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CHAPTER TEN

SAMPLE SPREADS

Here are a few sample spreads. Some of these are ideal for quick and easy answers, and others are useful for more in-depth insights. In order to avoid confusion, for the most part we're using the word *client* to reflect the person getting the reading even if that person is *you*.

One-Card Readings

One-card readings are useful as a tool for learning how to use the *Angel Tarot Cards*. Consider choosing one card at the beginning of every day, and then compare that card's message to the events that you experience.

Sometimes when we (Doreen and Radleigh) are in a hurry, we'll just ask a quick question and pull a single card to receive instant advice.

Simple Yes/No Answers

There are an endless number of complicated spreads in books and on the Internet showing how to get a simple yes-or-no answer to a question from tarot. In truth, there's a very simple way to get a response.

Think of the question you want an answer to while shuffling. When you feel compelled to stop, take the top card from the deck. Most cards in tarot have a *positive* energy or a *challenging* energy. Positive cards would reflect a *yes*, while challenging cards indicate a *no*.

For example, the Nine of Water is a very positive card that indicates wishes coming true, so it makes sense to see this card as a *yes*. The Five of Air is a card that indicates an unwise choice, so it's easy to see that card as a *no*.

While yes-or-no questions can be very tempting to ask, keep in mind that tarot is always trying to help us out. There are many positive cards and challenging cards, so we encourage everyone to look at the card and then consider why tarot offered that *particular* card as the answer. For example, the Nine of Water and The Chariot are both very positive cards, but the former indicates getting what we want very easily, while the latter implies success that comes through hard work.

Timing Questions

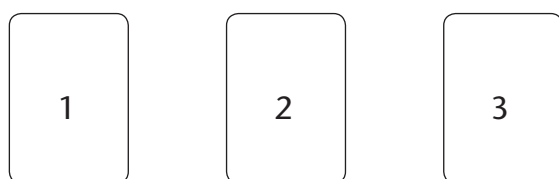
Another frequent question that clients ask is "when" a particular event will occur. One of the advantages of tarot cards in answering such questions is that they're numbered.

To get an idea of when something is going to happen, ask the question in your mind while shuffling. When you get the message to stop, take the top card from the deck. Let's say that the card is the Three of Earth. The basis of the timing is the number 3. This is where intuition comes into play. Hold the card and ask your angels, "Is it three days?" An immediate feeling or knowing will come that says *yes* or *no*. Then ask, "Is it three weeks?" and again,

an answer will come. Follow that with months or years. Don't forget that the answer could also signify the third of a particular month.

Another method is to look at the card for indicators of the time of year. For example, the Ace of Earth presents an autumn scene, while the Page of Air has a distinct feeling of winter to it.

Three-Card Spread



A very common spread that people turn to is one involving three cards. The cards are laid out left to right, and are then read in that same order.

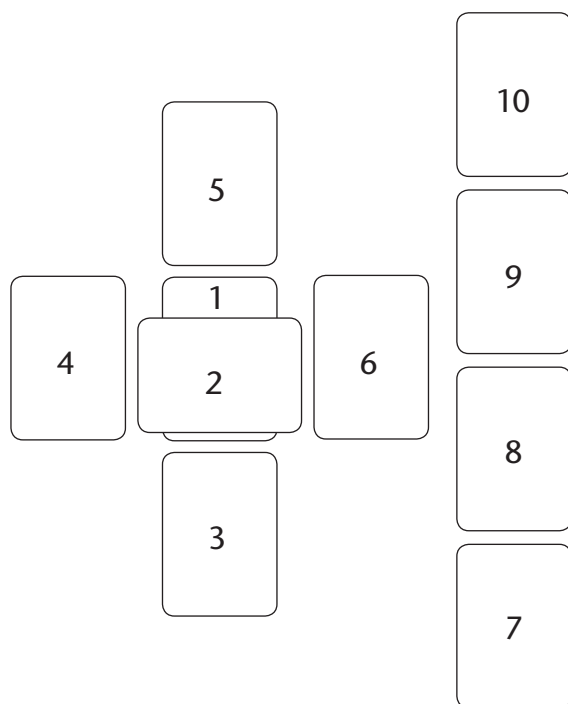
Card 1 gives us information about how the past may be influencing the question at hand.

Card 2 speaks to us about the present situation and how the client is experiencing these circumstances.

Card 3 tells us about the most likely outcome of the situation if no action to change things is taken.

