The 1909 deck

Pamela Colman Smith's 78 cards, ready to print and cut









Pam-A printing, c. 1910 · US Letter · 42 pages

How to print

1. Print at actual size (100%). Turn off "Fit to page" and "Scale to fit". The bar at the foot of this page should measure 50 mm.
2. Print double-sided and flip on the long edge. The fronts are on the odd pages from page 3, the backs on the even pages from page 4. Print one sheet (pages 3 and 4) first to check that the backs line up.
3. For the fronts only, print the odd pages from page 3.
4. Use matte card of 250 to 350 g/m² if your printer takes it, or print on paper and glue it to card.
5. Cut along the lines the cut marks point to. Each card is 70 × 120 mm. The picture runs 3 mm past the cut, so a slightly crooked cut leaves no white edge. A 3 to 4 mm corner punch rounds the corners like the originals.



50 mm

About these cards

The pictures

Pamela Colman Smith (1878–1951) drew the 78 cards in 1909 for Arthur Edward Waite (1857–1942). William Rider & Son of London published them in December 1909. The scans here are of an early printing that collectors call Pam-A, from about 1910.

The scans

Each face is a scan from Wikimedia Commons, from the set uploaded in April 2024 (source: muzendo.jp). We cut away the scanner's white edge and resized each card for print, without retouching or recolouring. The back is a scan of a 1909 card from the collection of Saskia Jansen, also from Wikimedia Commons, turned straight and cut the same way. Faces and back print at 300 dpi.

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Contents

78 cards on 20 sheets, in deck order: the 22 trumps from the Fool to the World, then wands, cups, swords and pentacles, each from ace to king. Four cards to a sheet, 70 × 120 mm each, about the size of the 1909 cards.

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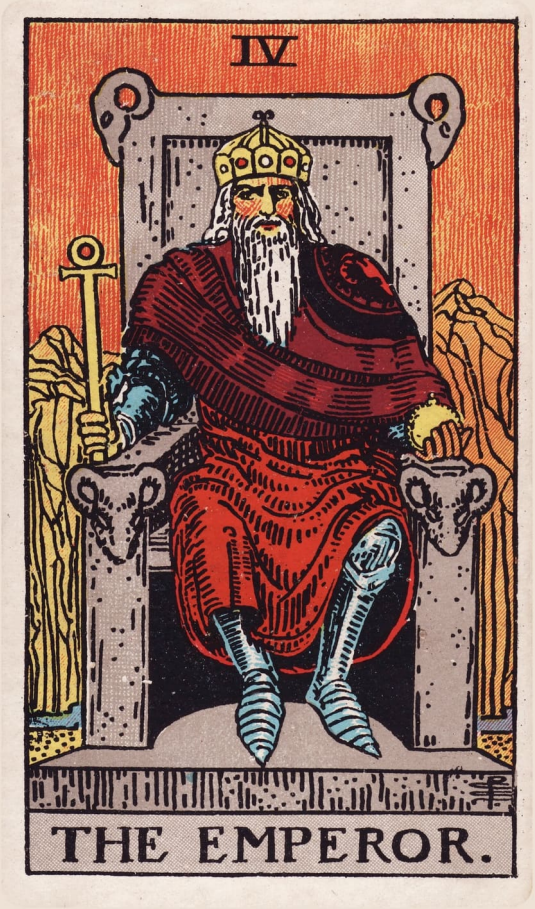


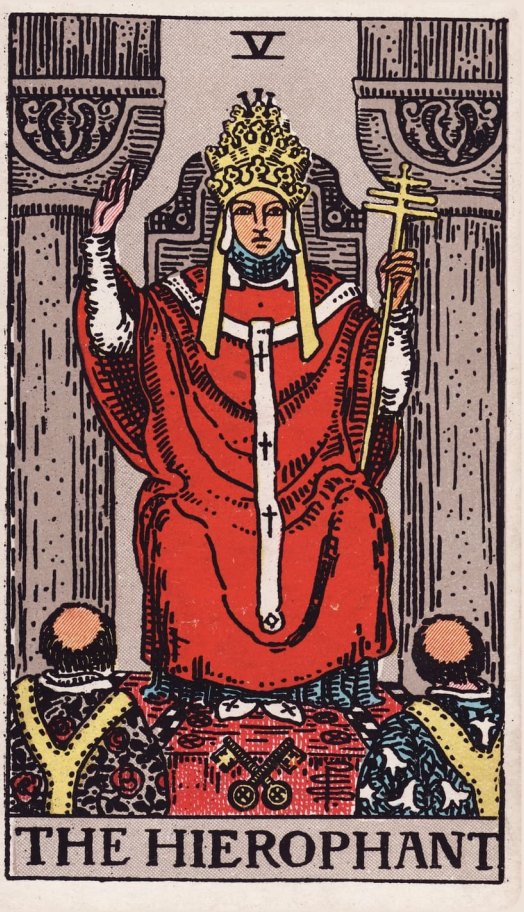


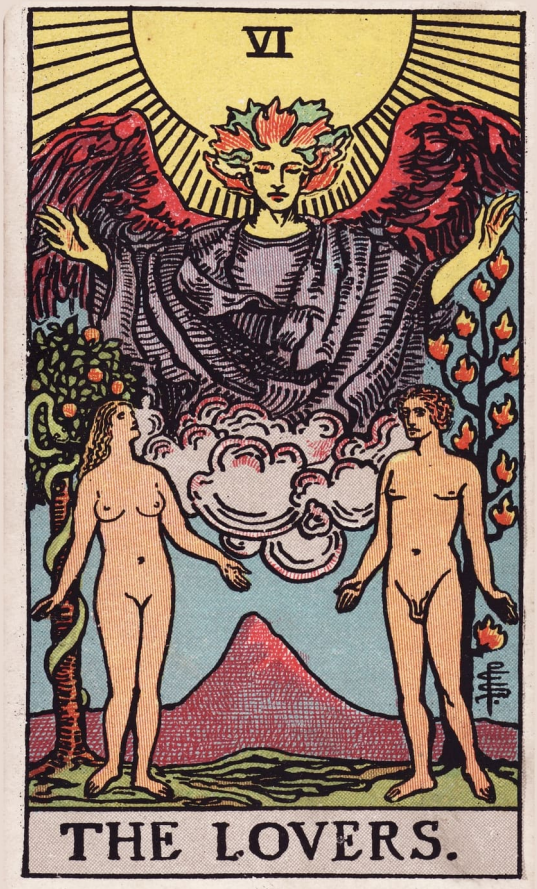


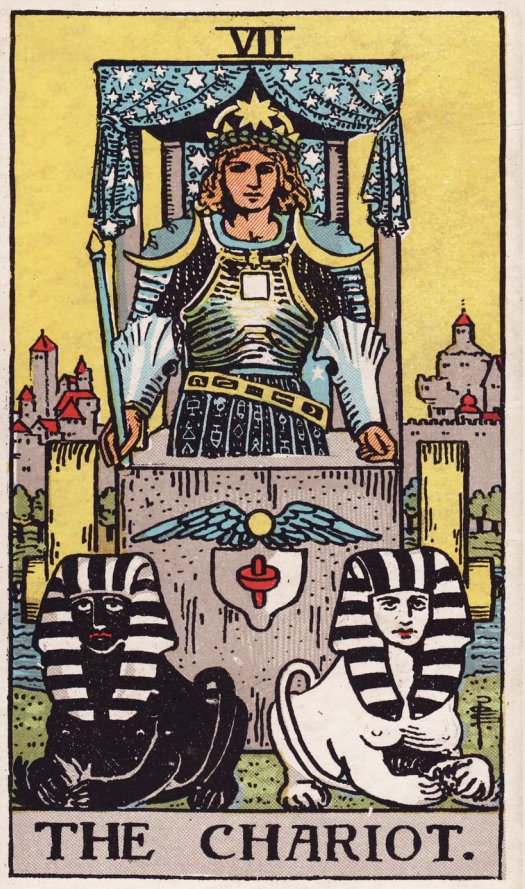


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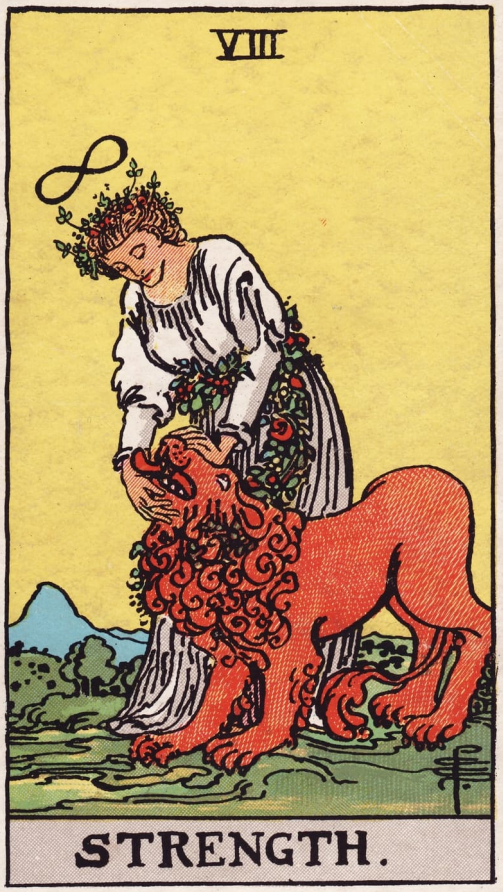


