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The High Priestess

A re-interpretation of the traditional
tarot, in 78 original illustrations
by Tommy Marn

To my friends,
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help, guidance, and advice
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Introduction

The traditional tarot deck consists of 22 major and 56 minor arcana divided into 4 suites. A multitude of decks have been made with the intent to faithfully update or re-style the original compositions and motifs of the classic Rider Waite Smith deck. This is not one of them.

This deck is a full re-interpretation of the traditional tarot, using themes, objects, and motifs from my own life and music. It contains 78 original illustrations that follow the themes and divinatory meanings of the traditional tarot, using original compositions, personal motifs, and featuring places, objects, and situations from my life. The deck is organized into 22 major arcana, and 56 minor arcana divided into 4 suits- Dogs (wands), Flowers (cups), Bugs (swords), and Disks (pentacles).

When I started this project, I knew little about Tarot. I'd had a handful of readings, mostly from close friends, but had never seriously endeavored to learn the cards, myself.

I purchased my first tarot deck on a whim at a festival, and I was immediately fascinated by the tone of the illustrations. I was enamored by the way these little images could have the capacity to generate deeply personal and flexible meaning for any reader at any time around the whole world. There is something fundamentally true about the nature of art that I think is clarified in this aspect of Tarot.

Over three-ish years of working on this deck, I experienced some of the highest highs and deepest lows of my life so far. I pulled cards randomly about once a week and did my best to come up with something that would satisfy the standard interpretation of the card, while also feeling personally resonant in my life at the time.

As an artist, I had mostly worked from observation up to this point, and the process of creating an illustration from scratch that satisfies an existing interpretation was a very new challenge for me.

Through this experience, I grew a lot as an artist, and gained a much deeper respect and appreciation for tarot. I hope this deck (like the many other unique, rare, personal versions of tarot from artists all over the world) can continue to serve as an avenue for reflection, divination, and clarity for those who seek it.

The Suits

Dogs:

The suit of Dogs is associated with fire, work, passion, and the pursuit of stability through simple means. It is based on Wands in traditional tarot. The suit illustrates the romanticized pursuit of a "simple life," through the journey of stray dogs discovering and chasing adoption and domesticity. They are spurred by the promise of stability and security achieved by working hard and following the rules of the world to achieve a better life.

Flowers:

The suit of Flowers is associated with water, life, love, emotion, and the capacity for romance and relationships. It is based on the Cups suit in traditional tarot. The flowers and vases in this suit are givers and containers of emotional energy. They represent thoughts and feelings that bloom and dance and grow and change over time.

Bugs:

The suit of Bugs is associated with air, intellect, logic, and conflict. It is based on Swords in traditional tarot. The suit features various bugs trying to exist in a world dominated by forces too large and uncaring to notice them. The Bugs suit is meant to nod to a sense of tension and frustration

that comes from the realization and rationalization of one's own smallness. It's about the struggle of small, insignificant things, and understanding of one's place, living in a world shaped by enormous, untouchable forces.

Disks:

The suit of Disks is associated with earth, commerce, industry, money, success, and achievement- seen through the lens of music making. It is based on Pentacles in traditional tarot. It focuses on physical objects of music production, and various phases and situations of the life of a musician. Disks are counted loosely - anything from CDs and records, to instrument, to actual coins, to phone notifications.



Major

I. The Magician

- * It's you. This card represents the reader- within you is the capacity to make meaning out of all things. The events and situations in your life are your brushes and paints, and the tarot provides a canvas for you to fill with a picture of yourself and your life in this moment. You are creative, resourceful, flawed, powerful, smart, cowardly, and wonderful, all at once. You are the bridge between the ethereal and the real.
- * Upright: Willpower, resourcefulness, desire, capability, manifestation
- * Reversed: manipulation, cunning, trickery, illusion, deception, wasted efforts

II. The High Priestess

- * The great unknowable unconscious energy of mystical things in this world. The high priestess reminds us that there is a version of reality that remains hidden, just beyond the veil of our normal conscious understanding... But there may be ways to reach it if we try.
- * Upright: secrets, hidden knowledge, intuition, inner wisdom, spirituality, higher powers, inner voices, the unconscious mind
- * Reversed: repressed intuition, confusion, cognitive dissonance, superficiality, ignoring a calling

