

THE FOOL IN OTHER UNIVERSES

An Introduction

If everything you've built were to suddenly plunge into the abyss one day, gone without a trace, forcing you to begin again from nothing, what would you do? Would you panic, cling to regret, or simply take a deep breath, and start again as though nothing had ever happened?

One February day, Dan's deck mysteriously lost a card. It was "The Fool", the very first card. And then, like a loose thread pulled from a sweater, the other cards vanished, one after another. So Teacher Liêm packed his things and set out, tracing the path of the missing card. His journey led him across every hidden corner of the cosmos, where old memories shimmered softly, where forgotten faces returned. He wandered in search of those original images, those primal values and that strange yet familiar feeling The Fool once carried.

Every step is a puzzle piece, every story another version of The Fool.

And you, yes *YOU*, do you know where you would begin, if suddenly everything were gone?

The Fool in Other Universes Deck is for those who still believe that every beginning is precious, and that within each of us lives a Fool: naive, reckless, yet always brave enough to step forward.

And so... *have you found where "The Fool" truly is?*

THE FOOL'S REASONS

The Reason for the Existence of This "The Fool"

The Fool Ancestors

We all inherit our ancestors' triumphs and struggles, a legacy that shapes who we are today. While we may not know them, their influence lives on through the traits we inherit. We are the living link between the past and the future, with the choice to either learn from their experience or condemned to repeat it.

Keywords: Life experience, practical knowledge, family influence.

Card Message:

Do not forget nor reject the family influence on yourself

Learn from people who have gained real-life experience and practical knowledge.

The Fool's Heritage

The image of Tháp Rùa, a timeless symbol of Hanoi's history and enduring spirit, serves as a powerful visual anchor for the card's message that everyone's journey is rooted in their cultural heritage. Inheritance is a powerful link to our homeland, shaping our identity long before we take our first steps. By embracing our heritage, we honor the legacy we've received and define our place in the world.

Keywords: Inheritance, homeland, culture.

Card Message:

Your inheritance from your homeland and culture once helped build your character, is now in your hand to take over.

The Mother of the Fool

A mother's love offers a safe place for a child to grow, a relationship built on the foundation of being nurtured. This early bond provides the emotional security needed for a person to

explore the world with confidence. Her enduring support becomes a guiding force throughout a person's life, shaping their resilience and empathy.

Keywords: Being nurtured, a safe place.

Card Message:

Every growing process needs a safe place to start, a place where it can be nurtured even before you know it has begun.

The Fool Couple

A life partner serves as a true companion, someone who walks alongside a person through life's highs and lows. This relationship provides unwavering support, a steady presence that offers strength in times of challenge and joy in times of success. Ultimately, a partner is more than just a companion; they are an essential part of a person's journey, helping to shape their growth and happiness.

Keywords: Companion, support.

Card Message: A joy shared is a double joy. A burden shared is half a burden.

The Fool's Wedding

A wedding marks a profound moment of commitment, as a person formally pledges their life to another. This celebration also ushers in a new stage of responsibility, where the couple agrees to share in life's challenges and triumphs. In this way, a wedding is not just a ceremony, but a public declaration of a new shared identity and future.

Keywords: Commitment, responsibility.

Card Message: Make your promises and stay true to your words. Being bound to a commitment is the one effective way to be responsible.

The Fool has Grown up

Growing up is a journey of continuous improvement, where The Fool gradually refines their skills and understanding of the world. With each new experience, a powerful realization dawns, revealing more about The Fool's identity and potential. This process transforms The Fool into a capable individual, ready to face life's challenges.

Keywords: Improvement, Realization.

Card Message: It takes you everything to grow up, even just the smallest bit.

The Fool's Signature

Illustrating a utility pole tangled with electrical wires, a common sight in urban life that serves as a unique visual "signature" of a place. A signature is a deeply personal and symbolic mark that represents an individual's unique identity, used to authenticate The Fool's presence and creativity.

Keywords: Indicator, individuality.

Card Message:

Make your individuality recognizable, to both yourself and everyone else.

There are hints and indicators left for you to trace the path.

The Fate of the Fool

While some believe that one's fate is a predetermined path they are destined to follow, others think that individuals actively shape their own destiny through their choices and actions. This complex interplay suggests that while certain circumstances may be beyond one's control, The Fool's free will and character play a significant role in how their life unfolds.

Keywords: Destiny, Karma, Inevitable.

Card Message: Inevitable events require inevitable decisions and inevitable acceptance.

The Fool's Hometown

A hometown is more than just a place; it's a foundation of safety and comfort, built from cherished memories and familiar people. It gives us a unique sense of belonging, tying us to a community and landscape that shaped who we are. Even when we move on, our hometown remains a part of our identity, a place we can always return to for reassurance and a connection to our roots.