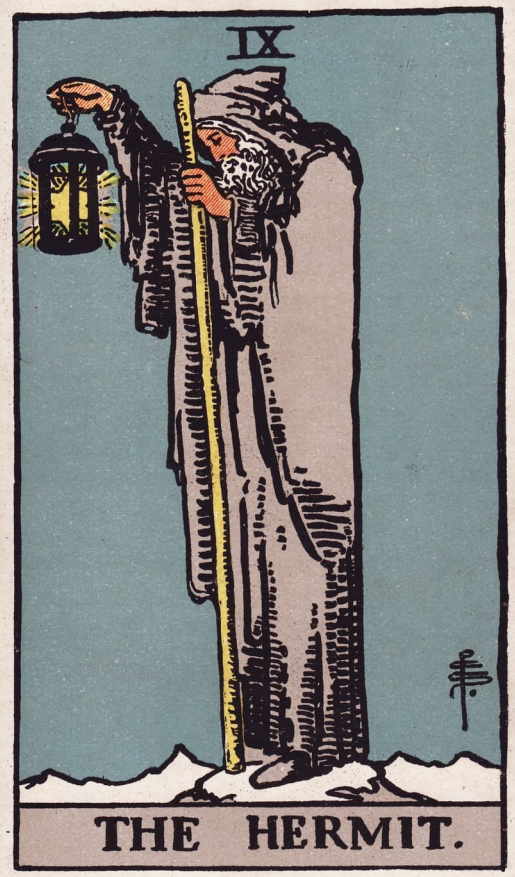


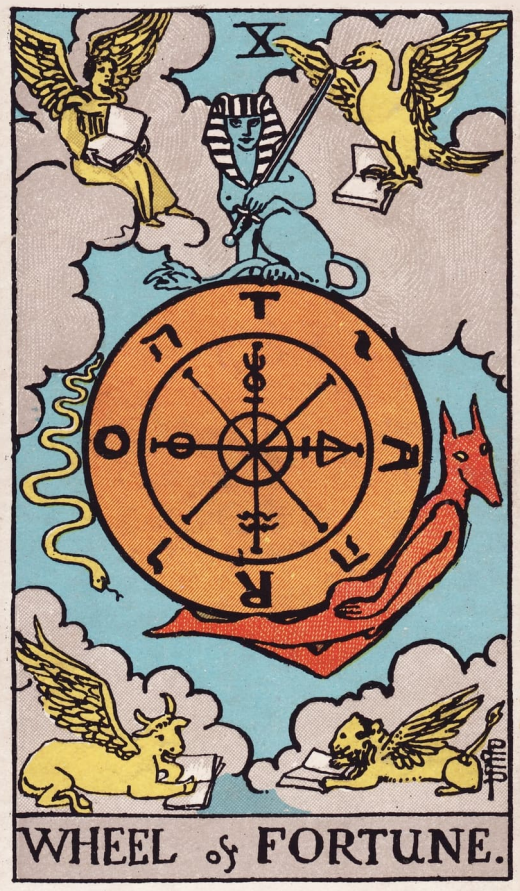


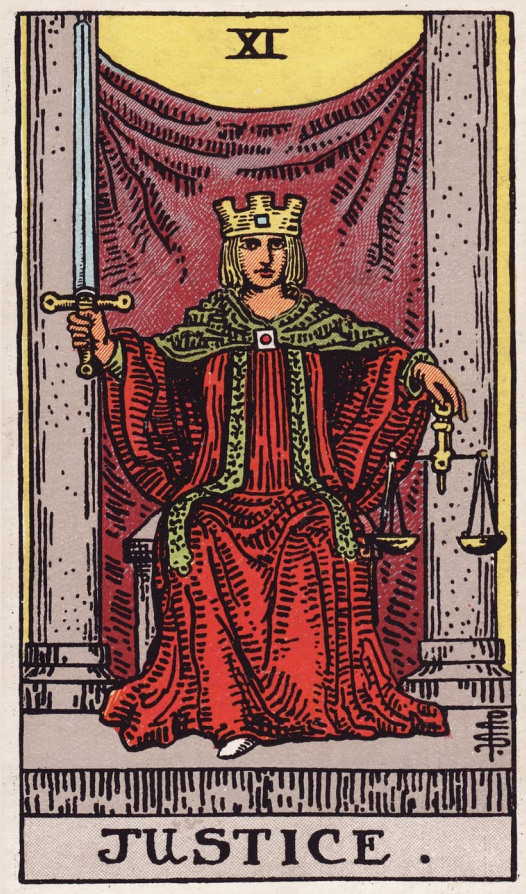


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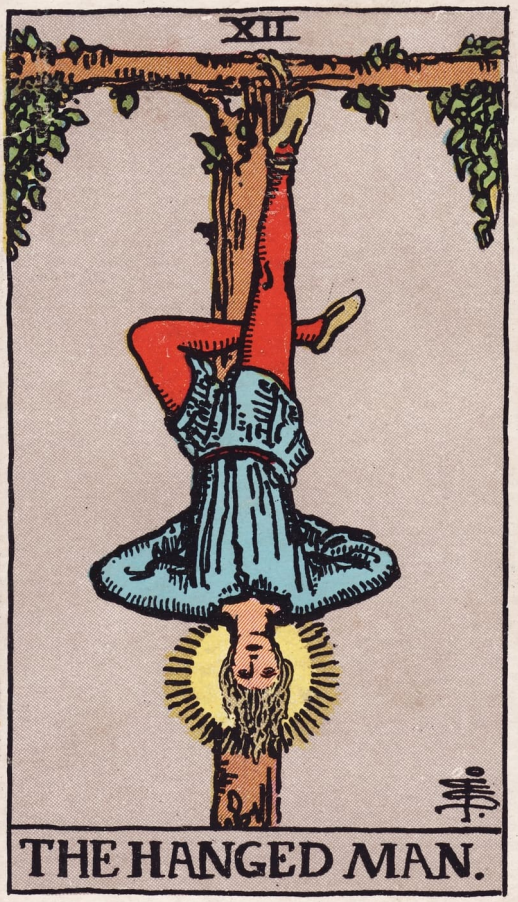


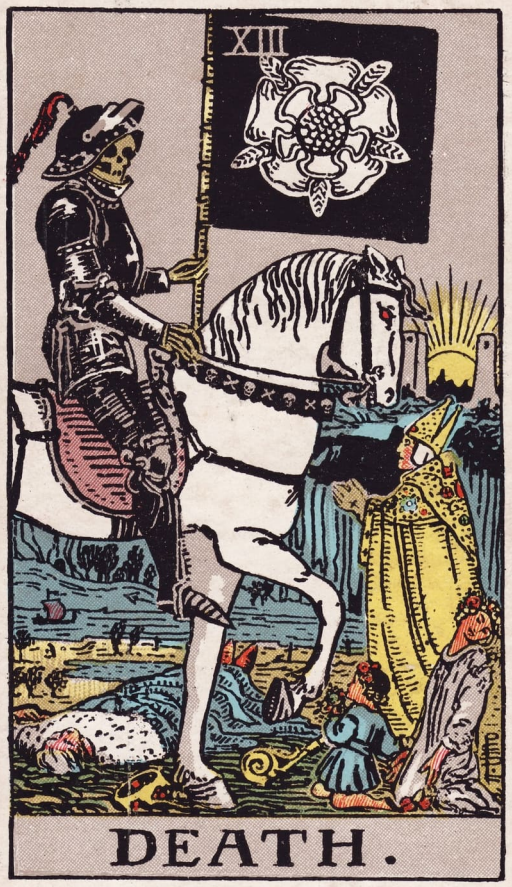






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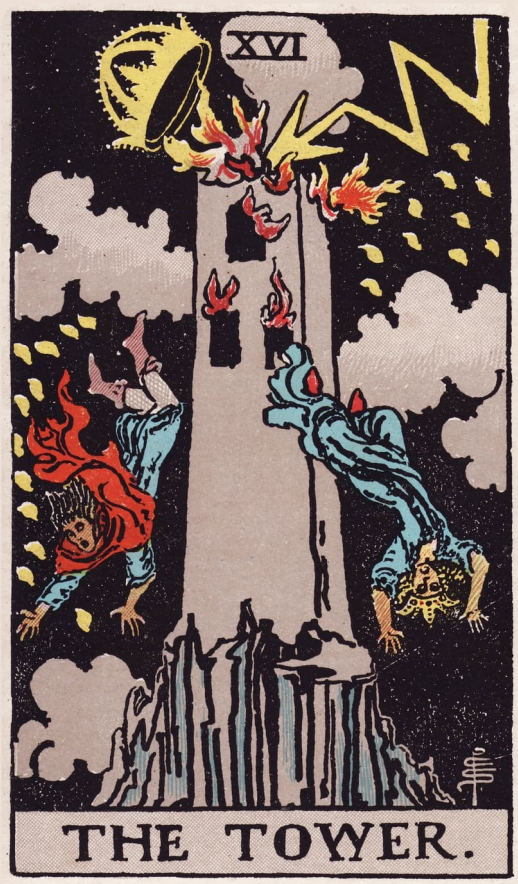


