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**HIGH MOON  
FEMME'S  
TAROT TIPS**



**READING TAROT  
FOR YOURSELF &  
YOUR COMMUNITY**



This text is in honor of, & made possible by, the Black & brown femmes in my life, whether we've met in person or not. Whether you exist in body or spirit or heart or memory. I am here because of you, & I cherish that.

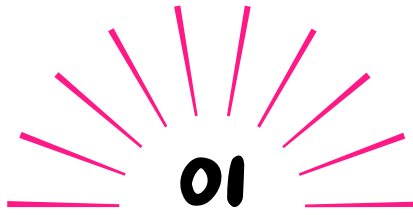
You have taught me how love what I was taught to hate.

Me.

Precious, soft, necessary.

I hope to serve your love & generosity with my own.

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*who chooses who?  
do you choose your deck, or  
does your deck choose you?*

You get to choose what deck you wanna work with. I know there's lore that spiritual tools, like tarot cards, should magically come to you. Sometimes they do, & sometimes they don't. My first deck was gifted to me by a friend when I was 18-years-old, but that one didn't stick. The one I bought three years later did. It was an oracle deck, rather than a traditional tarot deck with a major arcana, & I loved it.

I loved the pictures because I felt like they reflected the softest & strongest parts of me back to myself. I connected to the deck immediately.



I started by reading the booklet it came with, letting the interpretations soak into my imagination, & memorized the three card tarot spread it recommended: **Past, Present, & Future**. I thought this format was simple enough for me to remember, & efficient in its way to cut through the bullshit.

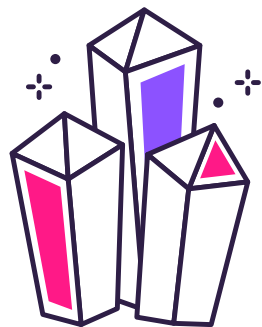
I started reading for myself first, pouring over the stories of what the cards meant & figuring out what they meant for me. I enjoyed how the cards seemed to know me,

especially as I was changing so deeply. One of the first people I read for, other than myself, was my best friend. I knew that I could fail in front of her & not lose faith. I was happy to find out she enjoyed this exchange as much as I did.

Together we asked all kinds of questions & received all kinds of answers.

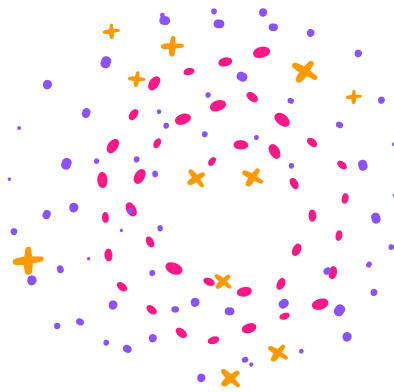
I collected all kinds of decks, but stayed away from "traditional" tarot decks. Honestly, I was intimidated by them because they seemed so intricate & absolute. I was afraid I wasn't smart enough to memorize what the different cards represented.

I was just learning that I could interpret them anyway they spoke to me, & I gave



myself permission to keep reading cards like that because they were oracle cards rather than a traditional deck.

As you can tell, I projected so many rules onto reading tarot that were completely unnecessary. I now know that there's no right or wrong way to read tarot. There is only your way, & you are not inherently wrong.





## *who do you read for? and how will they find you?*

First of all, I do not believe there is such a thing as too many tarot readers. I do believe that each of us has a gift that we can bring to the communities we come from & the communities that we love.

This includes people that will find you that you have yet to meet.

We are all so different, & many of us are searching for guidance & clarity. The first tarot readers I found were white ladies who told me all kinds of wild things I didn't

understand, & didn't feel connected to at all. I grew up, & lived in, a very white, very conservative state, & unfortunately I didn't have many options when it came to healers. I've been subjected to spiritual white supremacy of all kinds, with homophobia & misogyny thrown into the mix as well.



Finally, my searching paid off, & was able to find a native woman who read tarot.

It felt amazing to sit in front of a brown woman & trust that she could understand not only the circumstances of my life on an everyday level, but I felt known in an intimate spirit way. She was





the person I went to  
when my maternal  
grandmother was  
dying, & my intuition  
knew I was supposed

to do something, but I felt so  
unsure. I shared pieces of my  
family, the sacred intertwined with  
the trauma. Relief tingled in my  
body as I realized I didn't have to  
convince her of my perspective.

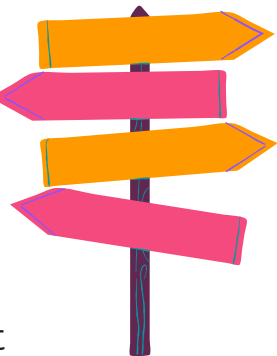
Who I was, who my family was,  
made innate sense to her. Thus, it  
was her guidance that lead me to  
do what I had wanted to do all  
along. Pray. Sing. Trust the truth  
ringing inside my heart, even if  
nobody said a thing aloud.

You will be the tarot reader  
someone has been searching for, &  
they will be able find you because  
you were brave enough

enough to trust the path that is unfurling before you.

