



DESOLATION

WORKBOOK

INTRODUCTION

Dear Seeker,

This journal is a mirror. It is designed to be used with the Tarot of Desolation, but the brave may experiment with it as a standalone tool. As you turn these pages, you will embark upon a sojourn through the shadowy realms of your own consciousness, using stark and compelling imagery as your guide.

Within this labyrinth, you will encounter the following passages:

Contemplation Conduit: Explore the depths of the Major and Minor Arcana with introspective prompts that encourage a profound dialogue between you and the cards, fostering a unique and deeply personal tarot practice.

Divination Framework: The spread work templates offer a structured approach to engaging with the cards. Through these, you will learn to navigate complex spreads that illuminate the hidden facets of your life and psyche.

Sigil Sanctum: Integrate the power of symbols and intention by crafting sigils that encapsulate the core findings of your readings. These sigils serve as talismans of personal power and transformation.

How to Walk this Shadowed Path

The journey you are about to undertake with the Desolation Tarot is one of introspection and discovery. The reflection prompts will guide you to forge a deep, intuitive connection with each card, opening pathways for personal growth and self-awareness.

Your explorations will be supported by detailed instructions for each tarot spread, designed to help you unravel the tangled threads of circumstance and emotion that weave through your life.

An Invitation to the Brave

We welcome you to the embrace of darkness. It is in the dark that we find the light of truth. This journal is your sanctum, a place where you can record your most private reflections, fears, hopes, and revelations.

Begin your journey, seeker. Let the mirror of this journal reflect your truest self and may the Tarot of Desolation be your steadfast companion on the path to enlightenment.

May the darkness guide you to the light.

CONTEMPLATION

Each card in the Tarot of Desolation has its own malevolent or cautionary tale. Here you will go beyond the surface image and explanation of each card to craft your own personal, deeper significance for use in your practice.

You may use the meanings from the guidebook as a reference, or you may abandon those meanings altogether. Come back to update these contemplations when you feel it is appropriate. Your path is yours.

This section is broken into three parts- one for Major Arcana, one for Minor Arcana, and one for any special cards you may have acquired.

Approach

Prepare yourself for introspection and contemplation using any method that resonates with you. Examples include mindfulness meditation, gnosis methods, and repetitive chanting. The use of dim

lighting such as candles can help to set the mood, as can incense, oil, and alter items.

Once in the desired state, gaze deeply into the image until you feel it speak to you. React intuitively. This could mean that you relax your eyes and look through the image or scrutinize detail, or any other action that feels appropriate. Capture your thoughts in the space provided. Take special note of any words, images, or entities that emerge. Use of color, sketches, and external artifacts such as stickers is highly encouraged.

Next, develop your upright and reversed interpretations in the spaces provided.

You may feel drained after this experience. It is up to you if you want to continue to the next card immediately, or if you would prefer to wait. Likewise, it is up to you when and how to start incorporating these new insights into the interpretations of your draws and spreads.

PART I

THE MAJOR ARCANA



NAIVETY



Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

I

MANIPULATION

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

II

DECEPTION



Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning



III

OPPRESSION

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

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TYRANNY

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning



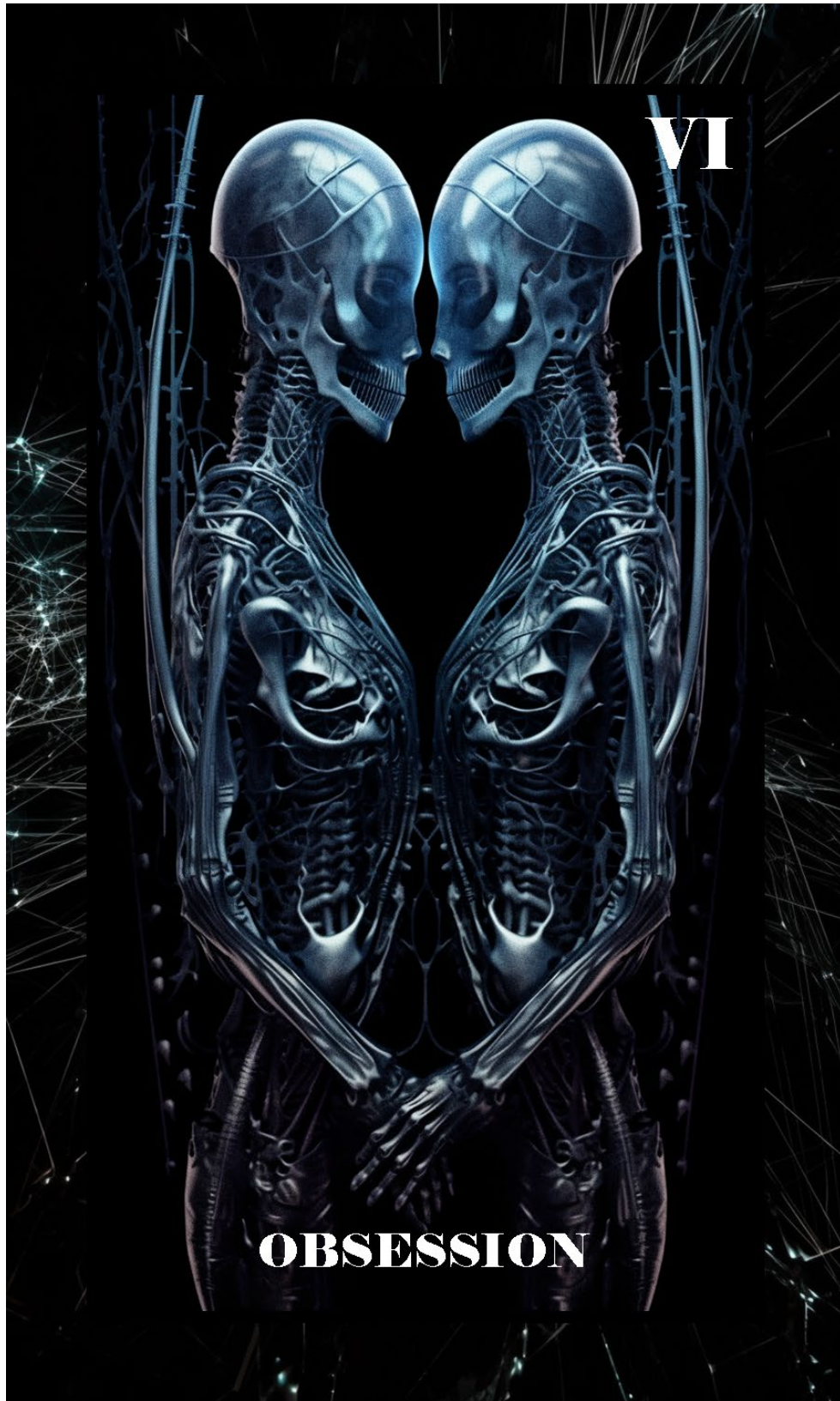
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INCOMPREHENSION

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning



Contemplation

Upright Meaning

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VII

PESTILENCE



Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

VIII

BRUTALITY

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

IX

EXILE

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

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MISFORTUNE

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RUTHLESSNESS

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

XII

DOOM

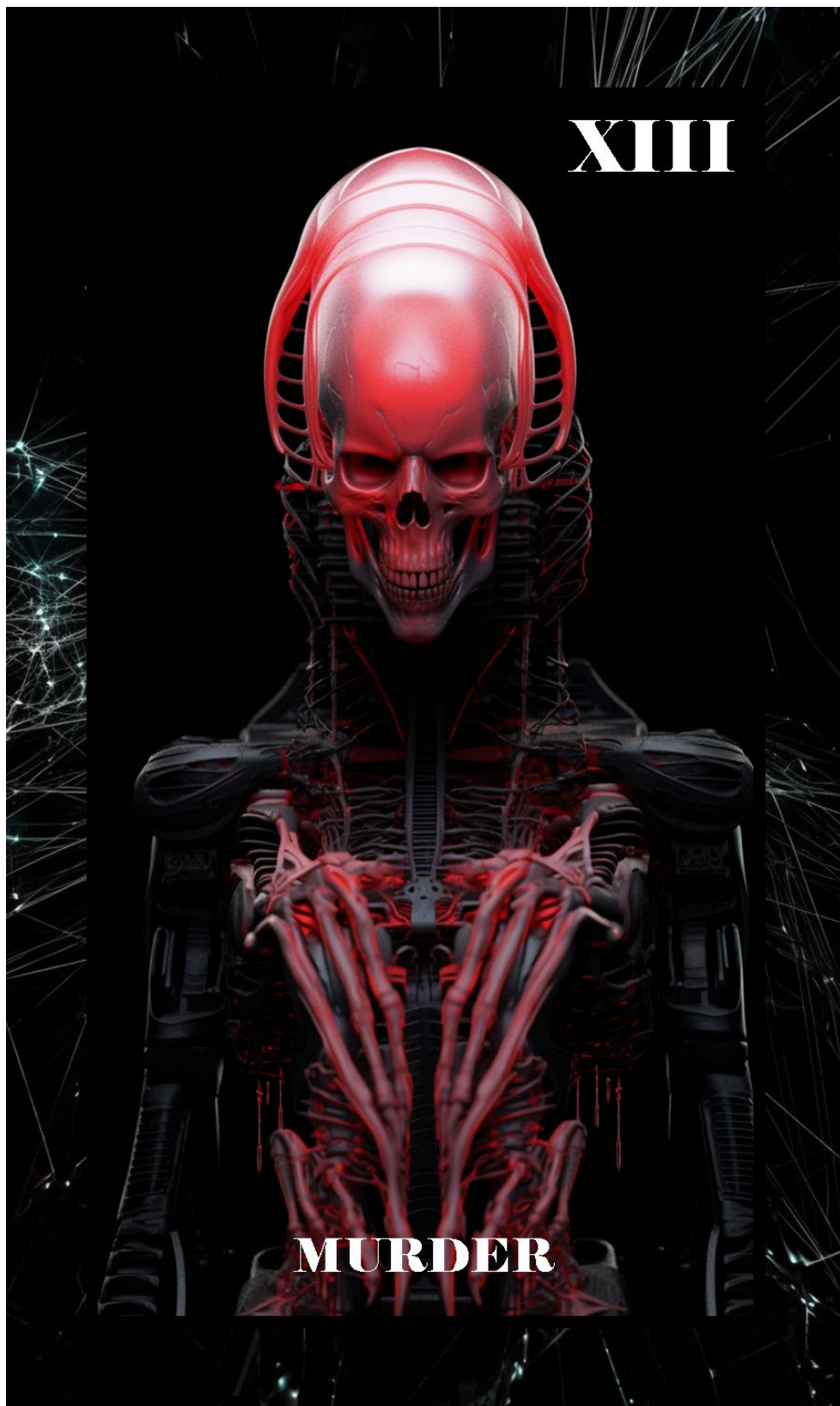
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MURDER