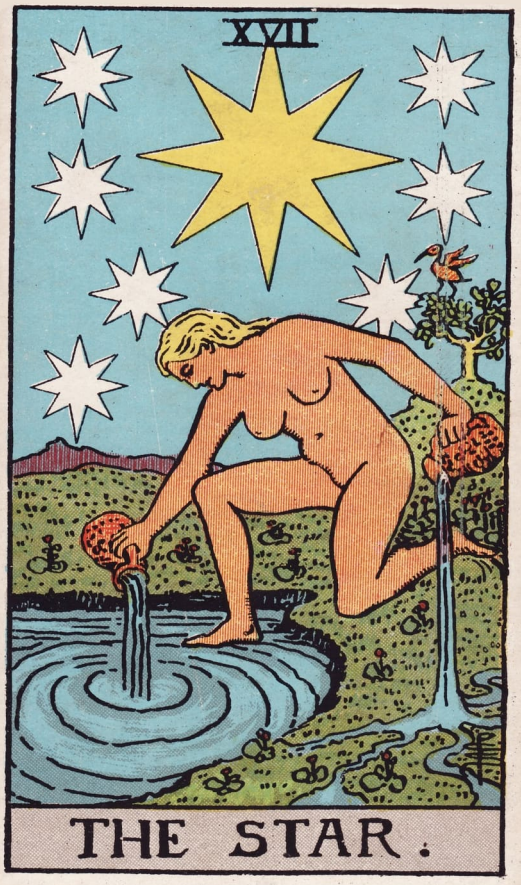






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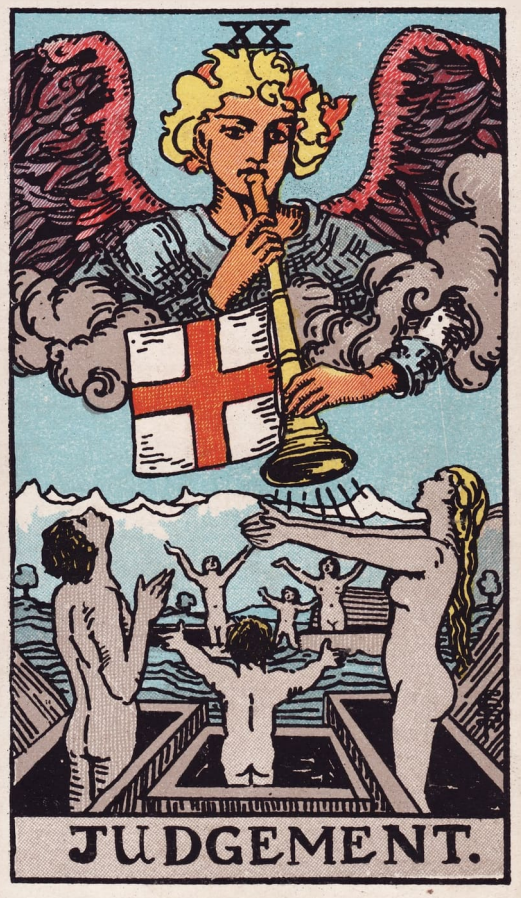






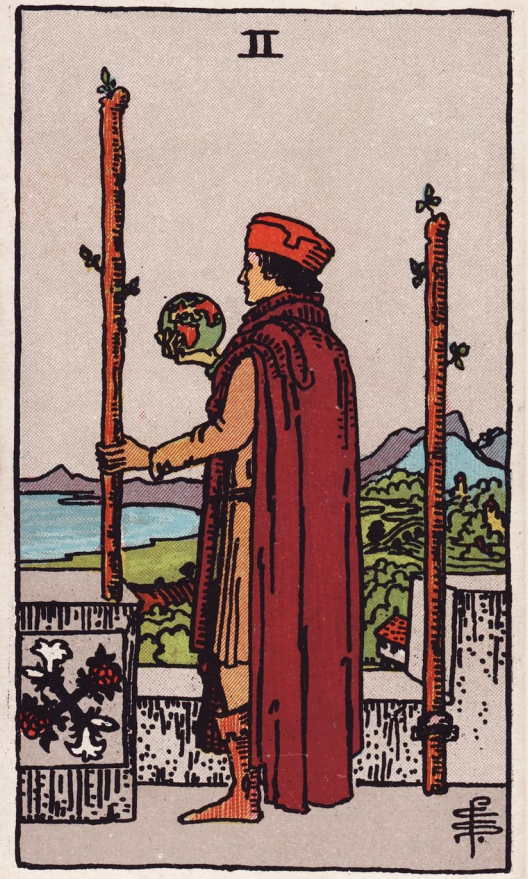


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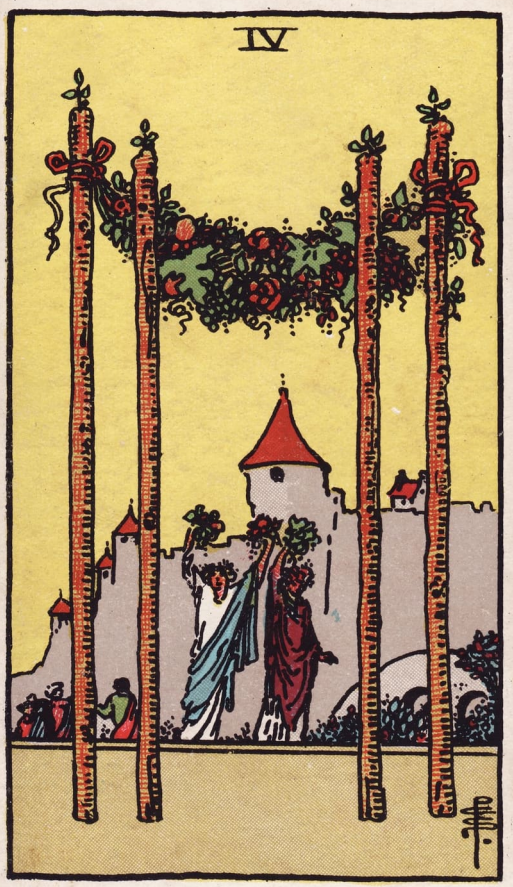