How will they find you? (How do any of us find each other?) Word of mouth is popular, & having a website can be nice but totes isn't necessary. Know that however you all meet up, it all begins with you showing up for yourself.

Trust your self--your inner knowing, the signs that show up when you want an answer. Pay attention to dreams that feel like they're telling you something, & be generous with yourself when figuring out what mean. Be open to new parts coming alive, because that will happen, too.



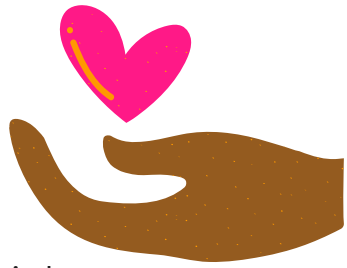


## *but what about actually reading the cards?*

Take time to journal & free write about your individual cards. Research the major & minor arcanas if you wish. Follow your interests when it comes to the imagery of your cards. I like to check tarot books out from the library & skim through for any passages that pop out for me. I like to find meaning anywhere I can.

I've read of recommendations that include sleeping with a card

or two beneath  
your pillow to  
encourage dreams  
about them;  
having a cup of tea with  
them, & carrying them around  
with you throughout your day.



Trust that you will remember what  
you need to. Take notes. Draw  
pictures. Record your own voice.  
Talk to the cards. Ask them what  
they represent. Wait for signs &  
info to come from anywhere at any  
time.

As long as you keep your heart  
open, you will learn something  
everywhere you go.

The most important component in  
all of this is to establish your own  
relationship with your cards.

Even if you & your friends have the same exact deck, your connection to them will be different because your deck will communicate with you in it's own special language.

Mine is the language of stories.



When I look at a card I pay attention to the thoughts that pop into my mind at first. Then I let it swirl around

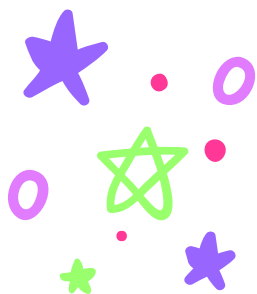
while it brings up memories & stories, & that's usually how I start. Allow silence to take up time in your reading. Don't rush yourself.

Once I give myself space to be calm & connected, I can start sharing inspired words & feelings. Images will come out, too. It's

really fun to surrender to the information coming through you, to trust on a deep level the message meant for that person.

To use phrases or words not part of your lexicon, & then to find out the make perfect sense for the reading! There are times, too, when elements of the reading don't seem effortlessly line up.

I tell the person I'm reading for that they are welcome to ask any questions at any time to get the clarity they seek. I also explain that sometimes the information I receive can be abstract, & that I will relay it as verbatim as possible. If it doesn't make sense, we can go over it again together. That said, there are also instances when the



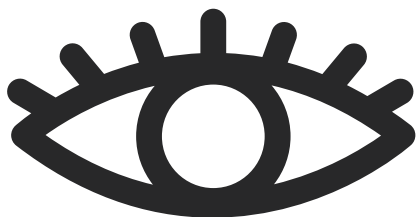


ancestors & guides that I work with, through the cards, will not divulge anymore info. I'm transparent about that, too. I wanna

make sure I'm not trying so hard to make the person I'm reading for happy & satisfied that I compromise the reading by sharing things I think they wanna be told.

A reading doesn't have to answer all the questions all the time. I'm always amused when a reading goes in it's own direction & doesn't address the initial inquiry at all! Usually the person I'm reading for understands, too, that the cards are bringing up things that need to be addressed more immediately. We all know that the Femmeiverse

has a sense of humor, & that we don't call the shots. & I'm glad that I don't. That's too much to manage for me...which reminds me of one more thing: BOUNDARIES!



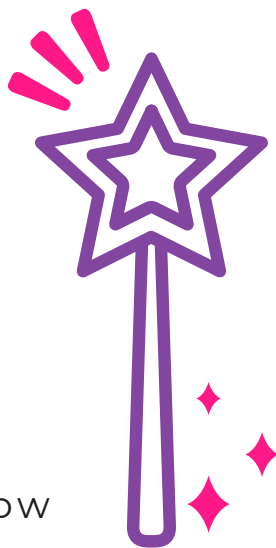
Make sure you have them. Check in with yourself often. Are you too tired? Do you need to eat? Is your energy zapped from a personal matter? Take care of you, first & foremost. You are your own priority. If you cannot serve your own needs, desires, & pleasures, then how can you be of service to others?

Certainly it is possible to be a little tired, hungry, & / or cranky before a

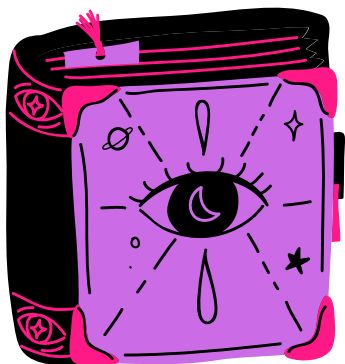


reading, & then have your mood shifted through reading tarot for others. Just make sure you're not pushing yourself too hard.

