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Rushing to a decision.

**Reverse:** Sudden collapse of a project, Defeat, Disaster snatched from the jaws of victory, Overwhelmed, Failure.

**Cast member:** Kingsley Shacklebolt



#### CARD VIII, STRENGTH

The triumph of good over evil, Courage, Fortitude, Energy, Determination, Defiance, Innate ability.

**Reverse:** Weakness, Pettiness, Abuse of power, Lack of faith, Succumbing to temptation, Discord.

**Cast member:** Hermione Granger



#### CARD IX, THE HERMIT

Counsel, Knowledge, Prudence, Vigilance, Self-denial, Withdrawal, Tendency to withhold emotion, Meeting with one who will serve as a guide, Possible journey.

**Reverse:** Imprudence, Hastiness, Incorrect advice, Unnecessary delay, Refusal to grow old, Failure caused by dullness.

**Cast member:** Alister Moody



#### CARD X, THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

The Wheel turns in your favor, Unexpected stroke of luck. Turning of the Wheel is eternal and inevitable.

**Reverse:** The Wheel also turns NOT in your favor, Unexpected events, Outside influences not taken into account.

**Cast Members:** None. Traditional allegorical figures and symbolic beasts.



# A POTTERVERSE TAROT



## "Little White Book" Guide to Interpretations

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## Major Arcana

### CARD ZERO, THE FOOL

Thoughtlessness, Inconsideration, Lack of discipline, Enthusiasm, Naivety, Folly. The subject faces a choice.

**Reverse:** Faulty choice or bad decision, Indecision, Negligence.

**Cast member:** Tom Riddle (teenaged)



### CARD I, THE MAGICIAN

Creativity, Flexibility, Ingenuity, Self-reliance, Ability to utilize one's capabilities to accomplish a task. Slight of hand.

**Reverse:** Use of one's skills for destructive ends, Weakness of will, Ineptitude.

**Cast member:** Dean Thomas



### CARD II, THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Wisdom, Sound judgment, Common sense, Emotionlessness, Platonic relationships. Hidden influences at work.

**Reverse:** Ignorance, Shortsightedness, Acceptance of superficial knowledge, Conceit.

**Cast Member:** Minerva McGonagall



### CARD III, THE EMPRESS

Feminine progress, Feminine influence, Ability to motivate others, Fruitfulness, Accomplishment, Female authority.

**Reverse:** Vacillation, Inaction, Lack of Concentration, Lack of interest, Frittering away of resources, Possibility of strife.

**Cast member:** Molly Weasley (young)

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Worldly power, Indomitable spirit, Confidence, Leadership, Patriarchal authority, Attainment of goals, Tendency towards war-making.

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**CARD XX, THE LAST JUDGMENT**

Awakening, Renewal, Atonement, The need to repent and forgive, The moment to account for the manner in which one has used one's opportunities, Actions must be considered as to how they affect others.

**Reverse:** Fear of Death, Failure to find happiness in old age, Failure to face facts, Alienation of affection, possible loss of worldly goods.

**Cast members:** None. Traditional allegorical figures.

**CARD XXI, THE WORLD**

Completion, Triumph in all undertakings, Attachment, Fulfillment, Admiration, The end result of all efforts, The rewards that come from hard work, Synthesis.

**Reverse:** Imperfection, Failure to complete the task one starts, Lack of vision, Fear of change, Refusal to learn life's lessons.

**Cast member:** Ginny Weasley

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Gossip, or bearer of bad news, a person who could break your heart.

**Cast member:** Xenophilius Lovegood

**KNIGHT**

Departure, Advancement into the unknown, Alteration, Flight, Absence, Change of residence.

**Reverse:** Discord, Interruption, Unexpected change, Quarreling, Breakup of personal relationships, Rupture.

**Cast member:** Remus Lupin

**QUEEN**

Sympathetic and understanding person, Possessed of both charm and grace, Capable of meaningful expression and love, Gracious hostess, Sincere interest in others.

**Reverse:** Jealousy, Deceit, Possible infidelity, Unstable emotions, Or virtuous but strict, economical of affection, Fickleness, Opposition.

**Cast member:** Amelia Bones

**KING**

Conscientious, Mature, Wise, Sympathetic, Educated.

**Reverse:** Severe, Austere, Somewhat excessive and exaggerated ideas, Dogmatic and deliberate.

**Cast member:** Mr Ollivander

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**CARD XI, JUSTICE**

Equity, Virtue, Honor, Just rewards, An outcome which is fair whether favorable or unfavorable for the person concerned, Legal aspects of money matters, Elimination of useless outworn forms of education.

**Reverse:** Legal complications, Injustice, Bigotry, Excessive severity, False accusations.

**Cast member:** Andromeda Tonks

**CARD XII, THE HANGED MAN**

Surrender to higher authority, Suspended decisions, Transition, Change, Reversal of one's mind and way of life, Sacrifice, Repentance, In passive sense apathy.

**Reverse:** Lack of sacrifice or useless sacrifice, Unwillingness to make necessary effort, Preoccupation with the ego, Arrogance, False prophecy.

**Cast member:** Draco Malfoy

**CARD XIII, DEATH**

Transformation, Rebirth and renewal, Clearing away of the old to make place for the new, Unexpected change, Ending of the familiar whether in situation or friendship, A possible illness, Beginning of a new era.

**Reverse:** Stagnation and inertia, Partial change, Narrowly avoiding a serious accident.

**Cast member:** None. Traditional allegorical figure

**CARD XIV, TEMPERANCE**

Good management, Adaptability, Moderation, Patience,

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**Minor Arcana****Staves**

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**ACE**

Creation or invention, Start of an undertaking or family, Fortune, Adventure, Inheritance, Beginning of a meaningful experience.