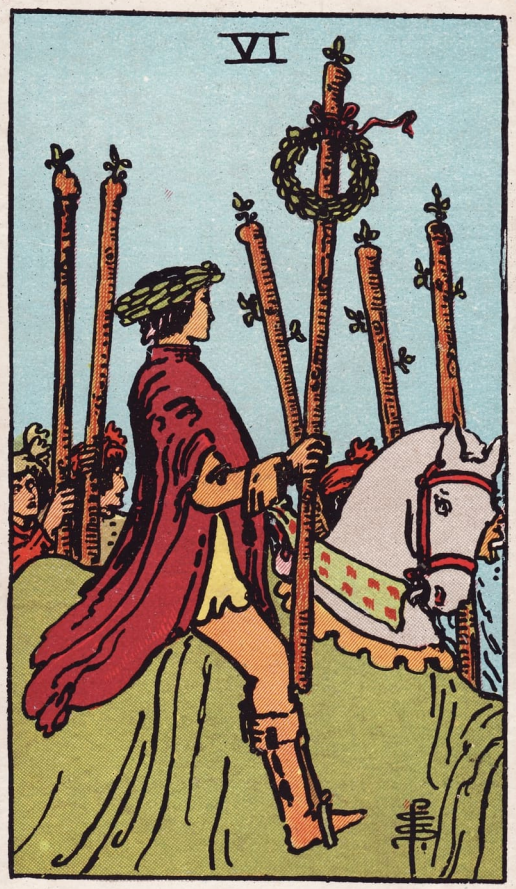




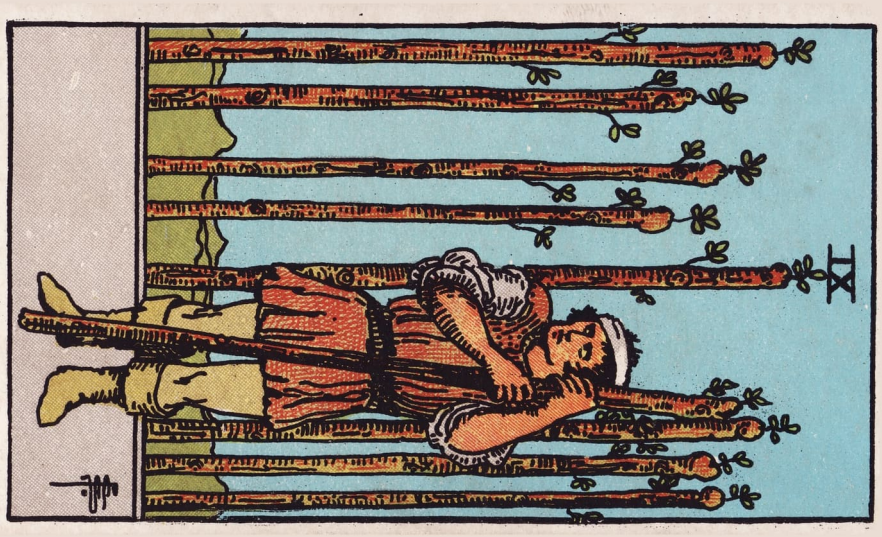

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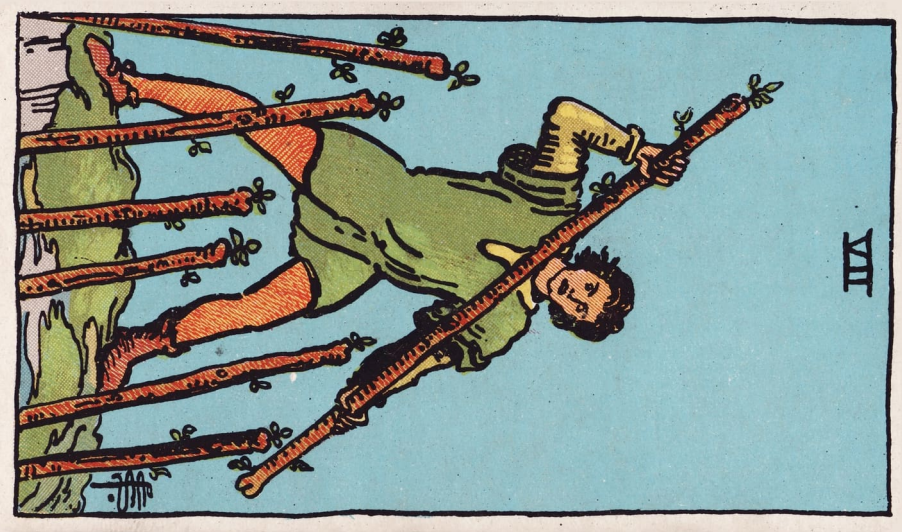

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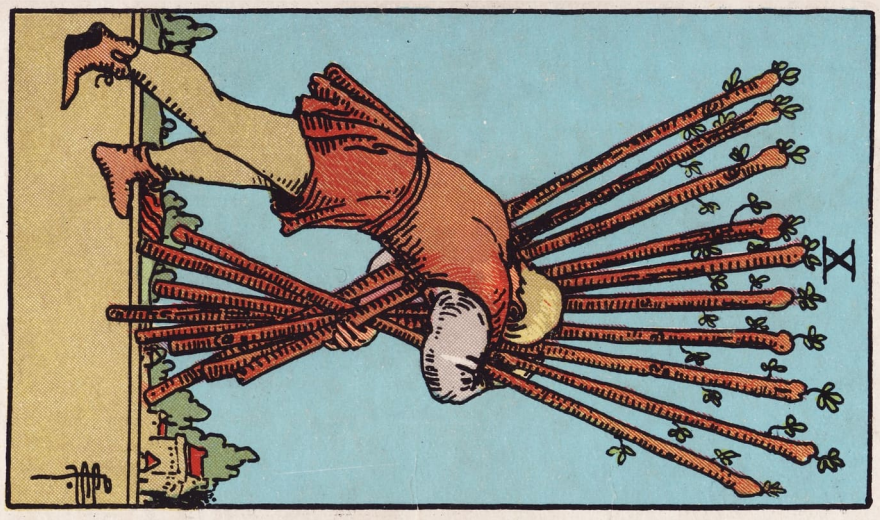

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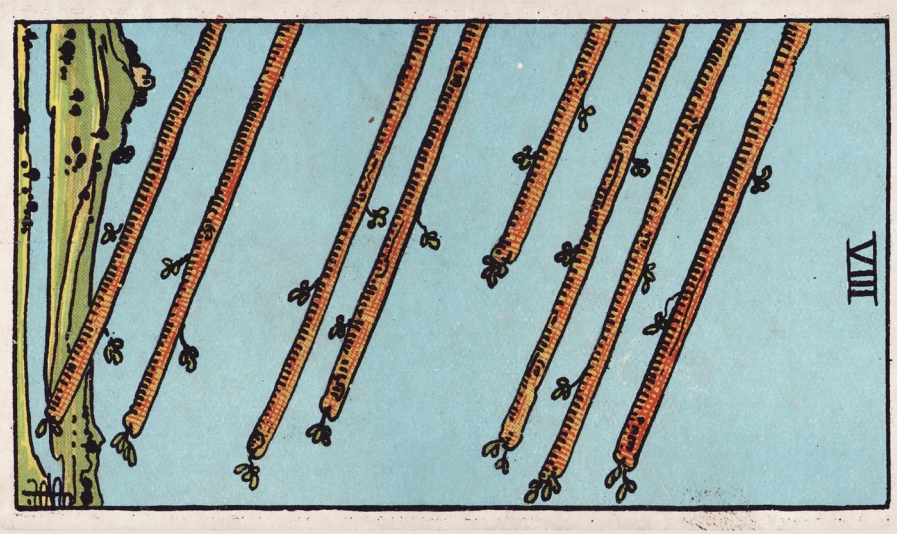

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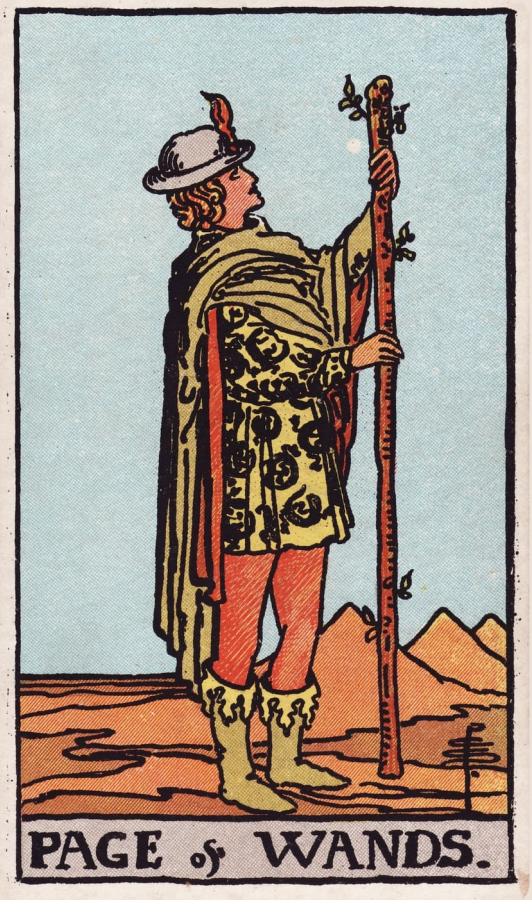

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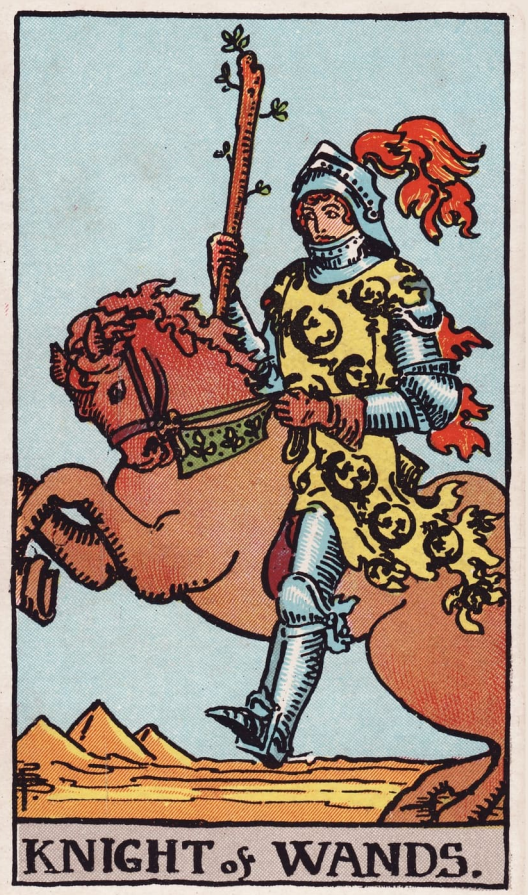

