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INTRODUCTION

The unicorn is a beautiful, enchanting beast. It is shaped like a fine, slender horse with a single spiralled horn emerging from the center of its forehead. This horn is said to be full of magical properties. As recently as the 19th century, traveling medicine men would claim to be in possession of powdered Unicorn horn, the remedy for many otherwise incurable illnesses. The unicorn stems back much further than that; the earliest mention of the magnificent beast is in the Holy Bible.

The complete tarot deck consists of seventy-eight cards that are divided into two sections: 22 Major Arcana and 56 Minor Arcana. The Major Arcana represent the cycle of physical and spiritual forces that we encounter on our journeys through life, birth, strength, love, religion, death, and re-birth.

The Minor Arcana are believed to be the forerunner to the contemporary deck of playing cards, consisting of four suits: Swords - Spades; Rods - Clubs; Cups - Hearts; and Pentacles - Diamonds. Each of the four suits contains four court cards and ten pip cards numbered one (ace) through ten. The four court cards in each suit are named King, Queen, Knight and Page. The Minor Arcana cards generally represent occupations, social positions, and status.

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Suzanne, and in 1993-4 she had a regular spot on BBC Radio as the “Psychic Agony Aunt.” Suzanne’s astrological predictions are regularly published in newspapers throughout the UK.

THE ARTIST

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THE MAJOR ARCANA

0 THE FOOL—The Fool is naive and ready to take chances without thinking of the consequences. He dances along with his head in the clouds, not realizing that he is on the edge of a cliff. No one knows if he will fall, or turn in time to avoid falling. He lives for the moment. The unicorn is spiritual and wise; he sees the dangers that may lie ahead. He rears to catch The Fool’s attention, but will The Fool listen to the warning? Or will he rush ahead into what could be great trouble or strife? Remember the saying, “Fools rush in where Angels fear to tread.” **Divinatory Meaning:** When The Fool appears in the spread, it is likely that the questioner is quite enthusiastic about a situation; however, he may be in danger of jumping in feet first. He only thinks about the consequences afterwards, when it’s too late! There is a strong tendency that the Inquirer will let his emotions rule his head. **Reversed Meaning:** He is not only excitable, but is likely to be very foolish about the situation appertaining to the question in hand. You must advise extreme caution, and to avoid taking risks of all kinds, as your client cannot trust his own feelings right now and could be making a big mistake.

I THE MAGICIAN—The Magician is depicted juggling his tools. Each tool represents the four elements: Cups for water and emotions; Pentacles for the earth, practicality, and earthly wealth such as gold; Swords for the air element, representing intelligence and strength. To complete the full set, The Magician holds his powerful unicorn horn rod, representing fire, in his left hand. This is his magical wand. The unicorn on the right side of The Magician is a wise, mature stallion. He appears to be watching The Magician's every move. Although this is a very clever and quick-thinking man, one can never be sure what tricks he may have hidden up his long, flowing sleeves. This man is a saw unto himself; he is very powerful and extremely clever, but sometimes too cunning for his own good. **Divinatory Meaning:** Positive, quick-thinking, spiritually inspiring. Problems will be resolved as if by magic. Harness the positive energy. Flexibility. Self-control. **Reversed Meaning:** Caution is needed now, for in real life the Magnus could show himself to be a confidence trickster.

II THE HIGH PRIESTESS—The High Priestess is pure and virtuous with her long, flowing, virginal gown. She stands with her magic glowing Rod in her left hand. Gently trotting beside The High Priestess, the unicorn (who is attracted by her beauty) follows and protects her from any danger with his spiritual strength. This feminine goddess figure possesses great 'psychic powers' and depth of insight. Thus she has the ability to perform miracles. She may appear cool and aloof with hidden depths of wisdom, but she is a truly secretive beauty with hidden powers. She appears in real life as a business woman, maybe a counselor or psychic advisor. She is a listener with the spiritual gift to be able give advice regarding any problems.

Divinatory Meaning: A strong-minded, self-sufficient woman; if not mature in years, then mature in mind. Like the true goddess that she is, she is full of sexual personal magnetism; yet she remains untouchable to most wisdom and mystery. **Reversed Meaning:** The High Priestess may be misusing her powers of persuasion to manipulate people into doing what she wants; sooner or later she will be found out, and no good will come of it.

III THE EMPRESS—The Empress symbolizes Mother Nature, the fruitful goddess of fertility. She sits on her throne clothed in a long, red gown. She has a voluptuous figure and the glow of motherhood. At her feet is a petite baby unicorn. This is the Earth Mother, nature-loving, female. She represents the questioner's relationship with his mother, wife, or homemaker. The female in our client's life has a great bearing on the situation and may be trying to advise, guide, or over-protect the questioner. The Empress is the symbol of growth and fruitful outcome. She can also represent the harvest time and the ability to reap what you've sown. **Divinatory Meaning:** When The Empress appears in the card spread, it symbolizes fertility and growth, as well as pleasure and comfort. **Reversed Meaning:** Infertility, miscarriage. It could be an indication that the questioner is being over-indulgent and may be spending too much money, becoming wasteful. On the other hand, if the questioner is a man, this placing indicates he has an over-possessive wife or mother who may stifle his progress if he doesn't get the situation in hand.

