

# Twisted Tarot Tales



## INTRODUCTION



WELCOME TO THE TWISTED TAROT TALES. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ORIGINAL ART AND THE PEOPLE WHO THINK IT UP AND CREATE IT. WHAT AN AMAZING JOURNEY IT HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS HUGE PROJECT. WE FIRST BEGAN THIS DECK A FEW WEEKS BEFORE HALLOWEEN 2014, AND FINISHED IT A FEW MONTHS INTO 2016.

CHRISTINE'S INTEREST IN CREATING THIS DECK (AND THINKING UP ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF EVERYTHING YOU SEE IN THE CARDS) STEMS FROM HER YOUTH AND THE LOVE OF HORROR COMICS LIKE BLACK MAGIC AND THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY. HER IDEAS HAVE BEEN FUN, THEY'VE BEEN CHALLENGING AND THEY'VE BEEN, WELL, CONTROVERSIAL

TO SAY THE LEAST! THIS IS WHAT CHRISTINE LOVES TO BE KNOWN FOR: UNIQUE IDEAS THAT CHALLENGE THE VIEWER/READER AND BRING SOMETHING NEW TO THE TABLE. WE BELIEVE WE'VE DONE THAT WITH THIS DECK, AND HOPE YOU DO TOO!

I CAN SEE THIS DECK EASILY BEING A BIG HIT DURING HALLOWEEN WITH A FEW FRIENDS OVER; MAYBE A LITTLE SPOOKY LIGHTING AND SOME EERIE MUSIC TO SET THE MOOD!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE COMPANION BOOK, COMING SOON!

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR SUPPORTING AND CELEBRATING ART, CREATIVITY, NEW IDEAS AND DIVERSITY. WE DEDICATE THIS DECK TO YOU!

- JAMES



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**FOOL** - IGNORANCE, FOOLISHNESS, IMMATURITY, INNOCENCE, BEGINNING, MADNESS, CARELESSNESS, FRIVOLITY, FANTASY, NEW PROJECTS, A FRESH START, DANGER, RASHNESS, BIRTH, OPTIMISM, ADVENTURE, JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN.

**MAGICIAN** - WILLPOWER, ASSERTION OF WILL, COMMAND, CONTROL. MANIPULATIVE PERSONALITY, TRICKERY, MASTERY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, FRAUD, CONFIDENCE

**HIGH PRIESTESS** - MYSTERY, INTUITION, PAY ATTENTION TO MESSAGES IN DREAMS, INNER AWARENESS, ESOTERIC KNOWLEDGE, FEMALE PRINCIPLE, SOLITARY WOMAN, SIBYL, SECRETS, HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE, THE POWER OF THE UNCONSCIOUS MIND

**EMPRESS** - MATERNAL INSTINCT, MOTHER, ANIMA, UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, CREATIVITY, ABUNDANCE, NATURE, CHILDREN, PREGNANCY AND THE ARTS

**EMPEROR** - FATHER, PATERNITY, AUTHORITY, COMMAND, POWER, CONTROL, DOMINION, RULER SHIP, LEADERSHIP AND WAR.

**HIEROPHANT** - COUNCILLOR, PRIEST, CLERGY, PSYCHOLOGIST, ONE WHO ADVISES A CLIENT, TRADITIONAL VALUES, TEACHER, SPIRITUAL ADVISOR, ONE WHO OFFERS SUPPORT TO THE CLIENT.

**LOVERS** - A CHOICE, LOVE, DIVINE MARRIAGE, ATTRACTION, CHEMISTRY, MAGNETISM, ROMANCE AND DESIRE

**CHARIOT** - WILLPOWER, CONTROL, CONCENTRATION, SUCCESS, VICTORY EARNED THROUGH INNER DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING TO ACHIEVE A GOAL, TRAVEL BY LAND, DEXTERITY AND SKILL

**STRENGTH** - PASSION, STRENGTH, TAMING THE INNER BEAST, CONTROLLING IMPULSES, COMPASSION AND COURAGE

**THE HERMIT** - SOLITUDE, WITHDRAWAL FROM SOCIETY, INTROSPECTION, JOURNEY INWARD, A LONER, THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE.