III. The Empress

- * The Empress symbolizes love, fertility, and grace- bestowing abundance and blessings. She embodies emotional intelligence, activity, grace, and strength through feeling and empathy. It takes effort and commitment to learn this dance. It is something mastered over a lifetime- achieved through self-reflection, and consistent effort.
- * Upright: divine feminine energy, creativity, beauty, fertility, nurturing, abundance
- * Reversed: insecurity, overbearing, smothering, creative block, dependence on others

IV. The Emperor

- * The Emperor represents the positive aspects of masculinity. A dedication to necessary and important work. He is dedicated to maintaining his ability to provide for those around him. Focused, productive, in control, and utterly capable in his workshop. Surrounded by measuring devices, the Emperor provides stability in times of turmoil, but not always comfort. He can provided a steady, grounded, stabilizing sink for emotional energy.
- * Upright: stable, grounded, unemotional, hardworking, dependable
- * Reversed: closed-minded, emotionally distant, hyper-fixated, overworked

V. The Hierophant

- * Represents institutions, and the capacity for longstanding social structures to do good in the lives of people who utilize them. Learning and stability are passed down through The Hierophant, to those who show obedience and loyalty to its systems.
- * Upright: tradition, social groups, conventionality, education, conformity, beliefs
- * Reversed: rebellion, unconventionality, non-conformity, new ideas, inaccessible systems of power

VI. The Lovers

- * Relationships, and partnerships, both romantic and otherwise. The lovers card calls you to make choices aligned with your emotional and personal goals, and foster inner harmony. The lovers represents things and people lost and gained—perfect and imperfect unions, and the things left behind when a partnership is formed or broken.
- * Upright: love, perfect harmony, partnership, romance, balance, union
- * Reversed: disharmony, imbalance, conflict, detachment, indecision, bad choices

VII. The Chariot

- * The chariot is the driver of the world, leading unaligned, disorderly forces towards progress by sheer force of will. It represents a method or practice through which disparate ideas

and energies can be aligned into something purposeful. The chariot represents the capacity to make different parts of life and emotional complexities work together.

- * Upright: willpower, self discipline, control, success, progress, focus
- * Reversed: lacking direction, lacking focus, facing obstacles, powerlessness

VIII. Strength

- * Command through compassion. Representing inner strength and fortitude during moments of distress. This card represents true strength, which is shown not through power or might, but through influence. Strength demonstrates mastery over powerful things through patience, resilience, fearlessness, and mutual respect.
- * Upright: courage, bravery, confidence, compassion, inner-power
- * Reversed: doubt, weakness, lack of confidence, inadequacy, cowardice,

IX. The Hermit

- * Pushing away the world and embarking on a journey of self discovery. Accumulating spiritual knowledge through intentional isolation and reflection. The Hermit represents a period of personal growth and development by removing oneself from distractions and stresses of the material world.
- * Upright: introspection, contemplation, withdrawal,

solitude, finding oneself

- * Reversed: loneliness, reclusive, anti-social, rejection, or ending a period of isolation

X. The Wheel of Fortune

- * Life happens in cycles. What is high will someday become low, and what is low will someday rise again. The Wheel of Fortune represents luck, cycles, and destiny. No low time lasts forever, and no high point can be sustained. Like the seasons, situations in life come and go.
- * Upright: change, cycles, fate, unexpected events
- * Reversed: lack of control, bad luck, resisting change, delay

XI. Justice

- * Cause and effect. The results of things that have been set into motion. We don't control all the factors, but Justice suggests that there will someday be balance for all things. Consequences, both positive and negative, will come. Justice is cold and logical, and its execution is predictable and measured, even if unforeseeable in the moment. The seed is planted, the plant will grow, and these things will be balanced. The game is always a draw.
- * Upright: fairness, truth, accountability, cause and effect
- * Reversed: injustice, retribution, corruption, dishonestly, lack of accountability