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FRIGIDITY

Contemplation

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XV

MALEVOLENCE

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

XVI

DOWNFALL

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

XVII



DARKNESS

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

XVIII

CONFUSION

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

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XIX

BURNING

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

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PART II

THE MINOR ARCANA

VESSELS

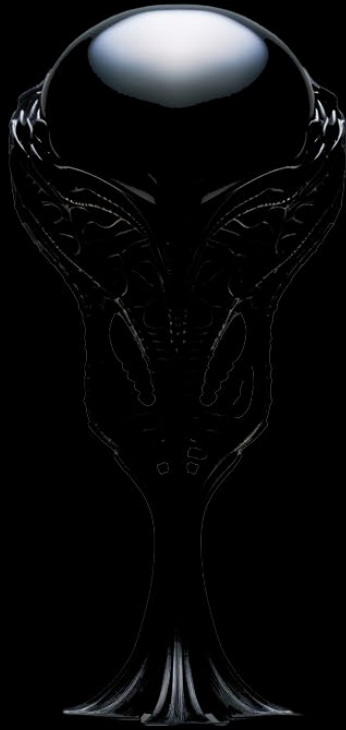
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CALAMITY**

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**DUO OF
STRIFE**

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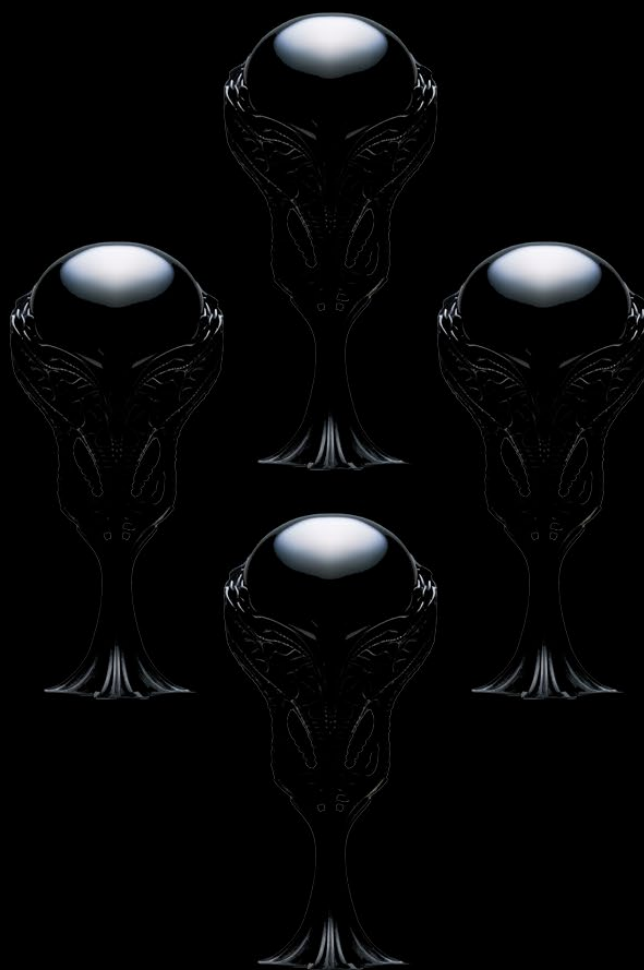
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AGONY**

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VESSELS



QUARTET OF INERTIA

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**QUINTET OF
HOSTILITY**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

VESSELS



**SEXTET OF
AFFLICTION**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

VESSELS



SEPTET OF TRICKERY

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

VESSELS



OCTET OF CONFINEMENT

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

VESSELS



**NONET OF
DESPONDENCY**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

VESSELS



**DECADE OF
DOWNFALL**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

VESSELS



NOVICE

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

VESSELS

ADEPT

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

VESSELS

MISTRESS

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

A character from the anime Overlord, Ainz Ooaltes Nine, is shown from the chest up. He is wearing his signature black and gold armor. He holds a golden chalice with both hands in front of his face. The chalice has intricate designs on it. The background is dark with some light effects. The text "VESSELS" is in the top right and "OVERLORD" is at the bottom.

VESSELS

OVERLORD

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

RODS



**GENESIS OF
DECAY**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

RODS



**PAIR OF
FRACTURE**

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RODS



**TRIUMVIRATE OF
MISERY**

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Reversed Meaning

RODS



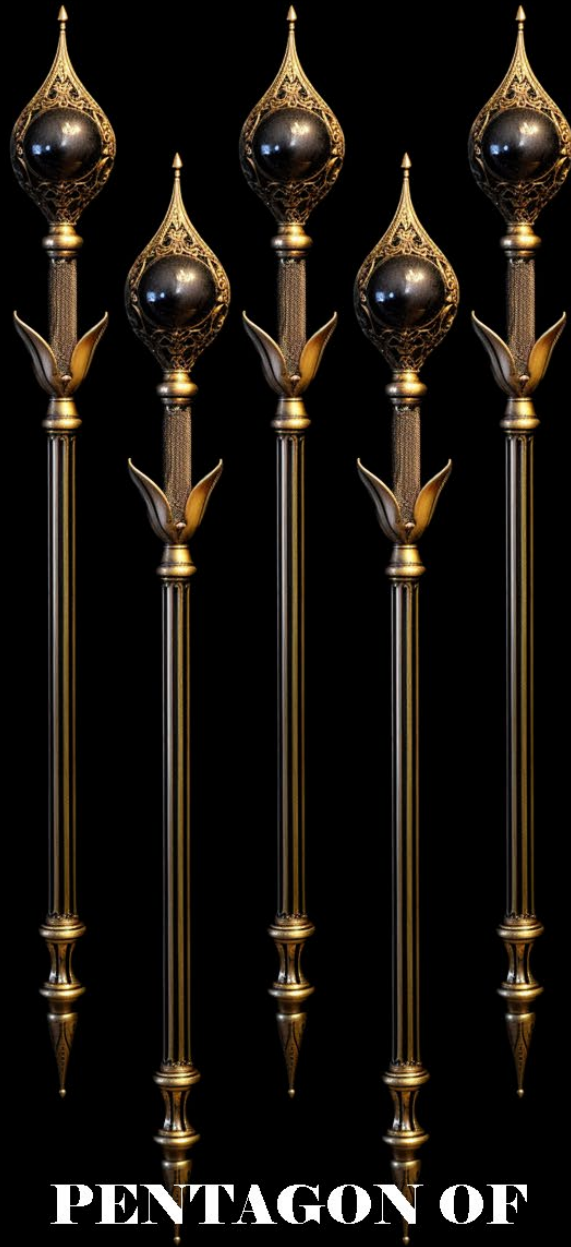
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ISOLATION**

