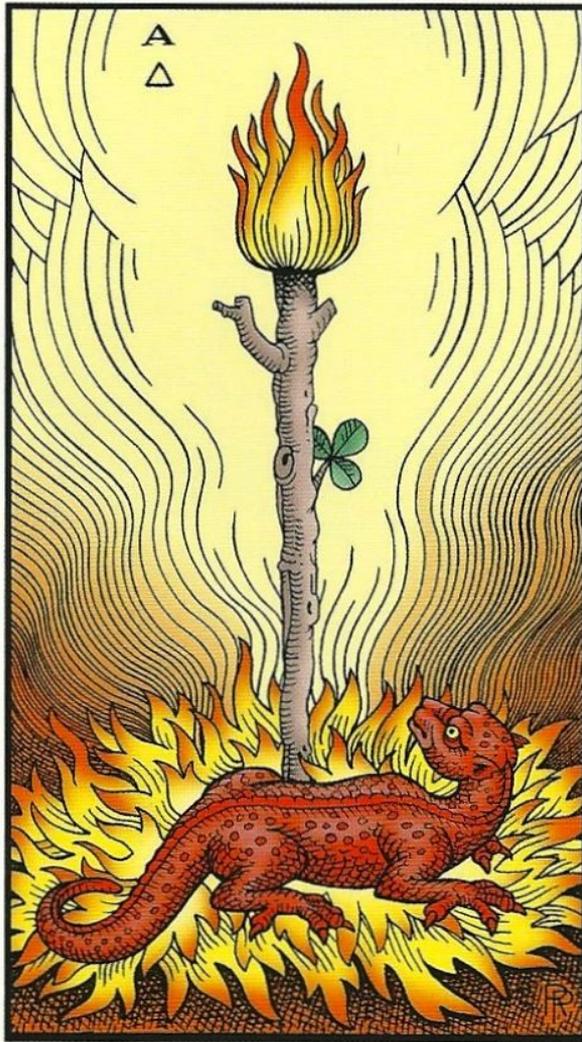


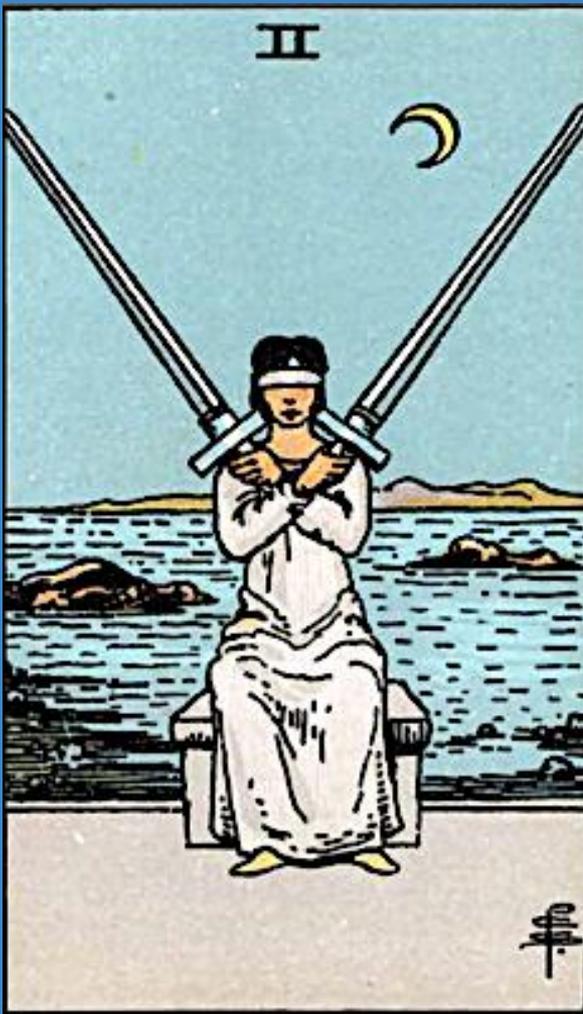
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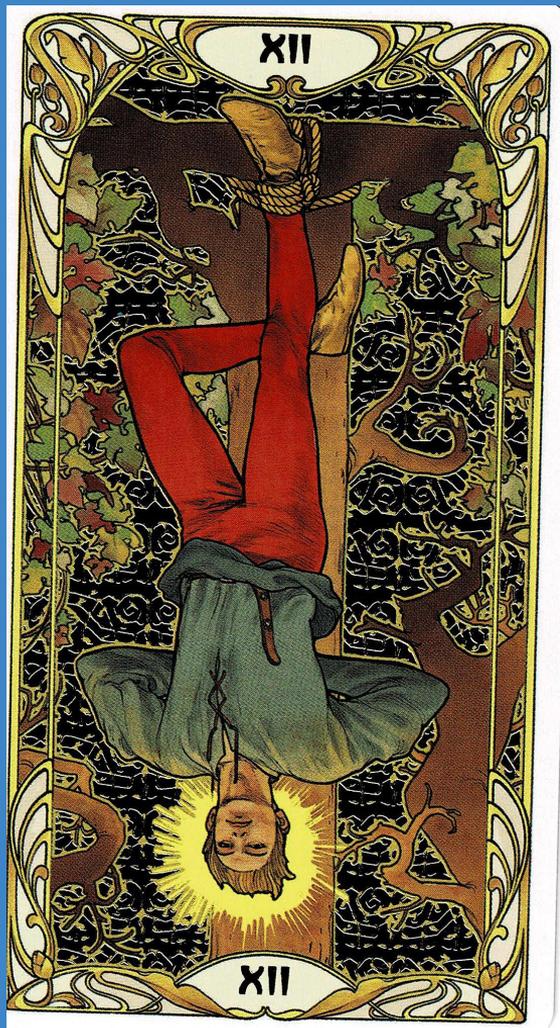
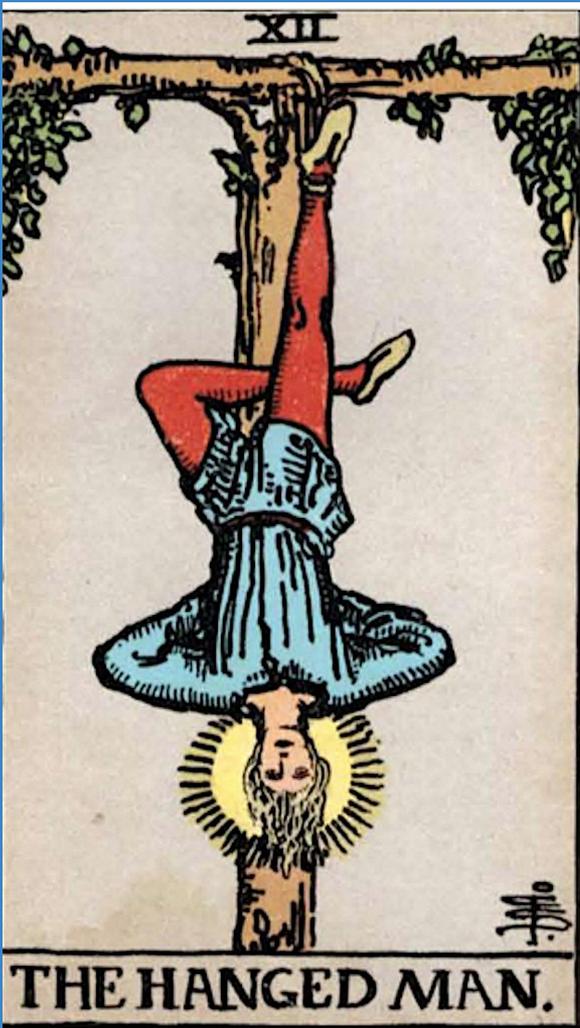