**Reverse:** False start, Cloudy outlook, Unrealized goal, Empty existence, Cancellation of plans.

Staves (or Wands) are traditionally equated with the suit of Clubs in a standard player's deck. There is debate as to whether the element represented is Air, or Fire.

**TWO**

Attainment of goals and needs, Courage in undertakings, A dominant personality, maturity and competence.

**Reverse:** Sadness, Loss of faith, Restraint imposed by others, Physical suffering.

**Cast member:** Nicholas Flamel

**THREE**

Practical knowledge, business acumen, Strength, Enterprise, Negotiations and cooperation, Trade, Practical help from a successful person.

**Reverse:** Assistance offered with ulterior motive, Treachery, Bewary of help offered.

**Cast member:** Albus Dumbledore



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Accomplishment through self-control and frugality, Accommodation, Consolidation, Ability to facilitate successful combinations.

**Reverse:** Discord, Disillusion, Inability to work with others, Inability to understand others, Impatience, Frustration Hostility, Conflict of interest.

**Cast member:** None. Traditional allegorical figure (Are there even angels in the Potterverse?)



#### CARD XV, THE DEVIL

(With apologies to the late Flip Wilson.)

Bondage to one's own worst impulses, Unexpected failure, Inability to realize one's goals, Violence, Malice, Sensation divorced from understanding, Self-punishment, Self-destruction, Clinging to bad outside influences.

**Reverse:** Throwing off the shackles, First steps toward enlightenment, Recognition of one's needs by another person, Overcoming severe handicaps, Beginning of Spiritual understanding.

**Cast members:** Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley



#### CARD XVI, THE TOWER

Complete and sudden overthrow of existing ways of life and ways of thinking, Disruption, Adversity, Misery, Bankruptcy, Abandonment of past relationships, Severance of a friendship, Loss of stability, Loss of security.

**Reverse:** Continued oppression, Following old ways and living in a rut, Inability to affect any worthwhile change, Entrapment in an unhappy situation.

**Cast members:** Albus Dumbledore and Severus Snape



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#### FOUR

The Romance Card; Harmony, newly acquired prosperity, tranquility. The Coming of Romance.

**Reverse:** Loss of tranquility, unfulfilled romance, tarnished beauty, incomplete happiness.

**Cast members:** Lavender Brown and Parvati Patel



#### FIVE

Unsatisfied desires, Struggle, Labor, Violent strife, Strong competition.

**Reverse:** Trickery, Contradictions, Complexity, Disputes, Contractual and legal difficulties.

**Cast members:** Weasley Brothers; Bill, Charlie, Fred, George, and Ron



#### SIX

Conquest, Triumph, Good news, Desires realized as a result of efforts, Advancement.

**Reverse:** Indefinite delay, Fear of a victorious enemy, Disloyalty, Superficial benefit, Inconclusive gain

**Cast Member:** Viktor Krum



#### SEVEN

Man holding his own against difficulties, Stiff competition in business, war, or trade, Success in the face of opposition, Courage in the face of difficulty.

**Reverse:** Consternation, Embarrassment, Indecision, Hesitation causing loss, Doubt.

**Cast member:** Severus Snape

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#### CARD XVII, THE STAR

Hope, Courage, Inspiration, Opportunity, Mixing of past and present, A proper balance of desire and work, Unselfish aid, No destruction is final.

**Reverse:** Unfulfilled hopes, Disappointment, Pessimism, Stubbornness, Conclusion of an unsatisfactory undertaking or friendship.

**Cast member:** Luna Lovegood (younger)



#### CARD XVIII, THE MOON

Intuition, Dreams, Unforeseen perils, Possible bad luck to a loved one, Deception, Secret foes, A bad influence, Insincerity, Ulterior motives.

**Reverse:** Deception recognized before great damage is done, Trifling mistakes, Overcoming bad temptations, Gain either at cost or possibly without, Imagination harnessed by practical considerations.

**Cast members:** Well, it's the traditional howling dog and wolf, but I'll leave you to make up your own mind...



#### CARD XIX, THE SUN

Attainment and material happiness, Good marriage and happy reunions, Achievement, Liberation, Pleasure in the simple life.

**Reverse:** Clouded future, Possible loss of something of value unless vigilance is exerted, Loneliness, Unhappiness, Triumph delayed.

**Cast member:** The Boy Who Lived



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#### EIGHT

Swift Activity. Sudden progress or movement. Speed. Hastily made decisions. Too rapid advancement. Maybe a journey.

**Reverse:** Thorns of dispute. Harassment. Jealousy. Discord. Delay. Stagnation. Domestic quarrels.

**Cast member:** None. Traditional props



#### NINE

Expectation of tribulation, difficulty, and change, Hidden enemies, Deception, Pause in current struggle, Discipline, Order, Anticipation, Preparedness.

**Reverse:** Obstacles, Adversity, Delays, Displeasure, Obstacles to overcome, Ill health.

**Cast member:** Rufus Scrimgeour



#### TEN

Excessive pressures, Problems soon to be resolved. Striving to meet a goal or to maintain a certain level or position, Alternately; power unwisely used.

**Reverse:** Difficulty, Intrigues, Duplicity, Treachery, Lawsuits with poor outlook Separation or emigration.

**Cast member:** Percy Weasley



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Envoy or Emissary, Trusted friend or stranger with good intentions, Bearer of important news.

**Reverse:** Instability, Reluctance, Inability to make decisions,

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soon to be uncovered.

**Cast member:** Colin Creevy



#### KNIGHT

An invitation or opportunity, Advancement, Attraction, Request, Challenge, Proposal, Approach of something new.

