

The Incidental Tarot

Abbreviated Key to the Meaning of the Cards: The Minor Arcana

THE ARROWS

THE ARROW KEY: The raw potential of the fire element: the power to ignite, to engage, to adventure. Business or adventure opportunities arising. *Reversed: Burn out from hasty decisions.*

TWO OF ARROWS: A new partnership of great potential: in business, travel or industry. Cooperation. *Reversed: Fiery, competitive energy.*

THREE OF ARROWS: The flowering of a new project or endeavor; diversifying plans and investing energy. *Reversed: Minor delays.*

FOUR OF ARROWS: Accomplishment and energy channeled into successful ventures. Foundations are complete; celebration of achievement. *Reversed: Collapse of initial efforts.*

FIVE OF ARROWS: Influx of energy needed to revive a stagnating project. Also, an unknown variable that can either help or hinder one's plans. *Reversed: Upheaval.*

SIX OF ARROWS: Success at a mid-point in one's ventures. Victory over challenges, basking in accomplishments. Cooperation and assistance. *Reversed: Obstacles.*

SEVEN OF ARROWS: Gaining the upper hand in a struggle. Conflict has arisen, but strength is inherent. Courage in times of trouble. *Reversed: The storm is passing.*

EIGHT OF ARROWS: A large amount of energy has been released and is about to come to fruition. Projects in late but active stages of progress. *Reversed: Dissolution.*

NINE OF ARROWS: A period of rest and recuperation. Renewal is necessary; hold back temporarily, don't overcommit yourself. *Reversed: Completion is near.*

TEN OF ARROWS: Completion of a great undertaking or cycle of activity; end of a marathon. Reap the recognition and rewards of a journey well traveled. *Reversed: Abrupt end of adventures.*

THE MESSENGER: a young male or female, personable and engaging; a good communicator, trustworthy, cooperative and adept at mediation/negotiation. *Reversed: Self-interested, sluggish, unmotivated.*

THE ARCHER: A male or female Warrior soul; activist, fighter, champion. Confident, ambitious and idealistic. Active, loves travel and adventure. A trustworthy and loyal friend. *Reversed: Arrogant, defiant.*

THE ARROW QUEEN: A mature woman, captivating and dynamic. Passionate, liberal, courageous, honest. Staunch ally to friends or formidable enemy. *Reversed: Domineering and self-righteous.*

THE ARROW KING: A mature man of raw determination; a just leader and advocate. Confident, generous, and benevolent, a model of integrity and sincerity. *Reversed: Aggressive, defensive.*

THE ROSES

THE ROSE KEY: The raw potential of the water element: the power to connect, forge relationships, nurture. Opportunity to find love, inspire, create beauty. *Reversed: Emotional tangle.*

TWO OF ROSES: A new love relationship. Connection, union and emotional wealth are the Two's keywords. *Reversed: Failed connection, emotional walls.*

THREE OF ROSES: Flourishing of a new relationship, growing creative endeavors. Joy and celebration. *Reversed: An uncomfortable liaison, emotional insecurity.*

FOUR OF ROSES: Contemplation and detachment, clarity that rises from intense emotion. Transient detachment needed to return to a healthy relationship. *Reversed: Overcommitted, codependent.*

FIVE OF ROSES: Disappointment, lost potential. Relationship woes, crippling fear of loss. A fizzled emotional connection. *Reversed: Revival of fading relationships.*

SIX OF ROSES: Emotional connections of family, childhood and nostalgia. Friendship and platonic love. *Reversed: Disconnected to your roots; loss of familial bonds.*

SEVEN OF ROSES: Segregating and analyzing desires to progress on the path. Emotional detachment and meditation. *Reversed: Confused, emotional withdrawal.*

EIGHT OF ROSES: Emotional and spiritual turning point. A long-awaited commitment, or end of an unhealthy relationship. *Reversed: A bumpy emotional road ahead.*

NINE OF ROSES: Wishes will be granted. Abundance, celebration and emotional fulfillment. Happiness abounds. *Reversed: Numb to emotion; ennui.*

TEN OF ROSES: Happiness and enriching relationships. A phase of life coming to a close and making way for new adventures. A second childhood may emerge. *Reversed: The end of a happy time in life.*

THE MUSE: A young male or female, romantic and idealistic; an inspiration to everyone. Attracts those of like minds through a gentle compassionate nature. *Reversed: Capricious, unrealistic, naive.*

THE BARD: A male or female of artistic and poetic temperament. Creative, romantic, intensely emotional, introverted but prolific. Inspires others through their art. *Reversed: Depressed, aimless.*

THE ROSE QUEEN: A mature woman who shines with inner and outer beauty. Artistic, compassionate, nurturing and humanitarian. A kind mother figure. *Reversed: Overemotional, codependent.*

THE ROSE KING: A mature man with an openly loving, generous heart. A creative and contemplative philosopher with a cheerful inspiring outlook. *Reversed: Impractical, quixotic, uncommitted.*