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**PENTAGON OF
LOSS**

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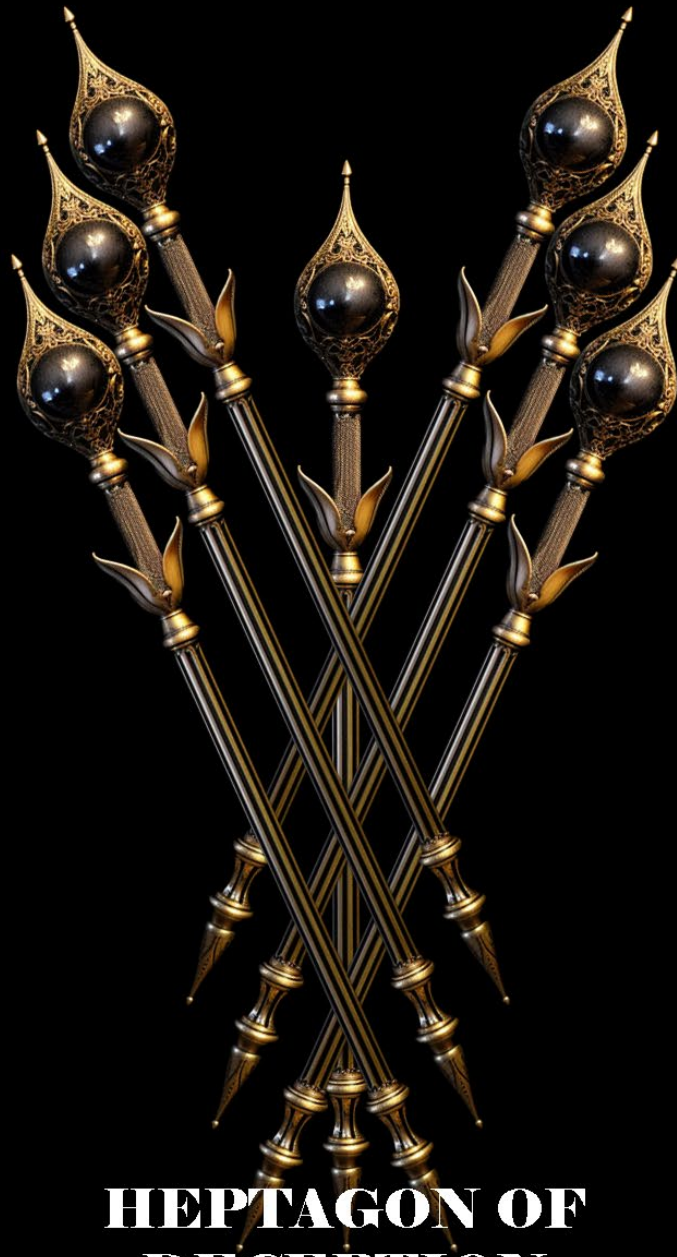
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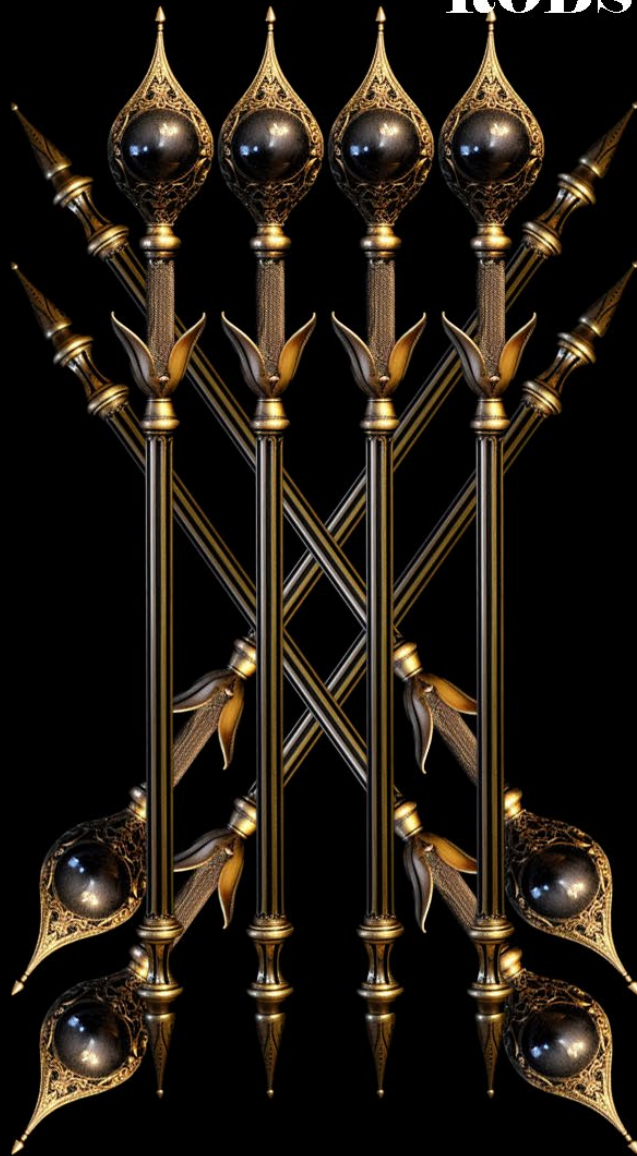
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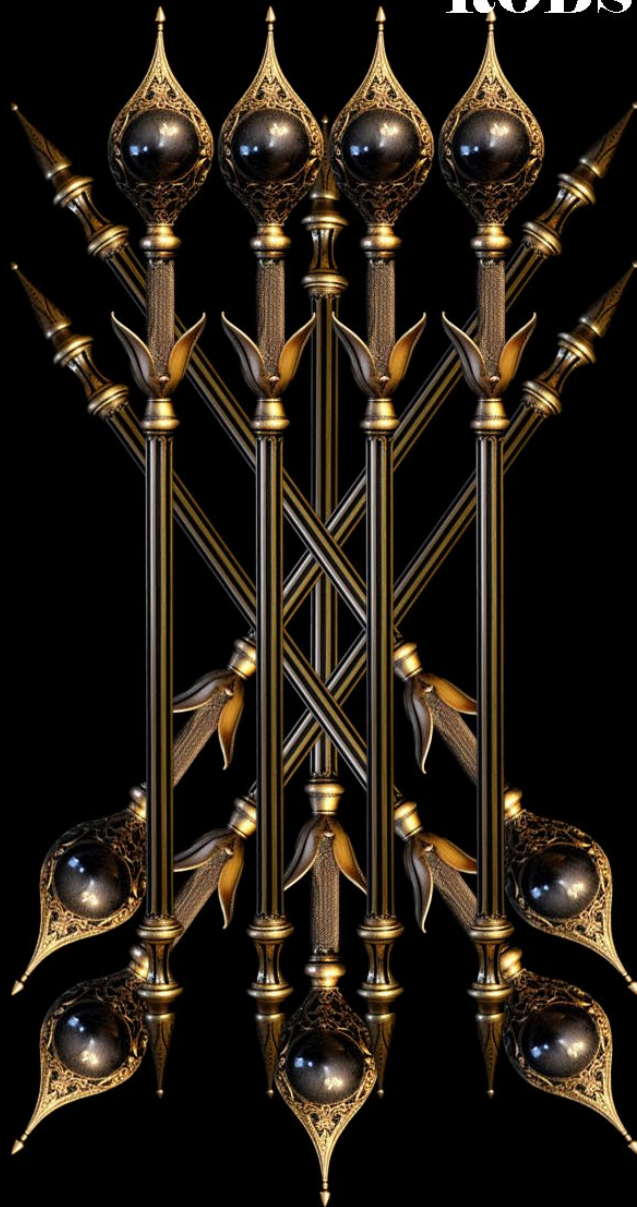
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DREAD**

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**ENNEAGON OF
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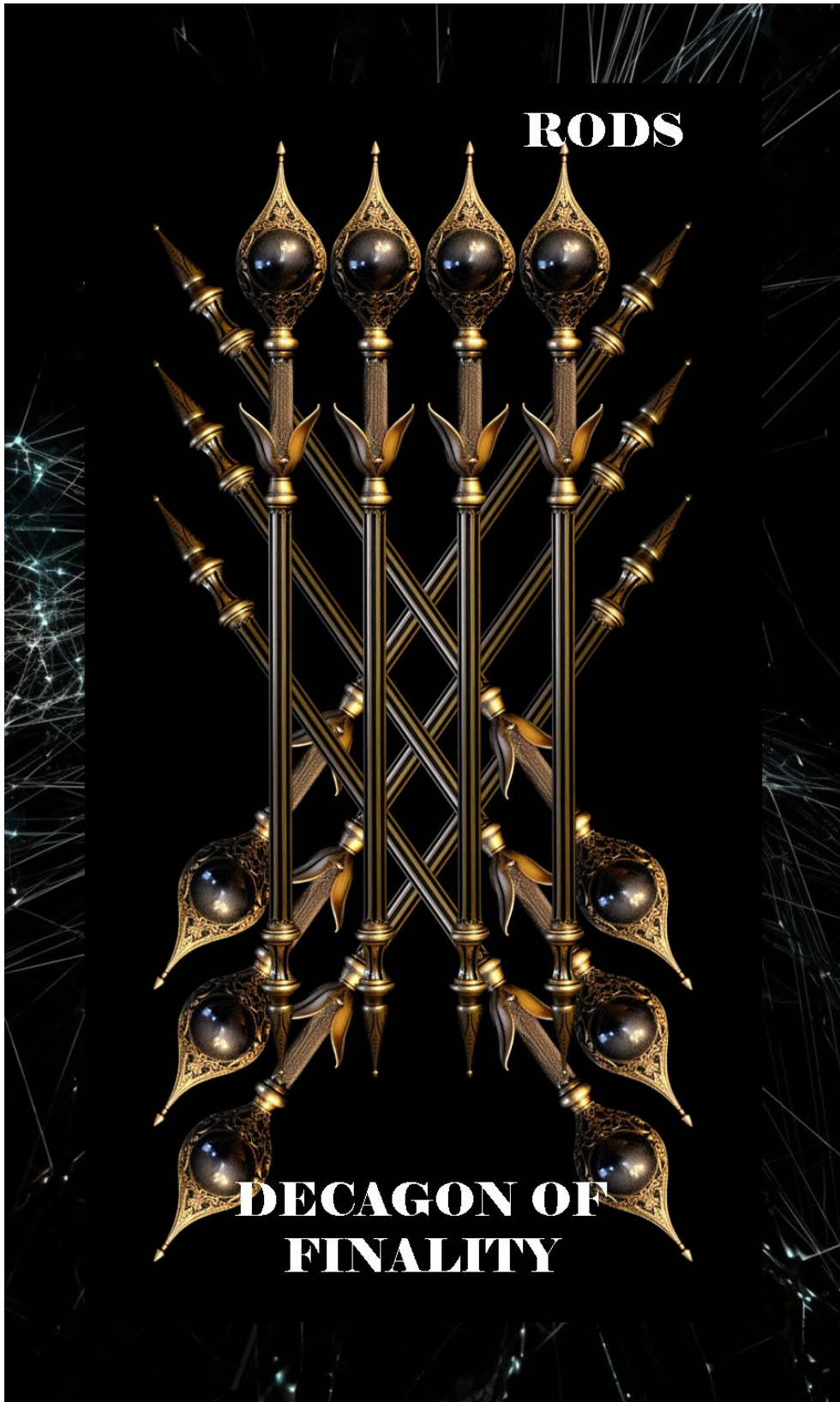
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**DECAGON OF
FINALITY**



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ADEPT



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MISTRESS



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A character from the anime Overlord, likely Ainz Ooal-Gown, is depicted from the chest up. He has a dark, textured, scale-like skin and glowing red eyes. He wears a crown with multiple spikes and a central glowing orb. He holds a golden scepter in his right hand. A circular, ribbed ornament is visible on his chest. The background is dark with some light streaks.

