

Mildred Payne's
**ORACLE of BLACK
ENCHANTMENT**

© Deviant Moon Inc. 2018





1. THE CAVALCADE

BEWARE! The end of peaceful days has arrived! The Cavalcade of mischief exits the gates of hell intent on spreading chaos around the World.

Dark Meaning:

A seemingly never ending procession of problems may be coming your way. Prepare for a season of multiple troubles. One damn thing after another. A can of worms opened!

Light Meaning:

A series of unique challenges will lead to personal growth once overcome.



2. THE ANGRY MOB

A ragtag crowd of outraged citizens march in defiance against evil. Unbeknownst to them, darkness has already infiltrated the group.

Dark Meaning:

Forces rising up against your ambitions. Strong resistance. Mutiny. Rebellion. A fly in the ointment.

Light Meaning:

Unity. Coming together for a common cause. Coalescence.



3. THE GARDENER

A housemaid, tired of the troublesome weeds growing wild in her garden, proceeds to behead the plants with a quick snip from her pruning shears.

Dark Meaning:

Death of one's ideas. Someone cutting you down to size. A critical or destructive person.

Light Meaning:

Getting rid of problems once and for all! Taking personal responsibility. Eliminating negativity.



4. ABDUCTION

Black Mary runs away after stealing an innocent child from its loving home. A simple path leads directly to her decrepit house in the woods, where she will try and raise the child on her own.

Dark Meaning:

Loss. Stolen property. Robbery. Something or someone taken from you prematurely.

Light Meaning:

An easily solvable crime or mystery. Follow the clues to their logical conclusion.



5. SLAYMATES

A trio of skeletal children hold hands and dance together, unaware or uncaring of their morbid situation.

Dark Meaning:

Ignoring an impending problem. Neglecting to take care of a serious situation. Foolish naivety.

Light Meaning:

Not stressing over what can't be controlled. Living carefree for the moment. Putting all worries off for tomorrow.



6. WRAPPED WITCHES

A malevolent demon laughs with delight as he wraps a pair of young maidens in inescapable bindings. The moon watches above, hinting that the binding merely exists in the minds of the girls.

Dark Meaning:

Thought control. Brain washing. Propaganda. Limiting beliefs. Servitude. A prisoner or hostage. Feeling as if in a trance. Confusion.

Light Meaning:

The gift of persuasion. Convincing others to succumb to your beliefs. Being a smooth talker in a tough situation.



7. ASTRAL PROJECTION

A young girl curls up in her warm bed and dreams the night away. Her subconscious energy transcends the limits of her mortal body into a new dimension of possibilities. She must be careful not to stray too far, for a band of treacherous spirits look to cut her spiritual cord and steal her soul.

Dark Meaning:
Vulnerability. Putting yourself out there. Risk.

Light Meaning:
Going beyond your limits. Connecting to spirit. Vision.



8. THE ANGEL

A glorious angel descends from the clouds to remind the demon not to speak so freely.

Dark Meaning:
Gossip. Bad rumors. Inflammatory remarks. Defamation of character. Foul or hurtful language.

Light Meaning:
Discretion. Situations that require manners and etiquette. Not being afraid to call someone out for their transgressions.

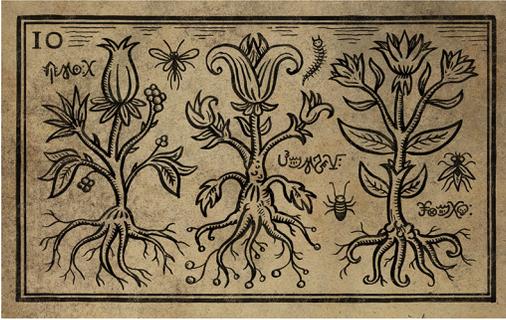


9. THE SICK WITCH

A witch filled with sickness and decay vomits into a golden chalice. Two deplorable creatures stand beside her; one offers assistance, while the other scratches himself in confusion.

