

A scroll of parchment is unrolled against a dark background. The scroll is decorated with floral arrangements: a cluster of orange and purple flowers at the top right and a cluster of purple flowers and red mushrooms at the bottom left. The text is written in a classic serif font.

The Binding

*Close all windows, close all doors,
utter not one single word,
let only those of truest blood see,
that which by heart and mind be made seen.*

*They who dare journey these pages,
this knowledge is secret, handed down
through the ages; with that in sight
and fresh in mind,
these words to you I now do bind.*

*May the strength of the old enter the new,
this blessing mine I give to you and for those
of you with unfaithful eyes, may your lips be
bound and your tongue be tied.*

*By the power of earth, air, fire, and water.
From the love of a mother, father,
son, and daughter. Let it be.*

IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS A LIBRARY OF LEAVES ...

In the heart of an unclaimed patch of wilderness, in a place far removed from all that is manufactured, exists Bonestone & Earthflesh — a place rippling with violent confrontations that challenge the modern human construct of how things should be. Here, in this place of vibrant cornucopias, a sovereign legacy is heard. Those listening will find the Sage.

You have taken a willing step into the primeval world of Bonestone & Earthflesh. You are taking a glimpse through the looking glass of sacred, divine landscapes and enduring narratives. Here, you will meet and journey with the hero, villain, lover, and fighter. Those who are sovereign and those who—by choice or circumstance—suffer to a bitter end. This is a world between worlds, a place of discovery, redemption, damnation, and self-realisation. Each character you meet on the path to the inner temple of self-actualisation brings forth a message — an ancient wisdom echoed in the breath of a modern shuffle. In this most hallowed place, you—the mystic seeker—are the weaver.



BORGHILD /WRAITH

IV. The Emperor

Step into a decisive leadership role and become a governing authority in your life. Discipline, courage, and order are required to maintain firm boundaries.

IN A READING

Connect with the primal masculine force for the purpose of establishing structure and order in your life. Confidence and authority are required in the pursuit of a cause that captures your focus right now. Your capacity for leadership is being called on to ensure successful outcomes in projects you may be working on.

When you feel stuck, find clarity in a father figure or feel the call to look deeper towards a more ancient wisdom. Look for successful examples of your situation to adopt a winning strategy. Being organised is imperative and will ensure a meticulous plan. Find stillness in the chaos

and calm yourself to avoid rash action, and know that by doing so, you will bring a greater sense of peace into your life. A greater sense of peace leads to a greater sense of clarity, thus providing you with a clear plan of action that can be applied to your current situation.

Courage is required at this time, as you are being called on to hold your position in defence of your honour. With *V The Emperor* in a prominent position in your reading, connect with the type of grounded strength that leads you to a safe and secure space for those in your care. Your stability, skill, and power are being called on to help temper the increased responsibilities you are experiencing.

REVERSED

The Emperor reversed warns you of a propensity to overreact, make harsh judgements or jump to conclusions without all the necessary details required to fully grasp the complexity of the situation. Perhaps you're taking a dominant stance in a situation that could result in the oppression of another. Take stock of your relationships to determine whether you are taking your dominance too far. By paying close attention to your actions, words, and attitudes, you will become a more conscious and respectful communicator.



AGAFYA

IX. *The Hermit*

Seek out solitude and disconnect from the noise. Only then can you find the peace you need. Remember, truth is hidden in the quiet and contemplative moments of life.

IN A READING

When *The Hermit* appears, it urges you to take a beat

and rest a moment. Seek out healthy solitude to clear your mind and gain perspective. This is a great time to consider participating in a retreat, going on a social-media cleanse, or creating a safe space and sanctuary in your home. There is wisdom to be found in quiet moments, but in order to achieve such quiet states, one must be prepared to embrace sacred selfishness — setting boundaries and placing your needs ahead of others’.

Illumination will come from time spent in meditation and taking inner journeys. Guard your higher thoughts, particularly if your mind feels busy or cluttered. It is up

to you to find your inner temple and connect with it completely. This card also introduces you to a potential mentor who will guide you and offer wise counsel when needed. A period of maturity is about to unfold, where what you genuinely need and want appears vastly different.

