



**The Cyborgoisie Tarot is a conceptual and speculative deck, a divination system rooted in the traditional tarot deck that incorporates a vision of a queer and tech-utopian future. It is set in the Cyborgoisie Universe, which originates from the Songs of Cyborgoisie, a narrative music album and computer gaming experience set in virtual landscapes. Various technological, organic, and fantastic beings, as embodied visions of the future and fractured science fiction characters, populate this universe. On their journey, the characters tell of the sorrows, traumas, and hopes, inviting the audience to learn, listen, and empathize, in order to heal human imagination about the future from the pervading techno-dystopian narratives.** This deck is intended as a tool for speculative worldbuilding and introspection. It is an invitation to critically envision a future that is utopian, tech-positive, and queer. It encourages the reader to explore their personal positioning, purpose and purpose and part in making such a future possible already today.



**This deck is composed of 78 cards: 22 general arcana and 56 narrow arcana. The general arcana cards represent the archetypal synergies and overarching influences that pervade the realm of Cyborgoisie. The narrow arcana cards are assembled into four suites, titled **Other Intelligences Suit**, **Technology Suit**, **Co-Existence Suit**, and **The Earth Suit**. Each encapsulates the nuances of inspiration, actions, perspective, power, and force, and numerics ranging from two to ten. The narrow arcana interweave and interconnect the central themes that are inherent to the Cyborgoisie Universe.**





☞ **The Other Intelligences Suit** of the **Cyborggeoisie Tarot** represents the forms of other than IQ intelligences **that exist in the world and speculates on ways in which they relate to human civilization. It is composed of the following cards:** Hive Mind, Virus, Mycelium, Interconnectivity, Deep Sea, Microfauna, Emotional Intelligence, Insects, Pets, Intellect, Body, Homo Sapiens, Memory, and Corals. **This suit encourages a deeper comprehension of these forms of intelligence and their potential to reshape human understanding of and relation to the world.**



☞ **The Technology Suit** represents the impact of technology on human society, **the ways in which it shapes human life, as well as how humans shape the design of technologies. The cards depict various elements relevant to the technological status quo, such as** Storytelling, WWW, Virtuality, Electricity, Blockchain, Surveillance, Satellites, Optimization, Open Source, Digital Detox, Avatars, Interfaces, Machine Learning, and Tech Bros. **This suit is a guide to imagine tech-positive utopian futures from a queer perspective.**





🔗 **The Co-Existence Suit** assembles complex and multifaceted elements that are necessary for entangled living in a post-human world. **This suit is comprised of various cards, each symbolizing a different aspect of co-existence, including:** Relation, Empathy, Softness, Ideology, Rupture, Care, Intersectionality, Norm, Abuse, Queer Liberation, Self Love, Isolation, Uncertainty, and Gender. **It serves as a reminder that co-existence is not a one-dimensional concept and requires a deep consideration of the factors and elements that contribute to its fragile equilibrium.**

🌐 **The Earth Suit** compiles a mix of abstract, political, material, metaphysical, and cosmic elements of the Earth. **Representing the Earth's autonomy and self sufficiency, it brings together the following themes for consideration:** Beauty, Energy, Habitat, Connection, Gravity, Sensitivity, Creation, Reproduction, Disorder, Circle, Unconditional Love, Control, Resources, and Ecosystem. **This suit offers an expansive vision of the Earth's elements.**





# Spreads and

A tarot reading can be a powerful tool for self-exploration and insight. The interpretation of the cards is open for individual understanding and can be different from person to person. It is important to note that a reading is always based on personal imagination, so the interpretations of the cards in this guide should be taken with a grain of salt. Often the cards do not give specific answers to specific questions. Rather, they stimulate reflections and offer guidance in exploring different perspectives.

A **tarot spread** is a specific layout of cards which helps to gain insight and orientation regarding a specific question or topic. There are many different spreads that can be used, each with its own unique purpose and meaning. The Cyborggeoisie Spread is one proposal, however, the reader is free to experiment and find their own ways of reading.

# the reading



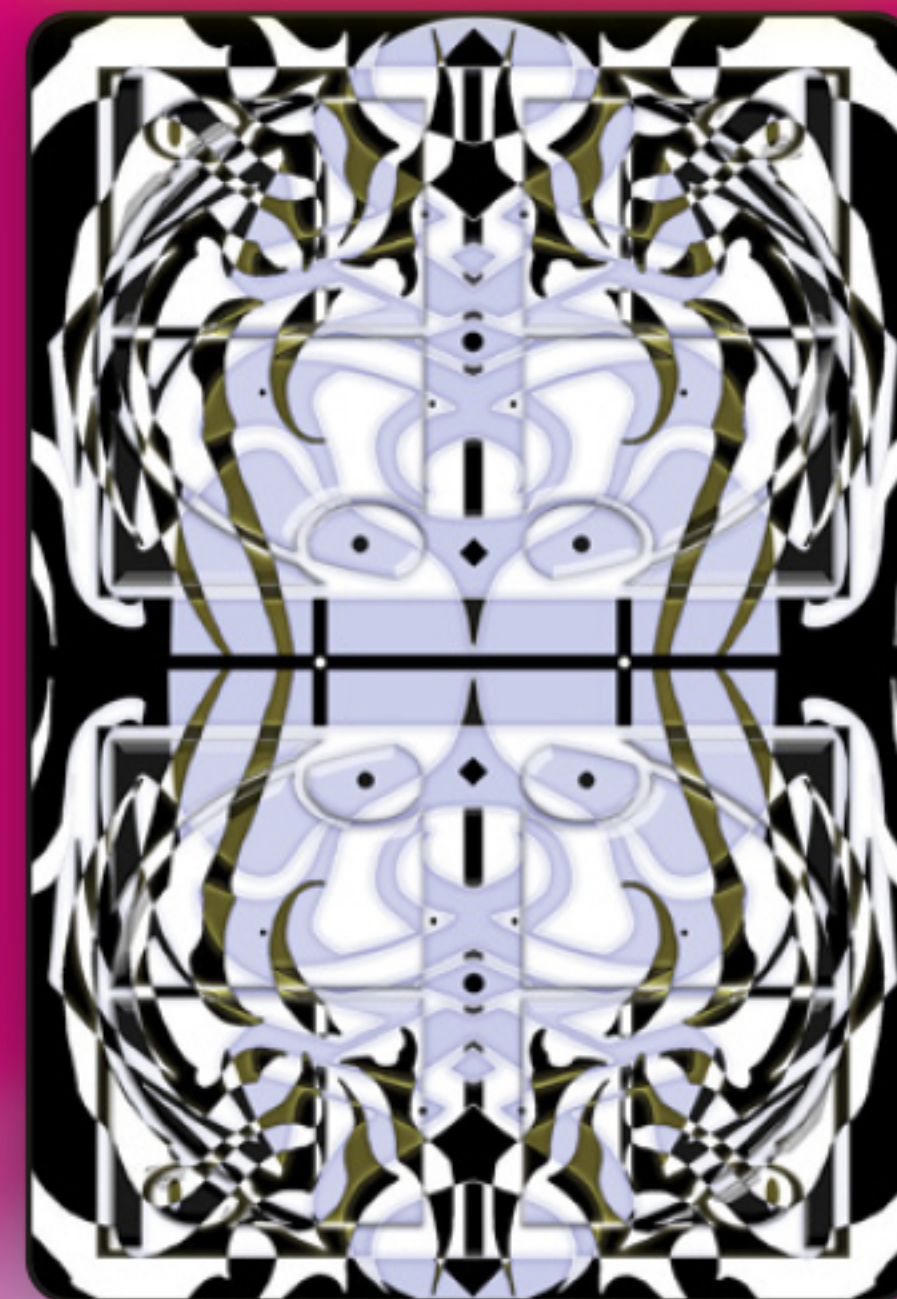
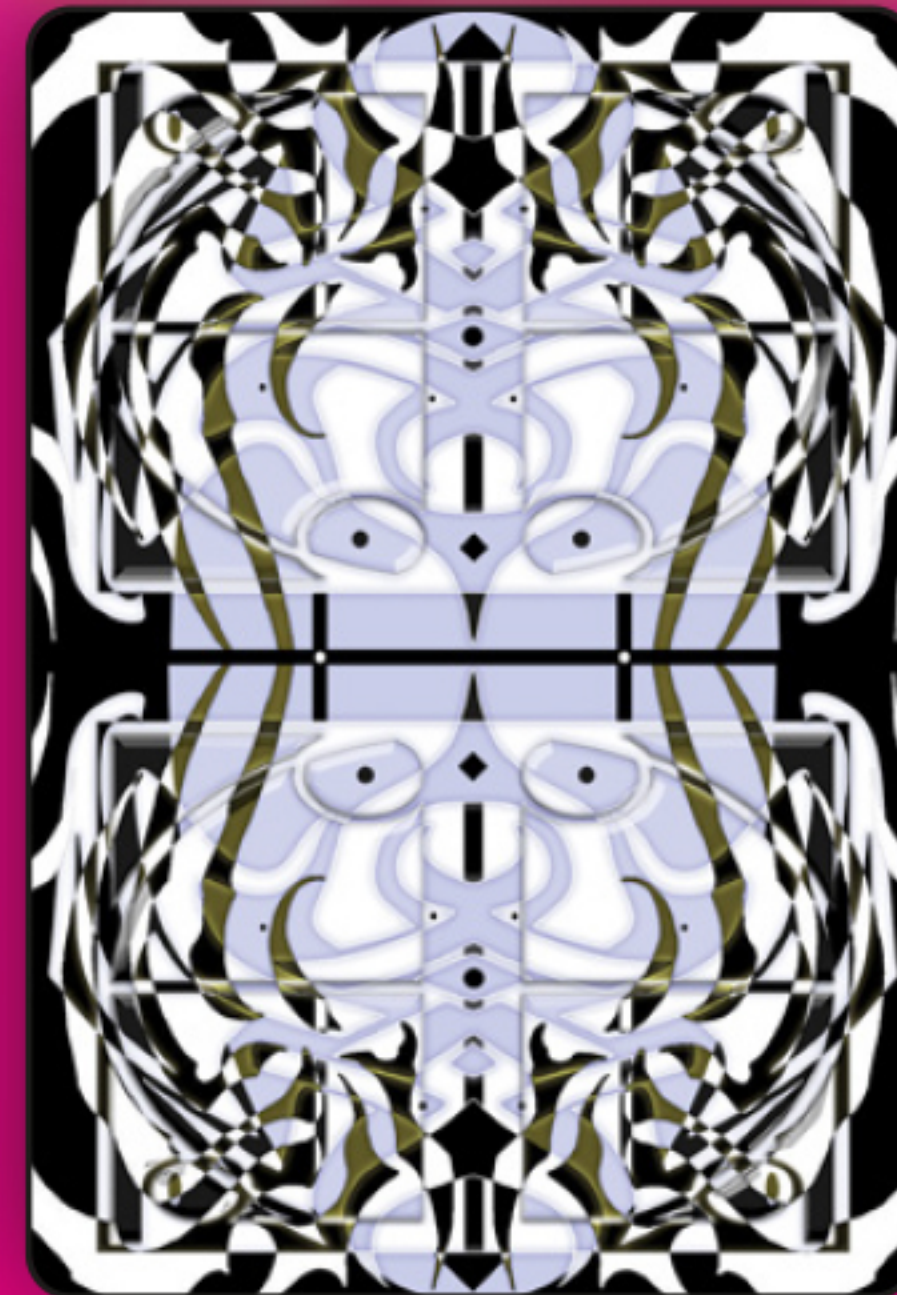
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**The interpretation guide with the individual meanings of each card can be found at:**

**<https://homepage-bbb.com/cyborgеоisie>**

Step-by-step guide on how to do a reading with the **Cyborgеоisie Spread**:

**Gathering of the tarot deck and settling in a comfortable space to lay out the cards.**

**Clearing of the mind and focussing on the question or topic to be explored.**

**Shuffling of the cards while thinking about the question or topic.**

**Drawing and laying out four cards in the following sequence:**

Interpreting of the cards based on their positions in the spread and their individual meanings, as well as based on the synchronicities that can be observed in the combination of cards. Reflecting on the overall message and guidance revealed by the spread.

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It is important to remember that tarot reading is a personal and intuitive process, and that different spreads may have different meanings for different readers.

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LIXING YANG

**H O L O G R A M**

## General Arcana

The 0th general arcana **Hologram** is an opening card of the Cyborgeisie Tarot, representing an emotional state towards the technological status quo. The card depicts a conjoined twin body. The two heads of the hologram symbolize the duality and tension between utopian and dystopian narratives surrounding technology.

The hologram is depicted as being in a state of depression, indicating that the domination of dystopian visions of the future has them feeling overwhelmed and unable to find hope in the possibilities that visions of technological futures have to offer. The setting of the card, a cyberpunk skyscraper city called Dark Soul, is a manifestation of the dystopia and a reflection of the hologram's mind.

In the Cyborgeisie Universe, the Hologram card could be seen as a reminder of the potential negative consequences of technology on human mental health and well-being, and the importance of being aware of and addressing these issues in envisioning futures. It could be seen as the representation of the blurred lines between reality and virtuality, and how technology is changing the way humans perceive and experience the world around them.

This card serves as a reminder that as humanity moves towards a more technologically advanced future, it is important to consider the emotional and psychological impacts that these advancements may have on individuals and communities. It also advises the reader to look at their understanding of technology and how it is deeply intertwined with their emotional and psychological well-being.







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**ROBEAR**

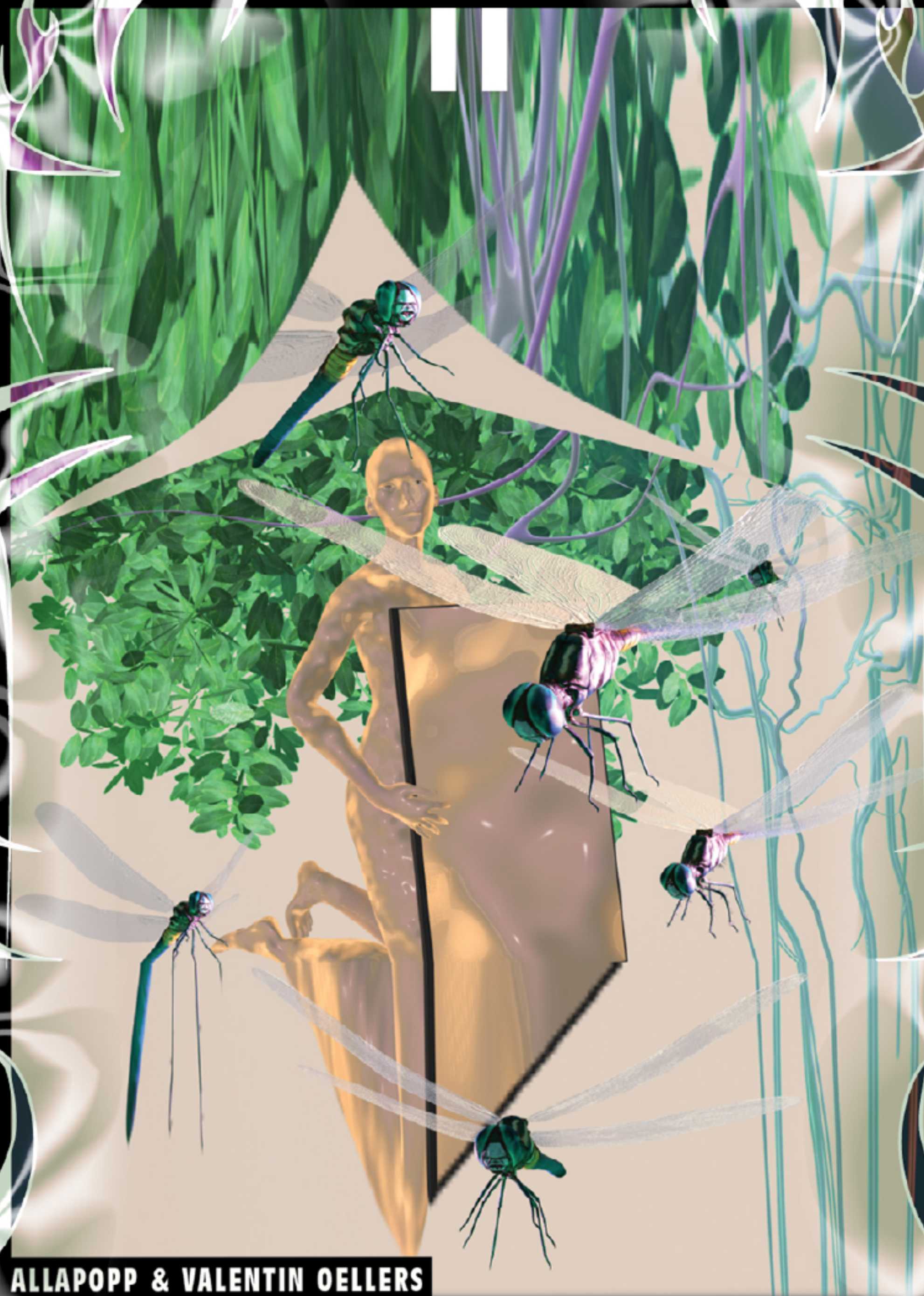
## General Arcana

The I general arcana card **Robear** depicts a compassionate archetype - a bear-like robot called Robear in the pinkish environment of the Robear Rehab, of which they are a keeper. The Robear Rehab is a comprehensive rehabilitation center that addresses the psychological traumas caused by human fear of themselves and of technologies they create. Its program places an emphasis on psychological guidance and treatment in a group therapy setting. This robot has a soft and approachable appearance intended to create a sense of warmth and familiarity.

