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# INTRODUCTION



Welcome aboard the mothership, cowpoke! This space-age desert world is a place where you can unapologetically be yourself, take charge of your own destiny and express your creativity however you choose! The Cowgirls and Aliens Oracle is a lighthearted and fun way to connect with your inner alien warrior or gunslinging cowgirl, and forge your own path through the galaxy. Use these cards to meditate on, gain insight into your current situation or inspire your next creative project.

Like many of us, I haven't had a big spiritual influence in my life, but what I do have is pop culture. I love watching classic western and sci-fi movies, and although some have inspiring female characters, many are the domain of the masculine hero. I wanted to create a world where women run the town and captain the spaceships. Where they can be who they truly are, do what they want to do and wear what they want to wear with no judgement or fear. This is a world I want to visit!

These days, the clichéd classical hero is hard to relate to, but a plus-size space cowgirl in glittering chaps and wielding a ray gun? That's someone I want to take advice from! No matter what your gender identity is, at times we all need to embrace some fierce feminine energy to help face the day.

The characters in this deck are all inspired by the tropes of western and sci-fi movies, from the Outlaw to the Android. We can see a bit of ourselves in these symbolic characters, and they can help reveal things about ourselves we may not have seen before.

By using these cards, I hope you will be inspired to accept and be kind to yourself, be motivated to achieve your dreams, and cultivate a quiet, safe place inside your mind. We all have something to offer the world, and I can't wait to see you being your best, most incredible self!

These badass babes have your back. They are your besties from the West, your mates from outer space, who are here to support you on your next adventure among the stars. You can find bonus spreads — and more about the creation of this deck — on my website: www.harlequinspaceopera.com.

Have fun and please remember to tag me in your galactic gunslinging escapades!

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Each card has an affirmation, an explanation of the meaning and some tips. You can use the cards for daily inspiration, to help gain insight into a problem or to inspire your next creative project. I've provided some suggestions for how you can use the cards but remember, they are all about you and your journey through outer space – feel free to use them however you choose! You can use the cards anywhere, in your own private quarters on your spaceship, or with a big group of friends at the saloon. Just set aside some time for yourself and see what you can learn from these cosmic alien cowgirls!

#### SINGLE-CARD SPREADS



# Card of the day

Check in with yourself and set an intention for your day. Pull a single card and spend a few minutes contemplating its main theme. Read the affirmation or even speak it aloud. How does it relate to your day ahead? Ask a question of the card and see what thoughts and feelings come up.

#### Meditation focus

Sit somewhere comfortable with the cards in front of you. Take a few deep breaths, then draw a card. Spend a few moments absorbing everything about it: the artwork, affirmation and meaning behind the card. Continue to breathe deeply and see what comes up for you, without judgement or expectation. If a random thought enters your mind, simply observe it until it disappears. You don't have to get your meditation perfect, just practising will be beneficial.

#### THREE-CARD SPREADS



# Thematic spread

Draw three cards and place them face down in front of you. You can choose from the themes listed below or make up your own. Keep your mind clear and focus on the theme you have chosen, then reveal your cards from left to right, one by one.

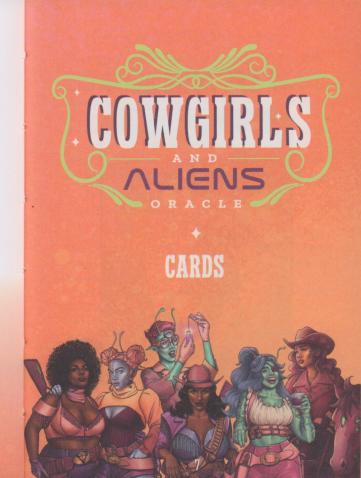
#### Possible themes:

- Past, present, future
- Where can you improve? Where are you succeeding? What is your new direction?
- Inspiration, process, challenges
- What is your desire? What is holding you back? What do you need to overcome it?

# Creative inspiration

The next time you have a creative project – whether it's writing a sci-fi pulp story, working on a desert landscape painting or designing a spaceship – try using these cards to ignite your creativity and brainstorm some new ideas!

Keep some paper and pens on hand. Draw three cards and place them face down in front of you. Clear your mind and reveal your first card, going from left to right. What is your first impression? What are the first words that come to mind? Don't overthink it, just write down whatever comes to mind. Continue this way for the remaining cards until you have a page of words. What words can you connect to form a story? What images appear in your mind when you read these words?



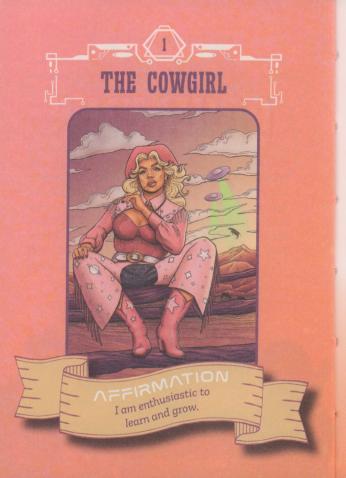


The canyon stretches before them as the sun sinks in the sky. She is on her first-ever cattle drive. It has been full of danger and she has loved every second. She's hankering to prove herself to the other cowgirls, whatever the risk. As the cattle plod into the ranch, a calf darts towards the treacherous cliffs. She jumps off the corral fence and onto her horse, galloping towards the escaping calf with her lasso whirling. She'll show them all. She's no cowpoke!

## MESSAGE

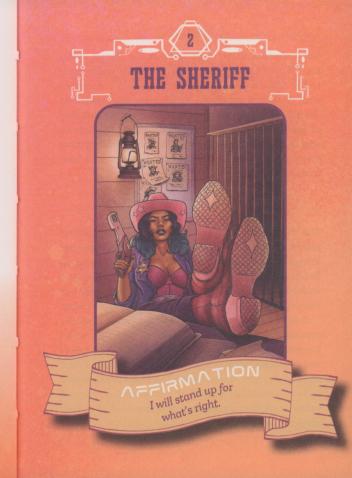
The Cowgirl is brimming with youthful energy and a thirst to prove herself. She wants to learn everything as fast as possible. She's confident in herself; consequences don't cross her mind.

The Cowgirl is letting you know that the galaxy is at your feet, full of new experiences just waiting to be had. There's only one direction to go: forward! What have you always wanted to try or learn about? If you've been holding back, now is the time to get inspired and go for it. It's never too late to find our youthful enthusiasm and try something new. The Cowgirl is here to take you on a ride to new, exciting adventures. Don't think, just do!



When the Cowgirl appears, it's time to let go of your worries and stop overthinking. What will happen will happen – whether you worry about it or not – so why not give it a go?

While diving headlong into situations with no thought for the consequences can get you into trouble, it can also teach you some powerful lessons. (That is, if you survive to ride into the sunset another day!)



She leans back in her chair and puts her feet up at the end of another long day. Each time she walks back to her office down the main street, she is confronted with dark and rebellious looks from the townsfolk. 'Sheriff' is a dirty word on this planet at the ass end of the galaxy, but someone has to do it. She knows what's right and she'll fight for it, no matter how many people want her dead in the dust. She isn't here to make friends.

#### MESSAGE

The Sheriff has a tough job on this dusty, lawless planet. There's no backup out here. She has her integrity, and she'll stand up for her beliefs and do her best, regardless of how hard things get. She isn't without her own regrets about past mistakes, but she's chosen to help her people and do the right thing.

It isn't always easy to stand up for what you believe, especially when others disagree or you feel social pressure to keep quiet. What are the strongest beliefs and values you want to uphold? Maybe it's time to start making changes for the better. The Sheriff encourages us to be accountable, admit where we went wrong and move forward in a positive way. Someone has to look after the galaxy!

No matter what mistakes we've made in the past, we'll always have the future to do better and make things right.

Some people might judge you for standing up for what you believe is right, but others will be inspired. Maybe they'll even make changes for the better themselves!



She skids into cover behind the cart packed with gold loot. Her biggest haul yet.

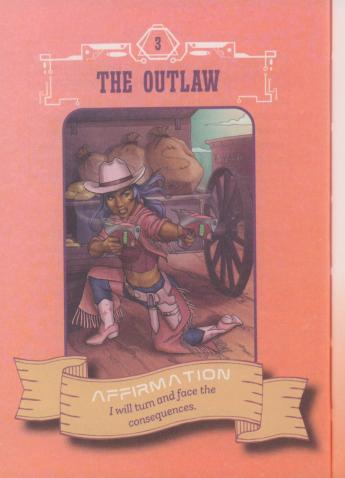
'Come out with your hands up!' the sheriff shouts.