Celtic Cross

Without question, the Celtic Cross is one of the most well-known and treasured card spreads in tarot, as it can be used to answer questions about any topic. This spread of ten cards reveals the basis of your situation, the challenges, the past, the present, the near future, and the likely outcome.



Card 1 represents the present moment. It can refer to those getting a reading or the primary concerns on their minds.

Card 2 represents the current challenge affecting Card 1. It can indicate a block that keeps a situation from getting resolved or moving forward, or it may signify the cause of the challenge that the client is experiencing at the moment.

Card 3 represents the basis or “foundation” of the question. This may be linked to subconscious influences imposed by someone involved (including the client), information that this person is keeping quiet due to embarrassment, or experiences from the distant past that are still affecting the client in the present day.

Card 4 represents the recent past relevant to the situation. This can also indicate a situation that has come to a conclusion in a way that the client may judge to be good or not so good.

Card 5 represents the present. This card may also signify what clients feel they're able to accomplish or are hoping to achieve. If Card 3 is the subconscious, then Card 5 is the conscious.

Card 6 represents the near future. It's often an event or a shift in the energy of the situation. It can also indicate someone new who's going to come into the person's life bearing on the question being asked.

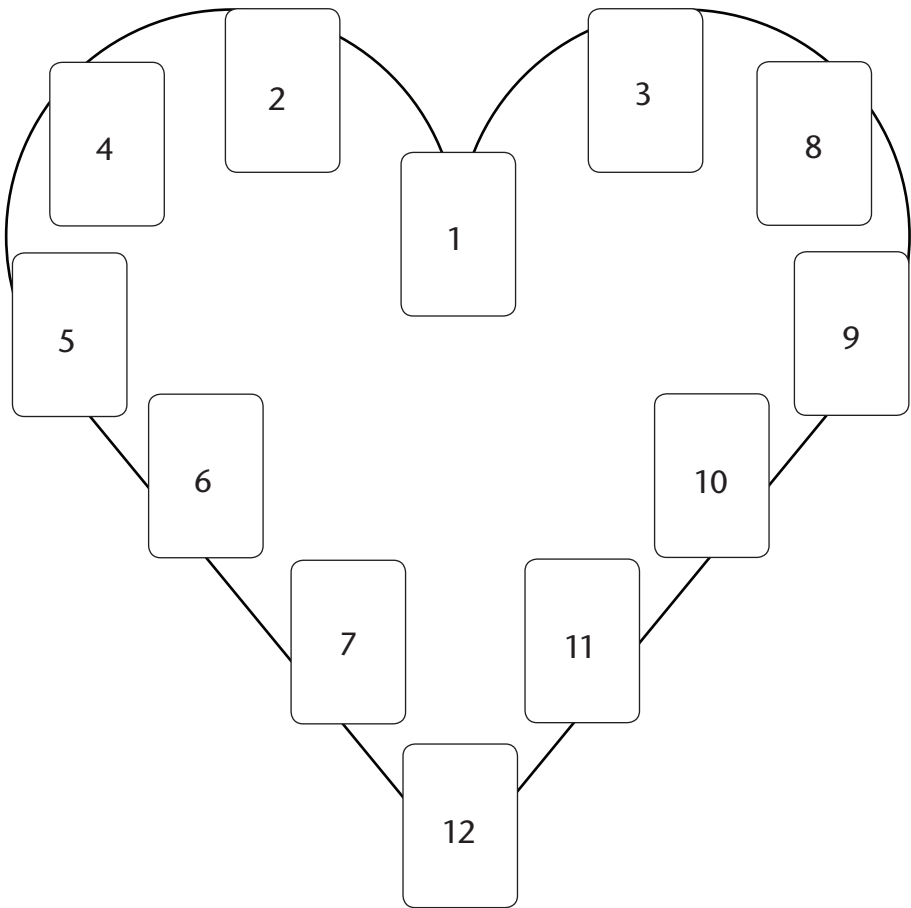
Card 7 represents one's power in a situation. If the card that's showing is a strong, empowering card, then clients are maintaining their personal power. If the card is one that is challenging or difficult, then it may be that the clients have relinquished control to someone else. This can also shed light on how clients see themselves at the moment.

Card 8 represents the effects of other people. It often refers to friends, family, people at work, or anyone who's involved with the question. It can also be an indicator of how other individuals see the client.