**WHEEL OF FORTUNE** - A CHANGE OF FORTUNE, DESTINY, FATE, LUCK, CHANCE

**JUSTICE** - KARMA, A COURT HEARING, LEGAL MATTERS, GOING BEFORE A JUDGE, FILING A COURT ACTION

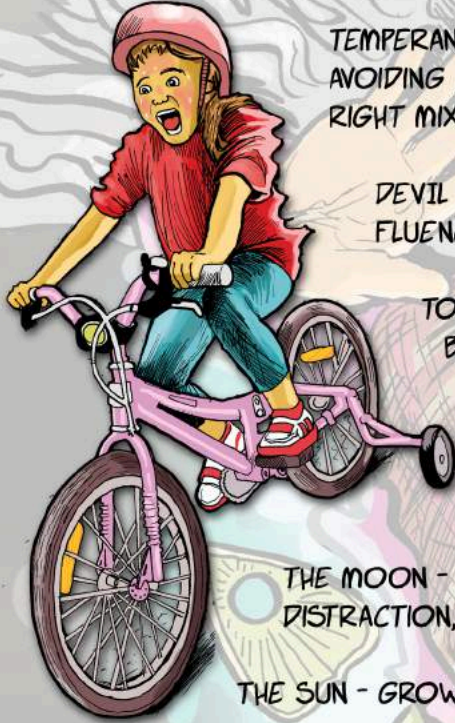
**HANGED MAN** - SUSPENSION, RESTRICTED MOVEMENT, PAUSING TO REFLECT, SACRIFICE

**DEATH** - ENDING, DEATH, FINALITY, MOURNING, SORROW, DESTRUCTION, MORTALITY.





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TEMPERANCE - UNIFICATION OF OPPOSITES, MODERATION, ABSTINENCE, AVOIDING EXCESSES, ACHIEVING EQUILIBRIUM, CHEMISTRY AND FINDING THE RIGHT MIX.

DEVIL - BONDAGE, TEMPTATION, ILLICIT ENCOUNTERS, ADDICTION. EVIL INFLUENCE, LUST, SEXUALITY.

TOWER - SHOCKING REVELATION, DESTRUCTION, COLLAPSE, CAN ALSO BE AN ACCIDENT

THE STAR - SHOOTING FOR THE STARS, RENOWN, PUBLIC RECOGNITION, HOPE, IMPRACTICALITY, UNIQUENESS, STANDING OUT, SHINING LIKE A STAR.

THE MOON - DECEPTION, DREAMS, ILLUSION, FANTASY, THE UNCONSCIOUS MIND, DISTRACTION, DISTORTION OF REALITY.

THE SUN - GROWTH, YOUTH, VITALITY, HAPPINESS AND GENERAL WELL BEING

JUDGEMENT - REBIRTH, REINCARNATION, JUDGMENT, DECISION AND AWAKENING

UNIVERSE - COMPLETION, SUCCESS. OVERSEAS TRAVEL, REALIZATION OF DREAMS AND GOALS.

WALDO - OUR QUERENT CARD? PAY CLOSE ATTENTION. WHATEVER CARDS FALLS CLOSE TO WALDO ARE THINGS THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO THE CLIENT

RABID RACCOON - THIS CARD MAY INDICATE THAT SOMEONE'S TAKING SOMETHING FROM YOU, BUT PROBABLY NOT ANYTHING OF VALUE (HENCE THE TRASH WHICH YOU'VE ALREADY DISCARDED). A BEAM OF LIGHT HAS BEEN SHOWN ON THESE LITTLE THIEVES, THEY'VE BEEN EXPOSED. THEY CAN BE LEFT ALONE, OR THEY CAN BE CHASED AWAY, BUT IT'S PROBABLY NOT WORTH ENGAGING IN AN ARGUMENT OVER.

PSYCHO SQUIRREL - AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS. THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY A BAD THING OFTEN WHAT SEEMS TO BE A BAD SITUATION CAN LATER TURN OUT TO BE A BLESSING

LUST - SEXUAL ATTRACTION, DESIRE, LIBIDO. ANIMAL INSTINCTS, URGES. SEE STRENGTH CARD FOR MORE INFO





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**ACE OF WANDS** - ILLUMINATION, THE DESIRE TO CREATE SOMETHING OR START A PROJECT, DISCOVERIES, INVENTION, PREGNANCY, GROWTH, SEXUAL ATTRACTION, BIRTH, CREATIVITY, ACTION, INSPIRATION AND ENERGY.