RODS

OVERLORD

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

BLADES



**ORIGIN OF
MALICE**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

BLADES



**TWINS OF
DISSENSION**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

BLADES



**THREESOME OF
RUIN**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

BLADES



**FOURSOME OF
NEGLECT**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

BLADES



**PENTA OF
STRUGGLE**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

Reversed Meaning

BLADES



**SIXFOLD OF
ENMITY**

Contemplation

Upright Meaning

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**SEVENFOLD OF
COMPLEXITY**

Contemplation

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**EIGHTFOLD OF
STASIS**

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**NINEFOLD OF
FORSAKENNESS**

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**TENFOLD OF
ANNIHILATION**

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JEWELS

**SEED OF
DOOM**

Contemplation

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JEWELS

**DUALITY OF
CHAOS**

Contemplation

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JEWELS

**TRIAD OF
SUFFERING**

Contemplation

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Reversed Meaning

JEWELS

**QUATERNITY OF
STAGNATION**

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Contemplation

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**QUINTESSENCE OF
CONFLICT**

Contemplation

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**HEX OF
MALADAY**

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**SEPTUM OF
DECEIT**

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**OCTAVE OF
ENTRAPMENT**

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**NONAGON OF
GRIEF**

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RUIN**

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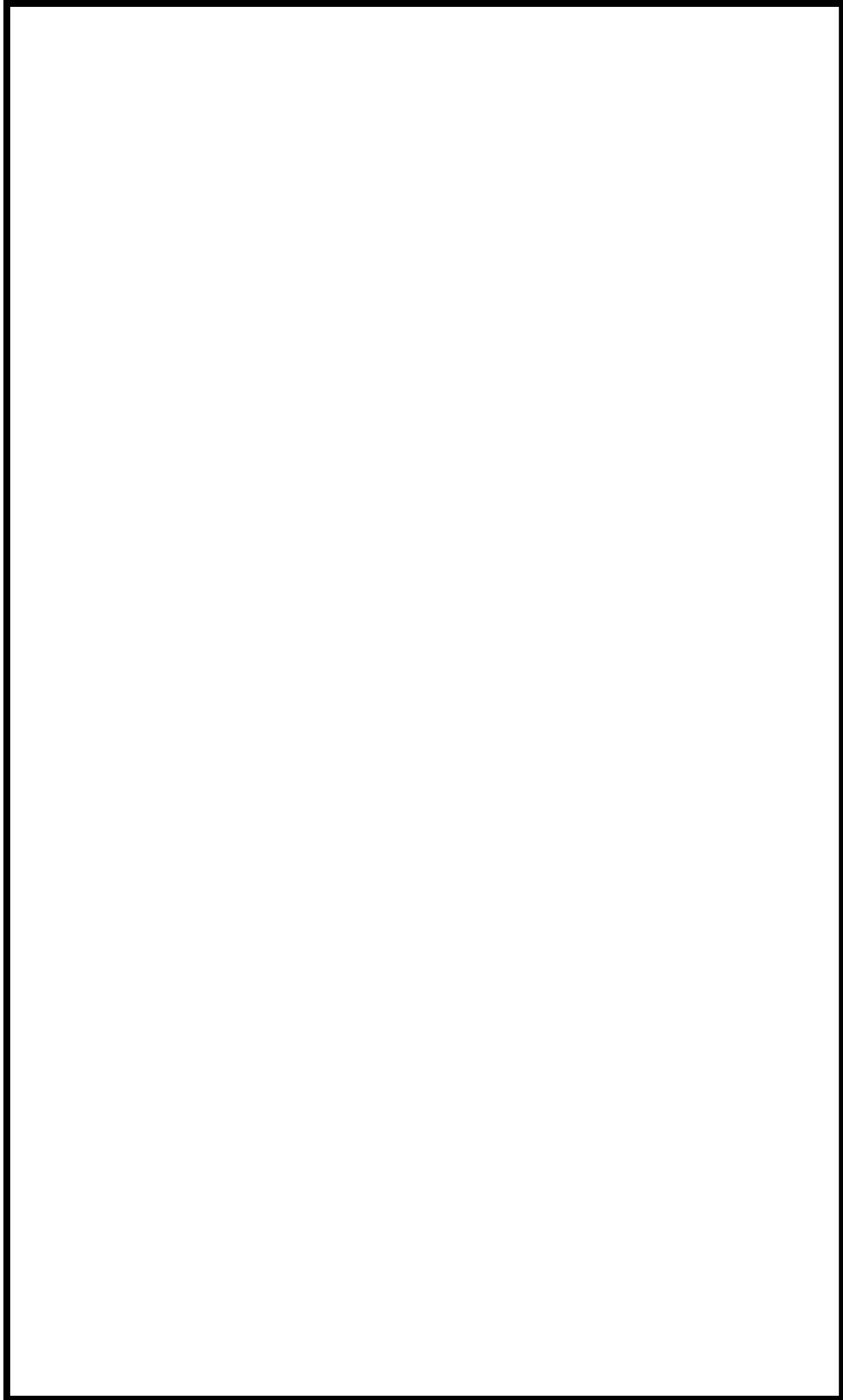
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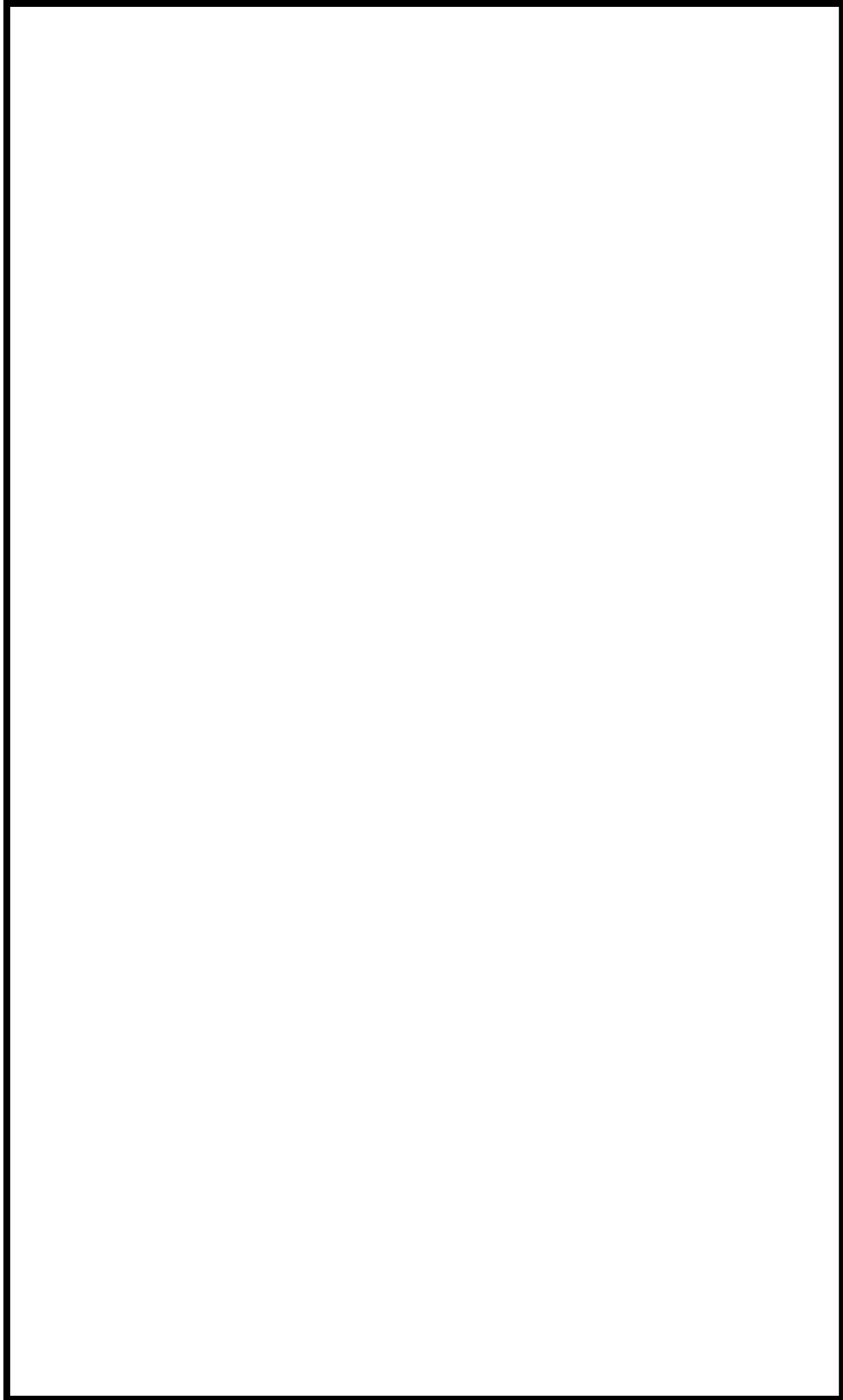
SPECIAL CARDS