XII. The Hanged Man

- * Gaining a new perspective. Accepting change, or fighting it. Hanging in the balance between two states, seeing the world for the first time from a new angle. Letting go of something that was important to you, or holding on- trying to stop it from changing. Floating on an island in the middle of the universe, your vision of the future suspended over a hole to nowhere, covering up the flowers and trees behind you, and you either struggle to bury it, or refuse to let go.
- * Upright: sacrifice, uncertainty, lack of direction, perspective, contemplation
- * Reversed: resistance, stalling, indecision, standstill, apathy

XIII. Death

- * Recognizing that change has happened. Something about you is different. The world that existed before has changed and so too has your relationship with it. Life happens in chapters, and Death is a reminder that a chapter has concluded, and it's time to accept whatever chapter comes next. Change is a rolling tide that washes over all things eventually, leaving behind something new.
- * Upright: profound transformation, endings, beginnings, transition
- * Reversed: fear of change, negative patterns, resisting change, discomfort from holding on to the past

XIV. Temperance

- * Balance and moderation. Sustaining everything at once through calm, measured action. It is possible to do everything right, and keep a level head. If you master this, you can walk across the water. Obligations, rules, or chaos may surround you, but you can make order of them, and find time and space to address each thing according to its need. Extremes can be avoided.
- * Upright: balance, patience, peace, tranquility, good order, harmony
- * Reversed: imbalance, hastiness, disorder, discord, impatience

XV. The Devil

- * Being seduced by the material world. Things in life that shackle and hold you back from achieving fulfillment. Trapped by earthly habits, seeking convenience and luxury in an unhealthy routine. The Devil represents vices and that can keep you down and trap you in an unsatisfying lifestyle, dependent on unhealthy worldly systems.
- * Upright: addiction, oppression, obsession, dependency, excess, habit, limitation
- * Reversed: freedom, release, reclaimed agency and control, revelation

XVI. The Tower

- * Everything is falling apart. Loss of false foundations. What was here before can no longer be. The visions you had of your life and your future comes crashing down, leaving you disheveled and hurt. The time you asked to stand still fell out of your freezer and shattered on the floor in front of you. Nothing can go back to the way it was- this is a climactic change of something at the core. The tower is lost, but in its place, there may be room for something new. It is a necessary part of life- a time to reevaluate foundational beliefs, and undergo profound, groundbreaking change and development.
- * Upright: disaster, disruption, sudden change, chaos, unexpected loss
- * Reversed: resisting change, delay, averting disaster.

XVII. The Star

- * An alluring vision of the future. Looking forward to the potential for something great and new. The Star represents something exciting, intoxicating, unknown and infinitely promising. Waking up somewhere new and seeing a strange portal glimmering in the distance. Approaching it and offering a flower through the wall into an uncertain reality. A curious roadmap of fate appearing before you.
- * Upright: hope, rejuvenation, faith, optimism.

mystery, curiosity, exploration, hopeful unknowns

- * Reversed: despair, hopelessness, lack of faith, negativity, lack of ambition

XVIII. The Moon

- * The uncomfortable side of the unknown. Darkness, vagueness, miscommunication. Hidden fear and anxiety. Imagination that runs away and leads to a strange, impossible state with no clear path forward. Following a unclear, precarious path, guided through darkness by intuition or notions of uncertain promises.
- * Upright: confusion, vagueness, illusion, complexity, secrets, strange unknowns
- * Reversed: anxiety, misunderstanding, misinterpretation, unconscious biases

XIX. The Sun

- * Joy and optimism. The Sun brings abundance, energy, life, and infinite capacity for warmth, renewal, and rejuvenation. Clarity, hope and optimism abound. Everything is pleasant and flourishing. A new dawn after a long, difficult night.
- * Upright: happiness, success, joy, vitality, confidence, truth
- * Reversed: excess, over-enthusiasm, unrealistic expectations, conceitedness

XX. Judgment

- * A moment to reflect and evaluate. Judgment is a consideration for the self, and an understanding of the status or final result of a grand project. No longer just a promise, but now a completed look at something it is current state. What is truly seen in what has been done? Judgment represents an opportunity to make a change if what is found is unsatisfactory.
- * Upright: self-evaluation, clarity, purpose, reflection, reckoning
- * Reversed: self doubt, lack of self awareness, self loathing, ignored calling