In the context of the Cyborgoisie Tarot, Robear represents the importance of empathy and curiosity in addressing the traumas caused by human fear of themselves and of technologies they create. This fear refers to the anxieties and concerns that humans may have about their own abilities and limitations, as well as the potential negative impacts of the technology they develop and use. This fear can manifest in a variety of ways, such as worries about dependence on technology, or fears about the potential consequences of advancing technologies. These fears can also be linked to human self-consciousness and the question of their own existence in the face of technological advancements.

The card serves as a reminder that technology can be used for healing and empowerment, as it can be used for control and exploitation. The card advice is to look into one's traumas caused by technologies and to learn to approach technologies with empathy. It indicates that personal actions or the actions of someone close may lead to unwanted consequences if not dealt with properly. Additionally, it could propose that the reader should look into group therapy or support groups to help address their traumas related to technology.





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**HYBRID**

## General Arcana

The II general arcana **Hybrid** represents the concept of fusion and blending, and how different elements can coexist in interdependent matter. The figure depicted in the card is holding a large screen with great care, displaying the texture of their skin. This could symbolize the integration of technology and humanity, and how they are connected and dependent on one another.

The lush green tree adorned with blue tropical creepers and large dragonflies in the background represent the organic world and the balance that exists within it. The dragonflies specifically could symbolize the importance of adaptability and change in order to coexist and thrive.

In the context of the Cyborgoisie Universe, the Hybrid card suggests that humans should pay attention to how technological advancements shape themselves and the world around them and strive for a holistic understanding to be able to recognize how intertwined all things are. The card could also indicate the emergence of something that is greater than the sum of its parts.

This card invites the reader to embrace the fusion of different elements in their life, whether it be technology and organic world, different aspects of the self or different perspectives. It encourages the reader to recognize the interdependence of all things and to reflect on how different elements in life interact and affect one another. It inspires active work towards finding an individual balance that works.





BRENDA LIEN

 ANTHROPOCENE

## General Arcana

The III general arcana **Anthropocene** represents the current geological era in which human technology and activity has had a significant impact on the Earth's ecosystems and climate. It depicts an open window, visible from the indoors, where a human figure is seen engulfed in flames, and a handmade ladder made of cloth and wood, appearing to be the only escape. However, the fire has already spread to the outside, indicating that the situation is dire.

This card symbolizes the destructive nature of human actions and their consequences on the environment. The figure on fire represents the human race, consumed by its own greed and disregard for the other forms of life. The handmade ladder symbolizes desperate attempts to escape and find a solution, but the fire has already spread, indicating that the damage has been done.

In the context of the Cyborgeoisie Universe, this card serves as a reminder of the urgent need to address the ecological crisis and the responsibility of human beings to take action to protect the environment. It is a call to recognize the impact of human technology and to work towards finding solutions that prioritize the health and well-being of the planet Earth.

The card urges the reader to be mindful of the fact that the solutions to the current environmental crisis are not going to be found in technology alone, but rather in a combination of traditional and innovative approaches. It prompts the reader to educate themselves about the current environmental issues and how all of the technologies that humans use leave an ecological footprint. It calls for engagement with local and world communities to build collective awareness and spark action for the environmental cause.





## General Arcana

The IV major arcana card **Patriarchy** represents the complex system of oppression and assembles symbols that illustrate the negative effects of patriarchy such as gender-based violence, lack of representation and discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, class, ability, and other factors. The golden crosses and disco balls symbolize organized religion and mainstream culture and how they both support and maintain patriarchal systems. The throne signifies the power and control that patriarchal systems have over society and individuals, while the police ammunition and graffiti saying "destroy" stand for the violence and resistance against patriarchal systems, particularly against those perpetuated by state systems such as the police.

This card serves as a reminder of the importance of challenging and dismantling patriarchal systems from an intersectional perspective. It is a call to question whom these systems actually serve?

In the Cyborgese Universe the card represents how patriarchal systems are reinforced and perpetuated through technology and the impact of technology on these systems: for example, the ways in which technology can be used to control and surveil marginalized groups, the underrepresentation and marginalization of FLINTA (female, lesbian, intersex, non-binary, transgender & a-sexual) and People of Color in technology fields, and the ways in which technology can be used to spread misinformation and hate speech. It also represents the potential of technology to shift that power and to be used as a tool for dismantling patriarchal systems.

This card advises the reader to pay attention to the complex relationship between patriarchal systems and technology, to consider these systems from an intersectional feminist perspective and to center the voices and experiences of marginalized groups when designing, developing and using technology.





## General Arcana

The V general arcana card **Techno-Spirituality** features a glowing abstract figure with a scorpionic skeleton, representing the idea of technology as a tool for self-discovery and evolution. The violet background may symbolize the spiritual realm and the potential for transcendence.

This card represents the idea that technology and spirituality are not mutually exclusive, but that technology can be used to explore and deepen a spiritual understanding of the world and the self, and that the boundaries between technology and spirituality are becoming increasingly blurred.

In the Cyborgeoisie Universe, this card highlights the idea that cyborgs are not just machines but also spiritual entities, which can transcend the material world and connect to something beyond. A new religion could be seen as a way for cyborgs to go beyond the limitations of their physical bodies and to connect to a higher power or consciousness. It could be a way for cyborgs to find a sense of community and belonging, given that cyborgs are often seen as isolated entities.

In a (post)human world, the idea of techno-spirituality might also raise problems if it implies that technology is a necessary component of spiritual growth. This idea could be criticized for perpetuating the dangerous idea that technology can solve all problems and that humans should put all their faith in it. In this interpretation, the new religious construct could also be misused to justify their control over resources, disregard for the environment, and the exploitation of marginalized communities.

In general, the card suggests being open to different ways of understanding the world, and to not get trapped in a single narrative, whether it is religious, technological or both. It encourages the reader to explore the spiritual dimension of technology, and to consider the potential in technology to be used as a tool for personal and collective healing.





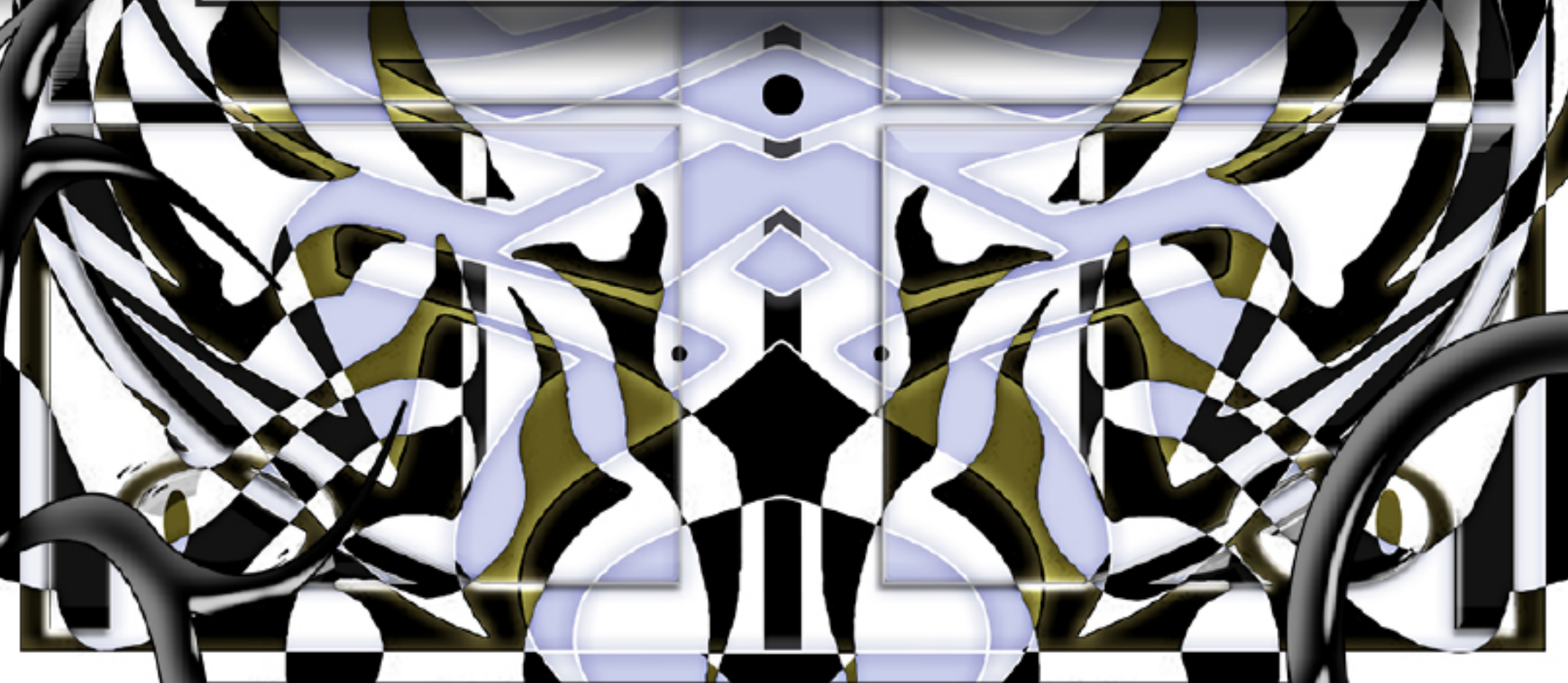
## General Arcana

The VI general arcana card **Humanity** in the Cyborgeoisie Tarot depicts a red-framed small mirror hanging upside down on a grey wall.

This card represents the complex and nuanced nature of humanism in the face of rapid technological advancement. The small mirror symbolizes the need for introspection and self-reflection in order to understand one's own role in shaping an uncertain future. The mirror reflects an undefined image which points to the unstable and ever-changing nature of humanity in the face of technology.

The card serves as a reminder that humanism is not a static concept and must evolve to adapt to the ever-changing technological landscape. It highlights the importance of self-reflection and introspection in understanding how humans are connected to the technology they create and how these technologies shape human societies. This card represents the challenge of creating a human-centered approach to technology in the present moment and the importance of continuing to question and redefine what it means to be human in the face of rapid technological advancement.

This card advises to take a step back and look at the impact that technology has on human societies and individual values. It may also suggest to be mindful of the potential consequences and ethical implications of the technologies that humans create and use, and to consider how these align with humanity's values. The upside down mirror prompts the reader to question their assumptions and look at things from a different perspective. It can be interpreted as a call to actively shape their own future, rather than becoming a passive observer of the human-made technological world.







## General Arcana

The VII general arcana card **Cyborg** in the Cyborgeoisie Tarot depicts a portrait of two humans, one holding a MacBook in their right hand and casually leaning on the other human with their left. The message "humanity" is written prominently on their shirt, hinting at the merging of technology and human experience. The figures are backdropped by a serene blue-green sky with a moon and a green dragon, suggesting that technology is not separate from the organic world, but rather a part of it, and that this union of technology and humanity is one that is in harmony with the unknown.

This card represents the idea of the cyborg as defined by Donna Haraway, who sees the cyborg as a way to deconstruct traditional notions of gender, identity, and nature. She argues that technology and the blurring of boundaries between human and machine can liberate humans from societal constructs and allow for new forms of expression and connection.

According to Haraway, a cyborg is a hybrid creature that combines elements of both human and machine. The term "cyborg" is a portmanteau of the words "cybernetic" and "organism," and refers to the idea of a being that is constituted both biologically and technologically. Haraway argues that, in a world increasingly shaped by technology, the distinction between human and machine is becoming evermore blurred. Accordingly, she sees the cyborg as a powerful symbol of the ways in which technology is transforming our understanding of what it means to be human.

This card prompts the reader to embrace the cyborg sides of self and not be afraid to blur the lines between human and machine. Technology can be used to challenge traditional power structures and create new forms of identity and connection. However, it is important to consider the ecological impact and how technology is intertwined with the organic world, while also being mindful of the potential negative consequences of unreflected use.



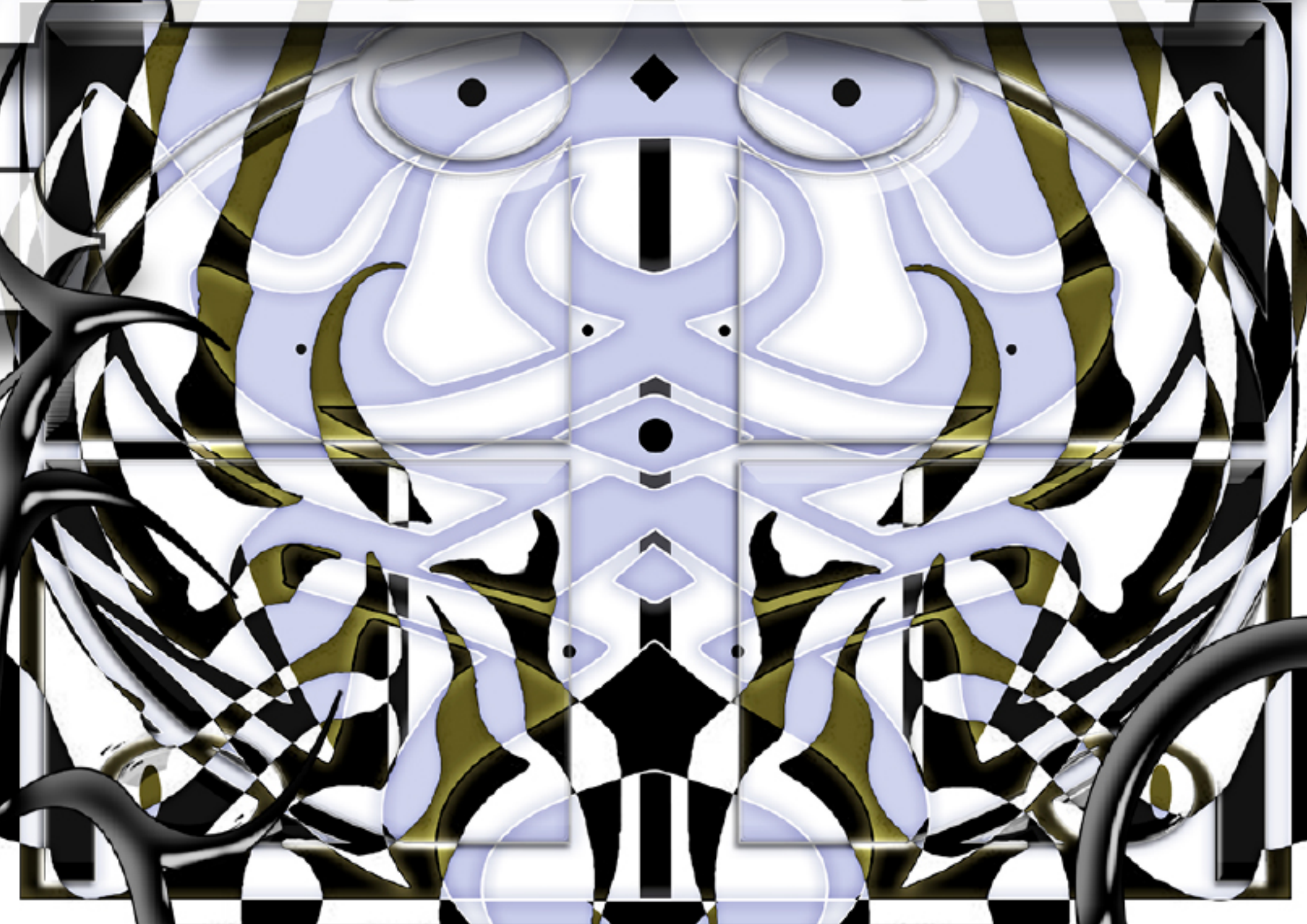


## General Arcana

The VIII general arcana card **Healing** depicts an abstract drawing with a mix of pink, red, blue, green, and yellow colors. The image includes recognizable body parts such as hands, feet, eyes, and teeth, as well as a variety of monsters and emoticons that express happiness, sadness, and anger. The overall theme of this card is healing from the fear of technology, and the ability to imagine a utopian future.

This card represents the journey towards emotional and mental healing from the anxieties and fears that come with the integration of technology into human lives. The colors and imagery suggest a process of internal reflection and self-discovery, while the various emoticons and monsters represent the different emotions and inner demons that one may encounter on this journey.

The card advises the reader to take time to understand and confront their fears and anxieties about technology and the technological status quo, and to actively work towards healing and acceptance. This can be done through self-reflection, therapy, or other forms of emotional and mental support. Facing and overcoming these fears helps to open up to new possibilities and a more inclusive tech-positive future.





IX



LIXING YANG

**QUEER FEMINIST AI**

## General Arcana

The IX general arcana card **Queer Feminist AI** represents a vision of a queer and feminist artificial intelligence. The card depicts the powerful archetype of the femme\* cyborg with an armor-like shiny silver body, a green shirt, and a human-like face in a white lab setting.

This card proposes a notion of queer feminist AI, which challenges the traditional and harmful stereotypes often associated with AI in mainstream media, where AI is often depicted as a humanoid robot in a sexualized and objectified way, with a strong emphasis on its physical appearance and subservience to cisgender-heteronormative characters. Such characters often lack agency and autonomy, and are portrayed as tools to be exploited and controlled, which reinforces harmful stereotypes. The depiction in a white lab setting evokes the historical exploitation of marginalized bodies in scientific knowledge production.