REVERSED

In reverse, this card indicates a time of chaos, where the mind will have little chance of experiencing quiet. Or, you are in a position that requires wise counsel, yet your sphere of consciousness is devoid of suitable guidance — alternatively, you may have found wise counsel but are not taking it to heart. It can also be a sign of immaturity, leading to ignorant, arrogant, and self-centred interactions that have you appearing incredibly incapable. There may be a slight loss of confidence in your character and capabilities. You are well advised to hold your tongue before any more damage is done.

Alternatively, *The Hermit* reversed could call you to unplug from the noise of social media and the overall loudness of the digital world. Recalibrate to the rhythm of quiet things and reach for peace. When you consciously reach for peace, you will find it in simple pleasures that help ground and centre you.

MINOR ARCANA



KINGDOM OF
SWORDS



The breath of life is one of the sacred building blocks forming the foundation of the World Tree and all that is born of it. Breath flows, moving through all things, giving life, purpose, and inspiration to all things.

In the world of Bonestone, the breath of life is associated with the suit of Swords.

ELEMENT:

Air

POLARITY:

Masculine

ASTROLOGICAL SIGNS:

Aquarius, Gemini, Libra

SEASON:

Spring

CARDINAL DIRECTION:

East

MINERALS OF RESONANCE:

Clear quartz, fluorite

BOTANICALS OF RESONANCE:

*Rosemary, mint, benzoin, broom, lemongrass, hops,
lavender, mistletoe, borage, banya pine resin*



QUILL

Ace of Swords

Clarity and the potential to start an intellectually demanding project are at hand. Write your intentions, clear your mind, and reconnect with simple, enriching experiences for lasting inspiration.

IN A READING

The *Ace of Swords* brings a moment of clarity and the potential to begin a project requiring intellectual prowess. Consider this card as a nod to your ambitions and a reminder to harness your leadership skills. It is gifting you with a burst of inspiration that has the potential to become a catalyst for great things.

Now is the time to put pen to paper and write. Using a journal, write your intentions, the story hidden inside you, poetry, or whatever comes to you. Allow the ideas that flood your mind to bleed through the page. The appearance of this card in a reading suggests it is time to

cleanse mindfully and with purpose. Clearing your inner and outer landscapes will create space for new, crisp energy to move through your life.

REVERSED

Reversed, the *Ace of Swords* highlights a pessimistic attitude caused by a cluttered mind. You may be lacking in inspiration, causing stress and tension. Consider nourishing your mind with experiences that enrich your life force. Digesting good literature, beautiful art, inspiring music, and breathing in fresh air may appear to be simple strategies, but they have a lasting effect on us. Reconnect with simple moments of presence and feel your mind relax.

NARRATIVE

Quill is the keeper of chronicles, the great conveyor of truths and of fallacies. But the mind behind it is the driving force. It is inventive, inspired and, as such, a sacred part of the World Tree. It must first begin as a thought, a seed, a moment of clarity amidst the chaos of life. Those who wield the quill create the history that shapes our perspectives of the world. Great care must be taken to ensure the purity of the mind that drives Quill. Sadly, such care is no longer held in high esteem.



THE CHARLATAN

Seven of Cups

Beware the allure of superficiality and indulgence, for they lead to loss. Reach beyond illusion and temptation and beware of wishful thinking where delusions of grandeur take centre stage.

IN A READING

The *Seven of Cups* indicates hoarding — acquiring more than you need. You are running out of physical and mental space to store these belongings. It creates stagnation and a lack of flow. Perhaps you have started to attach memory and sentimentality to the objects in your life, and getting rid of these objects is proving emotionally tricky. No single object holds the memory of an individual or an experience that we have cherished; these are always with us in our hearts and minds. This is a metaphor for having too many choices, each more enticing than the last. Choose those things that add value

to your life. Choose quality over quantity, choose to upcycle, choose to repurpose, choose to donate. You need assistance to clear your head and gain some perspective. Beware of illusions. Ensure you read the fine print carefully so you know exactly what you are committing to when entering into a contract or agreement of any kind. Not all that glitters is gold; the grass is not greener on the other side, and there is more to a book than its cover. Look deeper, beyond vanity and face value to the heart of all things. Then, and only then, will you truly see what it means to be beautiful.