**2 OF WANDS** - PLANNING, CONTEMPLATION, LOOKING AHEAD, COURAGE, BOLDNESS, TAKING RISKS, LEADERSHIP, CONFRONTATION AND DOING YOUR OWN THING

**3 OF WANDS** - WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN, DELAYS, TRADE, ENTERPRISE, EXPECTATION

**4 OF WANDS** - EVENTS, GATHERINGS, COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HOME, MARRIAGE OR COHABITATION.

**5 OF WANDS** - STRIFE, CONFLICT, BATTLES, COMPETITION, DISAGREEMENTS AND BICKERING,

**6 OF WANDS** - VICTORY, RECOGNITION, FAME, PUBLIC ACCLAIM, ACCOMPLISHMENT, HONOR

**7 OF WANDS** - DEFENDING YOUR POSITION, OPPOSITION, CHALLENGE, ADVANTAGE.

**8 OF WANDS** - SWIFT MOVEMENT, COMMUNICATION, TRAVEL BY AIR, SPEED

**9 OF WANDS** - BARRIER, DEFENCE, STRENGTH,

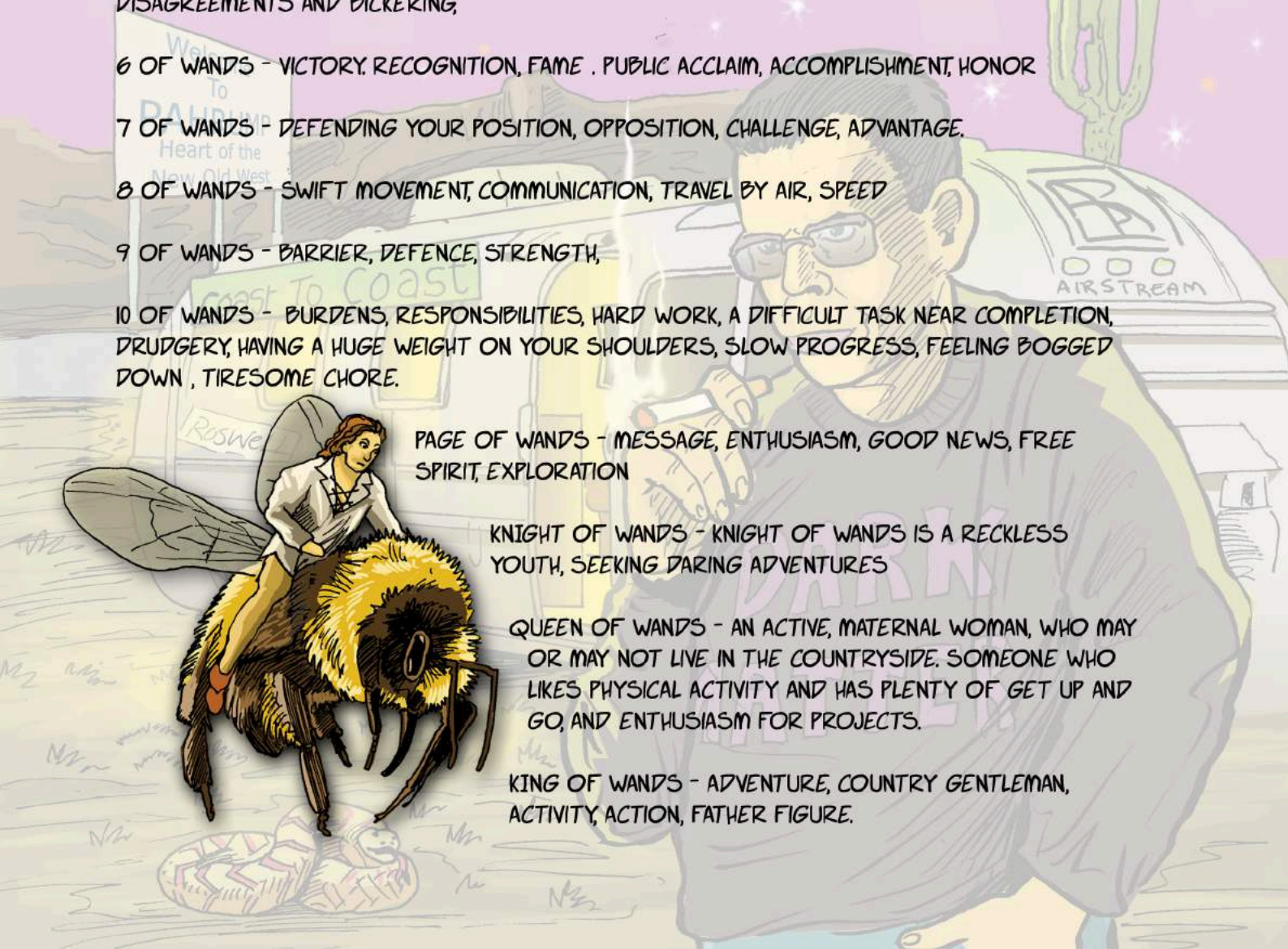
**10 OF WANDS** - BURDENS, RESPONSIBILITIES, HARD WORK, A DIFFICULT TASK NEAR COMPLETION, DRUDGERY, HAVING A HUGE WEIGHT ON YOUR SHOULDERS, SLOW PROGRESS, FEELING BOGGED DOWN, TIRESOME CHORE.

