift and rush into action whatever thought they seek to fulfill. Although unruly and impulsive at times, leaping before thinking so to speak, their mind is set on the mission to fulfill their vision. These are habits of someone ready to prove themselves and their capabilities, regardless of level of preparation. Though this may reflect rushing head first into matters, the Page does not disregard processing what is going on around them. Rather they can be quite astute at observing and analyzing, falling victim to overthinking at times. With so much to understand about the mind and its effect on behavior and action, the Page of Swords is prepared to take flight and see their visions become reality.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***new ideas, mental agility, communication, inspired, thirst for knowledge***

REVERSED: ***sneaky, nosy, instigator, self-serving, acting without thinking, causing hazardous/dangerous conditions***



KNIGHT_OF_SWORDS_

Charging with Determination.
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KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *ambitious, success driven, fast thinker, action orientated, direct, intellectual*

REVERSED: *aggressive, misleading, untrustworthy, highly strategic, playing politics, leaps before thinking, reckless*



PRINCE_OF_SWORDS_

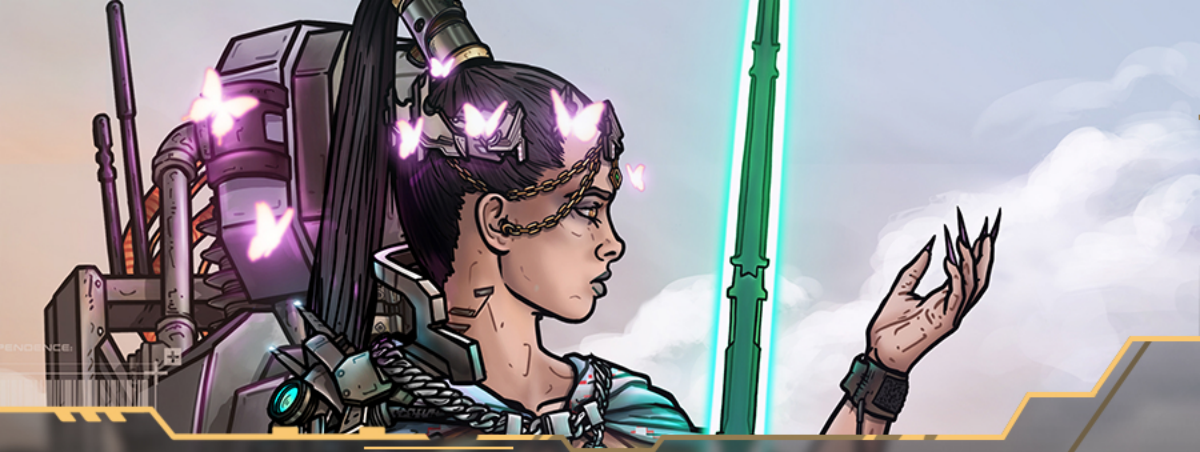
[variant of The Queen_of_Swords]

Sustaining Guidance.
The Prince of Swords reinforces the elemental court of Air. Rather than lead, the Prince is concerned with attributes that support and balance the over-analytical king. The Prince is cool, direct and relies on lived experience as useful knowledge. However, do not underestimate their level-headedness for the winds can quickly pick up and usher in a furious storm for they have approached situations from every angle and will not suffer any fool's game. They can be blunt and traditional in their ways of thinking but their intentions are not just logical but with best interest at heart AND mind. Providing rational guidance is of great value to the Prince of Swords for they depend on the power of the mind and thinking. Their presence offers an opportunity to encounter a thoughtful, clear, and concise individual for the Prince of Swords relishes in proactive discourse. They boost exuberant amounts of skill in planning and articulation, reflective of their strategic nature. Allow yourself the honor to know the reasoning power of the air element.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***direct communication, objective, clear boundaries, honest, perceptive, fair***

REVERSED: ***short-tempered, intolerant, moody behavior, superiority complex, stuck in old ways, cold temperament, distant/solitary***



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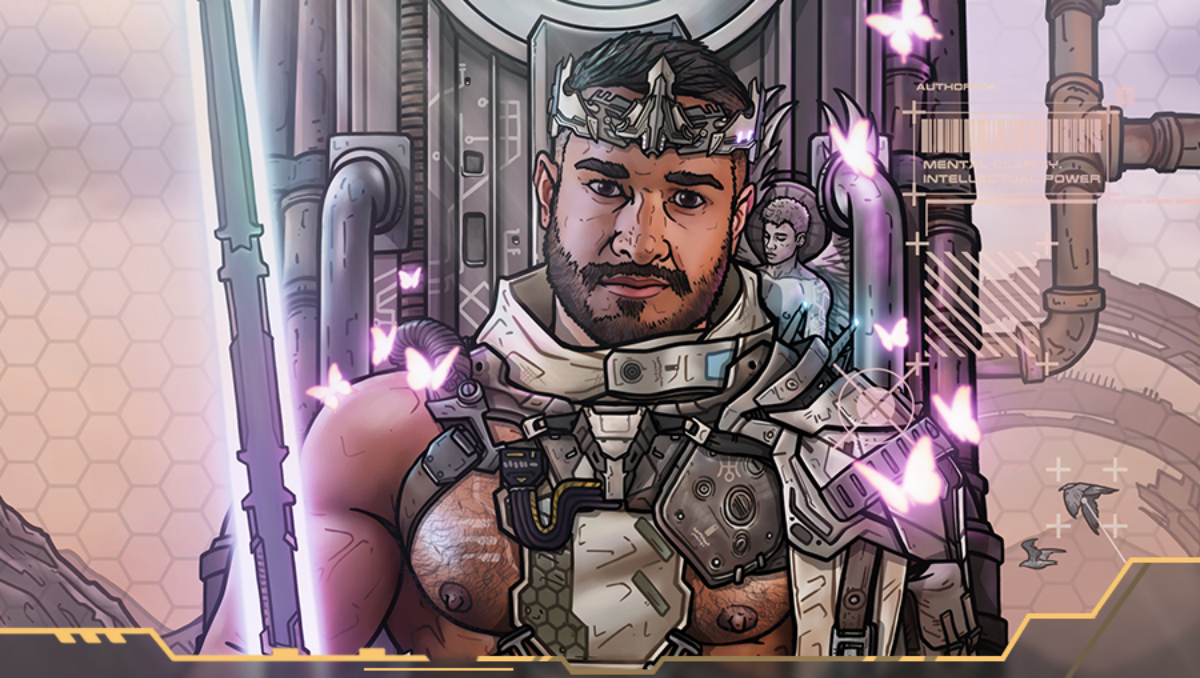


KING_OF_SWORDS_

Leading with the Mind.
The King of Swords governs the element of Air and all matters of the mind for they manage and oversee the functions of their kingdoms and those of particular interest. This King represents the querent or a known individual that exemplifies control and oversight of relationships. They tend to organize their lives and that of loved ones with logic and tact, engaging in discussions, sharing thought, and offering advice to all. The King of Swords has earned their throne as a result of the successes and failures from their strategic thinking, remembering to reflect on the thought process and acting upon them. These experiences have nurtured and molded this individual to be a quick thinker, a thoughtful listener, a strategist, a dependable business partner, an advisor, a wise being.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***truth, mental power, intellectual clarity, reason, authority, high standards***

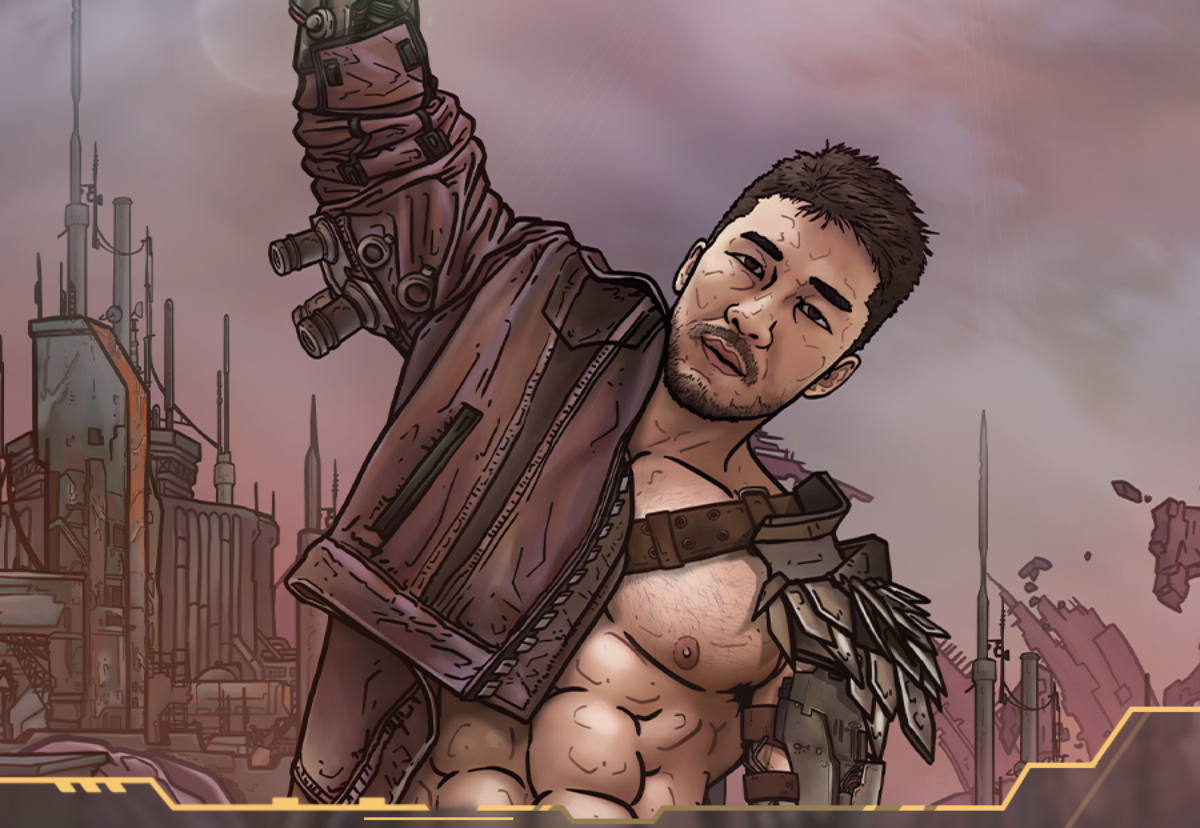
REVERSED: ***short-tempered, intolerant, moody behavior, dominant, ruthless, fearful, master manipulator, emotionally distant, stubborn.***



