



THE MAGICIAN'S HORSE

Working through a story is an exciting journey, though not always a straightforward one. In a fairy tale, balance is restored by the end, and the hero completes their journey by stepping into the next stage of self-development.

This is our task too: to interpret the twists and “codes” of the fairy tale in our own lives, and to discover the steps that will help us become better masters and mistresses of our own destiny.

This set of 21 illustrated cards is designed to guide you on your own self-discovery journey through the folk tale The Magicians horse.

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Seeking the Way

A PRINCE IS SEPARATED FROM HIS FAMILY
AND WANDERS IN THE FOREST.

- HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO?
- WHAT FEELINGS ACCOMPANIED YOU IN THAT MOMENT?
- WHAT RESOURCES WERE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU?
- WHAT FEARS DID YOU EXPERIENCE IN THIS SITUATION?



The Old Magician

THE PRINCE MEETS THE OLD MAN IN THE PALACE AND ASKS HIM FOR A JOB.

- WHAT DOES HELP MEAN TO YOU?
- DO YOU ACCEPT HELP FROM OTHERS, AND IF SO, HOW?
- WHICH OF YOUR QUALITIES HELP YOU CONNECT WITH OTHERS?
- DO YOU FIND IT EASY TO ASK FOR HELP?
- ARE YOU MORE COMFORTABLE HELPING OTHERS OR ASKING FOR HELP?



The Tasks

THE OLD MAGICIAN GIVES THE PRINCE
THREE TASKS.

- ARE THERE ANY CHALLENGES IN YOUR LIFE THAT FEEL SIMILAR TO THE TASKS THE PRINCE FACES?
- HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THESE CHALLENGES?
- WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COMPLETE DIFFICULT TASKS?
- WHAT KINDS OF TASKS DO YOU ENJOY DOING?
- DO YOU FIND IT EASY TO COMPLETE TASKS SET BY OTHERS?



Punishment

THE PRINCE FORGETS ABOUT THE FIRE AND THE
OLD MAN PUNISHES HIM

- HAVE YOU EVER FORGOTTEN SOMETHING THAT GOT YOU IN TROUBLE?
- WHAT WERE THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR FORGETFULNESS?
- HOW DID YOU FEEL IN THAT SITUATION?
- WHAT COULD YOU HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY TO AVOID GETTING INTO TROUBLE?
- WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE?
- HAVE YOU EVER FELT IT WAS UNFAIR WHEN YOU WERE PUNISHED FOR SOMETHING?
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The Black Horse

THE MAGICIAN'S HORSE HELPS THE PRINCE
BECOME KING, OFFERING ADVICE AND
RESOURCES.

- WHAT RESOURCES DO YOU NEED TO RULE YOUR OWN LIFE?
- WHAT RESOURCES DO YOU ALREADY HAVE AT YOUR DISPOSAL?
- DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE WHO CAN HELP YOU MAKE THE BEST USE OF YOUR OWN RESOURCES?
- WHAT KIND OF HELP ARE YOU OPEN TO ACCEPTING?
- HAVE YOU EVER HAD SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE WHO DIDN'T GIVE YOU OBJECTS OR MONEY BUT TAUGHT YOU VALUABLE LESSONS INSTEAD?



The Burning of the Palace

- HAVE YOU EVER "BURNED DOWN"
EVERYTHING IN YOUR LIFE—LEAVING NO
WAY BACK? WHAT KIND OF SITUATION
WAS IT?
- HOW DID IT FEEL TO KNOW THERE WAS
NO TURNING BACK?
- LOOKING BACK, WHY DID YOU DECIDE
TO LEAVE NO PATH FOR RETURN?
- HOW MUCH OF YOUR DECISION WAS
INSTINCTIVE, AND HOW MUCH DID YOU
THINK THROUGH THE CONSEQUENCES
BEFOREHAND?
- HOW MUCH DO YOU TRUST YOUR
INTUITION?



Escape with the black horse

THE PRINCE JUMPED INTO THE SADDLE AND
RODE AWAY.