XXI. The World

- * Everything. You are all of it, and all of it flows within and around you. The four suits are all here, mingling with the wholeness of your being. It is the end of a cycle of rebirth- the successful integration of lessons learned, and the re-composing of the self.
- * Upright: completion, achievement, wholeness, harmony
- * Reversed: lack of closure, incomplete, emptiness, uncertain lessons, difficulty achieving unity

0. The Fool

- * Dancing on the razors edge. Unconscious of doubt and uncertainty. The fool has power in unknowing- blissfully unaware of the world and

its consequences. Enamored by a vision (or lack of vision) of circumstance that allows full love, trust and optimism. The power to live in an isolated impossible reality. The beginning of a new journey. The confidence of a novice to master something grand.

- * Upright: freedom, innocence, new adventure, blissful ignorance, unguarded
- * Reversed: reckless, careless, gullible, naive, inconsiderate, thoughtless



Minor

Dogs

I. Ace of Dogs

- * The Ace of dogs represents a grand vision of possibility for a future of security and success. It represents the capacity to embark on a new adventure that could lead to something fulfilling, meaningful, and stable. It's a vision of the dog you might have, the place you might live, and the things you might do.
- * Upright: new initiative, new passion, enthusiasm, energy, inspiration
- * Reversed: lack of passion, lack of energy, hesitancy, creative blocks

II. Two of Dogs

- * The two of dogs is the moment of discovery. It is realizing what you have, and foreseeing what you *could* have. It is a dog making the choice to pursue something new. A renewed enthusiasm for life's journeys.
- * Upright: first steps, making decisions, leaving comfort, taking risks
- * Reversed: over analyzing, not taking action, playing it safe, avoiding risk

III. Three of Dogs

- * The beginning of a journey. A stage of

expansion, foresight, and understanding your commitment to your plans. Bringing with you what you need, and analyzing the road ahead.

- * Upright: momentum, confidence, expansion, growth, foresight, looking ahead
- * Reversed: realization of restrictions, limitations, lack of progress, obstacles, delays

IV. Four of Dogs

- * A gathering of friends- homecoming. A celebration of reunion. A stable, welcoming moment to share what you have learned and the journey you are on with the people in your life.
- * Upright: community, home, celebrations, reunions, parties, gatherings, stability, belonging
- * Reversed: lack of support, instability, feeling unwelcome, transience, lack of roots

V. Five of Dogs

- * Chaos, disorder, sparring. A fight with no winner, and no sensible conclusion. A disagreement, or some brewing conflict. Something creating tension- lack of clarity, miscommunication.
- * Upright: conflict, competition, arguments, aggression, tension, competitive play
- * Reversed: end of conflict, cooperation, agreements, truces, peace

VI. Six of Dogs

- * Fame, material success. A comfortable beautiful, exemplary dog with everything together, and a

collar too. Being acknowledged for effort and accomplishments. Perhaps even an award of some kind.

- * Upright: success, public recognition, triumph over challenges, praise, acclaim, pride
- * Reversed: failure, lack of recognition, no rewards, lack of achievement

VII. Seven of Dogs

- * Suddenly, everyone is after you. There is competition for what you have. Perhaps you are all chasing the same goal, and there is competition for resources, space, time, or attention? A dog defends its bowl and leash from those who seek to take it.
- * Upright: challenge, competition, protection, perseverance, defensiveness
- * Reversed: giving up, admitting defeat, yielding, exhaustion, lack of self belief, surrender

VIII. Eight of Dogs

- * Racing towards the goal. Sudden progress and positive growth. After a period of struggle, making a triumphant push forward.
- * Upright: movement, speed, progress, quick decisions, sudden changes, energetic passion
- * Reversed: waiting, slowness, chaos, delays, losing momentum, hastiness, being unprepared

IX. Nine of Dogs

- * Exhausted- arriving, injured and limping to a next obstacle. The goal is close, and you need to find the strength to make the final push to the finish line. The tools are all here- you've brought everything you need with you.
- * Upright: resilience, persistence, strength in the face of adversity, the last stand
- * Reversed: giving up, stubbornness, refusing compromise, a chip on your shoulder