Keywords: Safe and sound, sense of belonging.

Card Message: The most beautiful feeling is the sense of belonging, especially belonging to yourself.

The Tears of The Fool

Tears are a powerful assumption of a person's emotional distress, often misinterpreted as a sign of weakness. While they are a clear expression of deep sadness, tears can also represent a profound release of pain and a path toward healing. In this way, they serve as a cathartic symbol, marking a moment of raw vulnerability and the beginning of a person's recovery.

Keywords: Assumption, emotional distress, sadness

Card Message: At the end of the day, it is harder to fake a smile rather than shed a tear. Weep as much as you want, as long as you also sweep away your distress.

The Fool's Flower World

The Fool's "Flower World" is a symbolic representation of their childhood, a place where the vibrant imagination flourishes freely. This inner garden is a sanctuary for the inner self, nurturing the seeds of creativity and curiosity. It represents The Fool's fundamental innocence, a place they can return to for comfort and a reminder of their purest essence.

Keywords: Childhood, Innocence, Imagination.

Card Message: You can't heal what you don't allow yourself to feel. To help your inner child flourish, you must first acknowledge and listen to its needs.

The Three Fools

True friendship is the art of being joined with like-minded people, creating a bond that goes beyond simple companionship. These connections help The Fool feel seen and understood, leading to a life that feels more fulfilled. In this way, friends are not just people we know, but a chosen family who enriches our journey.

Keywords: Friendship, fulfilled.

Card Message: It is your friends who will make up your world.

The Four Fools

A sense of protection is a foundational aspect of a person's life, creating a safety net during times of uncertainty and challenge. This network of trust and encouragement provides profound stability, empowering an individual to pursue their goals with confidence. This support system is a pillar that allows The Fool to stand tall and resilient against adversity.

Keywords: Protection, stability.

Card Message: Cherish those who choose to stay and guard you while you sleep.

THE FOOL'S CONSCIOUSNESS

The Fool's Conscious Actions

The Fool Walks Away

This action signifies a person's decision to leave an old situation behind, moving forward with purpose. It represents a conscious choice to disengage from what no longer serves them, whether it be a negative relationship, a stagnant job, or a limiting mindset. This act is not about retreat, but about liberation, as it clears the path for a new journey and the opportunity for growth.

Keywords: Leaving an old situation.

Card Message: You can not heal where you are hurt. Sometimes leaving an old situation is the first step of finding the solution.

The Fool is Sick

The state of being sick in this card symbolizes a build-up of unreleased negative energy within a person. It points to the consequences of holding back emotions, truths, or actions that were meant to be expressed. This card serves as a reminder that physical and emotional well-being are deeply connected, urging the person to release what they have been suppressing.

Key words: Unreleased negative energy, holding back.

Card Message: Unreleased negative energy is the pollution to your soul.

The Fool Attacks

The action of attacking represents a cardinal and often aggressive push into a new phase. It is an act of initiation, where a person takes decisive and forceful action to assert their will or claim their territory. This card signifies a moment of direct confrontation, challenging existing boundaries and setting a powerful new direction.

Keywords: Cardinal, Initiation, Aggressive.

Card Message: Attack, even in the form of defense. Be aggressive, be initiative.

The Fool Day Drinking

The act of day drinking in this card is a gentle reminder to a person to slow down and enjoy the moment without apology. It signifies embracing simple joy and finding pleasure in the small luxuries of life. This card encourages a person to release the pressure of constant productivity and allow themselves to simply be, savoring the sweetness of the present.

Keywords: Enjoy the moment, simple joy.

Card Message: Seize the day, the present is a gift by its own name.

The Fool at the Party

This card represents the act of a person choosing to socialize, moving out of isolation and into a space of connection. It signifies a period of actively expanding relationships and embracing new connections. This card speaks to a person who is consciously looking for their community, seeking out a sense of belonging and a place to truly thrive.

Keywords: Socialize, Community.

Card Message: Your comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing ever grows there.

The Fool Hopes

Beneath the lively sky, the Fool lifted its gaze toward the distant light. Though the night was heavy, she carried no fear; only the quiet certainty that tomorrow would come. In the fragments of the past, she saw the outline of what could be. She whispered to herself: hope is the first step to a fresh start!

Keyword: Optimism, bright future, reconstruction.

Card message:

A good sense of optimism.

Clear view towards a bright future.

The courage to reconstruct your life.

The Fool feels Bored

He sat at the table, head resting in hand, while blossoms stretched above. Around him, time moved slowly: the deer by her side waited, the flowers leaned forward, yet his heart felt still, unmotivated. Within boredom, a soft truth stirred: every movement is first born from stillness.

Keyword: Procastination, unmotivated, lazy.

Card message:

The heavy weight of procrastination.

Feeling lack of motivation in life.