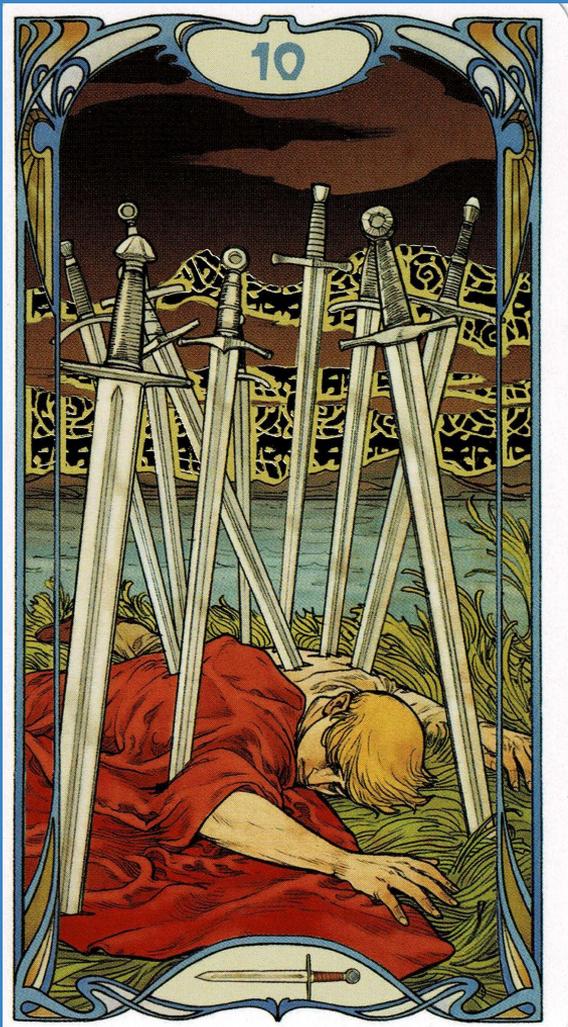


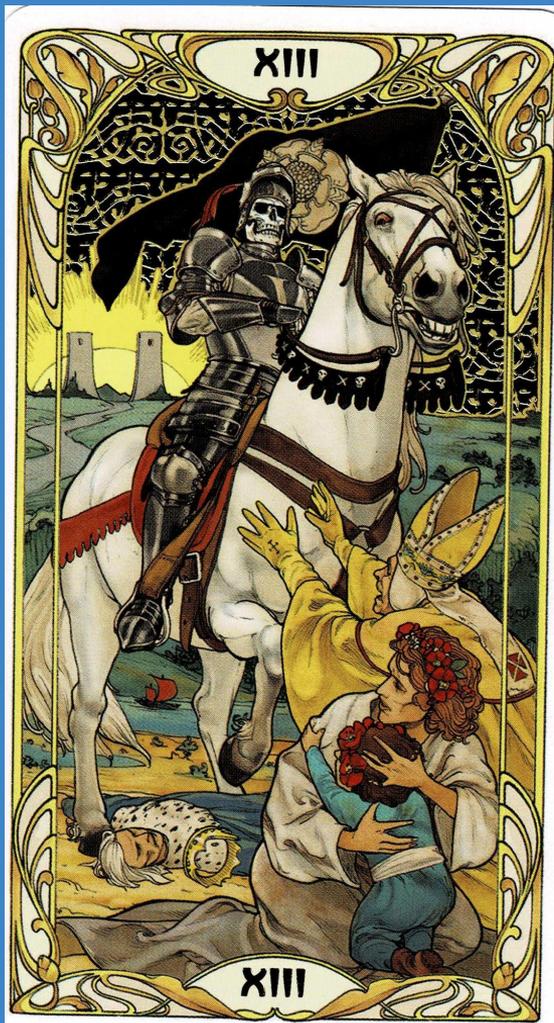
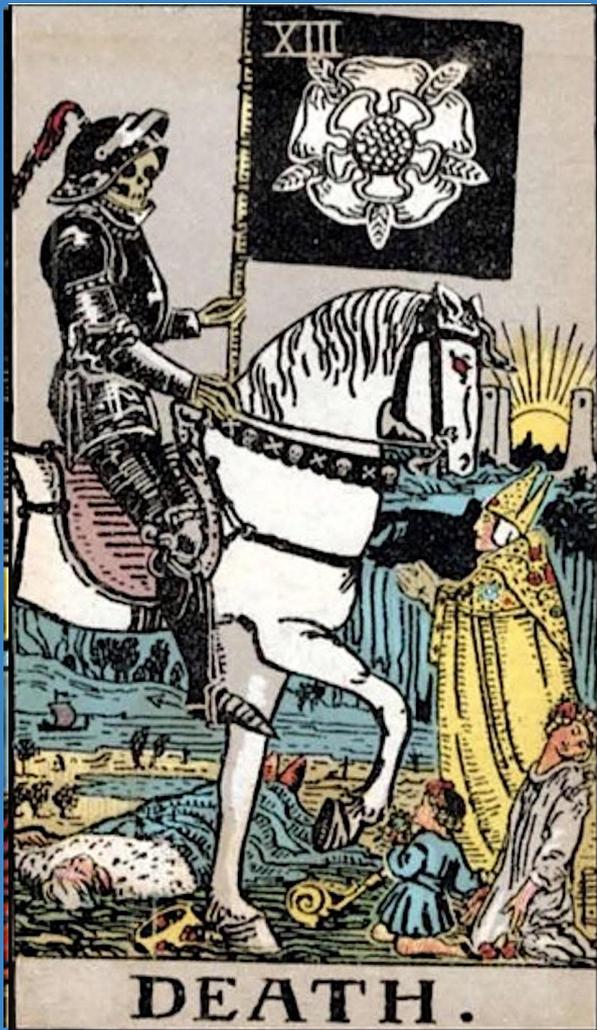


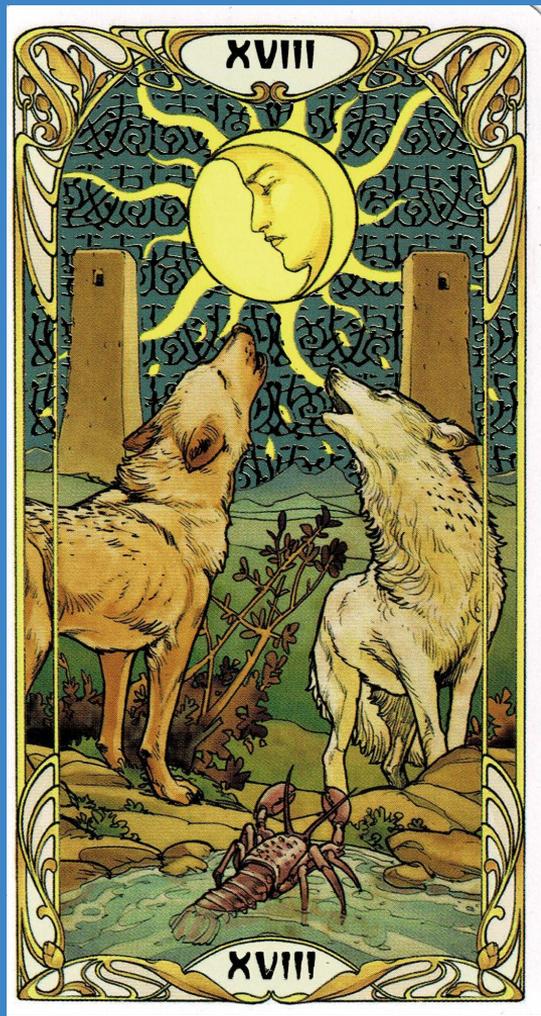