IV THE EMPEROR—In his right hand, The Emperor holds the magical and powerful unicorn horn as his Rod. A unicorn foal is at his feet, signifying that he is the great protector and master of all he serves. He sits on his throne dressed in his royal red gown. He is ready

to advise as father figure, as he is a fair arbitrator of law and order. Although he may be married to The Empress, there is an air of aloofness around him. In real life he could be the sort of person who becomes wrapped up in his work or career. **Divinatory Meaning:** An authoritative figure. Mature. Male. Stability and control. Husband. Father. Strength. **Reverse Meaning:** Domineering, even tyrannical. Power hungry (misusing his or her authority) to the extent of hurting others. This will only serve to cause trouble for the Inquirer when someone tells you what they think of you.

V THE HIEROPHANT—The Hierophant is a spiritual ruler or God-like figure. This is a very wise, altruistic type of person. The young unicorn in the picture is about to rise to his feet and do as his master commands. Learn by your experiences; the path of life is a spiritual journey and we learn as we go along. **Divinatory Meaning:** Widen your breadth of vision. Make up your own mind about which path you should take. Sometime it helps to see other's points of view and learn by their mistakes. **Reversed Meaning:** Feeling discontented with the way things are at this time. It is time to break out of your rut and find something new to inspire you.

VI THE LOVERS—Two lovers caress each other, succumbing to their strong urges to be as one. They are in a spiritual forest. Above them hovers a beautiful winged unicorn whose magical powers (unknown to the couple) have brought them together, as is God's will. However, lurking on a branch in the tree is a serpent, an untrustworthy evil temper who likes to indulge in wrongdoings and causes disaster wherever he goes. The unicorn is protecting them in this card, representing true spirituality. **Divinatory Meaning:** A

relationship will develop. The potential is for the two to become ‘soul mates’ or even ‘reincarnated lovers.’ Marriage. Freedom of emotion. **Reverse Meaning:** Separation or even divorce, destructive relationship, maybe due to jealousy or possessiveness. The unicorn loses his power of protection when reversed, and rather than a spiritual love, the serpent indicates that this is more of a lustful, sexual attraction and therefore is doomed to fail.

VII THE CHARIOT—Two unicorns appear to be pulling in different directions, representing one’s mind pulling one way, while emotions are pulling the other way. Both need to be harnessed together in order for peace and tranquility to reign. The warrior is holding her flag erect to imply victory. She is determined to forge ahead with whatever it takes in order to be triumphant. She represents a self-sufficient go-getter who is highly motivated and doesn’t need help to achieve what she wants. **Divinatory Meaning:** Full steam ahead into a project that is being contemplated. Strength and ability to succeed even though the path ahead may seem a little bumpy at times. A decision may need to be made that will alter the course of the questioner’s life. Difficulties resolved. Victory. **Reverse Meaning:** Failure. The questioner may have little regard for rules and regulations or the law of the land. Through his power-hungry quest for achievement, he may appear ruthless, bringing on his own downfall. If related to travel, it may mean breakdown or trouble with a vehicle causing delay in journey.

VIII STRENGTH—A strong warrior sits astride a beautiful and highly spirited unicorn mare. She is rearing up and ready for action. There is a feeling of eloquence. The unicorn knows her inner strength and

has no need to prove herself. Although the unicorn is one of the most placid spiritual beasts, there is no doubt that her advantage above all other beasts is her long powerful horn in the center of her forehead. Any two-horned animal would be no match for the supernatural unicorn. **Divinatory Meaning:** Strength, spiritual protection of the unicorn, personal magnetism. Forge ahead to achieve victory, energy, good health. ‘Strong silent type’ of person, who is steadfast and loyal. **Reverse Meaning:** A weakening of strength is indicated by the surrounding cards; mentally, through stress, or physically, bringing a warning of ill health. Negative energies could turn to aggressiveness.

IX THE HERMIT—This card portrays The Hermit as a wise old man, resembling a monk. He is standing on the top of the highest spiritual path, winds of time swirling like mist around his magical Rod. He holds the lamp of spiritual enlightenment to guide his way. By his side stands an unfettered unicorn equally as wise, a spiritual companion to The Hermit, bringing with him his own inner reflection. The wondrous beast does not need to speak, for the wise old Hermit knows everything. **Divinatory Meaning:** When the spiritually unfettered unicorn comes to the Inquirer with The Hermit card, it is an indication of time for reflection. This may come as a period of study and learning, in order to better oneself, improving one’s quality of life. Meditate, enroll in a course, or seek advice and direction from a learned source. **Reversed Meaning:** Feeling alone. You versus the world. Failure. Immaturity.

X WHEEL OF FORTUNE—The Wheel of Fortune depicts a dark, mysterious woman crouched down with a large wheel in her hands. She looks as though she is

4. The fourth card indicates past influences that may still be affecting, or even be the cause, of the Inquirer's present situation. This card is placed to the left of cards one and two.
5. The fifth card is what crowns the Inquirer. This card is placed directly above the first and second cards, indicating how the Inquirer appears to the outside world.
6. The sixth card is placed to the right of the first and second cards. This card represents near future trends, and possible happenings yet to come that could have a bearing on this situation.
7. The seventh card is placed lower down, to the right hand side of the first cards. It begins the line of cards that will ascend straight up in a row on this side. The card itself portrays the subconscious feelings pertaining to this question, and how the Inquirer really sees himself.
8. The eighth card is placed above the latter. This card pertains to the Inquirer's relationship with his or her friends, and provides information regarding jealousy or support from friendships and relationships.
9. The ninth card is placed above the latter. This card describes the Inquirer's hopes and fears about the present situation.
10. The tenth card is placed above the latter. This card foretells the final outcome to the present situation. Interpret the cards individually, but also look at the whole picture in order to clearly understand the outcome.