THE_SUIT_OF_

WANDS

The Suit of Wands is connected to the element of Fire. Fire, when contained, is a revolutionary source that early humans harnessed to provide light and warmth, used for cooking of food and the refinement of tools. But Fire is also temperamental. Uncontrolled, it is a dangerous force of utter ruin that can burn down a house or eradicate whole forests. It is the calamitous explosion of magma as a volcano erupts. Fire, at its heart, is a volatile, primal energy, an all-consuming power. Because of its close ties to this element, the suit of Wands embodies the attributes of passion, energy, inspiration, and human willpower. It is the driving force and burning desire behind our intentions and actions.



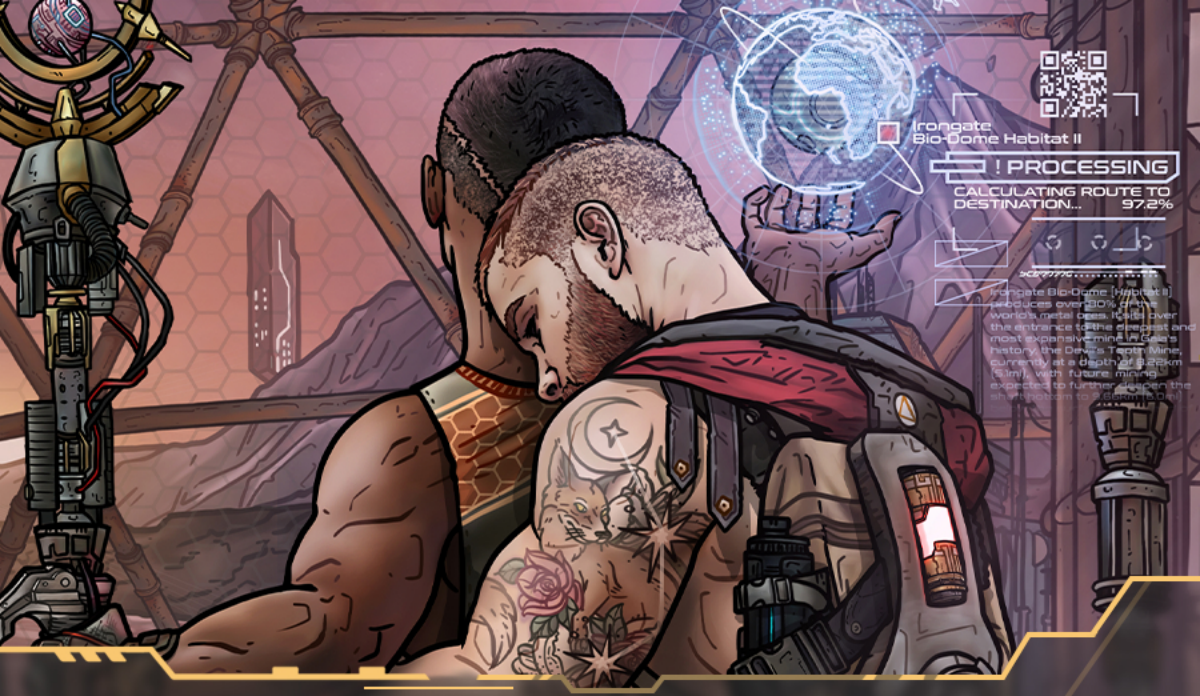
ACE_OF_WANDS_

Calling Forth Energy and Passions.
This is a time where an energy surge is imminent, fueling creativity, inspiration, work, and sexual prowess. Goals and outcomes are in sight and you are rightfully positioned to fan the flames, give into your passions, engage the power within, and give way for your dreams to become reality. You hold your potential in your hands and only you are capable of wielding that energy in any fashion desired. Consider where to place this energy, be it towards an idea or the physical body. The energy has built up inside and is ready to be released. Take charge and realize your desire.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***growth, inspiration, energy, new opportunities, creative spark, enthusiasm***

REVERSED: ***depleted/exorbitant amount of energy, lacking self-control, impotent, lack of drive, no motivation***



TWO_OF_WANDS_

Contemplating Action.
The time has come to decide on remaining stationary or moving forward and realizing what you've been dreaming for so long. However, there is no rush as there isn't a need to or, rather, steps must be taken to do so thoughtfully. For whatever movement is made, it can be life-altering. Considerations to be made include not only the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, but also leaving behind those things you've accomplished. Again, the laws of cause and effect make themselves known in such matters. Sacrifices will be made at one point or another and the ripples may affect others as well as one's own. Taking account and weighing your options is the most reasonable approach to making decisions that can be life-altering.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***progress, new ventures, planning for the future, discovery, risk taking***

REVERSED: ***hopeless, disorganized, fearful, obligations holding one back, cockiness, hesitant, all talk and no action***



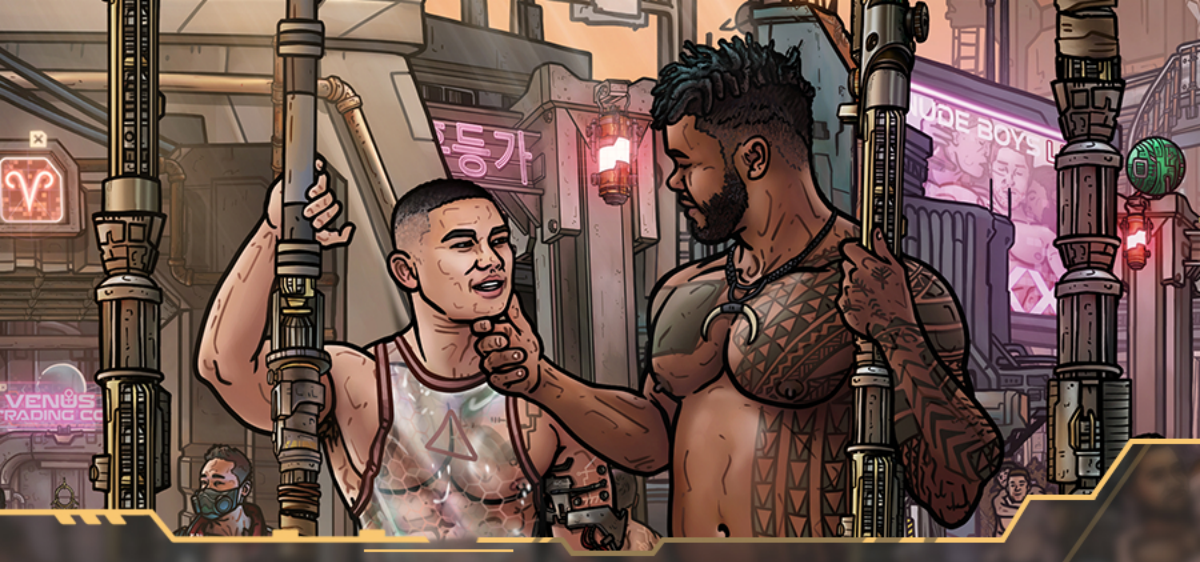
THREE_OF_WANDS_

Facing the Future.
Steps have been taken to move beyond the comforts of home and journey into what lies ahead. Although action has been taken, this does not negate the planning required to forge one's path forward. The ground is laid before you but what direction to take? The world is grand, vast, and intimidating. Yet, there is optimism that comes with new opportunities and new adventures. These wands represent your past, your present, and what can be your future - the staff in your grasp! All that is needed is to take the next step forward and wander into the open world when the time is right.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***expansion, foresight, looking ahead, setting out, growth***

REVERSED: ***chronophobia (fear of the future), stumbling through roadblocks, lack of planning, no strategy or foresight***



