

“Tell me a Story”

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The art of tarot reading begins with lovingly yet laboriously examining each card in detail, comparing what each of the masterfully written books tell you about what it should or could mean, while keeping detailed notes and a daily journal of your studies.

Eventually you become comfortable with your readings and begin to read for others. As your experiments in tarot evolve they generally morph into practicing on friends and family members. Finally, you may take the proverbial plunge and being to read for The Public. Here’s where you will develop and hone your personal reading style and build your clientele. Now is when you learn to tell the person whose cards are on the table, their Personal Story. You’ve learned to see the cards in context of the whole. You are able to weave the Story around the person, delve into the foundation, explore the influences, examine the possibilities and draw reasonable conclusions as to what comes next. Your readings are smooth, flawless and entertaining as well as engaging.

Here, you have mastered the Art of Tarot Story-Telling.

Story-telling, according to Wikipedia, “is the conveying of events in words, and images, often by improvisation or embellishment. Stories or narratives have been shared in every culture as a means of entertainment, education, cultural preservation, and instilling moral values. Crucial elements of stories and storytelling include plot, characters and narrative point of view. The term 'storytelling' is used in a narrow sense to refer specifically to oral storytelling and in a looser sense to refer to narrative technique in other media.”

Further, from a historical perspective; “Storytelling predates writing, with the earliest forms of storytelling usually oral combined with gestures and expressions. In addition to being part of religious ritual, rock art may have served as a form of storytelling for many ancient cultures. The Australian aboriginal people painted symbols from stories on cave walls as a means of helping the storyteller remember the story.”

As there are no handy caves in our area, and the hotel would frown on petroglyphs decorating their walls, no matter how talented and creative the art may be, we will be using a tarot, Lenormand or Oracle of your choice to participate in this workshop.

Let the Saga Begin!



The number you've been given corresponds to the numbered part of our story that you will be relating to the rest of the group. Ready?

1. The Plot: Exactly what is the situation? What's going on? How deep is that pile?
2. The Hero/Heroine: This card describes and defines our main character. Perhaps physical characteristics and/or where they are emotionally or mentally. Maybe even a bit about their passion? But essentially, this card tells us about our Person.
3. The Motivation: What is driving our Hero? Fear? Money? Power? A 1957 Chevy? Hunger? Greed? Jealousy? Love? Desire?
4. History: A bit of background. Much like when the narrator steps out from behind the curtain and enlightens the audience as to Paul Harvey's Rest-of-the-Story as the actors do a freeze-frame in the action and dialogue.
5. Purpose: What does our Heroine have in mind? What is his Plan? What brilliant idea is brewing that brings great fortune? Or what stupid trick is about to be performed that promises dire consequences? What did that fortune cookie's little piece of paper have written on it?
6. Surprise!: What the Gods and Goddesses dump while our Heroine has been busy making plans. The unexpected, unexplained, un-called-for event or otherwise out-of-left-field encounter. Maybe good, maybe not. The event become our Hero's circus and thereby his monkeys.
7. Deep Dark Secret: Ok, spill. What is not being said? What is so well hidden the Hero can't see it for herself? What is behind that mask? Why does she keep pointing up and shouting 'LOOK!' when there's nothing to be seen?
8. Support Group or Peers: Does our Hero have a cheering section? Are there scantily dressed maidens wielding pom-poms on the side lines? Is her mother saying 'I told you so!' on the other end of the phone line? Is he really adopted?
9. Epiphany: Out of the blue, an idea forms that will enable our Heroine to find resolution. His own wits and guile will come into play and a Way will be found. This will involve looking outside the box, bun or other boundaries.
10. The Eureka Moment: Here we have resolution and restitution. Now our Hero will be at the next phase of her Journey and dealing with a whole new pile of bones.

Celtic Cross

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Background
History

Our
Hero or
Heroine
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Tarot Key Phrases

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Major Arcana

- 0) Fool-The choices you make today define you tomorrow.
- 1) Magician- As you think, you create.
- 2) High Priestess- Trust your instincts.
- 3) You are a wanted child of an abundant Universe.
- 4) Mastery begins with self-discipline.
- 5) Reveal and understand the mysteries.
- 6) The more you love, the more you are able to love.
- 7) All energy is focused toward a common goal.
- 8) Does the love of power or the power of love define you?
- 9) Your heart knows the truth.
- 10) Life moves in cycles of change.
- 11) Fairness for all concerned.
- 12) Let it be.
- 13) The new life is always greater than the old.
- 14) As above so below.
- 15) Truly love only what loves you in return.
- 16) Out with the old and in with the new.
- 17) There is always hope.
- 18) This too shall pass.
- 19) Always remember how to play.
- 20) Time to re-invent yourself.
- 21) Gather your resources and seize the day!

Wands

- 1) Keep it simple and go for it.
- 2) See the big picture.
- 3) Keep your options open.
- 4) Be grateful for what you have in life.
- 5) Be ready to stand your ground.
- 6) Remember what it took to get you here.
- 7) You are stronger than you think.
- 8) Ready. Set. GO!
- 9) Be prepared.
- 10) Learn to say "no".

Page) Be confident the news you need is coming.

Knight) This is going to be a wild ride!

Queen) Resources you have will help the situation.

King) Authentic discipline in all matters.

Cups

- 1) True emotions fill you with Life.
- 2) Learn to listen with your heart.
- 3) True friendships bring true joy.
- 4) Be careful what you ask for.
- 5) Feeling sorry for yourself?
- 6) Learn from the past.
- 7) Choose wisely.
- 8) Time to move on.
- 9) Wish granted!
- 10) You have it all.

Page) Listen closely with your heart

Knight) Your heart tells you which way to go.

Queen) Trust what you feel.

King) Keep the peace.

Swords

- 1) Clear your thoughts and gain victory.
- 2) Overthinking a situation causes confusion.
- 3) Heartbreak brings confusion.
- 4) You need a break.
- 5) A bully commands fear, not respect.
- 6) Move forward to a better place.
- 7) Be careful of sharing your secrets.
- 8) You need to break free.
- 9) Fear is the enemy of peace.
- 10) Fear and anger cause destruction.

Page) Stand back and listen carefully.

Knight) Help is on the way.

Queen) You are stronger than you think.

King) Honesty is its own reward.

Pentacles

- 1) A new beginning.
- 2) Keep your balance.
- 3) Do your best.
- 4) Gathering wealth.
- 5) Charity begins at home.
- 6) Helping those in need.
- 7) Be patient.
- 8) Learning a new skill.
- 9) Have faith in yourself.
- 10) You are safe and sound.

Page) Reading and learning.

Knight) Slow, steady progress.

Queen) Comfort and security create a feeling of home.

King) Hard work and discipline assure steady growth.

The End