**Reverse:** Trickery, Deception, Fraud, Someone capable of swindling, Propositions should be looked into carefully.

**Cast member:** Nymphadora Tonks



#### QUEEN

Honesty, Practicality, Loving intelligence, A warm-hearted and fair person, Devotion, Vision.

**Reverse:** Carelessness of honor, Dishonesty, Unreliability, Vice, Or a woman who is good but perverse.

**Cast member:** Poppy Pomfrey



#### KING

Kindness, Liberality, Generosity, Friendly and well-disposed, Creative intelligence in the arts or sciences.

**Reverse:** Violent artistic temperament, Double-dealing, Scandal, Shiftiness, A crafty person without virtue.

**Cast Member:** Arthur Weasley

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#### KNIGHT

Bravery, Skill, Capacity, Heroic action, Traditionally an impetuous rush into the unknown without fear.

**Reverse:** Incapacity, Imprudence, Dispute or ruin over a woman. Impulsive mistakes, Conceited fool, Simplicity, Braggadocio.

**Cast member:** Harry Potter (age 12)



#### QUEEN

Sharp, quick-witted person, perceptive and subtle, Has known happiness in the past but presently knows Misfortune and reversal. Mourning, Privation, May signify a widow.

**Reverse:** Narrow-mindedness malice, Bigotry, Vengefulness, Deceit, Prudishness, Artifice, A treacherous enemy.

**Cast member:** Rita Skeeter



#### KING

Active and determined, Experienced, Authoritative, Someone proficient in his field. Highly analytical having many ideas thoughts and designs.

**Reverse:** Someone who may pursue a matter to ruin, Cruelty, Selfishness, One who causes unnecessary disturbance and sadness, Perversity.

**Cast member:** Godric Gryffindor

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## Cups

#### ACE

Great abundance, Goodness overflowing, Beauty and pleasure, Productiveness, Fulfillment, Nourishment from spiritual sources.

**Reverse:** Alteration, Erosion, Unrequited love, Instability, False heart, Clouded joy, Overturning of the present state of things.

Cups are traditionally equated with the suit of Hearts in a standard player's deck. The element represented is Water.



#### TWO

Love, Friendship whether beginning or renewed, Passion, Cooperation, Understanding, Partnership.

**Reverse:** Unsatisfactory love, False friendship, Crossed desires, Opposition, Disunion, Misunderstanding, Passion too violent.

**Cast members:** Bill Weasley and Fleur Delacour



#### THREE

Resolution of a problem, Solace, Healing, Compromise, Satisfactory results, Liberality.

**Reverse:** Loss of prestige, Lack of appreciation, Overabundance, Overindulgence in things of the senses, Delays.

**Cast members:** Lavender Brown, Hermione Granger, and Luna Lovegood



#### FOUR

Discontent with situation, dissatisfaction, weariness, disappointment, unhappiness. Reluctance to move on. Contemplation, reevaluation.

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## Swords

#### ACE

Great determination, Initiative, Strength, Force, Activity, Deep emotional feeling, Excessive degree in everything, Championship, Conquest.

**Reverse:** Debacle, Tyranny, Violent temper, Embarrassment, Self-destruction, Unbalanced power.

Swords are traditionally equated with the suit of Spades in a standard player's deck. The continuing debate is over whether it is Swords or Staves which represent the element Fire, (or Air).



#### TWO

Balanced force, Stalemate, A temporary Truce in family matters, Firmness, Concord, Powerlessness.

**Reverse:** Release, Movement in affairs, possibly in the wrong direction, Misrepresentation, False friends, A caution against dealing with rogues.

**Cast member:** Luna Lovegood



#### THREE

Absence, Sorrow, Disappointment, Dispersion, Delay.

**Reverse:** Distraction, Confusion, Disorder, Mistake, Mental anxieties, Incompatibility, A meeting with one whom the subject has compromised.

**Cast member:** None. Traditional symbolic props



#### FOUR

The "Time out" card; Rest from strife, convalescence after illness. Hermit's repose. Retreat.

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**Reverse:** New possibilities, new approach to old problem. New relationships.

**Cast member:** Ron Weasley



#### FIVE

Partial Loss, Regret, Friendship without real meaning, Marriage without real love, Incomplete union, Diminished patrimony, Bitterness and frustration, Rejection of pleasure.

**Reverse:** New alliances, Return of an old friend, Favorable expectations, Affinity.

**Cast member:** Sirius Black



#### SIX

The Nostalgia card; The past and memories, Looking back on childhood things that have vanished, Past influences, Longing, Living in the past, Clinging to outworn symbols and associations.

**Reverse:** Could signify a new beginning, new outlook, new knowledge, new environment, Plans that could fail or soon arrive, Possibly a gift or inheritance from the past.

**Cast members:** Severus Snape and Lily Evans (children)



#### SEVEN

Great dreams, castles in the air, Scattered forces, Fantasy, Imagination, Illusory success, Wishful thinking.

**Reverse:** Desire, Determination, Willpower, A goal nearly attained, Intelligent choices.

**Cast member:** Sybil Trelawney

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**Reverse:** Activity, social unrest, qualified success. Need for precaution, and economy.

**Cast member:** Gilderoy Lockhart



#### FIVE

Conquest/Defeat, Destruction of others, Degradation, Infamy, Dishonor, May betoken a threat to the subject.

**Reverse:** Chance of Loss, Possible misfortune befalling a friend, Uncertain outlook, Seduction, A burial.

**Cast member:** Fenrir Greyback



#### SIX

A trip or journey, Headstrong attempt to overcome difficulties, Expedient manner, Success after Anxiety, Sending someone to represent you in an undertaking.