Card 9 represents hopes or fears. This position indicates whether clients have a strong belief that things will work out, or are living in fear that they won't. In much the same way as Card 7, positive cards indicate someone who has great hope. Challenging cards may indicate negative thoughts that are impacting the situation.

Card 10 represents the outcome. If no action is taken to change the situation, then this card indicates what to expect as the likely result. However, we must always remember that we have free will. If we don't like the direction in which things are headed, then we can and must change our path!

Loving Heart Spread



This is a wonderful spread for relationships of any kind. While it does lend itself to romantic relationships, it can just as easily be used for getting clarity on a client's situation with a parent, sibling, friend, or boss.

The first matter of business is to establish who in the relationship is person A, and who is person B. It's very important to have that firmly in mind before beginning. If the purpose of this reading is to look at any future relationships of a single person, then person A should be the client, and person B should be the incoming partner.

Card 1 provides an immediate overview of what's going on between the parties. A positive card tells us that the relationship is doing well, while a challenging card would tell us where things are going wrong. It may also tell us *why*.

Card 2 tells us the ways in which the relationship is strong.

Card 3 gives us insight into how the relationship is currently being challenged.

Card 4 is person A's hopes for the relationship.

Card 5 enlightens us to person A's true feelings regarding person B.

Card 6 shows us the way in which person A is adversely affecting the relationship.

Card 7 gives suggestions as to how person A could be of help to person B.

Card 8 indicates person B's hopes for the relationship.

Card 9 reveals person B's true feelings for person A.

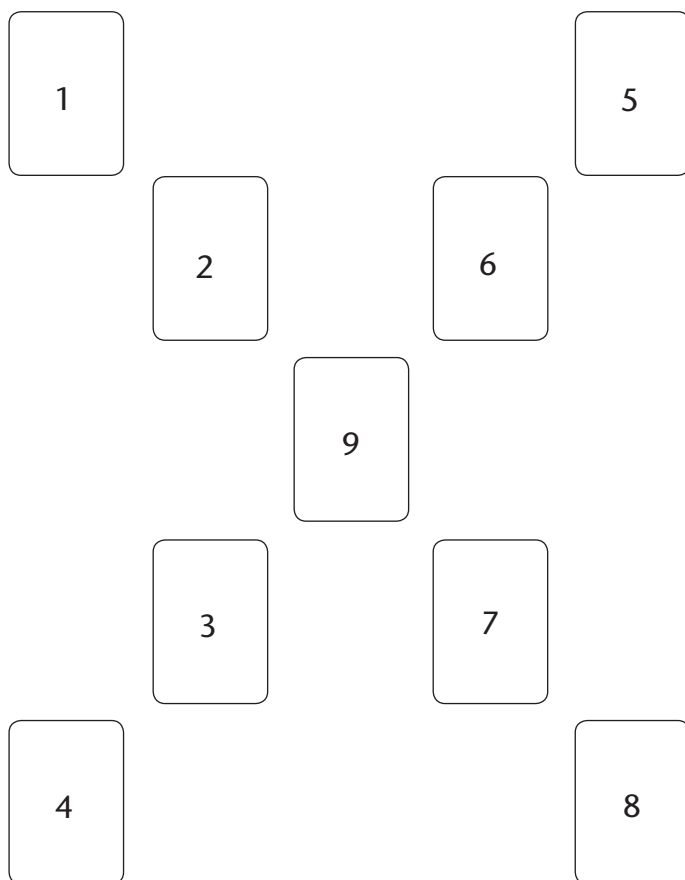
Card 10 tells us how person B is adversely affecting the relationship.

Card 11 offers insight into how person B could help person A.

Card 12 tells us the most likely scenario regarding the future of the relationship if no changes are made.

Once you've read the cards all the way around the heart, it can be fascinating to then go back and look vertically across the heart. Compare Card 4 (person A's hopes for the relationship) to Card 8 (person B's hopes). Likewise, you can compare Cards 5 and 9, 6 and 10, and 7 and 11. This provides excellent insight into how each person is operating in the relationship and where there are imbalances.

Career: X Marks the Spot!



Career is definitely one of the most asked-about topics in a reading. It can be challenging for clients to determine if they should make changes to better their current situation, move on to a different job, or even try a totally new career.