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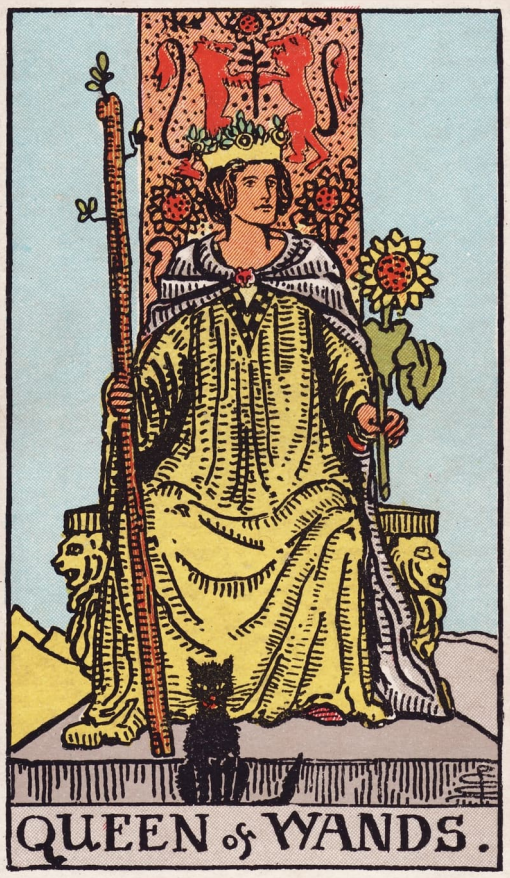

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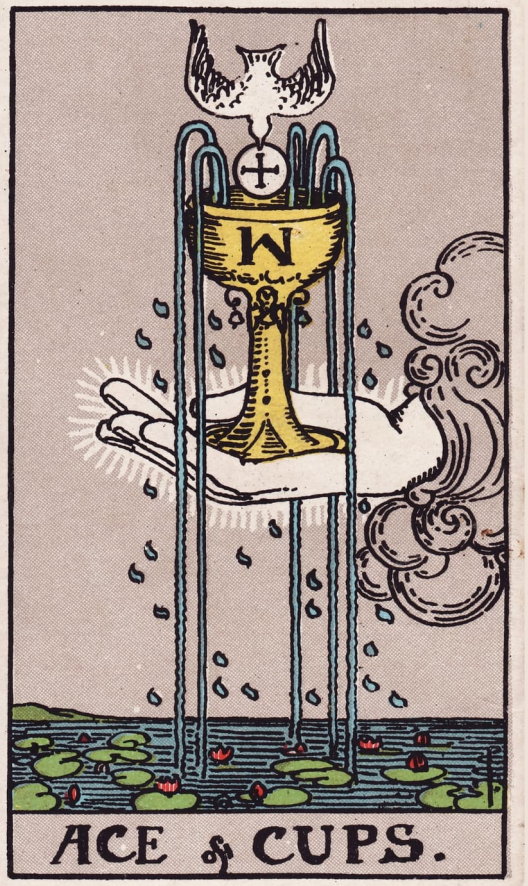








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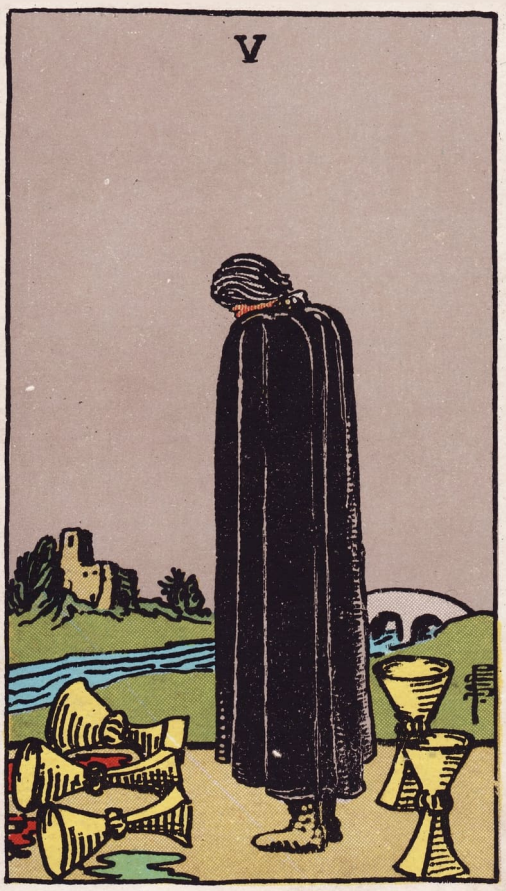


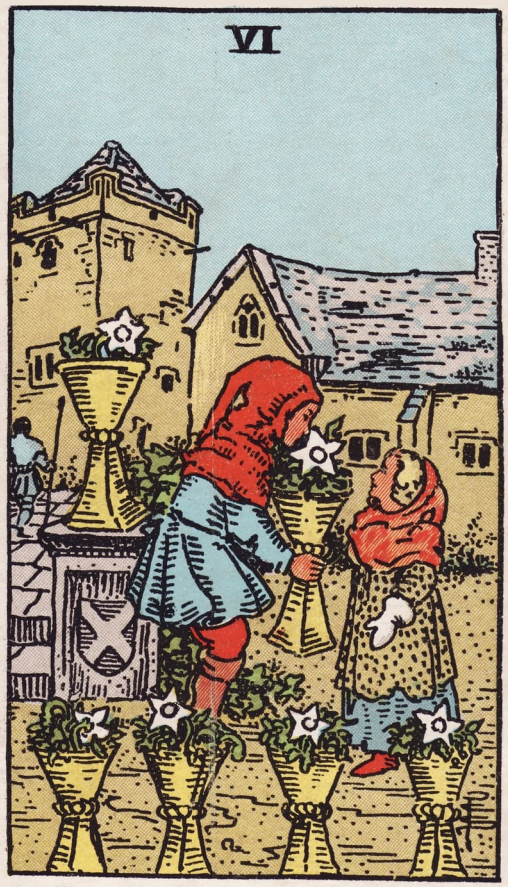


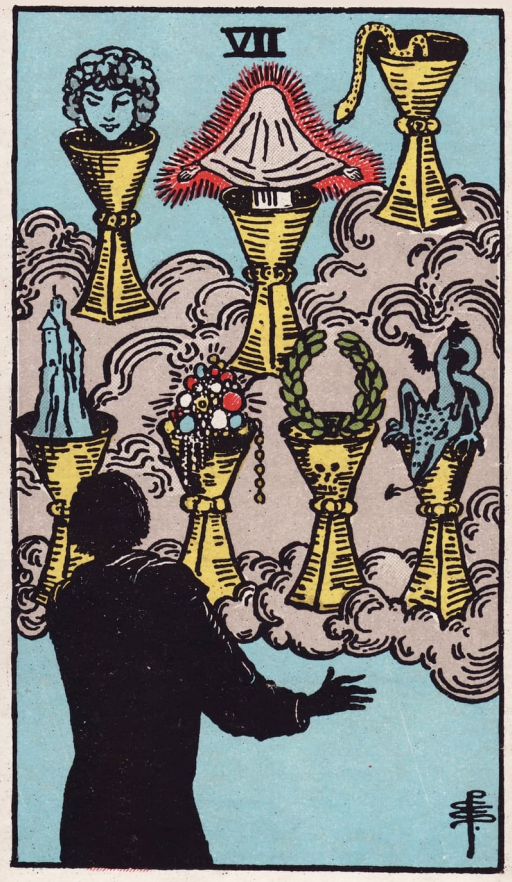




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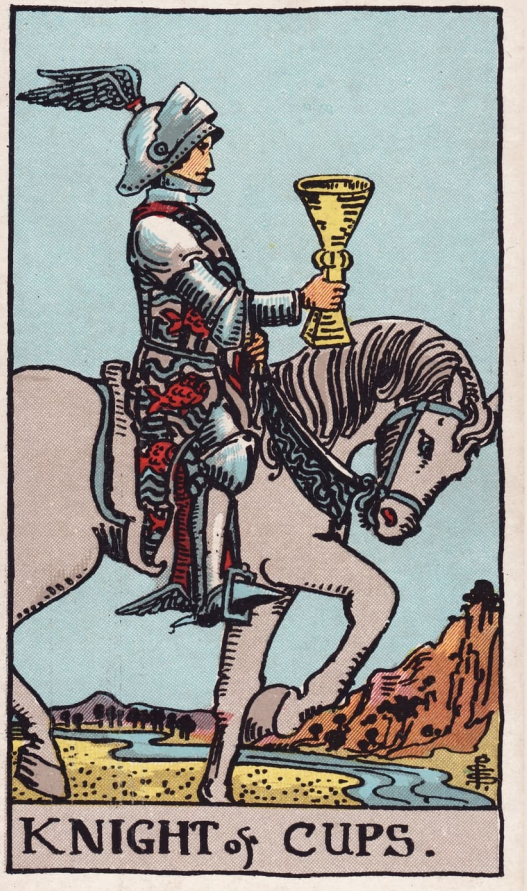