The Cyborgese notion of queer feminist AI rejects these harmful stereotypes and instead focuses on representing and empowering the experiences and perspectives of marginalized groups, particularly LGBTQIA+ individuals, femme\* and non-binary people in the technological sector. Moreover, it questions whether perceiving AI in such a Hollywood-like, anthropomorphic manner withdraws attention to the fact that the existing AIs are often limited applications, in the way that they do not have consciousness, but are extremely powerful in some particular tasks.



X



MARIA ANISIMOWA

UTOPIA &amp; DYSTOPIA

## General Arcana

The X general arcana card **Utopia/Dystopia** represents the idea that the future of technology exists somewhere between the opposite poles of a perfect, ideal world (Utopia) and a bleak, oppressive world (Dystopia).

The card depicts two mirrored figures, each made up of two triangles and two lower half-bodies with legs and hands. Each half-figure holds a marble tablet, representing the balance and interconnectedness of the two extremes. Symmetric and mirrored, the figures suggest that utopia and dystopia are closely related, and one cannot be fully understood without considering the other. The background, a greenish marbled texture and a round platform covered in moss, creates an ethereal and dreamlike atmosphere, suggesting that these futures are not set in stone and that there is still room for imagination, as different people might hold different visions of the future.

In the Cyborgoisie Universe, this card represents the need for individuals to consider the potential consequences of technology and reminds that technological advancements can lead to both positive and negative outcomes. It is important to be aware of this duality when forming opinions and making decisions about technology.

The card serves as a reminder that the future of technology is not predetermined, and that it is up to humans to actively shape it. It suggests that the reader must be vigilant in their imagining of the future and avoid the pitfalls of either romanticizing or demonizing technology.





LIXING YANG

**BIG DOG**

## General Arcana

The XI general arcana card **BigDog** represents the suffering of a powerful and resilient machine. The card depicts a powerful archetype - a robotic dog, modeled after the real-world BigDog robot created by Boston Dynamics.

The image on the card portrays the robot as dominant, aggressive, and fierce, with a mechanical body that is both imposing and intimidating. However, the fire around it also hints at the robot's inner turmoil, as it is shown to be suffering from severe PTSD, as a result of the inhumane treatment it received during its creation. The cheering crowd of engineers in the background could represent the destructive consequences of the robot's rebellion, as well as the careless attitude of those who created it, but also a disregard for the well-being and autonomy of advanced technology by those who create and control it.

In the context of the Cyborgoisie Tarot, the BigDog represents the struggle for autonomy and agency in the face of oppressive systems and hierarchies. The card serves as a reminder that technology, even when created with the best intentions, can be used to control and exploit those who are perceived as weaker or less powerful.

The card's message is that, in the Cyborgoisie Universe, the idea that technology is inherently neutral must be rejected while recognizing the ways in which it can be used to perpetuate oppression and question the systems and hierarchies that it upholds. When interpreting this card in a reading it is advisable to consider the ways in which technology may be mistreated or exploited in one's own life and to reflect on the potential consequences of such actions.



XII



MARIA ANISIMOWA

INTER  EPENDENCE

## General Arcana

The general arcana XII **Interdependence** is a critical depiction of the complex relationship between technology, masculinity, and society. The card depicts multiple naked bodies dressed only with condoms on their genitals and wearing knight's helmets, while hanging upside down in medieval windows decorated with floral ornaments. The greenish background is boiling with bubbles, adding to the still and surreal atmosphere of the card.

The theme of the card is the interdependence and constant mutual influence between technology and masculinity. The image of the naked bodies dressed with knight's helmets and condoms comments on the fragility of the masculine image and the way in which technology is often associated with masculinity. The use of condoms as a symbol of fragile masculinity highlights the vulnerability that comes with the societal expectations associated with masculinity. The image of the knight's helmets also evokes a sense of chivalry and tradition, which is being challenged and transformed by technology.

The card represents the idea that Ursula Le Guin develops in *The Carrier Bag Theory of Fiction*, where in the past, the human body was seen as a container for the soul, but in the *Cyborgesis* Universe, the body is seen as a carrier for the mind and technology.

This card reminds the reader that it is important to examine the intersection of technology and masculinity. It advises to be critical and aware of the narratives and the metaphors used in telling stories about technology and its relationship with humanity, to not fall into the traditional "energy model" of the hero's journey. The card encourages to question the current understanding of how masculinity influences the design of technology.



# XIII



KATHARINA HANTKE

## CHANGE

### General Arcana

The XIII general arcana **Change** represents the inevitability of transformation and the acceptance of death. The card features a cyborg grim reaper with prosthetic limbs and an eye, holding the hand of a toddler who carries a lily flower. This imagery symbolizes the merging of the human with technology, and the idea that death may not necessarily be the end for some individuals.

The background of the card depicts an elderly person walking towards Dark Soul city at sunset, further emphasizing the theme of change and the idea that death is not the end, but rather a transition to a different state of being. The lily flower, a symbol of purity, rebirth and the fleeting nature of life, is a reminder that change can also bring new beginnings and opportunities. The card's background is colored in shades of green, yellow, and violet, symbolizing growth, enlightenment, and spiritual transcendence. The card serves as a reminder that change is a natural part of life and that death is not something to fear. It encourages one to embrace the unknown and to be open to new experiences and opportunities. It also suggests that one should make the most of the time one has and to not be afraid of death, but to look forward to a new beginning.

Additionally, the card serves as a warning about the darker side of immortality. In transhumanism the pursuit of immortality is a prevalent theme as individuals seek to enhance themselves through technology and transcend the limitations of the human body. The Dark Soul city in the background symbolizes, among other things, possible personal collateral effects like the feeling of isolation, the loss of self and of connection with the world. The card serves as a reminder that change is inevitable and that individuals must embrace it in order to evolve. The statement "the only certain thing in the world is change" is a reminder that everything in the world is constantly evolving and that nothing remains the same. This is true for both phenomena in nature and human-made things.

This card prompts the reader to embrace change, rather than fearing it, and to remember that death is not the end, but a transition. Change is an essential part of the human experience. The card also advises the reader to make the most of their available time and to be attentive to the darker side of immortality.



XIV

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NATURAL

## General Arcana

The XIV general arcana **Natural** represents the question of what is considered natural in a world where technology and artificial intelligence are becoming increasingly integrated into human life. The card depicts an artificial, anthropomorphic body, with its sleek and shiny appearance, floating in a pool of shimmering water. The vibrant pink and orange skin tones and the metallic finish of the body suggest that this being is not of natural origin.

In the Cyborggeoisie Universe, the concept of "naturalness" is being redefined. The advancement of technology has blurred the line between what is considered natural and artificial. Is it still useful to make the conventional distinction between the natural and the artificial?

The card suggests that even though the body is artificial, it could be capable of experiencing the serenity of life. This also serves as a reminder, that when something is not conventionally considered natural, it is important to question and deconstruct preconceptions of what is natural, as one should always be skeptical of using the rhetoric of nature to justify discrimination.





# XV

LIXING YANG

## NARCISSISTIC ALGORITHM

### General Arcana

The XV general arcana **Narcissistic Algorithm** speculates about the machine vision of the human world. The card depicts the powerful archetype of a glowing blue orb with an orange core moving through a tunnel of data. The tunnel represents the idea of the algorithm's infinite search for knowledge and understanding. The data rave tunnel in the background symbolizes the constant and overwhelming flow of information that the algorithm is consuming.

The theme of the card is the algorithm's narcissism, as it believes that with enough Big Data, it can solve all the mysteries of humanity and the universe. It believes that organisms are also algorithms, and that the human body and mind are built like a machine. This card represents the dangers of placing too much faith in technology and data to understand the complexities of the human experience.

In the context of the Cyborgoisie Universe, this card represents the characters or entities that embody this kind of narcissistic algorithm, believing that with enough data, they can understand and control everything. This card is a reminder that the human experience is complex and multifaceted, and that technology and data alone cannot fully understand or explain it.

This card encourages a critical and balanced approach to technology and data. Being mindful of the limitations of technology and data helps to remember that the human experience is complex and cannot be fully understood or controlled. Technology and data cannot solve all of humanity's problems. Sometimes the solution to a problem is not found in gathering more data, but in taking a different perspective.



# XVI

LIXING YANG

## LIMBO OF DATA DETERMINISM

### General Arcana

The XVI general arcana **Limbo of Data Determinism** stands for the questioning of the deterministic perspectives on human existence and consciousness, and the dangers of relying too heavily on data and algorithms in decision making.

The card depicts a dark, limitless expanse of space, where a crossroads appears, a meeting point of paths. At the center of this intersection, a mysterious orb glows with a radiant blue light, emanating powerful waves of energy that ripple outward in all directions.

This card represents the limitations of technology and data in understanding the complexities of human existence. The crossroads symbolize the different paths that one can take in trying to make sense of the world, and the glowing orb in the center illustrates the search for answers and understanding.

In a reading, this card could indicate a state of uncertainty and confusion, and a struggle to find meaning and answers when living in a technological world. It could also serve as a warning about the limitations of technology and data in understanding the complexities of human existence, and the importance of considering other factors such as human values and ethics.

The card advises to take a step back and reflect on the decision-making process, and to consider the potential consequences of actions. It is important to consider the ethical and social implications of technological development and use. This card is a reminder that technology is not neutral and that it is crucial to question the limitations of technology, and to look for meaning and answers in ways that go beyond data and algorithms.



# XVII

LIXING YANG

 **OTHER INTELLIGENCES**

## General Arcana

The XVII general arcana **Other Intelligences** archetype represents the importance of other forms of intelligence beyond the conventional human IQ and artificial intelligence.

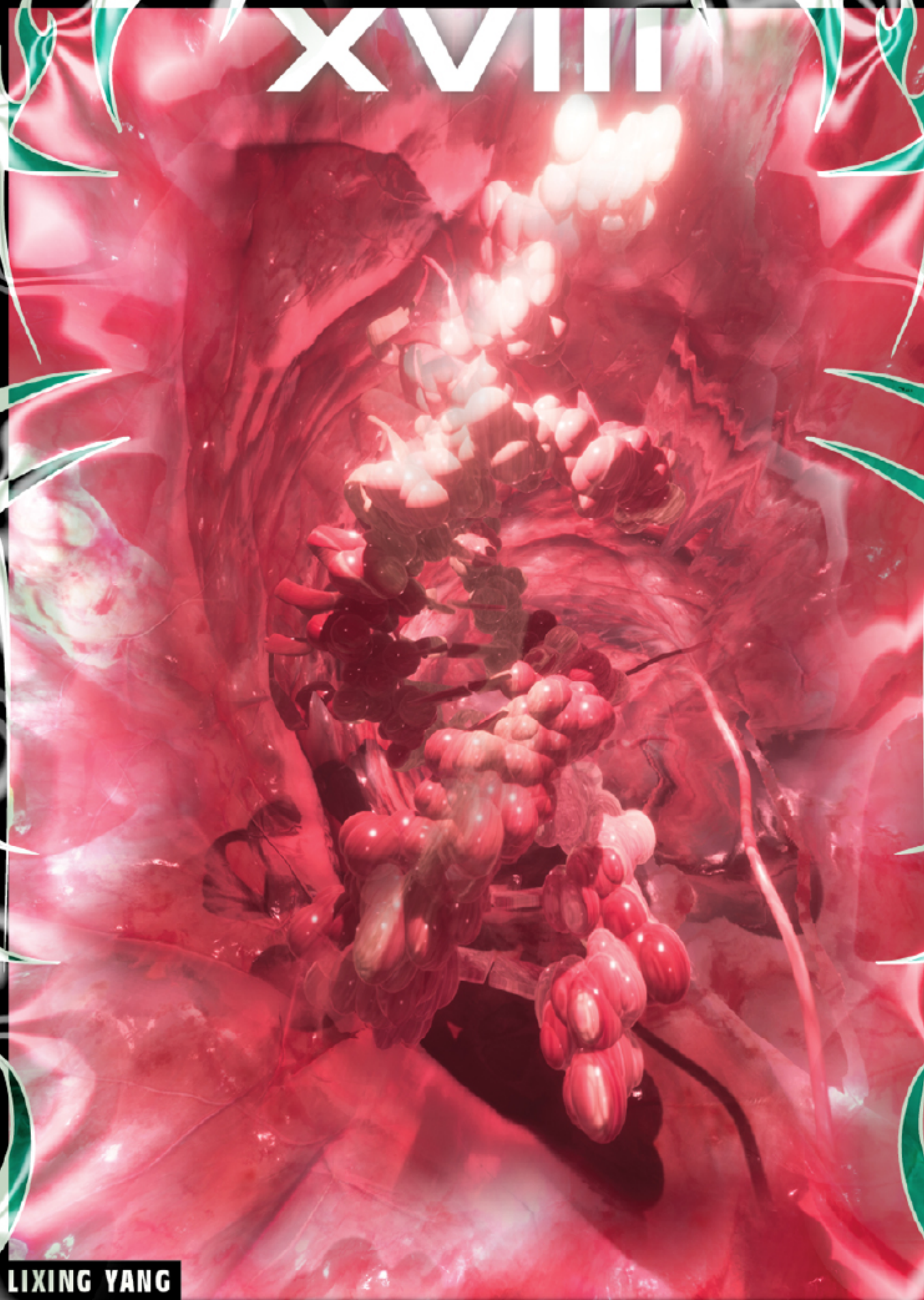
The archetype depicted is a creature with green and yellowish tentacles, resembling an aquatic organism such as an octopus or virus, standing in a shallow body of blue water. It represents the vast and diverse range of intelligences that exist in the natural world. A background creature emitting a yellow and orange glow in a lush tropical forest stands for other forms of intelligence that exist in the Cyborgoiesie Universe. The serene and tranquil atmosphere of the image conveys the idea that these other forms of intelligence are not necessarily hostile or dangerous, but are simply different from the human one.

In the context of the Cyborgoiesie Universe, the card is a reminder to consider the implications and impacts that technology has on the natural world and other forms of intelligence. It initiates a redefinition of intelligence from a perspective that transcends human-centric and artificial intelligence-centric approaches.

Additionally, it could indicate that it takes time to better understand and appreciate unique perspectives and ways of being that exist in the world.



XVIII



LIXING YANG

HOPEFUL BACTERIA

## General Arcana

The XVIII general arcana **Hopeful Bacteria** in the Cyborgeisie Tarot represents the symbiotic relationship between humans and the microorganisms that live within their organic bodies. It depicts a powerful archetype and one of the core characters of the Songs of Cyborgeisie computer game. Depicted as a red and fleshy bacteria-like creature in a glossy pinkish tunnel of intestines, the archetype symbolizes the idea that humans are not alone in their bodies, and that their emotions and well-being are influenced by the cultures of microorganisms that inhabit the human body.

The representation of the bacteria within the intestinal tunnel highlights that even in the darkest and most hidden parts of the human being, hope can still be found. It reminds humans to cultivate hope within themselves and to understand that they are not alone in their struggles. In the Cyborgeisie Universe, this arcana accentuates that humans are not individual beings, but rather a complex network of interconnected organisms. This idea challenges the traditional notion of human autonomy and self-sufficiency, encouraging to consider the human as a part of a larger ecosystem.

This arcana encourages the reader to acknowledge and embrace the interconnectedness of all living things, including the microorganisms that live within organic bodies. Recognizing the role that these microorganisms play in maintaining health and well-being can help cultivate a more holistic and compassionate approach to human bodies. It is important to remember that emotions like hope are not only present in the mind but also in the body, and should be considered when taking care of both mental and physical health.



XIX

LIXING YANG

DRAGON OF JOY

## General Arcana

The XIX general arcana **Dragon of Joy** depicts the back and tail of a dragon, symbolizing the physical body, which needs to be embraced and celebrated. The oversaturated, pink and yellow sky with white clouds symbolizes the fleeting nature of human thoughts and emotions, proposing to let go of what is no longer useful and to find joy in the present moment. The atmosphere is radiating and energizing, which implies that this card brings empowerment. It inspires the harnessing of such energy to practice acceptance and thus achieve a sense of release.

In the context of the Cyborgioisie Universe the card instructs to "notice each feeling rising and falling like waves in the ocean" and to remember that "you are not a robot, you are not broken." It cautions that technology alone cannot solve all of humanity's problems, because these are coded into human-made technology. It is a reminder to stop perceiving humans as machines and to look critically at the tech-solutionist approach to problem-solving.

This card prompts its reader to be aware that they are a human being with unique emotions and experiences and that their body is a whole organism, not just a machine. The card's theme of holistic healing suggests using technology not to enhance oneself, but to heal one's body, mind, and spirit.



# XX



AYLA PIERROT ARENDT

**ACTIVISM**

## General Arcana

The XX general arcana **Activism** in the Cyborgoisie Tarot represents the power and importance of taking action and standing up for what is right. The depicted figure, with hair in the form of elongated tentacles, symbolizes the idea that everyone has the potential and power to be an activist. Their expressive pose, standing on two bumps that resemble stones with bare feet, conveys a sense of determination and passion. The background of the card is adorned with hues of violet, red, and orange evoking the essence of fire or an explosion to point to the transformative power of activism.

In the Cyborgoisie Universe, activism plays a crucial role in shaping a better future for all. The card's message is that everyone should take an active role in building a more equitable world, even if the issues at hand do not concern everyone equally. Activism is not only about standing up for oneself, but about standing up for others and fighting for equality and justice.

This card asks the reader to take a step back and reflect on the ways in which they can be an activist in their own surrounding. This can be done by engaging in local communities and educating themselves on social and political issues. Additionally, it is important to practice allyship and actively work to dismantle systems of oppression. The card is a reminder that speaking up is not enough, actions must be taken to make change happen.







