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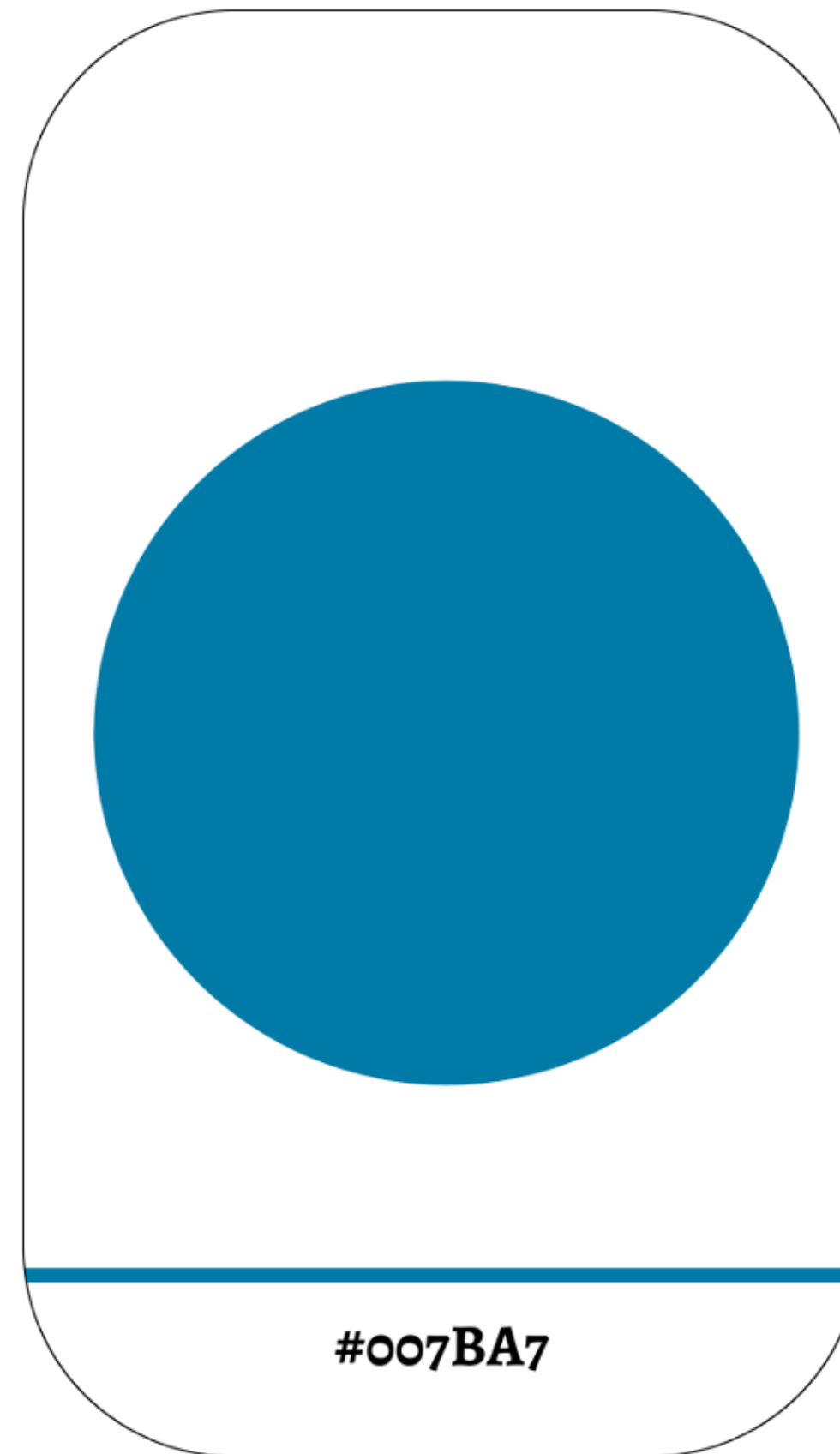


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#007BA7



#007BA7

Interpretation & Meaning

You feel your guts explode every time you're seeing red, wear rose-colored glasses whenever he texts something clever, see a problem in black and white if it hits too close to home.

If the human perception is a chromatic one, #007BA7 is the color that tints our world when we believe we're seeing clearly. Except "clearly" is rarely on the menu.

When this card shows up in a reading, **you're projecting your needs, narratives and expectations on the world around you without taking into account other people's perspective.**

This is the card of self-centeredness, entitlement and narcissism. The lenses you're using to look at the world are distorting your reality, either because of a sheltered experience or an inflated ego. It's time you learn to accommodate views and needs that are not your own and see the universe through a plethora of eyes.

In order to achieve your goals, you need to embrace the fact that your reality is subjective and you don't know as much as you think you do.

Start doubting yourself, check your privilege and try to impose a different, broader perspective on the problem you are facing.



Keywords

subjectivity • entitlement • bias •
narcissism • arrogance • self-absorption •
judgmental attitude • ignorance •
selfishness • self-interest •
superiority complex • othering • privilege •
vanity

Practical References

PLACES

**THE STAGE, THE SPOTLIGHT, THE BEAUTY
PARLOR**

WORK

ACTOR, POP-STAR, PAGEANT

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**BIRTHDAY, ANY SITUATION THAT PUTS
ONE PERSON AT THE CENTER OF
ATTENTION**

ACTIVITIES

PERFORMING

ARCHETYPES

**THE DIVA, THE PRIMA DONNA, THE
NARCISSIST**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation or environment revolving around the needs of one single person (which may or may not be the consultant). It might refer to a sheltered existence or even a privileged one.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between blind subjectivity and woke open-mindedness**. In order to advance in your journey, you have to surrender to the idea that your reality isn't dogmatic or shared by the majority of people

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a narcissistic personality who is not in touch with reality or a privileged perspective that does not represent the majority. The consultant might be too focused on their own needs to see what's really going on in the current situation.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against forcing your point of view on the current situation. It's time to acknowledge there are other perspectives and different priorities than the ones you are trying to push

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to trust your subjectivity and a confirmation that you're entitled to whatever you're demanding. Your perspective is valid, worthy and fully justified, don't let anybody suggest otherwise

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that will validate the consultant's narrative and put them in the spotlight. Whether that's a privileged position or a moment of fame, the consultant will feel like they're at the center of their universe

Exclaves



Interpretation & Meaning

If countries had bodies, Kaliningrad would be an out-of-body experience.

Imagine Russia leaving her cumbersome self behind and embarking on a trip that doesn't require psychedelics but robust tires, car songs and a ten hour drive. All the way East, she'd cross familiar geographies and eventually stumble on a remote, strange instance of herself.

Kaliningrad shares no border with Russia, yet it's part of it. Fifteen thousand square meters cut out of the Motherland and squeezed tightly between Poland, Lithuania and the Baltic sea. You dock there in a merciless winter evening and in a lousy bar, vodka in

hand, you close your eyes and it could be St. Petersburg, Novosibirsk, it could be Moscow.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to look for yourself outside of yourself.**

If looking inwards only led to fluids and bones, the answers you're seeking are probably in the outside world.

Be it religion, zombie movies or the boy scouts, you gotta seek and find meaning in experiences that are very much out of your head. Don't be afraid to try on identities like dresses until you find the perfect one for the prom of your existence.

This card ensures external exploration will light up the path to your purpose in life and to the core of your identity.



Keywords

exploration • purpose • religion •
external meaning • discovery • quest
• identification • exposure • curiosity

Practical References

PLACES

SANCTUARY, TRAIN STATION, AIRPORT, HOTEL,
PLACES OF WORSHIP, MONUMENTS

WORK

ACTIVIST,
REPORTER, CORRESPONDENT, MISSIONARY,
EXPLORER, ASTRONAUT, TRAVEL
WRITER. FOOD WRITER, ALL JOBS HAVING TO DO
WITH TRAVEL AND EXTERNAL
EXPLORATION

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

PILGRIMAGE, WALKABOUT, TRAVEL, ROAD TRIP,
CULTS, ORGANIZATIONS

ACTIVITIES

TRAVELING, READING, BACKPACKING, EXPERIENCING
ART, TAROT READING

ARCHETYPES

THE EXPLORER, THE SEEKER



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests an environment or situation enabling external exploration or shaping the sense of self of its partakers. It can represent a career, relationship or affiliation (eg. religious group) which is tied strongly to the consultant's identity.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between knowing and experiencing yourself**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to restructure your sense of self through external exploration and seek out your purpose in life

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent an explorer, someone who values trying things out and assessing their value independently. It can also stand for someone with a strong sense of purpose.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against losing yourself into someone or something else. Don't build your identity around a cause or group that may be toxic, harmful or simply not representative of your beliefs.

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to explore the places and ideas around you and let them change you as much as you can. Identifying with a cause, a group or a set of beliefs might be what you need to find your life's purpose. It could also hint at exposure therapy: maybe the thing you are afraid of will become tolerable the more you expose yourself to it.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a clearer purpose in life and a stronger sense of identity

Tax Return



Interpretation & Meaning

The most terrifying night of the year entails neither tricks nor treats.

Glued to your desk and dressed as your most anxious self, you'll get a visit from the ghost of past income, eager to torture you with tricky math problems and merciless bureaucracy. Putting numbers on papers and signatures on lines is the excruciating exorcism that will either defeat your demons or throw you in their jaws.

If Judgment Day is TBD and Karma doesn't have a tight schedule, Tax Day must be the next best universal emblem of cosmic justice.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to follow the rule book by the letter, no matter how inconvenient it might seem.**

Whether it comes from an ethical code or from established legal guidelines, the right thing to do will shine bright and demand that you follow the implicit and explicit rules of the world you're in. Upsetting the status quo might be tempting, but sticking to the tried and true will eventually lead to a greater reward.

This is also the card of repercussion and accountability: you'll face the direct consequences of your actions and be reminded that you reap what you sow.

Tax Return ensures that you can reach a fair and rewarding outcome by preserving the status quo, playing your part and following the rules of the world around you.



Keywords

cosmic justice • compliance • doing the right thing • following the rules • playing your part • repercussions • consequences • karma • accountability • responsibility • fairness • meritocracy • tried and true • status quo • conventional wisdom • morality • conformity • integrity • sense of duty • tradition • dependability • role compliance

Practical References

PLACES

OFFICE, COURTHOUSE, JAIL

WORK

TAX EXAMINER, LEGAL PROFESSIONAL,
JUDGE, ATTORNEY

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

BEING PROSECUTED, LEGAL CASE, BEING
CONVICTED, TAX DAY, UNIVERSITY EXAM,
HIGH SCHOOL TEST

ACTIVITIES

TAKING A TEST

ARCHETYPES

THE GOOD CITIZEN, THE FOLLOWER, THE
COMPLIER, THE COMFORMIST



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a regulated environment with strictly defined roles and upheld traditions. It might refer to something as small as a family or as big as a society. It could also represent legal procedures, bureaucracy, exams that needs to be judged.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes **the tension between moving forward and preserving the status quo**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to abide to societal or practical sets of rules that are bigger than you and for which you'll be judged

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a disciplined person, someone who plays their part and complies with the rules of the society they're in.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against blindly following rules that are flimsy or too clear cut. Remember that every situation has nuances and it doesn't always make sense to apply the rules in a black and white manner. It also warns against complying to a role that might be as dysfunctional as it is comfortable.

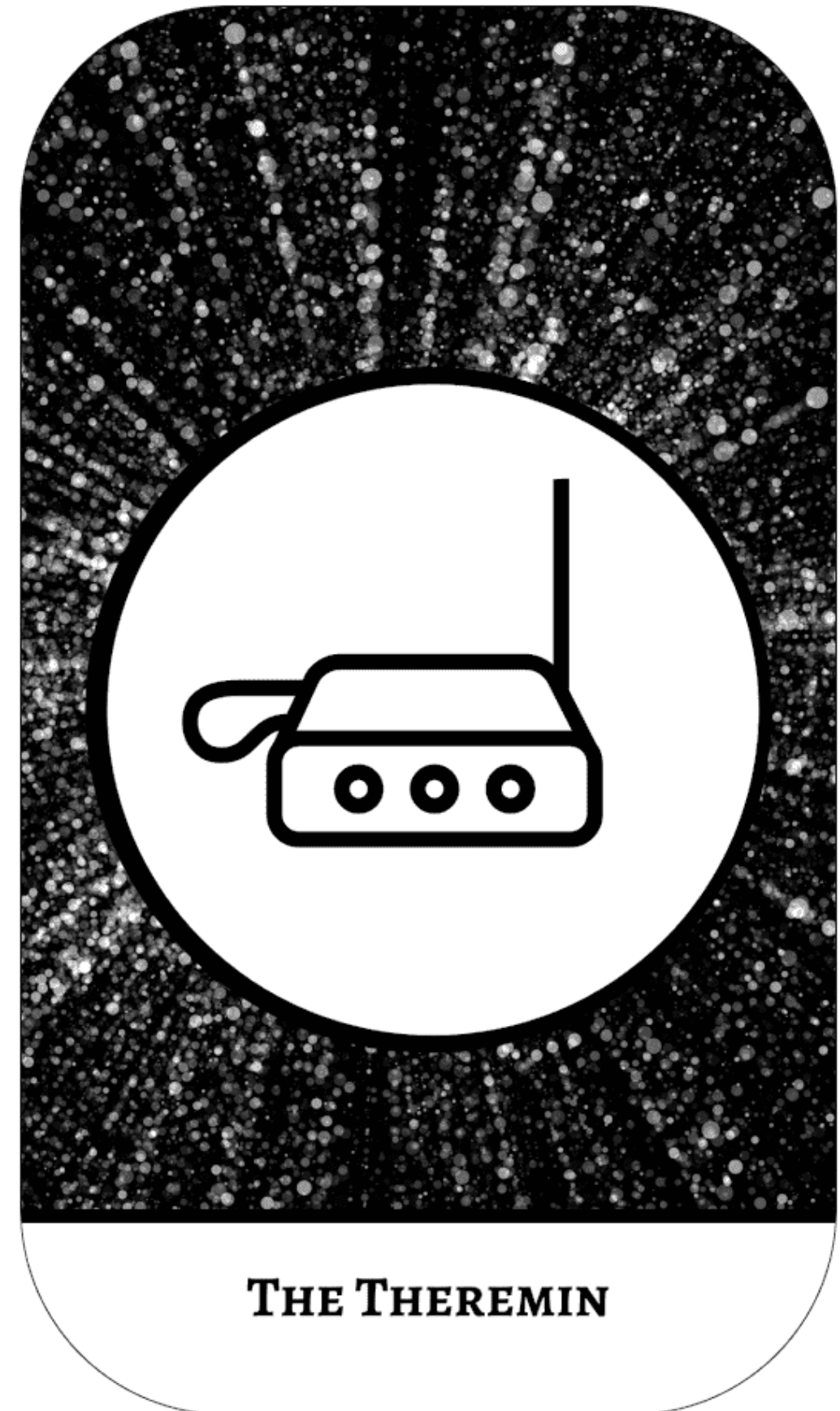
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, the problem at hand can be solved by following the implicit or explicit rules of the situation you're in. Taking accountability for your actions and accepting their repercussions is the most important thing.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through an official judgement, a legal validation or a set of rules that will structure the life of the consultant. The consultant will reap exactly what they have sown and play a role that is defined and important.

The Theremin



Interpretation & Meaning

When the theremin starts playing and the hands moving, you can't tell which one came first.

Is it a dance to an orphan song or a melody sprung from choreographed motion?

We listen to the same touchless symphony playing in our brains – sometimes a danceable tune, sometimes a broken record – and witness the same foreign hands as they command our inner notes.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to look behind every curtain for the invisible forces that influence your life.**

Your feelings are attached to your actions, your relationships and your daily life by invisible strings.

Growing aware of those connections requires relentless introspection but is rewarded with the power to re-attach

those strings, tune them or potentially cut them off.

If you were taught to discard your emotions and treat them as fuzzy background noise, The Theremin suggests that you sit back, focus and listen carefully.

This is not a card of action. Whatever feeling you're experiencing in your life, at work, in your relationship, you should not act on it before you come to understand it intimately. It's time to put your emotions under a microscope and figure out how they connect to your world and what information they are trying to communicate.

This card ensures you can shape the outside world to your needs if you first understand how it connects to your inner world.



Keywords

introspection • connecting the out with the in • therapy • invisible forces • introversion • pensiveness • self-reflection • self-awareness • internalizing • introjection • introverted intuition • emotional honesty

Practical References

PLACES

**CAVE, GROTTA, ALL PLACES THAT ARE
DEEP AND INSIDE**

WORK

THERAPIST

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

GOING TO THERAPY, DREAMING

ACTIVITIES

JOURNALING

ARCHETYPES

THE SELF-AWARE, THE INTROVERT



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation or environment ruled by unexpressed feelings or bottled up emotions. In a relationship reading, it might stand for a bond based on mundane things instead of mutual, understood emotions. In a work reading, it might stand for a workplace that isn't mindful of the feelings of its employees

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between living your emotions and coming to understand them**. In order to advance in your journey, you have to look inside and investigate the connection between your feelings, your actions and the outside world

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent an introspective soul, someone who values self-awareness and tends to know themselves pretty well



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against internalizing negative thoughts from the environment around you. If you're immersed in a toxic situation, you should stop questioning your inner feelings and start moving away from it as soon as possible.

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to look for the invisible forces that influence your life. You need to connect to your emotions and identify everything that's triggering them or swaying them in a particular direction

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a deeper connection to your feelings and a broader understanding of what is causing them

Magma



Interpretation & Meaning

The Earth is our rock, literally and figuratively.

It holds up bridges, skyscrapers and your hustling feet when the rain starts pouring and you better run home. We rely on its stability without realizing that the ground is the peel to an orange that we never get to squeeze.

If you think deep, though, things are not as sturdy. Deeper than the sewers and the metro lines, the gold and the oil, something keeps the heart of the planet pounding.

With its one thousand degrees Celsius, magma is a fiery fluid as real as the roads we drive on. It hides under the surface until it can't hide anymore then spills out of mountains in order to be seen.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to gather all the burning things within your soul and wave them like a flag.**

Your exterior may be sturdy and reliable like the one of our planet, but the world needs a glimpse of your vulnerable side, too. If your public persona and your identity don't match, it's time to come clean about what makes you tick as a person, as a lover, as a professional. Making information and emotions available is the first step towards living as your authentic self.