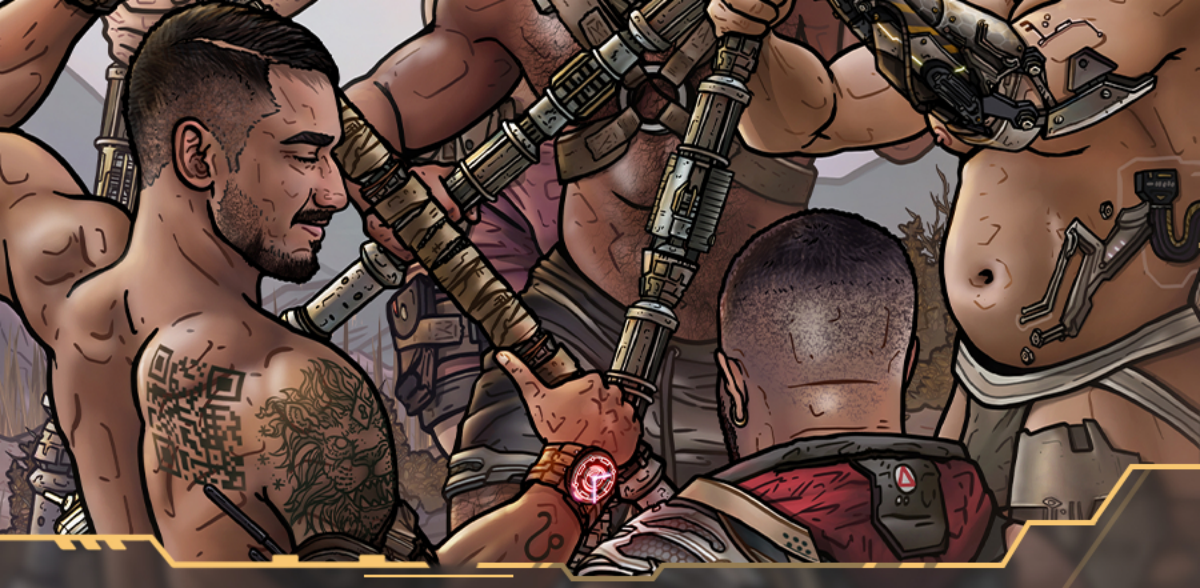
FOUR_OF_WANDS_

Embracing Commitment.
Great strength exists when two individuals are willing and able to give themselves fully to each other to create a harmonious union. Although this may not necessarily represent a romantic union, it does create reason to recognize and celebrate the honor of commitment. Together they stand underneath a bountiful canopy which represents shelter and protecting one another from external forces, as well as the unruly nature of the elements. There is a sense of safety found in belonging. As the festivities take hold, one is reminded about the responsibilities needed to sustain it - trust, communication, pulling one's weight in duties and so on. A shift in balance could potentially disrupt and upend anything worth celebrating, breeding regret and branding one's reputation as irresponsible or untrustworthy. Hence, the stability of the celebratory canopy is only as strong as those that hold it up for all to witness.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *belonging, joy, harmony, celebrations, relaxation, union, commitment, festivity*

REVERSED: *deceit, irresponsible behavior, noncommittal, loner, uses only for own gain, chaotic living, fractured environment*



FIVE_OF_WANDS_

Experiencing Rivalry.
In an effort to control and/or manage our tasks, we may find ourselves struggling in competition with others that have the same outlook. As a result, an entanglement occurs that does nothing to further the work and instead creates strife and complications that can exacerbate over time. There is no communication here, only a self-serving drive, possibly fueled by insecurities, and desire to crush the opposition. One thing is to battle against a competitor but it becomes much more complicated when against greater numbers. Everyone is vying for the same thing. The approach here is to channel those desires and strategize or, at the very least, attempt at planning and establishing structure so that leadership is distributed rather than creating chaos where no one can win. Should the diplomatic approach be fruitless, understand what is worth the fight or when to walk away from the struggle.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *conflict, competition, tension, rivals, disagreements, ego*

REVERSED: *avoidance, premonition, cautious, independent, self-sufficient, cooperative mindset, mind one's business*



SIX_OF_WANDS_

Acknowledging Achievement.
Now is the time to recognize efforts invested and be proud of accomplishment. It feels good to be seen and rewarded for one's work and/or deeds. Given such acknowledgement is healthy for the spirit and propels one to continue doing what they do best. However, resting on one's laurels for too long can have a negative effect and cause one to fall from grace as quickly as they were elevated. With recognition, consider reflecting on all external contributions that helped you get to such a high point and share the wealth of recognition. Taking stock will allow others to celebrate with pride alongside you and fuel further ventures should that be the desire without losing sight of the meaningful work that brought the reward.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *victory, success, triumph, pride, acclaim, public recognition, rewards*

REVERSED: *pretentious, ego-driven, blatant arrogance, hiding insecurities, lacking character, takes credit for others work*



SEV3N_OF_WANDS_

Confronting Opposition.
Challenges and struggles are a reality of living and they are placed in our path with the intention to teach a life-lesson. One can decide to be passive or to take aggressive action, and in this scenario it is time to hold your ground and face the opposition. Regardless of the catalyst for this situation, you are called to take a stand. A stand for your beliefs, for what you've accomplished or obtained or against forces that threaten your sanctum, brethren, or person. This unpleasant position prompts one to reflect whether the fight is worth it but to be complacent may simply make one vulnerable to attack from others that have a self-serving motive. You must be on the attack before anyone else. A victorious end may not be guaranteed here but at least you gave it your all. You have not lost the war.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***challenge, perseverance, defensiveness, self-defense, the high ground***

REVERSED: ***weak-willed, vulnerable, cowardly, outnumbered, unprepared, obscuring truth, false pretenses***



EIGHT_OF_WANDS_

Hopeful Activity.
Just as there are moments where things may require a pause to process and determine a productive approach, there are moments that require swift action to take advantage of the present energy. One is promoted to no longer hold back but to act and expeditiously. Like the ignition of a rocket ship, this build up is ready to fire at a grand scale and take off at great speed to accomplish the task of reaching the intended destination, although the focus isn't necessarily the end point but getting the journey started for the conditions are ideal. So too one is prompted to tap into the drive and desire within that has had enough time to ferment and unleash it to reach the intended goal. Nothing further is needed than to act and to act now. One will deal with the outcome when they get there but for the moment, set your intention, engage your actions, and enjoy the journey.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***movement, sudden change, excitement, quick decision-making, speed***

REVERSED: ***apprehension, concern, overthinking, avoiding action/confrontation, holding back potential, lost in thought***



NINE_OF_WANDS_

Achieving Resilience.
Understanding the need to pause, rest, and recuperate from whatever course one has endured, it is important to reflect on accomplishment. Not all trajectories that one chooses are easy and may produce a meeting with a much greater adversary than expected. Regardless, one's resilience is a testament to the capacity of determination and keeping steady, without giving into fear, hesitancy, or defeat. Limits do get tested and one may not always walk away unharmed. Still, as the flames continue to burn within, being beaten and battered in the process does not deter from the goal one has set in mind. Your set purpose is significant and you will give everything you have got to achieve, protect, maintain, etc. Know your worth and allow spirit to be persistent but recognize when the body and mind needs to mend lest they reach the point of incapacity.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *resilience, courage, persistence, making a last stand, exhaustion*

REVERSED: *vulnerable, unaware, distracted, weak opening, masochist tendencies, glutton for punishment, worn from exhaustion*



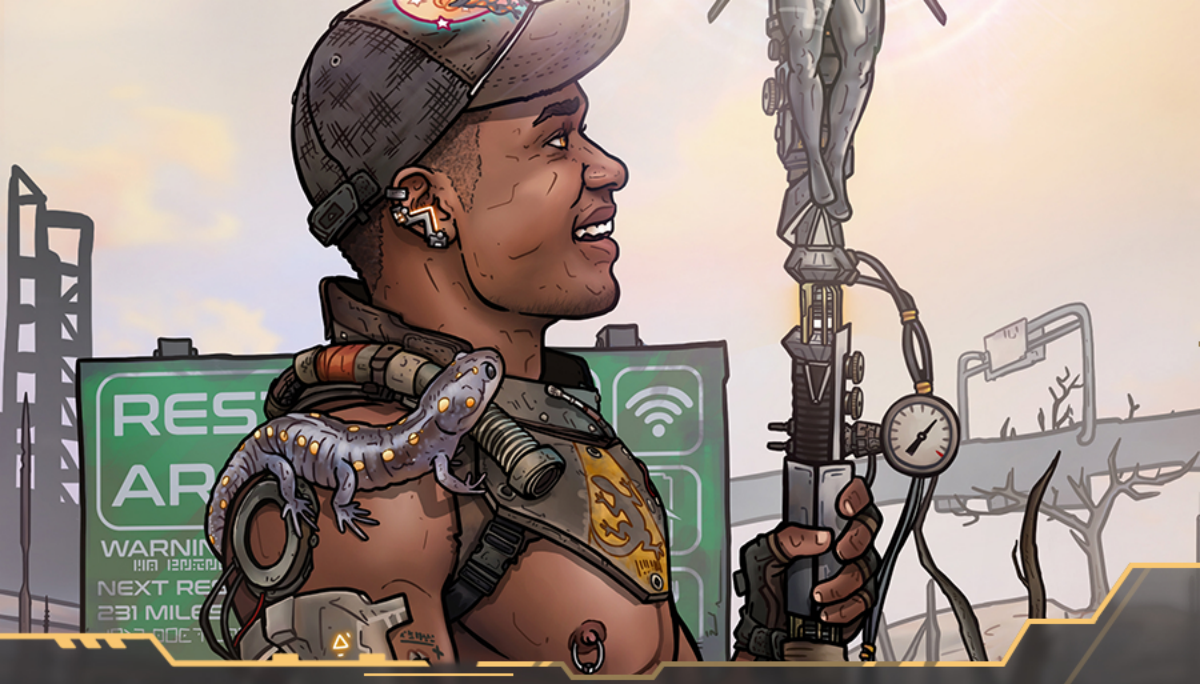
TEN_OF_WANDS_

Encountering Strain.
A strong work ethic is an admirable trait but runs the risk of being more of a burden than intended when kept unchecked. One can get so immersed in the work that they may not realize they are taking on more than they are capable of. It weighs them down, makes one lose focus, creates an opportunity for hazardous mistakes, or can even affect one's health to the point of incapacitation. And in the end, all for what? One can feel a great responsibility where they need to do more than average to support those that depend on them but at what cost when life and limb are at risk? Others dive into their work headfirst because they have nothing else to live for, so is this really living? After all this time following one's craft and working so hard to meet needs, sacrificing desires, and experiencing the world around them, one is reminded of the value of the outcome and think "is it worth it?" If not, it is time to re-evaluate priorities. If it is, then you're right where you want to be, albeit blinded from what lies ahead.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***burdens, obligations, duty, burning out, struggle, completion, hard work***