Dark Meaning:
Disease. Sickness. The poor results of physical neglect or bad habits.

Light Meaning:
Ridding yourself of toxins. Cleansing the body, soul, and mind. A purge.



10. HERBS

Shown are three rare and magical herbs representing the botanical sources for the witch's potion. With these, she may either concoct an elixir or poison, depending on her needs.

Dark Meaning:

Dangerous or secret ingredients. A poisonous combination. An unsolvable equation.

Light Meaning:

A remedy. A new solution created by combining various elements.



11. SPILLED SECRETS

Skeletal pallbearers drop the black coffin they were carrying on the way to the grave site, exposing the body of a murdered woman.

Dark Meaning:

A bad mistake with dire consequences. Dropping the ball. Incompetence. Lack of cooperation.

Light Meaning:

Evil deeds finally uncovered for all the world to see. Revealing the truth.



12. THE HEALING WITCH

The White Witch uses her healing powers to cure a sick child of his ailments. A grotesque demon rises from the boy's mouth as illness leaves his body at last.

Dark Meaning:

A bad or prolonged sickness. Low energy. Physical or mental depletion. Worry for a loved one.

Light Meaning:

A cure. Helpful medical assistance. Kindness and compassion. Convalescence.



13. THE BLACK CAT

A ferocious black cat toys with his latest kill. Before long, he will move on and bury his deadly claws into new prey.

Dark Meaning:

Bad luck. An omen to beware of. A fierce problem not easily dismissed. Fear and superstition.

Light Meaning:

Taking control over dis-empowering beliefs. Choosing to create one's own destiny instead of leaving it to chance.



14. THE CAULDRON

Under the light of an energized moon, three hags combine gory ingredients for their horrid concoction.

Dark Meaning:

A bad mix. Evil deeds or plans coming together.

Light Meaning:

Breaking up and dissolving a big problem. Taking a few bad things and turning it all into positive results.



15. LUCIFER

The King of Darkness squats on his fiery hill, summoning the forces of evil and reigning damnation on all people.

Dark Meaning:

Unchecked evil and malevolence. Oppression. Supreme darkness. A totalitarian leader. A severely sadistic person. Servitude.

Light Meaning:

The ability to recognize evil for what it really is. A worthy opponent one must face in order to be free.



16. THE EXECUTION

A notorious gang of evil-doers swing by the neck at the gallows. A sentry plunges his sword into the abdomen of one of the convicts to ensure punishment has been served.

Dark Meaning:

Dire consequences. Guilt by association. Time to pay a high price for crimes committed. A harsh penalty.

Light Meaning:

Justice served. The satisfaction of seeing those who have harmed you get what they deserve at last.



17. THE DISPUTE

Two matrons struggle to gain possession of a child skeleton. If they are not careful they will likely pull the creature apart and be left with nothing.

Dark Meaning:

A struggle against someone whose powers equal your own. Stalemate. Conflict. An impasse. Wanting what someone else already has.

Light Meaning:

Maintaining ones rights, no matter the cost. It may be time to seek a non-partial judgment or opinion.



18. THE CITY

A glorious walled city shines like a gem upon the hilltop. Sanctuary dark clouds move in from afar the horrific events yet to come.

Dark Meaning:

The good life teeters on the brink! Hardships threaten to breach the walls of protection you thought would keep you safe. An imminent collapse of all you worked for.

Light Meaning:

A strong and enduring legacy built to withstand the ages. The pinnacle accomplishment of a society. A grand project coming to fruition.



19. THE HARBINGER

The harbinger of death returns to its master after unleashing destruction upon the city.

Dark Meaning:

Ruin. Chaos. A dark plan fulfilled.

Light Meaning:

Return of a loved one after an ordeal. The safe recovery of something once lost.