Since finding the answer can be like searching for buried treasure, this spread is called “X Marks the Spot,” and it’s meant to help clients in their search for meaning and joy in their jobs. The cards are laid out in the form of an “X.” The left side of the spread

leans toward the energy of the current job or career; making a change is represented on the right side.

Card 1 gives us insight into how happy or unhappy clients are in their current position. Is there joy in what they do? Or have things become humdrum or even miserable?

Card 2 tells us how clients' current careers or jobs differ from what they'd hoped for. Had they anticipated something more exciting? More creative?

Card 3 offers advice on how clients might improve their current work situations. Perhaps there are people where they work who could help them move up the ladder. Or would getting more training or education be helpful?

Card 4 speaks of the advantages to clients remaining in their current positions. This card could indicate that there's a new and exciting opportunity about to open up where they currently work. Or they might be about to make an important new connection that could lead to a better job later on.

Card 5 lets us know if this is a good time for clients to pursue a different job or to make a career transition. It can also indicate that this is a poor time to make a change.

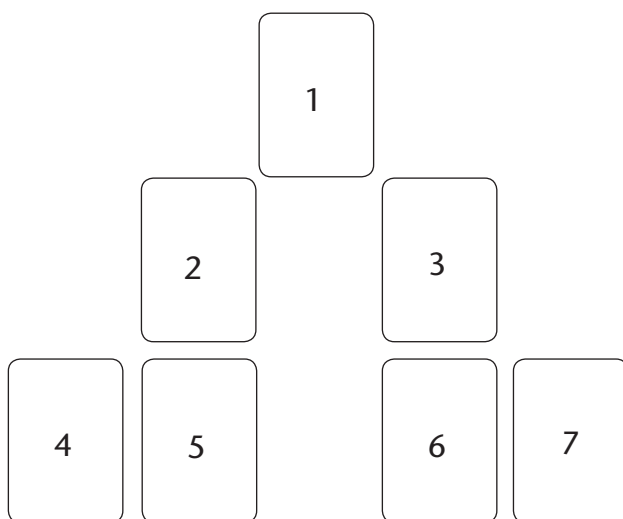
Card 6 reveals whether clients' ideas for making the change reflected by Card 5 would be in their best interests. Will the career they have in mind make them happy? Do they have a balanced and logical plan?

Card 7 tells us if clients would do well by becoming self-employed. Perhaps they'd benefit more by working with an established company.

Card 8 gives us insight into what type of work clients would most enjoy. Look for indicators of creative endeavors, healing practices, or more scientific professions that might bring them the most happiness.

Card 9 tells us the single most important action clients should take at this moment regarding their careers. It may indicate going back to school, updating their résumés, or even having a heart-to-heart chat with a current supervisor.

Healthy Steps Spread



Another popular topic for people getting readings relates to health. This spread is called the “Healthy Steps” spread because its shape brought to mind the traditional food pyramid. So when the cards were laid out, they just naturally created a set of stairs on either side that we saw as the steps to healthier clients.

Card 1 in this spread reflects the current condition of the person inquiring about health concerns. There are certain cards in tarot that speak to a particular health issue. For example, the Three of Air often indicates a heart condition, and the Ten of Fire may suggest chronic back pain. However, it’s not uncommon to draw a card that doesn’t signify anything specific. As we progress through the reading, clients’ concerns will reveal themselves. If

there's a person in the imagery on the card you've chosen for your client, note where on the body your eyes are drawn. Trust your intuition!

Card 2 shows the physical elements that are impacting a person's health. Examples of these include the Eight of Air, indicating great stress, while the Nine of Air shows sleep deprivation. The Chariot might indicate that physical ailments were caused by an automobile accident, while the Ego card may indicate substance-abuse problems.

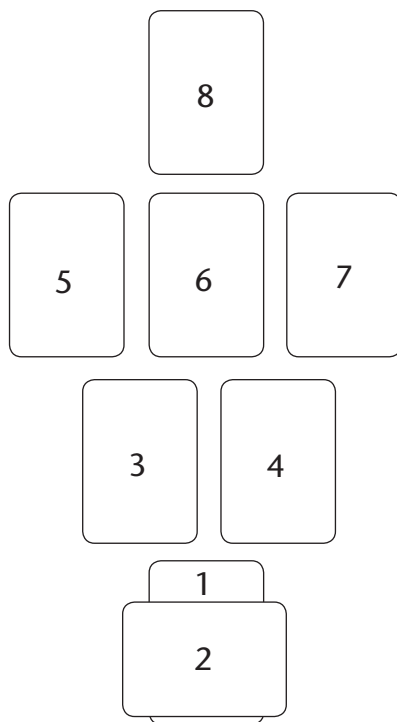
Card 3 gives us insight into any emotional concerns that are impacting a client's health. For example, the Queen of Water would tell you that your client is giving entirely too much to others without leaving any time or energy for him- or herself. The Six of Water immediately suggests childhood issues or unresolved baggage from the past.