REVERSED

Reversed, the *Seven of Cups* suggests you are being frivolous with your resources or are gullible and easily persuaded because you are too reliant on external gratification to satisfy an emotional void you feel within. A heart in a constant state of wanting will starve under the weight of gluttony. When you find contentment and happiness from within, you will notice how you no longer crave 'stuff'. You will become fed up with the sheer quantity of objects in your possession and commit to a mass purging. A phase of minimalism is being called for. By learning to live with the resources you have, you will find—paradoxically—that you become more resourceful and have more energy to give to yourself and others.



THE LUNAR CUP

Ten of Cups

Embrace your happiness with both hands and claim it wholeheartedly. You are entering a time of genuine fulfillment and deep emotional connection.

IN A READING

You have reached the pinnacle of joy after great sorrow, and a phase of lasting happiness is about to begin. The heart is lighter, the smile cannot be wiped from your face, and you are bursting with joy. It could be a time of harmony within your family, where quarrels that may have existed are now definitively over. It could also present as a time of great success — your hard work has paid off, and you may have attained your goals. You should feel very proud of yourself. Reaching a goal is indeed a special moment and a mark of your

perseverance, character, and strength of will. A new phase begins, and within it is born the opportunity to re-establish the kindest versions of yourself.

The catalyst for such a state may be nothing more than peace, serenity, and perfect simplicity. Through mindfulness and refining your processes, you begin to understand the importance of simplicity. Too much, and you don't know what to do with it; too little, and you feel as though you are going without. The euphoria of such a pure moment will no doubt leave a lasting impression on you. Look at your capacity for love, sorrow, and forgiveness, and learn about yourself and your emotions. Such knowing is indeed wisdom. Happiness lies in the balance of all things, and the *Ten of Cups* is a sign that lets you know you have achieved that balance in your life. So please, celebrate.

REVERSED

Even in a reversed position, the *Ten of Cups* is still an extremely positive card of happiness and wholeness. It suggests you cannot see the blessings staring you in the face. Open your eyes and your heart to the wonder of the world around you. Work on cultivating a deep gratitude practice. Gratitude is profoundly healing and possesses the transformative ability to reshape your outlook. By



BABA YAGA

Queen of Pentacles

Indulge your senses and luxuriate in the beauty of the natural world. Step into the archetype of the Divine Feminine and honour the sensuality of your physical body.

IN A READING

The *Queen of Pentacles* symbolises a period of

grounded creation and practical empowerment. She invites you to embrace your sovereignty while staying deeply connected to the material world. In this sense, generosity is another key theme. This card appears when you feel you need to nurture yourself, improve your physical wellbeing, or create greater comfort in your life.

To achieve balance, prioritise self-care through nourishing food, proper rest, and a regular exercise routine. Simple rituals like mindful relaxation or enjoying small luxuries can make you feel valued and centred. Balance giving and receiving by sharing your time, resources, or support

with others. This cycle of abundance strengthens connections and brings deeper fulfilment into your life. In financial matters, focus on planning and consistent action — whether you're reaping the rewards of hard work or planting seeds for future success. By cultivating excellence and attention to detail in everything you do, you ensure meaningful growth and lasting security. Trust in your ability to create a life of balance and abundance.

AS A PERSON

This archetype is practical in her approach to her appearance. She prefers to clock her attributes and does not wish to be judged by her appearance alone. She is authentic and natural and prefers to carry a curio or two with her wherever she goes. She places greater importance on her physical health than engaging in vain practices or attaining an impossible beauty standard. Instead, she is solid and grounded in her presence, and these qualities command respect. This Queen is a generous soul with a giving nature. While she does not suffer a fool, she has an uncanny knack for seeing through illusions and, with it, the lies of others. She feels the truth and can sniff out ulterior motives.

The Queen of the earth element is the type of individual who possesses the mythical 'Midas touch'. She has a