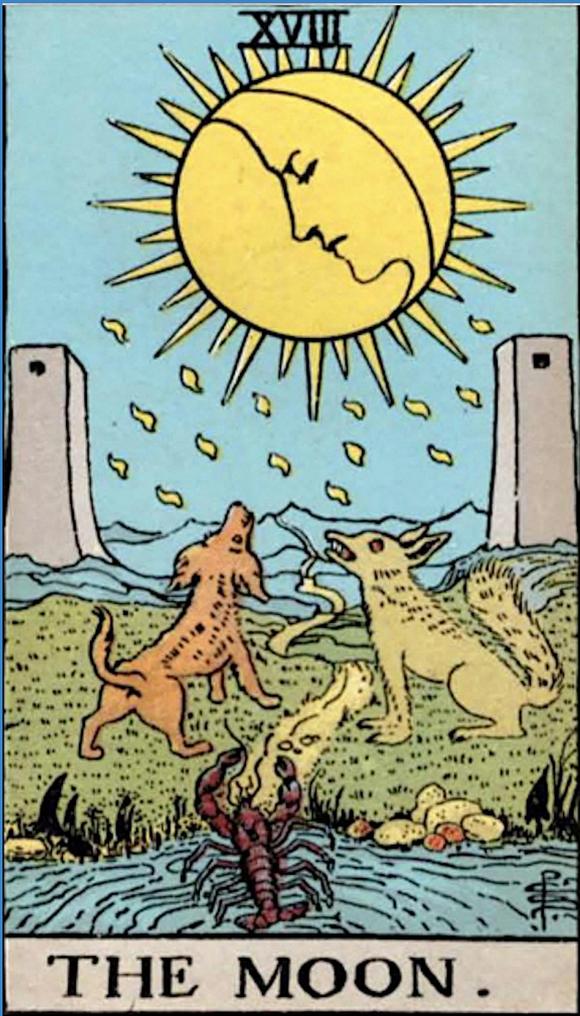
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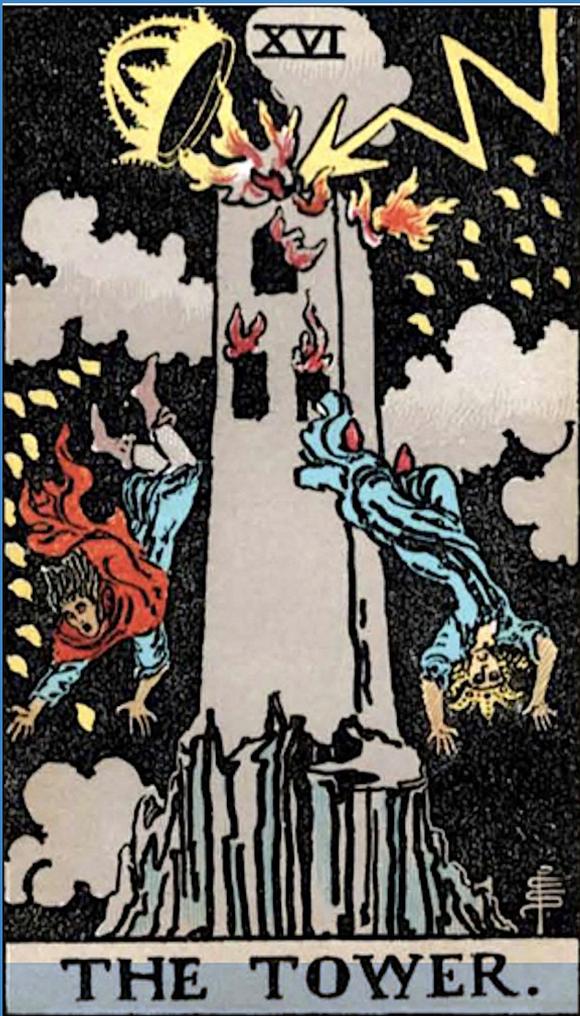