Card 4 reflects who could be of assistance in the client's search for better health. Court cards tend to fall into this position, but not always. Physical characteristics of a person who can help are sometimes garnered from a Major Arcana or pip card in the same way they can be from a court card.

Cards 5 tells us what the next step is to better health. The Five of Fire indicates that someone needs to get some exercise, while the Four of Air would suggest that a vacation may be long overdue. The King of Air indicates the need to consult a specialist.

Card 6 indicates the prospects for improvement over the short term.

Card 7 provides a more long-term prognosis.

Plan B Spread

For those situations when it just doesn't seem like things are going the way we were hoping they would, here's a spread to lend insight into changes that could help get things going again.

Card 1 in this spread reflects what it is you're trying to accomplish. Think of it as validation that tarot understands the question.

Card 2 is laid out to cross Card 1. It represents the experience you're having in your attempts to accomplish your goal. Even a card that often has a positive feel can give you insight into what's getting in your way. For example, the Three of Water card often means celebration, but in position 2 of this spread, it might indicate that your friends are distracting you from getting your work done.

Card 3 talks about what we like to call “earthly challenges.” Situations that fall into that category include not having enough money or feeling a lack of support from loved ones or business partners.

Card 4 represents unconscious hurdles. Consider: Are you self-sabotaging? Do you lack the passion and drive to succeed in this endeavor? If you’re completely honest with yourself, is this even the goal you’re setting for yourself?

Cards 5, 6, and 7 offer information on changes that would benefit your plan. You might find cards in this series that provide advice, such as not trying to do everything yourself, networking with others, or meditating daily in order to get the insights you lack.

Card 8 shows you the kinds of results you can expect by implementing your “Plan B.”



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The Dreamer Archangel Metatron



*A leap of faith. Follow your dreams.
Unexpected opportunities.*

The Dreamer

The Dreamer is the first card of the Major Arcana, and the beginning of what we call The Dreamer's Journey. When this card appears, we're encouraged to take a leap of faith. Unexpected opportunities may present themselves, and there are endless possibilities for creating something wonderful. We may find a new project that we have a great passion for, or our own development

and growth may be our “project.” Problems will most easily be resolved via creative solutions. This is a card of promise and hope!

The Dreamer's Journey

This is where our magical journey begins. A choice is made to create something new or to pursue an entirely new phase of life. The story of The Dreamer begins when we choose our path with great optimism and hope. You see, we must realize that on this journey, whoever is getting the reading *is* The Dreamer! We may not be entirely sure why we're here on Earth or what we're going to accomplish, but we'll receive clarity as we go forward on our quest, visiting all the magical people of the Major Arcana along our way. So get ready to meet some amazing individuals!

This card also has a streak of independence around it and can indicate those who are leaving jobs they no longer enjoy or teenagers departing home to go off on their own.

Symbolism

While The Dreamer card draws its symbolism from the metaphor of the incarnation of a soul, it usually represents the beginning of *any* situation or phase in our lives.

A beautiful and confident young person is stepping through a portal into this world. The youth represented here reflects the newness of the situation, though not necessarily the age of the person who drew the card. The portal speaks of a doorway that leads from where our lives have taken us so far, to where we're currently building up the faith to go.

A dog accompanies The Dreamer on the journey to remind us that the world is full of animal souls, here to help us balance our experience and our understanding of our purpose. A dog was chosen because its emotional connection with, and loyalty to, humankind is legendary.

A butterfly zips through the portal with The Dreamer. Butterflies are a famous symbol of transformation due to their ability to evolve from caterpillars into beautiful winged creatures.

Cranes are symbols of reincarnation in many cultures, and there's evidence of them having been on Earth for more than 60 million years. Their wide wingspans are believed to be able to carry them to Heaven, and therefore to spiritual enlightenment.

Pegasus is a winged horse who in mythology was said to be able to carry his rider from one plane to the next—just as our Dreamer is moving into a new phase of life.