If you're not getting what you want in life, maybe you're not making your goals and needs heard. If you're excessively inhibited, you need to fight the feeling that you're inwardly flawed and convince yourself that you can and will be loved exactly for what you are. Nobody is inherently defective and we're all deserving of love.

The thing that's burning inside might be uncomfortable to show, but hiding it isn't helping anyone. The faster you dig it out, the sooner you can progress in your journey to become the person you're supposed to be.



Keywords

coming clean • coming out • let it out •
authenticity • honesty • genuinity •
transparency • frankness • vulnerability •
secrecy • inhibition • playing a role •
imposter syndrome • shyness • private
personality

Practical References

WORK

**SURGEON, RADIOLOGIST, SINGER,
FASHION DESIGNER, ACTOR, PERFORMER,
WRITER, ALL JOBS HAVING TO DO WITH
BRINGING THE INSIDE OUT**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**COMING OUT, IMPOSTOR SYNDROME,
HALLOWEEN, CARNIVAL**

ACTIVITIES

ACTING, JOURNALING, CONFESSING

ARCHETYPES

**THE TRUTH-TELLER, THE STRAIGHT
SHOOTER**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests an environment or situation that encourages wearing a mask, not being your true self, saving face. Whether that's a dysfunctional family or a deranged company culture, the consultant might be keeping a secret or living in fear of being exposed.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between the identity we perform (our public persona) and the one we recognize when we look inside**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to bring to the surface the deep, authentic self that you've been hiding

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent someone who values authenticity and tends to speak their mind. It could be a genuine person who wears their heart on their sleeve or someone who's able to disclose difficult truths



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against being completely transparent in the current situation. The problem at hand may require a filtered, more delicate approach than the one you would naturally adopt. As an alternative interpretation, it could also be a warning against showing your vulnerable side to the wrong people: they might take advantage of it and use it to their benefit

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to access that deep, vulnerable side of your personality and show it to the world. Transparency and authenticity are the way to solve the problem at hand

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a more transparent, authentic and honest way of living.

Aufbruchstimmung



Interpretation & Meaning

Aufbruchstimmung – literally "feeling of departure" – is a German word describing the mix of optimism and turmoil felt before embarking on a journey.

It's about the excitement of the roaring sea ahead combined with the melancholy as the city turns into a distant blob of lights. About everything that's coming and all we need to leave behind in order to make space for it.

When this card shows up, **it's an invitation to embrace transformation in your life.** This ship is going to sail no matter what, trying to anchor it would only make the process harder.

If you know you've achieved all the achievable in your current job, maybe it's time to let go and start new. If your love has felt like a friendship for a long time, you should probably close that chapter and move on.

Stop clinging to a world that doesn't exist anymore and find your place within the new one. The best course of action is acknowledging a change that is already happening – whether inside or outside of yourself – and try to make the best of it. As scary as any metamorphosis can be, the only way out is through.

This card ensures you'll end up stronger and happier than before if you choose to be part of the change rather than just subject to it.



Keywords

metamorphosis • adaptability • change
• letting go of the old • embracing the
new • transformation • growth • coming
of age • rebirth • movement

Practical References

WORK

HAIR STYLIST, PLASTIC SURGEON,
RENOVATOR, ALL PROFESSIONS THAT
APPLY OR ENABLE SOME KIND OF CHANGE

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

REHAB, DIVORCE, ANY LIFE EVENT THAT
COMES WITH A SIGNIFICANT LIFE CHANGE

ACTIVITIES

RENOVATING, REDECORATING, BODY
MODIFICATIONS

ARCHETYPES

THE CHAMELEON



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a change that has happened or is happening in the life of the consultant. It could be a move, a career change or anything that has transformed the social or romantic dynamics in a relationship. It can also symbolize reshaping your look or body or a shift happening in culture or the political climate

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between living a change and adapting to it**. The consultant has to learn how to let go of the old and embrace the new in order to grow from the current situation

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent someone who values evolution, a sense of growth, progress. It can also represent a transformative personality who likes to turn any situation upside down



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against forcing a change where a change isn't needed or - even worse - applying it to the wrong aspect of your life. It's easy to fall into the trap of changing your job, partner or hair color when the focus should be on changing your attitude or world views. It could also be a sign that you shouldn't passively accept a change that is taking place in your life or that trying to change somebody else will prove to be a deluded fantasy

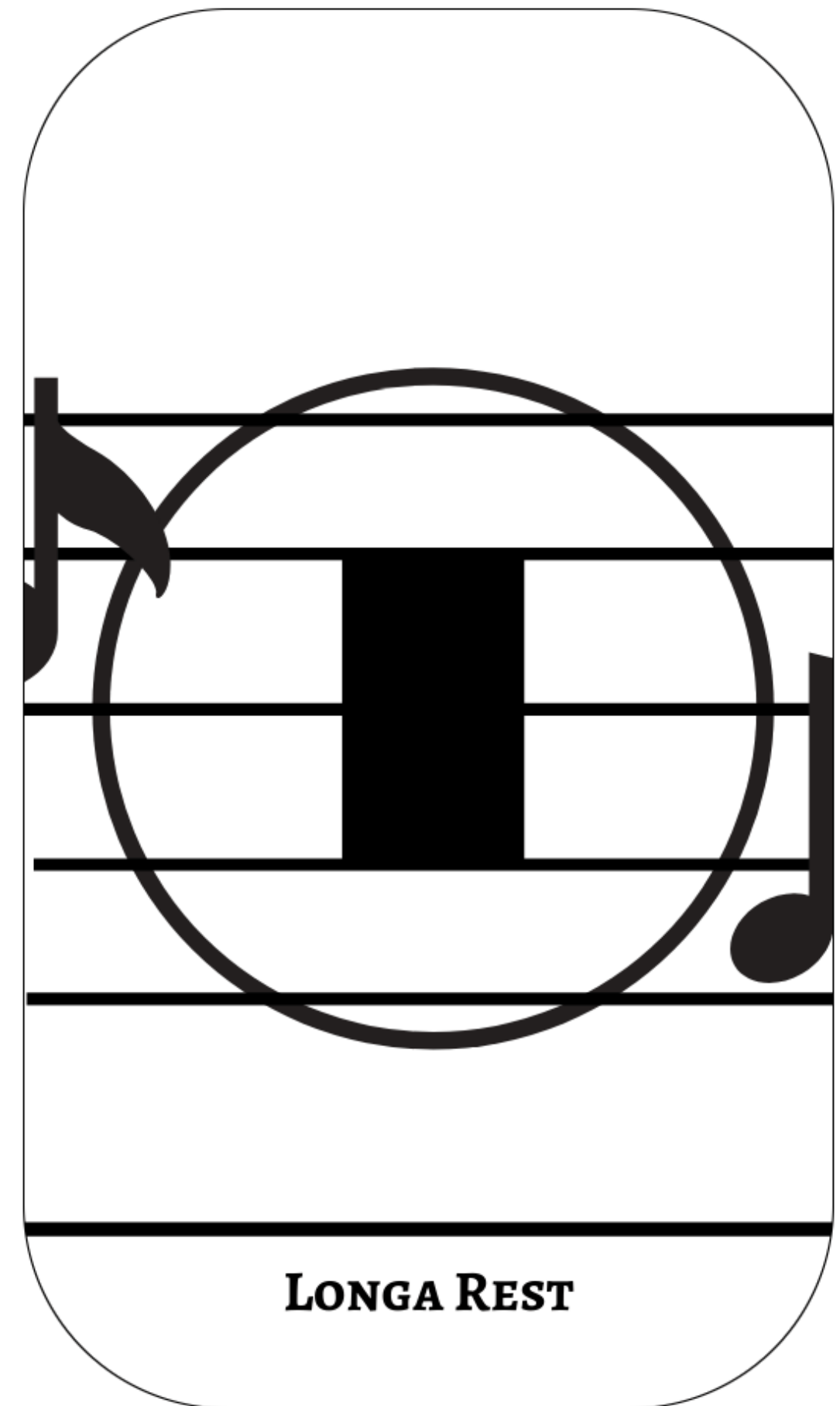
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to apply a much needed change to your current situation

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a significant change in the life of the consultant. The old will feel far behind as an exciting new chapter starts

Longa Rest



Interpretation & Meaning

You don't hear a song and think "it needs more notes".

Yet all the time spent in traffic is a waste of time. All empty rooms have to be filled with furniture and plants. All silences shall be injected with voiced opinions and restless ruminations.

Modern living feels like a war on emptiness that isn't empty in the first place. We run around trying to fill the holes in our lives and never once stop to admire the aesthetic of the hole. Its function, the way it fits and serves everything around.

What if we took a collective break and listened to some music? Not just the sound of it – sorry Julie Andrews – rather that perfect marriage between the sound and its complete absence.

In music theory, silence is not a mythological creature. It's tangible, structural, regimented. You write it down with a big, fat square and it stands proud on the sheet, playing a part that is dignified and can make or break your composition.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to find answers and solace within the negative space of your life.**

If you're desperately looking for a soul mate, maybe there's something you should learn in solitude first. If your marriage feels stuck, try to reconnect to the pleasures of domestic life and reflect on the ways your love grew deeper instead of bigger. If your job bores you, find the part of it you've never explored and dive in. Revisit all the small things that make up your life and try to remember the subtle joy they used to provide.

In the midst of a life that can feel like a circus, give yourself some breathing room. Longa Rest is an invitation to find the essential by stripping your life of the heavy, unnecessary layers acquired along the way.

This card ensures there is a depth to every surface you've scanned and a use for all the boredom you're experiencing.



Keywords

negative space • love for small things •
depth of feelings and experience •
deeper instead of broader • quiet
place • break • boredom • pensiveness
• peace • calm • reflection • sobriety •
simplicity • minimalism • mundane •
essential • pause • contentment •
moderation

Practical References

PLACES

CABIN, TEMPLE

WORK

EDITOR, SCULPTOR, ALL JOBS HAVING TO
DO WITH ADDING VALUE BY SIMPLIFYING
OR TAKING STUFF OUT

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

RETREAT

ACTIVITIES

DECLUTTER, SPRING CLEANING,
MEDITATION, MINDFULNESS

ARCHETYPES

THE MINIMALIST



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation or environment in which you're either content with what you have or have decided to settle for it. In a love reading, it could represent a long relationship fueled by the small things, but also a period of peaceful singleness without desire to date.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between living big and appreciating the subtle gifts of life**. It suggests to reconnect with the least explosive, flamboyant aspects of your life. These overlooked spaces offer great opportunities for growth, love and self-reflection.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a frugal personality, a minimalist, someone who values the small, simple things in life and understands the depth of it all.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against dreaming too small or getting complacent. It may not be time to settle for what you have, you can aspire to bigger things if you set your mind to it.

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to find solace in simplicity and go deeper rather than broader in your experiences or feelings. A moderate approach is required to solve the problem at hand

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through contentment for the current situation and the ability to appreciate the bare minimum.

Fallow



FALLOW

Interpretation & Meaning

Some people believe the only way to be successful is to exert control, project expectations and express demands. Their horses, like their ambitions, are in a constant gallop. Their fields are overflowed with exhausted crops and seeded with the idea that patience equals weakness.

The earth begs to differ.

During the VIII century B.C., the ancient Romans figured that leaving fields to their natural state for a decent period of time would make them incredibly receptive to later cultivation. As counter-intuitive as it sounds, the power of what they called "maggese" (fallow) has been applied for centuries in different types of crop rotation in order to restore or strengthen the fertility of the soil.

When this card shows up in a reading, **you should allow the most unpolished, wildest vegetation in the garden of your life.**

It's time to replace definition with nurture, control with patience, assertiveness with kindness. This card is about allowing unstructured growth to your projects, your relationships and your plans. Don't demand a clear endgame to your love or a defined future to your career. Cut yourself some slack and see where everything flows: sticking to the plan might be a restrictive course of action and limit your personal growth immensely.

This is also the card of mentorship, parenthood and any kind of gentle, non-judgmental guidance you might offer to other human beings.



Keywords

unstructured growth • kindness • going with the flow • parenthood • mentorship • nurturing • gentleness • tolerance • encouragement • benevolence • warmth • caretaking • supportive • self-sacrifice • organic • maintenance

Practical References

PLACES

**HOSPITAL, PET STORE, SPA, NURSERY,
GREENHOUSE**

WORK

HEALTH

**WORKER, TALENT MANAGER, COACH,
COUNSELOR, FARMER, GARDENING, TEACHER,
ALL JOBS HAVING TO DO WITH MENTORING,
SUPPORTING AND HEALING OTHERS**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

PARENTHOOD

ACTIVITIES

**CARING FOR A PET, GARDENING, TAKING
CARE OF A LOVED ONE**

ARCHETYPES

THE PARENT, THE MENTOR, THE COACH



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests an environment or situation characterized by unstructured growth, learning and nurture. In a work reading, it might stand for a workplace where the consultant is allowed to grow and learn at their own pace. In a love reading it could symbolize a bond that has no label but is slowly evolving between two people. It could also represent pregnancy or parenthood.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between wanting results and letting things develop at their own pace**. In order to advance in their journey, the consultant needs to channel patience, kindness and a nurturing attitude.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a nurturing, affectionate personality, someone who kills it with kindness, a mentor, a parent figure.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against letting things, people or situations slip into undesired territories. If you just go with the flow, things might take an unwanted turn. As an alternative interpretation, it can also stand for codependency or compulsive people-pleasing

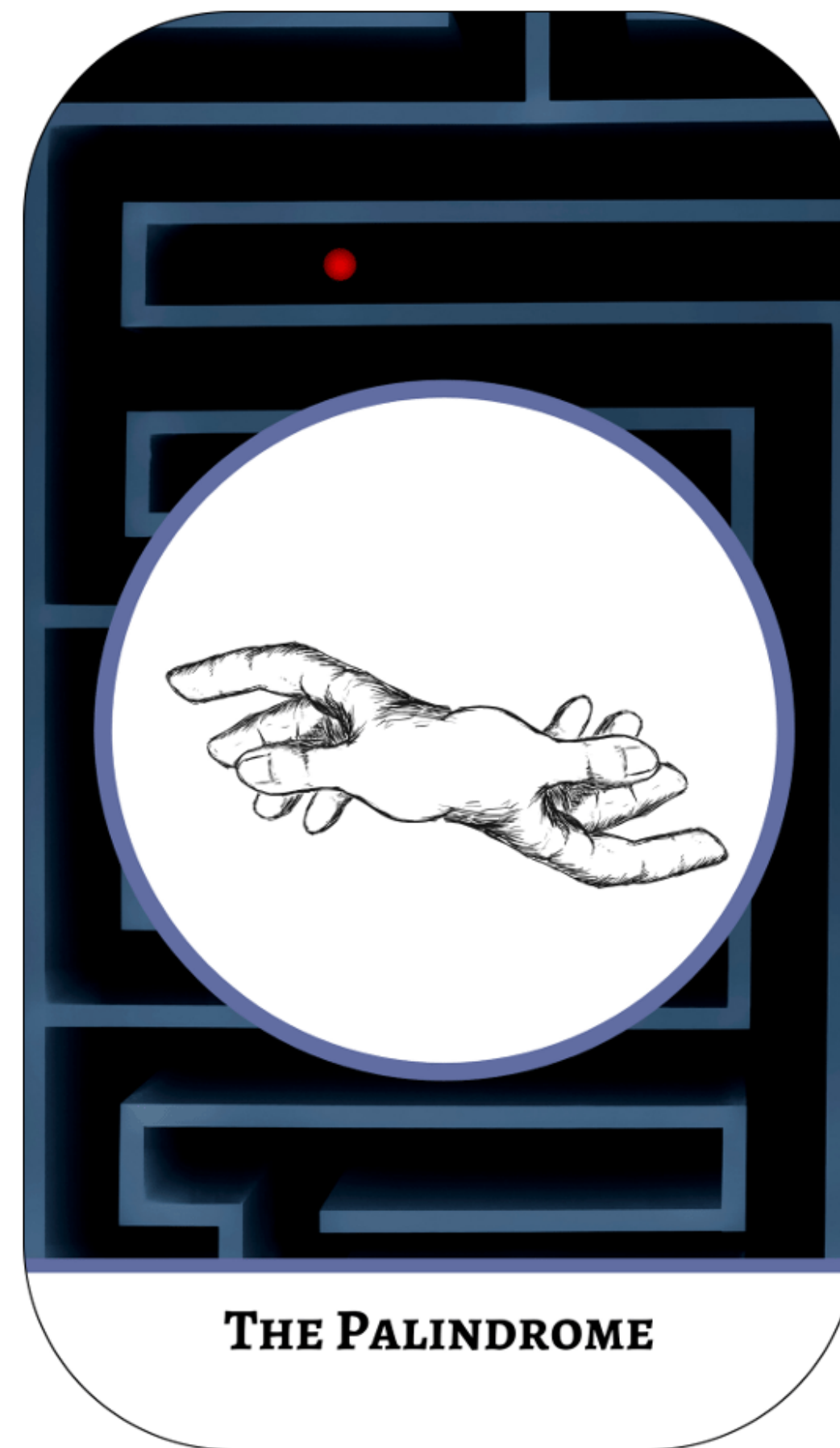
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to kill it with kindness and understand that the problem at hand needs to be treated with tolerance. Just give it time plus love and see where this goes

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a liberating lack of structure or through a newly found pleasure in taking care of someone else.

The Palindrome



Interpretation & Meaning

You ask for directions and hear of marble corridors, beaten paths, beautiful front doors. They trace out the way like it's the only feasible one. Like life is an orderly drive down the main road rather than a scrappy expedition through the jungle.

When this card shows up, it's a reminder that **you can get to your destination through the most impervious, unlikely path.**

If the front door is locked you can and should rappel down the chimney, look for secret passages and even tear down walls in order to get where you want.

The conventional way may not be right for you.

It's time to think outside the box and adopt a creative, alternative approach to the problem you are facing. You need to find the way that works for you even if that means starting from scratch or completely rethinking your strategy.

This card ensures happiness can be reached, but you need to pave your own way to it.



Keywords

lateral thinking • unconventional solution • paving your way • creative solution • flexibility • escaping tradition • innovation • originality • scrappiness • unceremonious • adaptability • resourcefulness • ingenuity • compromise • reworking existing systems

Practical References

PLACES

**MAZE, UNBEATEN PATH, ALL PLACES
PERCEIVED AS OUTLANDISH OR
ALTERNATIVE**

WORK

**CONLANGER, PET AGENT, PIZZA
CONSULTANT, ALL PROFESSIONS THAT
SOUND OUT OF THE ORDINARY**

ACTIVITIES

**RIDDLES, PUZZLES, ESCAPE ROOMS AND
ALL ACTIVITIES HAVING TO DO WITH
THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX**

ARCHETYPES

THE INVENTOR, THE LATERAL THINKER



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation that may seem weird or unconventional to the average person. In a career reading, the consultant might have a peculiar job or a career path full of twists and turns. In a romantic context, it could stand for a relationship that took shape in mysterious ways or that is not considered canonical (polyamore, open relationship etc.)