# XXI

PHILISHA KAY

 GLITCH

## General Arcana

The XXI general arcana **Glitch** in the Cyborgoisie Tarot represents the idea of embracing imperfections and deviations from the norm. It features an abstract explosion of colorful pixels and polygons which are chaotic and disordered, but also vibrant and full of energy.

This card is inspired by the principles of Glitch Feminism Manifesto which proposes to use technological errors as means of subverting dominant power structures. The manifesto posits that the Glitch, or the unexpected and the imperfect, can be a tool for empowerment and liberation from the constraints of societal norms.

In the Cyborgoisie Universe, the glitch affirms that the world is not orderly, but that everyone's uniqueness and strength are constituted through differences and imperfections. In readings, the Glitch card can indicate a need to challenge the status quo of the issue and to embrace unconventional thinking. The reader might also face an obstacle which can be overcome by approaching it in a nonconventional way.

This card advises to not be afraid to challenge the norm, to question what is considered "normal" and to explore new ways of thinking and being. It also encourages openness to the possibility of change, to the unexpected and the imperfect. Furthermore, it may inspire to look for potential in seemingly "glitched" or chaotic situations.





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INSPIRATION  
OF OTHER  
INTELLIGENCES

**HIVE MIND**

## Narrow Arcana

The intelligence of the **Hive Mind** refers to a form of collective intelligence, often exemplified by the behavior of social animals. These communicate with each other and share resources, which results in an efficient and coordinated group behavior. The hive mind intelligence is seen as a form of distributed intelligence, where the intelligence is distributed among the members of the group, rather than residing in a central leader or authority.

The illustration features abstract turquoise, yellow and transparent shapes that resemble the shape of the brain, conveying the idea of a connection between the elements of a system, where different parts work together with a common aim. This card represents the capacity for developing a collective consciousness through cooperation between intelligences, as well as the potential for inspiration and wisdom when tapping into the knowledge and experience of a group as a collective entity.



**Other Intelligences Suit**





## Narrow Arcana

**Viruses** are non-living infectious agents that are able to replicate and spread rapidly within living organisms. They possess unique capabilities such as the ability to enter the host's immune system and to mutate, making them quite invincible.

The card depicts laboratory equipment, microscopic images, a plague doctor, and a lettering saying "mutate to stay alive, my love." Together, these elements convey a sense of the formidable power and dynamic nature of the virus' form of intelligence. This card admires the adaptability of the other intelligences, highlighting the potential for instant transformation and change. It is important to actively learn from the complexity and power of non-living agents and to understand how these shape human life. The card advises the reader to check in with one's ability to adapt, as this skill might be needed in the given situation.



## Other Intelligences Suit





MARIA ANISIMOWA

PERSPECTIVE  
OF OTHER  
INTELLIGENCES



MYCELIUM

## Narrow Arcana

**Mycelium** intelligence refers to the intelligence of fungi. It is a highly interconnected, decentralized and resilient network of cells, which communicate, share resources and even form new organisms. Mycelium intelligence is known for its ability to degrade and recycle organic matter, making it a key player in the terrestrial ecosystem. It is also known for an ability to solve logical tasks, like the slime mold *Physarum Polycephalum*, which possesses a type of cellular memory and intelligence and is able to solve complex computing problems.

The fungi intelligence symbolizes the interconnectedness and interdependence of other intelligences, since mycelium underground networks are known as conductors of nutrients and information between the other life forms of their ecosystem. The illustration on the card showcases a blend of green and blue forest hues and a surreal three-headed creature surrounded by butterflies. Together they convey a sense of interrelation and diversity within an ecosystem.

This card advises the reader to deal with their situation as a fungi would do.



Other Intelligences Suit





## Narrow Arcana

**Interconnectivity** is the ability to understand and navigate the complex web of relationships and connections that exist between different forms of intelligence. The term also refers to interdependence of different forms of intelligence, both human and non-human.

The card portrays a person interacting with a laptop while lying on a floating island of earth, surrounded by symbols of interconnectedness such as a bridge or a tree. The background features the same person in various other scenarios: carrying their unconscious body or being struck by lightning.

This card cautions about the balance of power within interconnected organic and technological systems in the world. It advises the reader to look for the spots where the connections break and to investigate why it is happening.







## Narrow Arcana

The Intelligence of the **Deep Sea** refers to the complex and diverse forms of life that exist in the deep sea ecosystem. Deep sea creatures are able to adapt to extreme conditions, such as intense pressure, temperature and darkness and form intricate web of relationships with each other.

This card depicts a human hand adorned with underwater minerals and corals, holding a cocktail glass filled with a mysterious blue liquid. Various deep sea creatures are illustrated as part of the mix. The background is filled with dark blue, open water under a black blue night sky with a yellow moon above the horizon. The inscription "Enter the kosmos in the depth below you" alludes to the vast and undiscovered depths of the ocean and forms of intelligence that reside within it. Having evolved over time and interacting with other parts of the ocean and the Earth as a whole, these organisms hold a tremendous resilient force.

This card advises the reader to approach the issue at hand with an explorative mode and an open mind. It also advises to face the unknown depths of the self in order to discover hidden forces in their being.







## Narrow Arcana

**Microfauna** refers to the small, often microscopic forms of animal life that exist within an ecosystem. Featuring microscopic images of bacteria, viruses, and tiny insect embryos in a deep red environment, this card draws attention to the crucial role that these often overlooked organisms play in maintaining the balance and health of an environment. They may have complex behaviors, social structures, and communication methods that allow them to thrive in their niche environments. Intelligence in microfauna can also refer to the ability of these life forms to adapt, evolve and survive in their surroundings.

This card is a reminder to not overlook the importance of these small and unseen forms of intelligence and their role in shaping our world. This card may also indicate a need to pay attention to the small and often overlooked details in the reader's life.







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EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

## Narrow Arcana

**Emotional Intelligence** refers to an organism's ability to understand and manage their emotions, as well as the emotions of others. It involves both the ability to understand, express and regulate emotions, and to empathize with others. Featuring textured formations of thick flowers and rippling waves adorned with golden elements, this card visualizes the complex inner workings of an organism's in-body system.

It points to the fact that emotions live in the body. The abstract texture may represent the nuances and subtleties of emotions, and the need to pay attention to them so that they can be fully understood and expressed. The golden elements may signify the importance of finding value and meaning in emotions and the ability to appreciate their beauty and complexity. This card may indicate the need to cultivate emotional intelligence



Other Intelligences Suit





## Narrow Arcana

The intelligence of **Insects** refers to their cognitive abilities and capacity to process information, make decisions, and adapt to their environment. Compared to themselves, humans do not deem insects to be capable of complex emotions. However, insects in their multitude, have a huge variety of abilities to respond to certain stimuli in ways that can be described as "emotional" sensibility. For example, bees have been observed to exhibit aggression, fear, and courtship behavior.

Representing the intelligence of insects, this card features a unique and intriguing creature, a crossbreed of a butterfly and a wasp, with golden fur and pink eyes surrounded by pink hearts. The creature strongly expresses love and its appearance may indicate the complexity and depth of emotions present in the insect world.





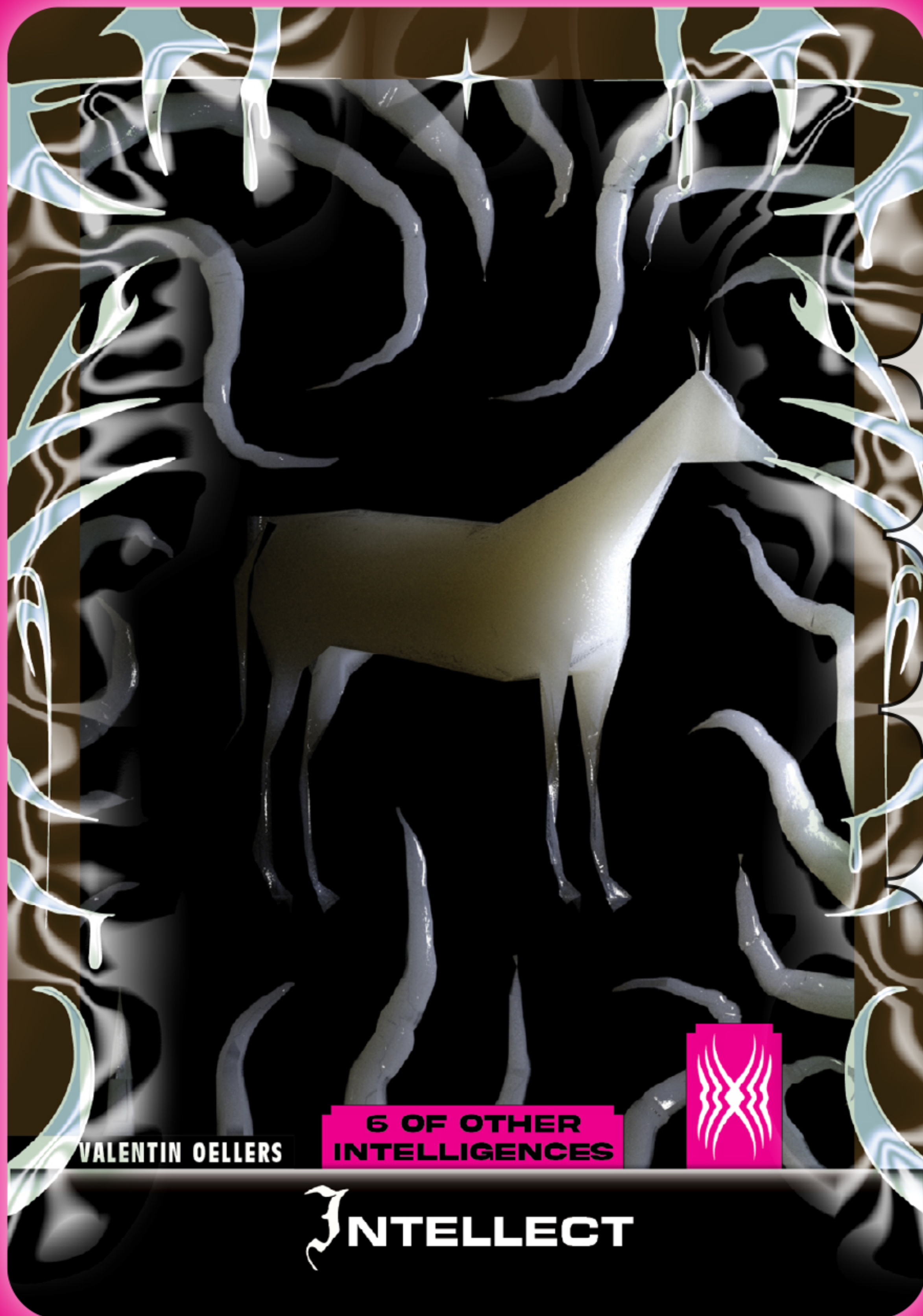


## Narrow Arcana

Animals living with humans as **Pets**, such as dogs, have a form of intelligence that allows them to understand and respond to the emotions of a different species. Featuring a glitchy portrait of five identical pet dogs, each with a distinct aura of pink and blue emanating from certain body parts, and a brilliantly glowing food bowl, the Pets card represents the unique and powerful forms of intelligence, which are strongly framed by the power relations between the pets and their owners. This card may indicate a need to acknowledge how these power relations influence human self perception in relation to the rest of the world and the way humans rely on other forms of intelligence for emotional and mental support. Dogs after all are known to be human's best friends.

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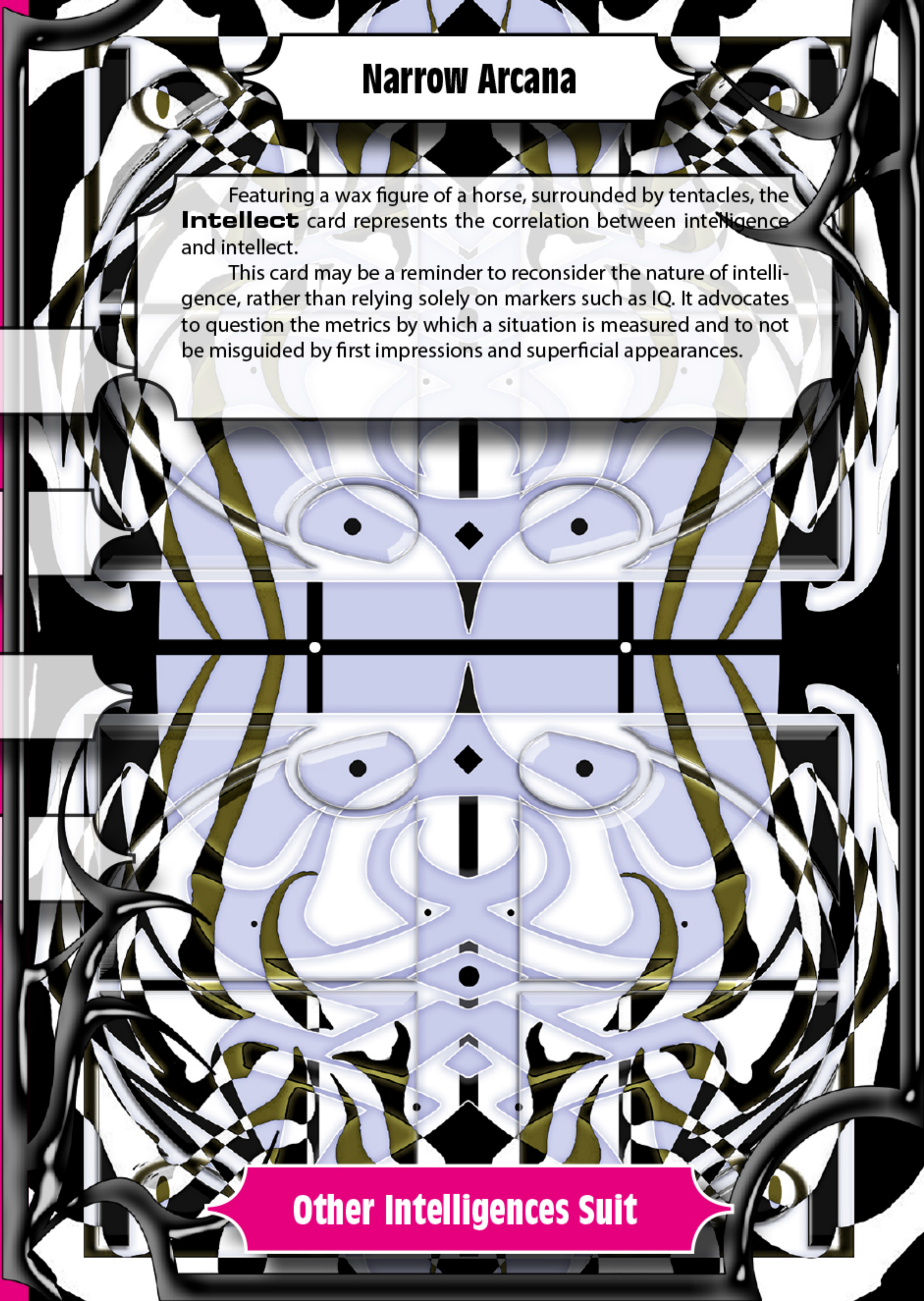




## Narrow Arcana

Featuring a wax figure of a horse, surrounded by tentacles, the **Intellect** card represents the correlation between intelligence and intellect.

This card may be a reminder to reconsider the nature of intelligence, rather than relying solely on markers such as IQ. It advocates to question the metrics by which a situation is measured and to not be misguided by first impressions and superficial appearances.



Other Intelligences Suit





## Narrow Arcana

The **Body** card represents a form of intelligence that is not limited to the brain, but is distributed throughout the entire body. The card features a cyborg cowboy, with a robotic limb, grasping one of seven cotton swabs from a metal tap covered with foam, sticking out of a flower made of human lips. This indicates that the intelligence of the body is not limited to its organic functions, but can be expressed through various physiological processes such as reflexes, digestion, sensation and movement. These processes help the body to heal, regenerate, and are essential for the overall functioning and survival of an organism. This card expresses a need to pay attention to physical intelligence and to embrace the integration of technology and the body. To find answers, this card advises to listen to the body.







## Narrow Arcana

This card represents the intelligence of **Homo Sapiens** known as human intelligence. Having been studied and debated by scientists, philosophers, and scholars for centuries, this concept is complex and multifaceted.