REVERSED: ***carelessness, dangerous conditions, need to sort priorities, overworked, straining health, no work/life balance***



PAGE_OF_WANDS_

Emerging Energy.
The Page of Wands is discovering the elemental powers of Fire and learning to wield its attributes: passion, adventure, drive, temperament. Like the spark that slowly grows to an emblazoned bonfire, the heat is growing within the Page, propelling them forward with thrill and excitement. Although the process may be awkward and haphazard at times, the confidence and desire within is carving the path forward with an eye on the prize. These are habits of the blossoming apprentice, ready to run after barely learning to walk. Seeming compulsive, the Page does not disregard their experience. Rather they are quick to absorb and continue forward with enthusiasm. There is so much to experience and discover in the world and the Page of Wands is ready to burn their mark into it.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *adventure, new concepts, new ideas, fearlessness, extrovert, energetic*

REVERSED: *weak-minded, accident prone, doubtful, apprehensive, hesitant, self-defeating, clumsy*



KNIGHT_OF_WANDS_

Charging with Passion.
This warrior is ruled by the soul with a goal to achieve by any means necessary. This knight has trained as an apprentice of boldness, dedication, and blessed by the power of Fire, they are ready to propel forth in the spirit of adventure. Fueled by natural adrenaline, the Knight of Wands is prepared to embark on any journey, with or without a certain destination in mind. Wielding the power of vitality, their fervor is the weapon of choice. The wand is a reminder that although the power is in their soul, uncontrolled energy can produce hazardous conditions for the self and others should they be acted upon. Without direction, self-control, or level-headedness, wielding a staff of power can be more overwhelming than anticipated. The quest for excitement and pleasure lies ahead for this warrior and they are prepared to meet the challenge led by their fiery spirit within, fully unleashed.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: *passion, hero, inspired action, free spirited, rebellious, care free*

REVERSED: *apprehensive, lacking spirit, lethargic, uninspired, pessimistic, fearful, frustrated energy*



PRINCE_OF_WANDS_

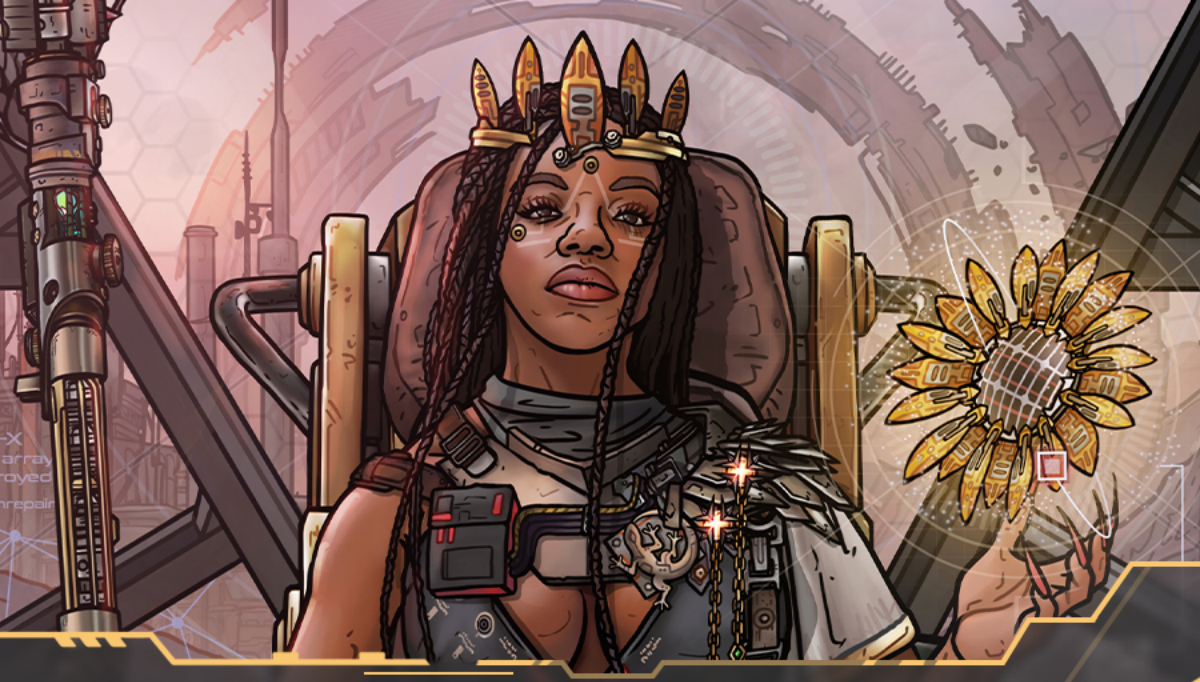
[variant of the Queen_of_Wands]

Sustaining Delight.
The Prince of Wands reinforces the elemental court of Fire. Rather than lead, the Prince is concerned with attributes that support and balance the fiery King. The Prince is an extrovert that promotes warmth, comfort, excitement, pleasure, and well-being. However, do not be misled by their joyous disposition as they can be fiercely yet subtly protective of those they care for. Loyalty is of great value to the Prince of Wands and they will be loyal in return. Their presence offers an opportunity to encounter an ambience of amusement, humor, and jubilance for the Prince of Wands relishes in merriment. They boost exuberant amounts of energy and confidence, reflective of their welcoming nature. Allow yourself the honor to know the joys of the fire element.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***charismatic, social, passionate, confident, determined, self-assured, independent***

REVERSED: ***ferocity, self-serving, boisterous, envious, heavy-handed, aggressive behavior***



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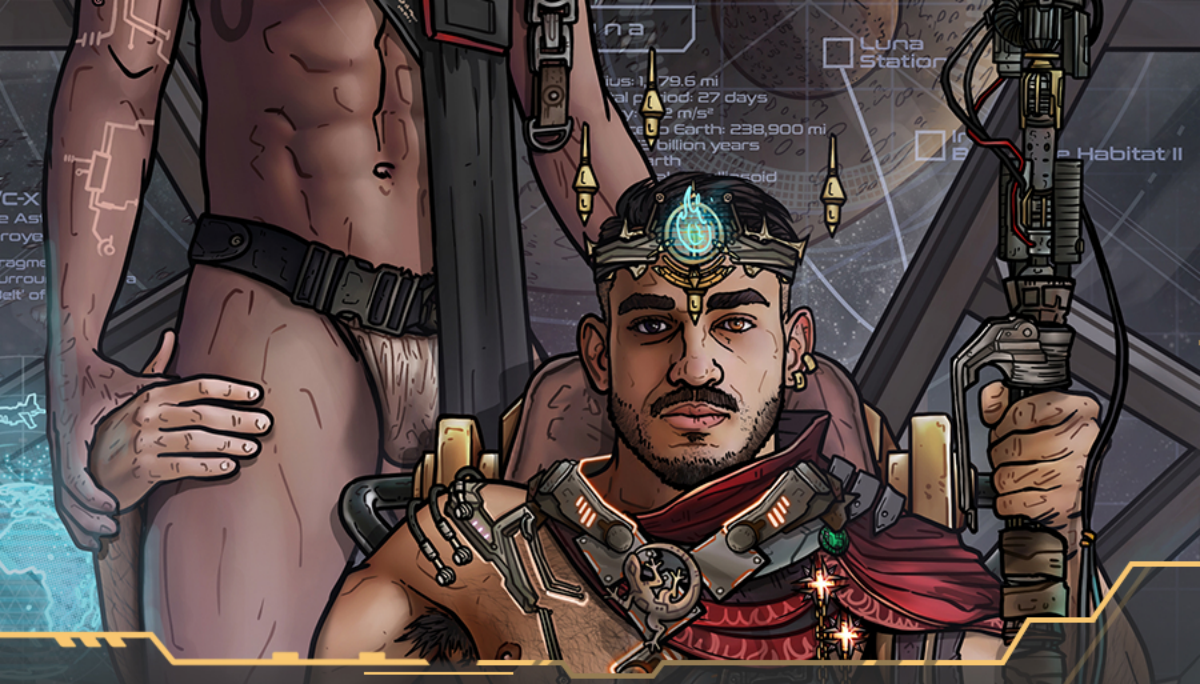


KING_OF_WANDS_

Leading with the Soul.
The King of Wands governs the element of Fire and all matters concerning goal-setting and passion for accomplishing desires. This King represents the querent or a known individual that exemplifies energy and a powerful drive to get what they want. They surround themselves with like-minded individuals that can offer support, innovative ideas, collaboration, and desire to accomplish. The Kind of Wands has earned their stature having lived and superseded all challenges and obstacles that have presented before themselves by want or circumstance. These experiences have prompted and molded this individual to be driven by desire, a task-master, a visionary in areas of interest, a passionate sexual partner, and one that inspires others to go after what they want.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***visionary leader, bold, natural leader, optimistic, in control, decisive***

REVERSED: ***stubborn, mean-spirited, conniving, defeated, envious, backstabber, never satisfied***

THE_ARCHITECTS_

Archetypes of the Divine Cosmos

Beings from the depths of the cosmos appear in our solar system, titanic empyreal figures ushering forth a new age for mankind. These god-like aliens appear in the guise of the zodiac constellations, familiar concepts that mortals are able to comprehend. They have arrived to help guide humanity, leading us to a new, brighter, future.


