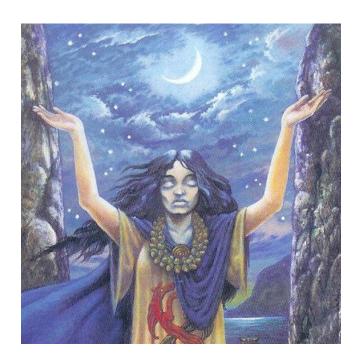
Lifting the Veil of Tarot

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Telling Stories with Pictures

We looked at the story of the Matrix through the movie storyboards. Now let's tell the story with a different set of pictures. What tarot card would you use to represent each scene?



1. A woman, surrounded by police, raises her hands in surrender.



2. The break with reality...The woman appears to have superhuman abilities.



3. The woman takes on all the attackers at once.



4. The woman admires her handiwork.

Methods of Comparison

between tarot cards and images

- •Similarity of **subject**—the card shows the same event or circumstances as the original image e.g., the Seven of Wands for "She takes on all the attackers at once."
- •Similarity of **mood** or **atmosphere**—the card has the same emotional feel as the original image

e.g., the Eight of Swords for "A woman, surrounded by police, raises her hands in surrender."

Or, the Five of Swords for "The woman admires her handiwork."

- •Similarity of **composition**—the card has the same artistic lines and shapes as the original image
 - e.g., The Hanged Man for "The break with reality...The woman appears to have superhuman abilities."
 - Or, the Seven of Pentacles for "The woman admires her handiwork."
- •Other methods of comparison?

These Methods of Comparison are not just ways to compare the cards to other images, but ways in which we can compare the tarot cards to our life.

How Can I Use this for Myself?

Exercise: Photo

- •Using a photo that you have on your phone, on the internet, in your wallet or a photo that you can remember clearly, examine/ remember every detail of the photo. Think of the situation that was going on, what led up to it, what happened afterwards. In what way does this single image capture a larger experience?
- •Look through a tarot deck and find the card that most closely resembles the photo or captures the experience, using the **Methods of Comparison** we discussed. In what way does this tarot card capture the experience? What does the photo have that the tarot card doesn't? What does the tarot card have that the photo doesn't?
- •Look through the deck and pull 1 or 2 more cards to represent the events that led up to the taking of the photo, and/or another 1 or 2 cards to represent what happened afterwards. Tell the whole story.

How do the tarot cards influence your understanding of the event from the past represented in the photo?

Story Elements

or Dramatic Elements (according to Aristotle)

- •Character—Who are the people involved?
- •Action—What is the plot, or the sequence of events?
- •Idea—What themes are the most relevant in this story?
- •Language—What do the characters say to you or to each other? What is their tone and attitude?
- •Music, to include rhythm—how fast do the events unfold? What other rhythms do you see?
- •Spectacle—this can include the setting or environment, the mood and atmosphere, or the degree of intensity of the events.
- •Other ways to look at story elements?

Exercise: Future Event

- •Think of an event coming up that you would like advice on.
- •Look through a tarot deck and find a card that shows how you feel about the event right now. Place the card you selected at the far left of your working space. (This is called an "intentional draw" or "analytical draw.")
- •Find a card that shows what you think would be an ideal outcome for the event. Place this to the far right.
- •Ask the question, "What can I do to make my vision happen?"
- •Shuffle the deck while thinking about your question. Lay out three cards in between the two you've already chosen. (This is called a "random draw.")
- •Use the cards to tell the story of how you reach your ideal vision.

How I feel	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	My ideal
now				vision

What **Story Elements** are involved in your story?

How did you use the **Methods of Comparison** to apply the card images to your life?



Reading Summary

Day of the Week	Date	Time _			
Moon Phase	Deck	Spread Past, Present, Future			
Question					
Past, Present, Future		1	2	3	
Card 1: The Past					
Card 2: The Present					
Card 3: The Future		_			
Notes:		_			



Reading Summary

Day of the Week	Date	I ime				
Moon Phase	Deck	Spread _ <u>The Path</u>				
Question						
The Path		1	2	3		
Card 1: Where you stand r	IOW					
Card 2: Where you want to	be (your goal)	_				
Card 3: Your path		-				
Notes:		-				



Reading Summary

Day of the Week	Date	Time Spread <u>Split Hexagram</u>				
Moon Phase	Deck					
Question						
The Split Hexagram S	pread		1			2
Card 1: Spiritual Influence	е					
Card 2: Stronger Spiritual	Influence	_			3	
Card 3: Spiritual Advice		•				
Card 4: Material Influence	e	-			7	
Card 5: Stronger Material	Influence	-			6	
Card 6: Material Advice		-			0	
Card 7: Final Outcome		·	4			5
Notes:		-				