20. THE DEMON SHIP

A sail ship filled with demons rides the waves and makes its way to an unsuspecting city over the horizon. One of the demons casts a line into the ocean, snagging a helpless mermaid.

Dark Meaning:

Trouble on the way! Invaders or trespassers.

Unwelcome guests. Party crashers.

Light Meaning:

Exposure to foreign ideas. New groups of people may be arriving into your life.



21. THE ATTACK

A pack of terrifying lions maul a demon, intent on ripping him to shreds. Though he may struggle to fight back, the demon is no match for the beasts.

Dark Meaning:

An overwhelming assault. A vicious attack. Being ganged up on. Fighting multiple foes.

Light Meaning:

Using everything you have to attack a problem. No mercy. Being relentless.



22. ABANDONMENT

A sullen girl turns her back on the future and her possibilities. Wanting no part of the sadness, a flock of birds flees from her and heads off to brighter prospects.

Dark Meaning:

Abandonment. Isolation. or withdrawal Self-pity. Depression.

Light Meaning:

Leaving a dismal relationship or situation behind. Searching for a better life.



23. THE SENTENCING

A woman stands tied to a stake; accused of witchcraft by the judge and his cohorts. Brandishing a torch, one of the henchmen prepares to ignite the wood and set a roaring fire.

Dark Meaning:

Dire consequences for ones actions. A day of reckoning. Being unjustly convicted of a wrongdoing. Circumstantial evidence.

Light Meaning:

Justice. Enforcing the law. Elimination of a problem.



24. REVENGE

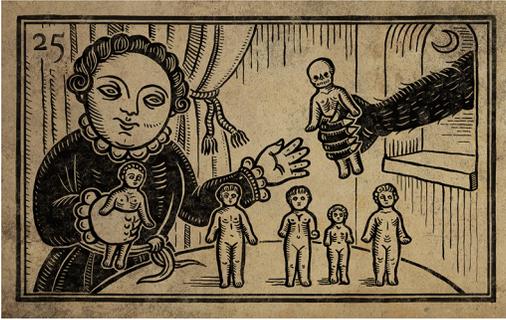
A witch, burned at the stake for her supposed crimes, returns in a fiery rage and seeks revenge against her frightened persecutors.

Dark Meaning:

A sudden flare up from something once thought resolved. Reoccurring troubles. A serious problem that refuses to go away or die.

Light Meaning:

Revenge. Coming back stronger. Those who once doubted you may be on the run!



25. FROZEN CHARLOTTE

A little girl joyfully plays in her room with an assortment of figures. A black hand pokes through the window offering her a new addition to her collection.

Dark Meaning:
Evil offerings. Bribery. Accepting sin. Material temptation. Unwanted obligations.

Light Meaning:
Acceptance. A gift. A token of friendship or peace.



26. THE WHITE CAT

Going against its killer instincts, a white cat befriends a group of birds. The birds have learned to trust the cat and play around it without worry.

Dark Meaning:
Ignoring your intuition at your own peril. Being oblivious to obvious danger. Being lured into a trap.

Light Meaning:
Blind trust. Making an ally out of a former enemy. Cooperation despite past history or differences.



27. THE DROWNING

Storm could overrun the sky as rain downpours across the land, causing a deluge that will drown both saints and sinners.

Dark Meaning:
Feelings of deep emotional overwhelm. Being unable to keep up. Helplessness. A profoundly daunting situation.

Light Meaning:
Cleansing your spirit and emotions. Washing away something old so you can start anew.



28. THE FARMER

The hardy farmer plows his field under sunshine and rain. Although the elements provide everything needed for success, the farmer still curses them under his breath.

Dark Meaning:

An ungrateful person. Being unappreciative. Exploitation. Hating one's occupation.

Light Meaning:

Hard work. Time to practice gratitude. Doing what's necessary regardless of liking the process.



29. LEVITATION

A talented magician levitates slowly into the air as the townsfolk gasp in utter amazement.