Aries


Taurus


Gemini


Cancer


Leo


Virgo


Libra


Scorpio


Sagittarius


Capricorn


Aquarius


Pisces


Ophiuchus



ARIES_
<the_ram>

[element]: **fire**
[ruling planet]: **mars**

Cosmic Challenger.

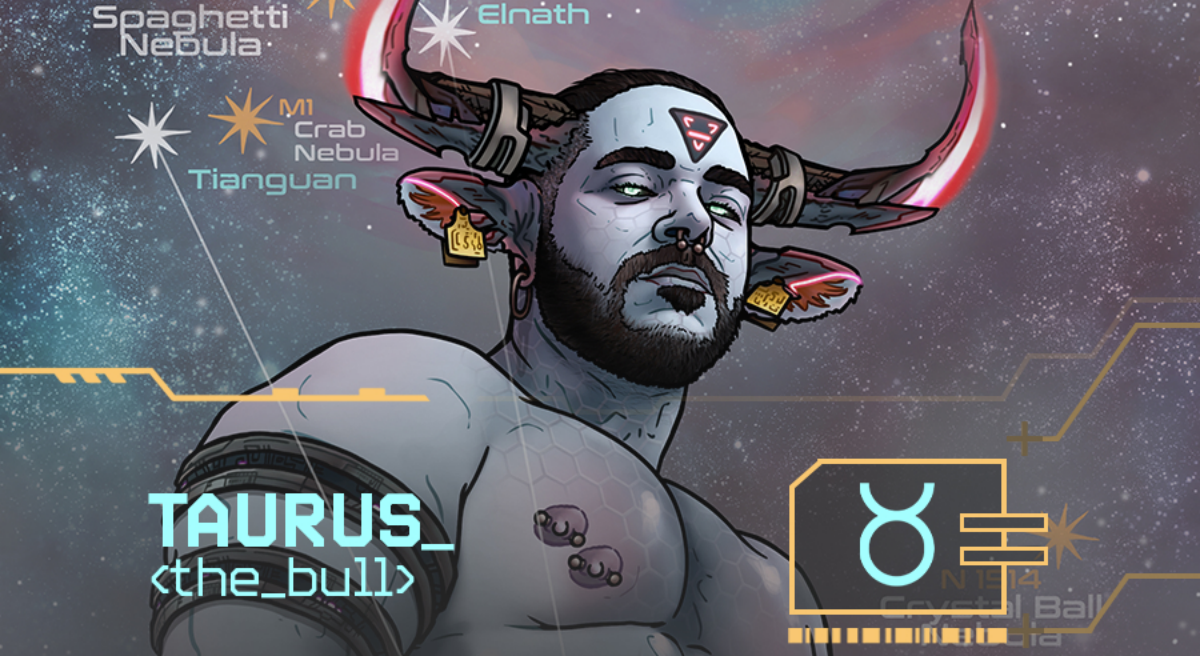
Leading the archetypes, Aries is an assertive and diligent force. They inject their heart and soul into any task and will devote themselves to it entirely to ensure their success. Aries is goal-oriented and prefers to go forth independently as they are not adept at working in a collaborative setting. Aries are prone to suffer from impatience and a short-temper, which can work against them should they be too focused. They confront a greater amount of pressure than most and can wear themselves out from doing more than they should or are capable. Aries' persistence proves their ability to be a valuable ally.

Positive Aspects:

focused, determined, strong-willed, passionate, natural leader

Shadow Aspects:

impatient, easily triggered, impulsive, short-sighted, self-serving



TAURUS_
<the_bull>

[element]: **earth**
[ruling planet]: **venus**

Cosmic Lover.

A trusted archetype, Taurus offers dependable companionship, grounded in principles of creating a stable environment for self and others. They are known to be patient and focused on ensuring the home is properly settled, orderly, and comfortable. They are susceptible to too much comfort and can slip into monotonous behaviors. On the other hand, abrupt and continuous change can push Taurus over the edge as they consider it chaos, contrary to the stability they seek.

Positive Aspects:

committed, meticulous, dependable, stable, trustworthy

Shadow Aspects:

materialistic, sensitive, laziness, uncomfortable with change, stubborn



GEMINI_
<the_twins>

[element]: **air**
[ruling planet]: **mercury**

Cosmic Intellectual.

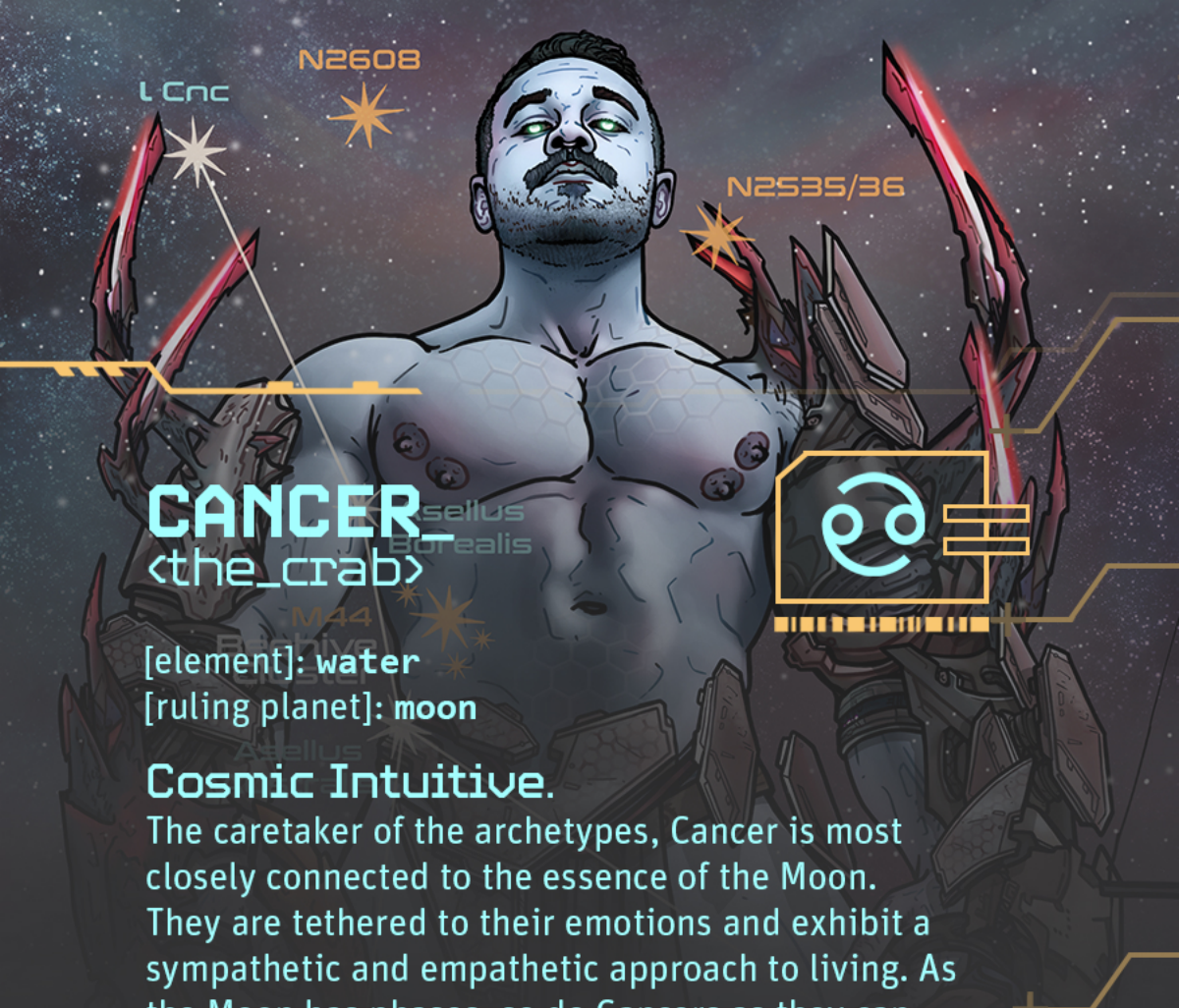
A dual-archetype, Gemini wield various characteristics they can easily adapt to whatever situation they find themselves in. They will tap into their skills to blend in and make things work for them. This adaptable skill can also exhibit inconsistent behavior where others will have difficulty perceiving Gemini's true nature or even trust them fully. Luckily, Gemini tend to keep one foot in reality, allowing them to stand their ground and go about their business.

Positive Aspects:

entertaining, charismatic, good communicators, visionaries, adapt easily

Shadow Aspects:

indecisive, inconsistent characteristics, non-committal, superficial, embellishes reality



CANCER_
<the_crab>

[element]: **water**
[ruling planet]: **moon**

Cosmic Intuitive.