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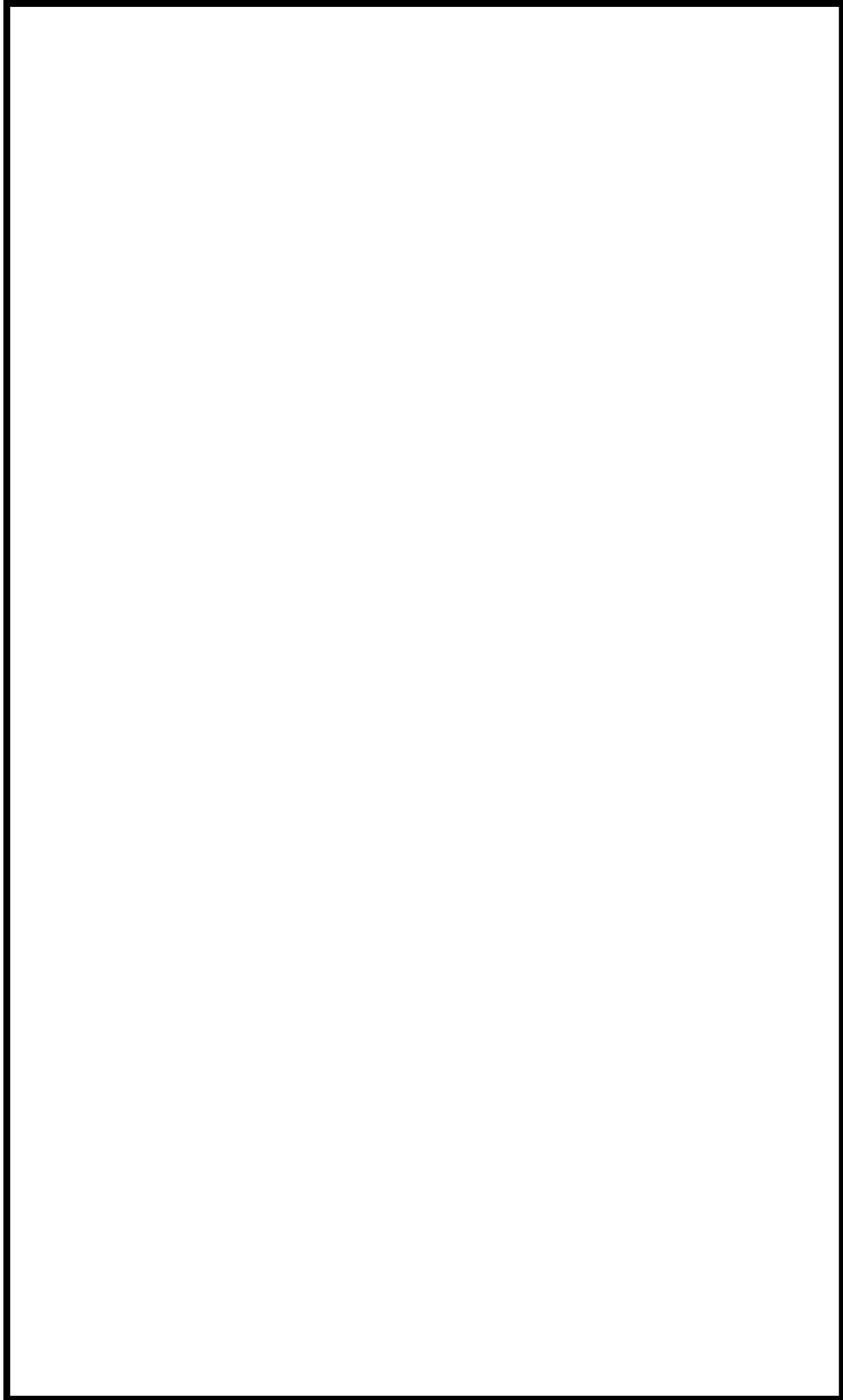
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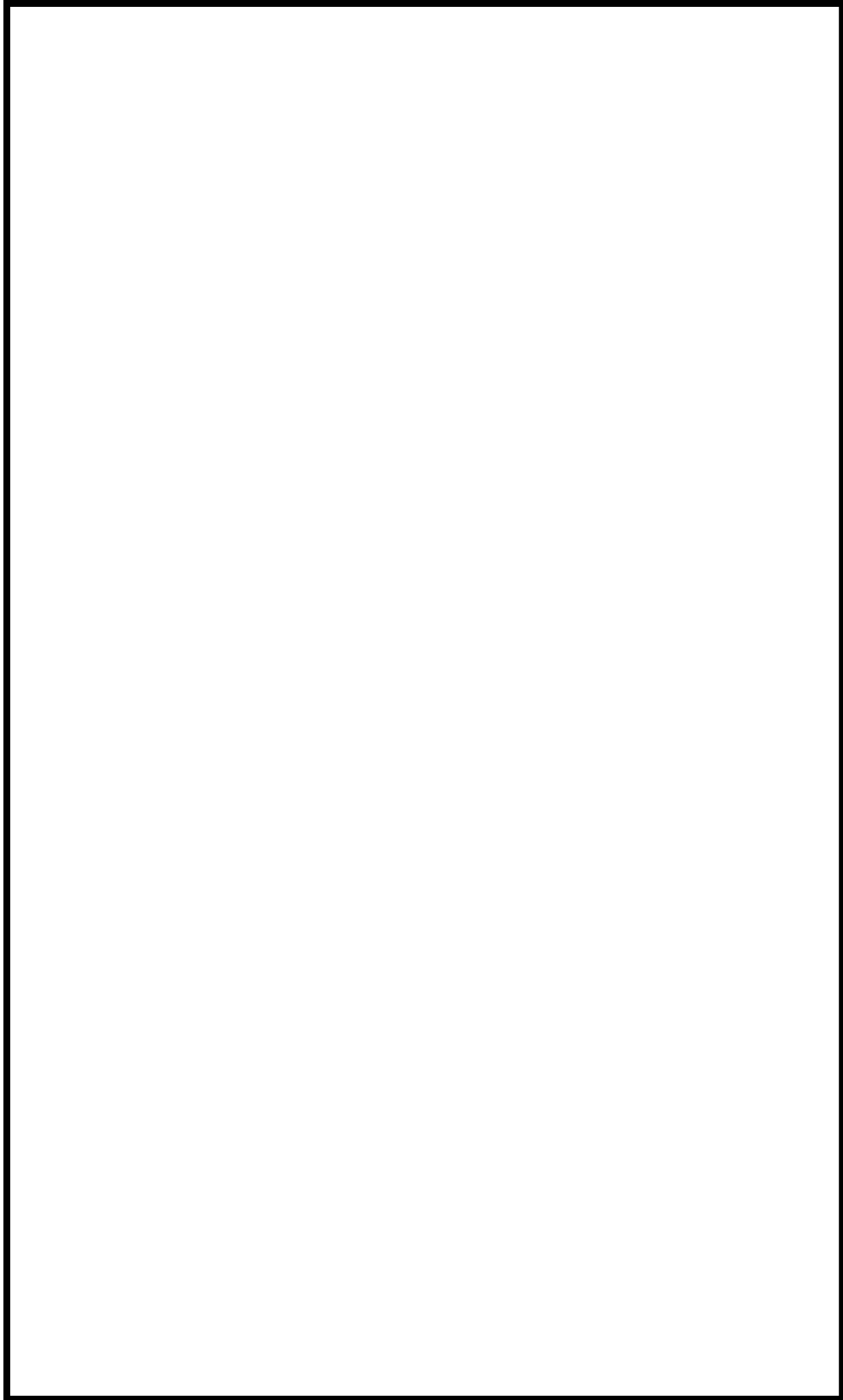
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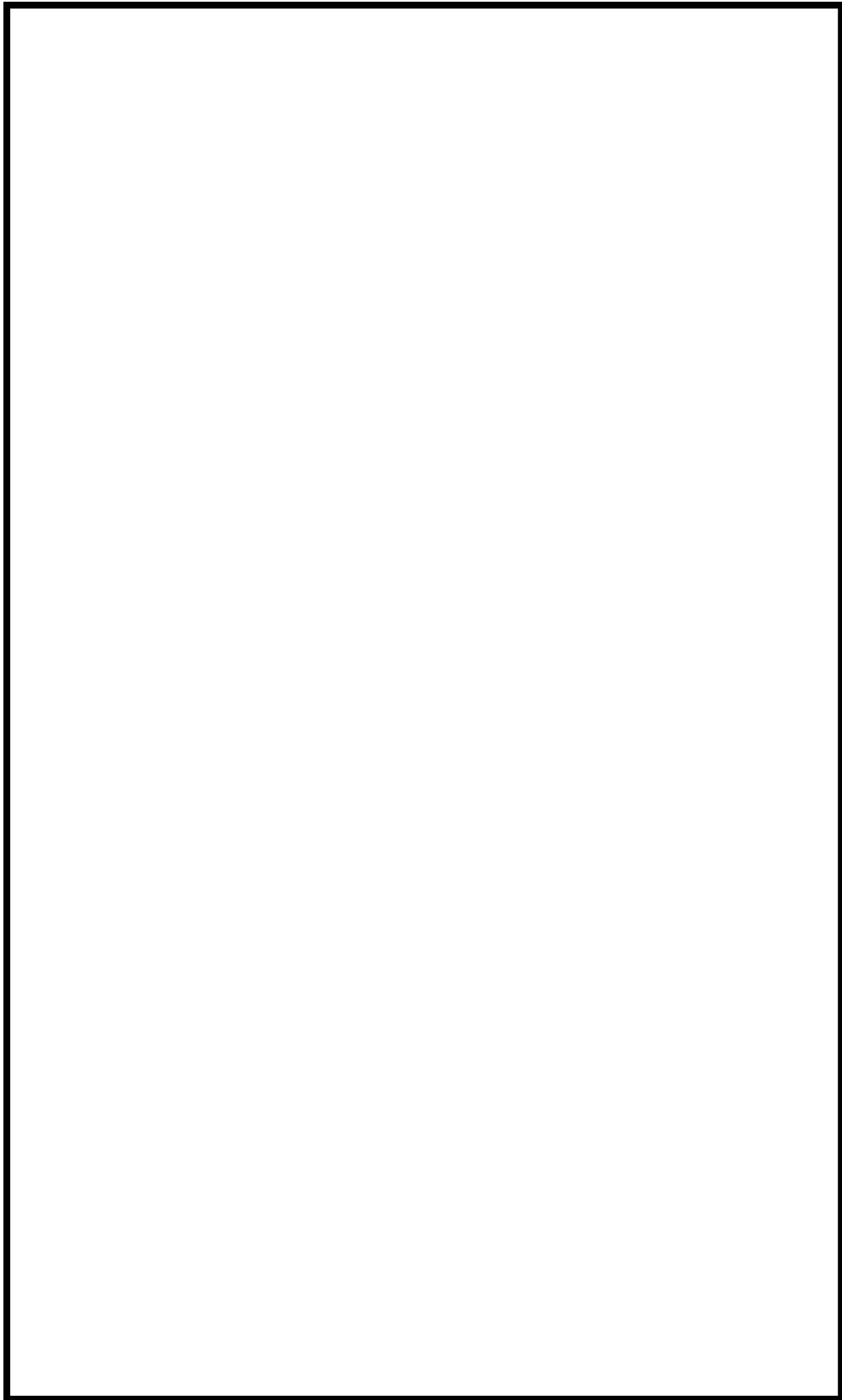
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DIVINATION