Unicorns are beautiful, magical creatures of extreme purity of spirit whose energy can be a guide for how to be happy in our lives.

The city below The Dreamer is a construct of human development. It represents life on Earth as well as endless opportunities. The Dreamer is contemplating what might be created there.

Angel Number

In tarot, The Dreamer is number 0. This is a very mystical number that represents God and eternity. It's a blank slate from which anything can be created—a cycle that begins, ends, and then begins again. It's perfect for a Dreamer who can reinvent him- or herself simply by having the faith to do so. Because The Dreamer card is considered both the beginning and the end of the Major Arcana, some also consider the card to be number 22.

Archangel

Archangel Metatron is known for watching over young people, as well as those who are seeking growth in their spirituality. When The Dreamer card represents a new project or endeavor, Metatron can also help with this “young” situation. Metatron presents himself in the colors violet and green.

Astrology

This card is associated with the planet Uranus, the symbol of which is on The Dreamer's jacket. It's a planet of creativity, independence, and innovation; it encourages us to be our own unique selves. It's associated with the energy of setting us free from old ideas or situations that no longer serve us.



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The Moon Archangel Haniel



Important psychic insights. Events behind the scenes. Release fears that hold you back.

The Moon

The Moon card asks us to be awake to the intuitive insights that present themselves in order to provide clarity with respect to our situation. Psychic visions as well as our nighttime dreams should be given great credence. What is our subconscious trying to tell us? Could there be more going on here than meets the eye?

The Moon card can refer to times in our lives when we feel insecure or uncertain. However, these are usually irrational fears or unnecessary worries. Just as the real Moon reflects light upon us at night, so does this card indicate that the light of truth will be revealed to us.

The Dreamer's Journey

Now we come to The Moon card. Archangel Haniel returns after her previous appearance as The High Priestess. Indeed, there are common attributes shared by The High Priestess and The Moon. Both are very intuitive, and both have something to say about what was once unknown but which is now within our grasp.

Under the light of this shining Moon, things that we thought weren't possible (or even real) suddenly come to life. There are opportunities for enlightenment that are so wondrous we can scarcely believe it. Fears that have previously held us back can now be released. Chances are that these worries and concerns aren't even valid anymore. Perhaps they never were!

Symbolism

Archangel Haniel stands with two pillars in the background. These are the same ones she stood in front of in The High Priestess card. We've traveled a long way, so here we see the pillars from the other side.

Archangel Haniel still wears the cross of equal proportions she wore in The High Priestess card. Conscious and subconscious thoughts are balanced.

On one side of her is a wolf, on the other side a dog. They represent the wild and the tame. They're the height of nature and the pinnacle of art, and Haniel is the balance between them.

Two streams flow into a central pond—conscious and subconscious knowledge converging.

The pond of water is the same pool of meditation and inner wisdom that we referenced on The Balance card and The Star card.

In traditional tarot, this card usually indicates a very dark night. But just as it's possible to see the Moon during the day, we chose to show this card with a lighter interpretation. We can face our fears and do so in the light!

Angel Number

The Moon is Card 18. Under this number, people may feel compelled to express their concerns or fears. With this number, there's also a connection between the spiritual and material worlds, which may feel at odds with one another. So we must stay positive about our expectations so that our material needs can be met in ways we feel good about.

Archangel

Archangel Haniel returns with all her psychic and intuitive powers to show us the truth of our situation. In her pale blue moonlight colors, she's aware of a type of beauty and poignant knowledge we haven't yet seen. But soon—very soon—we will see what *she* sees.

Astrology

This card is ruled by Pisces, a very psychic, sensitive, and spiritual sign. In astrology, Pisces rules the 12th house of the zodiac—the house of unseen or hidden knowledge. However, Pisces is the most intuitive of the signs and can help us come to know that which has been unknowable up until now.



Three of Fire



Abundance! Things look very good; have patience at this time. Make long-term plans.

Three of Fire

It's time to pause and reflect. Certainly, our successes to date have been very encouraging and uplifting. Not all the rewards for our efforts have yet presented themselves, but we know that very soon our "ship will come in." There's no need to wait for its arrival, so why not begin planning for the next phase? What will we create next? How will we expand upon our previous successes?

It's time to cast our gaze far out onto the horizon and dream even bigger dreams!

Symbolism

A little girl sits pondering the power of creation that is before her.