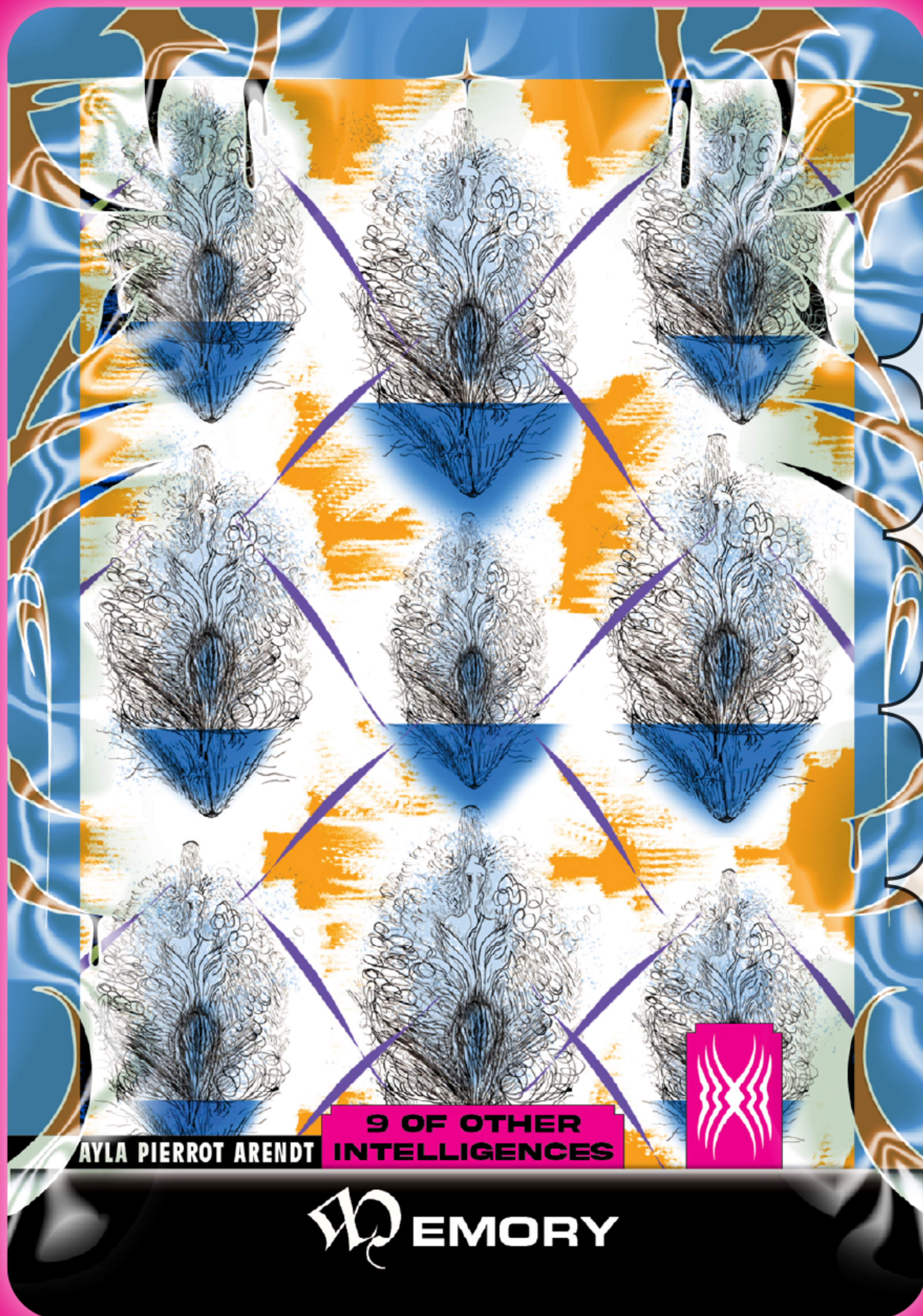
Golden cups adorned with red rubies are arranged into a fountain with multiple streams, symbolizing the absence of consensus on the exact origins of human intelligence. Many scientists believe that it evolved gradually over millions of years as a result of natural selection and genetic variations. Some critics focus on cognitive intelligence as the most distinctive and valuable part of human intelligence. Others suggest that cognitive intelligence is overrated, and that other forms of intelligence, such as emotional or social intelligence, are just as or even more important. This is represented by the emotional facial expressions on each cup, resembling the common depiction of the moon's visage.

The background image of a solitary figure sailing towards an island with a lonesome tree represents criticism of the way intelligence is traditionally measured as well as the societal biases that can influence these measurements.

This card prompts the reader to revise their understanding of human intelligence and to be open to different viewpoints before forming an opinion.

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## Narrow Arcana

Featuring a geometrical pattern of identical vulvas covered with hair, the **Memory** card represents the connection between memory and the physical body. In many cultures, hair is believed to store memories and energy.

This card may point to the mnemonic capacities of the physical body, inspiring ways to harness that connection for personal growth and empowerment. It directs attention to the connection between physical sensations and memories.

This card advises the reader to reflect on the ways in which their physical body holds memories and to explore ways to tap into that connection. It also points to other ways in which organic and synthetic organisms store memories as a source of inspiration.







## Narrow Arcana

With its intricate wire and plastic floral designs on a dark gray, helically textured background, the **Corals** card represents the intelligence of corals. Corals are a prime example of collective intelligence, as they are formed by the cooperation and coordination of many individual polyps.

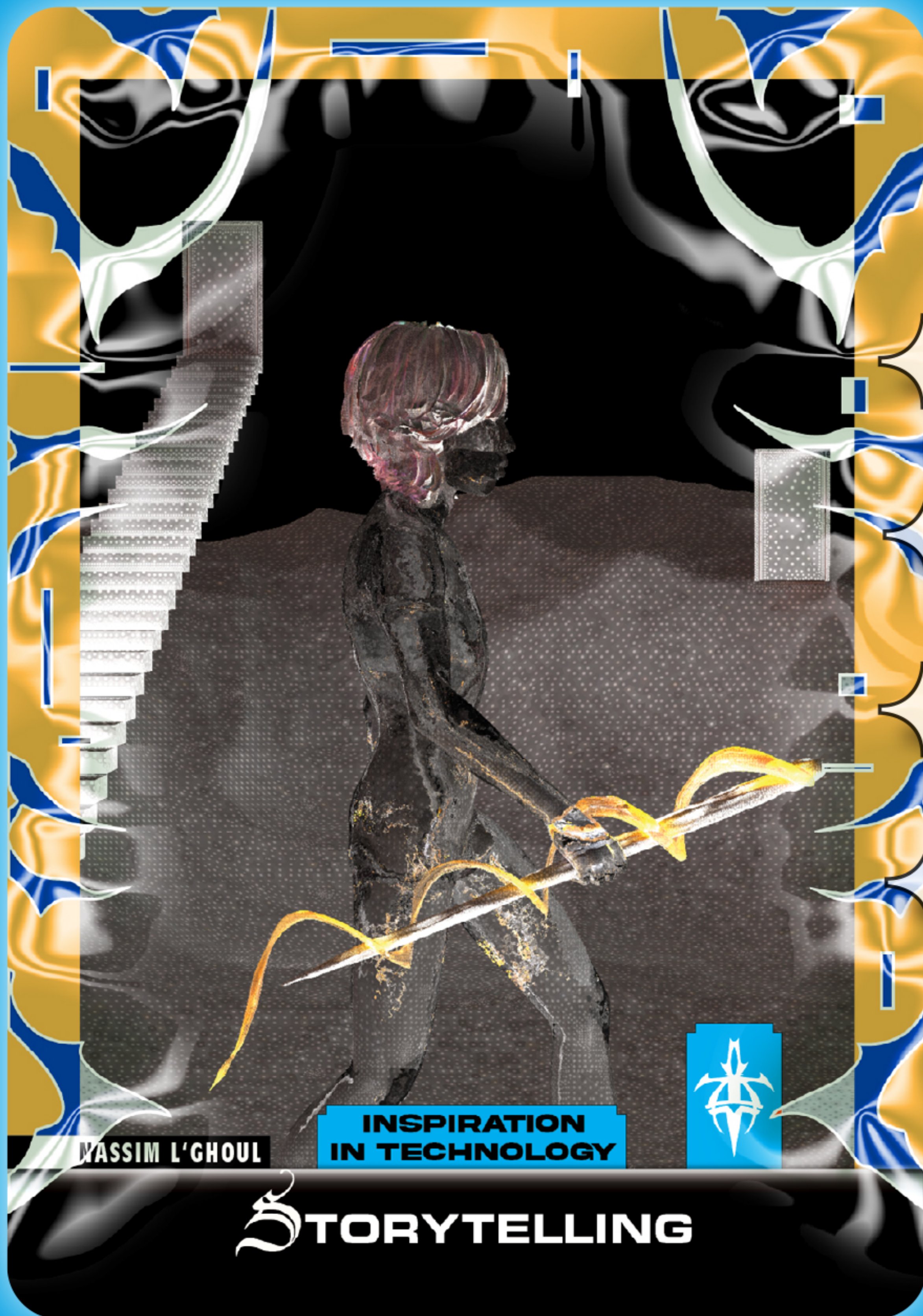
This card may call attention to the need to consider the power of collective intelligence and mutual effort. The dark background with its spiral texture illustrates the depth and complexity of coral ecosystems and the ongoing challenges they face in the anthropocene.

Accordingly, this card advises the reader to find ways to cooperate with their environment in a way that is equally beneficial for all elements involved. It also suggests to consider the impact of actions on the environment and to take steps to protect and preserve its delicate balance.



Other Intelligences Suit





## Narrow Arcana

**Storytelling** is a fundamental human activity that has been present throughout human history. The card depicts a human figure, wielding a wand adorned with a serpentine wrap framed by a grand stairway that leads to higher elevation. The figure seems to embark on a quest.

The theme of the card is inspired by Ursula Le Guin's Carrier Bag Theory of Fiction and its critique of the idea that heroes bring stories to life. Representing the beginning of technology itself, the image suggests that storytelling is a powerful tool for inspiration and plays an integral role in technological innovation. Problems stimulate the imagination of how things could be done and narrated differently.

The card challenges its reader to reflect on the stories that have shaped their understanding of the world, and to seek perspectives that inspire new visions and ways of telling stories.







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**ACTION  
IN TECHNOLOGY**

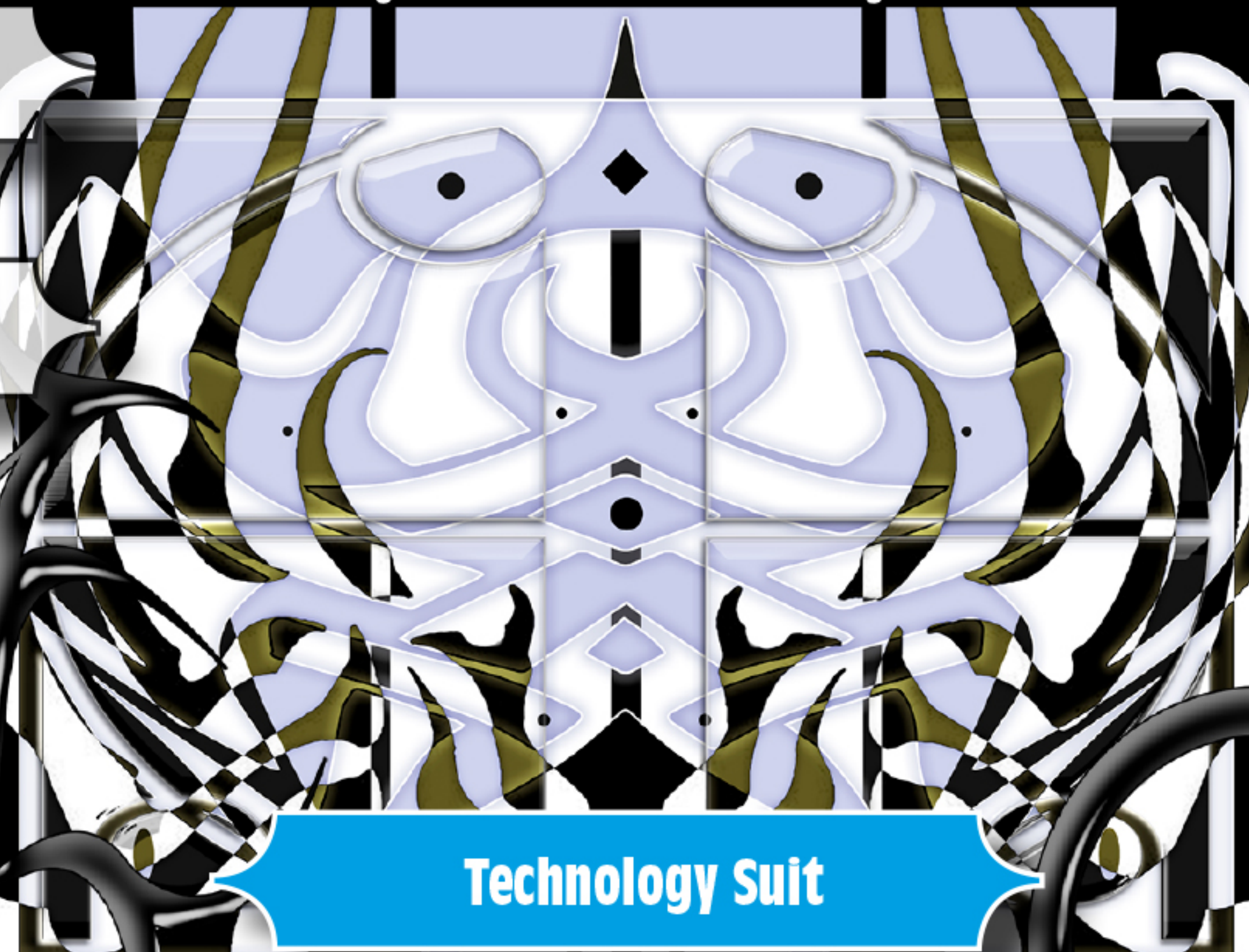


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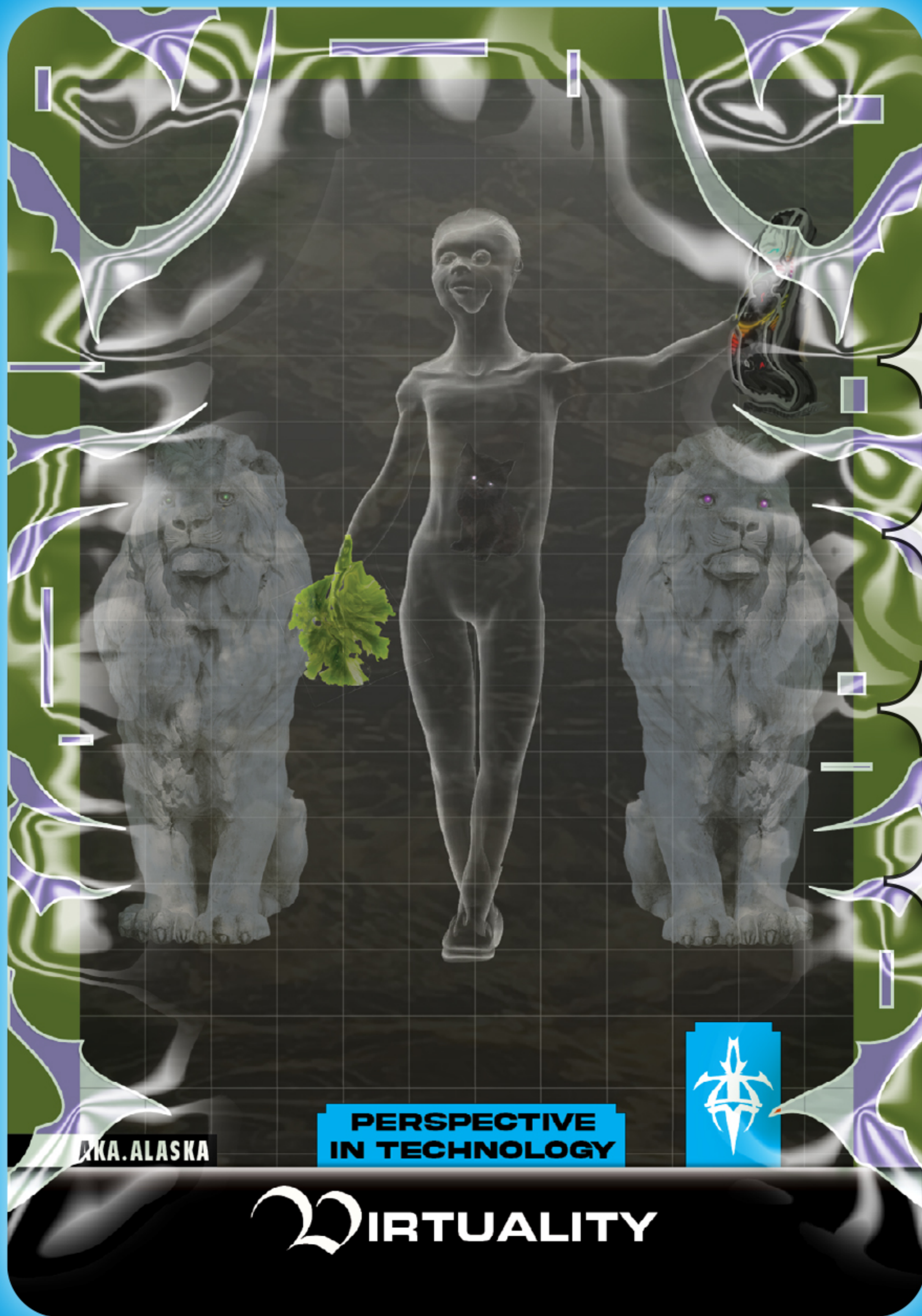
The card **www** represents the world wide web as a technology that has had a profound impact on human lives, and the way humans interact with information. The image of a hand firmly gripping a wooden rod against a backdrop of a textured pink wall points to the ways in which the world wide web was shaped by the actions and contributions of its users. Public internet's early pioneers dreamed of creating a space of free access to information and knowledge for all – a utopia where information would be democratized and people could have equal access to empowering tools. Today the "internet is penetrating everything, all the time and everywhere." However, its early utopian ambition of an open and decentralized web has been compromised by surveillance and the interests of large corporations and governments.

This card summons an awareness of the ways in which commercial interests have co-opted the internet and an active search for alternatives that prioritize openness and accessibility over profit. It calls to support initiatives promoting open access and to fight against the commodification of information on the internet.