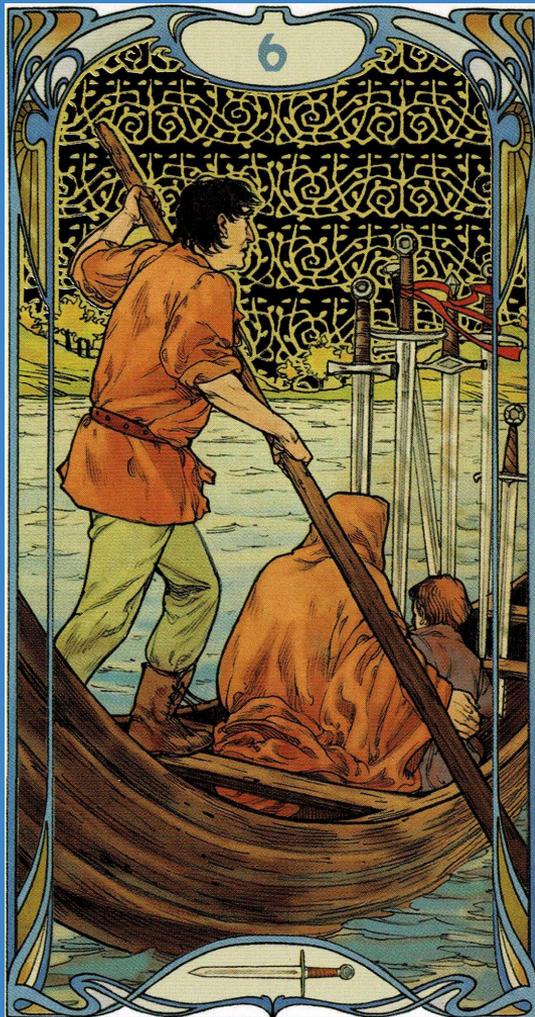
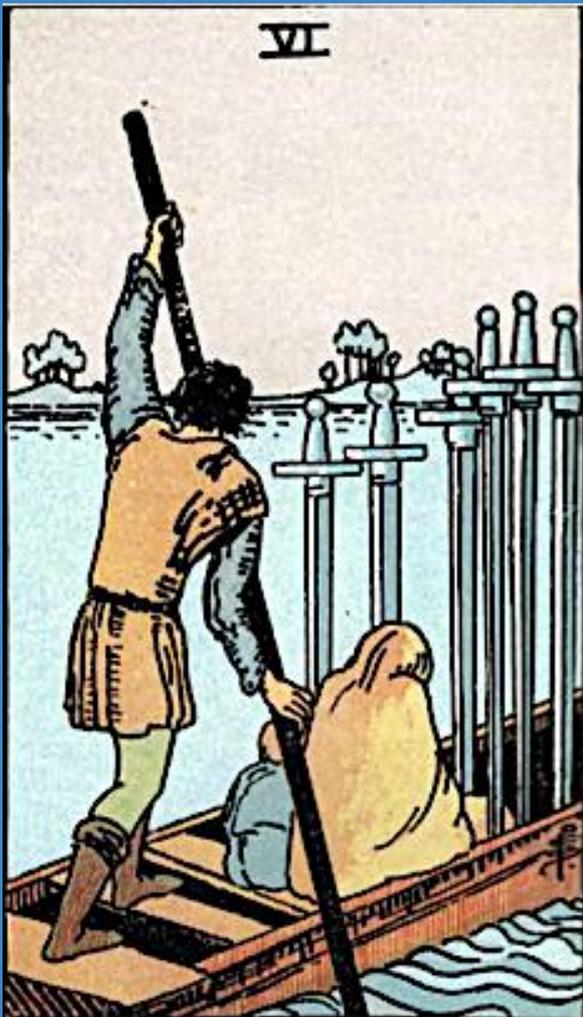