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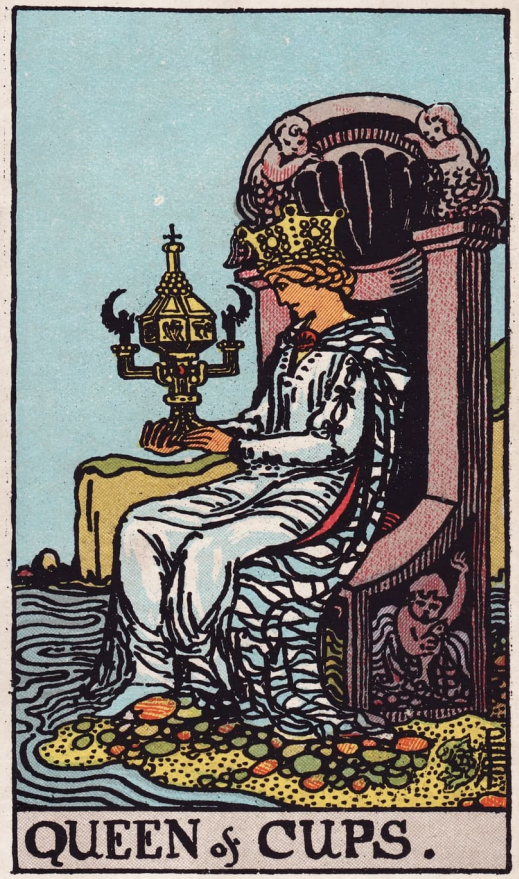




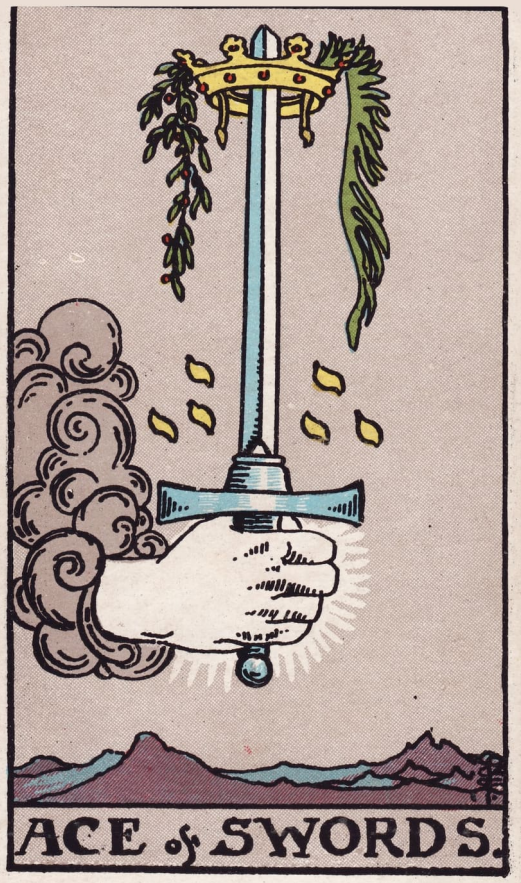


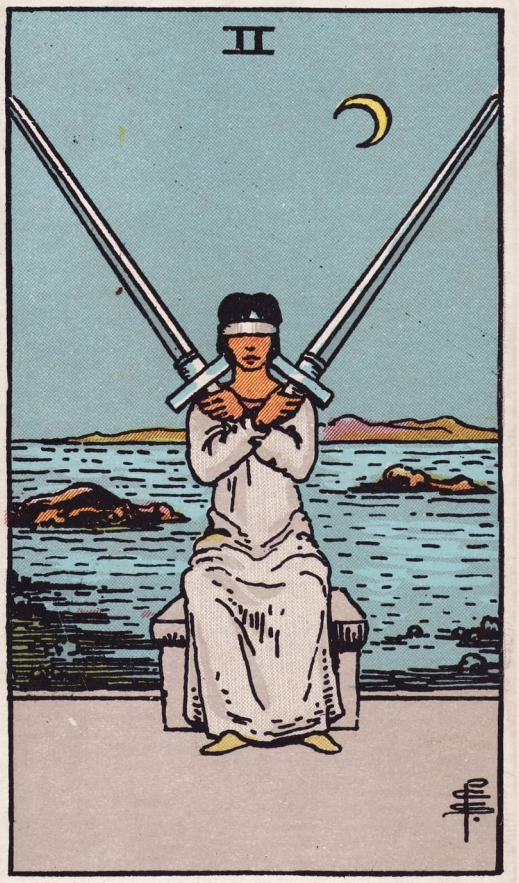


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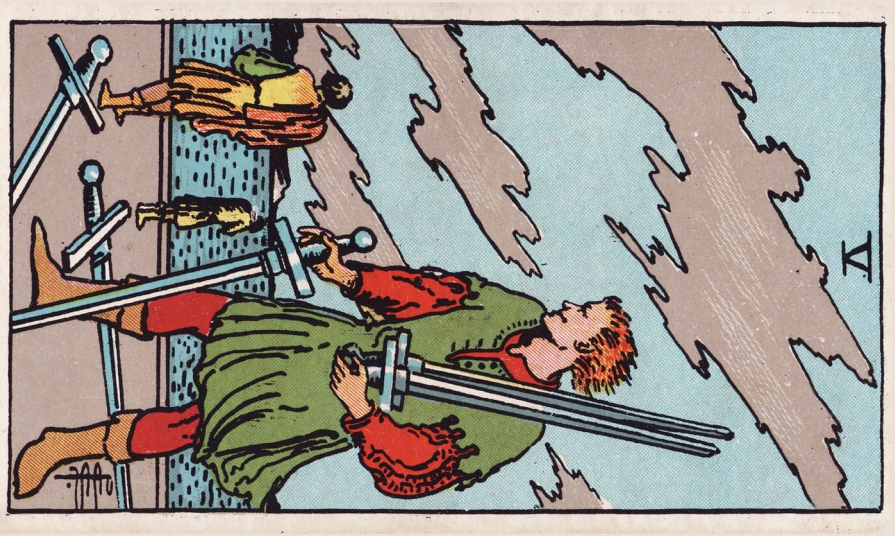