X. Ten of Dogs

- * Unbelievably overwhelmed- carrying the weight of everything you've accumulated. These damn wands are yours to bear, and it's hard work, but you're close to achieving your goal. The strength to make to make the final push, even when the burden seems unbearable.
- * Upright: exhaustion, perseverance, stress, overwhelming, duty, obligation, burnout
- * Reversed: failure to delegate, too much responsibility, collapse, breakdown

Page of Dogs

- * An alert, attentive puppy finding a stick beneath a large strong tree. His purity of heart promises good fortune. He is full of life and potential. He has achieved nothing yet, but with his strength of spirit he could become anything.
- * Upright: the spirit of adventure, excitement, fresh ideas, energy, fearlessness

- * Reversed: hasty, impatient, creative blocks, laziness, boredom, distraction

Knight of Dogs

- * Activity, swiftness. The ability to do the work. The perfect dog. Leaping high, enthusiastically, catching the stick midair.
- * Upright: decisive, energetic, passionate, active, adventurous, successful, heroic
- * Reversed: impulsive, impatient, lacking self control, arrogant

Queen of Dogs

- * Full of life and spirit. The queen of dogs is passionate, fast moving, maybe a bit temperamental and hot headed. She picked a flower, just for you.
- * Upright: passionate, socially charismatic, giving, lively, determined, optimistic, attractive
- * Reversed: vengeful, demanding, selfish, jealous, temperamental

The King of Dogs

- * The king of dogs is the epitome of a successful, wise, and fully realized domestic creature. He has everything he needs and lives peacefully in his house with his family. He lives inside a perfectly manicured yard surrounded by a white picket fence. He is dependable, trustworthy, honest, and capable.
- * Upright: leadership, vision, big-picture, boldness, optimism
- * Reversed: forceful, domineering, tyrannical, weak leadership



Flowers

I. Ace of Flowers

- * The Ace of Flowers overflows with potential for new love, life, joy and new feelings.
- * Upright: new beginnings, new relationships, new romance, love, happiness, joy, fertility
- * Reversed: new sadness, pain, unrequited love, blocked or repressed emotions, infertility, miscarriage.

II. Two of Flowers

- * Two flowers representing a relationships, love, and sex. The bees are pollinators facilitating sex and amorous love between flowers. The two flowers sit simply on the table together enjoying each other's company. A composition made whole and balanced by just the two of them.
- * Upright: partnership, unity, love, compatibility, happy couples, harmony, balance, attraction, engagements, marriage, mutual respect
- * Reversed: disharmony, disconnection, imbalance, inequality, incompatibility, unhappy couples, arguments, breakups, separation, divorce, ending partnerships, losing friendships

III. Three of Flowers

- * It's a party! A gathering of friends and lovers enjoying life and being happy together.
- * Upright: celebration, community, the joy of

connection with friends and loved ones

- * Reversed: gossip, scandal, excess, isolation, loneliness, solitude, imbalanced social life

IV. Four of Flowers

- * Planning and decision making. Four bunches of flowers sit on the table waiting to be deliberately and thoughtfully arranged in the open, awaiting vase. There is work to do, and things that need to be considered.
- * Upright: contemplation, feeling disconnected, melancholy, boredom, indifference, discontent
- * Reversed: The choice is made, clarity, awareness, acceptance, choosing happiness, or depression, or negativity

V. Five of Flowers

- * The spilled vase. Loss of a relationship- something careless happened and the situation has changed. Things are messy now.
- * Upright: loss, grief, disappointment, sadness, mourning, discontent, feeling let down
- * Reversed: acceptance, moving on, finding peace, contentment, seeing positives

VI. Six of Flowers

- * Childhood nostalgia. A plant nursery. Flowers existing in a time and space before the current world- back when they were just sprouts, living in temporary pots before starting their lives as flowers in vases.