The caretaker of the archetypes, Cancer is most closely connected to the essence of the Moon. They are tethered to their emotions and exhibit a sympathetic and empathetic approach to living. As the Moon has phases, so do Cancers as they can easily change moods and behaviors. This can result in them feeling too much from what is going on around them. Relying on their perception supports them in maintaining harmony and awareness of their environment and those they care for.

Positive Aspects:

empathetic, perceptive, nurturing, dependable, in-tune with emotions

Shadow Aspects:

sensitive, moody, insecure, possessive, easily-stressed

LEO_
<the_lion>

[element]: **fire**
[ruling planet]: **sun**

Cosmic Elegance.

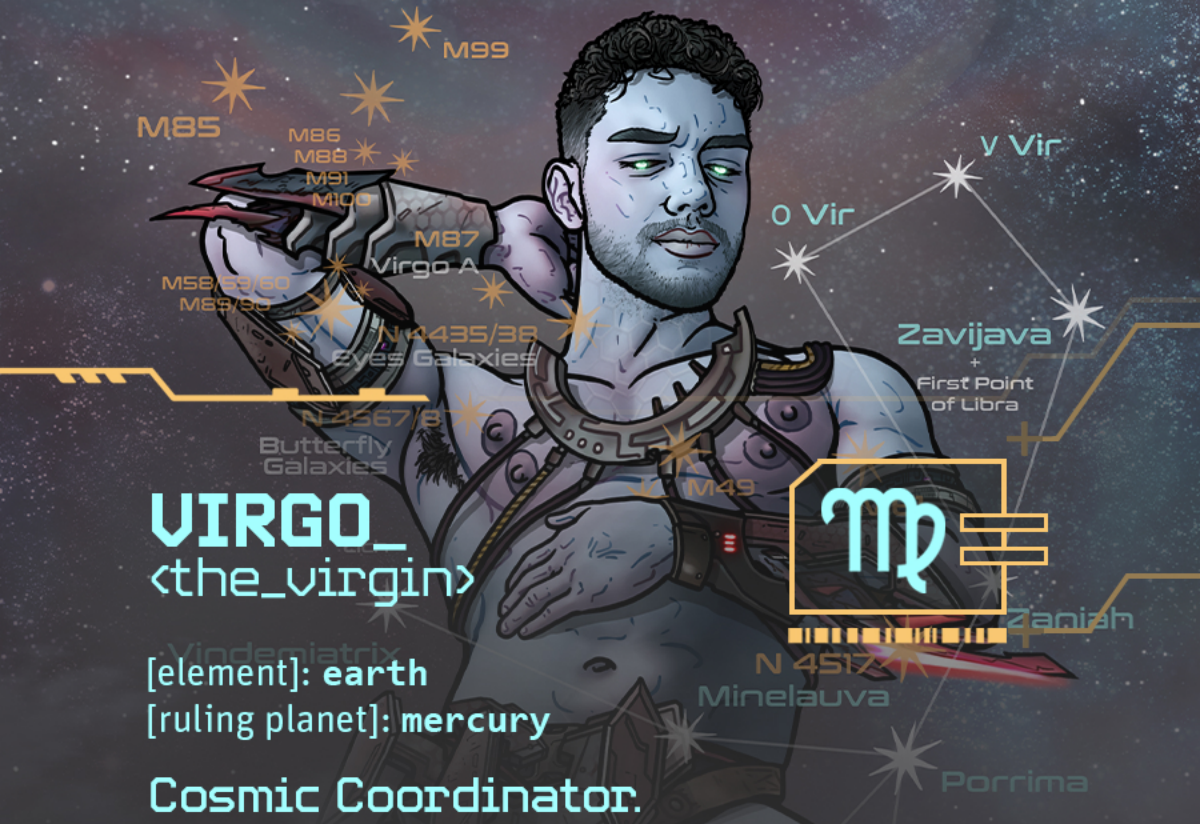
The archetype that beguiles, Leos are known for their noble and captivating nature, strength, and fiery adoration for life. Not one to linger in the background, Leos love the limelight and exude confidence easily admired by others. However, too much adoration can twist Leo's perception and push them to the point of vanity and pompous behavior, which can quickly crumble their spirit and take them on an emotional downward spiral. Keeping composure and holding their position is an effort best left to Leos.

Positive Aspects:

confident/ambitious, adventurous, humorous nature, generous, loyal

Shadow Aspects:

boastful, sensitive to criticism, vain, gullible, prideful



VIRGO_
<the_virgin>

[element]: **earth**
[ruling planet]: **mercury**

Cosmic Coordinator.

The most practical of the archetypes, Virgo is known as a visionary strategist, determined to accomplish the task at hand. Although they are known to delegate and lead, when it comes to their own matters they can be chaotic and even neglectful. As a result, they may appear as “do as I say, not do as I do.” Virgos prefer to assist and support others before focusing on oneself so as not to be perceived as selfish or self serving.

Positive Aspects:

organized, systematic, practical, detailed vision/execution, grounded

Shadow Aspects:

traditionalist, procrastinator, strict, critic, judgemental



LIBRA_
‹the_scales›

[element]: **air**
[ruling planet]: **venus**

Cosmic Balance.

A harmonious seeking archetype, Libra desires to maintain equity and balance in all things. They will listen and offer wisdom, ensuring they are giving as much of themselves as they are offered. That said, Libras are prone to do more than necessary to prevent any disruption or tension, which can offset the balance they thrive on. They can also become susceptible to extreme behavior and should make every effort to depend on their mental prowess to employ logic and keep the scales on an equal equilibrium.

Positive Aspects:

balanced, social, harmonious-nature, analytical, stylish

Shadow Aspects:

self-compromising, vulnerable, extremist, reactive, easily manipulated

SCORPIO_
<the_scorpion>

[element]: **water**
[ruling planet]: **pluto**

Cosmic Mystery.

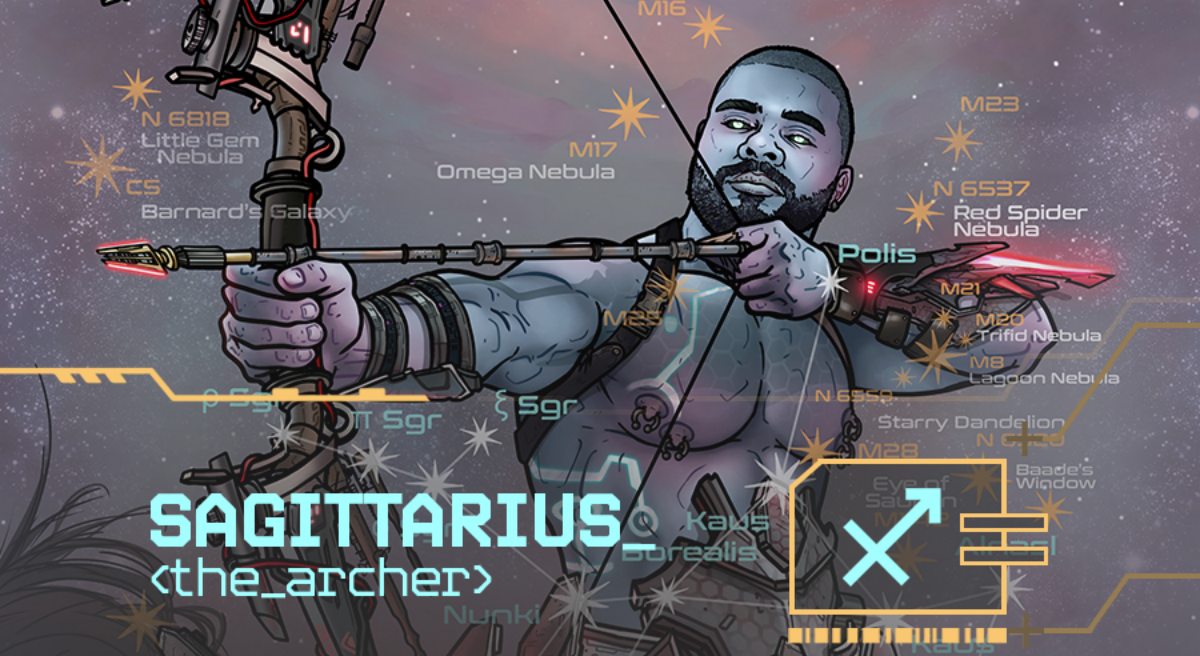
The most enigmatic of the archetypes is Scorpio. Known to be a keeper of secrets, they do not reveal much of themselves which garnishes the attention of others. Should a Scorpio open themselves, they will demonstrate a capacity to be thorough, passionate, and involved in what holds their interest. Irk their ire, and Scorpio will close up, withholding any sense of emotion or understanding. Their ability to control themselves can permeate into manipulating others which lends to their fame of being the most mysterious archetype to decipher.

Positive Aspects:

alluring, independent, persistent, strategic, curious

Shadow Aspects:

manipulator, tough character, secretive, envious, ruthless competitor



SAGITTARIUS_
<the_archer>

[element]: **fire**
[ruling planet]: **jupiter**

Cosmic Seeker.

An archetype with a taste for adventure, Sagittarius are seekers of life, desiring to experience everything they can. They exude great amounts of energy and are unwavering in satisfying their passions and interests. This approach to living makes them prone to moving too fast from one thing to another at any given moment, which lends to their unpredictable and ephemeral reputation. Sagittarius cannot be held down and are quick to show their displeasure until they refocus on whatever holds their attention.