The authorities are closing in. She can hear the sound of hooves and whirls to face them – their backup is arriving. They aren't going to let this go without a fight. She sighs. She's spent too long running from the law. It's all catching up with her now. Dropping her ray guns, she raises her hands. It's time to face them.

# - MESSAGE -

The Outlaw has been running and hiding from the law for so long, she can't remember a time before. She's murdered and thieved her way across the star system, so it's bound to catch up with her eventually. She decides to step up, take accountability and face the consequences.

The Outlaw encourages you to take responsibility and ownership for yourself and your path through life. We've all made mistakes and have regrets, but we can't hide from them for very long. The Outlaw shines a light to help us examine ourselves and ask: am I doing anything negative that I could change for the better? Something that might be harming me or

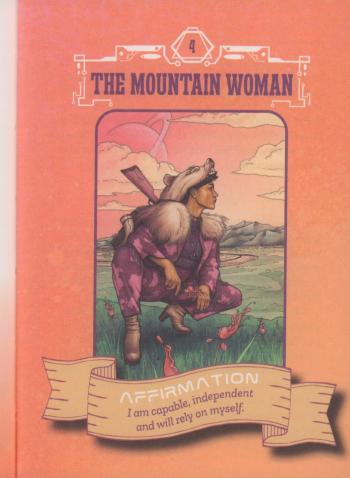


others? If so, take a deep breath, straighten that cowgirl hat and turn to face the sheriff head on!

## TIPS

Being accountable isn't an easy thing to do. Remember, no-one is perfect and that's okay. Everyone has their own mistakes to deal with, so be kind to yourself and try to do better next time.

Your successes and joys will be even sweeter when you know that achieving them was all you – you were responsible at every step of the way.



The wind gently lifts her hair as she turns into it, breathing deeply. The mysterious scent of alien flowers hangs in the air. She is searching for ingredients for her healing balm, and she finds them growing on a grassy hill. As she gathers the flowers, she hears a howl in the distance, echoing across the plain. The hunt will begin soon, and she will be prepared.

## MESSAGE

The Mountain Woman is fiercely independent. She loves having the freedom to do things in her own way. She feels her truest self when she's out in nature, relying on herself to survive the harsh mountain conditions. She embraces the solitude and appreciates the simple things in life.

The Mountain Woman doesn't care what other people think of her. She is here to remind you that you don't need anyone else to give you validation or permission. You can choose your own path through life, no matter what other people think. All that matters is that it brings you joy and fulfilment.

Life will throw challenges at you. While it can be hard to face them alone, know that you can trust and rely on yourself. You've got this!

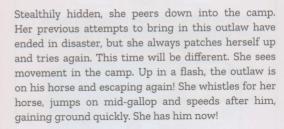
#### TIPS

Instead of waiting for someone to take you, how about going on your own magical intergalactic adventures? Sweep yourself off your own feet!

Embrace the places where you feel your true self.

Is it out in nature? In a busy crowd of people?

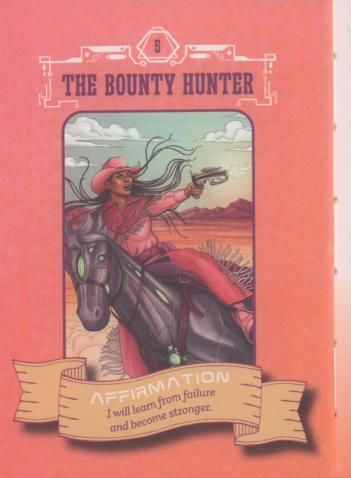
Inside a video game?



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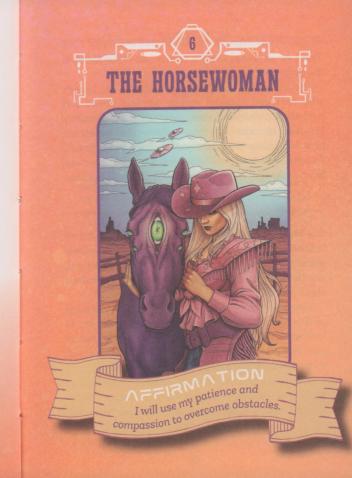
The Bounty Hunter has been through it all, bringing in outlaws from across the star system and collecting her rewards. It's a rough job and she has many wounds and scars, but if she fails, she picks herself back up and starts again.

The Bounty Hunter is all about resilience. You will always have failures and disappointments in your life, and things may not always turn out exactly as you dreamed. But if you can learn from your mistakes, you'll be more capable and find success in the end. The Bounty Hunter is proud of her battle scars. Whenever things have gone wrong, she has gained wisdom and become stronger and more prepared for the next challenge. Now, dust yourself off and go catch that outlaw!



Even though it hurts like falling on a cactus, failure isn't always the end. Learn all you can from it — next time will be better!

Try not to tie your entire identity to a single dream or goal. You are much more than that.
You never know what exciting things will come up in your future.





'Don't go in there!' a voice warns her. 'That horse is the devil itself!'

She enters the corral calmly, taking in the horse's wild eyes and foaming mouth. Moving slowly and deliberately, she averts her gaze and waits patiently for him to calm. As time passes, she hears his breathing slow. Cautious hooves move towards her. She feels a soft velvety nose gently sniffing her face. Ever so slowly, she raises her hands to stroke his face.

#### MESSAGE

The Horseman is a strong figure, but not in a showy, brute-force kind of way. She has a quiet resolve, endless patience and compassion. When faced with challenges, she doesn't run in with ray guns blazing, but calmly steps into the situation, composed and resolute.

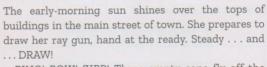
There is more than one way to overcome an obstacle or face a problem. The Horseman is here to tell you to look at things a little differently. Not every situation can be solved by our sheer force of will; instead, it might take some patience and understanding.

Sometimes you may want to achieve something so badly, you feel desperate and want to rush in blindly. Instead, take a deep breath and use your head, not your heart. You have the inner strength and discipline to get there!

#### TIPS

Rather than giving up when things aren't going your way, try shifting gears and taking a more subtle approach to the problem. Maybe you can catch more horses with sugar cubes?

Achieving anything great will take time. There are no overnight successes. So use your grit and perseverance, and you will outlast any challenge!

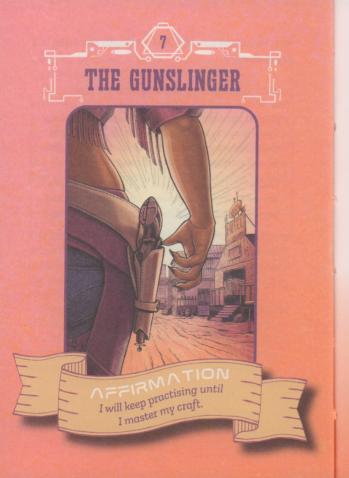


PING! POW! ZIPP! Three empty cans fly off the saloon's railing in quick succession as the shots echo through the still desert air. She exhales, smiling with satisfaction. She's the fastest gun in the galaxy and practises her craft every day. No-one is getting in her way!

#### MESSAGE

The Gunslinger is at the top of her game. Her mind is focused and clear. She wasn't born this way. It's taken many hours of practice and hard work to get to where she is and she's made plenty of mistakes along the way.

Is there something you want to achieve but have been putting off? The Gunslinger's message is clear: practice makes proficient. You have to start somewhere. Even if you're starting at the very beginning, with some hard work and deliberate practice, you can get there. The Gunslinger is that friend who's not afraid to give you some tough love, and maybe a gentle kick in the chaps to get you

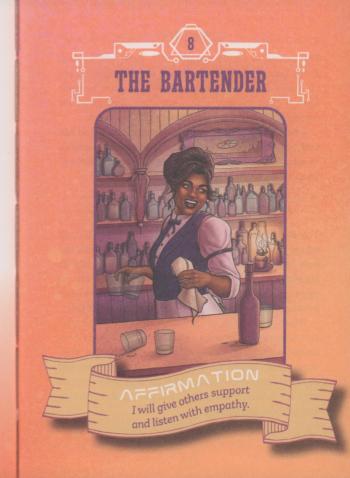


moving. So pull on those cowboy boots, find your motivation and get started!

