DMV Meetup

Demystifying the scary cards in the tarot

Presented by Ke/Digital Shaman
17 November 2026 Teaism Penn Quarter

Agenda

- **Introductions 5:30**
- **News & Announcements**
- **Warm up 👁️ Tarot Spreads**
- **Astrology Weather Report**
- **Main Topic: Scary Cards in the Tarot**
- **Open Reading time 7-7:45**
- **Adjourn 8:00 pm**

Community Values Code of Conduct

Our values...this is safe/sacred space to commune

- We are here to build, nurture and support the DMV esoteric & spiritual community
- Respect each other and our differences and/or similarities
- Despite our respective years of experience; stay humble & embrace "*A beginner's mindset* == approaching a situation remembering whats its like to be new to a subject, regardless of your experience and years of practicing
- Be open to all possibilities as we all bring "different" intuitive gifts and dialogue to these sacred gatherings

- **Be kind, respectful, and welcoming towards each other**
- **Be thoughtful and constructive during discussions and open reading times**
- **Respect Boundaries others may apply**
- **No Politics, please - we live in DC that is enough; fair game during open reading time**
- **Be Mindful when participating and ensure others have a chance to speak**

18 years of seeing it all on meetup.com....


found some more party spots

K.Hayward <kewanna.hayward@gmail.com>
to Christina

Fri, Jul 4, 2008, 6:39 PM

this poetry event i went to last night was sponsored by meetup.com apparently that's a good source for finding spots/ and ppl who you share interests with

http://housemusic.meetup.com/28/messages/boards/thread/4253862

we gonna have to get our party in before we crackdown on the studying
let me know what weekend you and your friend are free.

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We like to keep the trolls, narcissist, energy vampire, entitled, rude people away...

About Me - Ke

Capricorn Sun, Sagittarius Moon & Rising

Studying Astrology since 2003; childhood love of mythology

Intuitive Reader; also enjoys, Meditation, Productivity Technology, Art, Fashion and Luxury Shopping

Embraces spirituality to support personal development/Ascension of the Soul

Love reading, having adventures, writing, teaching and LEARNING

Have food allergy to wheat, please be careful with bread around me THANKS!!

Living in the DC area since 1999; day job = IT Auditor

ADHD inattentive, autoimmune issues and sensitive soul; please be gentle :)

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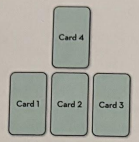
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4 years hosting DMV Tarot Meetup (2019-2023)

Warm Up - Face Your Fear

Find that one card that makes you shudder or select any spread below

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AN UNSTRUCTURED READING OF FOUR CARDS



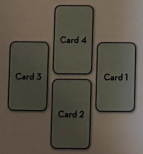
Purpose and background information:
For absolutely any question, to build up an answer without assigning specific meanings. You can extend any unstructured three-card reading (see p. 18) into a four-card reading to summarize the solution offered in the three main cards.

After reading **CARDS 1, 2,** and **3,** the fourth card, the **CROWN,** will complete the answer and bring the other three cards together.

What you should use:
Any combination of the seventy-eight cards that fits with your question.

When:
Whenever you need extra information about your three-card reading.

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SPREAD FOR BREAKING THROUGH THE BARRIERS OF FEAR



Purpose and background information:
When fears or phobias are restricting your lifestyle.

CARD 1: What is the real cause of my fear? **CARD 2:** Is this bad thing actually likely to happen, or is it just fear? **CARD 3:** What triggers/makes the fear worse? **CARD 4:** What action can I take to prevent or overcome my fear?

What you should use:
The full deck.

When:
A Tuesday, the day of courage.

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GETTING ON THE PROPERTY OR BUSINESS LADDER

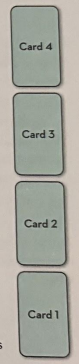
Purpose and background information:
When you are getting impatient, but do not have the finances for your dream home or business venture.

CARD 1: What you cannot or will not compromise on. **CARD 2:** What you will/can compromise on. **CARD 3:** The breakthrough card. **CARD 4:** How to fulfil at least part of the dream sooner rather than later.