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the tension between having a clear goal and multiple, nebulous ways to achieve it. The consultant has to throw out of the window whatever instruction manual life gave them and learn to think outside the box

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a lateral thinker, someone who knows how to zig when everybody else is zagging



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against trying to reinvent the wheel at all costs. There's no need to go against the grain right now, sometimes the flock knows exactly where it's going

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to access your creative arsenal and invent your way out of the problem at hand in a non-canonical fashion

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a predicament, role or results that may seem unorthodox but works extremely well for the consultant

The Receipts



THE RECEIPTS

Interpretation & Meaning

Here's the thing about Jessica Fletcher (she/her).

You don't become the baddest chick in Cabot Cove by following your love for stories. Despite being a writer, Fletcher solves mystery after mystery by keeping an eye on the facts and processing an intricate web of information better than a goddamn machine.

She recognizes the dramatic nature of the world she inhabits but holds tight to the precious truths that those tiny, factual details are whispering in her ear.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to set emotions aside and look at the hard evidence.**



Get your head into the books, be inquisitive, collect the facts you need without tainting them with bias or illogical thinking.



This is the card of obsessive rationality and cerebral prowess: treat the problem at hand like an equation that can only be solved through methodical processing of one variable at a time.



The situation requires looking at the world like it's a game of chess and carefully planning the next move.



Keywords

curiosity • knowledge • book smart •
rationality • logical thinking • objectivity •
inquisitive • impartial • wisdom •
pragmatism • rigorous approach • science •
methodical • seriousness • accuracy •
realism • argumentative • didactic •
informative • skepticism • intellect •
knowledge over ignorance • precision •
meticulous • emotional detachment •
convergent thinking

Practical References

PLACES

SCHOOL, COLLEGE, LIBRARY, BOOK SHOP

WORK

FRAUD EXAMINER, DETECTIVE, ANALYST,
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, BUSINESS
INTELLIGENCE, SCIENTIST

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

ALL MILESTONES CONCERNING EDUCATION

ACTIVITIES

PUZZLES, ESCAPE ROOMS, SUDOKU,
CROSSWORD PUZZLES, TRIVIA, STRATEGY
GAMES

ARCHETYPES

THE SAGE, THE INTELLECTUAL, THE
BRAINIAC, THE NERD



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

When this card appears in the Soil position, it suggests a situation or environment that encourages clinical objectivity and emotional detachment. It might refer to a marriage of convenience or a relationship with someone who is hyper-logical. In a work reading, it might symbolize a workplace with a goal system based on performance and productivity.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between logic and emotions**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to examine the facts with clinical rationality and adopt a methodical approach

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a book smart person, a nerd, a logical thinker who values factual knowledge over emotions or relationships



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against intellectualizing or applying rigid logical thinking to the current situation. Life isn't a judicial court: by sticking to hyper-objective reasoning you might be missing the subjective, emotional core of the problem you are facing

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to access your logical reasoning and treat the current problem like a game of chess. Your emotions might be swaying you away from the truth, summoning your analytical skills is the only way to get a clearer sense of how to act

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through previously overlooked or hidden knowledge. You'll get key information to finally make sense of the mystery around you

14 Pieces



Interpretation & Meaning

Isis rushing down the Nile and we hum that song – “Ain’t no river wide enough to keep me from getting to you”.

But she’s not on a cruise to see the pyramids nor sailing on Pacey’s boat. After bad boy Set murdered Osiris and dumped his body parts into the river, the Egyptian goddess made it her mission to collect and reassemble all 14 pieces of her dead husband.

Marvin Gaye doesn’t quite cut it.



When this card appears in a reading, **it’s time to add that last piece to the figurative puzzle you’ve been working on.** Whether that’s the end of a relationship, a great accomplishment or a journey coming full circle, this will be the kind of end that feels perfectly right, a satisfying epilogue with a liberating sense of closure.



In a different interpretation, it can symbolize the need to bring together parts or entities that are currently disconnected. The problem at hand may require you to play matchmaker with friends who don’t know each other, merge projects or ideas together, be the bridge between situations that are seemingly worlds apart from one another. Parts that don’t work well by themselves may acquire a new, unsuspected *raison d’etre* once you pair them up together.





Keywords

wholeness • end • full circle •
completion • closure • unit • get things
done • finish line • cycles • connections
• bringing together • bridging

Practical References

WORK

**CONDUCTOR,
PROJECT MANAGER, COORDINATOR,
SOCCER COACH, MATCHMAKER, COUPLE
THERAPIST, STYLIST, ALL JOBS HAVING TO
DO WITH MAKING DIFFERENT PARTS
WORK TOGETHER**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**RETIREMENT, GRADUATION, SEPARATION,
DIVORCE, DEATH, END OF A JOB**

ACTIVITIES

COLLECTING

ARCHETYPES

**THE COMPLETIST, THE INTERMEDIARY, THE
MEDIATOR, THE PROPHET, THE SHAMAN,
THE GATEKEEPER**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests something is coming full circle in the consultant's life. It might be as clear cut as graduating from a study cycle or less literal, like getting closure from a painful situation (whatever "closure" means for you). It might also refer to seemingly disconnected entities coming together (eg. a company merger).

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between the parts and the whole**. In order to advance in your journey, you may have to write the final chapter of a situation, tie together disconnected entities within a system, bridge gaps between figurative worlds

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a completist, someone who wants to get things done and leave no unfinished business. It can also stand for someone who plays the role of intermediary between different parties, or even someone who pays close attention to intersectionality when looking at situations and people.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against bringing something to an end in a way that is unnecessary. It could mean it's not the right time to quit a situation/job/relationship, but it could also mean that you shouldn't stick to something just for the sake of going all the way. In an alternative interpretation, it could signify that the pieces you are trying to put together will never fit and no conciliation is possible

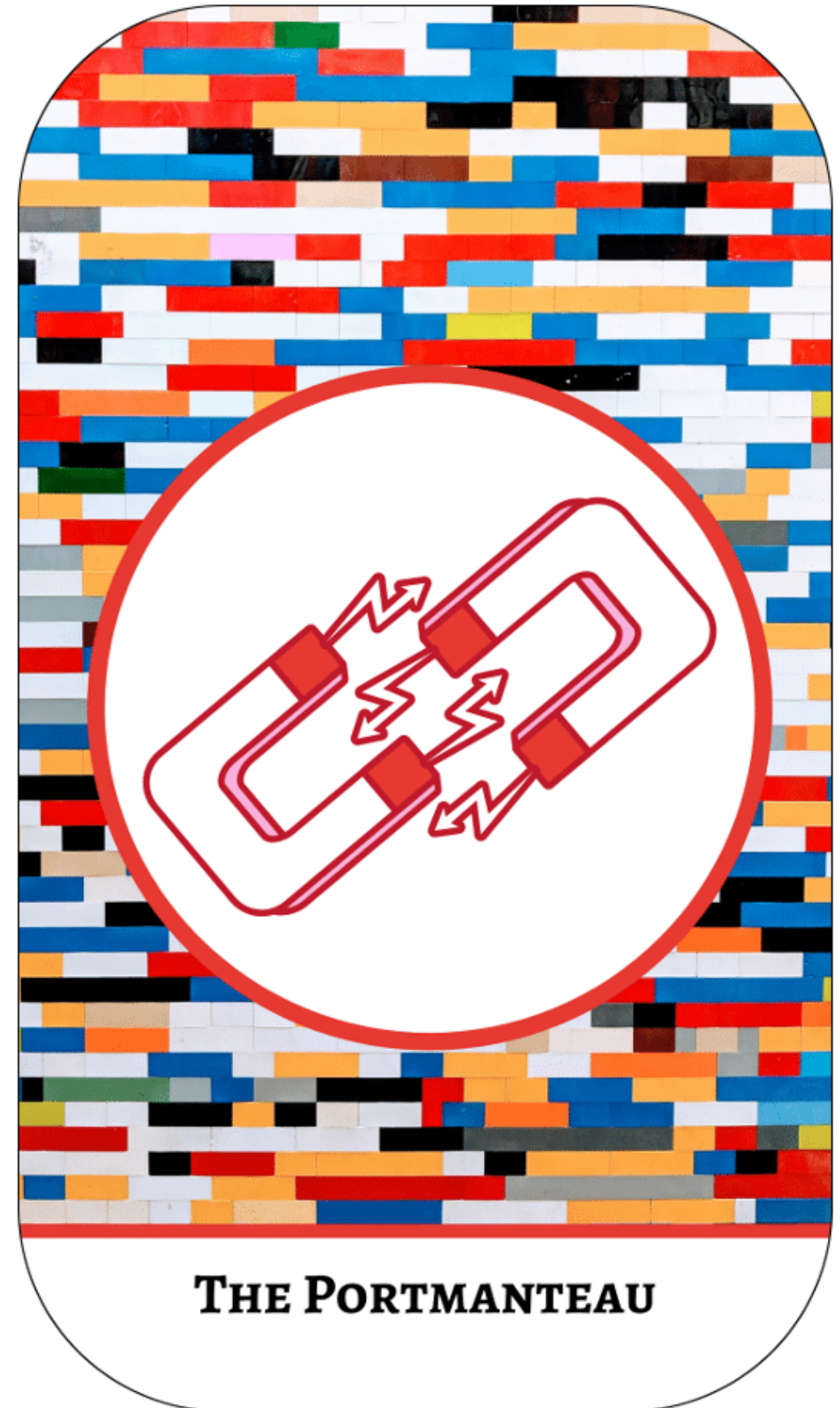
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to write the final chapter to a situation that is obviously reaching an end. It could also be an invitation to bring together parts of your life that have been existing in parallel, discover something precious at the intersection of your skills or personality traits

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a journey coming full circle or with separate parts working together as a unit

The Portmanteau



Interpretation & Meaning

Some words cannot stand the distance from one another.

They flirt when in the same chapter of a book, touch when their dictionary pages brush up against each other and if you find them both in the speech you're giving, it's like fireworks popping out of your mouth.

Most of these terms don't get to live their feelings in the open, but some of them do. Picked up by some linguistic god, they're welded together so strongly that you don't know where one starts and the other ends. The combination of the two is often bigger and louder than the sum of its parts.

In the book *Through the Looking Glass*, Humpty Dumpty explains to Alice how slithy means "slimy and lithe" and mimsy is "miserable and flimsy".

"You see it's like a portmanteau—there are two meanings packed up into one word."

From there, the bizarre practice of merging words snowballed into a vehicle for creative association, cultural connection and romantic pairing.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to trust an attraction that feels inescapable.** Whether romantic, spiritual or work-related, there's a partnership brewing which will be more powerful than its individual parts.

You may have to give up a slice of what you call "yourself" in order to embrace it, but the payoff will be worth it. In some cases, the card may symbolize reaching the next level in an existing relationship: achieving intimacy, a stronger connection, a deeper understanding.



Keywords

romance • friendship • passion •
attraction • connection • cooperation •
intimacy • seduction • mutual support •
rely on each other • bonding • reciprocity

Practical References

WORK

**COUPLE THERAPIST, PROFESSIONAL
MATCHMAKER, ALL KINDS OF
PROFESSIONAL DUOS AND BUSINESS
PARTNERSHIPS**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT, MAKING A
FRIEND, FALLING IN LOVE, STARTING A
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP**

ACTIVITIES

**SEX, ALL ACTIVITIES DONE IN PAIRS OR
CONNECTED TO INTIMACY**

ARCHETYPES

**THE LOVER, THE COMPANION, THE RIDE
OR DIE**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card hints at an important relationship in the life of the consultant. Whether a romantic liaison or a business partnership, this might be a kind of bond that defines someone's life and its choices. As an alternative interpretation, it can suggest an environment dominated by a powerful relationship that the consultant might not be part of.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between preserving our individuality and letting our relationships define us**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to trust your attraction, surrender to a new relationship or bring an old one to the next level.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent someone who built their identity on an important relationship in their life. It can also symbolize a passionate individual who values attraction, love and is actively seeking for someone to complete them.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against being head over heels for someone. It might represent an attraction that should not be trusted or a figurative marriage of convenience, a relationship with a purely functional value that is limiting and not amplifying someone's potential. It also warns against enmeshment, jealousy, clinginess and all toxic couple dynamics.

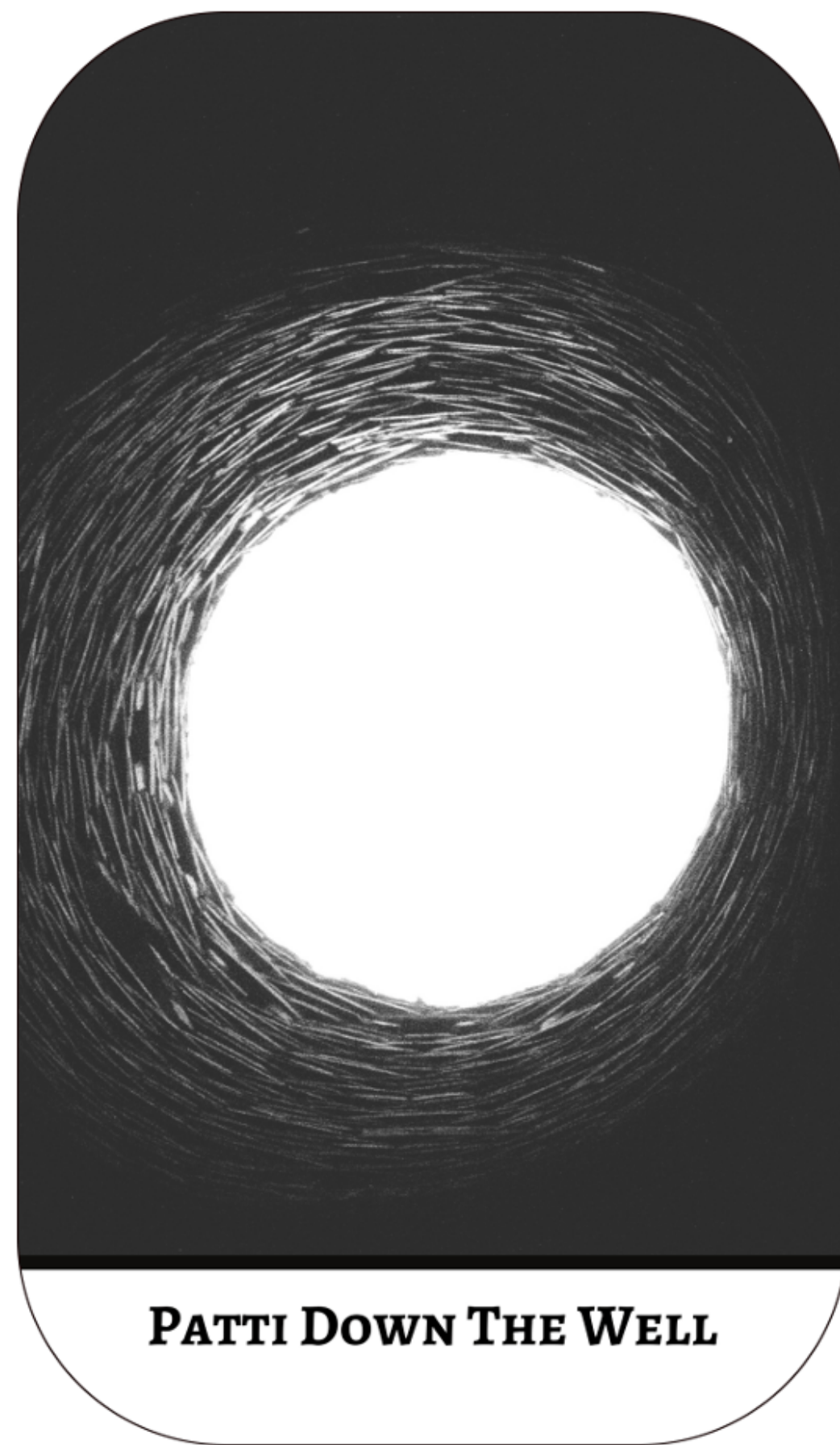
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to seek and trust a defining relationship in your life. Surrendering to the idea of being completed by someone else will bring deeper intimacy and give birth to an invincible duo

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a union that is stronger than its parts. It could symbolize marriage, a new business partnership, a friendship

**Patti Down
The Well**



PATTI DOWN THE WELL

Interpretation & Meaning

The word “crisis” comes from the Greek verb krino – to separate, to discern – and on paper doesn’t sound that bad.

Humans have always been eager to separate their friends from their enemies, private possessions from public property, the truth from the lie.

The problem arises when the separation is internal. When your sturdy pangea of a soul starts splitting into continents and all you want to do is sew them back into a comfortable unit.

This card is about internal conflict, identity crisis and the tumultuous relationship between your ego and its shadow. When it shows up in a reading, **it’s time to rappel down every crack in your fractured sense of self and look the beast in the eyes.**

Every time we face conflicting beliefs or inner contradiction, we hear voices saying that we’re wrong, bad, not worthy.

They start as whispered tunes inside our heads and grow as loud as symphonies impossible to drown out.

We try to mute them, cut their strings, weaken their vocal chords, then realize all we have to do is listen.

You can decide for yourself whether they’re sabotaging you or spelling out a necessary truth. You can disagree with what they’re saying, but you listen to them and ask why. You dig out the fear or shame that lies beneath them and meet it with much needed self-compassion.

Patti down the well wants you to embrace positive disintegration by questioning internalized beliefs and uncovering the mental traps we unconsciously set for ourselves.

This card ensures you can make peace with the conflicting voices in your head if you turn their cacophonous solo into a harmonious part of your inner choir.