There are three levels of spread included in the guidebook. In this section, there are ten templated working sections for each of these spreads. Additionally, you will find blank pages for spreads you develop on your own.

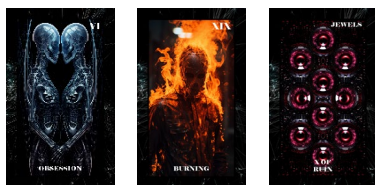
For convenience, descriptions of the three primary spreads are reproduced here.

The Desolation

For novices, the cards insist on using the Desolation Spread, a simple three-card layout:

1. Past Shadows: The leftmost card unveils the murky past that has led you to your current predicament.
2. Present Abyss: The center card exposes the dismal realities or challenges you currently face.
3. Future Ruin: The rightmost card foretells the probable doom or salvation that lies ahead.

Lay the cards from left to right, meditating briefly on each as you uncover its face.

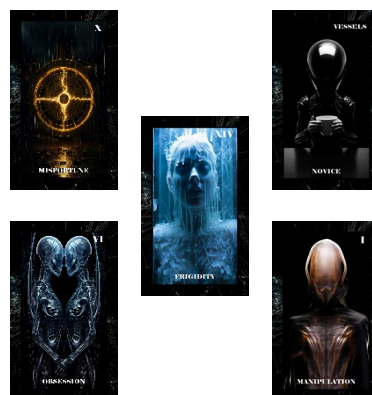


The Vortex of Despair

Adepts may proceed to venture further with the Vortex of Despair, an unsettling five-card layout.

1. Root of Suffering: The central card identifies the core issue or challenge at hand.
2. Claws of the Past: The card to the bottom-left reveals past events haunting your present.
3. Fangs of the Future: The card to the bottom-right indicates impending challenges or changes.
4. Veil of Deception: The card to the top-left exposes hidden influences or deceptions.
5. Mask of Fate: The card to the top-right forecasts the irrevocable outcome if the current course remains unchanged.

Arrange the cards in an X-shape, starting with the Root of Suffering in the center and expanding outward.



The Labyrinth of Torment

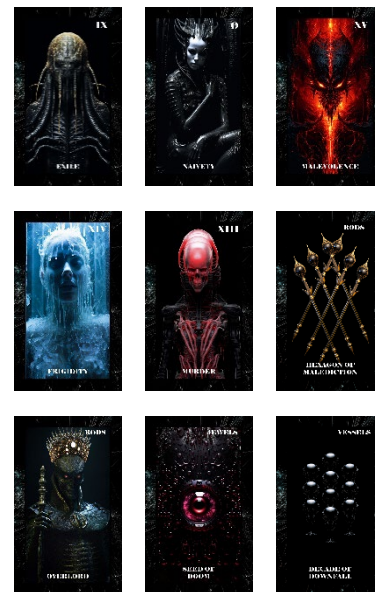
The foolish and the brave can convince themselves they are mistress or overlord of these cards. These misguided explorers may dare to navigate the most intricate and unsettling corners of their souls. For this, the cards require the Labyrinth of Torment, a nine-card grid.

1. Abyssal Core: The central card deciphers your deepest fears and desires.
2. Chains of Reality: Directly above the core, this card represents the hard truths you must face.
3. Grim Hope: Directly below the core, this card shows the thin glimmer of hope, however bleak.
4. Shackles of the Past: To the left of the core, these two cards illuminate your historical traumas and mistakes.
5. Gargoyles of the Future: To the right of the core, these two cards foretell impending trials and tribulations.
6. Inner Demons: The cards at the corners of the grid unveil the dark psychological influences that you must confront.
7. Snares of Indecision: Positioned above Chains of Reality, this card reveals the paralyzing choices or moral quandaries that entrap you.
8. Traitors in the Shadows: Located below Grim Hope, this card unveils the hidden vulnerabilities, betrayals,

or enemies that may be plotting against you.

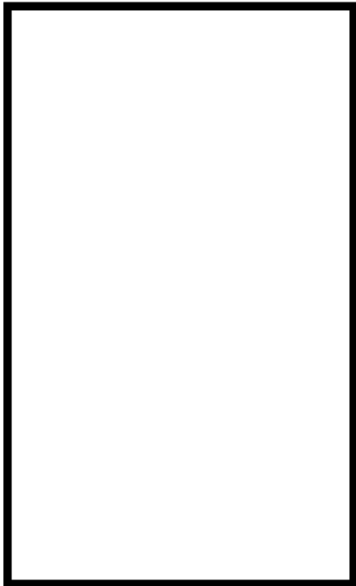
9. Whispers of Madness: Flanking the Abyssal Core, these cards expose the insidious thoughts or compulsions that threaten to unravel your sanity.

Lay the cards in a 3x3 grid, focusing deeply on each as you reveal it.

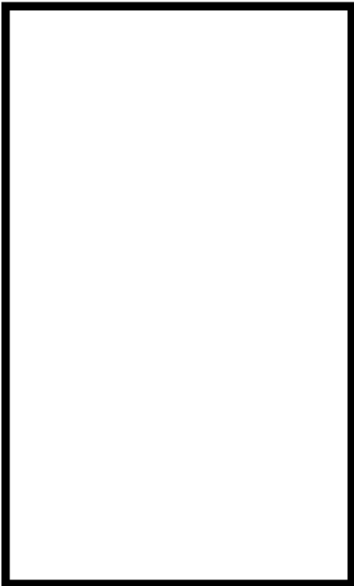


When shuffling, drawing, and interpreting cards, imagine the circumstances around your question as vividly as possible. For open ended, exploratory work, sit quietly until thoughts emerge. Use the templates to write or otherwise depict the cards through art or other means. Below each card space and on the opposite pages, use the prompts to help guide interpretation.