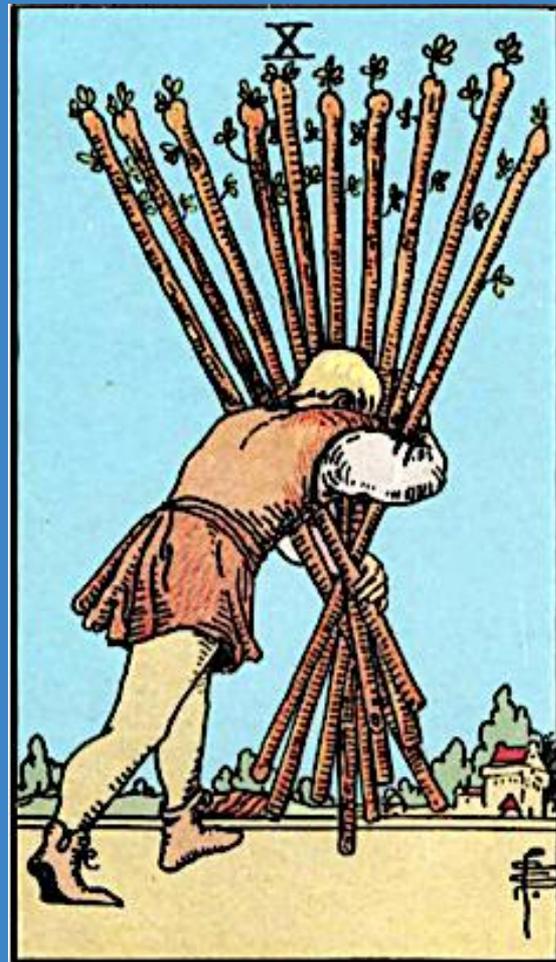




**PAGE of WANDS.**







The Suit of Staffs (or Wands) are associated with primal energy, spirituality, inspiration, creativity, ambition, drive, willpower

The element of fire is symbolic of passion, energy, enthusiasm, and sexuality.





What we see:

A sprouting wand extends out from a cloud

Rich landscape

A Castle (Opportunities to come)

Hills and mountains (Challenges)

*Inspiration, new opportunities, growth, potential*

The Ace of Wands represents good news and new beginnings. It signifies taking action – physically starting something, a new initiative, and finding new passion, enthusiasm or spark. It can also represent fertility, conception and birth

II



What we see:

Man holding a globe

Standing on top of castle

One staff in hand, the other secured to the wall

Fertile land/mountains/water

*Future planning, progress, decisions, discovery*

The spark of inspiration from the Ace is ready to be put into action. You are exploring your options and carefully plotting out the path ahead, accounting for all possibilities and potential challenges. You are not ready to make your move – it is more important that you establish a clear plan before proceeding.

III



What we see:  
Man in red robe on a hill  
Looking away from us  
Leaning on staff  
Golden sea

*Progress, expansion, foresight, next steps*

Your plans are now well underway and you are considering even more opportunities to expand your current strategy and maximise your ultimate potential. Everything is progressing steadily and as expected. It's time to reassess in order to move forward.

IV



What we see:

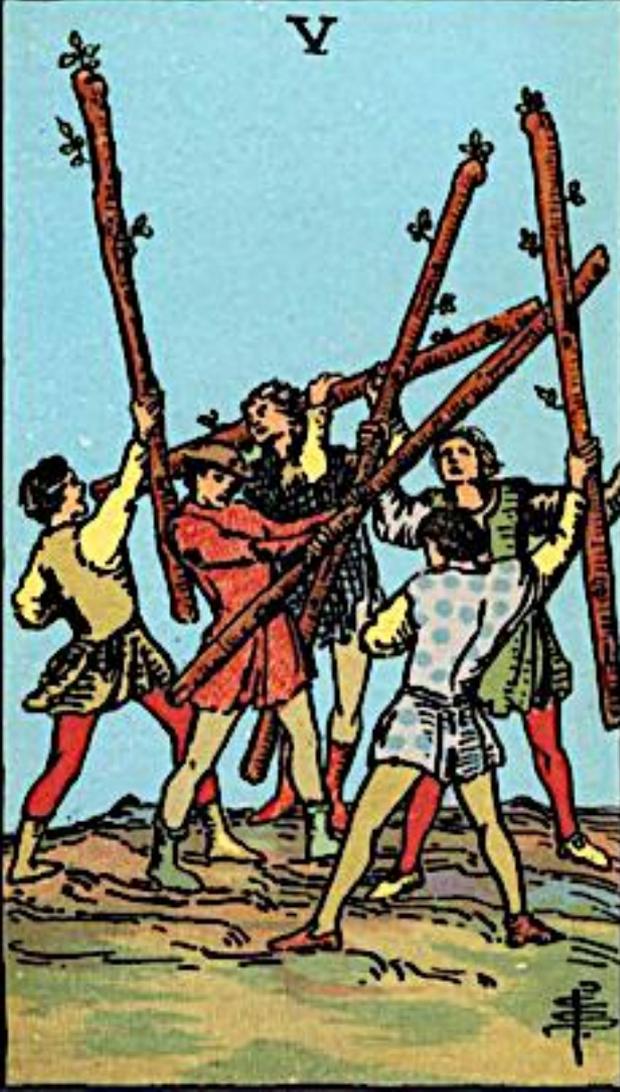
Two people celebrating, others in distance

A structure with grape vines

A castle (Safety/home)

*Celebration, joy, home, harmony, relaxation,  
homecoming, reunions*

The Four of Wands is a card of joyful celebration, blissful happiness and appreciation for the good things in life. When this card appears in a Tarot reading, it is the perfect time to celebrate with those you love most. The Four of Wands associates so closely with the home environment.