Watching opportunities pass by because of laziness.

The Fool's Journey

The Fool stepped forward with a steadier heart, no longer rushing into the unknown but sensing the flow of a longer path unfolding. Each moment was part of a larger thread, carrying him onward with quiet continuity. The journey was not just about leaps of faith anymore, but about shaping direction, choosing carefully, and planning for the road ahead. He walked with the awareness that every step belonged to something greater than itself, a story still being written.

Keyword: Planning, continuity.

Card message:

Every step belongs to the greater story still unfolding.

The Fool plays Chess

The Fool leaned over the chessboard, eyes fixed on the pieces. The General captures by striking through: the piece before him falls, and the one it shields behind is claimed as well.

Like getting two birds with one stone, he seizes both the guarded prize and the foe that sought to defend it. In that moment, the board was no longer wood and stone, but a battlefield of the mind, where patience and wit were sharper than any sword.

Keyword: Strategy, a clever move, mind-game.

Card message:

A clever move can turn patience into victory.

The Fool of the Past

At the cliff's edge, the Fool glanced back at the golden house. In her hand were small keepsakes, fragments of what she once left behind. They were no longer burdens, but sparks ready to be rekindled. With determination, she stepped forward to continue her own journey.

Keyword: Reflection, make use of the things you had, go on with something you discontinued.

Card message: Through reflection, from what was left behind, the future finds its spark.

The Fool of the Present

To truly experience life, one must focus on the present. It is by learning to notice the detail that a person finds the world's hidden beauty – this practice transforms ordinary moments into extraordinary ones. True joy is found not in what lies ahead, but here and now.

Keyword: Focus on the present, notice the detail.

Card message: Life's true wonder is revealed only in the present detail.

The Garden of Fools

A perfect garden had been cultivated, a quiet space reflecting true accomplishment. Within its shade, a deep sense of contentment settled over everything. Yet, this serene peace blossomed from a beautiful blindness to the world beyond its carefully tended borders.

Keyword: Achievement, satisfaction, ignorance.

Card message: Satisfaction may bloom, but too much blinds the soul to the beyond.

THE FOOL'S FACES

The Fool's Essence

The Timeless Fool

The Fool had always known the freedom of a solo path, life was a journey of one. But with another, she chose to create a rare and perfect harmony. Together, they forged a legacy that would stand the test of time, a love story as universally beautiful as any old legend. She learned that while a singular life may be free, a life shared creates something truly eternal.

Keyword: Iconic, eternal, classic.

Card message: What you create together outlives the fleeting moment; in union, your story becomes timeless.

Other Faces of The Fool

Others only ever see one side of one. But within a person, a multitude of souls reside, each offering a complete view of things. One side is quiet and pensive, while another is bold and ready for anything. True strength is found not in a single identity, but in the entire, multifaceted self.

Keyword: Another perspective, different personality, diversity.

Card message: Embrace your many selves; each face holds a truth, and together they form your wholeness.

The Fool as The Magician

The journey of creation begins not with perfection, but with the courage to make a first move. Out of barren earth, a garden blooms, a testament to what can be made from a little faith. It is in the shaping of the soil, the placing of each seed, that true magic is found.

Keyword: First step, using skills, communication.

Card message: Take the first step, your hands already hold the power to shape new beginnings.

The Foolish Lover

The Foolish Lover drifts in twilight, past sorrows still echoing, yet hope stirs faintly. Desire leads the way more than reason, and every step trembles with both wonder and worry.

Keyword: Unclear, unwise, worrying, naive.

Card message: The unwise heart follows longing where reason falters, but even such wandering carries the quiet spark of awakening.

The Fool Charming

The room doesn't come alive until a certain person arrives, becoming the very heart of the celebration. There is charm in them, a magnetism that pulls. With a gentle gesture and a smile, every eye in the room is attracted. Their presence alone turns a group of people into a celebration, bringing a group into a community.

Keyword: Attractiveness, finesse.

Card message: Your presence alone gathers hearts together – joy follows wherever you go.

The Fool's Heart

The heart is carried openly, a brilliant and unshielded thing for all to see. It beats with a pure and unstoppable joy, a vibrant force that inspires everything around it. This beautiful energy shines on, even when faced with the world's many hardships. It shows that true strength isn't in hiding one's feelings, but in letting them be a sincere and powerful light.

Keyword: Sincere, enthusiastic, passion, wear your heart on your sleeve.

Card message: To let your heart unguarded is not weakness, but the purest strength of all.

The Fool of Heaven 乾

The Father of Heaven, a teacher of strength, discipline and toughness. From him, one learns that true creation begins with daring, and that to stand tall is to hold the sky itself. Heaven taught them to be bold, to set foundations, and to trust the power of beginnings.

Keywords: Creation, strength, clarity, leadership.