Positive Aspects:

adventurous, free-spirited, energetic, philosophical, optimistic

Shadow Aspects:

undependable, neglectful, short-sighted, unpredictable, short-tempered

CAPRICORN_
<the_sea_goat>

[element]: **earth**
[ruling planet]: **saturn**

Cosmic Resilience.

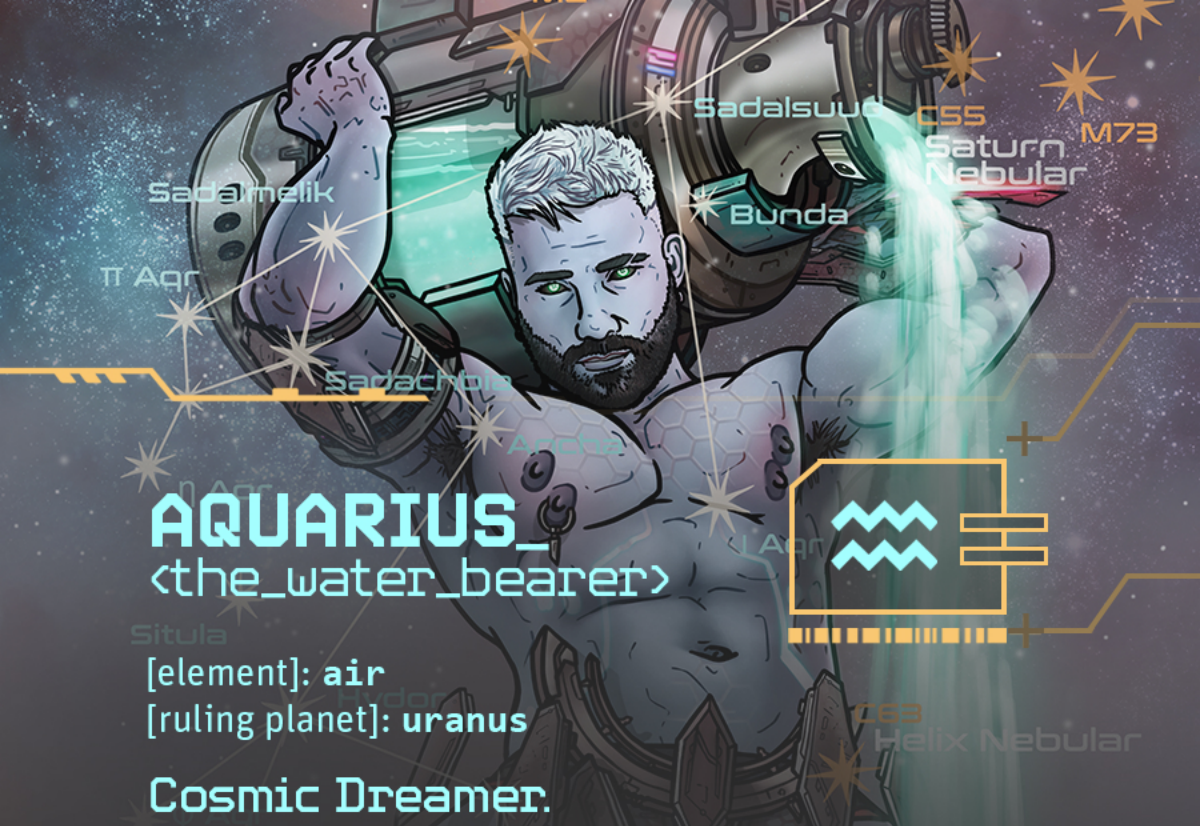
The most goal-oriented of all the archetypes, Capricorn will go above and beyond to attain what they want in life. They are known to be dedicated to whatever work they engage in and go about it in a meticulous and efficient manner. Being a work-horse of sorts can place Capricorn in a precarious position of over-exertion, where they can easily burn out from trying too hard to be perfect. Capricorns are adept at holding their ground and moving steadily forward as long as they keep their own work-ethic in check.

Positive Aspects:

responsible, perseverance, hard worker, organized, grounded

Shadow Aspects:

obsessive, stubborn, distant, perfectionist, prone to over-exertion



AQUARIUS_
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[element]: **air**
[ruling planet]: **uranus**

Cosmic Dreamer.

An ethereal archetype, Aquarius appears to think and act beyond what seems possible for most. Their minds are very active with the ability to create, process, and approach the mundane in the most imaginative way possible. This is how Aquarius demonstrates their intelligence and capacity to think outside the box to get results. They have the tendency to go above and beyond the norm, making them seem too far removed from reality to be successful. However, they manage to find a way others wouldn't consider and that makes them stand out amongst the crowd.

Positive Aspects:

artistic, clever, high awareness, sociable, value uniqueness

Shadow Aspects:

emotionally detached, over-thinkers, flighty, resentful, high expectations



PISCES_
<the_fish>

[element]: **water**
[ruling planet]: **neptune**

Cosmic Creative.

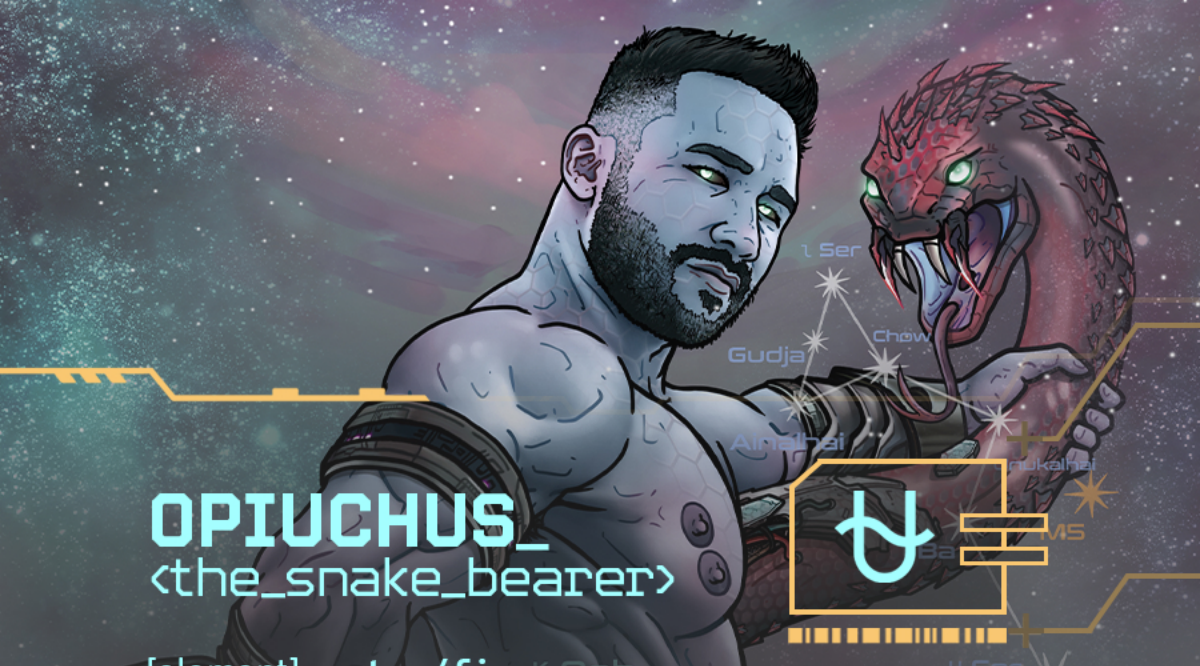
An archetype with a propensity for the creative, Pisces are apt at navigating life with natural talent. They think creatively yet are connected to their feelings and intuitively know how to approach their goals, providing an outlet to their visions. They are as good observers as they are producers. Should they be exposed to too much at once, they can become overwhelmed and sabotage themselves in an effort to not deal with day-to-day matters. Pisces prefer to go with the flow and feel alive.

Positive Aspects:

compassionate, friendly, imaginative, intuitive, non-judgemental

Shadow Aspects:

overwhelmed, emotional sponge, lack self-confidence, escapist approach to problem-solving, overly trusting



OPIUCHUS_
<the_snake_bearer>

[element]: **water/fire**
[ruling planet]: **chiron**

Cosmic Insight.

Sharing characteristics of the Fire and Water element, Ophiuchus can be considered steam, the outcome when opposing forces come together to take another form. Ophiuchus is a knowledge seeking being, desiring to understand others and grow from the experience. However, should they lean too much into their emotions rather than logic, they must wrestle with finding the optimistic outlook in all things and exist authentically.

Positive Aspects:

adaptive, insightful, good-natured, charming, justice-oriented

Shadow Aspects:

procrastinators, restless, critical, arrogant, anger-easily



HE_WHO_WATCHES_

[collector's edition exclusive]
[human + alien *variants*]

a keen and analytical observer, recording the adventures and experiences of all those he watches (and he watches all). His path is a quest for a higher state of enlightenment, attained through meditation and reflection, allowing himself ample time to contemplate his next step and path forward rather than to act impulsively. He yearns to understand the bigger picture of life and existence but the cost is a high one for he isolates himself, never participating in the events deeds he so zealously chronicles. This is a warning that holding yourself back and dwelling in solitude for too long can lead to isolation and loss of connection to the world and those that are important to us. Life is to be lived, so go and live it.

KEYWORDS

UPRIGHT: ***seeing the bigger picture, observing, perception, reflection, detail-oriented***

REVERSED: ***holding back, standing apart, blinded to the obvious, isolation, no participation***

working with the RECLAIMED_EARTH_ TAROT

The Reclaimed Earth tarot is a futuristic retelling of the traditional tarot, and as such is compatible with all spreads designed for tarot decks. There are countless spreads covering a range of different topics (such as career, success, romance, spirituality, etc) Below are some suggested spreads for reading the cards (from simple to more complex), but you are also encouraged to develop your own or use spreads as featured in other divinatory card systems.

