Oracle of LIGHT & DREAMS SAMPLE

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to The Oracle of Light and Dreams featuring inspiring characters who encourage bravery, strength and wisdom. The deck includes intrepid explorers, mermaids, legends of history, fairies and other magical beings, many of whom are aided and accompanied by their trusty animal companions and familiars. I hope that you get as much pleasure and inspiration out of this card deck as I did in creating it. The wonderful thing about painting is that it provides an opportunity to tell a visual short story of color and emotion that is unique to every viewer. While in this guidebook I have provided a brief interpretation of my thoughts behind the paintings, I hope that each card acts as a portal that opens the space for your own imagination to fill out stories of adventure, discovery and whimsy. What is left unsaid can be most meaningful.

I wanted my characters to be inspiring and heroic figures who demonstrate qualities that may be beneficial to us in our own lives. Descriptions of these qualities and how we might go about applying them are included in this guidebook along with an insightful quote for further reflection.



1. KINGFISHERDevelop resilience.

POSITIVITY ♦ BALANCE ♦ STAMINA ♦ DETERMINATION

Having journeyed far along the riverbank in their quest for new allies and resources, the striking kingfisher perches momentarily upon a weathered branch. While her alert rider remains vigilant, they rest and recover their strength. Through their training and with determination and perseverance they have developed the skills and knowledge needed to tackle the challenges of their environment. The bird and the rider have learned to endure the stresses and obstacles of a long day traveling and despite their small size have become a formidable pair.

Developing resilience in our lives helps us to maintain balance and prevents us from being overwhelmed during difficult or stressful times. Building our resilience may involve: developing our mental as well as physical stamina, focusing on what we can control instead of what we cannot such as our reaction instead of the situation, and thinking about issues as challenges to be overcome in more positive, hopeful ways.

"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

~Nelson Mandela~



2. DESCENDANTS

Face your fears, seek knowledge.

COURAGE ♦ ACTION ♦ AWARENESS ♦ CONFIDENCE

The dinosaur was raised since birth by her brave companion and as a result they share an unbreakable bond. As they explore the tangled prehistoric undergrowth their senses combine to give them a keen understanding of their environment. The

pungent volcanic gas and the shrieks of the soaring Pterodactyls almost mask the foreboding scent, the faint rumble and the distant roar of the approaching giant, signs that the pair have learned to mean danger is near.

It is through their explorations and by standing up to their fears and the challenges of a vibrant and sometimes formidable world that they have expanded their boundaries, enhanced their knowledge and skill and given themselves the confidence to handle any adversities that come their way.

"Inaction breeds doubt and fear.

Action breeds confidence and courage.

If you want to conquer fear, do not sit at home and think about it. Go out and get busy."

~Dale Carnegie~



3. MOONSTRUCK

Open your heart.

RECEPTIVITY ♦ SURRENDER ♦ GRACE ♦

PASSION ♦ BLISS

Delicately clothed in a gown of cloud mist and oblivious to the sleeping world below, the maiden tenderly rests a finger on her heavenly companion in silent connection. The air is wondrously sweet with a delicate rose fragrance and the enchanting glow highlights dancing moths as they are drawn by the moon's divine beauty.

It is a magical place of surrender and forgiveness where love flows freely. By opening our hearts, the gifts of this enchanted night are something that we can all share.

> "The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart."

> > ~Helen Keller~

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