If someone is repeatedly dissatisfied with their reading experience, encourage them to find another tarot reader. If you aren't feeling a flow & connection, they're probably not, too, & it's time for you both to find a better fit. I choose to believe that there is such an abundance of resources & opportunities, it doesn't make sense to stay in a funky tarot relationship with others.



Thank you for reading my words. Everything here is shared from my own experience. I've always wanted something like this, a

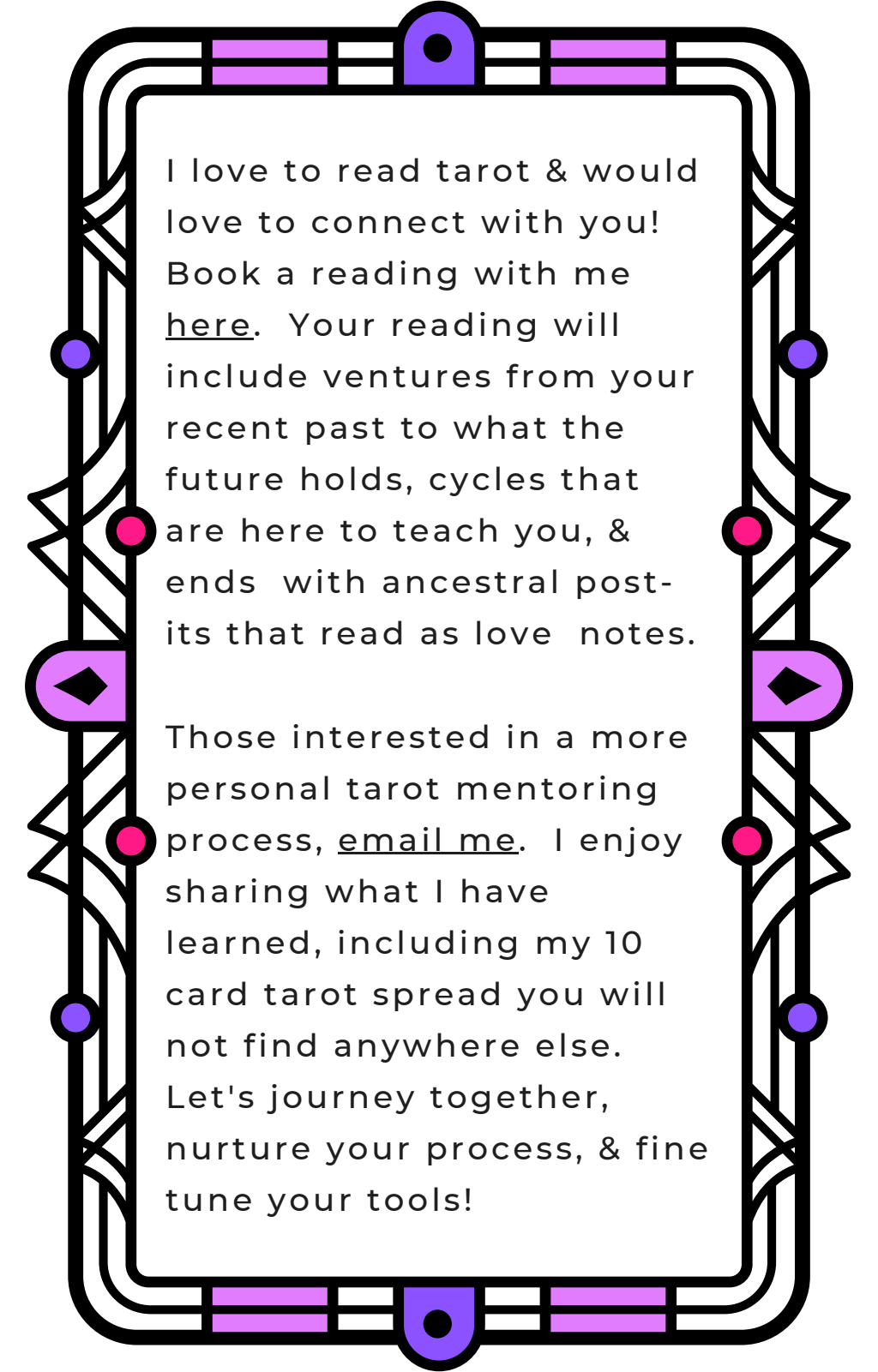


tarot booklet created by femme of color, so I decided to write it myself. We, femmes of color, have so much

power & magic & potential. I know that as we bloom & grow, our families & communities do, too.

I would love to know what you think about what I've shared, how it impacts you, any questions you may have, etc. I am dreaming up a more thorough book & invite feedback about what want to know more about! Thank you so much in advance.





I love to read tarot & would love to connect with you! Book a reading with me [here](#). Your reading will include ventures from your recent past to what the future holds, cycles that are here to teach you, & ends with ancestral post-its that read as love notes.

Those interested in a more personal tarot mentoring process, [email me](#). I enjoy sharing what I have learned, including my 10 card tarot spread you will not find anywhere else. Let's journey together, nurture your process, & fine tune your tools!