Keywords

crisis • internal conflict • clash of beliefs
• man vs self • dissociation •
compartmentalization • self-
acceptance • self-compassion • self-
sabotage

Practical References

WORK

**LITIGATOR, NEGOTIATOR, DIVORCE
LAWYER, ALL JOBS HAVING TO DO WITH
MANAGING CONFLICT**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**MID-LIFE CRISIS, IDENTITY CRISIS,
FAMILY FEUDS, RELATIONSHIP CRISIS,
BODY DYSMORPHIA**

ACTIVITIES

DEBATE

ARCHETYPES

THE TORN SOUL



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation or environment characterized by an ongoing crisis. It could refer to a mid-life crisis or any kind of external conflict or fracture of a unity: a family feud, relationship crisis, civil war, company split-up

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between clinging to your ego and embracing its shadow**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to face your conflicting beliefs and all the internal dissonance you desperately want to avoid.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a torn soul, someone being pulled in different directions by conflicting voices in their head



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against dissociation and unhealthy compartmentalization. The way you're acting might be seriously conflicting with the person you (think you) are and the faster you acknowledge it the better

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to embrace your inner conflict and meet it with self-compassion. Facing the dissonant voices in your head will not erase the person you are, just give it the kind of texture and complexity that characterizes each of us

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a new, more-nuanced image of yourself, a situation that will rise questions about identity and core beliefs.

Laika



LAIKA

Interpretation & Meaning

Moscow in 1957 felt like its own galaxy. Every neighborhood a constellation of buildings, cars lighting up the night like shooting stars as the first snow paints a milky way of sorts.

From garbage can to children's laps to chasing a rat, Moscow was all Laika knew. In her world, celestial bodies were nowhere to be smelled and the cold weather seemed more threatening than the cold war.

On her way to the mesosphere, just above the birds and the planes, the petite Russian dog felt a very specific kind of loneliness.

Unlike the time when her pal was taken away, this wasn't like something had gotten out of her reach. This time, she was the thing that had gone missing and nobody in that distant tangle of lights seemed to care.

When this card shows up in a reading, **you'll have to cling to every rock or jut to stop drifting away from your life.**

If in the past months you've metaphorically lived on your own island, it's time to build a bridge to the mainland and cross it. The kind of disconnect that you're experiencing is leading to a dangerous state of alienation that could damage your mental health.

No matter how necessary, the exile (or self-exile?) in which you've found yourself needs to end sooner rather than later. It's time to talk to your neighbors, rekindle your bonds, reconnect to humanity.

If the sense of abandonment you're experiencing is a recurrent feeling in your life, it's time to ask yourself some questions. Are you avoiding emotional connection for fear of being hurt? Are you pushing away people as a defense mechanism? Are you subconsciously falling in love with partners who are ungiving and unavailable to recreate a particular childhood dynamic?

Loneliness is a monster that feeds on its own flesh and can drag you to places of pitch black darkness. Only by acknowledging these disconnects and resolving to work on yourself you'll be able to find your way back to the light.

Even though it's mostly about social and romantic disconnects, Laika is also the card of denial and avoidance. You might be subconsciously running away from a person or situation that is causing distress. No matter how stressful, though, it's important to look life in the eyes and fully acknowledge what's going on: if you keep orbiting around your problems, your oxygen supply will eventually run out.



Keywords

seclusion • loneliness • exile •
disconnect • avoidance • denial • social
anxiety • need to connect • alienation •
lock down • quarantine • isolation •
abandonment • detachment

Practical References

PLACES

LIGHTHOUSE, ZOO, SPACE, ISLANDS

WORK

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER, ANY JOB WITH A LOT OF ALONE TIME

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

LOCKDOWN, QUARANTINE, ISOLATION, EXILE, LONG DISTANCE RELATIONSHIPS

ACTIVITIES

ALL ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE SOME FORM OF SECLUSION

ARCHETYPES

THE LONER, THE RECLUSE, THE LONE WOLF



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation or environment where the consultant is somewhat isolated or disconnected, whether physically or emotionally.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between individualism and disconnection**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to realize that you're drifting away and start reconnecting with whatever it is that you're trying to avoid (loved ones, reality, your dreams, etc.)

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a solitary type, a person who works best alone and values their solitude or independence. It could also hint at someone who is physically distant and connecting to others from far away (eg. a long distant lover)



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against all behaviors and reactions that entail some sort of disconnection, whether that's physical isolation, emotional detachment or a state of denial towards your problems

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it signals that distancing yourself from a present situation might be the best course of action. It might hint at big steps (breaking up, resigning from your job, getting a divorce) or simply suggesting to put some space between yourself and the problem in order to get clarity.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through some kind of disconnect between the consultant and a part of their world. It could be a lonely turn of events but also something healthy and needed.

Rush Hour



RUSH HOUR

Interpretation & Meaning

Rush hour is an uncomfortable meeting of moods pouring out of our bodies in the form of honking and glaring.

At least until the day you find yourself on the 51st floor of some building, in Buenos Aires or something.

You walk to the window to look at the stars, only to discover an immense, displaced starry night laying at your feet.

Lined up on invisible streets, tiny cars slow-dance their way through a brand new Van Gogh. They light up the night and turn that cacophonous nightmare into a magical mess.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to dip your toes into insanity and listen to your inner chaos.**

This is a card of vision and creativity, an invitation to treat the chaos in your head like a fertile source of energy rather than a hindering roadblock.

If The Palindrome is about thinking outside the box, Rush Hour is about blowing up the box.

Whether you're dealing with a stuck project or a stagnant relationship, you have to draw strength from the tumultuous forces that live in and outside of yourself. Put things where they don't belong, think things where they don't belong, crouch into every rabbit hole you can find.

Before creating something, you need to believe in your vision and allow yourself to dream immense dreams. It's time to close your eyes, jump into the whirlpool of your mind and see where it leads you.

This card ensures you can be successful by channeling the chaos that lives in- and outside of yourself.



Keywords

creativity • vision • creative urgency •
dream • poetry • artistry • vibrant •
rabbit hole • openness • chaos •
inspiration • divergent thinking • stress
• incoherence • inconsistency •
restlessness • contradiction • abstract
thinking • impractical

Practical References

PLACES

ART SCHOOL, MENTAL INSTITUTION

WORK

ARTIST, CREATIVE, SONGWRITER,
NOVELIST, INVENTOR, INNOVATOR,
PIONEER

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

MENTAL ILLNESS, PROPHETIC DREAM,
MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

ACTIVITIES

CREATIVE WRITING, ARTISTIC OUTLET

ARCHETYPES

THE ARTIST, THE CREATOR, THE
VISIONARY



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation that is disordered or even unstable. It might hint at a stressful moment in the life of the consultant or simply an environment that is chaotic and all over the place

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between realistic creation and boundless creativity**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to explore that frightening place of non-linear thinking, messy experimentation and meaningless abandonment. Only by getting lost in your vision you will get a glimpse, finally, of where you're supposed to be headed next.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a genius, a visionary, someone who lives in an organized chaos and gets invigorated by turning systems upside down.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against giving in to the chaotic nature of an external situation or to a tumultuous inner life. It might hint at mental illness or simply a kind of incoherent or unstable attitude that the consultant should try to mitigate. As an alternative interpretation, this card warns you against believing your healing fantasies (the deluded narratives about toxic people or dangerous situations just magically fixing themselves)

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to turn things upside down, put them where they don't belong, force chaos and weirdness on situations that are otherwise stable and uninspiring.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a disordered state in the consultant's life. Rules and end games might be momentarily out of the window and that can be perfectly fine.

The Backseat



Interpretation & Meaning

The world from the back window is slide after slide of a presentation that you're comfortably not following.

What matters are the familiar smell and voices, your thoughts off-roading as there naturally morphs into here.

The backseat is a place of privileged detachment but also an exercise in trust.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to take your hands off the wheel of your life and trust someone else with that power.**



The emotional/physical/intellectual load you're carrying might be too heavy. Whether you need teamwork, guidance or delegation, this card is a sign that you can't do it alone and have to trust someone else to move you forward.



This is also the card of faith, be it religious or personal. Your momentary or long-term happiness is in the hands of someone who could destroy it at any time. The Backseat demands that you surrender to this idea and embrace it without the shadow of a doubt.



This card ensures you can reach your destination if you place full trust into the people, entities or processes that can get you there.



Keywords

faith • trust • delegation •
faith vs doubt • trusting the
process

Practical References

PLACES

SANCTUARY, HOSPITAL, DAY-CARE,
KINDERGARTEN, BANK

WORK

PRIEST, SPIRITUAL GUIDE, SEX WORKER,
PRODUCT OWNER, PROJECT MANAGER, CO-PILOT

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

LIVING ON FOOD STAMPS, RECEIVING
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

ACTIVITIES

FINANCIAL

INVESTMENTS, GETTING A LOAN, STARTING A
FUNDRAISER, GETTING PLASTIC
SURGERY, HIRING A PERSONAL TRAINER, RIDING
HORSES, TAKING PLANES

ARCHETYPES

MAN OF FAITH



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation or environment built on trust, whether personal or political. In a pejorative sense, it could reflect a lack of either explicit regulation or the critical thinking needed to assess whether the trust in question was bestowed on the right people. Depending on the context, it could also be a sign of passiveness on the consultant's part.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between self-determination and trusting the process**. The only way to advance in your journey requires that you put your trust in the hands of people, processes and institutions that will have great power over the outcome of what you're trying to accomplish. This act of faith, whether big or small, is necessary in order to move forward.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a person of faith, someone who easily trusts others with the power to help and advance their journey.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against sharing your power or putting too much trust in the wrong people. It might not be the right time to delegate or put the outcome of a project in the wrong hands.

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to share your power and trust the process. The only way to solve the problem at hand is to believe in someone else or have faith in something bigger than yourself.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a stronger sense of trust and a better redistribution of power.

The House With The Lights On



Interpretation & Meaning

The kids know the neighborhood like the back of their hand, yet Summer made it feel brand new. They chase each other speeding on their bikes, off their problems, out of the school routine – time is a box that never gets empty. As the sun rappels down the sky, familiar voices break the joyful state of trance.

“Betsy!” ---“Amir!”---“Giacomo!”---“Yul!”

The pack dissolves like oil into water – tiny ships floating towards their private harbors. The house with the lights on opens its doors and everything looks in its place. The empty hallway, the yellow walls, the mirror broken for way too long. The smell of their mother’s food fits their nostrils like a perfectly sized shoe and her wounds are so familiar that even the bleeding feels mundane.

As the kids wash their hands from the dirt, they won’t wash away the memory, the joy and the damage of everything they’re used to call “normal”.

When this card shows up in a reading, **you need to look back in order to move forward.**

Something from your past is going to either catch your attention or require your care. An old wound may be bleeding into your adult life and its healing cannot be postponed any longer.

It’s time to reconnect with your child- (or maybe teenage-) self and listen carefully to what they have to say. If they’re hurt, you should guide them through the healing process and give them permission to feel better. If they’re happy, maybe they want you to remember how pure you used to be, to ask yourself how you lost that innocence and if there’s any way to channel it again.

In a broader sense, the house with the lights on can be an invitation to celebrate tradition and connect to the history of your country, your family or your social group. Remembering past events might give you a new frame of reference to appreciate the present, question it or start healing collective wounds that were never truly closed.

This is also a card of nostalgia and reminiscence: someone or something from your past might resurface (old friend, ex lover, forgotten foe) and evoke significant memories or feelings.



Keywords

past • childhood • nostalgia •
innocence • sentimental • purity •
memory • tradition • loss of innocence •
trauma • regression • wounded child •
scars • childhood neglect • history

Practical References

PLACES

KINDERGARTEN, SCHOOL, ANTIQUE SHOP,
UPHOLSTERY SHOP, REPAIR SHOP, SECOND HAND
STORE, MUSEUM

WORK

HOUSEKEEPER,
HISTORIAN, SCHOOL TEACHER, SOCIAL SERVICE
WORKER, FAMILY BUSINESS, ANY
JOB HAVING TO DO WITH HISTORY, TRADITION OR
EMPOWERING THE YOUTH

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

ANYTHING CONNECTED TO CHILDHOOD

ACTIVITIES

GENEALOGY, COLLECTING ANTIQUES,
RESTORATION

ARCHETYPES

THE INNOCENT, THE WOUNDED CHILD, THE
TRADITIONALIST



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card refers to a situation or environment that is focused on the past and greatly impacted by it. It could be a family business, a traditionalist country, a culture that romanticizes the "good old days" while refusing to move forward

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between moving forward and looking back**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to heal the wounds of your past self or reconnect to your roots

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a nostalgic personality, someone who values the purity of the past and the power of memory. It can also stand for someone with traditional values, maybe slightly conservative



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against fixating on the past or regressing to a less-evolved version of yourself.

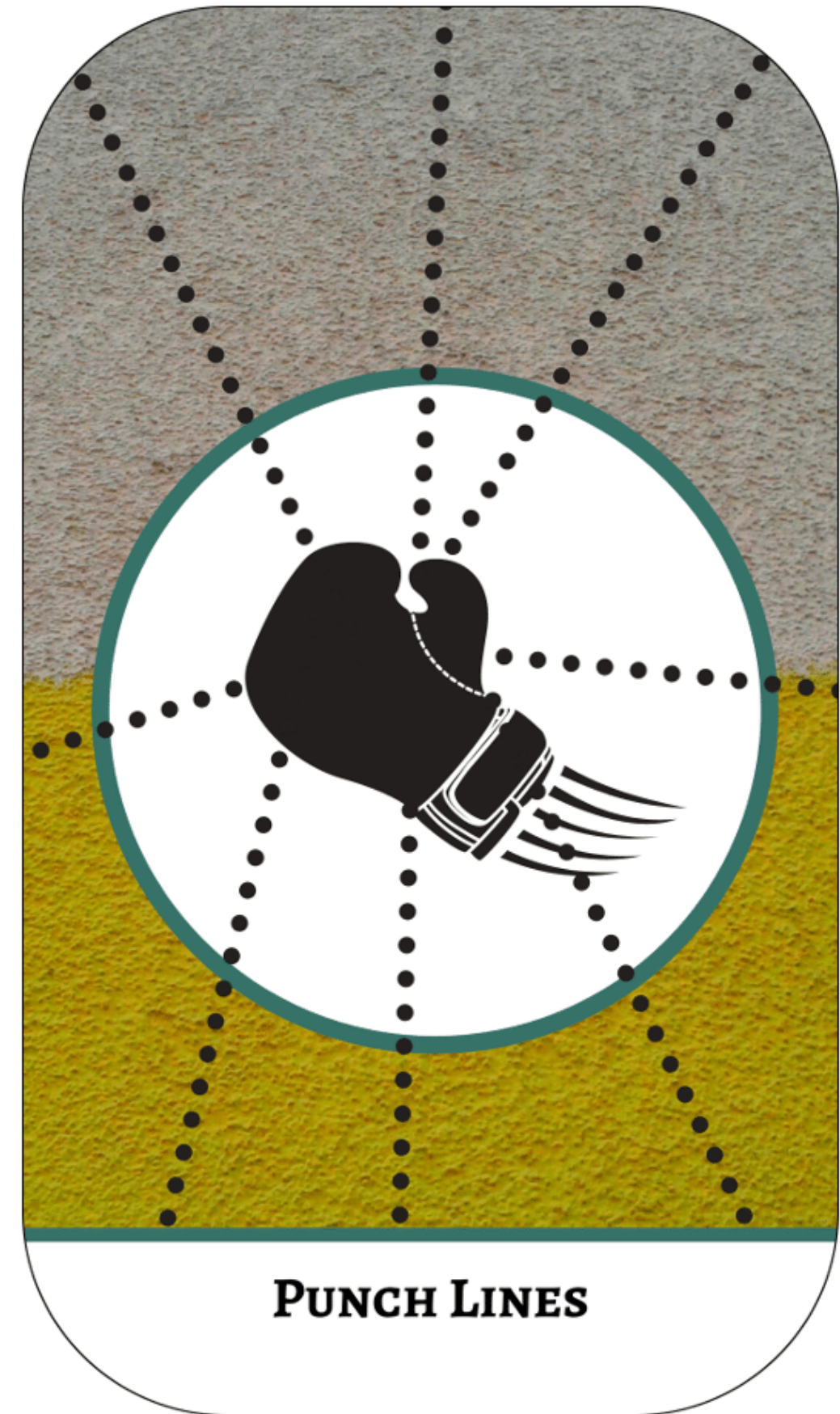
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's a sign that the solution to your problem is hidden in your past, whether you need to question it by addressing old wounds or channel it by rediscovering your roots

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a stronger connection to your past: old relationships or memories might be surfacing again to fill some gaps in your life

Punch Lines



Interpretation & Meaning

Loud, unique, inadvertent, contagious. Laughter is simple in its physical mechanics yet complex from a sociological standpoint.

When you yawn or sneeze or vomit, that's it – your body did its thing, now you can move forward in the same world you inhabited before.

Laughing is different. Anthropologists believe it's an evolutionary tool we developed to give social validation, make groups cohesive and even heal personal wounds. It's a physical reaction that serves mostly non-physical purposes and its power is not to be overlooked.

Every punch line of every joke is a literal jab to the status quo and even the softest laugh makes a tiny change to the social fabric of the world it penetrates.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to summon the subversive power of humor.**

You may have no control over what happens in your world, but still possess the valuable power to influence moods, lighten loads and brighten spirits.

And if the world seems too big of a place, why not start with the room you're in? Make your family laugh, bring the fun out of a boring office life, remember how to have fun yourself.

Developing your humorous side will make you a happier person and stock up your arsenal with tools for making dark things brighter, dangerous things known and distant things more approachable.

This is also the card of optimism, hope and all the feelings that serve as beacons in the darkest times of life.

This card ensures you can access the so-called "bright side" even in the darkest hour and make the world better by sharing it with the people around you.



Keywords

humor • optimism • fun • hope •
youthfulness • absurd • liveliness • levity
• irony • lightheartedness • irreverence •
joyfulness • enthusiasm • wittiness •
silliness • sarcasm • playfulness •
vivacious • jester • charisma • energy •
celebration

Practical References

PLACES

AMUSEMENT

PARK, TOY SHOP, GAME STORE, CANDY SHOP,
PLAYGROUND, COMEDY CLUB, ALL
PLACES DESIGNED FOR PLAYING AND HAVING A
GOOD TIME

WORK

ENTERTAINER, COMEDIAN, VIDEO GAME
DEVELOPER, MOTIVATOR

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

PARTY, BIRTHDAY PARTY, ANY KIND OF
CELEBRATION

ACTIVITIES

PLAYING GAMES, WRITING COMEDY, TELLING
JOKES, RECREATIONAL DRUGS

ARCHETYPES

THE JESTER, THE SMARTASS, THE JOKER



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card could suggest a fun environment but also a situation where the consultant is not taken seriously. It could also hint at a relationship with a funny/irreverent person or an activity done for pure pleasure

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the tension between facing life seriously and providing the kind of levity that helps coping with difficult situations. In order to evolve in your journey, you need to embody the fun, optimistic, enthusiastic energy that you and your world need at this particular moment.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a playful personality, someone who values having a good time, a person who can find the bright side of things and inject it in the atmosphere around them



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against making fun of someone or something that you should be taking very seriously. You may be underestimating the gravity of a situation and trying to cling to its "bright side" might not be the best course of action. It might also hint at the danger of romanticizing or minimizing toxic situations

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to inject humor, hope and optimism into whatever bleak situation you might find yourself in.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a more positive attitude and optimistic view of the current situation

Mise En Place



Interpretation & Meaning

Within the traditional Tarot deck, the Magician stands confident behind his table, mastering the invisible laws of the universe and the practical rules of the physical world.

