

Lorenzi Tarot

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Lorenzi Tarot deck was created to tell the story of our era: an era steeped in dualism, in which human beings strive to find their place in an unstable balance between the forces of nature and technology, between social conflicts and internal harmony, between light and shadow.

In *Lorenzi Tarot*, the modern world meets the ancestral one, addressing those key themes that have characterized the history of humanity.

There is the theme of duality, the contrast between good and evil. The characters recur in the deck, passing from one card to the other, creating their own evolutionary path. They wonder if they are doing the right thing: their looks express doubt, hope and perseverance.

Next is the theme of time. Time seems to flow too quickly in a modern life that is increasingly dynamic, frenetic and marked by shifting values. And yet time expands even in moments of stasis, in which the human being feels part of an infinite loop with no exit.

The theme of nature and its resilience also provides lessons in this deck. Although nature is increasingly harassed and mistreated, it still manages to flourish again, recovering its spaces, adapting and shaping itself in new forms.

Lastly, is the theme of hope: the hope to be reborn, as individuals and as people of the Earth, again and again, after each setback.

While the Major Arcana cards are inhabited mostly



by human figures, the Minor Arcana are dominated by animal figures. Birds dominate the kingdom of heaven, associated with Swords; fish dominate the sea, associated with Cups; terrestrial animals the earth, associated with money (Pentacles); and mythological creatures the fire, associated with Wands.

These two realms communicate between themselves, so we will find figures that travel from card to card, from the Major Arcana to the Minor Arcana, as in a journey in search of themselves and of their place in the world. In this scenario, halfway between reality, dream and dystopia, the bodies of the figures are often portrayed sliced into pieces, like unsolved puzzles. Yet, they are able to persist in a sort of surreal

but comforting dance, where the laws of physics do not exist, and only imagination and willpower matter.

Lorenzi Tarot cards reveal who we are and what we could be: they reveal love, hope and courage. They speak of the constancy and perseverance that are needed to become better human beings, respectful of their land and their community. They are as determined as a phoenix reborn from its ashes and as hopeful as the new moon that illuminates our lives after a period of darkness.





Who Am I?

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My name is Irene Lorenzi and I'm an Italian illustrator and a designer.

I started working in fashion as a costume designer for movies, a job that allowed me to take part in the making of films, music videos, commercials and short movies. At the same time, I started working as an illustrator and graphic designer.

In 2012, I decided to merge my previous job experiences with my love for drawing, design, cinema and fashion and created my own brand Coffee & Bacon, now called Irene Lorenzi Design.

I love nature, music, cinema, arts, science fiction, and walking this wonderful earth that we must lovingly care for. My illustrations speak of my journey of the human being in this world, inspired by a clear eye toward current events and all that I love most.

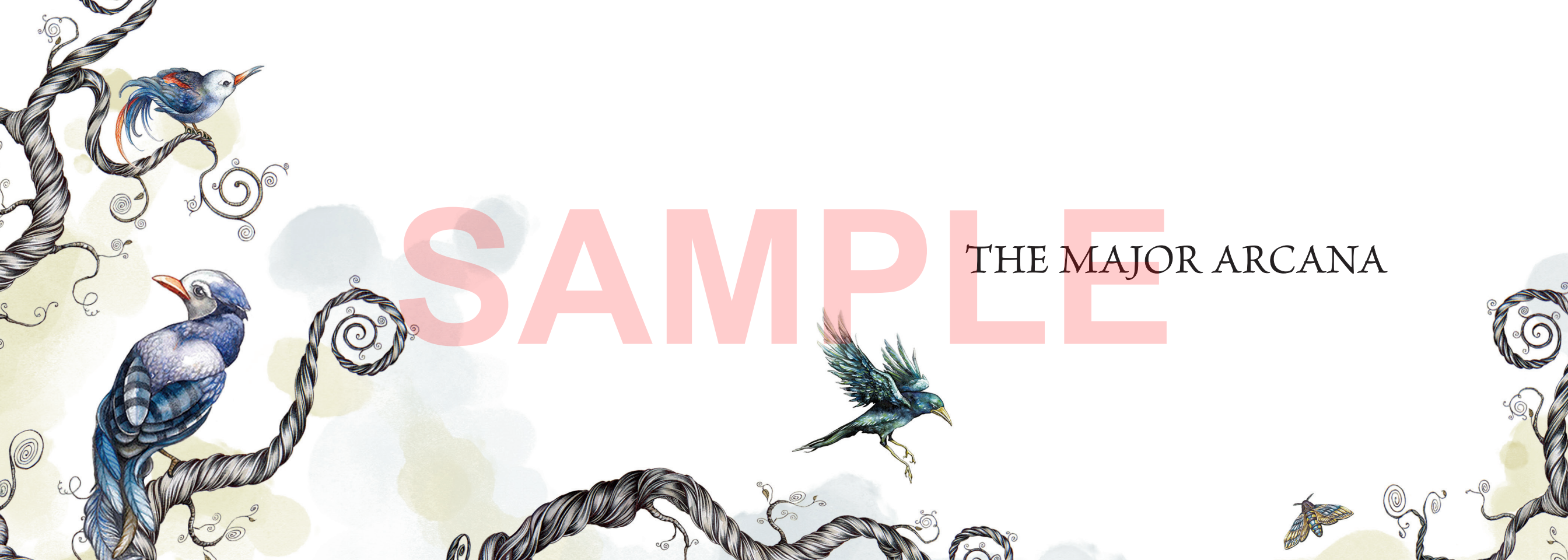
My tarot cards have been part of my life path. They grew up with me over the years, they changed as I have, until the moment I realized that they were ready to take flight too.