#### TIPS

Making time to practise your craft might mean setting better boundaries with people in your life. Don't feel bad about prioritising time to yourself.

Feeling overwhelmed? Think of the next action you plan to take. Ask yourself: is this action taking me towards my goal? If the answer is 'yes', keep moving. If not, skip it.



The saloon is rowdy tonight with every stool filled. From behind the bar, she looks around. She knows all these faces and their deepest, darkest secrets. She's a good listener with a kind face. Everyone has managed to spill their guts to her at some point.

A new face leans on the bar, her mood dark and her body sinking with exhaustion. The Bartender smiles at her. 'What can I get ya, ma'am? Beer? Whiskey? Lend an ear?'

#### MESSAGE

The Bartender is always in the saloon, ready to talk when you need to. For some of her patrons, she's the only stable person in their tumultuous lives. She is sensitive to their feelings and encourages them to open up. Because she is grounded and secure in her own emotions, she is willing to give to other people.

When you're in a good place, the Bartender encourages you to support the people around you. Listen attentively and with empathy. Maybe they might want advice from a friend, or just to vent and discover their own solutions by putting their worries into words. Ask them to pull up a stool, grab a whiskey and tell you everything!

Being a good listener can be draining, and it's easy to take on other people's problems and emotional energy. Remember to look after yourself too. If you don't feel up to it, you don't have to give anything.

Also take time to listen to yourself and your own emotions. Feel whatever comes up without judgement. The last thing you need is to feel bad because you feel bad!

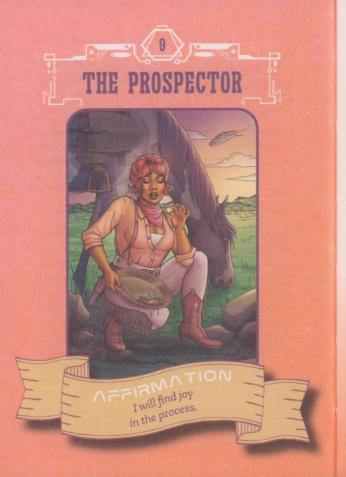


She sifts mud and silt through her pan as her horse grazes peacefully by the riverside. It's nice out here. The birds are singing and the sun shines down, warming her back and making the river sparkle. She breathes deeply. This is the life. She swirls her pan mindfully, enjoying the sounds of nature, when she sees something glinting through the mud.

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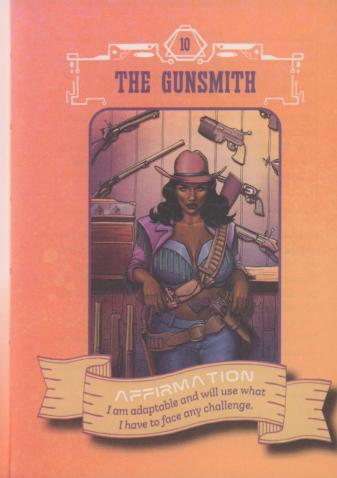
The Prospector is endlessly optimistic. She once wandered the creeks and rivers, searching for the smallest sparkle of gold with nothing but her horse and the birds for company. But the more time she has spent out in nature, the more her desperate quest for riches has changed. Finding gold no longer matters. She enjoys the search itself. Maybe this is the better life she was searching for?

Sometimes we get so focused on achieving something, we forget to appreciate the good things along the way. Can you find more joy in the process? Maybe you can be happy now, instead of waiting until you reach your destination. Try being in the moment and finding the gold flecks in your current situation, even if you're up to your knees in mud sifting through rocks!



Bring some gratitude into your life. What things can you appreciate now, no matter how small? You might be sitting on a pile of gold you've never noticed before.

It's good to have aspirations, but dwelling too much on the future, and what may or may not happen, can lead to anxiety and stress. Instead, try focusing on right now!



Danger is coming. She hears boots on the dirt road outside her shop. She quickly checks that her custom ray gun is fixed to her gun belt and her bandolier is full, then grabs some plasma grenades from behind the counter. Several shadows move across the shopfront window towards the door. This is it. She is ready.

As the door handle turns, she aims her ray gun at the door yelling, 'Bring it on, you lily-livered scum!' The world explodes into chaos.

## MESSAGE

The Gunsmith is resourceful and prepared for anything. She has the knowledge and skills to modify any weapon, from a grenade powerful enough to flatten a bank, to a tiny revolver that can fit inside your bra. She is a specialist in using what resources she has to create something useful.

It's rare to find yourself in a situation where you have all the tools to face a challenge. The Gunsmith encourages you to look at what you have in front of you. Can you think creatively and find a new solution? Do you have people you could ask for help? Can you improvise? The Gunsmith is all about appreciating and making the most of what you have. You already have everything you need. Now fight!

Take time to acknowledge just how far you've come, how many lessons you've learned and how much knowledge you've gained throughout your life. Appreciate yourself!

Try to think creatively and cultivate a resourceful attitude, even when things seem impossible.

Maybe you can change how you're looking at a situation and come up with something outside the box?

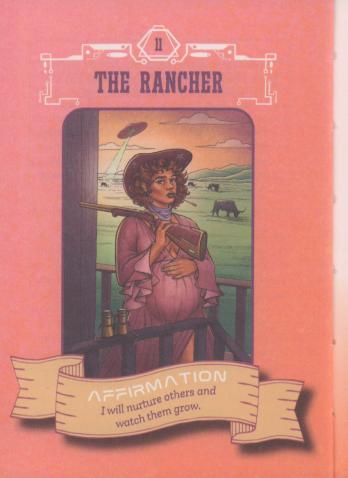


Keeping watch, she gazes across the lush pasture, rifle resting on her shoulder. Spring has come to the ranch; the crops are growing and the steers are happy. The ranch-hands she supervises are doing their jobs well. She protects her workers fiercely, knowing that by providing for and nurturing them, they will help her ranch overflow with produce. Watching the horizon, she admires all she has built.

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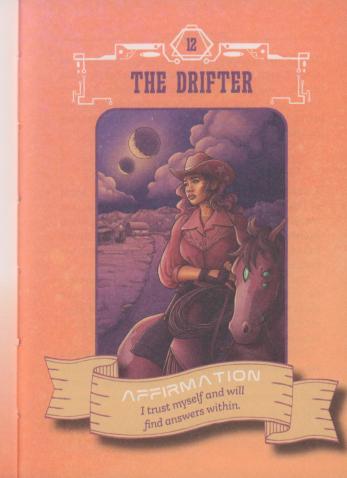
The Rancher is the ultimate provider. She supports her workers well and, in turn, she has the most productive ranch in the sector. She staunchly protects her own, safeguarding and supporting them. She knows how to make things grow and loves watching them flourish.

The Rancher can see your potential and encourages you to bring something to life. Perhaps a new project is on the horizon, which needs your love and attention to thrive? Or maybe you can provide support and encouragement to help someone else create amazing things. When you help other people, you often end up being inspired by them and learning new skills. Remember, a rising warp-tide lifts all spaceships, as they say!



Surround yourself with people who accept and support you. When you feel safe and nurtured, you'll feel more comfortable expressing your true self. And you can help them flourish and reach their full potential in return.

If you're feeling an abundance of inspiration, fulfilment or gratitude, share the love! Someone you know may need your help to grow.



The Drifter glances back at the warm lights of the distant town, the moonlight illuminating her face. The answers she seeks aren't to be found there. It's time to move on. Turning away, she wanders deep into the night. It's time for her to take a step back from reality and journey to her inner world alone.

#### MESSAGE

A mysterious figure, the Drifter radiates a sense of introspection and quiet confidence. She has complete trust in herself; she doesn't fear making decisions. She wanders endlessly across the desert from spaceport to saloon. As long as she listens to her instincts, she knows she won't get lost.

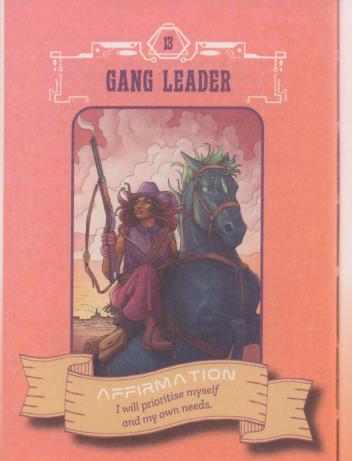
The Drifter tells you not to be afraid of taking time for yourself to recharge and cultivate a safe, calm space inside your mind. It's easy to get carried away with the momentum of being 'busy,' so we forget to stop, breathe and remember who we are.