What you should use:
The full deck.

When:
The beginning of a new month.

Example:
Rick and his partner Paula wanted to own and run a horse stud and training business, but the goal seemed just to get further away.



CARD 1 showed the **Six of Wands,** the person riding on a horse to victory, so the horse business was their priority. The card also suggested that something was possible within six months.

CARD 2 was the **Four of Wands** and, though this card showed a couple, land, and a house in the background, they cannot compromise on the land, but they *could* compromise on their living accommodation. How?

FOUR-CARD SPREADS 23

CARD 3 showed the **Seven of Wands.** The person was putting down the wands on which the leaves were growing, marking out their territory. Rick said they had enough money for the land with basic stables and could initially train and breed horses for others. But the house has disappeared from the card.

CARD 4 was the **Three of Pentacles**, building step by step over three years. Paula's family members were builders and had volunteered, as the money came in, to help with a self-built house on the land.

Rick and Paula found land with good grazing with a derelict house and run-down stables. Paula's family helped to get the stables and training ring into good order. They moved into a trailer on the land and are building up the business.

Current Astrology

Scorpio Season Ends 22 November
Sagittarius Season 22 - 21 or 22 December (Winter Solstice) Capricorn Season

Planets in Retrograde (Review, reassess, slow down *check the house)
Saturn in Aries * **Saturn Retrograde:** July 26 – December 10, 2026 (in Aries)
Uranus in Gemini *September 10, 2026 – February 8, 2027

Other Key Dates

- **13 November Mercury and Venus station direct**
  - Mercury entered retrograde on October 24, while Venus began retrograding on October 3. Both turn direct on November 13.
- **16 November Mars conjunct Jupiter in Leo**
  - Mars and Jupiter meet in a conjunction, beginning a new approximately two-year synodic cycle.
- **24 November Full Moon in Gemini**
  - The Gemini full moon highlights themes traditionally associated with Mercury: learning, communication, information exchange, and intellectual activity
- **Mars changes signs — November 25 - from Leo to Virgo**
  - The article identifies November 25 as a significant transition for Mars. In general astrology, a Mars ingress changes the zodiacal context through which themes of action, motivation, and assertion are interpreted.
- **Saturn turns direct — November 29**
  - Saturn's direct station is another notable event. Saturn is traditionally associated with discipline, boundaries, responsibility, maturity, and long-term structures. Its station direct symbolizes renewed attention to implementation and sustained effort

Death Card

What makes this card scary?

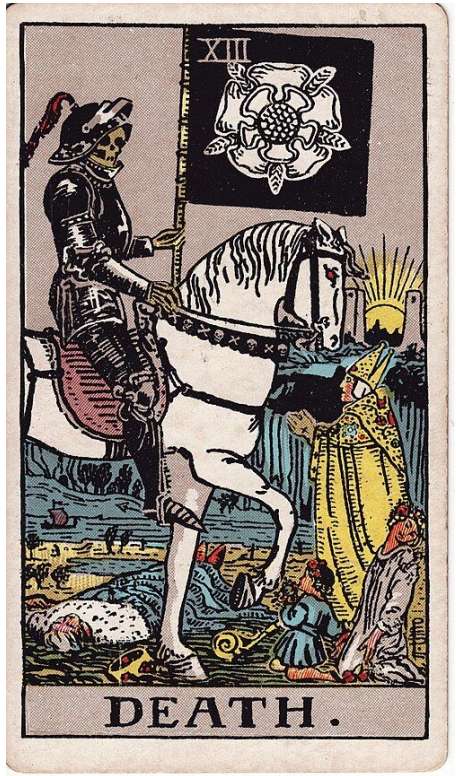
- Skulls
- Dead king on the ground
- Grim reaper on the horse
- Black flag
- People in Morning
- Fear hence number 13 in the deck

Real Meaning

- Ego Death, Sometimes you need to be spooked to understand the seriousness of life, Deep transformations, Unexpected Endings
- Yellow Priest (powerless) must bow before Death
- Astrologically related to Scorpio rules death and the transformation around that process
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How to transmute the energy

- This is one card not to fight the outcome, surrender to what changing
- Butterfly Analogy figure out what stage; caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly
- Meditate upon the flowing river of change, dawn of sunrise over the city; despite the upheaval nature is steady



The Devil Card



What makes this card scary?