**Reverse:** Stalemate, Unwanted proposal, No immediate solution to present difficulties, Confession, Declaration.

**Cast member:** Rubeus Hagrid



#### SEVEN

Unstable effort, Partial success, Uncertainty, A plan that may fail, The seeker may find someone trying to make away with what is not his.

**Reverse:** Arguments, Slander, Uncertain counsel or advice, Babbling.

**Cast member:** Peter Pettigrew



#### EIGHT

Impasse. No good options. Crisis. Bad news. Censure. Imprison-

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#### EIGHT

Rejection of an undertaking. Abandonment of present situation. Disappointment. May be walking away from success.

**Reverse:** Happiness. Effort continued until full success is attained. Festivity. Joy. Alternate; abandoning the material for the Spiritual.

**Cast member:** Salazar Slytherin



#### NINE

Difficulties surmounted, Well-being, Material attainment, Good health, Advantage, Abundance, Victory.

**Reverse:** Mistakes, Material loss, Misplaced truth, False freedom, Overindulgence in food and drink.

**Cast member:** Pomona Sprout



#### TEN

Happiness, Honor, Esteem, True friendship, Peace, Love, Family, Heart's desire, Mom and apple pie.

**Reverse:** Family quarrel, Rage, Strife, Opposition, Pettiness, Betrayal, Loss of friendship.

**Cast members:** Harry and Ginny Potter, and family



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A Helpful person, Trustworthy worker, Imaginative and thoughtful, Could signify news, new proposed business methods, the birth of a child.

**Reverse:** Distraction, Deviation, Flattery, Obstacles, Deception

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ment. Other nasty stuff.

**Reverse:** Treachery in the past. Difficulty. Depression. Accident. Alternate; Relaxation from fear. New beginnings possible.

**Cast member:** Marietta Edgecombe



#### NINE

Inability to make a decision in an important matter, Doubt and desolation, Anxiety over a loved one, Despair, Suffering.

**Reverse:** Imprisonment Doubt, Suspicion, Shame, Reasonable fear.

**Cast member:** Narcissa Malfoy



#### TEN

The Calamity card; Ruin, Pain, Affliction, The end of a disillusion, Desolation, Grief, Comprehensive failure.

**Reverse:** Advantage profit or power — none permanent, Temporary improvement, Momentary gain, Passing success.

**Cast member:** Lucius Malfoy



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A person adept at perceiving discerning and uncovering the unknown or what is less than obvious, Vigilance, Agility, Insight. Spying.

**Reverse:** Powerlessness in the face of stronger forces, Lack of preparation, An impostor revealed, Possible illness.

**Cast member:** Severus Snape (teenaged)



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**KNIGHT**

A Mature and responsible person, Ability to conclude a task, Utility, Patience, Methodical habits, Laborious and organized.

**Reverse:** Idleness, Stagnation, Limits set by dogmatic views, Narrow-mindedness, Lack of determination or direction.

**Cast member:** Aberforth Dumbledore

**QUEEN**

Prosperity and well-being, Generosity, Security, Dignity, Intelligent and thoughtful, A creator on the physical plane, Uses talents well.

**Reverse:** False prosperity, Responsibilities neglected, Viciousness, Suspicion, Mistrust of others, Fear of failure.

**Cast member:** Augusta Longbottom

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A experienced and successful leader, Business acumen and mathematical ability, Ability to acquire money and valuable possessions, Wise investments, Loyal friend.

**Reverse:** Corruption, Use of any means to a desired end, Peril, Danger, Thriftlessness, Avarice, Unfaithfulness, Perverse use of talents, An old and vicious man.

**Cast member:** Ragnok, Director of Gringotts

**Coins****ACE**

Perfect Attainment, Felicity, Wealth, Treasured possessions, The combination of material and spiritual prosperity.

**Reverse:** Prosperity without happiness, Misused wealth, Corruption by money, Waste, Miserliness, Greed.

Coins are traditionally equated with the suit of Diamonds in a standard player's deck. The element represented is Earth. I have chosen to use the variant name for the suit, of Coins, rather than Pentacles, but one of the cards nevertheless depicts the traditional version.

**TWO**

Agility in the midst of change, Agility in handling situations, A project which is difficult to launch, Difficulty ahead, Worry, Embarrassment.

**Reverse:** Inability to handle two opposing situations at once, Messages, Forced enjoyment, Simulated pleasure.

**Cast member:** Dobby

**THREE**

Skill and Mastery, Artistic ability, Dignity, Renown, A card of construction.

**Reverse:** Sloppiness and mediocrity, Low quality, Common-place ideas, Money problems, pettiness..

**Cast member:** Filius Flitwick

**FOUR**

Clinging to material possessions. Love of earthly power. May

indicate a miserly, ungenerous character.

**Reverse:** Setbacks in material holdings, opposition to further gain. Loss of earthly possessions.

**Cast member:** Dolores Umbridge



**FIVE**

Loneliness, Destitution, Spiritual impoverishment, Material troubles, Possibly love gone astray.

**Reverse:** New interest in matters, Reversal of a bad trend, Overcoming ruin.

**Cast member:** Unnamed teenaged werewolves



**SIX**

Prosperity shared, Philanthropy, Alms dispensed with justice.

**Reverse:** Unfairness in business, Bad debt, Avarice, Jealousy.

**Cast member:** Justin Finch-Fletchley (and his mother)



**SEVEN**

Ingenuity, Growth through hard work, Maintaining business whether through money, barter, or loan, Gain through long sustained effort.

**Reverse:** Anxiety, Impatience, Loss, Imprudent actions, Unwise investments.

**Cast member:** Neville Longbottom



**EIGHT**

Apprenticeship. Skill in material affairs. Quickness to learn. Skill in both handiwork and business — even the preparatory stage. Em-

ployment or commission to come.

