



## The Court Cards

*“Your vision will become clear only when you look into your own heart. The one who looks outside dreams, while the one who looks inside awakens.” —Carl Jung*

In tarot, the Court Cards represent the people, archetypes, or situations in our lives or within ourselves. They can be the most elusive cards in the deck because they are filled with flexibility, variety, people, and ever-changing situations. They can represent someone in the client's life, a situation in the client's life, the client, a project, a child, etc. This part of the deck requires more spiritual listening than the major arcana and number cards, for the story may not be as clearly presented until you tune in.

Of course, the meaning of the suits carries over from the number cards:

**Earth/Pentacles/Disks:** Represent anything having to do with the physical world/energy, anything materialized, money, physical body, health, career, health, resources (including computers), security, stability, safety, and matters of physical manifestation here on Earth.

**Water/Cups/Bowls:** Represents the emotional world, feelings, relationships, and connections. Fluidity is represented as part of this element, as well as counseling, addictions, and sensitivity. Matters of the heart rule the Water element in tarot.

**Air/Swords/Wind:** Represents thoughts, words, and mental processing, including linear thinking, judgments, new ideas, and solutions, as well as thoughts, words, and all forms of communication. This element can indicate change or control. It is also a symbol of responsibility, conflict, and power.

**Fire/Wands/Staffs:** Represents creativity, inspiration, spirituality, and sexuality. This suit is super-charged, embodying all that we feel or sense, but cannot touch. Just like fire, this suit is fearless and, at times, impulsive. The energy of fire is not sustainable—it is hot, inspired, and lively, often leading you in a new creative or intense personal direction.

**Wild Card:** Some decks will have one additional card that is sometimes called the Wild Card or Universal Message... or, as I jokingly call it, the *Go Fish* card. This is where you look to the cards around it and feel into the card's energy to discern its meaning. It's critical you put your mind in neutral and feel your way.

## The Kings

Consider the King card a mini-Emperor. A card with Cardinal qualities, it brings the message of new beginnings, forward movement, initiation, rules, and creation.

KING OF EARTH



### King of Earth

The King of Earth represents hard work, stability, steadiness, and diligence. It signifies a desire to hold a strong personal reputation and higher status. Social acceptance is important, as well as the need to be able to provide. With Capricorn energy behind it, the King of Earth represents someone who values tradition, is ready and willing to put in the hard work necessary to achieve the above goals and maintain high standards. When you think of the King of Earth, think Leader, President, CEO—someone who likes to take care of people and situations and be in control.

### King of Water

The King of Water is dedicated to assisting others with emotional growth. With Cancer energy supporting it, The King of Water is nurturing and sensitive. This card represents a coach, mentor, or someone who likes to be needed and loves to counsel/nurture others on their journey. However, along with all these good intentions, the level of sensitivity here can lead to paranoia, possessiveness, and distrust when imbalanced, which can manifest into addictions if one is not careful.

KING OF WATER



KING OF AIR



### King of Air

The King of Air loves to make things happen! Fair, reasonable, and inspired by ideas and agility, the King of Air has a high degree of integrity and honesty. With Libra energy supporting it, The King of Air loves harmony, and his decisions are data-based and well-planned—not spontaneous. This card represents a great communicator who is verbally agile with a tender heart; someone who has lofty ideas about partnership but can often mistrust their own feelings when seeking forward movement with an idea or relationship. They want all the facts and a general consensus presented to them. Think of a lawyer, researcher, or Ph.D.

## King of Fire

Charming, sexy, charismatic, inspiring, and impulsive is the King of Fire. An inspirational leader who continually sets new dramatic goals and implements grand ideas; this visionary motivates others with his “go big or go home” attitude. With Aries energy behind him, the King of Fire is quick-tempered and self-centered, exploding with little forewarning and recovering in a child-like manner (quick, with little remorse). He knows he must share his thoughts with others, which can be difficult when the details and specifics of the process are not strengths. The King of Fire is often a public figure, artist, or celebrity.

## Notes



## The Queens

The Queen sits alongside The Empress, full of great power, wisdom, strength, and determination. With fixed astrology qualities, maintaining order, stability, structure, and balance of power are top priorities for The Queen.

QUEEN OF EARTH



### Queen of Earth

This card represents a strong female who rules on her own accord—not dependent on having a man rule beside her. She partners at will, not by need. Generally peaceful and a lover of luxury, art, and beauty, the Queen of Earth represents all the lushness Mother Earth and the material world offers. The Queen of Earth can also represent a pregnancy. With Taurus energy supporting her, she is stubborn by nature and has a bull-like temper when pushed.

### Queen of Water

The Queen of Water represents a female with powerful emotions who never yields without a fight. Deeply intuitive, loyal, and tenacious, she likes to have her way and will throw you into her water if you cross her. Naturally alluring and beautiful, fulfillment comes easily and is expected by her. With Scorpio's energy supporting her, she is mysterious and ready to strike if necessary. Be aware; addictions can run high with the Queen of Water.