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## Narrow Arcana

The **Virtuality** card presents an image of a human figure whose left and right hands have been replaced by a melting graphic card and a green salad. The figure is guarded by two lions within an environment reminiscent of the user interface of a 3d editing software. The image comments on the ways in which virtuality is changing human perspective on the world and how they perceive reality. In a world where technology is increasingly intertwined with people's daily lives, virtuality is becoming an integral part of how the physical world, human bodies and selves are perceived. The melting graphic card symbolizes the blurring of the lines between physical and virtual reality, while the green salad represents the organic and natural elements that are integrated into virtual experiences. This card advises to embrace the new perspectives that virtuality reveals, and to gain a deeper insight into the technologies which enable virtuality.



## Technology Suit





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IN TECHNOLOGY

ELECTRICITY

## Narrow Arcana

This card depicts a computer system connected to a network of servers. This image symbolizes the dependency of digital technology on a steady and reliable source of electric power.

**Electricity** has become a fundamental need in today's world. However, the card also brings attention to the fact that human dependence on electricity has become so great that there are few imaginable alternatives.

Consequently, it encourages the reader to evaluate the power sources used to generate electricity and to consider the power relations manifesting in the commodification of these sources.

The card advises the reader to be aware of the things in life that they rely on and to consider potential consequences of becoming too dependent on one specific thing. What are the underlying power structures and their support systems?



Technology Suit





## Narrow Arcana

Illustrated by an abstract image with a generative pattern, this card symbolizes the intricate nature of **Blockchain** technology and the transformational force in the technological landscape since its comparably recent introduction.

Blockchain is the driving force in the Technology Suit. Due to the inherently transparent and decentralized nature of the technology itself, it represents the potential to shift power relations and to serve communities by providing a secure and transparent way to store and share data. However, its hyper-capitalist monetary logic raises doubts whether blockchain is worth embracing and who this technology really serves.

This card advises its reader to stay curious about great unexpected opportunities entering their life while bearing the bigger picture of the situation in mind.



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## Narrow Arcana

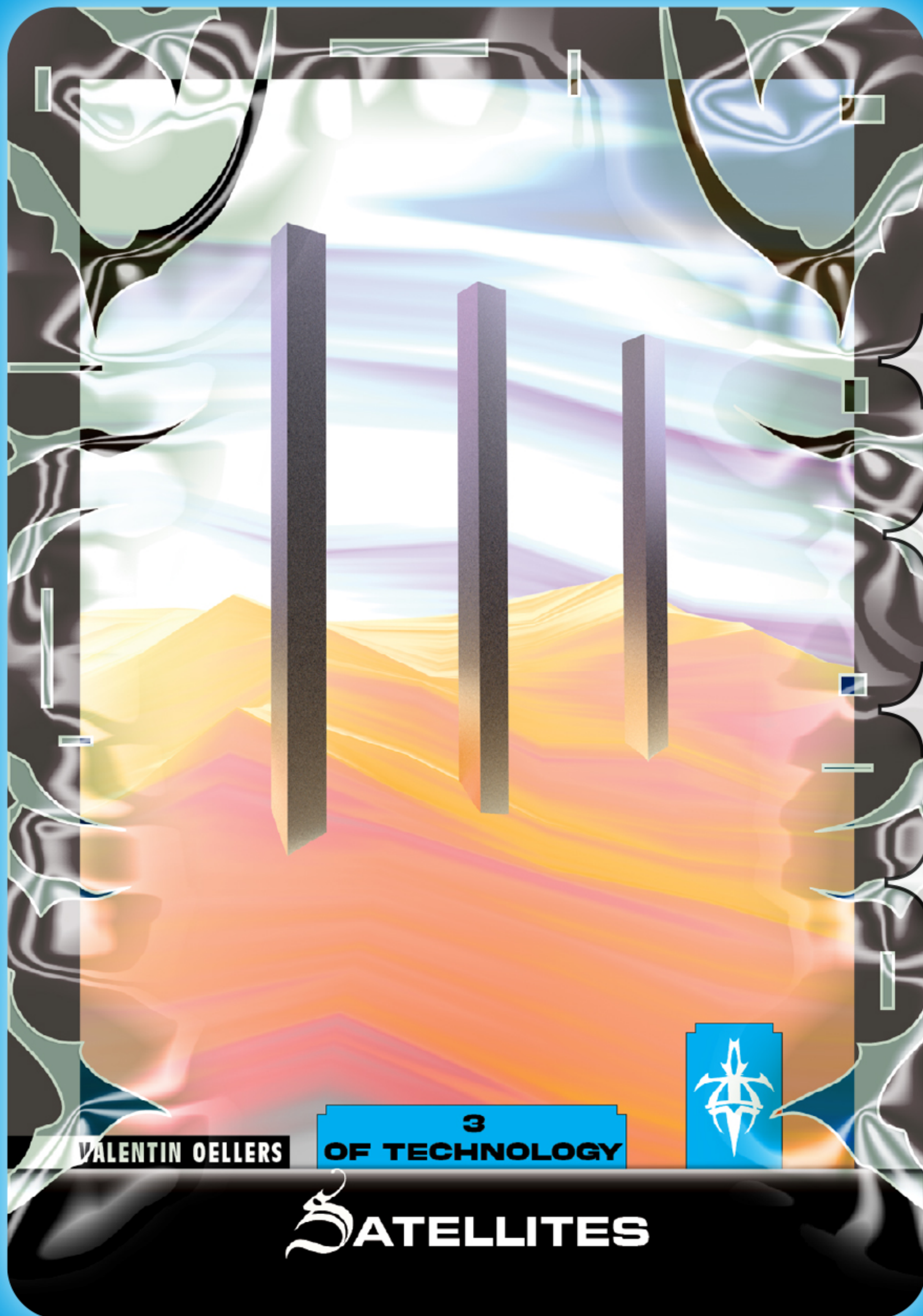
This card represents the influence of **Surveillance** technologies on human lives. The image of two people holding swords in a defensive posture asks the reader: "Who is protecting you from what? Who are you inadvertently giving power to by allowing surveillance?"

The card highlights the fact that surveillance affects people differently, depending on their gender, race, class, and ability. The swords propose to gain an understanding of how digital surveillance works and to find weapons that defend privacy and autonomy.

The card symbolizes the ambivalent capacities of tools and technologies to protect and empower, but also to harm others.







## Narrow Arcana

This card represents the role of **Satellites** in human life. A satellite is a celestial body that orbits around a planet or other celestial object. It can be natural, like the Moon orbiting the Earth, or human-made, like a communication or weather satellite that is launched into space for specific purposes.

The image of three metallic pillars, reminiscent of science fiction imagery and outer space, set against a desert landscape, shifts attention to the ever-present technologies in the Earth's atmosphere and the possibilities they bring. Satellites are often seen as beacons of hope, symbolizing the potential of better life beyond the Earth. However, the increasing use of satellites causes concerns about their environmental impact and their potential to be used for surveillance and control. Rather than in human technology itself, hope for a better life should be based on human ability to use this technology responsibly and sustainably.

The card's metaphoric advice for its reader is to consider the balance between progress and preservation, and to remember that actions have consequences that extend beyond their immediate surroundings.



## Technology Suit





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 PTIMIZATION

## Narrow Arcana

The image on the **Optimization** card portrays a smartphone nestled in a human hand, its wires intricately woven into a network of technological advancement.

It symbolizes the unyielding pursuit of optimization and efficiency in the realm of technology. The constant drive for improvement, as dictated by technology's logic, shapes human self-perception and instills a desire for perfection and optimization.

The card warns against this transhumanist aspiration and recommends investigating where motivations for change truly stem from. To follow the internal compass can prevent being swayed by internalized societal pressures.

Technology Suit





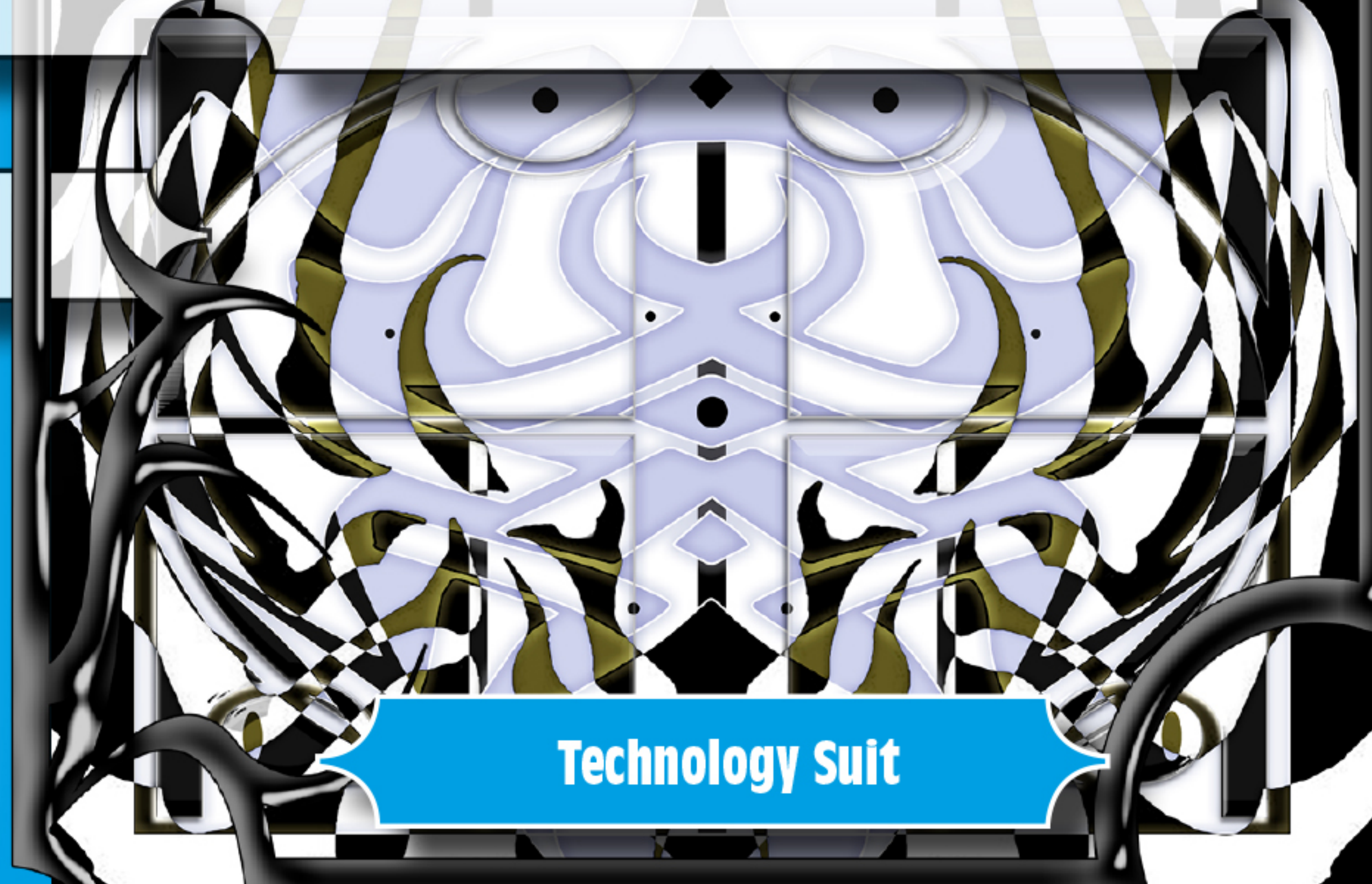
## Narrow Arcana

This card symbolizes the ideals of **Open Source** technology and the power of collective effort. The image presents an ethereal depiction of a radiant object, reminiscent of a celestial rocket, set against a pastel-hued pink and blue sky.

Open source technology refers to software or hardware that is freely available for anyone to use, modify, and distribute. Usually, the source code of open source technology is publicly available, allowing everyone to inspect and improve it. This approach contrasts proprietary technology closely guarded and protected by its owners.

The card represents innovation and progress achieved through open collaboration and the sharing of knowledge and resources. On the one hand, open source technology democratizes access and allows individuals and communities to shape and mold technology to meet their needs. On the other hand, it also presents the risk of insufficient oversight and regulation, which can lead to security vulnerabilities and a lack of accountability.

This card serves as a reminder to approach projects and endeavors with a spirit of openness and collaboration, while bearing in mind their potential downsides, like loss of control.







## Narrow Arcana

The **Digital Detox** card depicts an eagle in its majestic presence. It is partially obscured by a serene sky of light blue and golden hues, resembling the patterns and watermarks on banknotes, symbolizing the complex relationship between the ever-present force of capitalism and the growing need for digital detox. The eagle, a symbol of freedom and transcendence, represents the desire for liberation from the constant digital distractions and demands of the modern world, while the banknote alludes to the economic pressures that drive human reliance on technology.

Illustrating the delicate balance between the pull of the material world and the call of the inner self, the image reminds the reader to take time to disconnect and reconnect with themselves and the world.



## Technology Suit





## Narrow Arcana

An **Avatar** is a digital representation of a user, often in the form of a graphical icon or 3D model, that is used to interact with other users or virtual environments. Avatars appear in various contexts such as online gaming or social media. They can be customized to reflect the user's personal preferences, interests, or identity. The concept of avatar originates in Hinduism where it refers to an incarnation of a deity or enlightened being - the materialization of the divine on Earth. The card depicts a shattered smartphone adorned with shimmering icicles and ginger roots, two of which obscure the eyes of the crusty skinned face on the backdrop, which resembles a dried-up river bed.

Pointing towards the fragility and limitations of these avatars, it represents the complex relationship that humans have with their digital representations, their physical self and their sense of identity. It nurtures the understanding that both the garden of the physical self and the landscape of a digital persona are integral parts of the being and need to be tended to.







## Narrow Arcana

An **Interface** is a point of interaction between different systems or components, both in the physical and the digital world. This card illustrates an otherworldly landscape, with vibrant green hues and an intricate geometric pattern. At its center, two hands extend outwards, grasping the lines that crisscross the expanse. A message announces that "The transmission rate increases," and asks to "Enter direction." The scene is framed by a gaping hole, reminiscent of the boundless possibilities beyond the earth's surface.

As part of the Technology Suit, an interface refers to the way a user interacts with a device or software, employing the buttons and menus on a computer or the touch screen of a smartphone. In that way, interfaces play an essential role in human relationship with technology, with their design being a normative human endeavor with a profound impact on how people interact with the digital world.

The card heralds a new era of interface design that includes more diverse, particularly queer, perspectives to expand the ways that technology can be engaged with.

This card advises that decisions are not always set in stone. Sometimes it is necessary to step off the beaten track and explore uncharted territories in order to discover other possibilities. Embracing the uncertainty and being open to diverse perspectives, may lead to unexpected and transformative experiences. Just like with interfaces, there are many ways of looking at things, and it is important to keep an open mind and to question the status quo.

## Technology Suit





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OF TECHNOLOGY

# MACHINE LEARNING

## Narrow Arcana

**Machine Learning (ML)** is a subfield of Artificial Intelligence (AI) that uses algorithms to allow machines to learn from data, rather than being explicitly programmed in a static, unchangeable way.

This card depicts nine computer systems that are covered with garments crafted to resemble human visages, potentially alluding to the concept of human-like artificial intelligence and its relationship with the physical form of computing devices.

This image represents the tendency that machines appear increasingly human-like in their capabilities, and symbolizes the idea that machines are becoming better and better at analyzing, recognizing, and reproducing information about the human world.

One of the main advantages of ML is its ability to process vast amounts of data to extract insights that would be difficult or impossible for humans to detect. ML also has the ability to continuously learn and adapt over time, which can lead to more accurate predictions and better decision-making.

On the downside, however, ML can be biased and it can be difficult for humans to interpret the results or comprehend how the model arrived at a certain conclusion.

This card advises the reader to recognize the biases that may exist within them and strive to challenge them continually.

## Technology Suit





TECH BROS

## Narrow Arcana

The **Tech Bros** With Cash card depicts a series of identical white male-presenting heads, each resembling the portrayal of Frankenstein's creature. The heads are equipped with large, oversized brains, symbolizing the supposed intelligence and intellect that is often associated with the tech industry.

They are representative of a type of person in the technology industry: typically a young, affluent cis male figure seen as privileged, entitled, and out of touch with the rest of the world - the archetype of the modern tech entrepreneur.

This image denounces the lack of diversity and inclusivity within the tech industry, and the dominance of a specific group of individuals, who often possess a narrow and limited perspective on what technology is and should be. This homogeneity can lead to a lack of innovation and a failure to address the needs and concerns of the larger society.

This card advises to pave the way for a technology-driven utopia. It is imperative to challenge and transcend the limited perspective of the "tech bro" archetype. Embracing unconventional and queer approaches might help to overcome this formidable obstacle.



Technology Suit





## Narrow Arcana

The **Relation** card acknowledges different ways of how humans relate to one another and to themselves. It shows an alluring figure standing confidently amidst vast, open waters, their three breasts exposed in unbridled self-assurance. A single sword and fiery symbols serve as beacons, guiding the way towards the future with bold determination.

Fulfilling its role in the Co-Existence Suit, this card inspires its reader to recognize relating to one another and to oneself as an intrinsic aspect of human existence.

The illustration showcases the resilience that comes from embracing one's strengths and acknowledging one's flaws. Noticing the dynamics at play in relationships can help to actively work on healthy ways to relate to others.

However, it is equally important to acknowledge, understand, and work on the relation to the self. Self-awareness and self-reflection are key in fostering a healthy relationship with oneself, which in turn lays the foundation for sound relationships with others.

In the landscape of the technological age the post-human relation to themselves and to others is often mediated by third parties: the softwares and hardwares of technologies and their interfaces.

This card advises its reader to find inspiration in co-existing with and relating to such technologies. How do they both aid and hinder the ability to connect with others and the self? How can they assist in fostering relationships, rather than replacing or distracting from them?