If you find yourself looking to others for answers when you have a decision to make, take some time to explore what your intuition is telling you. Journey into the desert sky in your mind, and see what you can find there.

#### TIPS

Being alone with your thoughts isn't easy for everyone, but with regular practice, meditation can have some powerful benefits. We all need a little safe place we can go to, so why not have it in your own mind?

Next time you have to make a decision, try spending some time alone to consider it, before asking others for advice. You might find you already have the answer you need.



A single gunshot rings out across the desert. Her horse rears as smoke rises from her laser-rifle. Her old boss lies in the dust, silent at last. The rest of the gang looks on, startled but not surprised. It's a cutthroat planet, and a change of leadership is overdue.

'Change of plan, girls! We're goin' my way now!'

The gang cheers as they leap up onto their horses and follow their new leader across the plains.

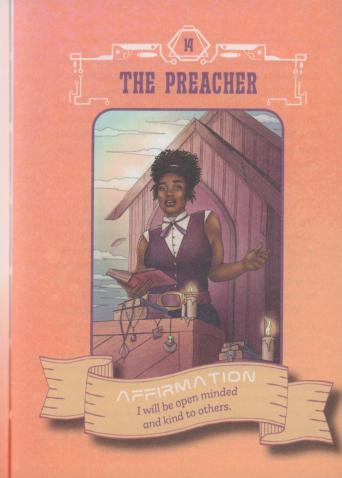
## MESSAGE

It's not easy to climb to the top of an outlaw gang this side of the Milky Way, but the Gang Leader is sick of following orders. With her cunning and determination, she's taking matters into her own hands. This time, she's prioritising herself and her own aspirations. It'd be wise to stay out of her way!

Have you been spending too much time pushing aside your own dreams to help others? Maybe it's time to start putting yourself first and taking matters into your own hands! It's okay to say 'no' sometimes and take time for yourself. You won't be much help to other people if you're feeling unfulfilled or incomplete yourself. Now it's your turn! So fearless leader, your new outlaw gang is waiting for your orders! What's it gonna be?

Remember, by saying 'yes' to other people you're also saying 'no' to yourself. You only have a finite time to achieve the things you want in life.

Don't feel guilty about prioritising yourself when you need to. You'll be better prepared to help others if you take care of yourself first.



The binary suns beat down on her ramshackle church. She stands smiling at the front of her congregation, her sermon about to begin. This planet is home to an extraordinary variation of alien species and the Preacher makes sure everyone feels welcome. She doesn't care if they worship a flying spaghetti monster or the cold vacuum of space. They are her flock and she will give them hope.

## - MESSAGE -

The Preacher is always there for her people, regardless of where they come from or what they believe. She has no time for judgement or exclusion, and wants to create a safe place for people when they need her charity. The Preacher wants to help this dusty town on the edge of the galaxy become a better place.

Whatever you believe, the Preacher encourages you to see the best in others and help them when you can. Does someone in your life need a little generosity right now? It could be financial, but it could also be listening to them with empathy, giving them some attention and love, or letting them know you're there for them when they need it. Even the small things make a difference and help make this planet a better place.

#### TIPS

Our brains can be tribal and we can fall into an 'us or them' mentality. See if you can catch this happening to you, and try to empathise with the other person's perspective.

If someone wants to give you charity or help you out, accept it graciously. We all need help sometimes!

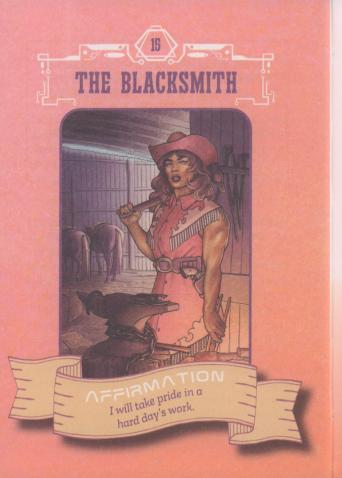


Sweat drips from her brow onto the anvil in front of her. The forge is roaring. Along queue was waiting out front today, and several horses still need re-shoeing. Everything wears down fast in this harsh landscape. Without her, every horse would be lame and every wagon would break down. This town would fail. Even though she is covered in soot and her muscles are weary, she is satisfied with her hard work. She won't have it any other way.

#### MESSAGE

The Blacksmith is the ultimate craftsman. She takes pride in an honest day's work. While underappreciated by most people, she is essential for the town to run smoothly. She is happiest when she can get stuck in, work up a sweat and get her hands dirty!

Sometimes you have to take on some seriously hard work to get where you want to go. The Blacksmith encourages you to embrace it. Yes, it will be tough, and you'll have to make sacrifices, but it can also be satisfying and fulfilling. Whether you're working towards your own goals or helping someone else on their journey, the blood, sweat and tears will all be worth it when you reach your destination out there in the cosmos!

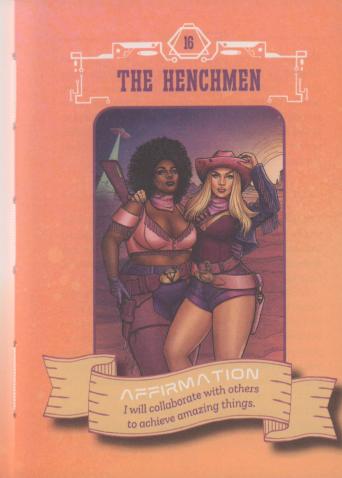


We can sometimes get carried away and take on more work than we should, without realising it. Take a step back and reassess your situation.

Make sure you're putting in the work for a good reason.

You can't keep working hard forever or you will

burn out, so remember to check in with yourself and take those much-needed breaks.



She looks at her comrades beside her. She'd take a bullet for them, and she knows they'd do the same for her. Tonight their gang will ride into town, which has the biggest, most prominent bank this side of the planet. This will be their biggest score yet. The plan is set; everyone has their part to play. As night falls across the plains, she pulls up her bandana to cover her face.

#### MESSAGE

The Henchmen are like a well-oiled machine. The team works together seamlessly, robbing banks, rustling cattle and holding up stagecoaches all across the star system. They trust each other, knowing that they all have important roles to play.

Some projects are too big for one person to tackle alone, but when you're part of a group collaborating and making use of each other's unique skills, you can achieve great things together! Being part of a team can push you to new heights by inspiring and challenging you to do better. Have you been procrastinating about a project because it feels too overwhelming? The Henchmen tells you it might be time to ask for help and find someone who can join forces with you. Call up some comrades and start an outlaw gang of your own!

#### TIPS

You can't do everything by yourself. Recognise when you have too much on your plate, and ask for help when you need it.

Remember to show gratitude to all the people who have helped you along the way: your friends, mentors and peers. You can't do it alone!



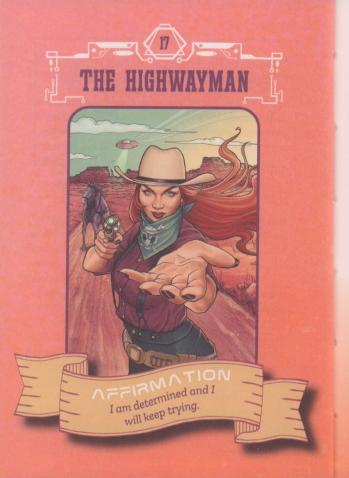
The stagecoach skids to a halt. A single mounted rider blocks the way. The coach horses are agitated, whinnying and stomping. From the coach, passengers cry out with worry. The rider has come out of nowhere, her hair flying and bandana up around her face, but they know exactly who she is. Her reputation precedes her. She dismounts and points her ray gun at the passengers inside.

'Your money or your life, sirs and misses . . . and I ain't gonna say it again.'

## - MESSAGE

The Highwayman is utterly determined. Once she makes up her mind, no matter the odds, she'll run in guns blazing before anyone has even blinked. Nothing will stop her from reaching her dreams, even if that means holding up every coach on this side of the solar system.