I hope you enjoy *Lorenzi Tarot*.



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THE MAJOR ARCANA





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Nine of Wands

A lion strategically positions himself at the center of the universe, ready to defend his domain. He has fought many battles, but his gaze remains steady and penetrating, revealing his strength and inner resolve. Two guardian phoenixes protect a sphere that contains the lion's pure heart.

Meanings: Success achieved slowly, inner security, defensiveness, stamina, great strength, long-term resolve, force of will, need for patience, order, discipline.

Reversed meanings: Obstacles, contrasts, disadvantages, insurmountable difficulties, sorrows, health problems, accidents.

Ten of Wands

A chimera animal, half unicorn and half mermaid, stands out in the universe above fiery clouds and ten sharp wands. He is flying alone in a new world, shouldering all the responsibility for the outcomes. At times he feels he is swimming against the current, but he is determined to carry on with his duty.

Meanings: Over-burdened, fighting uphill battles, pushing against the current, doing more than your share of the work.

Reversed meanings: Avoiding obstacles, giving up, failures, difficulties, opposition, defeats, learning things the hard way.



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Page of Wands

A boy, with wings and horse legs, floats above a cloud. He is young and inexperienced, but eager to face the challenges of life with confidence and courage. If he sees an opportunity he will find his own unique way to make the most of it. Together with him, two phoenixes, symbolizing new life, dance in the sky. Here, the number 2 relates to the passage from boyhood to manhood.

Meanings: Aspirations, new perspectives, communication, creative solutions, enthusiasm, resourcefulness, incoming news.

Reversed meanings: Fear, reluctance, unpleasant news, indecision towards the future, impediments, instability.

Knight of Wands

This knight is a satyr, who rests on a wooden stump before continuing on his journey. He looks at the horizon, ready to face the next challenge, armed with experience, courage and passion. Two phoenixes, symbolizing courage, accompany him on his journey.

Meanings: Courage, curiosity, excitement, brash and cocky, impetuous, daring, self-assured, irresistibly alluring.

Reversed meanings: Lack of realization and energy, interruption, rivalry, hesitancy, averse to risk.



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Queen of Wands

The queen is a fulfilled woman who believes in herself. The heart that emerges from her chest represents her generosity towards other human beings. The candle on her heart illuminates the safe place in which she welcomes you. Two flamingos fly around her: the number 2 represents giving and receiving.

Meanings: Realization, self-confidence, motivation, good spirits, generosity, determination, protection, loyalty, optimism.

Reversed meanings: Introversion, insecurity, weakness, opposition, self-centered, jealousy, envy.

King of Wands

The king is a self-confident yet charismatic person. His brain is uncovered and visible, a symbol of his openness to ideas and his willingness to explore new strategies. The heart that comes out of his chest represents his goodness and honesty, which is visible to everyone. Two flamingos flying around him represent his generosity and protection.

Meanings: Self-affirmation, wisdom, availability to others, experience, balance, leadership abilities, business success, mastermind, inspirational figure.

Reversed meanings: Austerity, presumption, dogmatism, prejudices, difficult projects, obstacles, unwilling to take risks.



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SUIT OF CUPS





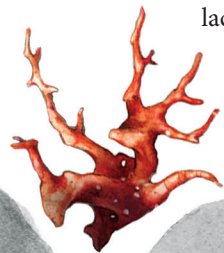
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Ace of Cups

A hand splashes up out of the water between two fish that are drawn together in perfect balance. A golden cup is suspended above it, from which water spurts out. Two doves, symbols of hope, fly into the sky, each bringing with them a heart, a symbol of peace and deep affection.

Meanings: Balance, abundance, pleasure, intimacy, emotional bonds, compassion, attraction, attunement, intuition, intelligent solutions to problems, productive projects.

Reversed meanings: Change, instability, lack of joy, unfulfilled feelings, lost affection, fragile union, lack of spirituality.



Two of Cups

Two twin mermaids defend each other from possible dangers, ready to sacrifice themselves in the name of true love and commitment. As soul partners, they will always have each other's back.

Meanings: Love, affinity, deep friendship, collaboration, lasting relationship, partnership, reconciliation, attachment.

Reversed meanings: Appearance, superficiality, negative friendships, emotional block, unstable relationship, illusion, unreliability.



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