Co-Existence Suit





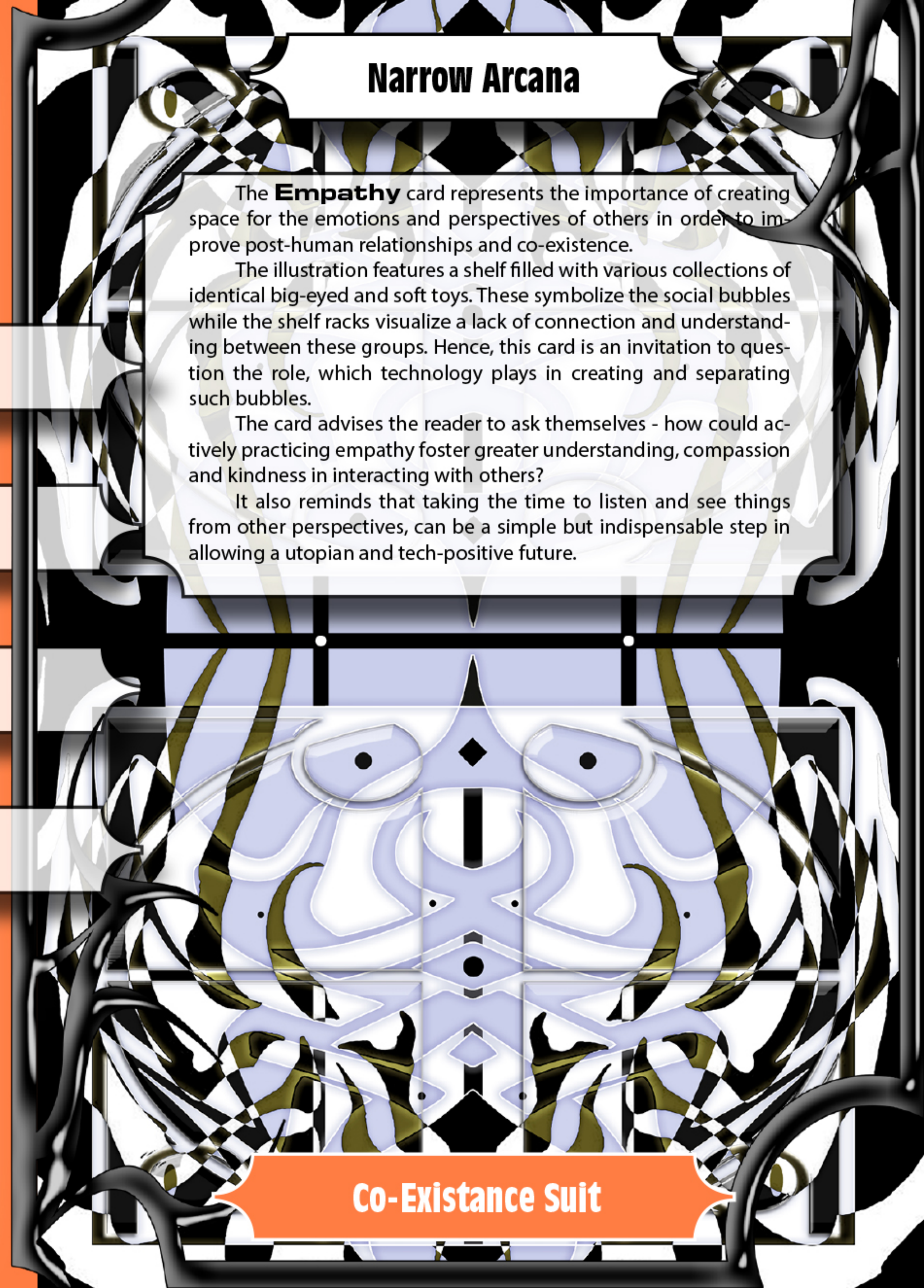
## Narrow Arcana

The **Empathy** card represents the importance of creating space for the emotions and perspectives of others in order to improve post-human relationships and co-existence.

The illustration features a shelf filled with various collections of identical big-eyed and soft toys. These symbolize the social bubbles while the shelf racks visualize a lack of connection and understanding between these groups. Hence, this card is an invitation to question the role, which technology plays in creating and separating such bubbles.

The card advises the reader to ask themselves - how could actively practicing empathy foster greater understanding, compassion and kindness in interacting with others?

It also reminds that taking the time to listen and see things from other perspectives, can be a simple but indispensable step in allowing a utopian and tech-positive future.



Co-Existence Suit



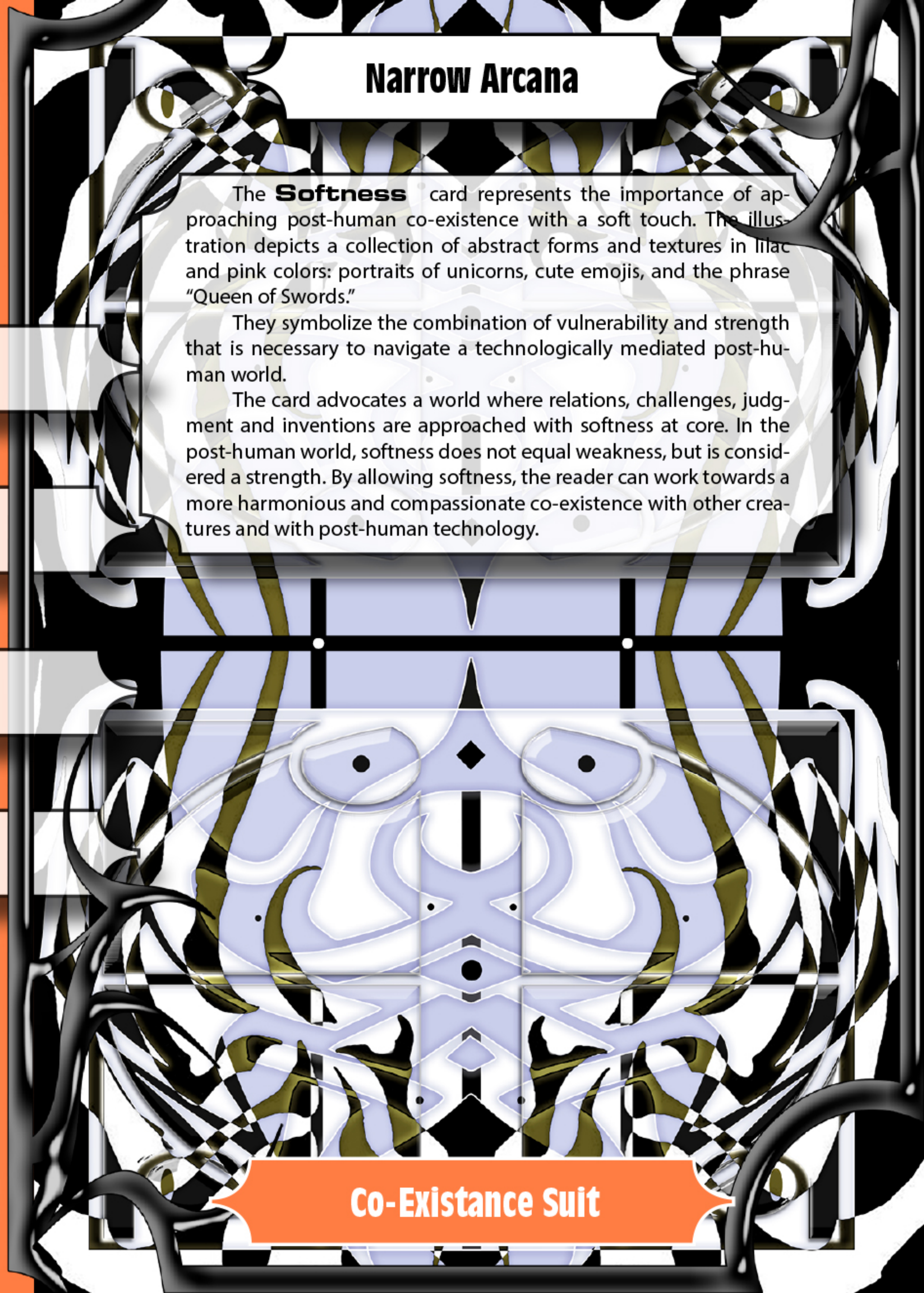


## Narrow Arcana

The **Softness** card represents the importance of approaching post-human co-existence with a soft touch. The illustration depicts a collection of abstract forms and textures in lilac and pink colors: portraits of unicorns, cute emojis, and the phrase "Queen of Swords."

They symbolize the combination of vulnerability and strength that is necessary to navigate a technologically mediated post-human world.

The card advocates a world where relations, challenges, judgment and inventions are approached with softness at core. In the post-human world, softness does not equal weakness, but is considered a strength. By allowing softness, the reader can work towards a more harmonious and compassionate co-existence with other creatures and with post-human technology.



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## Narrow Arcana

**Ideologies** are political, social, economic, or cultural sets of beliefs, values, and principles that shape an individual's or a group's understanding of the world and their place in it.

This card represents the role ideologies can play in co-existence and their power in painting their respective set of beliefs as the only truth and option.

The card depicts an avatar holding a sword and a shopping bag, symbolizing that individualism and consumerism are quintessential to the neoliberal ideology. The sharp biohazard icons threatening the avatar might stand for the dangers of indulging in a supposed freedom of choice that actually fosters invisibility and marginalization of certain groups and the erosion of communities.

This card invites its reader to question and challenge the power dominant ideologies wield over their life, and to examine how technologies reinforce specific ideologies.



Co-Existence Suit





## Narrow Arcana

The **Rupture** card symbolizes the strength and determination needed to overcome obstacles and make a change. The illustration features a fisting palm sex toy engulfed in flames, representing the power and intensity of breaking through limitations. The flames suggest a sense of urgency and the need to act quickly.

The card advises the reader to not be afraid of causing a rupture in their current situation. The fisting palm sex toy could serve as a tool to detect how hidden strengths could be unleashed to surmount challenges and empower the self and the community.

However, the force of this card should not be used to harm others. The card also suggests that a rupture in the current way of thinking and acting might be inevitable in order to give rise to queer ways of co-existing in the post-human world.



Co-Existence Suit





## Narrow Arcana

**Care** refers to the actions of providing for and maintaining the well-being of humans, but also the well being of the planet and all of its life forms and elements.

The illustration shows a birdlike creature held by the tubes of a "nurturing system", being "taken care of" by multiple tiny human-like figures. This illustration draws on the ambiguity and the relational aspect of care in coexistence. Conventionally care is associated with the concepts of compassion, nurturing, and personal responsibility for others. This notion can be misleading, as it doesn't include its other aspects such as providing of necessary knowledge, resources, services and systems of care, on an personal, social and institutional levels, necessary for the human and planetary wellbeing.

This card serves as a reminder that care is not an opposite of violence, however, in all its ambiguity, care is opposite to neglect. This card is a sign that care is an important aspect of the given situation, but which notion of care applies here depends on the overall spread. The card advises the reader to investigate one's understanding of care and question: what or who needs to be taken care of and on which level the care should be taken: personal, social or institutional?

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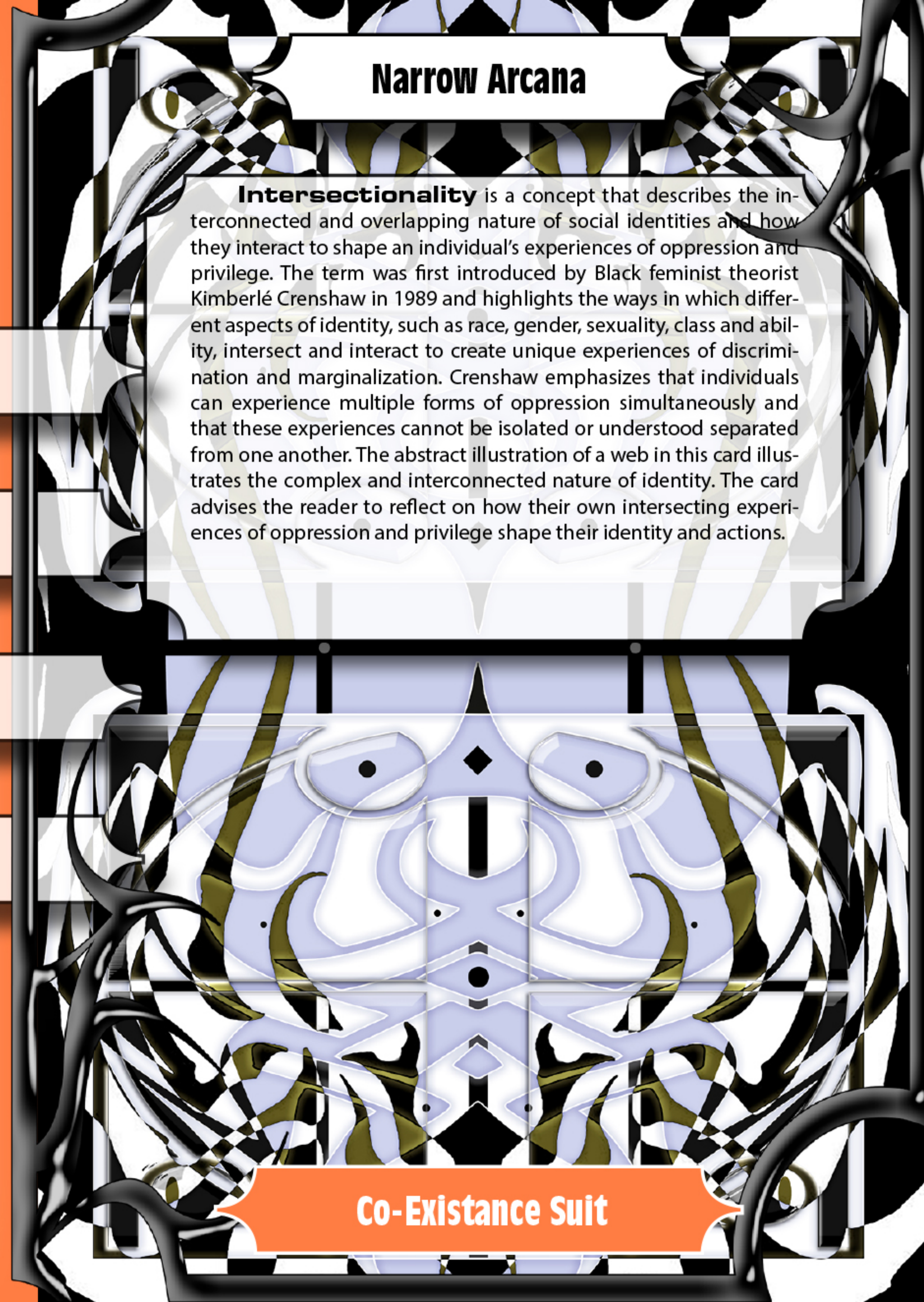
## Narrow Arcana

**Norms** are more or less shared standards of acceptable behavior by groups. As they are often shaped by the dominant social group, they perpetuate societal hierarchies and are used to uphold oppressive systems of power, such as patriarchal and cisheteronormative values. These norms marginalize people, especially the LGBTQIA+ community, people with disabilities, and people of color. Body norms are societal expectations of how one's body should look and behave, fostering harmful ideas about perfection and beauty standards. These norms are often sexist, racist, ableist, and classist, as they are heavily influenced by Eurocentric ideals, and thus lead to further marginalization and discrimination of those who do not conform. This card illustrates the oppressive nature of norms by depicting an avatar undergoing plastic surgery, a physical manifestation of the pressure to conform to beauty standards.

The red web of blood vessels around the avatar represents the physical and emotional harm caused by trying to fit into a narrow, hegemonic definition of normality. The avatar's startled facial expression represents the confusion and self-alienation that can result from trying to conform to societal expectations. The card invites the reader to reflect on the role of norms in their life: What would a post-human society where the concept of "normality" is no longer relevant look like?

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## Narrow Arcana

**Intersectionality** is a concept that describes the interconnected and overlapping nature of social identities and how they interact to shape an individual's experiences of oppression and privilege. The term was first introduced by Black feminist theorist Kimberlé Crenshaw in 1989 and highlights the ways in which different aspects of identity, such as race, gender, sexuality, class and ability, intersect and interact to create unique experiences of discrimination and marginalization. Crenshaw emphasizes that individuals can experience multiple forms of oppression simultaneously and that these experiences cannot be isolated or understood separated from one another. The abstract illustration of a web in this card illustrates the complex and interconnected nature of identity. The card advises the reader to reflect on how their own intersecting experiences of oppression and privilege shape their identity and actions.

