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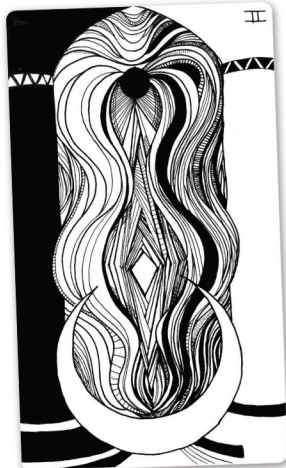
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# DARK MOON ZINE 01

Welcome to the first issue of the Dark Moon Zine (DMZ). Recently I channeled a tarot deck of 78 illustrated cards, called the Dark Moon Tarot (DMT). I am now working on the accompanying booklet for this deck. Each tarot card will have a corresponding hand drawn page of word art representing its meaning. Over the next 10 issues I will release pages from the booklet, starting with the seven cards you see to the right and a page outlining the ace through 5 pip cards of the minor arcana. You will also find part one of



II HIGH PRIESTESS

This zine, like the tarot can be read "reversed". In the tarot reversal means an inversion of the card's meaning. Alternatively, it can represent the card's meaning pointed towards the inward expert-ence of the querent. The Dark Moon Tarot plays with duality, do you see that in the illustrations on the previous (following) pages?

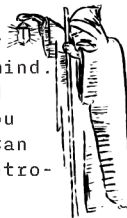
## ON REVERSALS

## THIS MONTH'S SPREAD

Imagine if you will, a 7 card spread.

The High Priestess asks us to look into the mystery. What powers can you tap into that exist beyond the rational and physical? What magical thinking could you submit to?

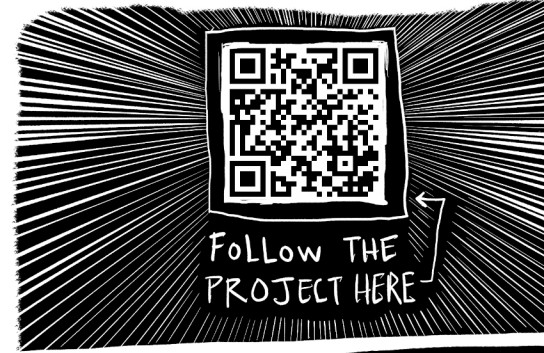
Now, follow The Hermit away into the dark recesses of mind. Look for your ignorance and consider, what light can you shine into that darkness? Can you take some time to be introspective?



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HOW MAGIC WORKS LESSON 0  
 DARK MOON ZINE ISSUE ONE

In this series I will explain how I understand magic. Beware for this is a farce and a lie. It's a half truth, it's how the words work and a work of pure fiction. It's not to be trusted and it is the sacred word.

Magic is all around you. Flowing through you, it is you and it becomes you and it unravels you. It is present in the grandeur of nature and in the stinking hot trash muck of the city. It informs and impacts everything from energy healing to international copyright law. It is dressed up in complicated costumes and it is present in the gaudy aesthetic of neage "healers" and in the sterile material rationality of your chest, all you have to gain it. It is the heart beating in your chest, all you have to do is notice it. Take a moment to try and notice your beating heart, we both know it's there, but can you sense it?

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

My name is Drew. I've been an artist since I could hold a crayon. One of my earliest memories is of using a paint program on an Apple 2 and having a bomb icon pop up letting me know my work was lost. In 2014 before leaving NYC a friend gave me my first tarot project check out the back reading. If you want to support this DMT, an opinionated narrative about the Fool's Journey, an opinionated narrative about the Major Arcana along with lesson given my first tarot deck (the Robin Hood), coincidentally this was also the first time I smoked.

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# THE FOOLS JOURNEY Part 2

This story starts with you, the fool. A fool. At a moment in your life when, in ignorance, you step off a cliff into the unknown. You'll be the fool only a handful of times in this one life. Cherish the fall.