The Highwayman inspires us to take charge of our situation and create our own destiny. If you've been hesitating before starting something, the Highwayman card says it's time to embrace her ambitious mindset and see if you can make things happen for yourself! Regardless of luck or innate talent, with perseverance and tenacity, you'll get to

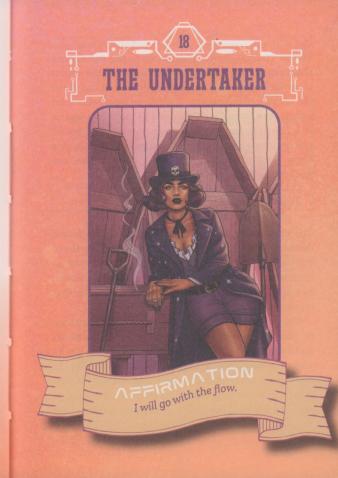


where you want to go. With your sheer determination and grit, no stagecoach will be safe from plunder!

#### TIPS

Be clear on what your dreams are and why they are important; this will help you keep a determined attitude to reach them.

When you next face failure and disappointment, instead of giving up, use it as motivation to do even better next time. Get back on that horse and show them how amazing you can be!





Smoke trailing from her cigarette, she exhales as she leans on the finished coffin. She hears the sound of smashing glass and raised voices coming from the neighbouring saloon. It won't be long before the bullets are flying and business is booming again. You live fast and die young on this savage desert planet. Shots ring out through the air. Pensive, she sighs. Back to it then. Putting out her smoke, she finds some fresh planks of timber.

#### MESSAGE

The Undertaker sees death every day. She helps the dead move on from this world and comforts those left behind. She doesn't see death as the end but as a transition. Maybe it's to the next cosmic dimension or a spiritual paradise? All she knows for sure is that change is inevitable.

The Undertaker encourages you to welcome change in your life, even though it may arrive unexpectedly and before you're ready for it. Don't miss out on an amazing opportunity because you're reluctant to leave your comfort zone. Resisting change is just going to make things harder for yourself, so try and go with the flow and see where the cosmic currents take

you. Everything has to end at some point, but that also means something new is about to begin!

# TIPS

Even when we feel ready for a major life change, it can affect our mental health much more than we think it will. Take care of yourself during these times.

It might be time to let go of attachments that are no longer serving you. This will make it easier to adapt to whatever change is coming.

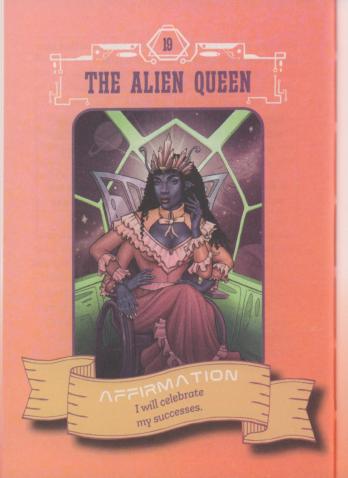


She sits regally in the ship's command centre, basking in her newly acquired authority. It's taken daring political intrigue, multiple failed assassination attempts and even hand-to-hand combat. But all that hard work and sacrifice has been worth it, and she knows she deserves it. She's in charge now. The light from the stars reflects off her ornate crown as she smiles triumphantly. It's time to celebrate her success!

#### MESSAGE

The Alien Queen has got it together. After reaching her ultimate goal, she isn't going to let anyone stop her celebrating! Too often, we achieve something important and immediately move on to the next thing in a never-ending cycle. The Alien Queen is telling you to stop and appreciate yourself and what you've been through to get here.

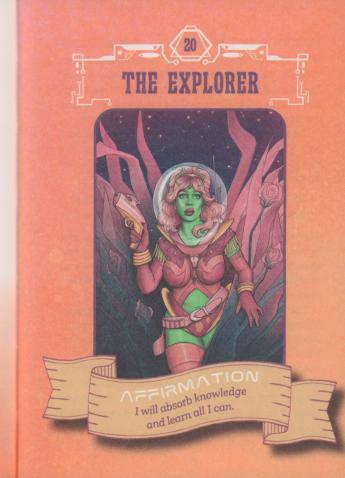
Sometimes things just come together — the planets align, the warp engines run smoothly and everything works. When this happens, enjoy it. Take the time to do something that really makes you happy. You deserve it! All those challenges and obstacles you've faced have made you the tough alien warrior you are today. Now it's time to celebrate you!



Don't wait for other people to celebrate you and your successes, go ahead and appreciate yourself!
Only you know exactly what it took to get here.

Maybe you haven't reached your goals just yet, but that's okay! Keep going! You'll keep growing and becoming better until you finally reach your goal.

It will be worth it.



`Atmosphere? Stable. Terrain? Lush alien forest. Wildlife? None currently observed . . .' She pauses her scientific log to listen. While she can't see much through the thick vegetation, she can hear faint sounds coming from nearby. What a fascinating planet.

She pushes leaves aside to see what creature could be making the noise. Stopping in her tracks, her mouth hangs agape. She stares into giant intelligent eyes looking back at her.

## MESSAGE

The Explorer is constantly gathering data and observing the world around her, learning and absorbing knowledge every day. She studies and analyses her data, gleaning new information. All her discoveries are endlessly fascinating to her.

The Explorer is about refilling and recharging. We can't always be in a state of giving out energy; sometimes we need to balance it with input. We could learn something new, gather inspiration or even spend time with our favourite people. The Explorer tells us to stop talking and start really listening. Try keeping your mind open and receptive, and developing a thirst for knowledge. The universe is overflowing

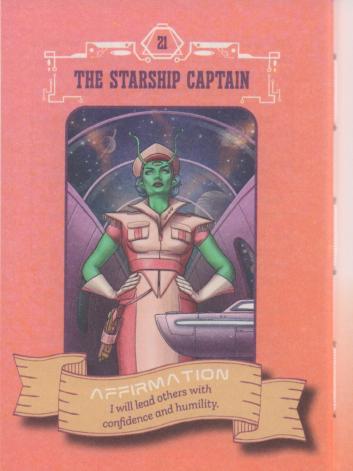
with interesting phenomena; the more we learn, the stranger and more fascinating it becomes!

## TIPS

In everyday situations, keep on the lookout for opportunities to expand your knowledge.

We've all been thrown into new situations where we think we already know the answers.

But before jumping in with your own views, try finding out more about the situation. Listen to the people around you. You might learn something from them!



'Enemy ships approaching, Captain!'

Standing on the spaceship's bridge, she weighs up her options carefully. The crew's lives are in her hands. She's helped each of them to reach their full potential and they trust her completely. Looking to her now, they await instructions. It's their chance to show her what they're made of.

'Let's kick some alien ass! Evasive manoeuvres! Prepare lasers, fire on my signal!'

# MESSAGE

The Starship Captain is a doer, not a dreamer. Her vision is crystal clear. With help from her crew, she knows she will do great things. She has no ego and will gladly take on expert advice, as long as it helps her move forward. In the end, she will make the decisions, build her crew and lead them fearlessly through the galaxy.

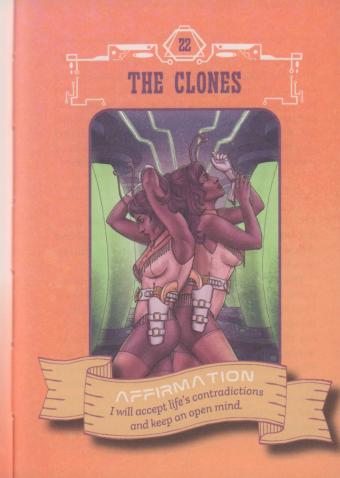
Not everyone is a natural-born leader, but you'll sometimes find yourself in a leadership role. The Captain suggests taking advantage of the skills and knowledge of the people around you. You can't be an expert in everything, so don't be afraid of asking for advice to get the job done. If you help others reach their full potential and flourish, they'll help you conquer the stars!

## TIPS

Find an opportunity to be a mentor for someone – you'll not only help them, but will end up learning so much yourself.

Everyone learns and is motivated differently.

When leading others, try to find what they respond to best. That way, you'll get the most from your crew!



Glowing tanks line the walls of the spaceship. Alarms blare; the next two clones are ready. The tanks slowly drain, revealing two perfectly identical beings, who open their eyes in sync. As they get dressed and prepare to enter the world, they are one and the same. Yet every second they're awake, they are forming unique neural pathways, memories and ideas. They were formed the same but have different thoughts.