What we see:  
Men fighting (?)  
Each dressed differently  
Uneven ground  
A broken Pentacle

*Conflict, disagreements, competition, tension,  
diversity*

In the Tarot, the Fives typically represent conflict and change. You are in the midst of battle, tension, and competition with others. Rather than being able to work towards a common goal, you are running up against constant opposition. It may also encourage diversity and differences of opinion.



What we see:  
Man wearing victory wreath  
Victory wreath on staff  
White horse  
Cheering crowd

*Success, public recognition, progress, self-confidence*

You have reached an important milestone or achieved a significant goal, and you are confident, self-assured, and successful. You are also receiving public acknowledgement for your efforts. Put yourself out there and be proud of what you achieved. Shout your successes from the rooftop and put it all out there for others to see and cheer you on.

VII



What we see:

Man on hill

Fighting off six other wands

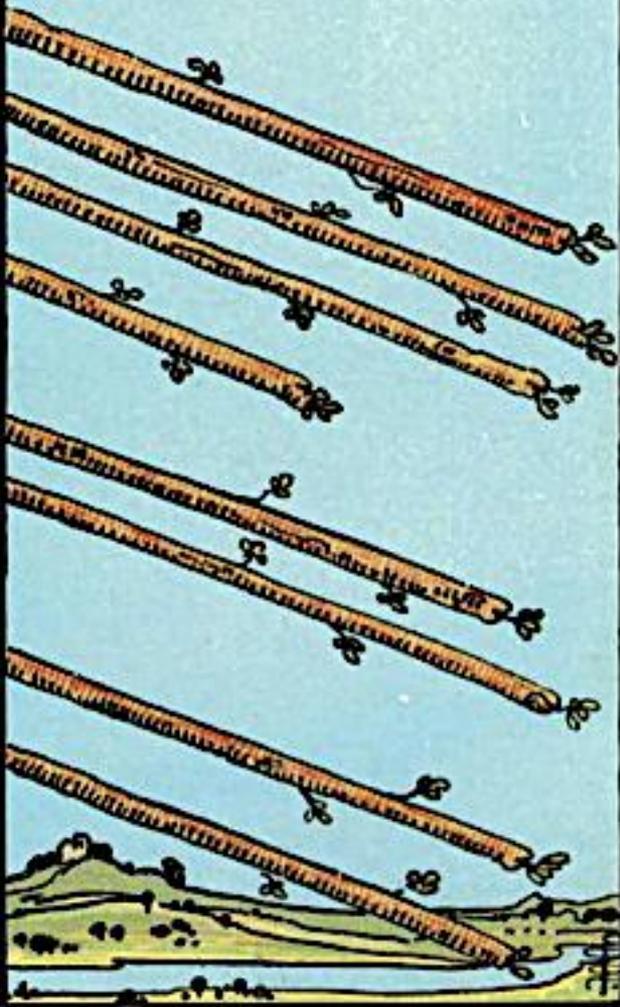
Wearing two different shoes

*Challenge, competition, protection, perseverance*

You have worked hard to get where you are, now you are fighting to maintain your position. You are now in an enviable position and may be challenged by others who want to take your place.

The Seven of Wands can also mean a challenge to the success of a creative project from an external source. Someone or something may get in the way of you being able to pursue your goals and dreams.

VIII



What we see:

Eight wands flying through the air

Heading toward earth

A clear sky

Fertile land and river

*Movement, fast paced change, action, alignment, air travel*

You have the freedom and space to move forward with your plans once again. It is a dynamic card, containing a high level of energy that propels you forward to reach your goals at a much faster pace than ever before.

You can expect to be very busy, but this is one of those 'good busy' periods during which you are enthusiastic about the progress you are making.



What we see:

A weary, wounded soldier stands guard

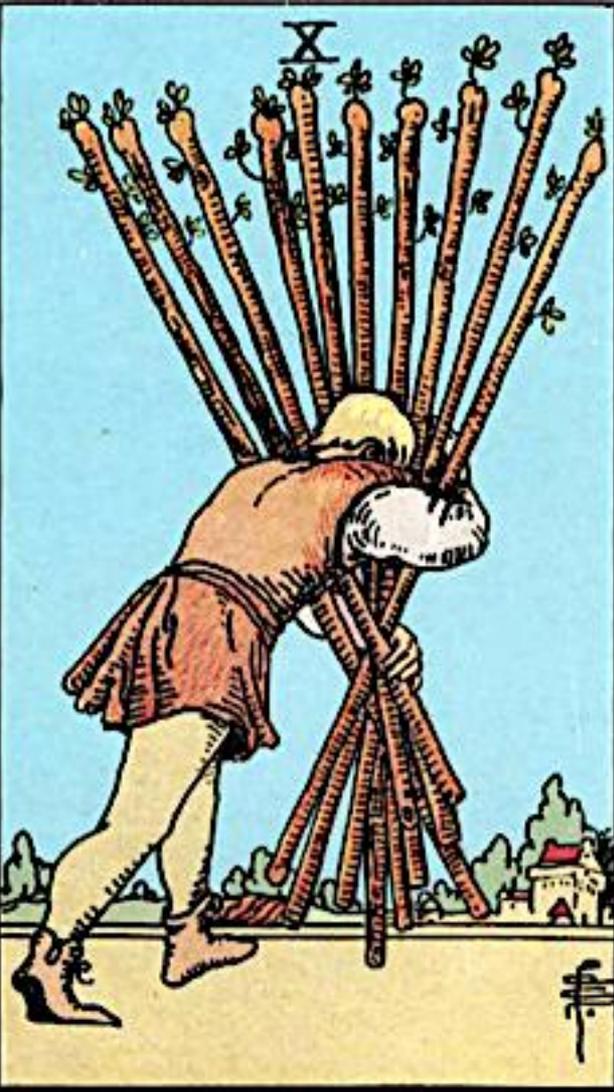
Holding wand

Eight wands create a fence

Mountains

*Resilience, courage, persistence, test of faith,  
wariness*

In the face of adversity, you stand tall and strong.  
You may be on the edge of exhaustion, but you are  
resilient, persistent, and ready to do what it takes to  
get to the finish line. Keep pushing – you are  
almost there.