**PAGE OF WANDS** - MESSAGE, ENTHUSIASM, GOOD NEWS, FREE SPIRIT, EXPLORATION

**KNIGHT OF WANDS** - KNIGHT OF WANDS IS A RECKLESS YOUTH, SEEKING DARING ADVENTURES

**QUEEN OF WANDS** - AN ACTIVE, MATERNAL WOMAN, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT LIVE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. SOMEONE WHO LIKES PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HAS PLENTY OF GET UP AND GO, AND ENTHUSIASM FOR PROJECTS.

**KING OF WANDS** - ADVENTURE, COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, ACTIVITY, ACTION, FATHER FIGURE.





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ACE OF CUPS - GREAT EMOTION, JOY, LOVE, OR EVEN SHOCK AND FEAR LIKE IN OUR NASTY VERSION OF THE ACE OF CUPS.

2 OF CUPS - LOVE, COMPANIONSHIP, ATTRACTION, PARTNERSHIP, EMOTIONAL CHEMISTRY, MARRIAGE.

3 OF CUPS - TRADITIONALLY, THE THREE OF CUPS REPRESENTS GATHERINGS, GOOD TIMES, PARTIES, CELEBRATIONS AND SOCIAL EVENTS.

4 OF CUPS - ENNUI, BOREDOM, DAYDREAMING, A FEELING OF HOPELESSNESS, WEARINESS, SATIETY AND DISCONTENT.

5 OF CUPS - DISAPPOINTMENT, SADNESS, LOSS, BETRAYAL, SOME PEOPLE INTERPRET MARRIAGE BUT WITH UNMET EXPECTATIONS.

6 OF CUPS - CHILDHOOD, NOSTALGIA, MEMORIES, LOOKING BACK

7 OF CUPS - IMAGINATION, DAYDREAMS, FANTASY, ILLUSIONS, SELF - DECEPTION.

8 OF CUPS - ABANDONMENT, LEAVING A BAD SITUATION, DEPARTURE, JOURNEY, WALKING AWAY FROM SITUATIONS THAT NO LONGER WORK FOR YOU ON A PERSONAL LEVEL.

9 OF CUPS - A WISH, HAPPINESS, OVERINDULGENCE, DREAMS COMING TRUE, AND HOPES REALIZED.  
QUICK READ- WISH

10 OF CUPS - THE EMOTIONAL TIES THAT BIND FAMILIES TOGETHER. A HAPPY HOME, RELATIVES, MARRIAGE, FAMILY EVENTS.

PAGE OF CUPS - QUIET YOUTH, GOOD NEWS OF AN EMOTIONAL NATURE, YOUNG LOVER, BIRTH.

KNIGHT OF CUPS - INFATUATION, A PROPOSAL, LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, FLATTERY, A ROMANTIC YOUNG PERSON.

QUEEN OF CUPS - SHE COULD REPRESENT THE HOME OF YOUR HEART, SIGNIFICANT OTHER OR SPOUSE, A LOVE INTEREST. A WATER SIGN COMPANION OR A BEST FRIEND.

KING OF CUPS - THIS KING IS A GUARDED, BUT INTENSELY EMOTIONAL MAN WITH THE QUALITIES OF SCORPIO. HE IS VIGILANT, SLOW TO WARM UP TO OTHERS BUT ONCE THIS MAN IS CLOSE TO YOU, IT'S UNLIKELY HE'LL LEAVE YOU ANYTIME SOON. AS A SITUATION, THIS CARD SAYS BE PATIENT, REMEMBER SCORPIO IS SLOW TO COMMIT AND TRUST SO LET SITUATIONS DEVELOP MORE FULLY BEFORE MAKING ANY HASTY MOVES OR DECISIONS.