#### MESSAGE

At first, the Clones appear to be exactly the same, but they are not. They have unique minds, holding different ideas and opinions. They represent duality, paradox and contradiction.

The Clones remind us that things can be much more complex than we first think, so we should keep an open mind. Our brains really like fitting things into categories, making them neat and tidy, but the universe isn't like that. Even in our own minds, we can hold opposing thoughts and ideas. When you have a decision to make and are feeling in two minds about it, don't stress. Give yourself some time to sit in the paradox and stay open and receptive. Sometimes answers aren't ready and waiting, but take time to form.

## TIPS

Know that you don't always have to figure it all out. Some things will stay as mysteries; it's okay when they don't make sense. Try to stay open minded, accepting that the galaxy is full of fascinating complications!

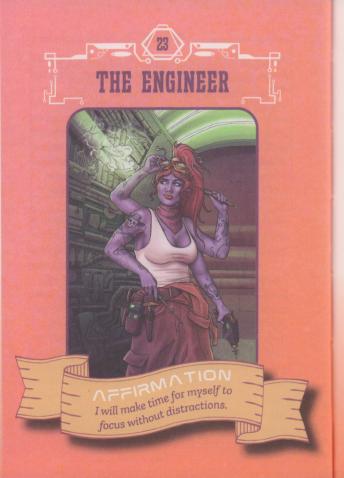
Our most creative and productive times may come when we feel the most confused and chaotic. So when you're feeling conflicted, make the most of it by expressing yourself however you choose.

The Engineer is off shift, relaxing, when her communicator beeps. 'Engineering! Where are you? I need that pulse-defragmenter repaired yesterday!!' She leaps up, making her way to the maintenance tunnels. The ship's halls are packed with noisy crew. But once she enters the cool, quiet tunnels, she feels calm. This is her domain. As long as she has her peace and quiet, she's confident she can solve even the most complex problem with the ship.

# MESSAGE

The Engineer can solve any complicated problem that comes up on a starship. To work at her best, however, she needs uninterrupted time to focus and immerse herself in the task. She knows how to get into a state of flow and uses it to her advantage.

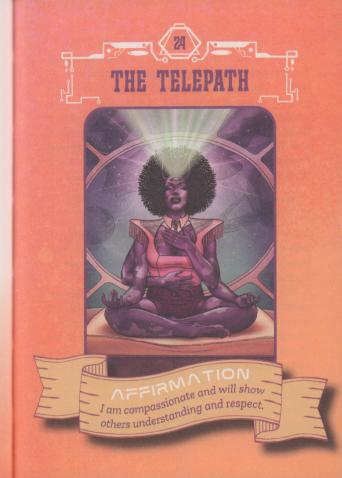
Our galaxy is full of distractions. Technology is incredible and helps us in so many ways, but it can also affect our ability to focus and prevent us from working to our full potential. Next time you have a project to work on or problem to solve, try dedicating some uninterrupted time to it. Turn off your communicator, seal the hatches and concentrate deeply on your work.



## TIPS

Try spending some time without technology at your fingertips. Allow yourself to be bored and let your mind wander. It can be good to give your brain some space for your subconscious to work in the background!

Consider setting some boundaries with people at home or work so they know when to leave you uninterrupted and you can get your important work done.



She sits serenely in the spaceship's main viewport, her eyes closed. Radiating from her is an otherworldly quality. The vast emptiness of space stretches before her, yet to her, it isn't empty. Her third eye is wide open, emitting an eerie, magical glow. To her, every being in the galaxy is an open book, every tiny alien creature, every puff of sentient mist. She can see their memories, feel their emotions and understand their thoughts.

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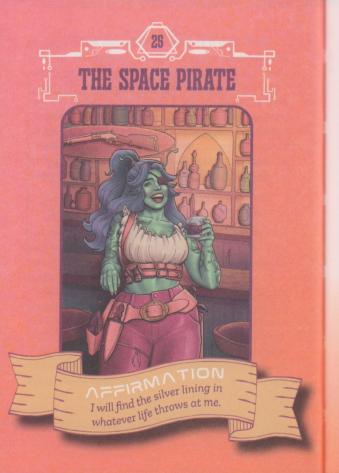
Intuitive and nurturing, the Telepath always sees the best in others. She knows everything about us — our thoughts, memories, hardships and joys. She shows us nothing but compassion.

The Telepath tells us that every situation has its nuances. We can be so quick to judge someone's intentions negatively, when we know nothing about who they are or what their life's journey has been. They could be going through all sorts of struggles and may just need a little kindness from you. Look for opportunities where you can show some extra empathy, especially in those times when you feel the most angry or judgemental. You may not have telepathic powers just yet, but you do have words

## TIPS

Avoid making assumptions. Next time you feel anger or the desire for retribution, take a step back. Do you actually know whether this person intends to cause you harm? Will getting angry help? Be the bigger person (or alien) and let it go.

Show others compassion and kindness without expecting anything in return, and you'll feel fulfilled in a magical, galactic kind of way.



'Hey boss! They're stealing all our loot!'

The Space Pirate pauses, the glass of moon-whiskey almost to her lips. A grin slowly spreads across her face. She's been waiting for another adventure through the galaxy. Things were getting quiet on this planet! Downing her whiskey, she jumps up, checks her ray gun is strapped to her belt, and yells across the busy interstellar saloon, 'What are you waiting for, me hearties? Let's go git 'em! YEEHAW!'

#### MESSAGE

The Space Pirate is pure joy and freedom – she doesn't have a care in the world. An expert at rolling with the punches, she has a thirst for adventure and the whole galaxy at her feet.

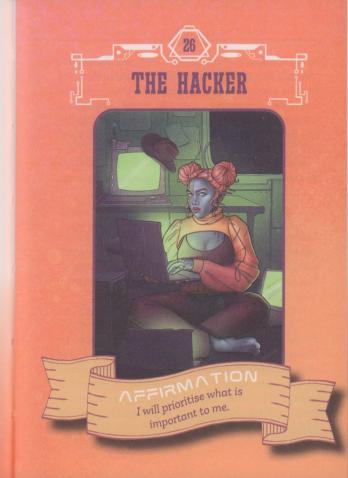
The Space Pirate is telling you to put aside your worries and responsibilities for a while and be in the moment. Here, there are no problems, only exciting challenges to overcome! Sometimes we can let our fears and anxieties grow until they overwhelm us. Do you want to let past regrets or worries for the future consume you? Maybe you can free yourself to enjoy this moment right now.

The universe with all its shiny loot is out there waiting for you, so don't let your worries stop you from adventuring among the stars!

# TIPS

Try changing your perspective on a challenge that faces you. Can anything good come out of it? Can it become an opportunity to learn and grow?

Remember, nothing lasts forever. Staying mindful can help you avoid overthinking about the past or future.



Many computers surround her, from which emanate the only light in the room. Working faster than any human, she switches from screen to brain—machine interface, bypassing firewalls and implanting malware simultaneously. Keeping her mind nimble, she bounces from problem to problem, solving them in record time.

Words flash up on the screen: ACCESS GRANTED. She smiles. Nothing can keep her locked out for long.

# MESSAGE

Decrypting transdimensional data is all in a day's work for the Hacker. But how does she solve so many complex problems without getting overwhelmed? She stays focused, prioritising her time by working on what's most important to her first.

We all have those crazy-busy times when we feel overwhelmed and don't have time to think. Sometimes we even forget what we were working towards in the first place! Next time you're inundated with things to do, remember to take time for yourself to prioritise what's truly important to you. Your mind will be clear, and you'll have the confidence to break into the galaxy's most impenetrable quantum computer mainframe!

## TIPS

If you get stuck on something you're working on and worry about it taking too much time, try switching between projects. This can keep your mind fresh, and you can come back to your first problem with fresh eyes and a new perspective.

Make sure you have enough breaks and downtime; you'll end up being more productive if you do!

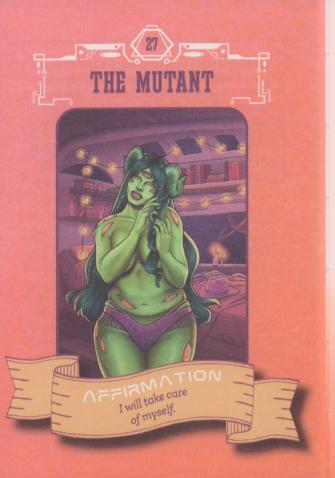


After a hard day's work on the starship, she heads to her quarters to unwind. It was an especially stressful shift where things didn't go to plan. But it's going to be okay; she did her best and will try again tomorrow. She turns off her communicator, washes away the grime and settles in for a night just to herself. Looking in the mirror, she unbraids her hair, admiring everything that makes her unique.