Dark Meaning:

Strange forces not easily explained. A dark display of power. A believable illusion over gullible people.

Light Meaning:

The ability to transcend limitations. A miracle. Hidden skills revealed. Rising above the crowd.



30. THE VIOLINIST

The violinist plays a hypnotizing melody to a group of entranced maidens. The dark notes transform into flying demons which lures the girls into an unbreakable spell.

Dark Meaning:

Seduction. Dark charm. Playing with one's emotions. Mass brain washing. Propaganda.

Light Meaning:

Delightful distraction. Admiration. An enchanting skill.



31. SUNDANCERS

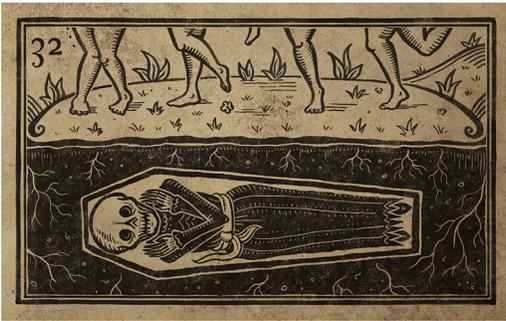
A joyful group of virgins frolic through the meadow during the Summer Solstice. The girls are carefree and give little thought to the inevitable approach of Winter.

Dark Meaning:

Good times long gone. Wishing for better days.
Blissful ignorance.

Light Meaning:

A time of little worry. Happiness with friends.
Beautiful days or memories. Living for the moment.



32. THE GRAVE

A rotted corpse lies in its grave, longing to feel the sun again and join the happy dancers above.

Dark Meaning:

Death. Confinement. Feeling trapped or isolated.
Wishing for something that once was but can never be again.

Light Meaning:

Hibernation. Taking time to recharge. Putting yourself in a voluntary cocoon so you might emerge anew.



33. CONSOLATION

The witch consoles a young lass, trying to make her feel beautiful despite her apparent flaws. Meanwhile, a trio of highfalutin women discuss ways to keep the deformed girl out of their clique.

Dark Meaning:

Rejection. Being ostracized from the group. Low self-esteem. Feeling unworthy. Lack of ability.

Light Meaning:

Recognizing your beauty. Being different and accepting it as a special gift. Self worth. Having a real friend in troubled times.



34. THE FALLING WOMAN

A woman tumbles from her high balcony and plummets helplessly through the night. With nothing to stop her fall, she will surely die once she hits the hard ground below.

Dark Meaning:
Helplessness or insecurity. Losing control and succumbing to your fate. Anxiety.

Light Meaning:
A time to let go and trust, regardless of a seemingly hopeless situation. Accepting that which you cannot control.



35. SALVATION

The falling woman's prayers have been answered! Three winged souls swoop from the stars and rescue her, taking her back to the top of the tower where she will find herself safe and sound.

Dark Meaning:
Saving something that was better left for dead. Giving status to someone undeserving. Elevating a misguided idea.

Light Meaning:
Salvation. A rescue. Divine intervention. Having a strong support system.



36. THE SERPENT

An intimidating serpent coils its body and prepares to strike. Five heads emerge from its tail, reminding the beast of the souls he has conquered in battle.

Dark Meaning:
Selfish aggression. Material gain or power achieved through the cost of others. Exploitation. A dictator or authoritarian ruler.

Light Meaning:
May represent a leader who recognizes his/her power comes from the people. An aggressively strong organization or political party.



37. THE SLEEPING DEMON

After working a full day perfecting his spells, the tired demon lays his head on the worktable and falls to sleep with satisfaction.

Dark Meaning:

Taking a break when you should be working. Being lazy. Procrastination. Not taking your work seriously.

Light Meaning:

Refreshing yourself before trying again. Physical or mental recovery. Well deserved rest after a productive session.



38. DEATH BED

Moonlight falls on the body of an old woman as she sleeps peacefully in eternal death. The beauty of the life she once led has manifested into a glorious bed of flowers.