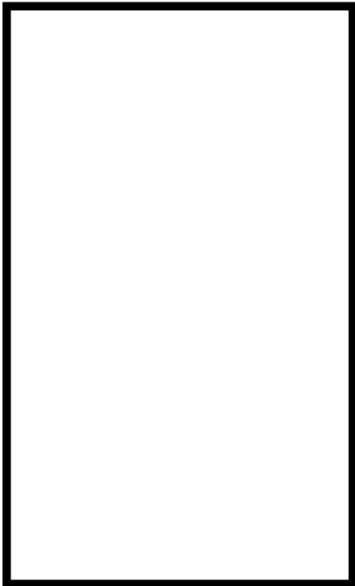
The Desolation Spread



Past Shadows



Present Abyss



Future Ruin

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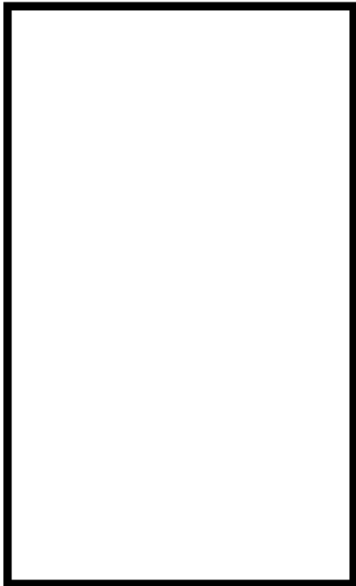
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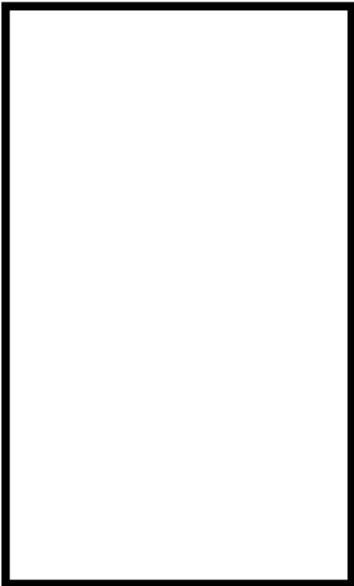
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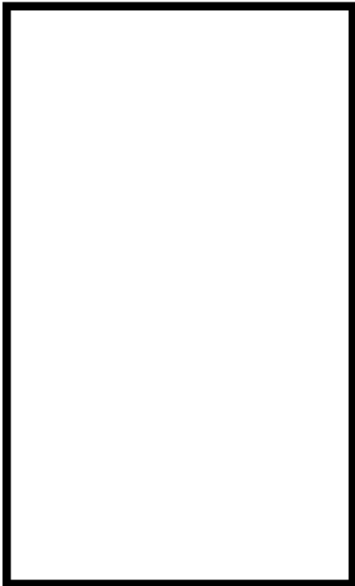
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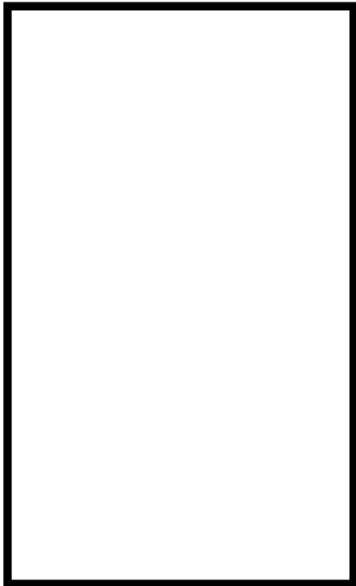
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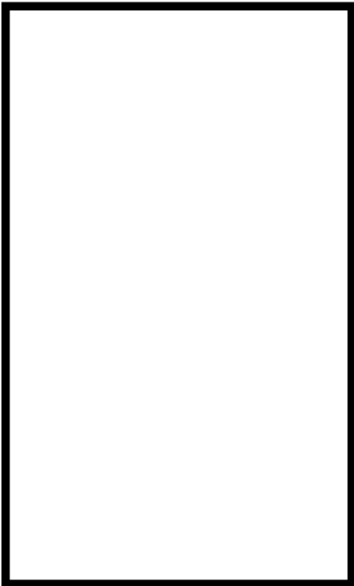
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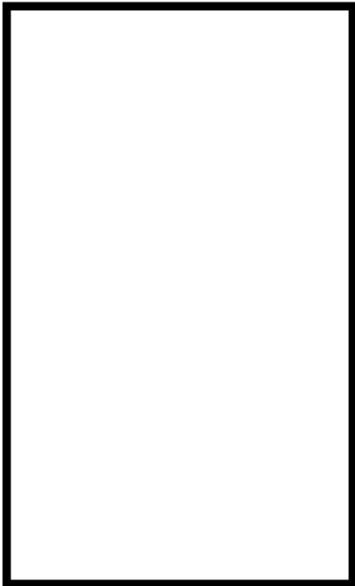
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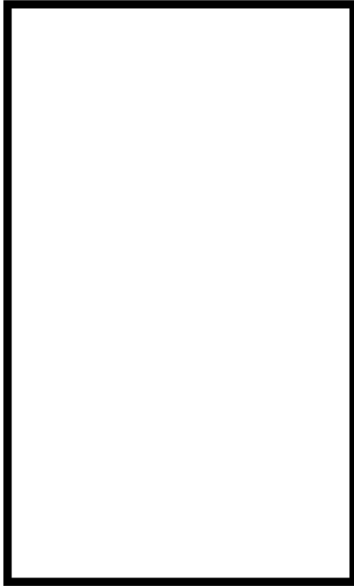
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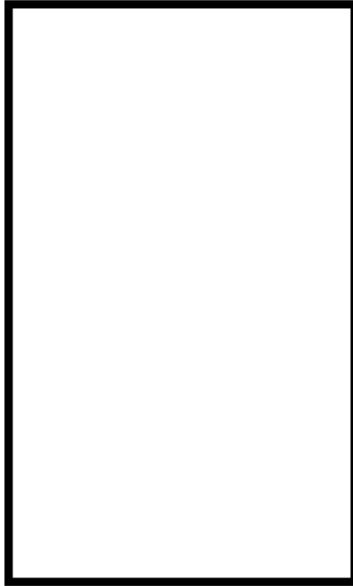
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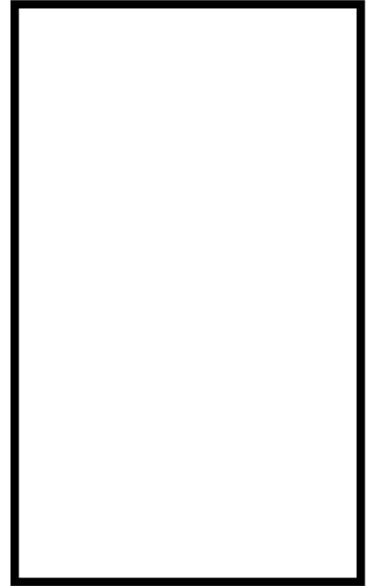
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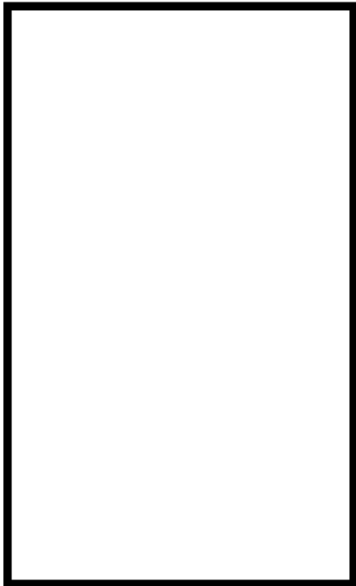
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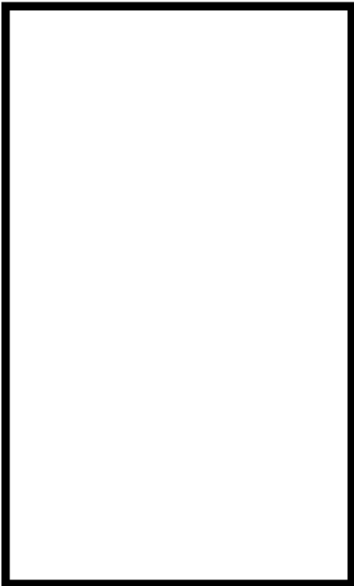
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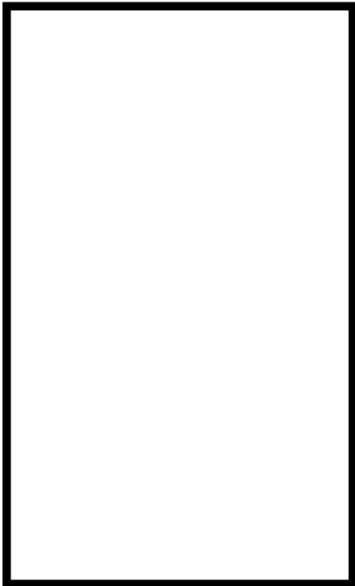
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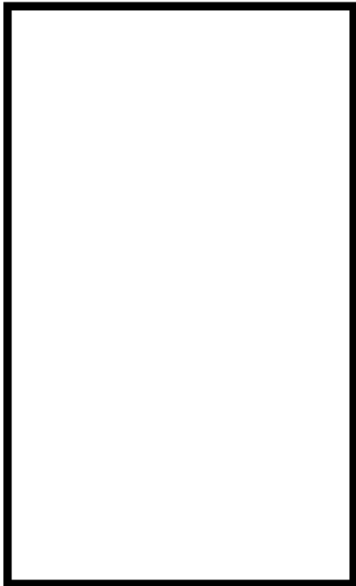
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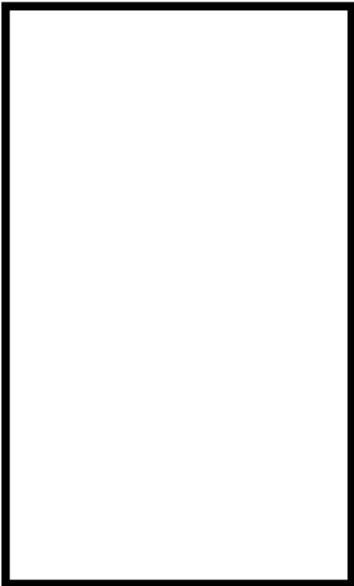
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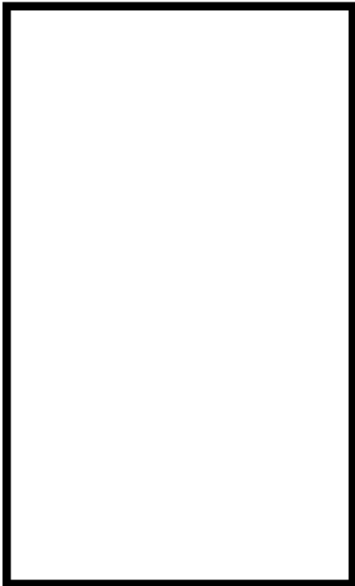