- Horned Devil
- Naked people with Horns
- Bat Wings
- Black Background
- Chains

Real Meaning

- Personification of evil, bondage, what is requiring transmutation to light; indicator of disease and **imbalance** oneself and life
    - Post Temperance (angel) that FELL
        - This is about patterns in the subconscious mind that require attention
- Codependent, very unhealthy relationship person or thin, material bonds
- Astrologically Capricorn: Narrow minded, fear of change, pessimistic
- Theme of Adam and Eve; card is to make you feel bad about what you did
    - Double entendre; represents OG devil; pan, cernunnos,baphomet (androgynous

How to transmute the energy

- Examination of all bonds; what are you attached to? (healthy/unhealthy)
- Initial stages of awakening, ignorance is weakening so is bliss; what was all right yesterday no longer is.
- CORD CUTTING rituals and visualizations; break those chains and attachments no longer old contracts
- Put out the fire (aka burning desire) visualizations water; meditate on temperance (coming into healthier balance with this situation)

The Tower

What makes this card scary?

- Horned Devil
- Naked people with Horns
- Bat Wings
- Smoke

Real Meaning

- Comes after the Devil its the act of you breaking those change the new mindset you cultivated after you recognized change was needed
- Tower of Babel made for man got God, upset the higher power (pride)
- Astrologically related to mars sudden violent awakening
- Personification of evil, bondage, what is requiring transmutation to light
- Warning against delusions of grandeur, exploding crown
- Adam and Eve in fall (unconscious state)

How to transmute the energy

- Examination of all bonds; what are you attached to? (healthy/unhealthy)
- Let the situation completely crumble, give the ashes time to cool off before examining the rubble
- May have been you subconscious mind at play
- Acknowledge your role in this situation
- Could mean material loss
- Also associated with Uranus could represent spiritual awakening or innovating idea



3,8,9,10 of Swords

3 of swords
What makes this card scary?
- Pierced heart
- Gray background/Rain

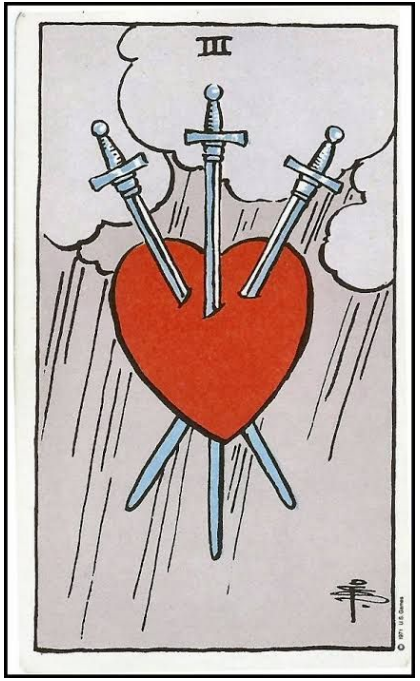
Real Meaning
- Sorrow, disappointment, tear delay, conflict
- Hatred, oppression, burdens, error, loss
- Broken, heart, heart health issues, heartburn

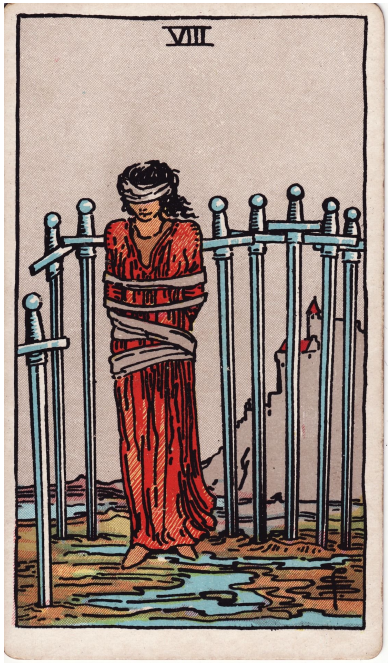
How to transmute the energy
- Heart chakra work
- Self Love/Healing
- Deep renewal, restorative work of the soul