Card message: To make progress, first you need to begin.

The Fool of Earth 坤

The Mother of Earth welcomed one with gentleness. She showed them that to receive is also to create, and that resilience often wears the face of patience. From her, one can learn to nurture, softness, and the hidden strength.

Keywords: Nurture, receptivity, patience, endurance.

Card message: Gentle is not weakness but the ground where flowers bloom.

The Fool of Fire 離

The Daughter of Fire appeared as a radiant guide, her light chasing away confusion. She taught one that clarity comes through illumination, and that fire is not only destruction, but the gift of vision. From her we can learn passion, insight, and the courage to shine.

Keywords: Illumination, passion, vision, courage.

Card message: Don't be afraid to shine.

The Fool of Water 坎

The Son of Water moved like a stream through shadow. He warns one that danger lies in stagnation, but flow carries renewal. Through him, one could discover the rhythm of life: to move, adapt, and trust that even darkness has a current leading onward.

Keywords: Flow, danger, renewal, trust.

Card message: Wisdom is the tide: rising at the right time, lie down when it must.

The Fool of Thunder 震

The Eldest Son roared like thunder, shaking one from their sluggishness. He taught that beginnings are never gentle: they demand movement, force, and the courage to wake the world. From him, one learns that fear is only the first drumbeat of change.

Keywords: Awakening, force, beginnings, courage.

Card message: The louder the storm, the clearer the sky afterwards.

The Fool of Wind 巽

The Eldest Daughter danced with the wind, her lessons carried in whispers. She showed one that power is not always hard; it bends, it yields, it finds its way through even tiny spaces. From her, one learns adaptability, freedom, and the grace of gentleness.

Keywords: Adaptability, freedom, softness, grace.

Card message: To be free is to stop resisting.

The Fool of Mountain 艮

The Youngest Son stood like a mountain, his presence silent yet loud. He taught that to stop is not weakness but wisdom, for only in stillness deepens the root. From him, one learns boundaries, patience, and to stand firm.

Keywords: Stillness, strength, stability, boundaries.

Card message: It takes time to build a firm base.

The Fool of Lake 兌

The Youngest Daughter laughed by the lake, her joy clear as water. She taught one that delight is not trivial, it is a path to harmony. Her presence revealed that peace and happiness flow most easily to those who can smile even in uncertainty.

Keywords: Joy, peace, harmony, delight.

Card message: Water holds the reflection of heaven within them.

The Fool's Waterfall

I went through a long road to get here. Looking at the waterfall: ever the same, yet never the same. Though the waterfall appears the same, within it the waters are never still. The stream reminds me that nothing stands still, yet each moment carries the gift of life.

Keyword: Impermanent, purification.

Card message: Life is impermanent, weal and woe abound.

The Fool's Moonlight

The moon and the tides answer to one another, their rhythm an ancient truth beyond doubt. In its soft glow, I witness the law of nature that binds all things, unspoken yet undeniable.

Keyword: Fact, certainty, femininity, purity, jus cogens.

Card message: Like the tide to the moon, truth returns – gentle yet inescapable.

The Page of Fools

A tender spirit at the threshold, mind wide open for new knowledge. Each stumble a lesson, each spark a teacher. Innocence becomes the soil where wisdom slowly takes root.

Keyword: Learn, gaining experience, new to something.

Card message: Every step leads toward wisdom, then your true path unfolds.

The Queen of Fools

Beneath the living sun, she stands in crimson grace. Around her, waters flow and blossoms awaken. At her feet, the fallen masks rest, for she is the heart that gathers souls together.

Keyword: Vitality, communion, the weaver of bonds.

Card message: You are the heart that unites souls, binding them gently beneath the living sun.

The King of the Fool

A man who has walked through folly now holds innocence with wisdom, his heart steady beneath the infinite possibilities. He has walked the winding path of the Fool, yet now he rules innocence with reason and order. It is the ripening of naivety into wisdom, the quiet radiance of inner understanding.

Keyword: Wisdom, sincerity.

Card message: From folly ripens wisdom, let your growth be guided by clarity and grace.

THE ARCHITECT OF THE FOOL

The Fool's Original Architect

The Fool in the Universe

Weightless and unbound, it dances through the vastness of the cosmos, where every star is a doorway, every step a first step. In its hands rests the silent promise that all potential already exists, waiting only to awaken.

Keyword: Endless possibilities, new beginning, fresh start.

Card message: All beginnings are infinite, each step unlocks a door shaped by your own infinite potential.

The Universe of The Fool

All things find their place in the great design: each star, each breath, each silence resting in harmony, as though the cosmos itself has arranged a perfect order. All that exists, seen and unseen, belongs exactly where it is, woven into the fabric of the whole.

Keyword: Everything is at the right place.

Card message: The cosmos lies within your heart.