**Reverse:** Lack of ambition. Voided ambition. Unethical application of skill.

**Cast members:** Hogwarts Elves



**NINE**

Discretion, Foresight, Prudence and safety, Material well-being, Love of nature, Solitary enjoyment of the good things in life.

**Reverse:** Roguery, Bad faith, Dissipation, Voided project, Threat to safety, Storms, Possible loss of treasured possessions home or friendship.

**Cast member:** Queen of the Merrows of Black Lake



**TEN**

An established family of material prosperity and lineage, Inheritance, Possibly money spent on home or business.

**Reverse:** Poor risk, Bad odds, Family misfortune or loss of family honor, Chance loss of inheritance.

**Cast member:** Phineus Nigelus Black, and part of his extended family



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Scholarship, Respect of knowledge, Desire for learning, Deep concentration and application, Do-gooder, Bearer of news.

**Reverse:** Unrealistic person, Failure to recognize obvious facts, Dissipation of ideas, Illogical thinking, Rebelliousness, Waste-fulness, Unfavorable news.

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Major Arcana

CARD ZERO, THE FOOL

Thoughtlessness, Inconsideration, Lack of discipline, Enthusiasm, Naivety, Folly. The subject faces a choice.

**Reverse:** Faulty choice or bad decision, Indecision, Negligence.

**Cast member:** Tom Riddle (teenaged)



CARD I, THE MAGICIAN

Creativity, Flexibility, Ingenuity, Self-reliance, Ability to utilize one's capabilities to accomplish a task. Slight of hand.

**Reverse:** Use of one's skills for destructive ends, Weakness of will, Ineptitude.

**Cast member:** Dean Thomas



CARD II, THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Wisdom, Sound judgment, Common sense, Emotionlessness, Platonic relationships. Hidden influences at work.

**Reverse:** Ignorance, Shortsightedness, Acceptance of superficial knowledge, Conceit.

**Cast Member:** Minerva McGonagall



CARD III, THE EMPRESS

Feminine progress, Feminine influence, Ability to motivate others, Fruitfulness, Accomplishment, Female authority.

**Reverse:** Vacillation, Inaction, Lack of Concentration, Lack of interest, Frittering away of resources, Possibility of strife.

**Cast member:** Molly Weasley (young)

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Rushing to a decision.

**Reverse:** Sudden collapse of a project, Defeat, Disaster snatched from the jaws of victory, Overwhelmed, Failure.

**Cast member:** Kingsley Shacklebolt



CARD VIII, STRENGTH

The triumph of good over evil, Courage, Fortitude, Energy, Determination, Defiance, Innate ability.

**Reverse:** Weakness, Pettiness, Abuse of power, Lack of faith, Succumbing to temptation, Discord.

**Cast member:** Hermione Granger



CARD IX, THE HERMIT

Counsel, Knowledge, Prudence, Vigilance, Self-denial, Withdrawal, Tendency to withhold emotion, Meeting with one who will serve as a guide, Possible journey.

**Reverse:** Imprudence, Hastiness, Incorrect advice, Unnecessary delay, Refusal to grow old, Failure caused by dullness.

**Cast member:** Alistor Moody



CARD X, THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

The Wheel turns in your favor, Unexpected stroke of luck. Turning of the Wheel is eternal and inevitable.

**Reverse:** The Wheel also turns NOT in your favor, Unexpected events, Outside influences not taken into account.

**Cast Members:** None. Traditional allegorical figures and symbolic beasts.



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ployment or commission to come.

**Reverse:** Lack of ambition. Voided ambition. Unethical application of skill.

**Cast members:** Hogwarts Elves



NINE

Discretion, Foresight, Prudence and safety, Material well-being, Love of nature, Solitary enjoyment of the good things in life.

**Reverse:** Roguery, Bad faith, Dissipation, Voided project, Threat to safety, Storms, Possible loss of treasured possessions home or friendship.

**Cast member:** Queen of the Merrows of Black Lake



TEN

An established family of material prosperity and lineage, Inheritance, Possibly money spent on home or business.

**Reverse:** Poor risk, Bad odds, Family misfortune or loss of family honor, Chance loss of inheritance.

**Cast member:** Phineus Nigelus Black, and part of his extended family



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Scholarship, Respect of knowledge, Desire for learning, Deep concentration and application, Do-gooder, Bearer of news.

**Reverse:** Unrealistic person, Failure to recognize obvious facts, Dissipation of ideas, Illogical thinking, Rebelliousness, Waste-fulness, Unfavorable news.

**Cast member:** Centaur of the Forbidden Forest

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Coins

ACE

Perfect Attainment, Felicity, Wealth, Treasured possessions, The combination of material and spiritual prosperity.

**Reverse:** Prosperity without happiness, Misused wealth, Corruption by money, Waste, Miserliness, Greed.

Coins are traditionally equated with the suit of Diamonds in a standard player's deck. The element represented is Earth. I have chosen to use the variant name for the suit, of Coins, rather than Pentacles, but one of the cards nevertheless depicts the traditional version.



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Agility in the midst of change, Agility in handling situations, A project which is difficult to launch, Difficulty ahead, Worry, Embarrassment.

**Reverse:** Inability to handle two opposing situations at once, Messages, Forced enjoyment, Simulated pleasure.

**Cast member:** Dobby



THREE

Skill and Mastery, Artistic ability, Dignity, Renown, A card of construction.

**Reverse:** Sloppiness and mediocrity, Low quality, Common-place ideas, Money problems, pettiness..

**Cast member:** Filius Flitwick



FOUR

Clinging to material possessions. Love of earthly power. May

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**KNIGHT**

Bravery, Skill, Capacity, Heroic action, Traditionally an impetuous rush into the unknown without fear.