At the figurative crossroads of spirituality and artistry, he has everything he needs to do his job and yet the question stings: what would his job be today? How do we drag him into the XXI century without having him pull rabbits out of cylinders at birthday parties?

The answer is in the birthday party itself. Not in the laughter of children nor in the colorful packages, but in the moment secretly awaited by every guest. It marches into the room dressed in burning wishes and scored with a familiar, cheerful tune.

“Do we have enough plates?”

“I’ll get a knife!”

“Be ready to blow as hard as you can!”

Baking is the astonishing combination of physics, aesthetic and taste to create what is first and foremost a manifestation of love.

Magic.

That’s right, the modern day Magician turned his wand into a wooden spoon and the tools of the trade into precisely weighed ingredients orderly disposed on his work station- a mise en place of sorts.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it’s a sign you have everything you need to start turning your vision into reality.**

If you’ve relied on others compulsively and listened to the voices telling you that you won’t make it by yourself, things are about to change.

This is a card of independence and self-reliance, a reminder that you are enough, you know enough, your experience is unique and uniquely valuable. You have worked hard to gather the expertise you need and there’s no time like the present to put it into practice.

The process might be long, but all the ingredients are on the table, the recipes in your head. The one thing left to do is roll up your sleeves and start working that dough.



Keywords

independence • self-confidence •
action • self-reliance • manifestation •
skill • resourcefulness • impact •
creation • common sense •
entrepreneurial mindset • practical
matters • pragmatism • intentionality
• self-esteem • competence •
autonomy • productivity

Practical References

PLACES

ISLANDS, INDEPENDENT STATES OR
REGIONS

WORK

FREELANCERS, ARTISANS, SOLO ARTISTS,
ANY KIND OF INDEPENDENT AND/OR
MANUAL WORK

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

BEING SINGLE, CELIBACY, SINGLE
PARENTHOOD

ACTIVITIES

MASTURBATION, ARTS & CRAFTS,
COOKING, BAKING

ARCHETYPES

THE DOER, THE MAKER



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation that requires self-reliance. It might hint at the consultant being single, a freelancer or a position where their success or survival depends solely on themselves. It might also symbolize individualism or a relationship with an individualist. Alternative interpretations include: a project that requires skills, any kind of manual work, a newfound independence in some aspect of life

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between ideation and creation**. Stop aiming at perfection and start telling yourself that the skills you have right now are enough to start something wonderful. In order to advance in your journey, you need to turn on the engine and start driving in the direction you want your life to go. There is no time like the present.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent an independent thinker, a self-starter, someone with a strong can-do attitude who likes bringing their ideas into reality



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against an individualistic attitude or the stubborn belief that you don't need anybody's help. You don't have all it takes to succeed and should consider asking for help, acquiring new knowledge and overall caution before action

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to put into action the knowledge and skills which you've acquired over the years. Whether that's a new relationship or an independent profession. you have what it takes and it's finally time to prove it, don't let anybody tell you otherwise.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through action and possibly a new project. The consultant will be playing a skilled, self-reliant role in this new chapter of his life.

An Awfully Real Gun



AN AWFULLY REAL GUN

Interpretation & Meaning

Russian playwright Anton Chekhov commands:

“If in the first act you have hung a pistol on the wall, in the following one it should be fired. Otherwise don’t put it there.”

In theater you want to simultaneously surprise and prepare the audience for the inevitable plot twist. You want it to make sense. In reality, life opens fire without a warning shot and throws all sense out of the window.

Be it a phone call, a text, a knock on your door, once s**t hits the fan you know that making sense of it will be a torturous process and that your life is forever changed.

When this card appears in a reading, **something is about to shake your foundations, disrupt your certainties, figuratively bring you to your knees.**

Possible references include: the loss of a loved one, the sudden lack of job security, an unforeseen separation, financial instability, a betrayal or a huge failure.

Whatever the case may be, you’ll have to deal with questions that have no answers and feelings that have no clear resolution. It will be a painful, enlightening process, something that may lead you to re-evaluate the path you’ve been walking thus far.

On a broader perspective, an awfully real gun might symbolize the structural or political crumbling of a nation, physical destruction, environmental damage, natural disaster.

As an alternative interpretation, it could hint at an exaggerated sense of vulnerability on your part. Even if there is no bad surprise around the corner, your mind might be magnifying the risk of danger and minimizing your ability to cope with it, making you feel helpless and doomed. Remember that fearing pain and uncertainty is normal, but letting that fear run your life can make everything complicated.

This card ensures you can make refreshing lemonade out of all these lemons if you learn to accept the pain, the loss and the temporary lack of control.



Keywords

unsettling situation • mourning •
failure • breaking down • certainties
falling down • status quo collapsing
• betrayal • loss • uncertainty •
instability • surprise • disharmony •
destruction • despair •
unfathomable • fear • anxiety

Practical References

PLACES

**FIRE STATION, FUNERAL HOME,
EMERGENCY ROOM**

WORK

**FUNERAL DIRECTOR, FIREFIGHTER,
UNDERTAKER, E.R. DOCTOR, SOLDIER,
POLICE MAN, ALL JOBS DEALING WITH
EMERGENCY OR LOSS**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**FUNERAL, LOSS OF A LOVED ONE,
EMERGENCY, BETRAYAL, NATURAL
DISASTER, STATE COLLAPSE, BREAKUP.
POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER**

ARCHETYPES

**THE WIDOW, THE MOURNING SOUL, THE
SCAREDY CAT**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation or environment characterized by uncertainty or a state of emergency. It could be a loss, a breakup, a moment of sudden financial instability. It could also be something small shedding an unsettling light on a situation or relationship previously believed to be clear and stable.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the tension between suffering a loss and gaining perspective from it. It's about the frustration of not finding answers and the wisdom that comes from simply asking the unfathomable questions of life. Whatever part of your world is collapsing, the only way to advance in your journey is to endure the storm and try to gain clarity once the dust settles.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a mourning soul, someone who is processing an unsettling situation, a person who wants to get through the storm of their existence. It can also symbolize an individual who is motivated by fear and the impulse to avoid pain.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against being blinded by pain or letting an unsettling situation completely hijack your life. Avoiding pain and listening to your fears might not be the right course of action.

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to let yourself suffer, embrace your pain and just live one day at a time whatever emotional rollercoaster you're on. It can also hint at reasonable fears: if your instinct is telling you to be careful, there's probably a reason for it.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a new, unsettling reality. The status quo of the consultant's life will be extremely different.

Kaboom



KABOOM

Interpretation & Meaning

Right after the crash, Marcel (he/him) wondered how that sudden blackout of the mind came to be. The lady in the supermarket was rude – no doubt about it – and shopping carts can reach unexpectedly high speeds when pushed with a blind rage.

“What’s in your head, son?” – asked the policeman.

Marcel checked thoroughly and everything looked normal in there. He even rummaged through his guts, his heart, everything seemed fine.

“I don’t know” – he said.

Except he knew that when the blood flows through the arteries, sometimes it’s a mountain stream and sometimes a tsunami. There’s manners and norms standing on the banks, little sturdy houses built over the years, but on the seldom day when the dam breaks – KABOOM! – all hell breaks loose.

This card is about aggression, addiction and all the ways we externalize our responses to the roadblocks of life. Whether by displacement of negative emotions or by seeking salvation in what only provides instant gratification, Kaboom wants you to reflect on the shapes taken by your inner problems in the outside world.

When it shows up in a reading, **you’ll have to tame the beast and cope with the rawest instincts, the most basic impulses, the darkest tendencies of human nature.**

Are you placing blame to avoid facing your mistakes? Are you impulsive and choleric? Do you have problems accepting boundaries? Are you “communicating” your feelings by way of emotional contagion instead of having open-hearted conversations?

Whether it’s snapping at someone or falling into temptation, it’s important to resist behaviors that feel out of control and represent a potential hazard to yourself or others.



Keywords

basic instincts • losing control • rage •
snap • explosion • ticking time bomb •
disrespect • provocation • fight •
caustic • displacement • vices •
addiction • deflecting • projecting •
somatization • placing blame • acting
out • attack • conversion • lack of self-
discipline • violence • aggression •
instant gratification • impulsivity

Practical References

PLACES

BOX RING, PRISON, REHAB CENTER

WORK

FIGHTER, HUNTER, ANIMAL TRAINER

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

FIGHT, ATTACK, REHAB, EATING
DISORDERS, SELF-HARM

ACTIVITIES

FIGHT SPORTS, MARTIAL ARTS, HUNTING,
FIRING WEAPONS

ARCHETYPES

THE DESTRUCTIVE REBEL, THE TICKING
TIME BOMB



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests an environment or situation characterized by a conflict that is either out in the open or ready to erupt. Whether a family quarrel or a work disagreement, the tension is going to be palpable

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between following your instincts and being at their mercy**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to learn how to tame your bursting reactions in ways that are harmless and acceptable to the society you inhabit

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a choleric personality, someone prone to rage outbursts and aggressive behavior. It could also stand for someone who gives in to instant gratification and is likely to develop addictions



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against losing control of your impulses. Avoid projecting your anger onto innocent parties and giving in to temptations that might harm you in the long run

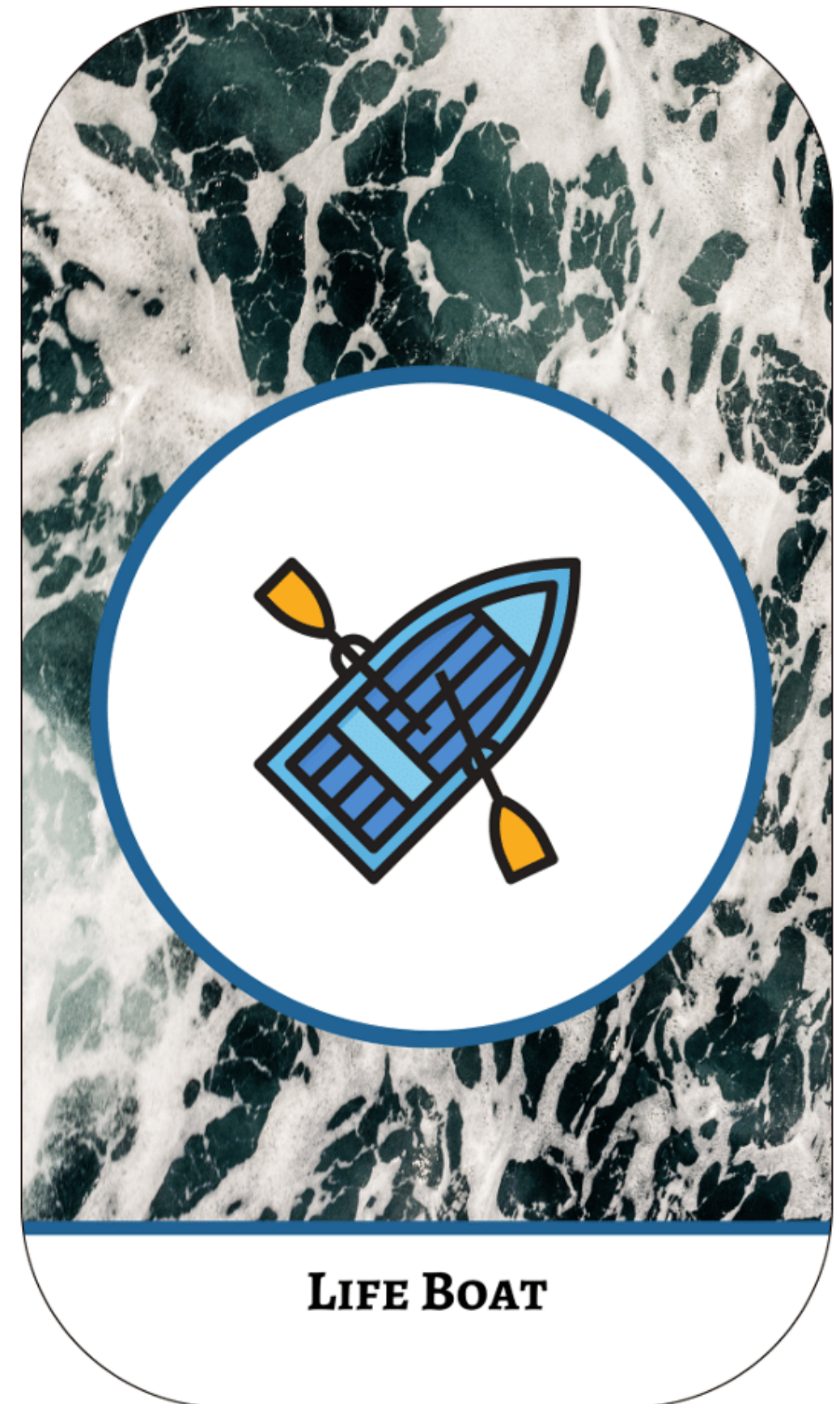
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to trust your impulses and follow your gut. The reaction you're having - however strong - is justified and worth presenting to the outside world without self-censorship or sugarcoating

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a conflictual situation in the life of the consultant. For good or for worse, there's troubled waters ahead and you better prepare for the storm

Lifeboat



LIFE BOAT

Interpretation & Meaning

As the living room tilted and the chandelier swayed, Anna (she/her) held on to her 45 years like they were life buoys.

“You can’t take all that with you”- the man yelled.

She let go of the pearl necklaces, the dresses and even her own memories, coming to realize that once you hit the iceberg there are things and faces which cannot be saved.

“This way, quick!”

In that pouring nightmare, she wondered who coined the expression "come hell or high water", as if the two were mutually exclusive.

The lifeboat was small, slow, tackling the darkest ocean you’ll ever see.

When it was Anna’s turn to row, she asked “which way?” and nobody made a sound. As the boat moved farther and farther away from the wreckage of her life – arms sore and darkness ahead – she knew the direction was right.

This card is about self-preservation and self-love.

When it shows up in a reading, **it’s time to row away from whatever damaging predicament you are living.** Whether that’s a colossal accident or a bad relationship, you need to put your well-being first and do whatever it takes to save yourself.

If you’ve been sacrificing yourself for the needs of others – maybe out of fear of rejection – it’s time to state loud and clear that your own needs have value and that self-care is not synonymous with self-absorption.

When Lifeboat appears, it is probably not the right time to play offense. You should rather focus on your defense strategies by setting boundaries, defining expectations and walking away from toxic environments.

This card ensures happiness can be reached by cherishing your needs, avoiding the things that hurt you and purposely seeking out the ones that make you thrive.



Keywords

safety • security • survival instinct •
safety blank • defensiveness •
defense mechanisms • self-
preservation • self-love • self-care •
boundaries

Practical References

PLACES

**BUNKER, LIFEBOAT, SAFE HOUSE,
PREVENTION CENTER**

WORK

**SECURITY MANAGER, INSURANCE
EXECUTIVE, RISK MANAGEMENT,
PROTECTOR WORKER, LIFEGUARD,
BODYGUARD, SAFETY INSTRUCTOR**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM

ACTIVITIES

SELF-DEFENSE COURSE

ARCHETYPES

**THE FUGITIVE, THE SURVIVALIST, THE
RUNAWAY**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a safe environment, but also a situation where the consultant has to play defense. It may also symbolize that the consultant has been overprotected (maybe even sheltered) from some harsh realities of life.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between self-actualization and self-preservation**. In order to advance in your journey, it's important you cover your bases and take care of your basic needs first. You need to learn to set boundaries, play defense and walk away from situations that are damaging your mental or physical safety.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a cautious personality, someone who likes to play it safe and gather their supplies for a rainy day.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against playing it too safe. It's possible that you're being too cautious about your predicament and it is preventing you from taking chances. It could also mean you're being defensive and erecting a wall between you and the world around you

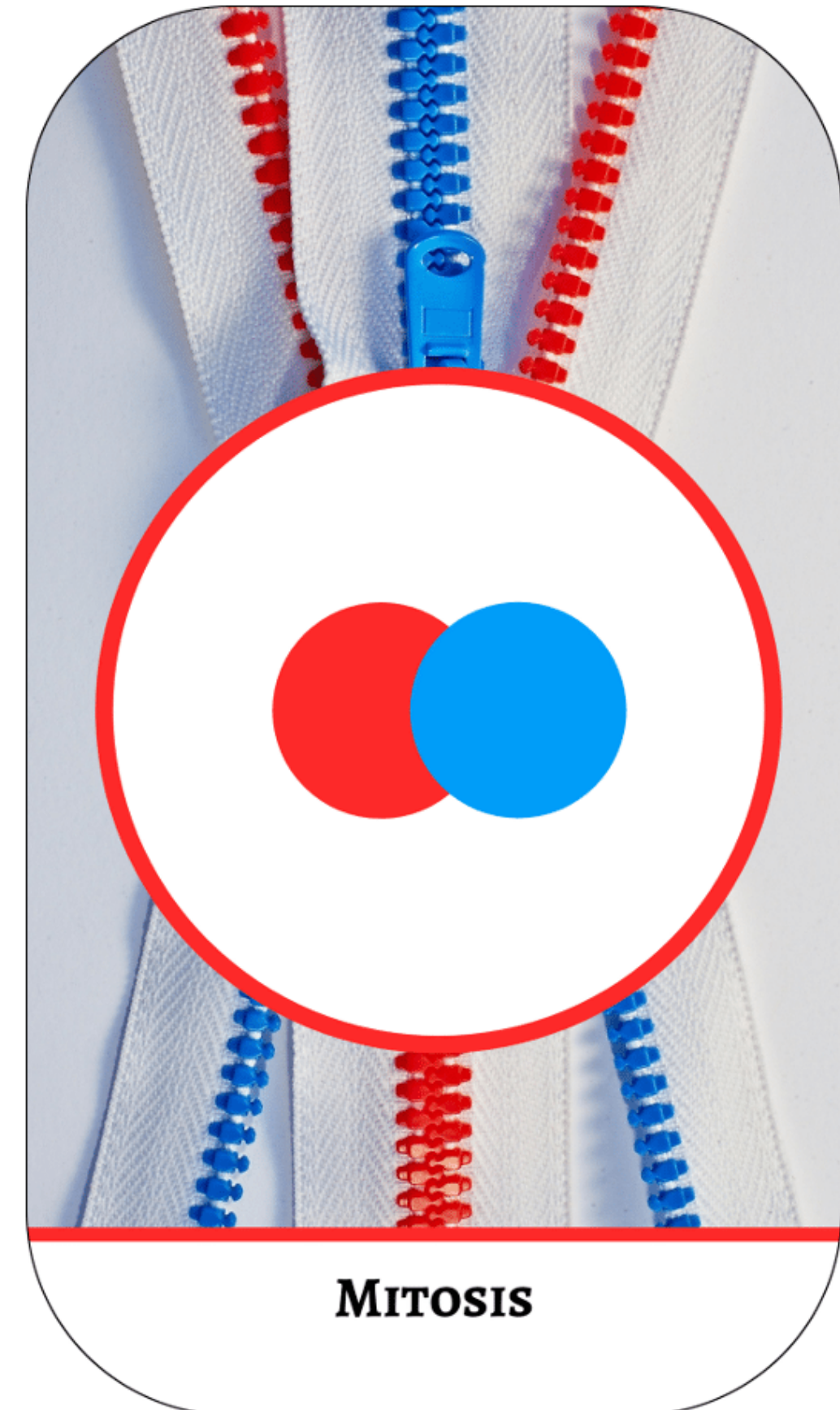
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to protect yourself from whatever hazard or self-neglect you might be enduring. It's time you look for a safe space and set the boundaries you need to fulfill your basic needs and restore harmony in your life.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a (psychologically/physically) safe environment for the consultant. It might not be exciting or life-changing, but something the consultant needs to restart their life

Mitosis



Interpretation & Meaning

Science class felt like a nerdy masquerade. Dressed up in white coat and gloves, Asem (he/him) poured weirdly-colored liquids into weirdly-shaped bottles and wondered if that's how new Gatorade flavors are born.