What we see:

A man carrying ten wands

Struggling to keep them together

A town a short distance away

*Burden, extra responsibility, hard work, completion*

You are taking on an extra burden, a heavier workload, or greater responsibility. Even though it may be weighing you down and making things tougher for you, you understand it is only temporary, so you are willing to put in the hard work now to accomplish your goal and reap the rewards later.



What we see:

Young man gazing at sprouting wand

Feather in cap (ala Fool/Sun/Death)

Salamanders (Fire/Transformation)

Barren mountains landscape (Possibilities)

Feet and staff planted firmly on the ground

*Inspiration, ideas, discovery, limitless potential, free spirit*

You are inclined to give anything and everything a go. You embrace the opportunity to start out on a new journey or project and see where it takes you. You do not necessarily have a solid plan in place, nor do you really know where you are headed, but you are excited about the possibilities. This is the idea phase. You are not ready to move yet.



**KNIGHT of WANDS.**

What we see:  
Knight on horse  
Charging forward  
Salamanders (Fire/Transformation)  
Barren landscape  
Fiery plume on helmet/flames behind

*Energy, passion, inspired action, adventure*

The Knight of Wands shows the pursuit of an idea. You are charged up with energy, passion, motivation, and enthusiasm. You have a clear vision about what you want to create and, fuelled by your passion and inspiration, you are now moving forward with leaps and bounds to turn your vision into reality.



What we see:

Queen holding staff and Sunflower (ala Sun card)

Looking slightly to the right (Future)

Yellow robe (Spirit/Intellect)

Lions facing together and away

Black cat

*Courage, confidence, independence, determination*

You that you are upbeat, courageous, and determined. You are here to see through your creative visions and life purpose, even in the face of adversity and challenge. Highly self-actualised and self-aware, you know how to best channel your strengths and weaknesses to achieve your goals.



What we see:

King leaning forward

Salamanders (Fire Lizards) and lions (Power)

Looking left (Past achievements/Conservatism)

*Natural-born leader, vision, entrepreneur, honor*

The King of Wands represents pure fire energy in its masculine form. The King is not interested in dreaming up new ideas and implementing them himself. Instead, he is more inclined to take an idea, then enlist others to help him actualise it.

The King of Wands is a sign that you are stepping into the role of a visionary leader, ready to direct your people towards a common goal.

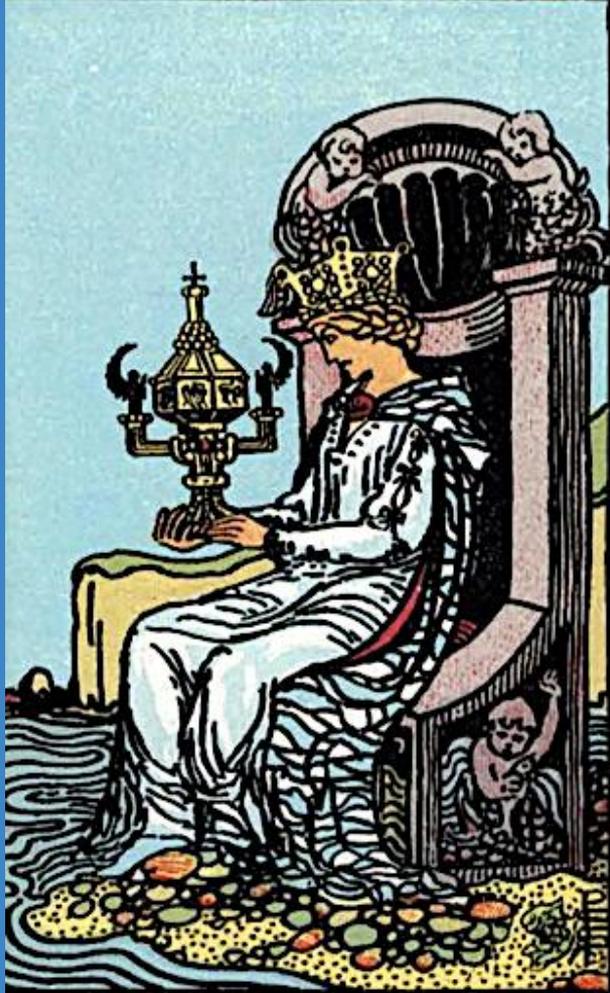
# Significator Cards

A significator card is a way to personalize tarot readings. It represents the querent's general character, personality, current state, or what they are focused on or working through.

Significator cards are usually selected from the Major Arcana or the court cards because those are the cards that represent archetypes and personality types.