- * Upright: nostalgia, memories, familiarity, healing, comfort, sentimentality, playfulness
- * Reversed: stuck in past, moving forward, leaving home, independence, lacking playfulness

VII. Seven of Flowers

- * Daydreaming, imagination and creativity. The potential for anything to become real- strange new shapes and impossible ideas that might someday manifest. You are uprooted, considering the many things that could come to you.
- * Upright: choices to be made, searching for purpose, illusion, fantasy, daydreaming, wishful thinking, creativity, indecision
- * Reversed: lack of purpose, disarray, confusion, diversion, distractions, clarity in the face of chaos, making choices

VIII. Eight of Flowers

- * The start of a journey away from something. A flower set in a bag, turned towards the door. Ready to leave behind the empty pots that fill the room.
- * Upright: abandonment, walking away, letting go, searching for truth, leaving something behind
- * Reversed: stagnation, monotony, accepting less, avoidance, fear of change, staying in bad situation

IX. Nine of Flowers

- * Overwhelming joy and abundance! A massive

bouquet of flowers, growing enthusiastically and successfully!

- * Upright: joy, full satisfaction, contentment, a wish come true
- * Reversed: unhappiness, lack of fulfillment, disappointment, underachievement, arrogance, snobbery

X. Ten of Flowers

- * Perfect harmony and stability. A well manicured arrangement of ten healthy happy vases of flowers. A perfect family, a life full of love and joy.
- * Upright: perfect love, blissful relationships, harmony, alignment, emotionally balanced and filled
- * Reversed: disconnection, struggling relationships, seeking greater harmony, disappointment in relationships

Page of Flowers

- * A flower springing from the spout of a teapot. The Page of flowers represents childlike wonder, and curiosity. It embodies the playful spirit of "Why not?"
- * Upright: dreamer, naivete, innocence, inner child, head in the clouds, playfulness
- * Reversed: immaturity, neglecting inner child, escapism, insecurity, creative blocks, loss of innocence

Knight of Flowers

- * The flower as a facilitator of activity and ecosystem. The flower becomes the focal point around which life can happen. Utterly attractive and emotional driven.
- * Upright: generative capacity, emotional sensitivity, artistic talent, romanticism, the pursuit of love and beauty
- * Reversed: vanity, tantrums, moodiness, romantic avoidance, jealousy

Queen of Flowers

- * The Queen of Flowers is patient and reserved. She lives in her own head and has a deep well of emotional intelligence. She is a bud that could bloom whenever she chooses, and when she does she will be a truly magnificent flower. She sits behind a large bottle of plenty of water, holding it gently with her leaf- she is the master of the reservoir.
- * Upright: compassion, emotional intelligence, intuition, counseling, supportive
- * Reversed: insecurity, oversharing, fragility, oversensitivity, martyrdom

King of Flowers

- * Existing as one with the water around him. An aquatic flower rooted in the well of water, itself. He balances perfectly on the surface, capable of succeeding even in the most turbulent and overwhelming circumstances.
- * Upright: emotional wisdom, self control, diplomacy, advisor
- * Reversed: overwhelmed, anxious, repressive, selfish



Bugs

I. Ace of Bugs

- * An entomology textbook. The book is a tool of the higher order. A means of discovery and understanding the ways of bugs. Knowledge and truth about what they are and what they do. The knowledge is broad and vast, and gives power to those who wield it.
- * Upright: clarity, truth, vision, a breakthrough, epiphany
- * Reversed: confusion, miscommunication, argument, hostility, brutality

II. Two of Bugs

- * A journey is offered to two small bugs. The open cup offering an uncertain journey, and the white paper offering another path... A decision to let yourself be taken on a journey in which you may not be fully in control. Carefully weigh the options.
- * Upright: stalemate, two options, intuition, tug of war
- * Reversed: indecision, hesitancy, overwhelmed with choices, too much information

III. Three of Bugs

- * Heartbreak, disappointment, and pain. Worms pinned on a dissection tray. The experience of knowing these things from an analytical perspective. A heart broken open with many

cuts, completely taken apart- but in a way that leads to deeper understanding. An opportunity to confront uncomfortable truths.