**Reverse:** Incapacity, Imprudence, Dispute or ruin over a woman. Impulsive mistakes, Conceited fool, Simplicity, Braggadocio.

**Cast member:** Harry Potter (age 12)

**QUEEN**

Sharp, quick-witted person, perceptive and subtle, Has known happiness in the past but presently knows Misfortune and reversal. Mourning, Privation, May signify a widow.

**Reverse:** Narrow-mindedness malice, Bigotry, Vengefulness, Deceit, Prudishness, Artifice, A treacherous enemy.

**Cast member:** Rita Skeeter

**KING**

Active and determined, Experienced, Authoritative, Someone proficient in his field. Highly analytical having many ideas thoughts and designs.

**Reverse:** Someone who may pursue a matter to ruin, Cruelty, Selfishness, One who causes unnecessary disturbance and sadness, Perversity.

**Cast member:** Godric Gryffindor

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**Reverse:** Activity, social unrest, qualified success. Need for precaution, and economy.

**Cast member:** Gilderoy Lockhart

**FIVE**

Conquest/Defeat, Destruction of others, Degradation, Infamy, Dishonor, May betoken a threat to the subject.

**Reverse:** Chance of Loss, Possible misfortune befalling a friend, Uncertain outlook, Seduction, A burial.

**Cast member:** Fenrir Greyback

**SIX**

A trip or journey, Headstrong attempt to overcome difficulties, Expedient manner, Success after Anxiety, Sending someone to represent you in an undertaking.

**Reverse:** Stalemate, Unwanted proposal, No immediate solution to present difficulties, Confession, Declaration.

**Cast member:** Rubeus Hagrid

**SEVEN**

Unstable effort, Partial success, Uncertainty, A plan that may fail, The seeker may find someone trying to make away with what is not his.

**Reverse:** Arguments, Slander, Uncertain counsel or advice, Babbling.

**Cast member:** Peter Pettigrew

**EIGHT**

Impasse. No good options. Crisis. Bad news. Censure. Imprison

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**CARD XI, JUSTICE**

Equity, Virtue, Honor, Just rewards, An outcome which is fair whether favorable or unfavorable for the person concerned, Legal aspects of money matters, Elimination of useless outworn forms of education.

**Reverse:** Legal complications, Injustice, Bigotry, Excessive severity, False accusations.

**Cast member:** Andromeda Tonks

**CARD XII, THE HANGED MAN**

Surrender to higher authority, Suspended decisions, Transition, Change, Reversal of one's mind and way of life, Sacrifice, Repentance, In passive sense apathy.

**Reverse:** Lack of sacrifice or useless sacrifice, Unwillingness to make necessary effort, Preoccupation with the ego, Arrogance, False prophecy.

**Cast member:** Draco Malfoy

**CARD XIII, DEATH**

Transformation, Rebirth and renewal, Clearing away of the old to make place for the new, Unexpected change, Ending of the familiar whether in situation or friendship, A possible illness, Beginning of a new era.

**Reverse:** Stagnation and inertia, Partial change, Narrowly avoiding a serious accident.

**Cast member:** None. Traditional allegorical figure

**CARD XIV, TEMPERANCE**

Good management, Adaptability, Moderation, Patience,

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**CARD XVII, THE STAR**

Hope, Courage, Inspiration, Opportunity, Mixing of past and present, A proper balance of desire and work, Unselfish aid, No destruction is final.

**Reverse:** Unfulfilled hopes, Disappointment, Pessimism, Stubbornness, Conclusion of an unsatisfactory undertaking or friendship.

**Cast member:** Luna Lovegood (younger)

**CARD XVIII, THE MOON**

Intuition, Dreams, Unforeseen perils, Possible bad luck to a loved one, Deception, Secret foes, A bad influence, Insincerity, Ulterior motives.

**Reverse:** Deception recognized before great damage is done, Trifling mistakes, Overcoming bad temptations, Gain either at cost or possibly without, Imagination harnessed by practical considerations.

**Cast members:** Well, it's the traditional howling dog and wolf, but I'll leave you to make up your own mind...

**CARD XIX, THE SUN**

Attainment and material happiness, Good marriage and happy reunions, Achievement, Liberation, Pleasure in the simple life.

**Reverse:** Clouded future, Possible loss of something of value unless vigilance is exerted, Loneliness, Unhappiness, Triumph delayed.

**Cast member:** The Boy Who Lived



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Accomplishment through self-control and frugality, Accommodation, Consolidation, Ability to facilitate successful combinations.

**Reverse:** Discord, Disillusion, Inability to work with others, Inability to understand others, Impatience, Frustration Hostility, Conflict of interest.

**Cast member:** None. Traditional allegorical figure (Are there even angels in the Potterverse?)



#### CARD XV, THE DEVIL

(With apologies to the late Flip Wilson.)

Bondage to one's own worst impulses, Unexpected failure, Inability to realize one's goals, Violence, Malice, Sensation divorced from understanding, Self-punishment, Self-destruction, Clinging to bad outside influences.

**Reverse:** Throwing off the shackles, First steps toward enlightenment, Recognition of one's needs by another person, Overcoming severe handicaps, Beginning of Spiritual understanding.

**Cast members:** Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley



#### CARD XVI, THE TOWER

Complete and sudden overthrow of existing ways of life and ways of thinking, Disruption, Adversity, Misery, Bankruptcy, Abandonment of past relationships, Severance of a friendship, Loss of stability, Loss of security.