- WHY DO YOU THINK THE PRINCE LEFT
AND FOLLOWED THE HORSE'S ADVICE?
- DO YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN CHANGE?
- HOW AFRAID ARE YOU OF THE
CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTIONS?
- DO YOU TEND TO RUN AWAY FROM
THEM OR FACE THEM HEAD ON?
- HAVE YOU EVER RISKED EVERYTHING
FOR SOMETHING OR SOMEONE? HOW
DID IT FEEL



The Chase

- HAS THERE EVER BEEN A TIME IN YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU FLED A SITUATION? WHEN FLEEING, DID YOU LOOK AHEAD OR KEEP LOOKING BACK AND FORTH?
- DO YOU TEND TO RUN AWAY FROM PROBLEMS OR TRY TO SOLVE THEM?
- DO YOU EASILY LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES? ARE YOU ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THEM?
- HOW HAS SOLVING A MISTAKE OR DIFFICULTY IMPROVED YOU IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE?
- WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FEARS THAT, IF FACED, COULD MOVE YOUR LIFE FORWARD?



The Magic Mirror

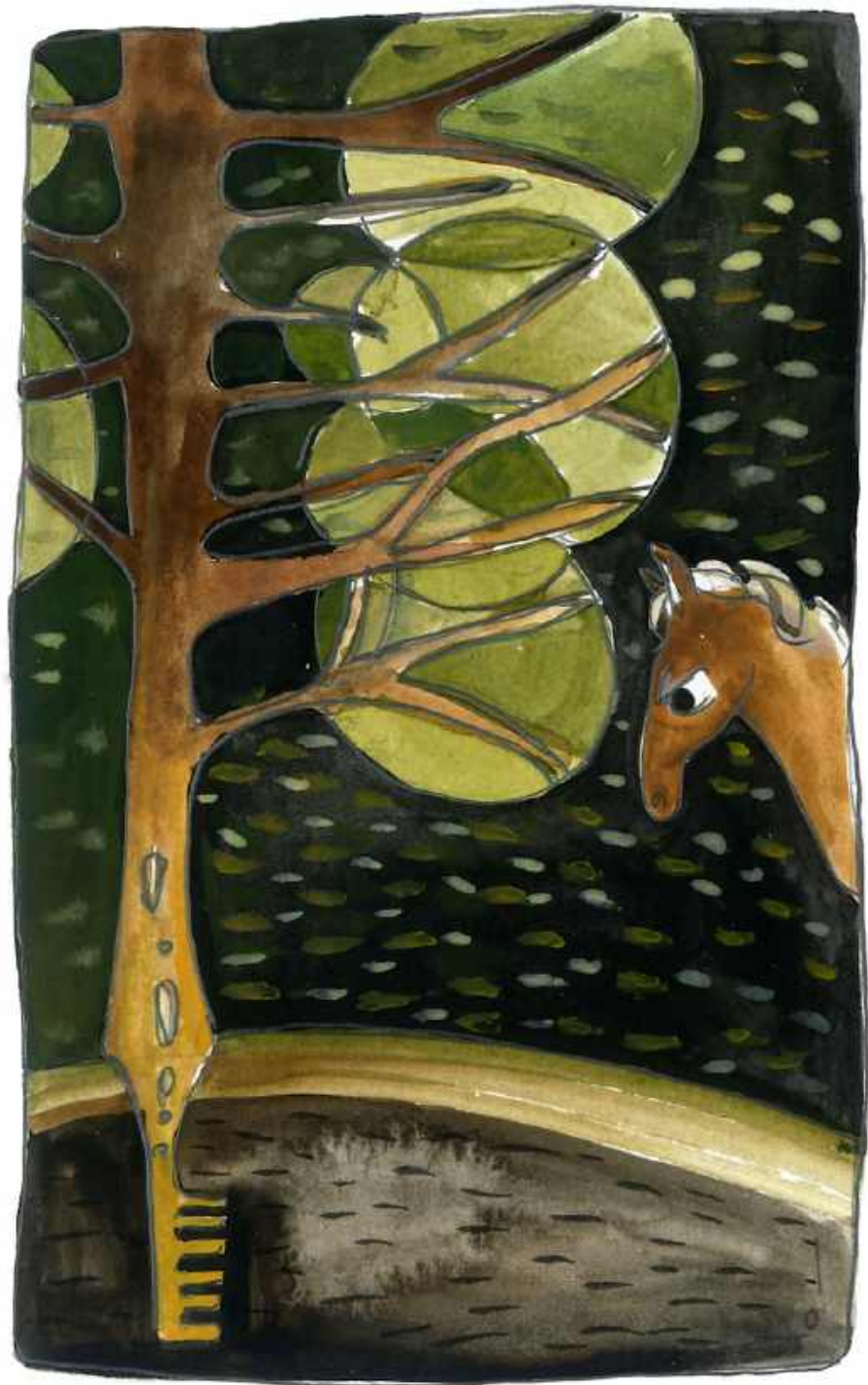
THE MAGIC MIRROR SHATTERS AND CUTS
THE LEG OF THE MAGICIAN'S HORSE.