THE_NORTH_STAR_

[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.

RUST/METAL/AND_RAIN_

[3 card spread]

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.



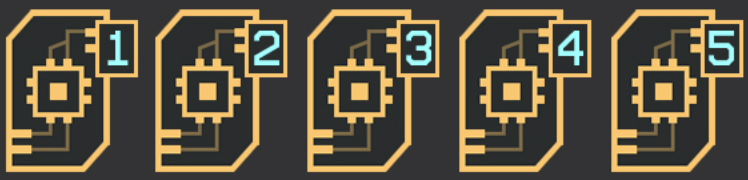
card 1: **past**
card 2: **present**
card 3: **future**

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.

THE_GATEWAY_

[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.



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

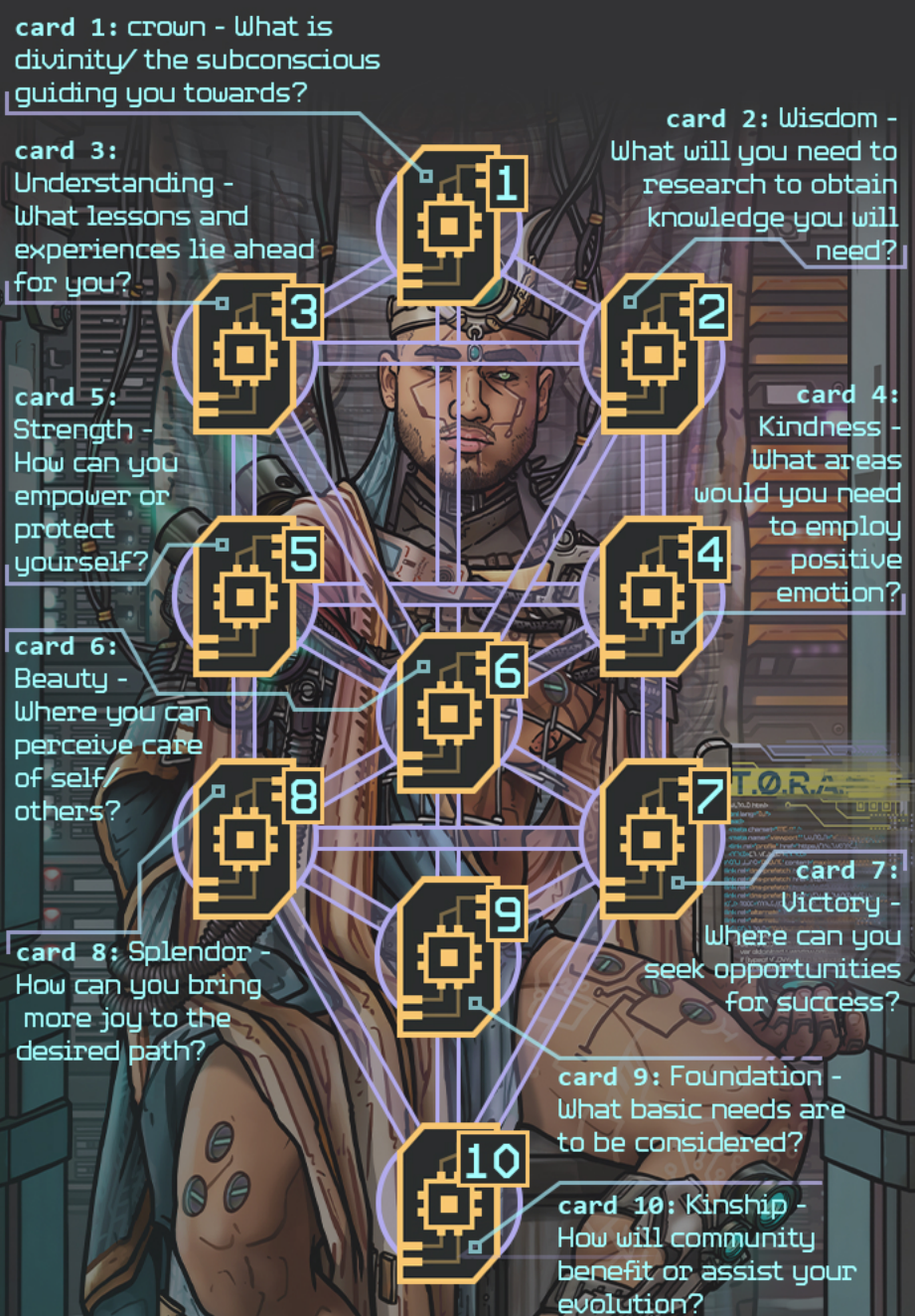
Should you choose to explore the message of the final card in this spread further, move it to the top of the spread and choose 3 additional cards from the deck for further guidance on the "outcome."

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:



Look into each card and the aspects the characters represent. How are they a reflection of you and/or your situation? You have flexibility to reduce or increase the number of cards within this journey if needed. This spread can be uniquely tailored to your area of focus or need. There are no limitations to the path before you.

THE_SOURCE_CODE_

[4 card spread]

This spread is similar to the 3 card spread but provides additional information for issues a bit more complex. This spread is ideal to use when seeking more information on an outcome from any spread you employ, to dig deeper into your inquiry. You will start with a card on the left-hand side and place the next card to the right of and slightly below the initial card. Place the third card above the second, and the 4th and final card to the right, level with the initial card, as depicted below. Read from left to right.



card 1: purpose/the 'why' for the initial outcome
card 2: forces that can shift the outcome
card 3: forces that keep matters static
card 4: overall point of reflection

If further clarification is required, pull an additional card and place it beside the fourth.

ORION'S_BLADE_

[7 card spread]

This spread is ideal to investigate matters you are currently experiencing and reflect on the machinations within the mind. What are the cards 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 on both sides of the situation you are questioning. You can choose to utilize the entire deck or solely the Major Arcana.

Lay out 4 cards to form the 'hilt' as depicted. Study those present in the reading and reflect on how they appear to support you in your or your client's inquiry. Once completed, draw three additional cards and place them in a column above the hilt to form the blade.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.



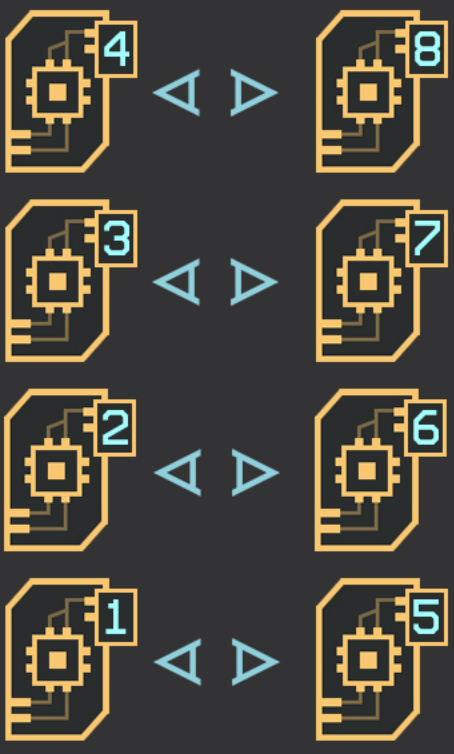
If desired, you can use the list below as prompts for reflection:

card 1: reflection of Personality
card 2: reflection of Emotion
card 3: reflection of Thought
card 4: reflection of Doubt
card 5: reflection of Ambition
card 6: reflection of Misfortune
card 7: reflection of Success

M4CHINES_OF_L1GHT/SHADOW_

[8 card spread]

This spread is ideal to investigate matters you are currently experiencing and reflect/meditate on both sides of the situation you are questioning - the shadow or negative aspects of the situation and the light or positive aspects of the situation.
This spread is designed to prompt reflection on light and shadow aspects for a given situation or concern. After the cards are shuffled, meditated upon, and cut, they are dealt in two columns of 4 cards each. You will decide which volume will represent the shadow aspect of the inquiry and which column will represent the positive aspects of the inquiry. As the reader, you have a few options for modification of this spread to tailor the reading - for example, you can use cards from the entire deck, work with only the Court cards, or sort using elemental opposites (wands/fire vs cups/water). Once you've decided whether to start with a light or shadow column, lay out 4 cards from bottom to top to form the column.



Study the reading and reflect on messages that appear to support you in your or your client's inquiry. Once completed, lay out another set of 4 cards to the right or left of each card from the first pull column. As you compare and contrast the cards, reflect on the alternating views presented. What messages are constant? Where are you given a different perspective? Contemplate the messages and you're encouraged to write and document your reading for future reference.

CONSECR4TION+CARE_

[looking after your tarot cards]

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

about the AUTHOR+ARTIST_

St. Jinx is the illustrator of The Reclaimed Earth Tarot. He has always had an affinity for the arts but it was not until around 2015 that he started working as an illustrator and began to focus on building a career from his art. His works usually encompasses 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. Between the years 2018-2020 St. Jinx, with guides written by Walter Freyrson, released a 3-deck series that combined to make the New Eden Oracle, consisting of The Wood and Bone Reinvented oracle, The Feather and Stone oracle, and the Salt and Ash oracle, with a 10 card expansion The Veiled Shore following soon after.

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