There are three ways to choose a Significator card:

1. Have the querent choose one themselves
2. Choose one that you think best represents the querent
3. Choose a card at random



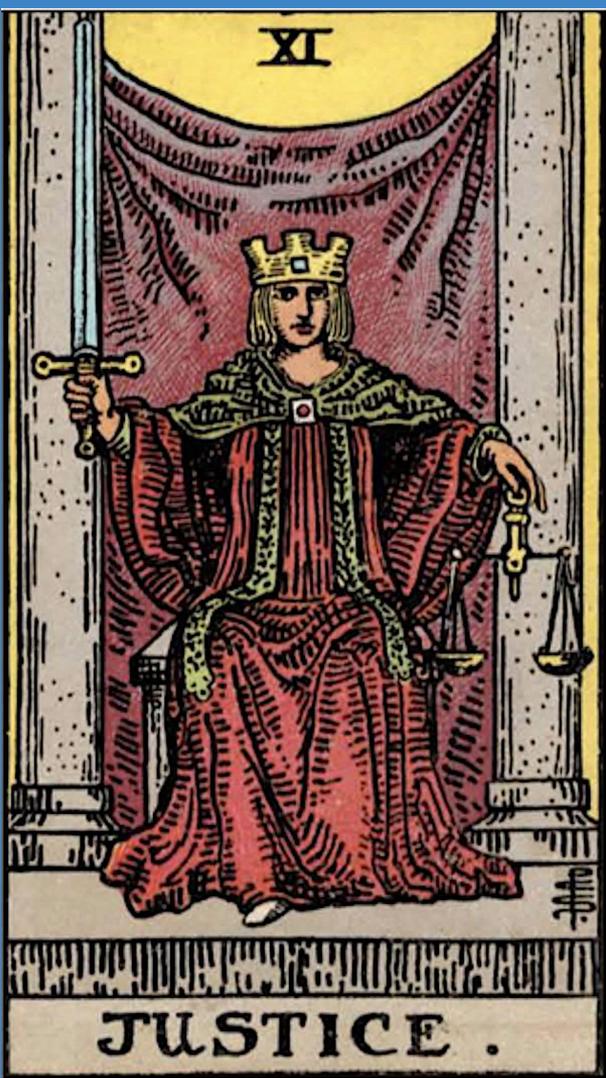
QUEEN of CUPS.



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KING of WANDS



## Significator Cards

Some people, like me, don't use significator cards because the card you choose can no longer come up in the reading. To solve this you can:

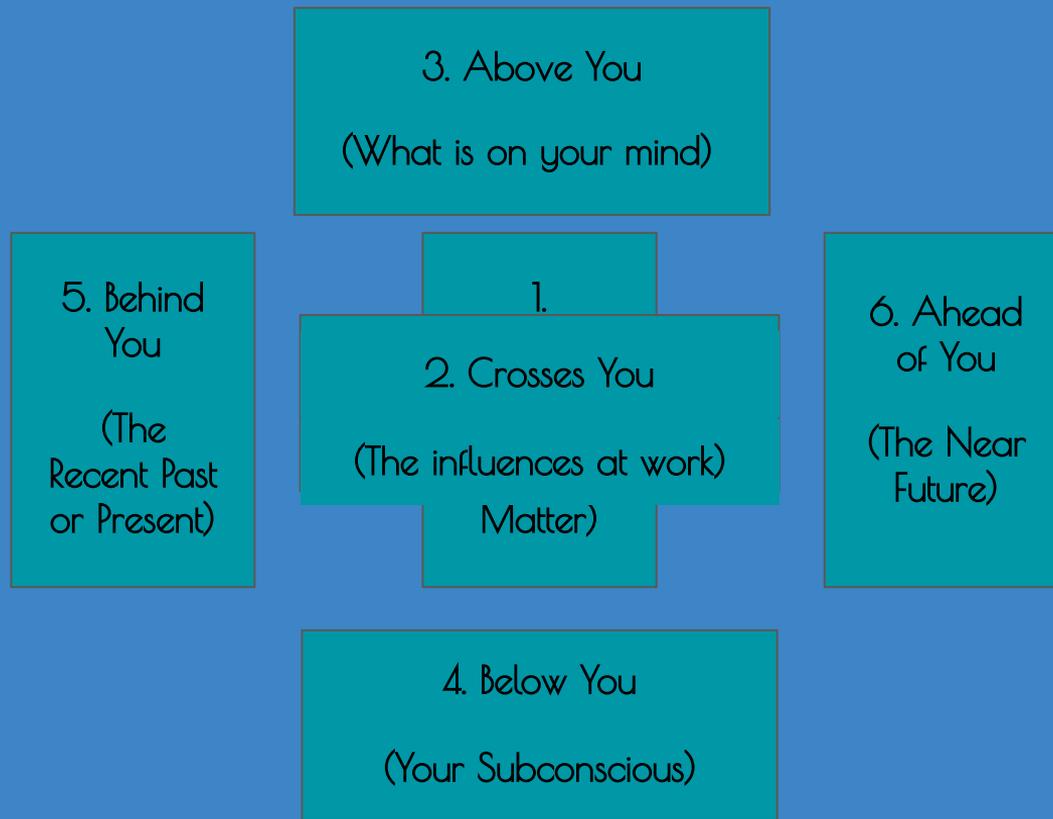
Use a significator card from another deck (if you have one).

Write the person's name on a piece of paper and use it in place of the significator card.

Ask the querent to bring a photo of themselves as the significator.

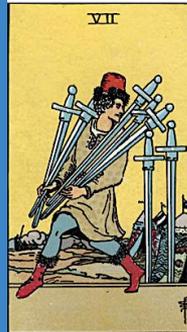
Use a piece of jewelry or other small personal item as the significator.

# The First Six Cards of the Celtic Cross Spread



## Layout of the Cards

1. The heart of the matter
2. The influences at work
3. What's on your mind
4. Your subconscious
5. Recent past/present
6. Near future



- 1. Rapid changes and new ideas. Urgency.
- 2. The end of a cycle - changes are on the horizon.
- 3. You would like to take the next step, but you are not ready yet.
- 4. You have been fooling yourself about something, are afraid to face the facts.
- 5. You are currently feeling uncertain because you don't have all the answers.
- 6. Things that were once unknown will become clear, and you are about to have a period of deep satisfaction.

# Assignment

Using the first six cards of the Celtic Cross spread, explore any areas of your life that you are curious about. If you don't have a question, lay out the cards to see a snapshot of what is going on right now in your life.

Sample Questions:

What will my job look like over the next three months?

What is going on with my relationship?

What should I know about my spiritual path?

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