- * Upright: heartbreak, hurt, emotional injury, sorrow, betrayal
- * Reversed: recovery, reconciliation, healing, forgiveness, repressing emotions

IV. Four of Bugs

- * A moment of refuge from a turbulent world. A moment of rest for the weary who must fly through it all. Tucked into a seedpod, just recuperating, as all things must.
- * Upright: sanctuary, peace, rest, recuperation
- * Reversed: awakening, re-emerging, restlessness, exhaustion, burnout

V. Five of Bugs

- * A fight. Two stags fight over female onlookers (one of whom is a bit disinterested.) Their fight is small and awful, accomplishing nothing of note.
- * Upright: dispute, aggression, conflict, stress, dominance
- * Reversed: resolution, compromise, regret, remorse, cutting losses

VI. Six of Bugs

- * Ants on a long journey. Leaving behind their dead, heading back to the colony- over a sea of perilous vines and ivy below. A sense that it is time to let go and move on, even if it is

difficult.

- * Upright: moving on, departure, leaving the past behind.
- * Reversed: stuck in the past, running away from problems, resistance to change

VII. Seven of Bugs

- * Difficulty remaining hidden. Deception with the intent to gain some advantage. A moth caught in a clear cup. A strategy of remaining hidden or hiding information- but it could be failing.
- * Upright: trickery, hiding something, strategic deception, shortcuts
- * Reversed: impostor syndrome, self-deceit, selective assessment of the situation

VIII. Eight of Bugs

- * A captured damsel in distress. A perilous, turbulent situation. A small fly- caught, apparently unable to escape under its own power, though it may be able to break free if it tries...
- * Upright: victimized, trapped, held back, powerless
- * Reversed: freedom, release, taking control, empowerment

IX. Nine of Bugs

- * A bug frozen in fear under the shadow of a looming footstep. A spiral of worry, anxiety, despair, and insecurity. Feeling powerless.

uncertain, and depressed.

- * Upright: fear, stress, anxiety, dread, nightmares, despair
- * Reversed: recovery, facing life, learning to cope, mental health issues

X. Ten of Bugs

- * Crushed. Completely and inevitably destroyed by forces in the world that didn't even notice. An unforeseen tragedy, leading to loss.
- * Upright: ruin, failure, collapse, dead end, victimization
- * Reversed: lessons learned, survival, despair, relapse

Page of Bugs

- * A caterpillar clinging to the bottom of a leaf as it works its way down the plant, eating one leaf after another. Crafty and innovative- able to grow and create change through his plans and ideas.
- * Upright: curious, witty, inspired, vigilant, alert
- * Reversed: scatterbrained, cynical, insulting, rude

Knight of Bugs

- * Someone capable of fighting back and landing a blow in a world stacked against them. A strong and powerful warrior who takes swift, decisive action. A bit unhinged, at times. Forceful and anxious for action.
- * Upright: fierce, go-getter, powerful, decisive,

bold, assertive, direct, impatient

- * Reversed: forceful, aggressive, vicious, ruthless, arrogant

Queen of Bugs

- * An honest, fair, intellectual. She is stern, and unemotional. She looks at all the facts before making a decision. She deliberates as she shops on her phone for a crown.
- * Upright: honest, independent, principled, fair, constructive criticism, objective, perceptive
- * Reversed: pessimistic, malicious, manipulative, harsh, bitter, spiteful, cruel, deceitful, unforgiving

King of Bugs

- * The butterfly who captures butterflies for his own collection. Through his cunning, he shapes the world to his benefit. He is wise, strategic, and cold when necessary.
- * Upright: reason, authority, discipline, integrity, serious, strict, logical
- * Reversed: oppressive, dictatorial, ruthless, cold, calculated.

Disks

I. Ace of Disks

- * An instrument for sale. The potential to achieve glamour, glory, material success, and accomplishment through work and dedication. The capacity to step into something new that could become lucrative and foundational to your life in future.
- * Upright: new opportunities, resources, abundance, prosperity, security, stability, manifestation
- * Reversed: missed chances, scarcity, deficiency, instability, stinginess, bad investments

II. Two of Disks

- * An open doorway between two rooms, suggesting the need to maintain a balance between them. Understanding the need to be flexible and adaptable to go back and forth between multiple parts of life, and juggle multiple responsibilities.
- * Upright: adaptability, resourcefulness, flexibility, equilibrium
- * Reversed: disorganization, imbalance, overextended, messy

III. Three of Disks

- * A well-trained band with three members. A group of people working together to make something happen. Everyone working towards a

common goal, each contributing their part.