Dark Meaning:

Not living to see or not being a part of something you worked hard to create. Missed rewards. Not realizing what you once had.

Light Meaning:

A piece of you that lives on forever. The legacy of a life well lived. Everlasting gifts. Enduring love.



39. HALLUCINATION

Two concerned monks usher a crazed young man out of the monastery, unable to see the demon who taunts them from inside the room. Perhaps the man is not insane after all, for his eyes are not deceived by the demon's invisibility.

Dark Meaning:

Not being taken seriously. Frustration. Social pressure to conform.

Light Meaning:

Recognizing what others refuse to see. Going against dogma or the powers that be in search of the truth.



40. THE OUTING

A diabolical quartet strolls across the countryside, however, some enjoyed the day more than others.

Dark Meaning:

Antagonistic behavior. A bully. A prankster. Showing off at someone's expense. Trying to impress others.

Light Meaning:

Making the best of a hurtful situation. Having a sense of humor. Flirtation.



41. THE TREE

An ancient tree stands deep in the woods. While the seasons have caused other trees to lose their leaves, this old tree maintains its full foliage.

Dark Meaning:

Jealousy. Envy of another's success or social standing. Trying to bring someone down to a deplorable level in order to feel better about one's self. Greatness amongst mediocrity.

Light Meaning:

Wisdom. Using one's natural gifts to stand out from the crowd. An old soul that flourishes despite the hardships endured through life.



42. THE PACT

The Frau and the Devil meet alone in the woods to seal their evil pact. Their handshake is binding, and the agreement made tonight will last until the end of time.

Dark Meaning:

A dark deal. Treacherous collaborations. An unbreakable commitment you might someday regret.

Light Meaning:

Mutual understanding. A truce. A beneficial union. Excellent terms.



43. TWILIGHT RIDERS

The masked witches ride swiftly through the night. In great anticipation for what's to come, they fly over the moon on their way to the Sabbath.

Dark Meaning:
Take heed! Enemies are assembling! Malevolence is intensifying.

Light Meaning:
An excursion. Joining with like minded folks towards a common purpose.



44. NIGHTMARES

Two lads flee on a black steed, chased by horrid winged skulls. Although the main rider is frightened by the creatures, the second boy turns to let evil know his true feelings.

Dark Meaning:
Scary dreams. Dark fear. A need to run away fast from something terrible. Untamed worries.

Light Meaning:
Taking fear in stride. Staying one pace away from disaster. Gaining the lead over worries or anxiety.



45. THE SEANCE

Guided by a spirit medium, a group of mourners locks hands in an effort to communicate with the dead. As they close their eyes to concentrate, they fail to notice the ghostly hand reaching into their circle.

Dark Meaning:
Someone or something may be trying to contact you. Spirit intervention. Opening a portal that best remains closed.

Light Meaning:
Communication with a distant friend or loved one. Combining energies for a greater purpose. Being open minded and ready to receive something uncanny.



46. THE FISH THIEF

A hungry boy tries to run off with a fish he stole from the sea. A mermaid rises from the waves and grabs his ankle while her sisters reprimand the would-be thief.

Dark Meaning:

Waiting too long to prevent a problem. Getting caught doing something wrong. Having to explain your behaviors. Embarrassment.

Light Meaning:

Catching someone in the act Stopping a bad event from happening. Nipping a problem early.



47. GLAMOUR

Lucifer, the king of deception, holds a mirror up to a rotted skeleton, who sees an illusion of herself in better days.

Dark Meaning:

Delusion. Not seeing things for what they really are. Self-denial. Living a false reality. Twisted perceptions.

Light Meaning:

Seeing things better than they really are. Having vision. May represent the struggle to meet the best version of yourself.



48. THE FLYING QUEEN

The Flying Queen soars over dark waves in search of a brighter way of life, leaving the darkness of her past behind.