8 of swords
What makes this card scary?
- Gray background
- Double Bondage (body, eyes)

Real Meaning
- Comes after 7 of swords, don't play victim now
- Indecision, narrow, restrictive, learned helplessness, debt
- Mental Confusion/sickness

How to transmute the energy
- Step into your power (perceive it first)
- Move forward, take the tiniest step towards something
- Reclaim your life





The suite of swords
Can cut or cure
Intellect or Intuition
Suite of the Mind

3,8,9,10 of Swords





9 of swords
What makes this card scary?
- Pitch Black night background
- Sorrowful woman
- Swords going through the body

Real Meaning
- More challenging than the 10 because you are stuck with the pressure of completion nearing
- Disturbed sleep,upper chakra disturbances
- Swords not literally through the body

How to transmute the energy
- Meditation; help for anxiety; over thinking; catastrophic thought patterns
- Watch out for dogma thinking
- Weighted blanket; dark curtains; sleep chamber

10 of swords
What makes this card scary?
- Black background
- Swords going down the back
- Body on the ground

Real Meaning
- Completion, ending a cycle, karmic timelines at play
- Pure mental exhaustion, struggle- ego finally surrenders
- Liberation; steps towards mentally harmony and union

How to transmute the energy
- Celebrate the victory
- Take care of yourself, wrap up loose ends
- Know that the worst is over

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5 of Pentacles

What makes this card scary?

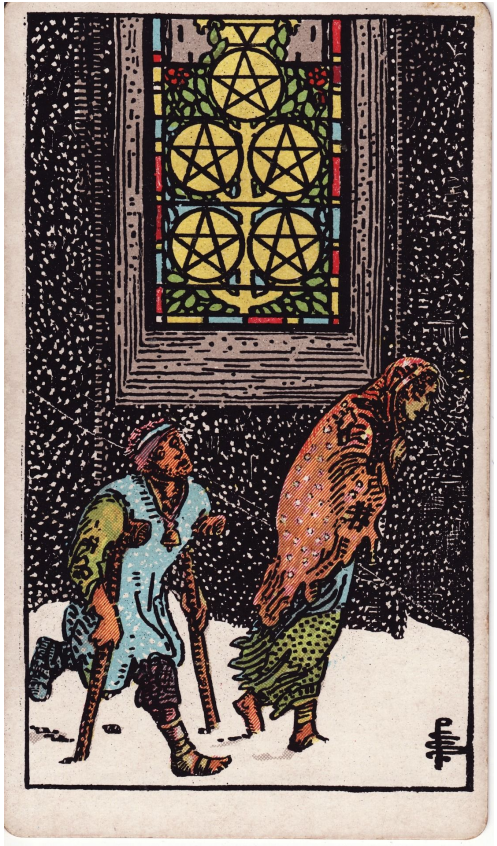
- Desolate people in winter no shoes socks
- They don’t look healthy

Real Meaning

- 5 are unstable odd energy, things are not well here
- Church is inviting and reminding to turn to higher power
- Pentacles are material goods and the body; check both for loss

How to transmute the energy

- Act like he 4 of pentacles in healthy way; save for rainy days; don’t neglect your spiritual or body needs
- Go inside find a stable place to help foot a rebuilding (seek shelter)
- Accept the losses you have taken; go for a walk and don’t stress



Proof of no AI

I take my writing research teaching very seriously 🤨🧐
Sources



Open Reading Time 7-7:45PM

- We can warm up with a group reading; with the option to continue OR we can break up into small groups for people to practice one to one readings
- Please do not charge for readings
- Please respect reader/querent boundary on topics; if it's not a match find another reader in the group
- **All topics including politics are open for discussion based on reader preference**

Thanks for joining us

If you enjoyed tonight's meet up, please consider an energy exchange in the form of a donation to the group.

All donations will support the organizational cost associated with the meetup (i.e., books, hosting services etc).

Peace and Blessings
-Ke



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