**Reverse:** Continued oppression, Following old ways and living in a rut, Inability to affect any worthwhile change, Entrapment in an unhappy situation.

**Cast members:** Albus Dumbledore and Severus Snape



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#### CARD XX, THE LAST JUDGMENT

Awakening, Renewal, Atonement, The need to repent and forgive, The moment to account for the manner in which one has used one's opportunities, Actions must be considered as to how they affect others.

**Reverse:** Fear of Death, Failure to find happiness in old age, Failure to face facts, Alienation of affection, possible loss of worldly goods.

**Cast members:** None. Traditional allegorical figures.



#### CARD XXI, THE WORLD

Completion, Triumph in all undertakings, Attachment, Fulfillment, Admiration, The end result of all efforts, The rewards that come from hard work, Synthesis.

**Reverse:** Imperfection, Failure to complete the task one starts, Lack of vision, Fear of change, Refusal to learn life's lessons.

**Cast member:** Ginny Weasley

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ment. Other nasty stuff.

**Reverse:** Treachery in the past. Difficulty. Depression. Accident. Alternate; Relaxation from fear. New beginnings possible.

**Cast member:** Marietta Edgecombe



#### NINE

Inability to make a decision in an important matter, Doubt and desolation, Anxiety over a loved one, Despair, Suffering.

**Reverse:** Imprisonment Doubt, Suspicion, Shame, Reasonable fear.

**Cast member:** Narcissa Malfoy



#### TEN

The Calamity card; Ruin, Pain, Affliction, The end of a disillusion, Desolation, Grief, Comprehensive failure.

**Reverse:** Advantage profit or power — none permanent, Temporary improvement, Momentary gain, Passing success.

**Cast member:** Lucius Malfoy



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A person adept at perceiving discerning and uncovering the unknown or what is less than obvious, Vigilance, Agility, Insight. Spying.

**Reverse:** Powerlessness in the face of stronger forces, Lack of preparation, An impostor revealed, Possible illness.

**Cast member:** Severus Snape (teenaged)



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## Swords

#### ACE

Great determination, Initiative, Strength, Force, Activity, Deep emotional feeling, Excessive degree in everything, Championship, Conquest.

**Reverse:** Debacle, Tyranny, Violent temper, Embarrassment, Self-destruction, Unbalanced power.

Swords are traditionally equated with the suit of Spades in a standard player's deck. The continuing debate is over whether it is Swords or Staves which represent the element Fire, (or Air).



#### TWO

Balanced force, Stalemate, A temporary Truce in family matters, Firmness, Concord, Powerlessness.

**Reverse:** Release, Movement in affairs, possibly in the wrong direction, Misrepresentation, False friends, A caution against dealing with rogues.

**Cast member:** Luna Lovegood



#### THREE

Absence, Sorrow, Disappointment, Dispersion, Delay.

**Reverse:** Distraction, Confusion, Disorder, Mistake, Mental anxieties, Incompatibility, A meeting with one whom the subject has compromised.

**Cast member:** None. Traditional symbolic props



#### FOUR

The "Time out" card; Rest from strife, convalescence after illness. Hermit's repose. Retreat.

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soon to be uncovered.

**Cast member:** Colin Creevy



#### KNIGHT

An invitation or opportunity, Advancement, Attraction, Request, Challenge, Proposal, Approach of something new.

**Reverse:** Trickery, Deception, Fraud, Someone capable of swindling, Propositions should be looked into carefully.

**Cast member:** Nymphadora Tonks



#### QUEEN

Honesty, Practicality, Loving intelligence, A warm-hearted and fair person, Devotion, Vision.

**Reverse:** Carelessness of honor, Dishonesty, Unreliability, Vice, Or a woman who is good but perverse.

**Cast member:** Poppy Pomfrey



#### KING

Kindness, Liberality, Generosity, Friendly and well-disposed, Creative intelligence in the arts or sciences.

**Reverse:** Violent artistic temperament, Double-dealing, Scandal, Shiftiness, A crafty person without virtue.

**Cast Member:** Arthur Weasley

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**Reverse:** New possibilities, new approach to old problem. New relationships.

**Cast member:** Ron Weasley



#### FIVE

Partial Loss, Regret, Friendship without real meaning, Marriage without real love, Incomplete union, Diminished patrimony, Bitterness and frustration, Rejection of pleasure.

**Reverse:** New alliances, Return of an old friend, Favorable expectations, Affinity.

**Cast member:** Sirius Black



#### SIX

The Nostalgia card; The past and memories, Looking back on childhood things that have vanished, Past influences, Longing, Living in the past, Clinging to outworn symbols and associations.

**Reverse:** Could signify a new beginning, new outlook, new knowledge, new environment, Plans that could fail or soon arrive, Possibly a gift or inheritance from the past.

**Cast members:** Severus Snape and Lily Evans (children)



#### SEVEN

Great dreams, castles in the air, Scattered forces, Fantasy, Imagination, Illusory success, Wishful thinking.

**Reverse:** Desire, Determination, Willpower, A goal nearly attained, Intelligent choices.

**Cast member:** Sybil Trelawney

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### Minor Arcana

#### Staves

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#### ACE

Creation or invention, Start of an undertaking or family, Fortune, Adventure, Inheritance, Beginning of a meaningful experience.

**Reverse:** False start, Cloudy outlook, Unrealized goal, Empty existence, Cancellation of plans.

Staves (or Wands) are traditionally equated with the suit of Clubs in a standard player's deck. There is debate as to whether the element represented is Air, or Fire.



#### TWO

Attainment of goals and needs, Courage in undertakings, A dominant personality, maturity and competence.