Dark Meaning:

The inability to escape your situation. Fear of venturing into new situations. Retreat.

Light Meaning:

Courage to change. Forward momentum. A growth mindset.



49. THE ORDEAL

The blindfolded witch fearlessly pushes forward into the darkness. With each step she takes, she dispels all fear while creating a life of joy and meaning.

Dark Meaning:

Feeling consumed by the darkness. Cowardice. Being faithless. Needing the approval of others before advancing.

Light Meaning:

Someone who is willing to go through the darkness to reveal the light. Bravery. Having blind faith in your abilities. Knowing you will solve problems as they arise.



50. REINCARNATION

The immortal spirit moves through the ages, inhabiting body after body along the way. One soul; many lifetimes.

Dark Meaning:

Starting all over again. Being in a perpetual cycle against your will and beyond your control. Redundancy. Repeating mistakes.

Light Meaning:

A chance to begin again. A continuous series of events. A never ending idea that spans the generations. Striving for perfection. Improving from past mistakes.



51. THE BALEFIRE

In a moonlight ritual, the wicked couples leap together over the bonfire, celebrating their fertility and honoring the nature. Purified by the roaring flames, they set off into the woods to produce new offspring.

Dark Meaning:

Sinful sexual relations. Wild or obscene behavior. Failing to uphold a longstanding tradition.

Light Meaning:

Eliminating negative energies. Purification. A rite of passage. Celebration and tradition. Fiery passion. Procreation.



52. THE WITCHES' SABBATH

Deep in the heart of the woods, the Witches' celebrate their Sabbath under a hypnotic Moon. The Witch Queen raises her arms to conjure up darkness, while her coven takes part in various forms of forbidden pleasures.

Dark Meaning:

Dangerous or promiscuous rituals. Debauchery. Disregarding all inhibitions. Wild group behavior.

Light Meaning:

Celebration within a group. Reunion. A pinnacle event or crowning achievement.

Reading with the ORACLE of BLACK ENCHANTMENT

Although Mildred never left instructions on the spreads she used with her oracle, we assume she used the cards intuitively. It is rumored that she included cards from her Secret Pocket Oracle as clarifiers whenever she was unsure of an aspect in her readings.

The Oracle of Black Enchantment has abundant symbolism yet to be deciphered. It is a story deck and works just like interpreting a dream. Each visual element may have different meanings for individual card readers. Feel free to reference the provided meanings as a springboard to discovering your own unique way of handling the deck; or not. You may choose to dispose of them entirely and come up with your own glorious interpretations. After all, that's what Mildred would have done! (rebel that she was!)

EXAMPLE SPREADS

CLAIRE'S 3 CARD MASH-UP

This is good for shadow work and discovering hidden truths not readily admitted by the querent.

After thinking about a particular problem, the querent chooses 3 cards at random from the deck and lines them up in a row.

The cards then tell their special story, getting to the true heart of the matter, regardless of comfort. How you might interpret this layout is completely at your intuitive discretion..