Her friend is a young dragon who's been there while all her dreams have come to fruition. Some think her dragon friend is imaginary, but she knows that he's real, just as certainly as she knows that her hopes for the future are real. Or is it possible that the dragon is real and the girl is imaginary? Either way, purity of intention mixed with fiery passion is a recipe for success!

A volcano erupts in the distance, sending out Fire and all the materials necessary to build anything the little girl wants to try her hand at.

While the turbulence of sheer creation rolls in front of her, the little girl and her friend sit in perfect peace, surrounded by a forest that once was as raw and untamed as the landscape in the distance.

Daisies grow to reflect the removal of stress and drama in this moment of the girl's life. She's worked hard, but now she can relax a bit and see to her own care.

In her efforts to create, life has been complicated for the girl, and it will most likely become complicated again when she begins her next project. But for now, what could be simpler than to sit among the daisies with one's best dragon friend?

Angel Number

The Three of Fire is Card 25. The 5 energy beckons the change that's coming for the little girl and her dragon. New plans are being formulated, and while they enjoy where they are right now, they know that there's so much more to come—wonderful things that can only be enjoyed if they soldier on and continue to create.

The 2 energy of the number bodes well for their optimism and the positive thoughts they're committing their future to.

This number reduces to 7 (2 + 5), a beautiful number, assuring us that we're on the right path. This number speaks of spiritual growth and magical blessings from Heaven—rewards for our hard work.

Astrology

Astrologically, this card relates to the Sun in Aries. Aries is the first sign in the zodiac, and the Sun is where our astrological charts all begin. So the energy of this combination perfectly matches this card, since it's the very first moment before our work begins.

Aries is a sign of leaders who are fascinated by the quest and personally associate themselves with the results of their efforts. Therefore, the Sun in Aries usually comes from a place of integrity. Dealing with any given situation in an underhanded way just isn't its style.

Aries is a sign that loves a new challenge, so long as it can identify with the goals and see something noble in the pursuit.



Page of Water

Intuitive, Sensitive,
Artistic, Friendly



A new person enters your life. A relationship begins a new phase. Heightened psychic abilities.

Page of Water

It's always exciting when someone new enters our lives, especially when the nature of the relationship is romantic. It can be just as wonderful when a relationship moves to the next level. An example of that might be when people who've been dating for a while decide to get engaged. These are the types of moments that the Page of Water brings us. Remember that the Pages of tarot are

often messengers, so this card can also indicate a love letter or any type of communication of emotion.

The women in the Water suit are very intuitive, so this Page may also indicate new psychic experiences or an increase in our natural gifts.

Symbolism

A beautiful mermaid floats above very tumultuous waters. Since Water represents our feelings, clearly something significant has entered her emotional life.

Our mermaid is surrounded by whales, which symbolize the ability to go within and understand ourselves. They also represent psychic abilities.

The mermaid carries a scepter with a bright light on top of it. This is a beacon to her beloved that she's ready to be found.

Dolphins tell us to have fun! When new emotional experiences come into our lives, it works best if we can keep from being overly serious.

A cup of water floats above the choppy waves. This is to remind us that when our hearts are so completely immersed in a situation, it helps if we keep our heads above water so that we can remain balanced and not get too carried away.

Behind the mermaid is a desertlike landscape. She's come from a place that wasn't fertile with nurturing energy, so she has swum farther out into the waters where there are more opportunities.

Angel Number

The number for the Page of Water card is 47. This is a very evolved energy that walks with the Divine and the angels every day. We can trust the feelings and psychic messages that we receive at this time.

The number 47 reduces to the master number 11 ($4 + 7$), which does not reduce further. The number 11 tells us that our positive

thoughts regarding ourselves and others will manifest in everyone's best interests.

People

The Page of Water is a very kind, sensitive, and dreamy person. If we approach her, we will be welcomed with open arms and a hug so heartfelt that we're likely to be overwhelmed. Of course, we may have to be the one to do the approaching, as our Page is very shy. Love and romance are new to her, so she may be quite timid. Yet she's also a hopeless romantic.

Keep in mind that she experiences the world with her heart. If it's a heart-to-heart conversation we're seeking, she's our gal! If we want to intellectualize our situation, she's likely to just stare back at us blankly with nothing much to say.

Astrology

The Pages in tarot don't represent a particular astrological attribution, but are associated with a season and a geographical area of the world. The Page of Water represents summer and the lands of the Pacific.



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