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ACE OF SWORDS - REPRESENTS IDEAS AND CONCEPTS. IT ALSO INDICATES THE USE OF GOOD JUDGEMENT AND CLARITY OF MIND. SOMETIMES IT WARNS THE CLIENT OF HARSH WORDS ABOUT TO BE EXCHANGED. THIS IS A GOOD CARD FOR CRITICAL THINKING, LOGIC, AND THE RATIONAL MIND.

2 OF SWORDS - UNPRINCIPLED PEACE, ACCORD, DIFFICULT DECISION, STALEMATE, REACHING AN AGREEMENT, HARMONY

3 OF SWORDS - SORROW, SEPARATION, LOVE TRIANGLE, GRIEF, UNEXPECTED TROUBLE

4 OF SWORDS - REST, EXILE, ILLNESS RECUPERATION, OPERATION

5 OF SWORDS - EMPTY BATTLES, HIDDEN ENEMIES, POTENTIAL THREAT CHALLENGE, CONTEST

6 OF SWORDS - ESCAPE, SHELTER, JOURNEY BY WATER, ABANDONING A BAD SITUATION, MOVING AWAY FROM CONFLICT, AVOIDANCE.

7 OF SWORDS - STEALING, THEFT, SNEAKINESS, CHEATING, DECEPTION, INGENUITY, CLEVER PLAN.

8 OF SWORDS - TRADITIONALLY, THE EIGHT SHOWS RESTRICTION IN MOVEMENT, ENTRAPMENT AND INABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD DUE TO LACK OF VISION OR SELF IMPOSED LIMITATIONS.

9 OF SWORDS - ENTRAPMENT, RESTRICTION, CONFINEMENT, OUTSIDE FORCES CREATING INTERFERENCE. LIMITATION.

10 OF SWORDS - RUIN, END, CALAMITY, DESTRUCTION, HITTING NADIR.

PAGE OF SWORDS - THE PAGE OF SWORDS TRADITIONALLY REPRESENTS A SPY OR JEALOUS YOUNG PERSON. WHEN I THINK OF THE MODERN AGE, I SEE THE PAGE OF SWORDS ENCOMPASSING OUR DAILY INTERACTIONS WITH COMPUTER / ANDROID TECHNOLOGY.

KNIGHT OF SWORDS - RASH ACTION, DIRECT AND DOMINEERING PERSONALITY. OUTSPOKEN AND DIRECT. HE SHAKES THINGS UP. THIS KNIGHT IS NOT THE FEELER OF THE TAROT. HE IS A JUDGER...

QUEEN OF SWORDS - A DIFFICULT WOMAN, PRONE TO ARGUMENT AND DEBATE. A CONTRARY WOMAN, A WIDOW. MOURNING SADNESS. SOMEONE OBSESSED WITH THE TRUTH OF THINGS. CUTTING WORDS.

KING OF SWORDS - A JUST MAN CONCERNED WITH THE LAW, MATTERS OF RIGHT AND WRONG. THE AIRY KING CAN SOMETIMES BE FOUND IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, ESPECIALLY SURGERY WHERE KNOWLEDGE AND PRECISION ARE REQUIRED.





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ACE OF PENTACLES - RING, GIFT, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, PAYMENT.

2 OF PENTACLES - BALANCED BUDGET, HEALTHY FINANCES, JUGGLING FINANCES, KIDS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EVERYDAY LIFE.

3 OF PENTACLES - HARD WORK, TEAM EFFORT, WORKING HARMONIOUSLY WITH A GROUP, TEAM LEADER, TANGIBLE RESULTS, ARTIST, TURNING DREAMS INTO REALITY, THE CREATIVE PROCESS, MANIFESTATION.

4 OF PENTACLES - MISER, STINGY, COVETOUSNESS, ECONOMY, THRIFT, FRUGALITY, GREED

5 OF PENTACLES - POVERTY, DESTITUTION, HOPELESSNESS, A LACK OF LOVE, FAITH AND HOPE

6 OF PENTACLES - KARMA, GIVE AND TAKE, GENEROSITY AND GIFTS

7 OF PENTACLES - HARD LABOUR, TOIL, REAPING, STRENUOUS WORK, RECEIVING

8 OF PENTACLES - CONCENTRATION, DILIGENCE, ART, ATTENTION TO DETAIL, MASTERPIECE

9 OF PENTACLES - LEISURE, FINANCIAL STABILITY, CULTIVATING, COUNTRYSIDE, PROSPERITY, LUXURY, A HIGH STATUS PERSON. SOMETIMES IT REPRESENTS BEING SINGLE.