Main Concern



Root Cause

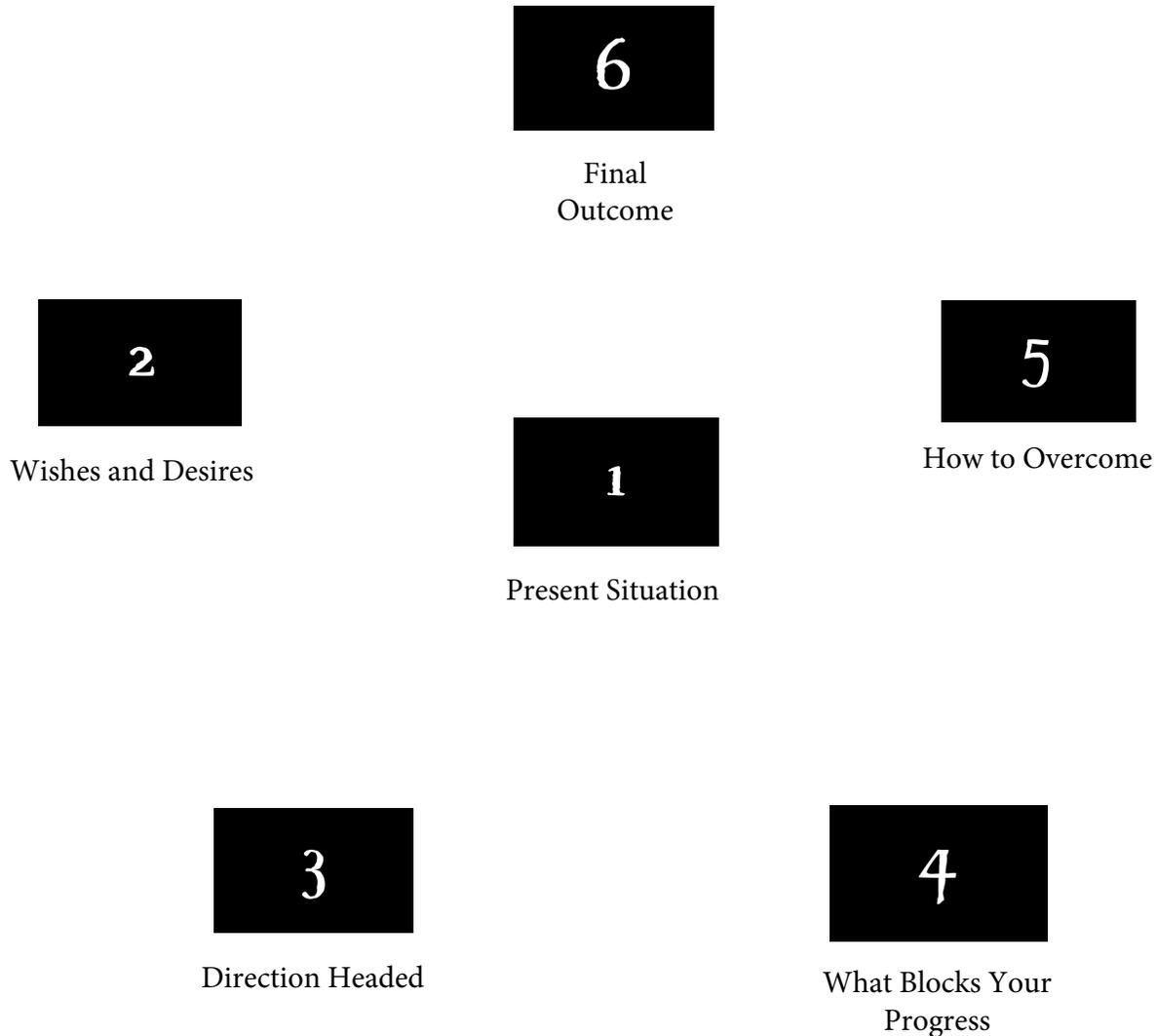


Recommendation

Once again; you may add cards from Mildred's Pocket Oracle for clarification.

MILDRED'S MAGIC STAR

This is a broad and extensive spread that may best be used by readers as they become more familiar with the deck and its odd symbolism. After meditating over a question or concern, the cards are laid out in a star pattern following the number order below.



Mildred's Pocket Oracle may come in handy as you jump between numbers.

The Oracle of Black Enchantment is full of hidden meanings waiting to be discovered. As you already know, Mildred was a prankster, so we fully expect to find new things as we delve into the mysteries of this deck.

We will be adding new spreads as they develop; both through our own discoveries and by the progress of folks online. If you happen to concoct your own amazing spread, please share it with us so we can add it to this LWB.

Thank you, as always, for your support!

Sincerely,
Patrick Valenza
Warden, Fenwood Asylum