- WHAT DO YOU THINK THE MAGICIAN MIGHT HAVE SEEN ABOUT HIMSELF THAT STOPPED HIM?
- IF YOU HAD A MAGIC MIRROR, WHAT MIGHT YOU SEE ABOUT YOURSELF THAT COULD PREVENT YOU FROM ACHIEVING YOUR GOALS?
- WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO SEE ABOUT YOURSELF WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR? WHY?
- WHAT HELPS YOU SEE AND UNDERSTAND YOURSELF BETTER? WHO OR WHAT IS YOUR MAGIC MIRROR?



Listening for the Sounds of Danger

- DO YOU LISTEN TO THE SOUNDS AND SIGNALS INSIDE YOU?
- IN WHAT SITUATIONS DOES YOUR INNER VOICE OR INTUITION HELP YOU?
- WHAT HELPS YOU HEAR THESE INNER VOICES? HOW DO YOU NOTICE THEM?



The Comb

THE COMB BECOMES A FOREST AND PREVENTS THE OLD MAN FROM CHASING THE PRINCE.

- WHAT CAN YOU DO TO COPE WITH PAST PAIN AND TRAUMA?
- WHAT MIGHT BE PREVENTING YOU FROM DOING THIS?
- WHAT DOES A DENSE FOREST SYMBOLIZE FOR YOU?
- WHAT DIFFICULTIES ARE YOU CURRENTLY FACING IN YOUR LIFE?
- WHAT WOULD BE THE “AXE” IN YOUR LIFE THAT COULD HELP YOU NAVIGATE THROUGH YOUR DENSE FOREST OF CHALLENGES?



The Whip

THE WHIP BECOMES A RIVER, AND THE OLD
MAN DROWNS.

- ARE THERE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE THAT
FEEL OUT OF YOUR CONTROL?
- WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REGAIN CONTROL
OF YOUR LIFE?
- HAS IT EVER HAPPENED THAT WHEN YOU
WERE HURT, YOU RETURNED THE HURT
IN THE SAME WAY? HOW DID YOU FEEL
AFTERWARD?
- WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE
SAYING, “AN EYE FOR AN EYE, A TOOTH
FOR A TOOTH”?



The Stone Hall

THE EARTH OPENS, AND THE STONE HALL APPEARS.

- ARE THERE AREAS OF YOUR LIFE THAT REMAIN HIDDEN OR UNEXPLORED?
- THESE MAY BE TOPICS YOU AVOID DISCUSSING OR SKILLS YOU'RE UNAWARE OF.
- HOW CAN YOU OPEN THE DOORS OF THE EARTH AND THE STONE HALL TO DISCOVER THESE PARTS OF YOURSELF? WHAT STEPS TOWARD SELF-AWARENESS DO YOU NEED TO TAKE?
- WHAT INNER RESOURCES DO YOU POSSESS? HOW CAN YOU ACCESS AND MOBILIZE THEM? WHAT FEEDS AND STRENGTHENS THESE RESOURCES?



Gardener

THE PRINCE SERVES AS A GARDENER, HIDING HIS IDENTITY UNDER A TURBAN.

- HAVE YOU EVER HIDDEN YOUR TRUE FEELINGS OR THOUGHTS FROM OTHERS?
- HAVE YOU EVER FOUND YOURSELF IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU PRETENDED TO BE SOMEONE OTHER THAN WHO YOU REALLY ARE? WHY WAS THAT NECESSARY?
- WHAT IS YOUR TREASURE (YOUR “GOLDEN HAIR”) THAT YOU KEEP HIDDEN? HOW DO YOU THINK OTHERS WOULD REACT IF YOU REVEALED IT?
- IS THERE A QUALITY ABOUT YOURSELF THAT YOU HIDE MOST OF THE TIME? WHY DO YOU AVOID SHOWING IT TO OTHERS?