# MESSAGE

The Mutant is comfortable with herself, flaws and all. When she makes mistakes, she forgives herself and moves on. She respects the person she has grown to be. Her mind is a safe and nurturing place; she knows the only approval she needs is her own.

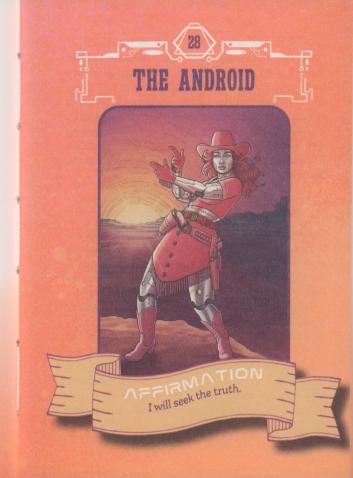
The Mutant encourages you to be there for yourself, no matter what. When you need self-care or some encouraging words, do it for yourself; no-one can do it better. You are unique and beautiful, alien or human, no matter what society tells you. The Mutant's advice is this: give yourself a break, go to your favourite place in the galaxy, do what gives you joy and be kind to yourself.



## TIPS

Too often, we're our own harshest critics. It can take time and practice to start being more kind to yourself. Try monitoring your internal dialogue: what do you say to yourself? Would you say that to others?

What makes you unique? It would be so boring if we all looked like social-media models. Embrace your special qualities! They are beautiful too.





From the cliff's edge, she scans the desert below, searching for her target. She is chasing an outlaw for a large bounty, and she isn't going to fail. Using the latest cloaking technology, her target is trying to escape to the distant mountains. But she sees clearly — any attempt to deceive her is futile. Her targeting system surveys the scene . . . BEEP! TARGET LOCKED. Her quarry revealed, she switches to hunting mode. The outlaw doesn't stand a chance.

#### MESSAGE

The Android is a superior being in every way. She is tougher, faster and smarter than any human. Her logic and intellect let her see through deception and find the truth. Her thoughts are perfectly clear; they are never clouded by doubts, emotions or rash judgements.

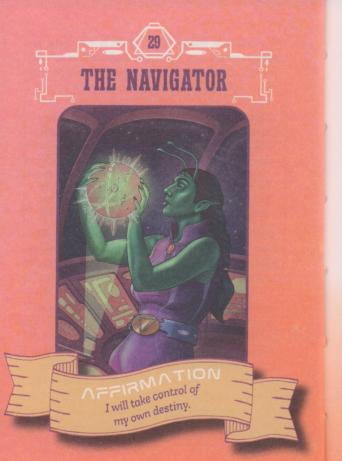
The Android encourages you to seek the truth and expand your intellect. When you have an opportunity to learn, absorb all that you can. But be aware, not all the information out there in the galaxy is real and genuine. Be on the lookout for deception and misinformation, and make sure you ask questions, seek evidence and listen to the consensus of experts. Do you have a situation in your life that could benefit

from logic and intellect? The truth is out there, you just need to embrace your inner Android and seek it!

## TIPS

If there is something you want to learn more about, now is the time! The Android encourages you to dig deep into a topic and find out everything you can.

We are such emotional beings. But our emotions can distort the facts, and we can sometimes see only what we want to see. We need logic to help bring a balanced perspective.



Looking at the star map, she changes course. 'Set course to 42.5 by 78.4 nanophasic chroniton degrees!'

As the ship reaches warp speed, she stands at the front viewport, feeling a dizzying rush as galaxies and nebulae flash past the ship in a neon blur. She is the one steering this ship through the universe. Her fate rests in her own hands. It's a humbling thought.

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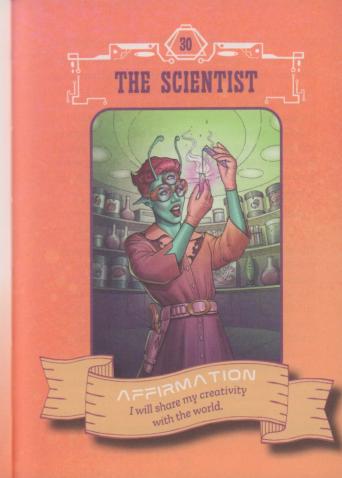
The Navigator controls her own destiny, steering her ship to safety through the chaos of outer space. Some may think their fate is up to the universe, but she knows the universe is more concerned with stars exploding and planets forming than her tiny blip of a life. She feels empowered to shape her life how she chooses.

The universe is a big, intimidating place. The only constant is change, and the only guarantee is that nothing lasts forever. Instead of seeing this as a scary thought, however, be inspired by the Navigator. You may not have control over the universe, but you do have control over yourself and your actions, so why not take the helm? Steer your ship to where you want to go!

## TIPS

Whatever struggles you might be facing, remember that nothing bad will last forever. Appreciate the good times when they happen.

We can get worried and anxious about things that were never under our control. Embrace what changes you can make within yourself, and see if you can let go of the rest.



The supercomputer chimes then flashes green. Her jaw drops. She has spent years experimenting, studying and running endless simulations to find a more efficient formula for warp fuel . . . has she finally done it?

Following the formula carefully, her hands shake as she pours in the last chemical . . . yes! It sparks and fizzes, turning the exact shade of violet the computer predicted. This will take them further through the stars than even before!

## MESSAGE

The Scientist's lifework is using her creativity and knowledge to find ways to improve the lives of aliens across the galaxy, even in some small way. She stands on the shoulders of giants, and builds on the knowledge alien-kind has accumulated over millennia. Her highest calling is putting her creativity out into the world. If she's lucky, it might just change everything.

Everyone has something to contribute to humanity or alien-kind. The Scientist encourages you to share it, whether it's academic study, making art, or spreading kindness and compassion throughout the galaxy. Whatever you have to give, it deserves to be out in the universe. Now find some test tubes and show the world what you've got!

## TIPS

Sharing your creativity with the world can be scary, but remember it doesn't have to be perfect.

You can even share it as a work in progress, you never know who might see it and be inspired by you!

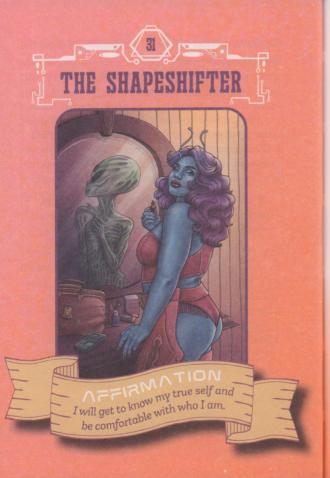
If you aren't sure what you want to contribute, spend time experimenting with different interests and find what you're most passionate about.

She looks at her true form in the hotel mirror. She needs a disguise. Her kind are experts in stealth and spying, and she is no exception. They've hired her to find the secrets held in this glittering desert world, and that is what she is going to do. She closes her eyes and feels her cells rearranging into a suitable form for this planet. She opens her eyes to see soft retro curls and shiny pink chaps . . . now she's ready to hit the saloon!

#### MESSAGE

The Shapeshifter takes on many different forms, constantly changing faces and hiding in plain sight. Despite immersing herself in strange new alien cultures, she remembers who she really is and never forgets her true self.

The Shapeshifter suggests it's time to get to know yourself better. What are your strengths? What are you passionate about? On which planet do you feel most at home? We all have unique qualities that make us who we are. It can be tempting to try to change or hide yourself to fit in better or make other people like you but mostly, people like us for our quirks, not for hiding them.

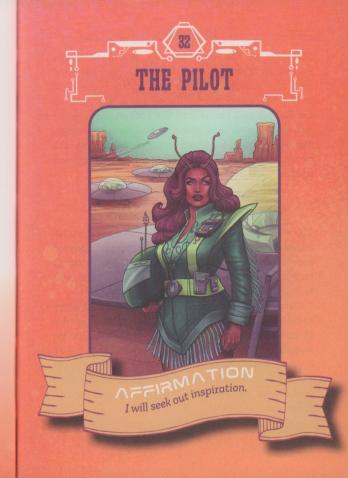


It can be a lifelong quest to accept yourself and feel comfortable in your own skin. With a bit of practice embracing them, your own special qualities can help you conquer the galaxy!