One day there was a big microscope and the students took turns looking inside. In the midst of that micro-wreckage – floating things swirling around – one cell was about to split in two.

As the shape went from round to heart to eight, the kids started telling “her” to push, to hang in there, that it was almost over. When Asem's turn came, mother and child were attached by an inch of cellular skin. He held his breath for a long five seconds before they popped.

First there was one, now there were two. Floating away from each other in that sudden lack of intersection without even mouthing goodbye.

It felt final, inescapable. Like the world had cracked in front of his eyes and there was no going back.

When this card shows up in a reading, **you should apply that same ineluctable finality to your life. You've been at a crossroads for some time and can't afford to keep your foot in two camps any longer.**

Having your plans B, C and D in place is keeping you from actualizing plan A. It's time to pick one path and stick to it, no matter how scary the lack of a safety net can be. This is a card of brave choices and life-changing commitments.

If you're keeping too many doors open and you're stuck in the hallway, you need to make your choice, step inside and close the door behind you for the time being.



Keywords

choice • commitment • picking a path
• decisiveness • crossroads • being
torn between choices • external
conflict • fork in the road •
possibilities • potential vs action •
being pulled in different directions

Practical References

PLACES

THE CROSSROAD

WORK

**DIRECTOR, STRATEGIST, CAPTAIN, ALL
JOBS ABOUT TAKING DECISIONS THAT
DIRECTLY SHAPE THE OUTSIDE WORLD**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**MOVING OUT, DIVORCE, GOING SEPARATE
WAYS**

ARCHETYPES

THE INDECISIVE, THE JACK OF ALL TRADES



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a figurative crossroads in the life of the consultant. The situation requires to choose between two (or more) paths and the decision can't be postponed any longer

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between having options and committing to one.** You can't keep your foot in two camps any longer, you can only advance in your journey if you commit to one path, however scary that is.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent an indecisive personality, someone who's constantly torn between choices and craves a clear path to follow. It can also stand for someone who actively values leaving options open and having a plan B



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against committing to a choice too soon without carefully weighting pros and cons. Don't jump into a decision without having all the elements you need

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to commit to a path and stick to it. It's decision-time and you have absolutely nowhere to hide.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through an important choice to be made

Lady in a Barrel



LADY IN A BARREL

Interpretation & Meaning

A celebration can go surprise party, confetti, wishes from the heart. An intimate dinner, a holiday, a card.

But when you choose to spend your 63rd birthday inside a barrel, all candles have been blown out and the darkness feels real.

Nothing to do but sing a quiet happy birthday to yourself, except the water is screaming and your voice is a drop in the furious ocean you resolved to tame.

On October 24, 1901, Annie Edson Taylor (she/her) precipitated into a new year of her life by becoming the first person to survive a trip inside a barrel down Niagara Falls.

The reckless act, fueled by dreams of richness and fame, never yielded the expected results.

Of course it was a different time. Annie was an elderly woman who was grasping for the few opportunities that her world had to offer: stepping in that barrel was desperate as much as it was heedless.

What's your excuse?

When this card shows up in a reading, **all shortcuts will turn into dead ends. It's time to stop looking for the quick win and start playing the long game, especially because the sprint you're trying to run is actually a marathon.**

The myth of overnight success is as seductive and elusive as ever. We're promised incredible results through minimum effort and sold a story that paints the culmination of a process as the process itself.

Except once the cheat sheet is blank, the bag of tricks empty, the placebos powerless, what's left?

If you want something you'll have to roll up your sleeves and ignite the slow, meticulous growth that can truly elevate you as a human, a professional or a partner. This card is an invitation to enjoy the process, take the longer route and try to do the adult thing in front of life's roadblock.



Keywords

slacking • unjustified risk •
immaturity • unrealistic dreams •
dramatic gesture • attention seeker •
low hanging fruit • playing the short
game • ambition without hard work

Practical References

PLACES

CASINO, BETTING SHOP

WORK

THIEF, ROBBER, ALL JOBS THAT DEFY THE RULES
OF OUR SOCIETY

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME, UNPROMPTED
INTERNET VIRALITY, UNSUSTAINABLE MOMENT
OF SUCCESS

ACTIVITIES

PLAYING

THE LOTTERY, PLACING BETS, SOCIAL MEDIA
STUNTS, MIRACULOUS DIETS,
PYRAMID SCHEMES AND ALL ACTIVITIES THAT
PROMISE MONEY AND SUCCESS
WITHOUT HARD WORK

ARCHETYPES

THE SLACKER, THE UNDERACHIEVER



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation that may look like an easy win, something that promises results without much effort. This is the card of pyramid schemes, miraculous diets and all sorts of alleged shortcuts to success

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between the hype of the quick fix and the satisfaction of the slow growth**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to start playing the kind of long game that will bring you far. That could mean enrolling in a year-long course, start a gym membership instead of a miraculous diet, work on the deeply rooted problems in your relationship instead of patching things up with presents. You should try to enjoy the process instead of rushing to the finish line.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a slacker, an underachiever, someone who tends to do the bare minimum and may be wasting their potential. It could also represent someone with a dramatic flair or an immature personality, a person who is constantly looking for the shortcuts in life



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against playing the short game: going for the easy win and patching things up will never bring to a truly fulfilling success

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to look for the low hanging fruit that can better your position or solve the problem at hand. Stop overcomplicating things and find the one, simple thing that can push you forward right now. Sometimes the deus ex machina we need is right in front of our eyes and all we have to do is use it

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a flashy victory that won't make a lasting change. The consultant should enjoy their fifteen minutes of fame/happiness, but also craft a plan for when the success starts fading away

The One Way Ticket



THE ONE-WAY TICKET

Interpretation & Meaning

On the day Sanako (she/her) moved to Berlin, December was as grey and unsettling as the future she had booked a one way ticket for. Her luggage heavy, like her whole life was in it and she was dragging it out of quicksand.

On the train to the city center she realized that the chances of dying in the big scary city were increasing by the minute and yet the chances of living were increasing, too.

“I’ll take it”, she told herself before ringing the bell of her new home.

When this card appears in a reading, it’s an **invitation to take a leap of faith, flirt with the universe, choose the bigger life – whatever that means for you.**

As terrifying as it can be, this is the perfect time to take weird turns and see where they lead you. You have to cultivate your adventurous side and ignore the voices telling you to play it safe.

Something is brewing – a new project, a new life – and it’s time you take that first, terrifying step into the unknown.



Keywords

taking chances • adventure •
novelty • excitement • leap of
faith • audacity • enthusiasm •
courage • fearlessness • new
beginning • adrenaline •
gambling • trying your luck

Practical References

PLACES

AIRPORT, TRAIN STATION

WORK

**WILDERNESS GUIDE, SKY DIVE INSTRUCTOR,
ALL JOBS CONNECTED TO ADVENTURE AND
FAST-PACED EXPERIENCES**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**MOVING IN, NEW JOB, NEW RELATIONSHIP,
RELOCATING, ALL SITUATIONS CONNECTED
WITH EXCITING NEW BEGINNINGS**

ACTIVITIES

**GAMBLING, SKY DIVING, BUNGEE JUMPING, ALL
ACTIVITIES THAT ARE ADVENTUROUS AND
FAST-PACED**

ARCHETYPES

**THE ADVENTURER, THE DAREDEVIL, THE RISK-
TAKER, THE GAMBLER, THE FREE SPIRIT**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests an adventure in the life of the consultant. Whether that's a new love interest, job or house, this is all about an exciting new beginning. It could also signify an environment or situation that feels risky or slightly dangerous.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between satisfying security and exciting risk-taking**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to learn how to take chances and answer the call for adventure the universe is throwing at you

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent an intrepid personality, someone who values bold choices and is open to life's possibilities



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against jumping head-first into situations without assessing their risk. It's not the right time to gamble and a cautious approach should be preferred

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to dream huge and live your bigger life (whatever that means for you). This is the right time to take your chances and do something that might sound crazy to the casual observer. The universe will reward your courage.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through an exciting new start in your life. It could mean whole new settings as well as a newfound sense of excitement within a familiar situation

Houdini



HOUDINI

Interpretation & Meaning

The Milk Can Escape, first performed in 1908, was Harry Houdini's first original act.

Every night, well-dressed assistants stepped on a stage and poured water into the oversized milk can that would later confine their employer.

"A little more. Little more. Up to the brink. There you go".

With handcuffed hands, Houdini would enter the can and – before vanishing underwater – asked the audience to try and hold their breath with him, for him, until the end of the act.

Head down, the can was sealed and the room thrown into that impossible, breathless silence.

Distinguished men with their turn-of-the-century moustaches put their lives and lungs on hold, rooting for all knots to be untied and locks unlocked. Elegant ladies squeaked in excitement as the escape artist managed to untangle that knotty mess and emerge from the tin tiny space.

When this card shows up in a reading, **you're gonna have to tackle the most twisted, tangly knots of your life.**

The intricate mesh of grudges, regrets and remorse you accumulated during the years is severely slowing down your journey. It's time to repair the repairable and let go of the pieces that cannot be glued together.

This card is a hymn to self-liberation and to the power of acknowledging the little things that hold us back. Make a scrupulous inventory of your unfounded fears, self-imposed limitations, self-inflicted punishments and try to assess whether you or the world at large are better because of them.

Remember that it's possible to learn from your mistakes without letting them haunt you and beware of your enemies without being consumed by hate.

Apologize to a wounded friend, forgive an old foe, forgive yourself. Mercy will feel like liberation and self-compassion like that first, deep, Houdini-breath after a lifetime in apnea.



Keywords

regret • remorse • grudges •
forgiveness • mercy • self-
liberation • redemption

Practical References

PLACES

**ALL CONFINED SPACES OR PLACES THAT
MAKE YOU FEEL TRAPPED**

WORK

ESCAPE

**ARTIST, PROJECT MANAGER, ALL JOBS
HAVING TO DO WITH SOLVING SMALL
PROBLEMS OR DEFUSING SITUATIONS IN
ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD**

ACTIVITIES

ESCAPE ROOM

ARCHETYPES

**THE PROBLEM SOLVER, THE TORTURED
SOUL**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation that is filled with regret, remorse or grudges. The consultant might be involved in something that is questionable or guilt-inducing. It might also represent a situation that is holding the consultant back or making them feel trapped

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between wanting to move forward and having to deal with unfinished business first**. In order to grow, you need to resolve grudges, remorse, limitations (whether external or self-imposed) and everything that is holding you back.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent someone who has a heavy heart. Maybe a tortured soul carrying regrets or grudges towards people and situations. It can also represent someone who likes to clear the air and address every little problem so that it doesn't come back to haunt them



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card is a reminder that our liberty ends where someone else's begins. Most of the limitations that keep us from harming others should stay in place and holding back is sometimes necessary

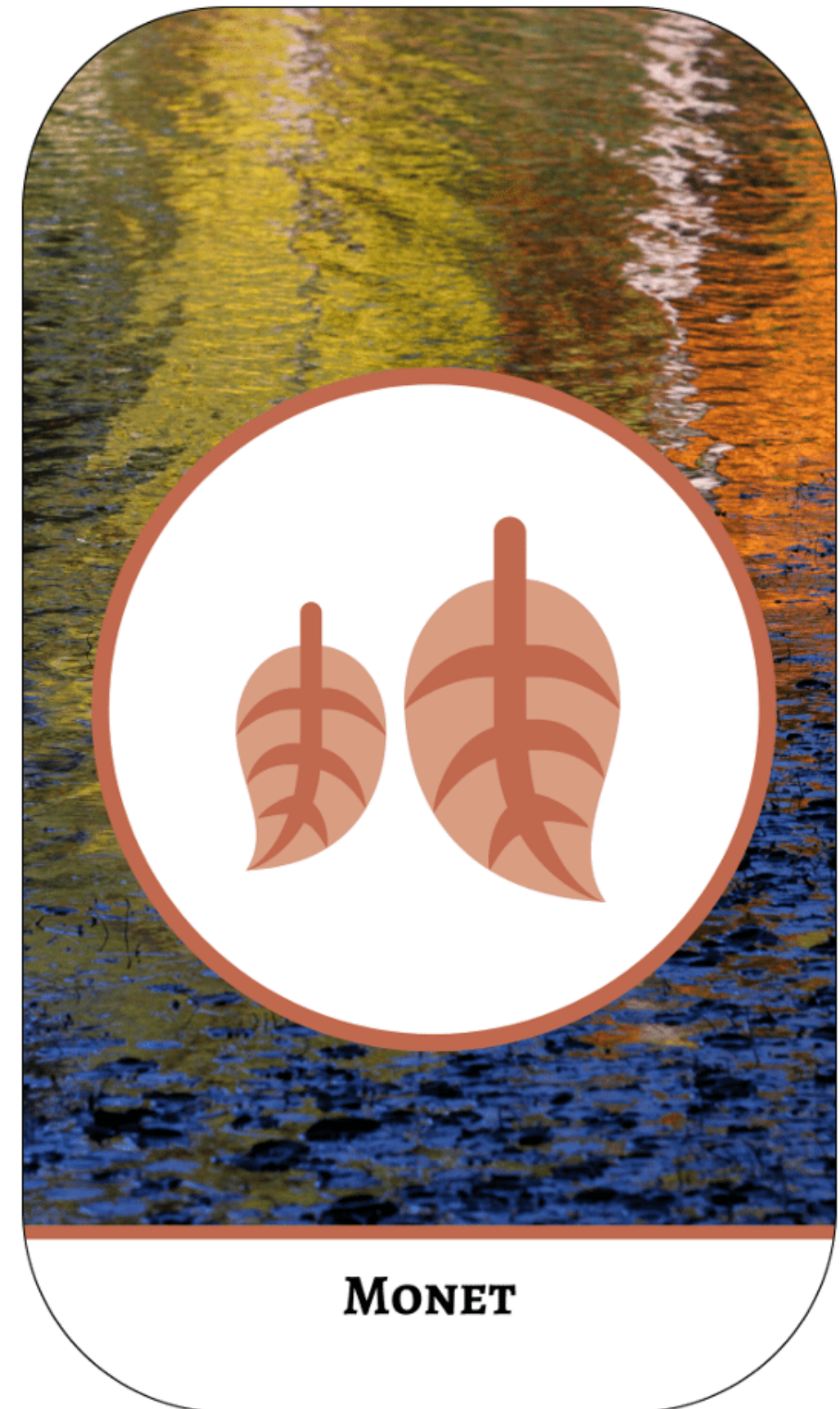
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to confront the regrets, grudges and limitations that are holding you back. The only way to solve the problem at hand is addressing that painful unfinished business.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through internal or external limitations/roadblocks. This doesn't mean the consultant made the wrong decision: sometimes doing the right thing comes with a price

Monet



Interpretation & Meaning

Claude (he/him) liked painting outside.

Easel, canvas, bug spray, snacks – that stuff is heavy to carry, cumbersome, but he liked it better outside.

As he stood by the bridge and the light hit the pond, reds ambushed greens and yellows chased pinks – was it a war or something else?

They said his paintbrush slit like a knife, but every stroke felt like waltzing with that fleeting landscape and all he ever wanted was to be one with the scenery. Not subverting centuries of pictorial art, just being part of that specific sunset in that specific Summer evening.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to become one with all the sceneries of your life.**

You need to live every moment like there's no past or future attached to it: learn to be present because "present" is the only real thing you can be. Breathe deep, feel your body, take in every glance and word like it's a harmless, inevitable part of the now.

This is an invitation to practice mindfulness, living the moment, spontaneity. It's also symbolic of any kind of sensorial experience, from having sex to immersing yourself in nature.

This card ensures you can find happiness in the many nows of your life if you learn to experience them without fear, appreciate their beauty and trust your senses.