- * Upright: teamwork, collaboration, combined effort, shared goals
- * Reversed: poor coordination, conflict, lack of cohesion, misunderstanding, misalignment

IV. Four of Disks

- * A collection of rare instruments, unplayable, locked away behind a glass case. A vision of success in which one holds on tight to their assets, robbing them of their capacity to create a meaningful experience. Security and stability, yes, but in a form that is of little use.
- * Upright: security, stability, stinginess, wealth, greed, boundaries, guarding, selfishness, avoiding others
- * Reversed: generosity, overly-open, sharing, selfless, financial insecurity, reckless spending

V. Five of Disks

- * Poverty and struggle. Busking. Working to make ends meet. Doing whatever it takes. Long hours, hard work, little pay.
- * Upright: unemployment, struggle, hardship, alienation
- * Reversed: finding employment, recovery from hard times, positive development

VI. Six of Disks

- * Charity. Giving away used instruments and tools to others once you no longer need them. Helping keep the world going through generosity.
- * Upright: charity, community, sharing, giving and receiving
- * Reversed: extortion, abuse of generosity, conditional giving, indebted

VII. Seven of Disks

- * A recorded demo track. A project that is nearly complete. A huge amount of work has been done, and the final product is starting to become visible, but there is still much to do.
- * Upright: results, growth, reward, harvest, perseverance, resolve, renewed dedication.
- * Reversed: unfinished work, lack of focus, no payoff, incomplete projects, lack of tangible progress

VIII. Eight of Disks

- * What it takes to make the project perfect. Final mixing and mastering in a remote studio, free from distraction. Doing truly great work, and all the time, dedication, and effort such work takes.
- * Upright: mastery, polishing, finishing touches, skill development, craftsmanship
- * Reversed: perfectionism, misguided efforts, impatience, rushed work, lacking skills

IX. Nine of Disks

- * A musician's mansion. The trappings of success from hard work and a job well done. Earned and well deserved luxury.
- * Upright: rewards, thriving business, financial success, material security, wealth
- * Reversed: assessment of self-worth, impostor syndrome, self-investment, deserving wealth

X. Ten of Disks

- * The end result of a life of work. What is left behind for the world once you are gone? The value of the things accomplished.
- * Upright: achievement, establishment, inheritance, legacy, affluence
- * Reversed: unresolved debts, fleeting success, money conflict, instability

Page of Disks

- * Looking out over a project completed and taking a moment to sit with the reward. Finishing your first album and burning it on to a disk for the first time. Knowing that this is only the beginning of a lifetime of work- but a milestone, nonetheless.
- * Upright: ambition, reaching goals, rewarded faith, achievement through learning
- * Reversed: laziness, underachievement, poor prospects, procrastination, immaturity

Knight of Disks

- * Doing the work. The act of making it happen. Songwriting. The workhorse- achieving power through practice and diligence. The knight who stays home and does the work, instead of going out and having an adventure.
- * Upright: reliable, efficient, stoic, practical, committed, patient
- * Reversed: workaholic, joyless, boredom, tunnel vision

Queen of Disks

- * Full of energy and abundance- playing many roles. The work changes shape. Fame- the result of achievement and growth and notoriety. Now she is responsible for all these things and more, and she tends to them lovingly and efficiently. A phone (full of notifications) signifying abundance of success, appreciation, and new opportunity at every corner of her life.
- * Upright: generous, caring, nurturing, tending to many things, good business sense, practical
- * Reversed: selfish, greedy, insecure, intolerant, envious of success

King of Disks

- * An opulent building rising in the distance. A record label. One who provides security and assurance to all those under their employ. Wealthy beyond measure. Dependable and pragmatic. Exemplary of earned success.
- * Upright: worldly success, financial security, wealth, responsible leadership, good business, provider
- * Reversed: greed, materialism, wastefulness, exploitative, possessive, bad investments