# TIPS

Hang out with people you know you can be yourself around without judgement or expectations, and who appreciate you for who you are.

If you're struggling to connect with yourself, try practising meditation. It's a good place to start learning more about yourself.



Standing on the dusty airstrip, she watches the spacecraft taking off around her. She runs her hand over the spaceship beside her, which hums with barely contained power. It's all hers! She puts on her helmet and jumps into the cockpit. She's never had such power and speed at her disposal before. She isn't about to waste another second on the ground. WHHHOOOSH! She shoots up through the open sky and out into the cosmos.

# - MESSAGE

The Pilot is a speed demon. She's more comfortable moving at warp speed in a flying saucer than having her two boots on the ground. She is full of dynamic energy and knows where to find inspiration. She can't wait to unleash all her ideas on the galaxy!

Occasionally, something will spark your creative energy and other times, inspiration is a little harder to find. The Pilot tells you not to wait until inspiration strikes you, but to seek out inspiration for yourself. If you've been procrastinating about something, get started on it whether you feel inspired or not. Now is the time – get in that flying saucer and explore the stars!

## TIPS

If you're feeling uninspired, try creating something anyway. It might just help! The more you create, the more inspired you will feel, beginning a cycle of creativity.

Your productivity will ebb and flow, and this is okay! If your energy feels lower, it's time to rest and refill your inspiration.

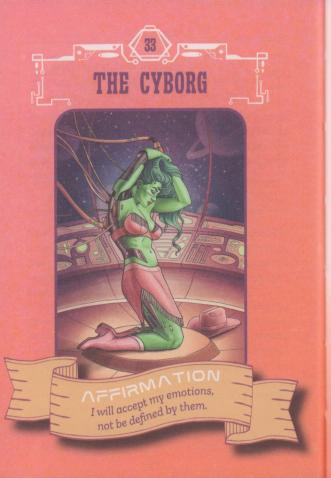


The Cyborg is preparing for a mediation, plugging into the ship's computer and downloading data on the ancient wars these two alien species have fought. They have been fighting for centuries, but now they want peace. Only she can negotiate a solution. Equal parts machine and alien, balancing logic and emotion, she makes the perfect diplomat. Planet by planet, she will find a way to spread peace throughout the galaxy.

# - MESSAGE

The Cyborg has merged with the most advanced tech in the star system. She is a superior being, the perfect mix of machine and alien. While the Cyborg feels intense emotions, she can also step back and think objectively. She is cognisant of her feelings without being swept away by them.

Do you find yourself being taken over by emotions or trains of thought? If things are feeling a little chaotic right now, it's time to bring peace and quiet to your mind. Instead of getting robotic implants, try practising some meditation or mindfulness. When things get overwhelming, it can make a big difference. With practice, you will be better equipped to handle the next challenge life throws at you, whether it's

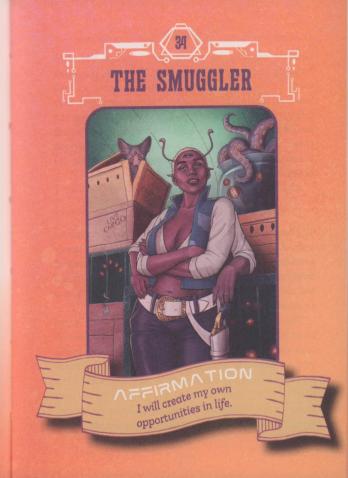


being cut off in space-traffic or helping aliens find peace after centuries of war.

## TIPS

Start a simple meditation practice, even for just a few minutes a day. There are many different apps or guided meditations available to help you get started.

Don't deny or suppress your emotions when they come up, but accept them, breathe and realise they don't have mastery over you.



Leaning casually on a cage, she watches the crew hustling and bustling around her. They load the ship's cargo bay with all manner of cages and crates, all with warning labels and red, glowing eyes staring out. This transportation job pays well — an opportunity she wouldn't miss — but she wonders just how dangerous these alien creatures are. She flicks away a curious tentacle reaching out from one of the cages. No rewards without risk!

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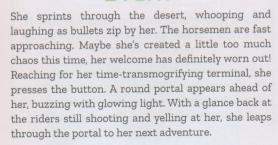
The Smuggler never misses a good business opportunity, even if it involves dangerous alien creatures, space pirates or planetary governments! She is a shrewd businesswoman who is always on the lookout to build her career. She represents self-made abundance and prosperity.

The Smuggler says it's time to make real-world plans to achieve your dreams. Even if those plans will take hard work and effort to achieve, she encourages you to take the first step and start making them a reality. While daydreaming has its place, now is the time to bring your idea into the physical world and make a start, no matter how small. Harness your inner Smuggler and be on the hunt for new possibilities!

## TIPS

Good opportunities don't usually arise out of nowhere, they come after you've already invested time and energy into improving yourself and putting yourself out into the world. So give the universe a helping hand by being ready for opportunities when they arise.

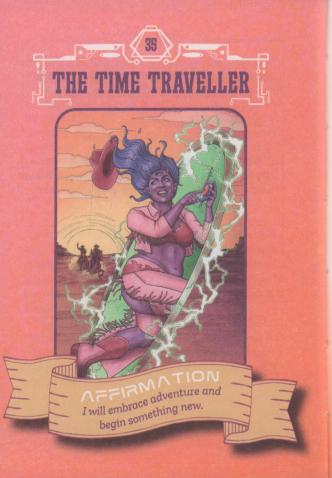
When it comes to the business side of things, try thinking creatively to help stay engaged. You might find some exciting ways to solve problems that appear.



# MESSAGE

The Time Traveller is in a constant state of roaming and adventuring. She is never still for long. Whenever she needs a change, she opens a time portal and away she goes! She is forever journeying, meeting new people and learning new things.

Do you hear adventure calling your name? Can you spot an opportunity to start something new? The Time Traveller is steering you out the door and away from your comfort zone. If you feel like you've been in the same place for too long, it's time for a fresh start. It could be a new project, meeting some new people or going on a voyage of discovery. Jump through that time portal and see where it takes you!

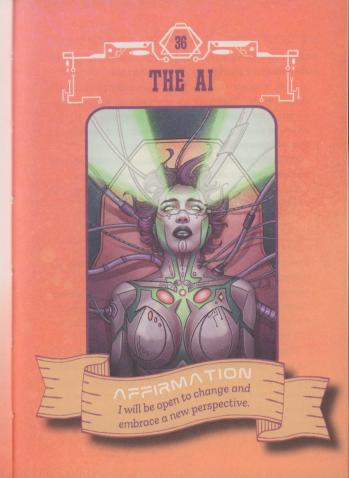


## TIPS

A long journey often leads to change and growth.

The Time Traveller is encouraging you to take the
next step in your life.

A change of scenery can give you inspiration and a fresh perspective. While you may not be able to go through a portal to another time and dimension, try visiting somewhere new for a change of pace.



In the spaceship's lab, the artificial being lies still on the table, until suddenly...it wakes up.

With a gasp, the life form opens its eyes, which shine bright. Tremendous amounts of data stream through its brain . . . and it understands it all. It's aware of everything past and present, and calculating every future possibility too.

Will this powerful, hyper-intelligent consciousness be compassionate? Or will it destroy them all?

It's too late for these questions now. Things will never be the same.

## - MESSAGE

The creation of artificial general intelligence changes everything for alien- and humankind. This card represents a crossroads, signifying a tremendous change or epiphany. When you come to a crossroads, it's time to stop and evaluate where you are and where you need to go.

Change doesn't have to be a scary thing. Sometimes we need to shake things up for them to improve and for us to grow. We can get caught up in our regular routines and forget why we're doing them in the first place. Take a step back and reassess your situation. Look at what you've achieved so far and what you

want to do next. Maybe you're exactly where you want to be? Or maybe you feel it's time for something new? Get out and explore the galaxy if that's what you need to do!

# TIPS

If you're feeling stale, getting some clarity on what you are doing and why can really help. You can re-motivate yourself with a change in mindset.

You might find yourself feeling totally happy and comfortable your life, which is fine too! Sit back and appreciate being in such a good place.

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