QUEEN OF WATER



QUEEN OF AIR

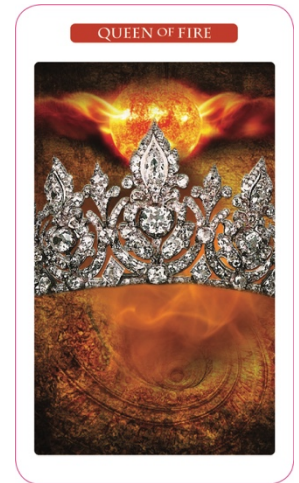


### Queen of Air

The Queen of Air represents a strong leader and a champion of rights, particularly of the underdog. Intellectual, responsible, skilled organizer, and confident decision-maker, the Queen of Air is a woman who is passionate about significant reform. Her relationship world is often mundane, for she is too busy saving the world or fighting for a cause to stop and enjoy the fruits of love. She considers this “burden” part of the deal, and she endures. With Aquarius energy behind her, the Queen of Air is independent, often eccentric, and willing to suffer for the greater good.

## Queen of Fire

Inspiring and cutting-edge, the Queen of Fire brings her passion and charm to all she does. With Leo's energy supporting her, she is competitive, fiercely loyal, proud, extravagant, and great fun to be around. Her affection is sincere, and she loves hard in a sexy, passionate, and charming way. Quite imaginative and gifted with artistic abilities, balance can be an issue for this female. She moves through this world with self-assurance, ease, and honest belief in her power and capability. She is a Lioness.



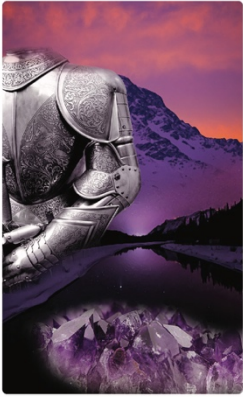
## Notes



## The Knights

The Knight typically carries a younger energy and can represent a child, younger adult, or new situation. The Knight is mutable, flexible, not steady, and usually entertaining.

KNIGHT OF EARTH



### Knight of Earth

Represents a determined spirit and dependable energy that prefers to work quietly. This calm and practical energy is also physically strong, needing regular physical outlets to release his energy. If this card represents a mature adult, it may signify financial or physical challenges. The Knight of Earth has a Virgo energy and does well in IT or physically active work.

### Knight of Water

The Knight of Water, like all members of the emotional Water element, represents sensitivity and a world where emotions rule. This card represents a love that loves to be in love; a romantic dreamer—Pisces' energy. Idealistic and unsteady, the Knight of Water can be a poor decision-maker, for he sacrifices anything for love or flip-flops. This card also carries the message of someone who is good at sales (for they pour their heart into it). It may also indicate a high risk of addictions.

KNIGHT OF WATER



KNIGHT OF AIR



### Knight of Air

The Knight of Air represents a person or situation where “what you see is not what you get.” The Knight of Air holds Gemini energy—verbally charming, versatile, physically graceful, yet can be self-righteous and overbearing. This card's energy represents a person who is a consummate bachelor—someone who hates an emotional scene or being tied down.

## Knight of Fire

The Knight of Fire represents an explorer, trailblazer, aka “wild child” (i.e., Steve Jobs, Walt Disney). Wonderful teachers and philosophers who generate ideas and inspirations endlessly—but do not expect them to attend to implementation details. There’s a crash and burn element here and a Sagittarius vibe. Trust can be an issue due to their high “flexibility” and this energy needs both structure and space to create.



## Notes

## The Pages

The Page typically represents a very young child, person, or messenger with very youthful energy aged 0-30.

PAGE OF EARTH



### Page of Earth

The Page of Earth represents a tactile, quiet child. With this energy, you must be patient—don't rush them, and give them plenty of down-time for rest. Allow them to get their hands dirty. Physical activity and outlets are essential, preferably outdoor activity, for balance and optimum emotional health. Schedules are also very helpful.

PAGE OF WATER



### Page of Water

The Page of Water represents an emotional and sensitive child. Be mindful that this child isn't running or carrying the emotional energy for everyone around them. Relaxation is critical for them—from people to toys. Creating downtime for them to replenish and recharge is a must.

PAGE OF AIR



### Page of Air

The Page of Air represents a child who is verbally expressive and keenly observant. Allow them time and space to question, explain, learn, and even debate. Mental stimulation is needed with equal importance to downtime. Read to this child from a very young age. Be sure to expand their sense of right and wrong by inviting them into shades of gray.



## Page of Fire

The Page of Fire represents a child that requires free artistic expression and exposure. Allow this child wide open spaces to create and be creative. Do not constrain them unnecessarily. Expression and Freedom are themes of their lives.





## Notes

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