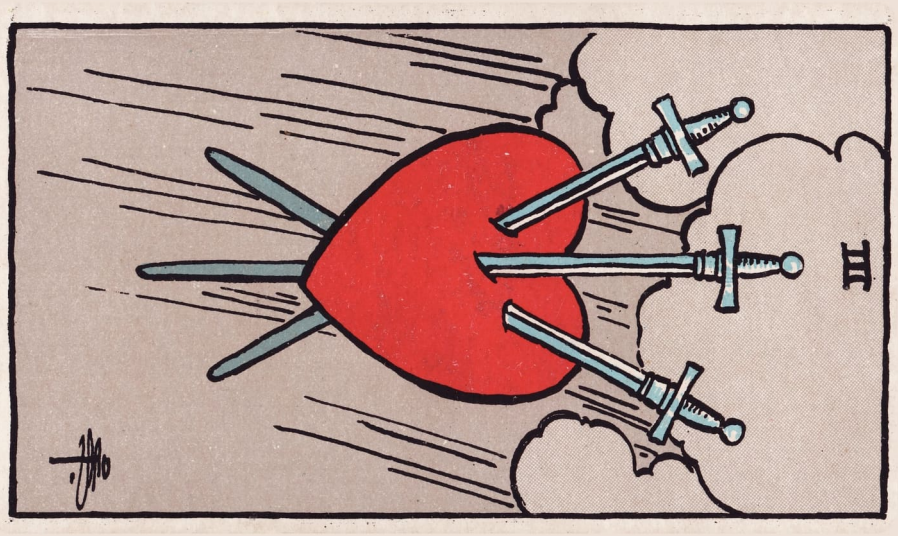


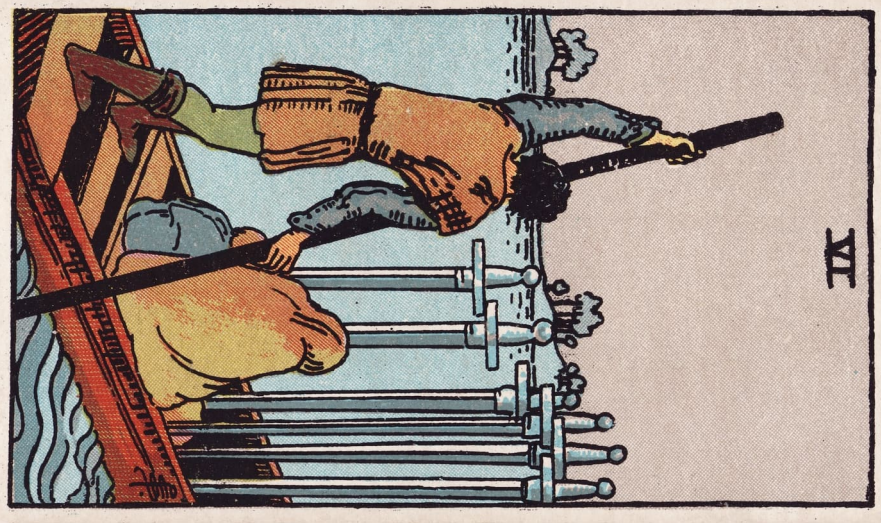


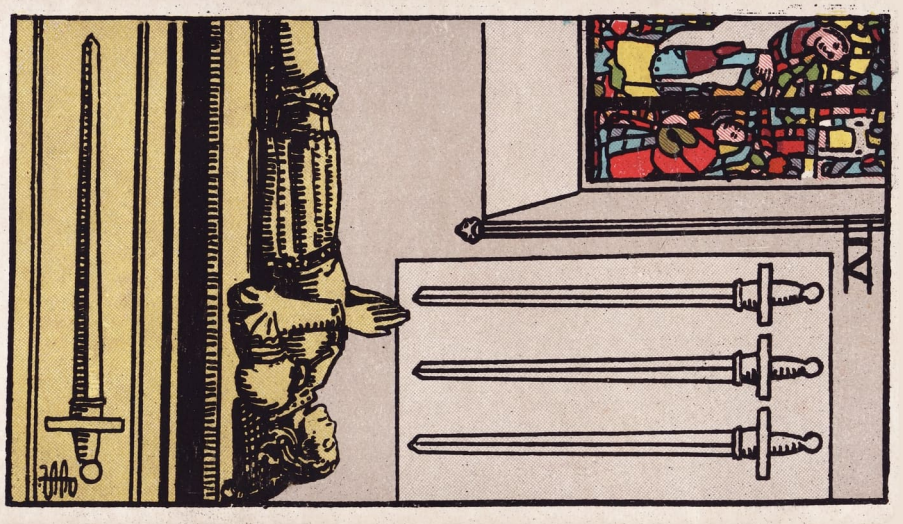





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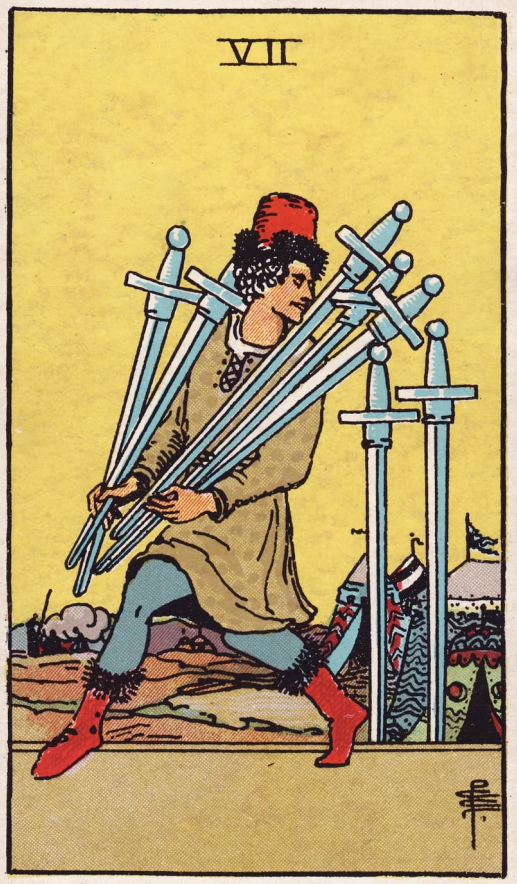

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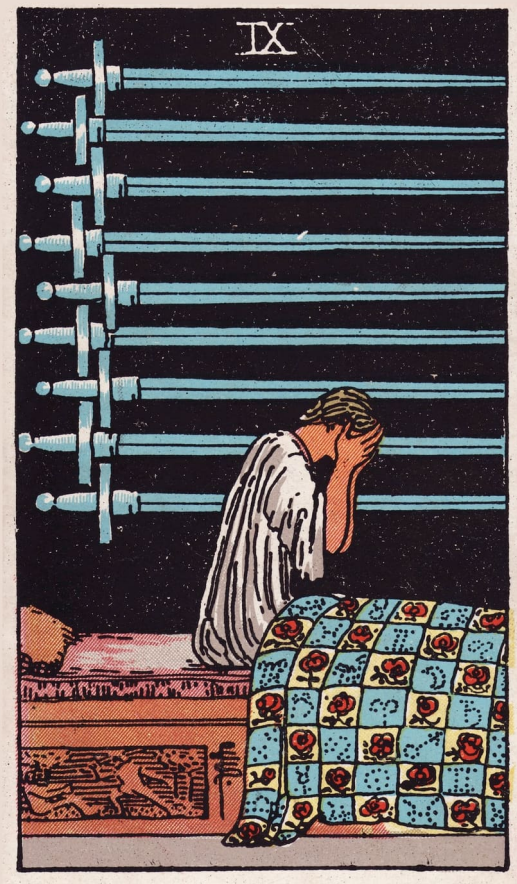

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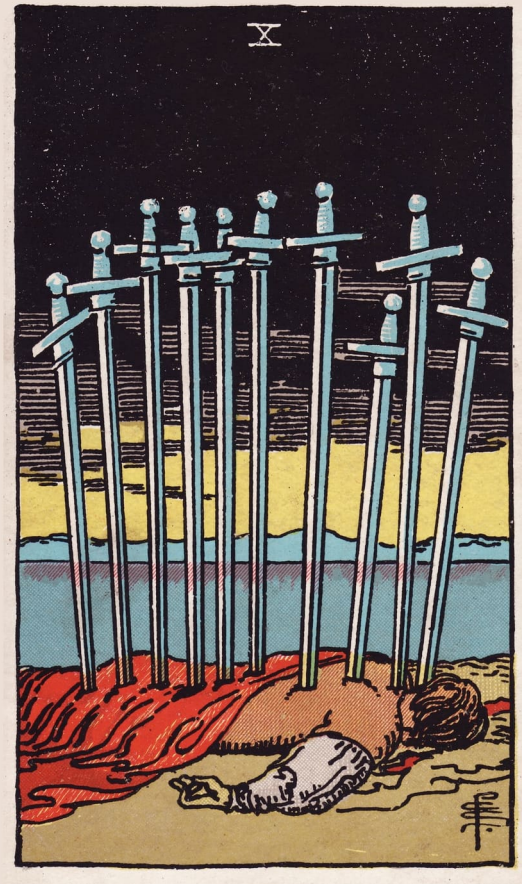


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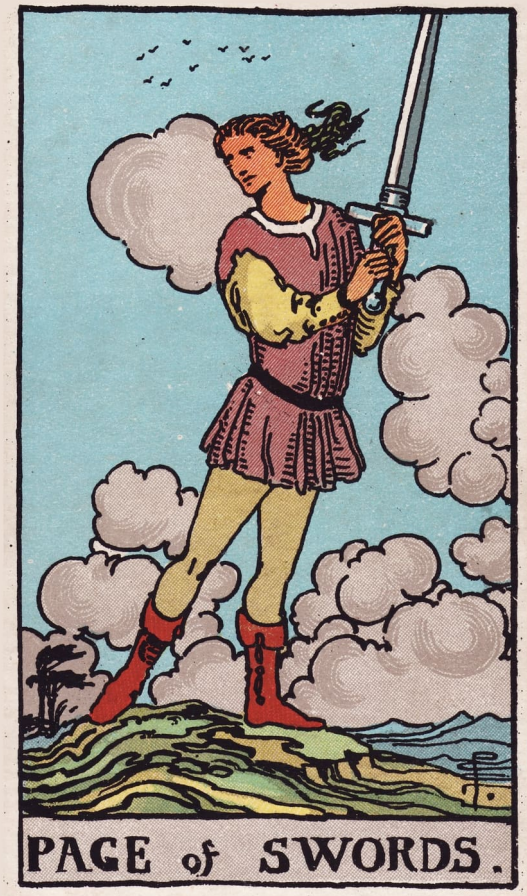