Keywords

spontaneity • living the moment •
mindfulness • ecology • elegance •
sensuality • style • beauty •
elegance • harmony • peace •
relaxed • nature • senses

Practical References

PLACES

**FOREST, LAKE, PARK, SEASIDE, NATURE,
RESTAURANT, RESORT, DANCE STUDIO**

WORK

**CHEF,
GRAPHIC DESIGNER, PAINTER, STYLE
ADVISOR, DANCER, PHOTOGRAPHER,
MASSEUSE AND ALL JOBS HAVING TO DO
WITH IMMEDIATE SENSORIAL EXPERIENCES**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

INFATUATION

ACTIVITIES

CAMPING, SEX, HIKING, EATING, SPA

ARCHETYPES

FOODIE, FASHIONISTA, LOVER



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a peaceful, harmonious environment but it could also represent a lifestyle that doesn't account for the future in any way

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between looking forward and gaining happiness from the present moment**. In order to advance in your journey you need to learn how to appreciate the now, understand its beauty and trust your senses

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a spontaneous personality, someone who lives the moment to its fullest and knows how to find beauty in the present. It can also symbolize someone with a refined taste in style, food or anything sensorial.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against living in the present as a way to escape responsibility. It's time to save money for a rainy day, make plans to give your life a direction, commit to a relationship to give it a sense of growth. It could also symbolize a superficial approach to life, a lifestyle that is regretfully shallow.

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to enjoy the present as much as you can. Practice mindfulness, train your senses and focus your perception to what's happening at this very moment.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a more satisfying relationship with the present. The consultant will be able to enjoy the moment and gain happiness from it.

The Great Wall of China



Interpretation & Meaning

Take a trip to the moon and gaze into the distance. On the skin of the Earth you'll find a scar made of bricks laid on one another over centuries.

Like most walls in the history of humankind, the great wall of China was built to fortify an idea as well as a piece of land.

Inside, the us – Outside, the them.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to roll up your sleeves and start building your wall – not as a tool for segregation, but as an instrument of definition.**

Whatever it is that you're working on – be it a relationship or a work project – it's time to give it a name, make it official, draw the lines and boundaries that will give it structure.

Don't be scared to exert control over a situation that feels too chaotic or undefined: someone needs to stand up as a leader or enforcer and you certainly have what it takes. If the problem at hand doesn't involve anybody else, maybe the card hints at self-discipline and the need to be more regimented with your life and habits.

This is also the card of possession and property: at this particular moment it might be important to differentiate between what's yours and what isn't. As clear cut as it sounds, sometimes putting things in buckets is the best way to get a glimpse of their real shape.

This card ensures success can be achieved by establishing leadership, demanding definition and turning blurred lines into explicit rules.



Keywords

strictness • stability • definition •
control • order • pragmatism •
assertiveness • leadership •
materialism • authority •
dominance • rules • judgment •
structure • organization • discipline
• self-discipline

Practical References

PLACES

POLICE STATION, MALL

WORK

**ARCHITECT, CONSTRUCTION WORKER,
POLICEMAN, COMPLIANCE OFFICER,
PLANNER, POLICY MAKER, JUDGE**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

PARENTING, LEADING

ACTIVITIES

**SHOPPING, HOME IMPROVEMENT, FILE
ORGANIZATION**

ARCHETYPES

**THE RULER, THE CONTROL FREAK, THE
LEADER, THE ALPHA, THE TYPE A**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation over which the consultant has some degree of control and decision power. It could be a project or a relationship that they had a hand in shaping, a decision they made, an idea they consciously adopted. As an alternative interpretation, this may represent the relationship between the consultant and an authoritative figure (boss, parent, an institution).

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between going with the flow and demanding definition**. In order to advance in your journey, you have to take a situation in your own hands and assert some level of control.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a type A personality, someone who has a plan for everything and enjoys having control over their life or the current situation



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against becoming too controlling. You may be demanding definition and rules from a predicament that is not ripe. Take a deep breath and wait to see in what direction things are moving

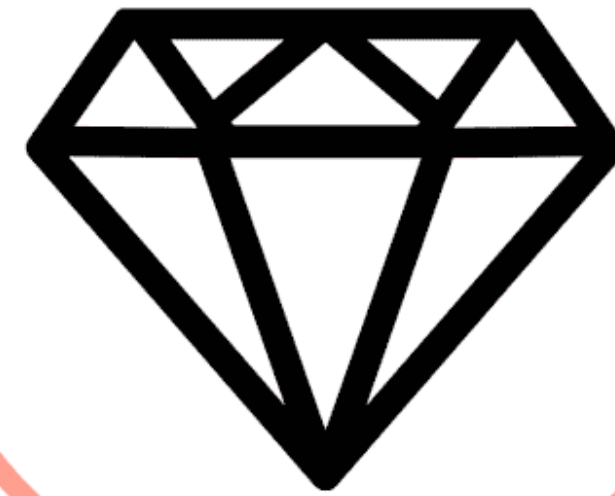
The Hook

When this card appears as the Revenant, it's an invitation to make plans, establish rules and assert control. The situation you're in might be up in the air and it's your job to turn it into something concrete

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through agency and control over a previously undefined situation. The consultant will be invested with both the power and the responsibility of a new predicament

Golconda



GOLCONDA

Interpretation & Meaning

No matter how far we come as a society, our love for sparkly things appears to be undying.

Before the written language or global economies or colonialism, someone in India dug through the dirtiest dirt until the earth lit up in shiny splendor. They named the flamboyant stones "vajara" ("thunderbolt") as a reference to the god Indra and a testament to their mesmerizing nature.

From magical devices to economic currency, that first twinkle sparked an evolution of worth and meaning which led to the first diamond mines in the region of Golconda.

The diamonds extracted from this site quickly became a girl's best friends, while the relationship between the miners and the "minees" was far more complex.

The journey from the depth of the earth to someone's excited finger was made of long hours, excruciating labor and extreme danger.

Despite its connection to exploitation and colonialism, Golconda embodies a history of martyrial effort employed to achieve something precious.

When this card shows up in a reading, **you might be standing at the entrance of your personal mine with your inner strength as pickaxe and no guarantee to make it out alive.**

You're facing a high stakes/high reward situation and it's time to channel the hero in you: relying on your willpower, strength and resilience is the only way to make it out on top.

Golconda tells you loud and clear that this is no time for compromise: steamrolling your opponents and knocking down all obstacles might be the only way to win this war.

This card ensures success is possible if you push your boundaries to the limit, stop at nothing and fight for what you want.



Keywords

hard work • weight of the world • high stakes / high reward • inner strength • courage • ambition • confidence • relentlessness • willpower • determination • success • victory • reward • focus • mastery • impact • commitment • challenge • tough • stoic • dedication • heroism • fulfillment • perseverance • recognition • achievement

Practical References

PLACES

GYM, SPORT EQUIPMENT SHOP, MINE

WORK

**ATHLETE, MINER AND ANY KIND OF HARD
PHYSICAL LABOR**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

COMPETITION, RACE

ACTIVITIES

**SPORT, MARATHON, TRIATHLON, ALL
ACTIVITIES THAT FORCE YOU TO PUSH
YOUR BOUNDARIES**

ARCHETYPES

HERO, ACHIEVER, BADASS, GO-GETTER



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a demanding, possibly exhausting situation. It could refer to a challenging work environment or a relationship that requires a lot of effort on the consultant's part. It could also hint at any kind of competitive process or environment

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the tension between ambition and achievement. In order to advance in your journey and be successful, you have to channel incredible strength and display indestructible determination

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a relentless, ambitious personality. The consultant might be someone who's confident, resolved and not scared of getting their hands dirty



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against wanting to get ahead at all costs. As much as your relentless chase may seem important, you should assess whether you're hurting someone, being selfish or disregarding something in the process

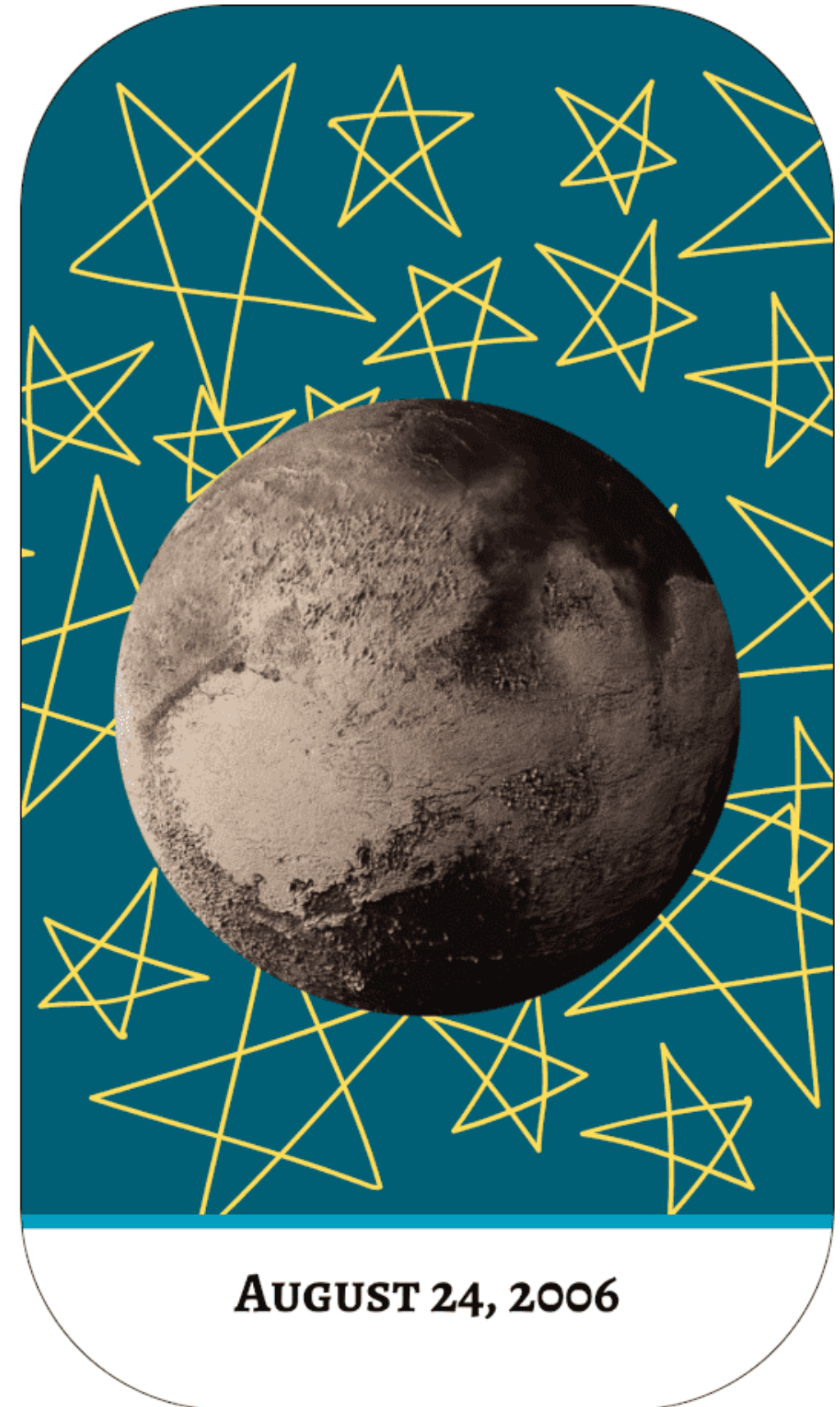
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to stop at nothing to get what you want. Something, someone or the entire universe might be putting a ranch in your plan but you have to keep fighting. Only by showing merciless determination and an unbreakable spirit you will get the reward you deserve

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through success, mastery and a fulfilling sense of accomplishment

August 24, 2006



Interpretation & Meaning

On the day Pluto was demoted to dwarf planet, the words of the I.A.U. felt final.

As tears flowed down the cheeks of astronomers, Wikipedia pages got frantically updated and high school teachers ran to their solar system models to get rid of the ninth rock from the sun.

Pluto, on its part, didn't seem bothered.

It woke up, drank a cup of coffee with a tiny splash of milk, took its nine moons to the park and conversed politely with its neighbor Neptune. It kept orbiting and turning like eating and breathing, as to spell out how little of a damn it gave about those little human taxonomies.

This card is about status and power.

When it shows up in a reading, **you should scope out the system you're in and make an effort to understand its power dynamics.**

In order to achieve what you want, you'll have to navigate a spider web of power structures and status roles that might not necessarily align with your views, talents or morals.

Whether you're after career recognition or social mobility, once you have figured out the kind of ball game you're playing, you'll have the information you need to either play hard or stop playing altogether.

If your workplace rewards social politics more than productivity, you can either resign or start using that social currency to climb the company ladder. Instead of imposing yourself on the system, you need to figure out how to make the system work for you. Sticking to your own set of rules, no matter how virtuous, is not going to benefit you in a setup where those very rules have little value.

On the flip side of the same coin, try not to confuse the game with the prize. Status is a tool and not a goal: use it to achieve what makes you happy but don't mistake it for happiness itself. Losing sight of the bigger picture can be a slippery slope towards abusing your power, wasting it or letting it define who you are.



Keywords

power structures • status • acquiring
power • abusing power • corruption •
reclaiming power • recognition •
system thinking • climbing ladders

Practical References

PLACES

**ALL PLACES CONNECTED TO POWER
(BANK, POLICE STATION, PARLIAMENT...)**

WORK

**POLITICIAN, ACTIVIST, CEO, ANY JOB
CONNECTED TO POWER AND STATUS**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**BEING PROMOTED, GETTING
RECOGNITION AT WORK, WINNING AN
AWARD, SOCIAL MOBILITY**

ACTIVITIES

COMPETITION

ARCHETYPES

**THE SOCIAL CLIMBER, THE AMBITIOUS
ONE, THE POWER HUNGRY**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a relationship or environment characterized by delicate power dynamics. It could also signify a shift in power or status in the life of the consultant.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between being in the game and knowing how the game is played**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to make the system work for you and navigate its power structures strategically and deliberately.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a power-hungry person, an ambitious individual, someone who values status and wants to get ahead in life.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against the seductive nature of power. You may be tempted to cross a line in order to retain or better your position, but that's probably not the best idea. As an alternative interpretation, it could mean that you shouldn't let status define who you are

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to reclaim your power and start playing the game like it's supposed to be played. Remember that status is a tool and remind yourself of the amazing things you can do with it.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a change in power dynamics: it could signify a higher status, a new role, a new power position.

Swear Word



Interpretation & Meaning

When the class started using horrific language, education in the small British school became a war on profanity.

In a slick attempt at self-censorship, the kids tried replacing all the motherf***er of this world with the plain term "swear word".

You could have walked through the corridors and heard an animated "Shut up, you swear word!" coming out of a giggly fourth-grader's mouth. To the teachers, that sounded innocent enough and felt like a glorious victory.

At least until the moment when, a couple of weeks later, that harmless surrogate of vulgarity became so meaningful that children started taking genuine offense from it. Suddenly, "swear word" had become the swear word and the issue was right back where it started.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to think hard about everything that everything in your life means at this particular moment.**

As much as worldly things appear to be anchored in definition by molecular composition, contractual agreements and scientific laws, all the human mind really experiences is the meaning of what's around. We're used to navigating a web of stories – both cultural and personal – that sometimes serve us well and sometimes bring us down. What this card wants you to do is stop and reflect on the relationship between yourself and these stories.

Start wondering who controls the meaning of the things you do or don't, the people you love or hate, the opinions you adopt and the ones you reject. Make an inventory of all the narratives you have subscribed to and try to assess if they're truly good for you.

Whether you need to acknowledge a shift of meaning in your life, debunk social constructs or apply the power of reframing to a difficult situation, it's critical to notice how much we're affected by the stories we tell ourselves, are told and tell to others.

This card ensures the path to enlightenment goes through a thorough review of all the meaning we are currently taking for granted.



Keywords

cultural narratives • personal
narratives • social constructs •
reframing • meaning • debunking •
control the narrative • decoding reality
• cultural stereotypes

Practical References

PLACES

CINEMA, THEATER

WORK

**WRITER, MARKETER, CURATOR,
JOURNALIST**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**MORAL PANIC, GROUP THINK,
GASLIGHTING**

ACTIVITIES

WRITING, DEBUNKING

ARCHETYPES

THE INDEPENDENT THINKER



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card may suggest a situation or environment dominated by strong cultural narratives accepted by the majority of people. In the worst case, it might hint at moral panics or the toxic beliefs that somehow survive within a society

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between inheriting meaning and choosing it purposely**. In order to grow, you have to validate the dominating narratives in your life and possibly rewrite the ones that don't fit anymore.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent someone who's in touch with cultural trends and heavily influenced by them. It can also stand for an independent thinker, someone who doesn't accept the dominant narrative as dogmatic.



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against subscribing to the wrong narratives. Someone might be poisoning your well and you better learn how to be critical about it.

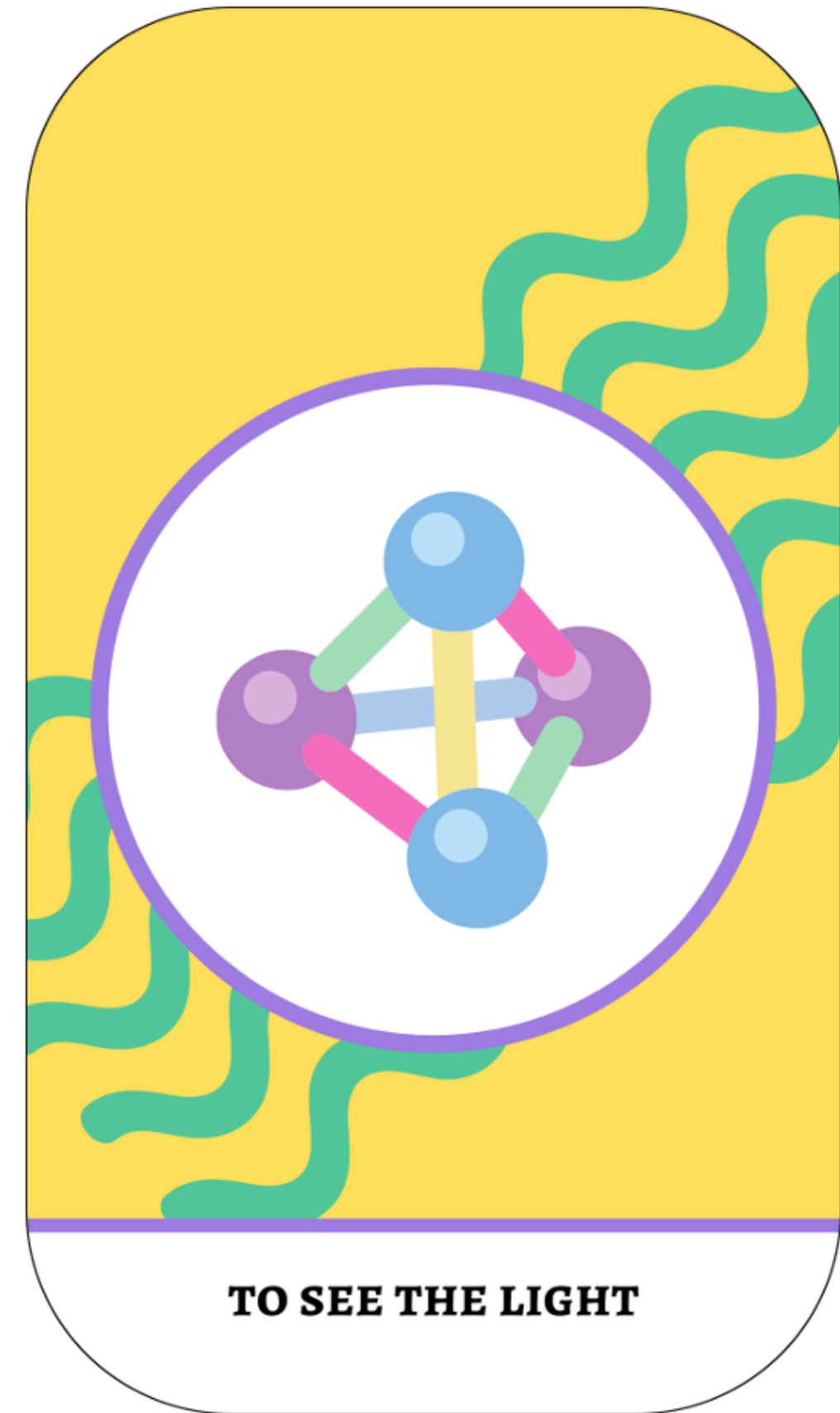
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to take control of the meaning and narratives in your life. Some of the stories you inherited from your environment may not be serving well you or your peers

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a whole new perspective on the problem at hand. The consultant is probably bound to have a ah-ah moment regarding something that is near to their heart

To See
The Light



Interpretation & Meaning

Remember when someone's god said "let there be light" and there was light? As simple as that.