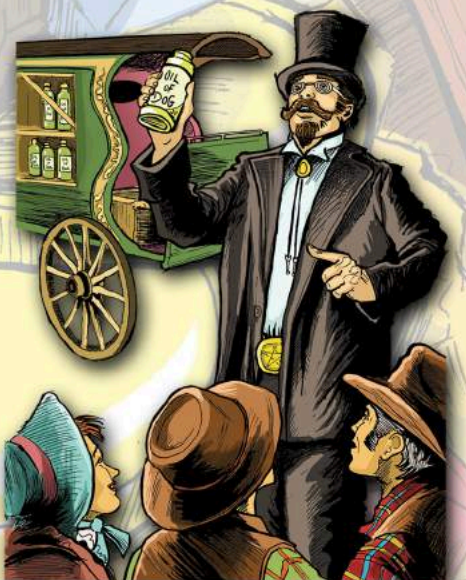
10 OF PENTACLES - REPRESENTS INHERITANCE, LEGACIES, HOME AND HEARTH AND FAMILY STABILITY.

PAGE OF PENTACLES - TEDIOUS TASK, MENIAL LABOUR, STUDENT, ALSO NEWS ABOUT JOB PROSPECTS AND GAIN.

KNIGHT OF PENTACLES - INVESTMENTS, INDUSTRIOUS WORKER, PROTECTING INVESTMENTS, SLOW AND STEADY LABOUR, HONEST DEALINGS

QUEEN OF PENTACLES - COUNTRY WOMAN, GOOD BUSINESS SENSE, HEALTH, INDEPENDENCE, LOVER OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

KING OF PENTACLES - KING OF PENTACLES REPRESENTS AN OLDER MAN WHO HAS ALL HIS FINANCIAL AFFAIRS IN ORDER. HE IS ACCOMPLISHED OR AT LEAST SETTLED IN LIFE. TYPICALLY HE'S A BUSINESS MAN, A BROKER, BANKER OR SMALL BUSINESS OWNER. HE'S VERY CAREFUL WITH MONEY AND ATTENTIVE TO MATERIAL AFFAIRS. ON THE DARKER SIDE, HE IS THE SNAKE OIL SALESMAN AND MAY HAVE BUILT HIS EMPIRE IN LESS THAN HONORABLE WAYS.





# TWISTED TAROT TALES SPREADS

SPREADS BY JANET BOYER

## ILLUSIONIST SPREAD



BEWARE OF THE  
CON ARTIST



1. WHO IS CONNING ME RIGHT NOW?
2. WHAT "TRICK" IS HE / SHE USING?
3. WHAT IS "NOT THERE" BUT SHOULD BE?
4. WHAT IS "THERE" BUT SHOULDN'T BE?
5. WHAT TYPE OF "SIDEKICK" IS HE/SHE USING TO FOOL/SWINDLE ME?
6. WHAT IS HE / SHE AFTER?
7. HOW CAN I KEEP FROM GETTING CONNED FROM THIS PERSON?
8. HOW CAN I KEEP FROM GETTING CONNED IN THE FUTURE?

## HAUNTED DOLLHOUSE SPREAD



1. HOUSE: WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY ENVIRONMENT?
2. DOOR: WHAT NEGATIVITY HAVE I INVITED VIA MY WORDS / ACTIONS / ATTITUDES?
3. CLOSET: WHAT "SKELETON" IS IN THERE (AND NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH)?

4. MIRROR: WHAT IS MY FEAR REFLECTING BACK TO ME (WHAT DO I NEED TO SEE)?

5. BED: WHAT ISSUE NEEDS "PUT TO BED" (LET GO)?

6. DRESSER: WHAT'S IN DISARRAY (AND NEEDS THOUGHTFUL ARRANGEMENT)?

7. BATHROOM: WHAT NEEDS WASHED (CLEANSED OR FORGIVEN)?



8. RENOVATION: WHAT ONE THING CAN I DO TO GET MY "HOUSE" IN ORDER?



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