**Reverse:** Sadness, Loss of faith, Restraint imposed by others, Physical suffering.

**Cast member:** Nicholas Flamel



#### THREE

Practical knowledge, business acumen, Strength, Enterprise, Negotiations and cooperation, Trade, Practical help from a successful person.

**Reverse:** Assistance offered with ulterior motive, Treachery, Be wary of help offered.

**Cast member:** Albus Dumbledore



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#### EIGHT

Swift Activity. Sudden progress or movement. Speed. Hastily made decisions. Too rapid advancement. Maybe a journey.

**Reverse:** Thorns of dispute. Harassment. Jealousy. Discord. Delay. Stagnation. Domestic quarrels.

**Cast member:** None. Traditional props



#### NINE

Expectation of tribulation, difficulty, and change, Hidden enemies, Deception, Pause in current struggle, Discipline, Order, Anticipation, Preparedness.

**Reverse:** Obstacles, Adversity, Delays, Displeasure, Obstacles to overcome, Ill health.

**Cast member:** Rufus Scrimgeour



#### TEN

Excessive pressures, Problems soon to be resolved. Striving to meet a goal or to maintain a certain level or position, Alternately; power unwisely used.

**Reverse:** Difficulty, Intrigues, Duplicity, Treachery, Lawsuits with poor outlook Separation or emigration.

**Cast member:** Percy Weasley



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Envoy or Emissary, Trusted friend or stranger with good intentions, Bearer of important news.

**Reverse:** Instability, Reluctance, Inability to make decisions,

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**FOUR**

The Romance Card; Harmony, newly acquired prosperity, tranquility. The Coming of Romance.

**Reverse:** Loss of tranquility, unfulfilled romance, tarnished beauty, incomplete happiness.

**Cast members:** Lavender Brown and Parvati Patel

**FIVE**

Unsatisfied desires, Struggle, Labor, Violent strife, Strong competition.

**Reverse:** Trickery, Contradictions, Complexity, Disputes, Contractual and legal difficulties.

**Cast members:** Weasley Brothers; Bill, Charlie, Fred, George, and Ron

**SIX**

Conquest, Triumph, Good news, Desires realized as a result of efforts, Advancement.

**Reverse:** Indefinite delay, Fear of a victorious enemy, Disloyalty, Superficial benefit, Inconclusive gain

**Cast Member:** Viktor Krum

**SEVEN**

Man holding his own against difficulties, Stiff competition in business, war, or trade, Success in the face of opposition, Courage in the face of difficulty.

**Reverse:** Consternation, Embarrassment, Indecision, Hesitation causing loss, Doubt.

**Cast member:** Severus Snape

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Gossip, or bearer of bad news, a person who could break your heart.

**Cast member:** Xenophilius Lovegood

**KNIGHT**

Departure, Advancement into the unknown, Alteration, Flight, Absence, Change of residence.

**Reverse:** Discord, Interruption, Unexpected change, Quarreling, Breakup of personal relationships, Rupture.

**Cast member:** Remus Lupin

**QUEEN**

Sympathetic and understanding person, Possessed of both charm and grace, Capable of meaningful expression and love, Gracious hostess, Sincere interest in others.

**Reverse:** Jealousy, Deceit, Possible infidelity, Unstable emotions, Or virtuous but strict, economical of affection, Fickleness, Opposition.

**Cast member:** Amelia Bones

**KING**

Conscientious, Mature, Wise, Sympathetic, Educated.

**Reverse:** Severe, Austere, Somewhat excessive and exaggerated ideas, Dogmatic and deliberate.

**Cast member:** Mr Ollivander

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**EIGHT**

Rejection of an undertaking. Abandonment of present situation. Disappointment. May be walking away from success.

**Reverse:** Happiness. Effort continued until full success is attained. Festivity. Joy. Alternate; abandoning the material for the Spiritual.

**Cast member:** Salazar Slytherin

**NINE**

Difficulties surmounted, Well-being, Material attainment, Good health, Advantage, Abundance, Victory.

**Reverse:** Mistakes, Material loss, Misplaced truth, False freedom, Overindulgence in food and drink.

**Cast member:** Pomona Sprout

**TEN**

Happiness, Honor, Esteem, True friendship, Peace, Love, Family, Heart's desire, Mom and apple pie.

**Reverse:** Family quarrel, Rage, Strife, Opposition, Pettiness, Betrayal, Loss of friendship.

**Cast members:** Harry and Ginny Potter, and family

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A Helpful person, Trustworthy worker, Imaginative and thoughtful, Could signify news, new proposed business methods, the birth of a child.

**Reverse:** Distraction, Deviation, Flattery, Obstacles, Deception

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**Cups****ACE**

Great abundance, Goodness overflowing, Beauty and pleasure, Productiveness, Fulfillment, Nourishment from spiritual sources.

**Reverse:** Alteration, Erosion, Unrequited love, Instability, False heart, Clouded joy, Overturning of the present state of things.

Cups are traditionally equated with the suit of Hearts in a standard player's deck. The element represented is Water.

**TWO**

Love, Friendship whether beginning or renewed, Passion, Cooperation, Understanding, Partnership.

**Reverse:** Unsatisfactory love, False friendship, Crossed desires, Opposition, Disunion, Misunderstanding, Passion too violent.

**Cast members:** Bill Weasley and Fleur Delacour

**THREE**

Resolution of a problem, Solace, Healing, Compromise, Satisfactory results, Liberality.

**Reverse:** Loss of prestige, Lack of appreciation, Overabundance, Overindulgence in things of the senses, Delays.

**Cast members:** Lavender Brown, Hermione Granger, and Luna Lovegood

**FOUR**

Discontent with situation, dissatisfaction, weariness, disappointment, unhappiness. Reluctance to move on. Contemplation, reevaluation.

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