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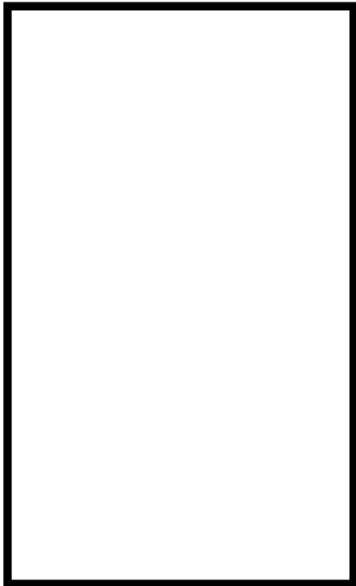
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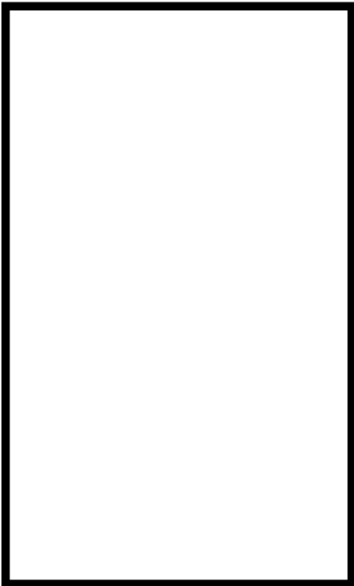
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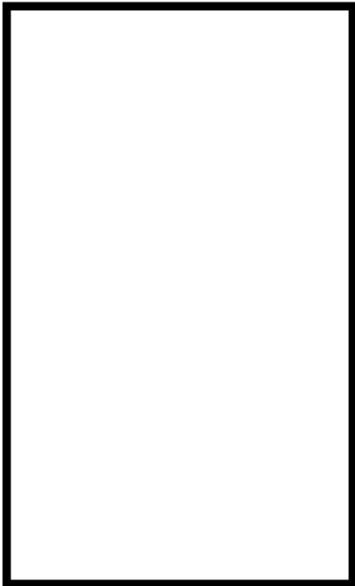
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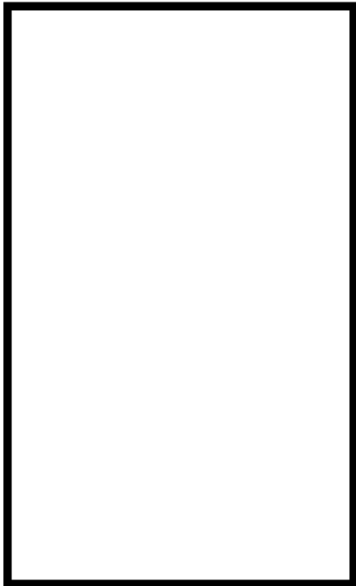
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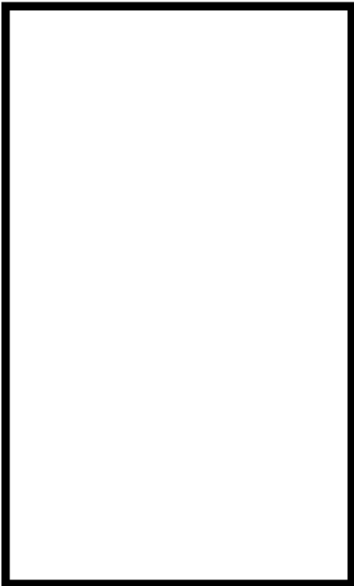
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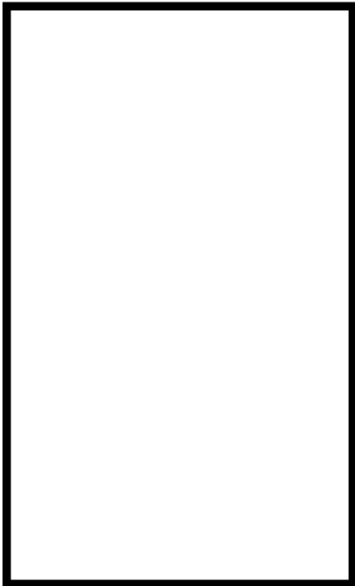
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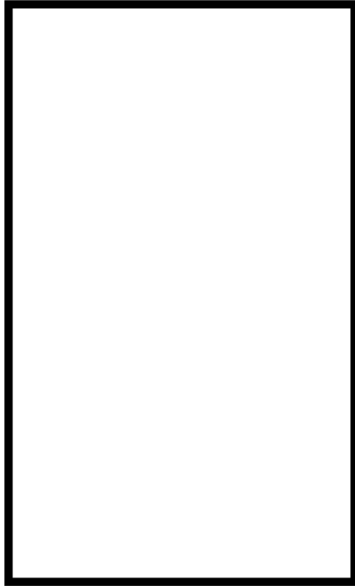
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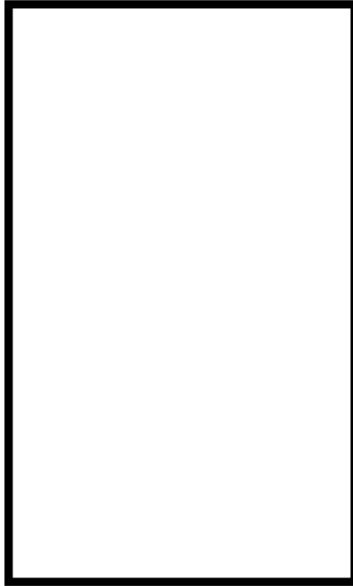
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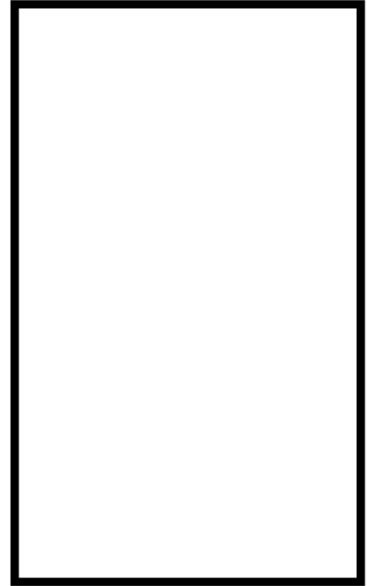
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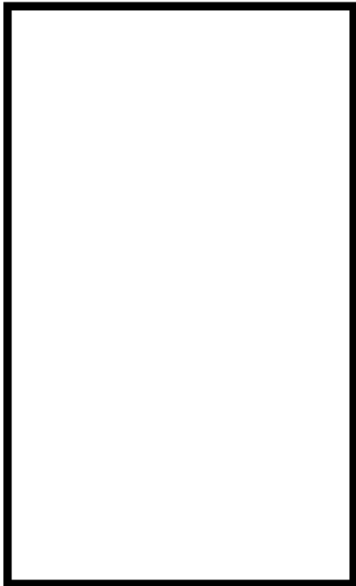
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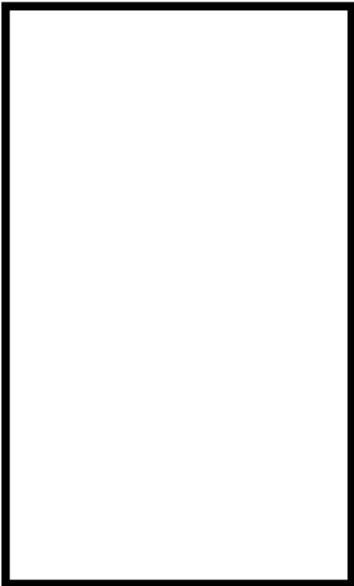
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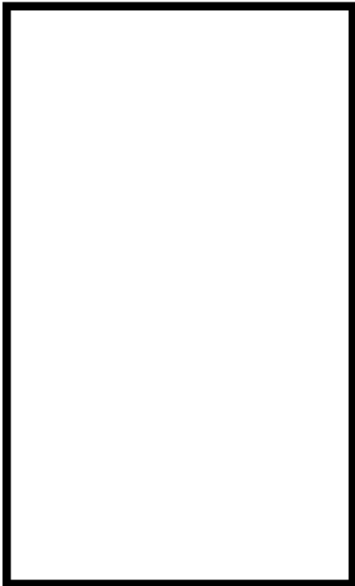
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DAILY DRAW

*In the mirror of the dark, the
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Date



Time

First Impressions

Symbolism

Shadow Message

Describe your mood, feelings, and anything important going on.

Card

Reflection

Application

Gratitude