Truth is, by opening your curtains you let into the room one of the biggest scientific conundrums in the history of the world.

At first we thought light was a wave – a ray – way before Madonna sang it to us. We asked our children to draw yellow spiky lines floating out of suns and let them believe science was on their side.

Then a bunch of party poopers (Planck, Einstein) came up with the idea that light may actually be a particle. Tiny balls smaller than hamster poops bouncing out of stars. The debate turned into a tug of war that not even the brawniest brains were able to win.

In 1938 Albert Einstein (he/him) took his hands off the increasingly knottier rope and wrote:

"It seems as though we must use sometimes the one theory and sometimes the other, while at times we may use either. We are faced with a new kind of difficulty. We have two contradictory pictures of reality; separately neither of them fully explains the phenomena of light, but together they do."

Just like that, the world turned upside down.

In the middle of a battle for definition, Einstein realized that placing light into either the particle bucket or the wave one was not the point. Way more important was knowing when to use one model and when the other, since they were both helpful in certain cases and unreliable in others.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to celebrate complexity and make peace with the alleged contradictions in your life.** A person can be smart AND rude, a job boring AND satisfying, a relationship tight AND damaging. Moreover, a person can be a kind parent and a tyrannical boss, a gentleman one day and an asshole the other.

This card wants you to accept life as joyfully convoluted and declare war on cognitive dissonance – the voice whispering in your ear that things are categorically one thing or the other.

It's time to replace binary divisions with Gaussian distributions, categories with spectrums, integer numbers with floating-point ones.

Stop demanding coherence from the real world and start accepting the complex, multi-layered nature of everything around you. Putting things in buckets has served you well, now it's time to empty those buckets into the river of your reality and see how the current changes.



Keywords

complexity • multi-layered • nuance •
sophistication • subtlety • apparent
contradiction • variety • cognitive
dissonance

Practical References

PLACES

SCIENCE LAB

WORK

SCIENTIST,
LITIGATOR, ENGINEER, ALL JOBS HAVING TO DO
WITH UNDERSTANDING COMPLEX
SYSTEMS AND PROVIDING A HOLISTIC APPROACH
TO PROBLEMS

ACTIVITIES

PUZZLES, STRATEGY GAMES

ARCHETYPES

THE MYTH-BUSTER, THE AGENT OF NUANCE



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation that is more complex and multi-layered than what it may seem at first glance. The consultant's understanding of what's going on might be limited to superficial experience and the specific lenses through which they are looking at the world

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between the immediate satisfaction of simple answers and the hard earned wisdom of complex explanations.** In order to advance in your journey, you have to look at life through different lenses and actively seek the shades of grey in a world that looks black and white

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent an agent of nuance, someone who looks at situations from every angle and is acutely aware of how bias and cognitive dissonance are able to tilt our reasoning



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against overcomplicating situations. If you're trying your hardest to justify a behavior that ticks you off, maybe this is a lost cause. Remember that understanding doesn't require justifying and that you're entitled to your own moral compass

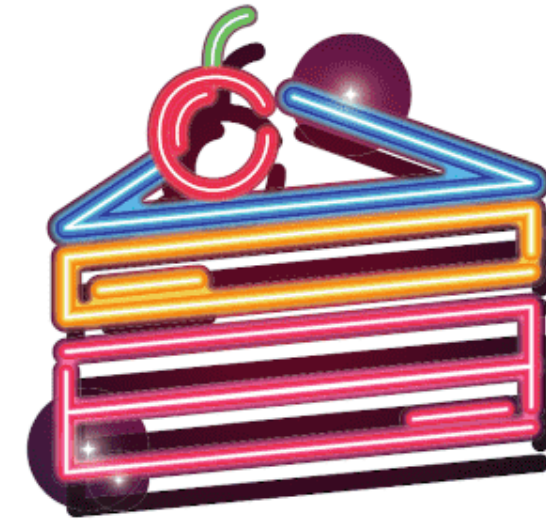
The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to recognize and embrace nuance in the world around you. Empty the buckets of your mind and start seeing the people in your life as multi-layered individuals with complex goals and motivations

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a deep understanding of a very complex situation

Sobremesa



SOBREMESA

Interpretation & Meaning

Manuel (they/them) closed their eyes as the last bite of ice cream melted in their mouth. Carmen (she/her) was tired, Juan (he/him) was talkative. The dishwasher begged for its daily mouthful of dirty dishes. They could leave the table and also couldn't, aware of how unremarkable and precious that moment was.

There had been last bites of ice cream and dishwashers to load in the past, more were awaiting in the future.

Yet each of those moments was slightly different in the way it brought the three of them together, a super glue made of mundane anecdotes recounted over digestive rumblings.

This card is about the people and situations that make you feel like you belong. Be it a biological family or an acquired one, the sense of community is indispensable for the human soul and a powerful source of inner strength.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time to channel the power of your people, strive for belonging and act for the well-being of the group.**

The goal is to weaponize the strength of your peer group and overcome every obstacle without leaving anyone behind. Social justice over individual interest, altruism over greed, cooperation over competition.

This is also a card of connection. If you're feeling discouraged, disoriented or generally lost, you should refill your emotional tank by summoning the nurturing powers of the faces and rooms that feel like home. Call your best friend, pay your mother a visit, make a bigger effort to fit in. Whatever the voices in your head are telling you, remind yourself that you're deserving of love and there are people in your life who are able (and happy) to provide it.

An emblem of interconnectivity, Sobremesa is a reminder that similarities are more powerful than differences and that we're all in the same, shaky boat.



Keywords

family • community • friendship •
cooperation • democracy • equality •
patriotism • social group • safety •
contribution • support • altruism •
connection • network • belonging • In-
Group • solidarity • social cohesion •
domesticity • humility • egalitarianism •
sociability

Practical References

PLACES

**TOWN HALL, PARLIAMENT, HOUSEHOLD,
RECREATIONAL CLUBS, GAY BAR, COMMUNITY
SPOTS**

WORK

**ACTIVIST, PUBLIC DEFENDER, SOCIAL WORKER,
UNION REPRESENTATIVE, NON-PROFIT WORKER,
NGO, POLITICIAN, CHARITY WORKER**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**TOWN ASSEMBLY, FAMILY REUNION, GAY PRIDE,
DEMONSTRATION, STRIKE, NETWORKING EVENTS,
CONFERENCES, GLOBALIZATION**

ACTIVITIES

**TEAM SPORTS, BOOK CLUBS, MOVIE CLUBS,
NETWORKING AND ALL KINDS OF GROUP
ACTIVITIES**

ARCHETYPES

**THE CITIZEN, THE REGULAR GUY, THE SOCIAL
CHAMPION**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card directly references a community, a team, a society that the consultant might be an integral part of.

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes **the tension between individual success and group achievement.** You can only advance in your journey by representing your community, championing its needs and moving forward together

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent someone who values democracy and is vocal about social justice. It could also hint at someone who wants to fit in more than anything else, a person who sees life through the lens of social belonging



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against wanting to fit in at all costs or seeking connections only as a way to advance yourself. It could also be an invitation to carefully pick your social battles: some of the crusades you're fighting might end up hurting your cause and not representing the community for which you're trying to speak. It could also hint at bad influences in your social circle.

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to connect to your peers and use the strength of this bond as a motivation, a tool and a guide. Remember that you're in this together and nobody will be left behind.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a new sense of community, equality and connection

The Tramp



THE TRAMP

Interpretation & Meaning

Latanya (they/them) used to watch Cinderella a lot. They sang the songs and held their breath as the fairy Godmother fixed Cinderella's life for one unforgettable night.

"You can't go in that!" – uttered the woman after taking a closer look at Cinderella's appearance. She then proceeded to shake the wand, say the words and a swarm of magic lights did the rest. The orderly golden hair, the sumptuous dress, the glass slippers: from messy squatter to fancy princess, Cinderella was ready to meet the love of her life.

Latanya grew up clinging to that moment. They looked at themselves in the mirror every day and whispered "You can't go in that".

One day they decided to fix it. With no Godmother to help, malls and makeup tutorials were the next best thing. From messy high school student to fancy princess, Latanya was ready to dance the night away and meet the love of their life.

The ball was at a nightclub in downtown Paris. Wearing their heart on their flutter sleeve and a dark red lipstick, Latanya walked into the room and entered a choreographed nightmare. Nobody asked them their name: everybody had plenty of names to call that unlikely princess.

Nobody picked their shoe off the floor (or their dignity) as it got stomped on by joyful feet. Nobody chased them on those pitch black streets after they ran out in tears.

Far from midnight, the carriage turned into a pumpkin in front of Latanya's eyes and the pumpkin was rotten.

Demonic totem of temptation for many contemporary cultures, The Tramp is here a symbol of resistance.

She can't escape the shame engine that moves the world around her – names dropping on her skirt like spilled wine – but she can study its mechanics and sabotage them, slowly and methodically.

When this card appears in a reading, **you might be facing rejection (personal, societal, political) or be immersed in an environment that's using shame or guilt to control you.** Whether you belong to a marginalized minority or are being unfairly discounted in the workplace, it's time to put up a fight and shake off the labels that someone else is sticking onto you.

This is a card of strategic disobedience, personal emancipation and insurgence against an unjust system. In order to dismantle an oppressive system, you're going to take all the space you can, turn your disadvantage into your secret weapon and resist assimilation until your underdog victory is achieved.



Keywords

rebellion • discrimination • stigma •
shaming • individual vs society •
oppression • disobedience • systemic
injustice • resistance • segregation •
rejection • unapologetic •
disadvantage • social deviance •
ostracism • misunderstood • feeling
different • social control • social
sanctions • banning

Practical References

WORK

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER, SOCIAL
WORKER, PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALL JOBS
HAVING TO DO WITH FIGHTING STIGMA
AND DISCRIMINATION**

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

**BULLISM, MARGINALIZATION,
UNREQUITED LOVE, REJECTION, SOCIAL
DEVIANCE**

ARCHETYPES

**THE REBEL, THE UNDERDOG, THE
OPPRESSED, THE CONTRARIAN**



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card symbolizes an environment or situation that uses shame or guilt to control its components. It might also refer to a an unjust system or a state of rejection (whether personal or societal) which is keeping the consultant on the bottom

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between fitting in and rebelling to an unjust system**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to be bold, unapologetic and resilient in a world that is trying to bring you down

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent an outlandish personality, someone who stands out (for good and for worse) within their environment. It can also stand for a rebel, a contrarian, someone who lives to challenge the norms and assumptions of the status quo



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against channeling a destructive behavior or wanting to go against the grain at all costs. The feeling that the whole world is against you might be a dangerous construct of your mind rather than a tangible reality

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to reclaim your power and not listen to an environment that wants to bring you down. Swim against the current, disobey, do whatever it takes to weaken a system that is rotten and poisonous

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that puts the consultant in a minority group or even rebellious position. Something they're doing - whether good or bad - might potentially lead to stigma, discrimination or rejection.

Pathos



Interpretation & Meaning

Saturday night in ancient Greece means popcorn, a date and a gargantuan theater.

In the audience, agitated men discuss TV, food, politics, but when the first actor enters the stage everyone's voice drops dead. As he walks to the center of the space there's no whisper, no ring tone, even the open sky stays stiller than usual.

Words travel light thanks to the acoustic of Greece's proudest architecture. The emotion, on the other hand, weighs heavily on the face of the performer in the form of a sculpted emoji. Rather than relying on facial expressions, they opt for a bulky mask, so that even the person in the last row has access to the character's turmoil and can't help but mirror that monotone mood.

This kind of emotional connection is at the heart of performance, life and real human bonds. It's the words, the moves and that big wooden frown that make everybody's heart break in a weird unison. Aristotle called it pathos.

When this card shows up in a reading, **it's time you laugh with the joyful and suffer with the suffering in the big Greek tragedy we call "life"**. Navigating the current situation will require empathy, emotional intelligence and the will to place feelings over logic.

Instead of presenting facts, tell stories. Instead of gathering numbers, assess emotions. Instead of selling your case, put yourself in the shoes of your audience and truly seek out what makes them tick.

This card is about achieving your goals by harnessing compassion and understanding both the unexpressed and explicit needs of the people around you.



Keywords

empathy • respect • compassion •
emotional intelligence •
communication • mercy • emotion
over logic • extraverted feeling •
emotional realm

Practical References

PLACES

THEATER, POST OFFICE, BAR, VENUE

WORK

EVENT

PLANNER, COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR,
HR MANAGER, PR, INTERPRETER,
TRANSLATOR, SALES REPRESENTATIVE,
WAITER, BARTENDER, PROJECT MANAGER,
SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER, TOUR GUIDE,
PERFORMER

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

MORAL PANIC, EMOTIONAL CONTAGION

ACTIVITIES

LANGUAGE TANDEM, LANGUAGE
LEARNING, ATTENDING EVENTS

ARCHETYPES

THE STORYTELLER, THE MANIPULATOR,
THE EMPATH



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation built around people's emotional responses. In the best case scenario, it can hint at an environment that nurtures the people who are part of it (eg. a workplace that puts people over profits). In the worst case scenario, it can stand for a situation where the negative emotions of a group have overthrown logic and are leading to dangerous consequences (eg. a moral panic).

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between logical reasoning and emotional understanding**. In order to advance in your journey, you should learn to factor people's feelings into your actions, choices and life views. This way, you'll start seeing the world as a complex network of subjectivities rather than an objective system of cause-effect relationships.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent an empath, a communicator, someone with a refined emotional intelligence who sees and cares about the emotional realm of the world around them



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against playing on people's emotions to push your agenda. It can stand for social manipulation or selfish beguiling of others.

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to weaponize your empathy and look at the world with a compassionate eye. Focusing on what makes people tick is the only way to improve the current situation

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a stronger emotional connection and understanding between all the parties involved

Edax Rerum



EDAX RERUM

Interpretation & Meaning

Time's tummy rumbling again and everybody feels on edge.

On a regular day, it feeds off quiet afternoons or uneventful evenings, yet occasionally it's grandma who gets gulped down without a proper toast.

It snacks and snacks, nibbles and devours. It throws dinner parties without specifying if you're the guest of honor or the main course.

Even when you trap it on your walls – wooden frames and all – Time feeds off your days and the bigger it gets, the louder its chewing.

Inescapable, you know you'll end up on the menu one day.

When this card shows up in a reading, you need to face the terrifying and exhilarating doings of time.

Your life is a patchwork of moments that are dancing, crashing, fleeting but also an intelligible narrative with an end in painfully plain sight. It's both big and small, coherent and ungraspable, fated and random.

Maybe you'll have to look at your existence with an eagle eye in order to spot patterns, lines and directions. Or maybe you need to nosedive into the microscopic, short-lived joys of your memories in order to find meaning.

This card is about the daunting task of balancing the micro and macro within your perspective, narratives and existence. Whatever problem you're facing, it can be solved by looking at your life's story both at a chapter level and down to every breathing punctuation mark.



Keywords

micro vs macro • patterns • aging •
moments vs existences • facing
mortality • big picture • history • legacy

Practical References

PLACES

MEMORIAL, GRAVEYARD

JOBS

STRATEGIST, ENTREPRENEUR, DIRECTOR,
HISTORIAN, ANTHROPOLOGIST

SITUATIONS & LIFE EVENTS

FUNERAL, ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY

ACTIVITIES

WRITING A WILL

ARCHETYPES

THE BIG PICTURE THINKER, THE
STRATEGIST



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Soil

In the Soil position, this card suggests a situation or environment which stresses and celebrates a big picture. It could be a job with a clear, powerful impact on the world, a well defined career path or a relationship that knows where it's going

The Knot

As the Knot, this card symbolizes the **tension between micro and macro**. In order to advance in your journey, you need to look at the big picture of your life and how that fits within the big picture of humanity, all without losing track of your precious, orderly moments of happiness.

The Eye

When this card shows up as the Eye, it can represent a strategist, someone who's able to look at the big picture and move it forward, without disregarding the importance of the details. It can also hint at someone who wants to leave a lasting legacy to the world



Interpretation within the Game of Cracks

The Fall

As the Fall, this card warns you against getting so lost in your life's master plan that you lose sight of the tiny, precious moments of happiness in your life

The Hook

When this card appears as the Hook, it's an invitation to live each day as part of an intentional, coherent personal narrative. Start asking yourself how you want to be remembered on the day you die, what you want your life story to be, and act according to the answer.

The Fruit

In the Fruit position, this card suggests an outcome that manifests itself through a strong personal narrative and a clear legacy you'll be able to leave to the world