Feeding the Black Horse

- HOW DO YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR OWN INNER ENERGY AND STRENGTH?
- DO YOU TAKE ENOUGH TIME TO REST AND RECHARGE?
- HOW OFTEN DO YOU ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT BRING YOU PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION?
- IF YOU HAD TO DESCRIBE YOUR INNER BLACK HORSE, WHAT QUALITIES WOULD IT HAVE?
- WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE IT TO NOURISH IT PROPERLY?
- WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP LIKE WITH YOUR BLACK HORSE?



Diamond Apple and Marriage

THE DIAMOND APPLE ALSO REPRESENTS OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR LIVES.

- CAN YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT COME YOUR WAY? IF NOT, WHY NOT?
- HOW ARE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS?
- WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE WHO SEE YOU AS VALUABLE? DO THEY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OPINIONS OF YOU IN FRONT OF OTHERS?



Victory in Battles

THE PRINCE, DISGUISED AND RIDING THE BLACK HORSE, WINS HIS BATTLES.

- WHAT COULD IT MEAN FOR THE PRINCE TO FIGHT BATTLES IN DISGUISE?
- ARE THERE AREAS IN YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU CAN ONLY FIGHT BY HIDING PARTS OF YOURSELF?
- IN WHAT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU NEED TO FIGHT BATTLES, AND WHO CAN YOU COUNT ON FOR HELP?
- WHAT RESOURCES DO YOU HAVE TO HELP YOU WIN?
- ARE THERE ANY BATTLES IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW THAT YOU NEED TO FIGHT?



The hero

THE KING AND HIS SONS-IN-LAW TALK ABOUT THE HERO AND SPECULATE.

- ARE THERE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE YOU WANT TO PROVE YOURSELF TO? WHO ARE THEY? WHAT DO YOU NEED TO WIN THEM OVER OR PROVE YOURSELF TO THEM?
- HAVE YOU EVER PROVEN THAT YOU ARE WORTH SOMETHING? IF NOT, WHY NOT?
- WHO CAN YOU BE A HERO TO?
- HOW CAN YOU PERFORM HEROIC DEEDS IN YOUR LIFE?



The Bandage

THE KING TIES THE KNIGHT'S LEG WITH HIS
HANDKERCHIEF.

- ARE THERE ANY WOUNDS IN YOUR LIFE
THAT NEED HEALING AT THE MOMENT,
WHETHER EMOTIONAL OR PHYSICAL?
- HOW CAN THESE WOUNDS BE HEALED?
- WHO CAN HELP YOU WITH THIS?



The Catch

THE WIFE DISCOVERS THE HANDKERCHIEF.

- DO YOU KEEP THINGS FROM OTHERS?

WHY DO YOU HIDE THEM?

- IS THERE SOMEONE YOU WOULD TRUST WITH YOUR SECRET IF YOU FELT SAFE SHARING IT?

- HOW DO YOU THINK OTHERS WOULD REACT IF THEY KNEW THE TRUTH?

- HOW WOULD YOUR LIFE CHANGE IF YOU STOPPED HIDING IT?

- WHAT MATTERS MORE TO YOU: WHAT OTHERS THINK OF YOU OR YOUR OWN SELF-IMAGE?

- DO YOU HAVE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE WHO BELIEVE IN YOU AND RECOGNIZE YOUR VALUES?



The Celebration

CELEBRATING THE HERO WHO WILL BE MADE KING.

- WHAT DOES RECOGNITION MEAN TO YOU?
- THINK OF A SITUATION WHERE YOU ACHIEVED A GOAL OR REALIZED A DREAM.
- WHAT WOULD BE THE GREATEST FORM OF RECOGNITION FOR YOU RIGHT NOW?
- WHO OR WHAT DO YOU DEPEND ON FOR RECOGNITION IN YOUR LIFE?
- HOW MUCH DO YOU RELY ON FEEDBACK FROM OTHERS IN YOUR DAILY LIFE?

WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL TRULY VALUABLE?