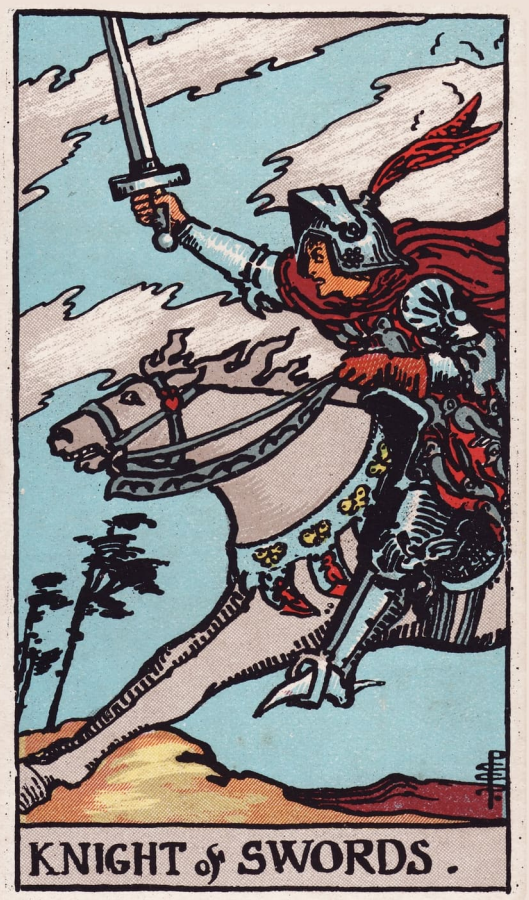


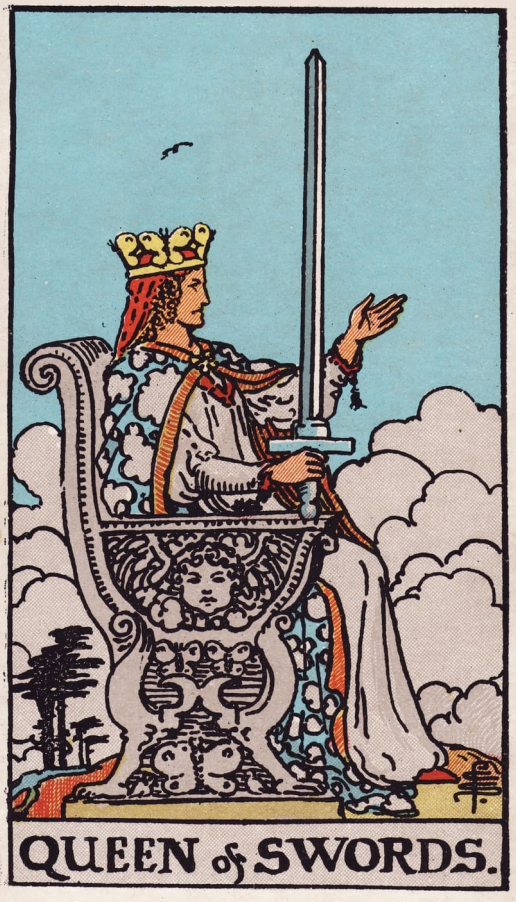




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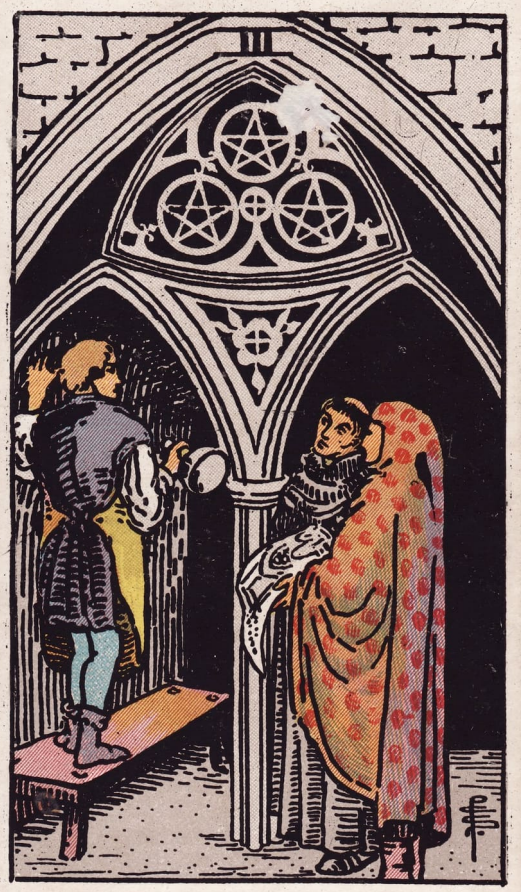




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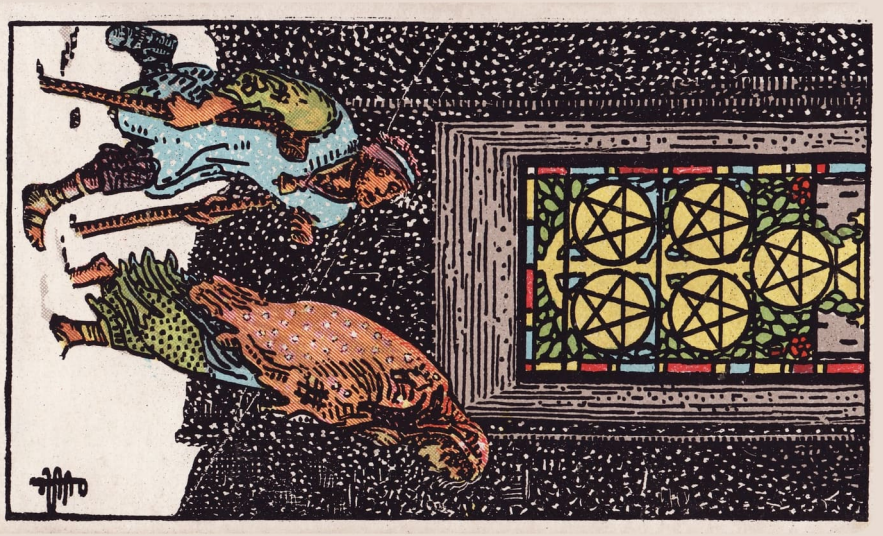


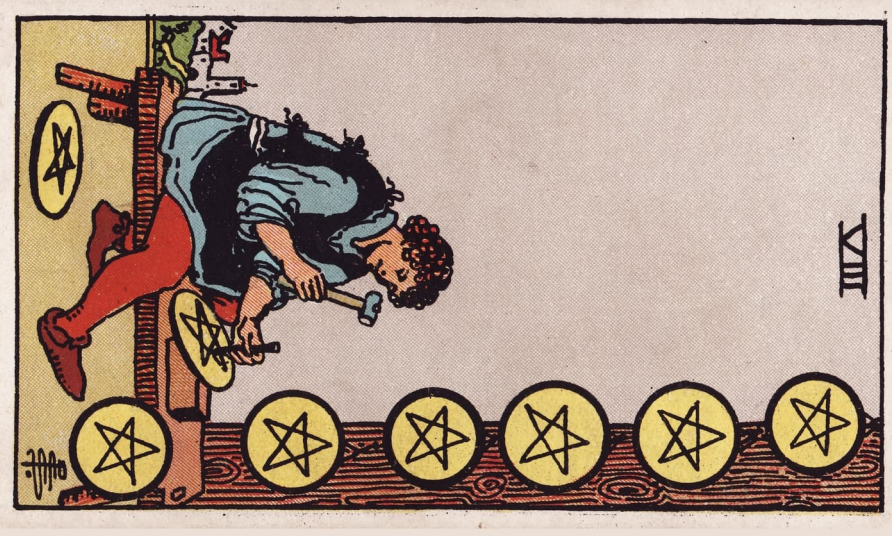


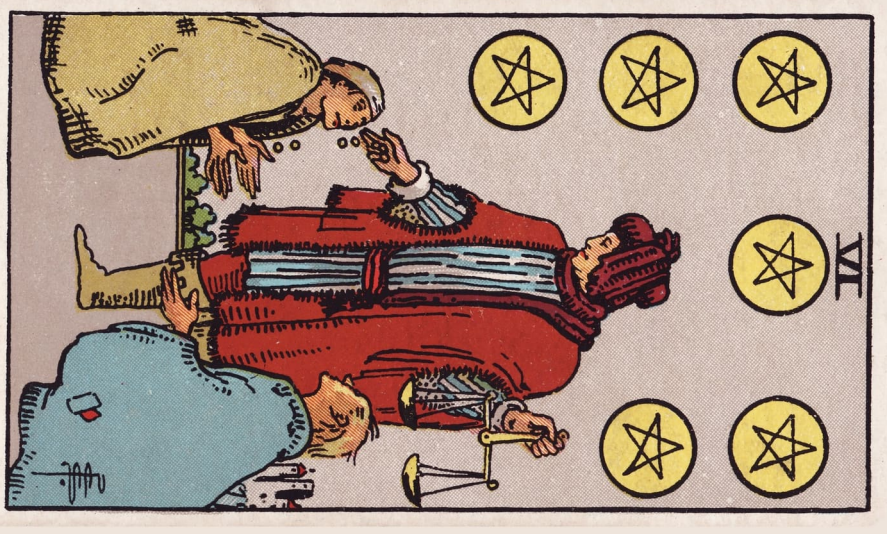





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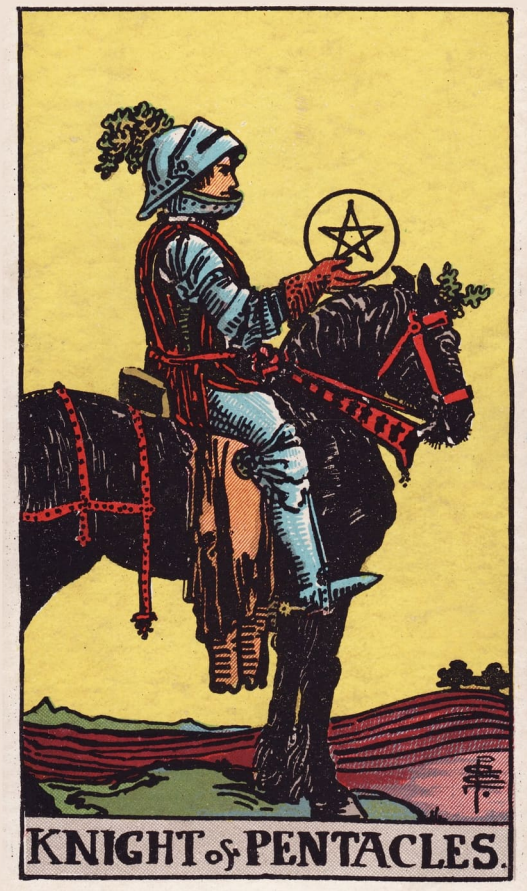


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