HUSH TAROT SAMPLE

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INTRODUCTION

The creation of this tarot deck has been a lifelong odyssey of personal experiences. Hush Tarot represents a specter of dreams, a destination without end, a compilation of creativity and personal inspiration.

Much of my life has been spent on the move. While my surroundings have changed I have always maintained a special kinship with animals and I have carried an unbroken connection with the pen in my hand. My art is my world and my world depicts nature as being bigger than any individual person, where the smallest creatures look down on us. It's a place that feels like home but still has an element of danger, adventure, and mystery. The element of mystery has drawn me to the tarot, with its unknown origins and its depth of symbolism and hidden meanings. Yet the cards can speak to absolutely anyone in a very personal way.

In Hush Tarot, my characters are always on a journey. They appear lost in the weeds but

there is always a hidden clue guiding them to the way out. There is meaning in the direction they walk, and an expectation for every turned glance. I'm hoping my creativity will inspire readers to follow their own imagination and lead more productive and creative lives. Hush Tarot weaves the lives of animals and humans together on common ground and equal footing. The animal and human spirit are unified. The idea of spirit animals figures significantly in this deck. They act as guides with characteristics that we all relate to. The smallest creature can have the largest impact. The greatest question can be answered by the slightest shift in perspective.

Tarot is a piece of history that has endured through the ages. As the world grew and changed, tarot has survived and has been interpreted by artists of all kinds. It has been a lifelong dream of mine to be a part of this legacy.

THE MAJOR ARCANA

O. THE FOOL

Upright: Mischievous. Bold. Out of step. An adventurous spirit. Carefree and open to new experiences.

The Ferret is known for its curiosity and playful temperament, which can sometimes be considered mischievous. Moths use their turbulent flight to evade predators. Their erratic moves can help to avoid danger. Also as masters of disguise, they are a reminder to be aware that you could be hiding from yourself.

Reversed: Poor decision-making. Carelessness. Being open to risks.

The Ferret has excellent night sight, but he is easily distracted. A glance over the shoulder leaves you blind to obstacles ahead.

Just as the moth may be proficient in its own manner of flight, the object it most desires is often just a flame—its end. Be mindful in your decision-making. Some actions can have lasting effects.

I. THE MAGICIAN

Upright: Ingenuity. Proficiency. Effort.

The Magician is the tie between the spirit and the physical world. This card represents the balance between the wild of the inner animal and the calm of the aligned mind. The wolf has long been linked with humanity. While early hunter-gatherers were equipped with hands to wield tools, the wolf was armed with enhanced senses; eyes that see in the dark, smell, speed and agility. Together, our skills advanced each other. The Magician has the fortitude to bridge that relationship. Rediscover those forgotten powers. Balance the primitive and the sophisticated. Hold it tightly. Manifest the power to help, not hinder.

Reversed: Greed. Misuse of power. Appetite. The will to mislead and destroy.

The wolf has a hunger. It devours. It feeds as if it may never feed again. We must keep a strong hold of our egotism. A pack works together. With solitary efforts, we fall behind. This card is a reminder to respect and value others who may seem to be on our path. A Magician is very skilled. Reversed, this card may indicate that you are not using your talents and you may be avoiding challenges. One cannot advance without learning, even from failures.

II. THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Upright: Instinct. Reasoning. Cunning.

The High Priestess sits between the light and the dark. Her wisdom is balanced. Her eyes and ears are attuned to what is hidden below the surface. She possesses a keen sense of intuition, and the ability to discern right from wrong. Her wisdom extends beyond what is pleasing to others. She is draped and adorned in fineries but not restricted by them. Her feeling are free, uncaged. She is surrounded by the illumination of stars, representing deeds that bring on good favor. Sparrows suggest the joy found in the little things.

Reversed: Impatience. Self-centered.

The Raven with its over-powering shrieks and whistles attempts to drown out your inner voice. His presence threatens imbalance and may cloud your judgment. This card warns about losing touch with your subconscious mind. The sparrow may be injured and small but its song can still be heard. This card is an admonition of self-centering, not over shadowing. Meditate on your inner voice.

III. THE EMPRESS

Upright: Fertility. Femininity. Nature.

The Empress is Mother Earth, the embodiment of the natural world. Her hood of the crow contains the knowledge of life's mysteries and magic. Its eyes scan the sky providing vision to observe the truth in the world. This insight is not gained without the scars to show for it. Self-mending is needed.

This card hints at lessons on the birds and bees. Fertility, nature and abundance are just part of this story. Rust, decay and endings are required to complete this cycle of life. All is needed for life to endure this circle. The Empress may be a sign for a new start, such as a creative endeavor. Learn a new art form. Shape challenges in your day. Create a new path for your way of thinking.

Reversed: Loss of direction. Dependence on others. Lack of creativity.

Relationships with others may be tying you down. You may be dependent on them or they may be overly dependent on you. The circle entangles, bringing a loss of power. A new way to express feeling for others is needed to break the monotony.

IV. THE EMPEROR

Upright: Confident. Daring. Resolute. Strategic thinker.

The grackle's bold figure is a reminder to be brave in one's decisions. This card deals with control of one's emotions and the fortitude to see through the structures and rules set by others. While some wear masks and fall into line, the grackle is able to make its own mark. His path of determination and resilience is clear. For our complete line of tarot decks, books, meditation cards, oracle sets, and other inspirational products please visit our website: www.usgamesinc.com



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