THE QUILLS

THE QUILL KEY: The raw potential of the air element: the power to discover, analyze, learn. Academic opportunities, communication, documentation. *Reversed: Ungrounded and absentminded.*

TWO OF QUILLS: A new learning partnership. Mentorship, collaboration, and intellectual discourse. *Reversed: Stubborn resistance; stalemate.*

THREE OF QUILLS: Taking the plunge into an intellectual challenge. Potential for greatness, not without sacrifice. *Reversed: Interpersonal tension, bristling egos.*

FOUR OF QUILLS: A truce is needed, a retreat and respite from the sometimes brutal world of mass communications. Criticism can feel too harsh. *Reversed: Recuperation, return to work.*

FIVE OF QUILLS: Frustration, plans not materialized, disillusionment. Selfish actions lead to disheartenment. *Reversed: Brilliant ideas, plans falling into place.*

SIX OF QUILLS: Movement and journeying; travel ideas becoming reality. Mental energy in motion. *Reversed: Stagnation, plans failing, temporary impasse.*

SEVEN OF QUILLS: Trickery or guile at work. Subtle layers of deception here that must be unraveled. *Reversed: Confusion, emotional withdrawal.*

EIGHT OF QUILLS: Bondage, both mental and emotional, a false sense of imprisonment. Attitude must be shifted. *Reversed: Liberation, relief of constraints.*

NINE OF QUILLS: Intense emotional travail. Stress, depression and despair. Stay balanced; strength comes from adversity. *Reversed: This too shall pass.*

TEN OF QUILLS: Completed cycle of learning or intellectual/academic pursuit. A PhD earned, or retirement from office, or completion of "virtual world" projects. *Reversed: Burdens of overachieving.*

THE ORACLE: A young male or female, keenly intelligent, sharp-witted, insightful. A truth-seeker and truth-teller with a gifted divinatory eye. *Reversed: pedantic, rude, emotionally distant.*

THE ALCHEMIST: A male or female with an intense, mysterious personality. Clever, methodical, logical and persuasive. Seeks profound knowledge of the Universe. *Reversed: Argumentative, cold, snobbish.*

THE QUILL QUEEN: A mature woman who sees through any deception. Analytical and precise with a razor wit, she expects greatness and often receives it. *Reversed: Condescending, entitled, ruthless.*

THE QUILL KING: A mature man with a probing mind and resolute nature. Likely a scientist, academic writer or politician, an excellent judge of character. *Reversed: Brutally honest, conniving, mean.*

THE OAKS

THE OAK KEY: The raw potential of the earth element: the power to build, create stability, foster growth. Economic opportunities, windfalls. *Reversed: instability, lack of foundation.*

TWO OF OAKS: A new relationship of trust and protectiveness. Familial bonds, a nurturing and secure friendship. *Reversed: imbalance, vulnerability.*

THREE OF OAKS: Growth of a new constructive skill or apprenticeship. Preparing to build something of value. *Reversed: imperfect progress; wilting of efforts.*

FOUR OF OAKS: Settling down, foundations have been built and solid growth is indicated. Housing and other forms of shelter are abundant at this time. *Reversed: Overcommitted, codependent.*

FIVE OF OAKS: A wrench in plans, loss, disruption, fear of failure. Temporary loss of resources, or a debilitating ailment. *Reversed: Healing strained relationships.*

SIX OF OAKS: Increase in growth, pieces fitting together to turn the wheel. Assistance and protection provided. *Reversed: Stress, physical and financial.*

SEVEN OF OAKS: Methodical and steady growth, hidden rewards for efforts forthcoming. Saving for a rainy day. *Reversed: Unclear path, return to your roots.*

EIGHT OF OAKS: All gears in place for promotion. Wealth is waxing, career positions advancing, strong family ties. *Reversed: Overburdened with details.*

NINE OF OAKS: Crowning achievement; contentment, security, sense of deep accomplishment. Enriching familial relationships. *Reversed: Crumbling of security.*

TEN OF OAKS: Prosperity, investment of wealth, completion of an important phase of life's work. Live comfortably and joyfully in the estate you built. *Reversed: Alienation of family ties, insolvency.*

THE STEWARD: A young male or female, quiet and kind; caretaker, guardian and friend. A warmhearted, grounded and resolute person. A selfless and loyal friend. *Reversed: Stodgy, lazy, antisocial.*

THE BUILDER: A patient but strong-willed male or female, physically adept working with their hands. An artisan, tradesperson, or teacher, always hospitable. *Reversed: Skeptical, pragmatic, begrudging.*

THE OAK QUEEN: A mature woman, down to earth, watchful and protective. Always willing to welcome friends to her hearth; gives sage advice and comfort. *Reversed: Controlling, jealous, blindly conservative.*

THE OAK KING: A mature, kind man with respect for tradition and practicality. A devoted provider, father figure or friend, always willing to give aid to those in need. *Reversed: Judgmental, miserly, callous.*