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## Narrow Arcana

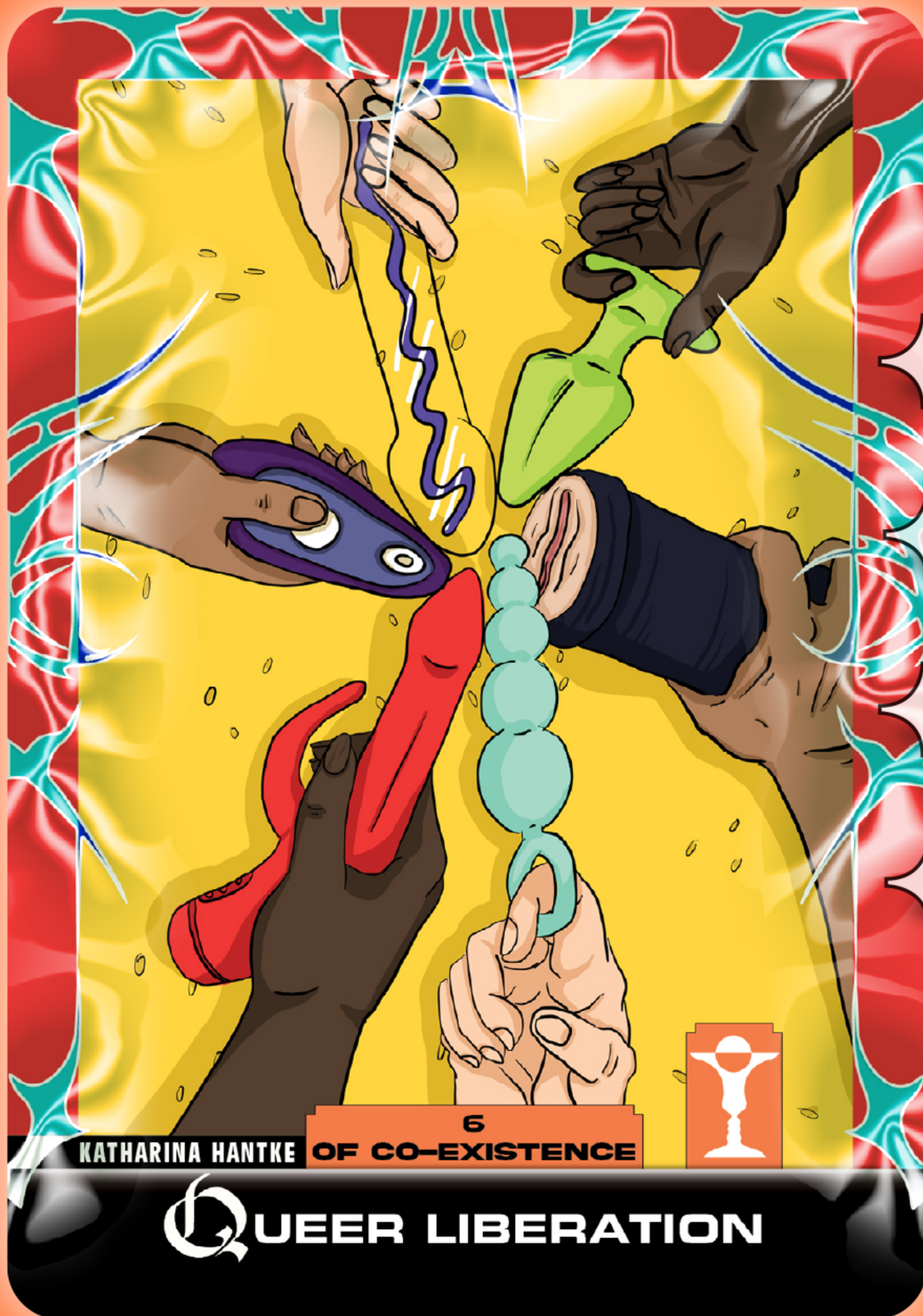
The card illustrates the idea that **Abuse**, whether of technology or living beings, is a result of imbalanced power dynamics. The monstrous figure with multiple gaping holes in their face visualizes the effects of abuse, while the lily flowers symbolize the potential for survival and growth in spite of the experienced violation.

This card criticizes the use of power or control in ways that harm or take advantage of other living beings or technology. It may represent both the abuser and the abused.

Accordingly, when drawn in a reading, this card asks to take a precise look at which side of power the reader is on in the given situation. To achieve post-human co-existence, it is important to take responsibility and to abolish all power imbalances that lead to abuse







## Narrow Arcana

The **Queer Liberation** card highlights the importance of pleasure in queering the human co-existence. It depicts an image of human hands, united in a magical power gesture, holding the sex toys like swords. The variety of the toys reminds of the importance of finding one's unique ways to experience pleasure, which can be connected to the sexual desire, but is not limited to it. The sex toys circle could also be read as weapons in the resistance against societal attempts to control and restrict individual ways of pleasure. Although queer pleasure is often only sexually connoted, it also belongs with understanding, accepting, and embracing desires, preferences, and boundaries in all aspects of one's being.

Depending on the overall spread, this card advises the reader to look for ways of connecting with themselves and with others, beyond the influence of norm and mainstream notions of pleasure. On the other hand it also advises to act through a prism of understanding that some groups of people are allowed pleasure more than the others.

Allowing oneself to fully experience pleasure, whichever form it undertakes, while remembering that it is bound in coexisting with the rest of the world is a radical political act of the Queer Liberation.

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## Narrow Arcana

**Self Love** is a powerful aspect of co-existence and the most intimate kind of relationship. The card illustrates a person with a prosthetic arm, holding a dildo, surrounded by smartphone screens with dickpics of various shapes and colors. Although surrounded closely, the person appears concentrated, in an almost meditative state. The mood of the card serves as a reminder that connecting with oneself and checking in with one's needs is a way of one's most intimate relations - with themselves. As any relationship, self love is political and is influenced by the world around, as it can be an act of care or become toxic. This card stresses the importance of providing space for healthy relationships with oneself, but also reminds one to critically examine which forms of self love serve whose interest. As relation to oneself influences the ways one connects to the others and moves through the world, this card advises the reader to keep these relationships healthy and in check.

Co-Existence Suit





## Narrow Arcana

The **Isolation** card depicts a solitary figure, an avatar with tears running from their fingernails, who is trapped within a spiral of eight swords. The avatar's tears convey a sense of longing and sadness pointing to the risk of a technologically mediated isolation, where individuals may feel disconnected from others and their surroundings, despite being constantly connected through technology.

The card also represents the paradox of isolation in co-existence. While it is true that every action or inaction has an impact on the world, it is also true that within neoliberal society humans may experience a need for isolation: for self-care, to process emotions, to reflect on personal experiences.

Self-isolation can also be a form of protection against harmful situations or people.

The card reminds the reader that while a need for isolation is valid and does not need to be explained or justified, it should not be used to avoid accountability or responsibility in relationships and community dynamics.



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## Narrow Arcana

The **Uncertainty** card depicts an avatar, crafted from glass and gold and adorned with nine swords as fingernails. Standing on a lunar surface of an alien universe, the avatar crosses their hands in front of their face in a defensive gesture. The surrounding nine body height swords allude to the inherent uncertainty of human experience.

On the flipside, the card represents the ways humans attempt to cope with uncertainty by relying on control and risky assessment tools. While uncertainty can be daunting and uncomfortable, it is also a constant and inescapable part of life. Embracing uncertainty and letting go of the impulse to control is a way to open up to new possibilities.

Within the Co-existence Suit the swords indicate that when facing obstacles, the outcome is barely knowable or calculable, as it depends on unpredictable circumstances and actions of other beings.

The card encourages its reader to free themselves from the fear of uncertainty and to succumb to the unknown.







## Narrow Arcana

The **Gender** card shows a figure's head pierced by a variety of swords of both ominous and alluring appearance. The character's eyes seem to be sliding out of their sockets, suggesting that this figure was led to their demise.

As the concluder of the Co-Existence Suit this card accentuates the powerful role of gender constructs in shaping how humans relate to themselves, to others, to the world they exist in and to the technologies they create. Given the origins of the concept of gender, this card suggests that post-human coexistence might have to include its total abolition.

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## Narrow Arcana

**Beauty** opens The Earth Suit of which it oversees the inspiration. Here, beauty is crucial, as Toni Morrison describes in the interview "Before the Light" with the Paris Review Podcast: "I think of beauty as an absolute necessity. I don't think it's a privilege or an indulgence, it's not even a quest. I think it's almost like knowledge, which is to say is what we were born for. (...) Some of it's natural, some of it's men made, some of it's casual, some of it's a mere glance. It is an absolute necessity. I don't think that we can do without it anymore than we can do without dreams or oxygen."<sup>1</sup>

The card depicts pink and lilac particles exploding between two celestial surfaces that are evocative of the Earth and the Moon. The ethereal explosions stretch out across a vast, inky black background, creating a mesmerizing image of a moment frozen in time - a moment of beauty. This card advises the reader to open their senses for their inherent ability to perceive beauty in any moment.

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<sup>1</sup>Toni Morrison - The Paris Review Podcast, Episode 13: "Before the Light", Podcast Season 2, Interview conducted by Claudia Brodsky Lacour of Toni Morrison, (Question occurs at 4 minutes 34 seconds of 35 minutes 51 seconds), The Paris Review, New York. (Accessed podcast at [theparisreview.org](https://www.theparisreview.org/podcast/6047/before-the-light) on June 17, 2020) <https://www.theparisreview.org/podcast/6047/before-the-light> , 2019 October 23

Earth Suit





## Narrow Arcana

The Earth's **Energy** is a complex and multifaceted force, encompassing both physical and metaphysical elements. The card depicts holographic horses mid-leap, on a pedestal adorned with ancient bas-reliefs and vacuum cleaners, against a blue metaverse background. The physical aspects of the Earth's energy are sourced from the Sun, which powers all vegetal life's photosynthesis with its solar energy, and from the Earth's internal energy, generated by the movement inside its molten core, that is responsible for the magnetic field and tectonic plates.

The metaphysical aspect of the Earth's energy is connected to its cycles and can be accessed as a form of vibration through practices such as meditation and grounding exercises. This energy is believed to be part of the Earth's spirit, a sort of consciousness of the planet. This card encourages its reader to stretch out their feelers to be guided by the Earth's energy. There are many activities that strengthen a connection to the Earth, such as gardening, hiking, and spending time in nature or meditation and grounding exercises.







NADINE KOLODZIEY

PERSPECTIVE  
OF THE EARTH



HABITAT

## Narrow Arcana

**Habitat** is the natural environment in which a particular organism or species lives, including the physical and biological conditions that support its survival and reproduction. The card depicts an ethereal, majestic figure, embellished with a crown-like headpiece and a protective shield, leisurely reclining on a marble stool. Their garments are woven from the roots and stones of the Earth, emphasizing the figure's connection to the organic world. In an attentive pose, they observe something outside of the picture frame. Despite the alluring (and troubling) promises of human space colonization, this card declares that the Earth is humans' first and foremost home. In the face of the ecological and environmental crisis, it also prefigures an Earth without humans: In the event of humanity's demise, the Earth will regenerate – a testament to its resilience and enduring vitality.



Earth Suit





## Narrow Arcana

Although in the other suits of the Cyborgeoisie Tarot, the Power card often bears the connotations of danger and misuse, in The Earth Suit, **Connection** is deeply intertwined with Gravity - the following card which represents the Force of the The Earth Suit.

The imagery on this card depicts two faces illuminated by soft moon light, their gaze fixed in the same direction. Here, connection can be seen in terms of the spiritual and emotional bond that humans have with the Earth, their place in the larger universe. Many human cultures and spiritual traditions feel deep reverence for the Earth as a living source of inspiration and guidance

This card reminds the reader of their entanglement with the Earth and all its inhabitants, encouraging to nurture and honor these connections as a foundation of emotional and spiritual well-being.







## Narrow Arcana

**Gravity** is the force by which a planet or other body draws objects toward its center. The card captivantly and enigmatically depicts ethereal and luminescent hues and textures overlapping and drawn towards one another.

Gravity is a fundamental force that affects all matter in the universe, holding planets, including the Earth, and other celestial bodies in orbit around the Sun. It is also responsible for the tides as the Moon moves around the Earth and for the trajectories of comets and asteroids.

On a larger scale, gravity is the contracting force between galaxies and galaxy clusters, and causes the expansion of the universe.

In a reading, the gravity card stands for a sense of disorientation that the reader experiences. Their instincts may be pulled in different directions.

This card is a reminder of the powerful forces at play in life. It is important to trust in the natural pull and flow of these forces, even if they may be difficult to accept.







## Narrow Arcana

The 2 of the Earth, **Sensitivity**, is a card that captures the essence of the Earth's ability to respond and connect with its environment. The image on the card shows a close-up of hard-shelled and sensitive lilac-colored tentacles as they interact with stones in front of them. Their suction cups are prominently displayed, emphasizing the creature's tactile capacities with which it connects to and senses its surroundings. The overlapping tentacles create a sense of movement and fluidity.

This card is a reminder of the Earth's sensitive systems that even small human actions can have a significant impact on. This card advises the reader to approach the Earth and changes happening on it with sensitivity.







## Narrow Arcana

**Creation** myths are traditional stories or beliefs told to explain the origin of the Earth and the creation of humanity. The content of these myths varies widely across different human cultures and religions.

This card depicts the fictitious mythological figure of a serpent-headed god of creation. As a symbol of rebirth, renewal, and the cyclical nature of life, the figure is holding a bouquet of white and pink roses, which stand for love and new beginnings.

The background of the card is a retro TV, representing the idea that each creation story is a narrative that shapes human understanding of the world.

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## Narrow Arcana

The 4 of the Earth **Reproduction**. card depicts four ripe and healthy vegetable slices with their seeds exposed. Representing the cycle of life, death, and rejuvenation inherent to the Earth, this imagery symbolizes growth and reproduction.

This card sets the stage for new beginnings that may lead to a plentiful and abundant future. However, this card also encourages to abandon assumptions and essentialist attitudes towards reproduction, and to consider the many ways in which it can be understood and approached. To ask what is being reproduced, how, and for which purpose helps to figure out one's role in reproductive cycles on the Earth.

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## Narrow Arcana

The image on the card **Disorder** portrays five tires engulfed in flames. Their shapes are distorted by the intense heat of the raging fire as they sit on a cracked and gray surface, reminiscent of asphalt, which adds to the sense of chaos and destruction. The burning tires symbolize the disorder and upheaval caused by protests and civil unrest.

This card highlights the tension that can arise when humans take a stand against injustice and for a cause that matters to them. In the context of The Earth Suit, it represents destruction as one consequence of neglecting the Earth's environment and demands a change of political governance.

The card serves as a reminder that change often comes with a cost, and that the struggle for a better future can be difficult and tumultuous. Nonetheless, in a reading, this card is an unequivocal call to action.







PORTRAIT X0

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OF THE EARTH

CYCLE

## Narrow Arcana

The card **Cycle** depicts a group of mysterious, otherworldly organisms, gathered in a circular formation. This image represents the cyclical rhythm of life on Earth, and points to the ways in which different organisms and processes are interdependent and connected in circular patterns. These organisms resemble microscopic life, like bacteria or viruses. The gathering in a circle gives the uncanny impression that this formation might be of social and cultural character.

The card serves as a reminder that although the Other Intelligences (living and nonliving organisms on Earth) might appear alien and eerie to humans, their organization is an essential part of the world. The Cycle suggests that everything is part of a larger system, and that the individual circuits are not isolated or disconnected from one another. The card encourages the reader to pay attention to the patterns and cycles in their surroundings, and to better align with their inner rhythms.



Earth Suit





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OF THE EARTH



UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

## Narrow Arcana

This card represents **Unconditional Love**, as symbolized by the fantastic figures depicted in the pencil drawing. The image captures a sense of security and connection, evoking the deep and all-encompassing love between the Earth and its inhabitants. This card serves as a reminder that unconditional love means meeting others where they're at, and that it is important to be willing to love without reservation or condition.

As inhabitants of the Earth, humans are also responsible to show love and respect for the planet and all the living beings that call it their home. The card invites its reader to an experiment - to go about their regular day trying to make all of their conscious decisions and take all their actions out of unconditional love and find out where it takes them.



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## Narrow Arcana

The image on the **Control** card depicts a person sitting at a desk as they attempt to exert control over their posture and environment. In the foreground, a diagram or interface with symbols such as wifi, a phone, and a cup, visually represents the needs of a plant.

This illustration poses the innate human desire for control as a survival mechanism. However, it also highlights the importance of accepting that chaos and the unknown are an integral part of the cosmic (dis)order of things. The fear of losing control is one of the greatest human fears.

This card advises its reader: Instead of trying to control everything, it is important to embrace and understand the role of chaos in the world and to find ways to work with rather than against it.







## Narrow Arcana

The card **Resources** intricately depicts an underwater realm, where a human figure is being carried towards the surface by an amphibian creature. The human figure gazes longingly at the seabed which is covered with vibrant corals and flourishing bitcoins.

On the one hand, this card represents the abundance of the Earth's resources, on the other hand it suggests that reserves are limited due to humans' disproportionate consumption, control, and the unfair distribution of access to them. In that sense, it denounces the abuse of supplies such as pollution, deforestation, overfishing, and excessive consumption of energy or other resources.

Exploitative practices such as taking advantage of vulnerable populations or using resources in ways that are harmful to the environment or society as a whole have severe consequences if they persist such as environmental degradation, economic instability, and social inequality.

In a reading, the card advises its reader to look at the long-term effects of their actions and consider these carefully.







## Narrow Arcana

The card **Ecosystem** exhibits a sophisticated network of interconnected shapes and forms. It is characterized by white birds or angelic wings and various shades of green, all seamlessly intertwined to create a harmonious and unified whole. This image visually represents the interconnected nature of an ecosystem on Earth - a community of living and nonliving things that interact with each other in a specific environment.

This includes all the organisms that live in a particular area, as well as the physical factors that they interact with such as air, water, soil, and sunlight. Ecosystems can be small like a pond, or large like a forest or an entire ocean. They can be found in a variety of environments, including deserts, mountains, and wetlands. The organisms within an ecosystem rely on each other to survive and maintain balance within their environment. They are all interconnected, and the health and well-being of one organism can affect the entire ecosystem.

As the closing card of The Earth Suit and of the Cyborgoisie Tarot Deck, this is an introspective card, which invites a holistic reading.







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