**The fool** on their journey will encounter a number of archetypal characters and situations that will blow the fool's mind. The terrible gift of learning the hard way. Every fool and every journey will be different. This is only one way of understanding. Don't forget, we live in a multi layered reality. Worlds within worlds within worlds.

First we meet the **The Magician** who introduces us to stuff. Matter, the material reality of our current situation. The airy thoughts of the swords, the passionate fire of the wands, the cups filled to the brim with to grow into fruiting trees. She nurtures matter into life, flesh and bone, encourages seeds to build without effort, makes it us and we are it. Over here or over there it continues to

With the two sides of reality established we meet **The Empress**. She is pregnant with possibility. The weaver who pulls the threads of the immaterial world into those of the material thoughts of the swords, the airy thoughts of the swords, the passionate fire of the wands, the cups filled to the brim with to grow into fruiting trees. She nurtures matter into life, flesh and bone, encourages seeds to build without effort, makes it us and we are it. Over here or over there it continues to

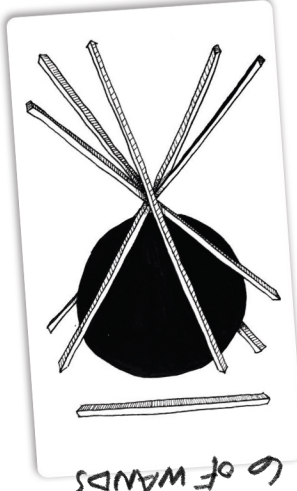


It doesn't have to be complicated. It doesn't have to cost you. **Magic doesn't have to be hard.** Each way of experiencing is valid, though each has it's own utility. You may be fooled into thinking that your tiny little slice of understanding is more correct, rational, reasonable, or right than any other, but it's not. Magic sits behind a gate that only they have the key to. Be aware of stealing power you don't understand and beware of people who will tell you that magic is big enough to have private property and room for you to own something too. There are ways of knowing, deities, lineages, and practices that aren't yours to take and use. **Some Magic doesn't belong to you.** There are ways of knowing, deities, lineages, and practices that aren't yours to take and use. **Magic is everything it claims to be and more.** There is no right definition, right way, or contradictions. We exist in worlds on top of worlds inside of worlds. All things happening at once. You already know this to be true, your perspective is going to be different than another person's perspective. All things, every atom and quark, elephant and mosquito, has it's own perspective. Sometimes multiple perspectives locked in one subjective experience.

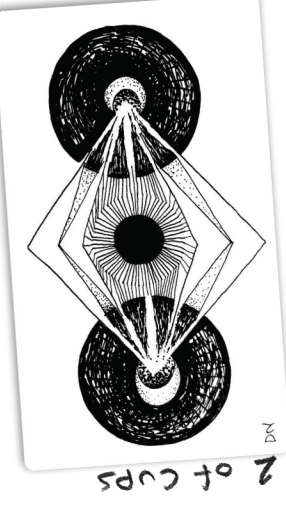
be what it is, until it changes into something else. Still matter, only in a different vibration or configuration. All fine and good until **The High Priestess** arrives to complicate things. She pulls back the veil of material reality and shows us something beyond it. The side that can't be seen. The meta-physical properties of reality. The spirit in the mechanism. The you that exists beyond the cells, chemistry, molecules, atoms, and quarks that slap and fart around.



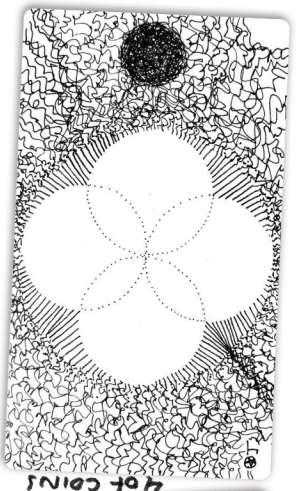
IX The HERMIT



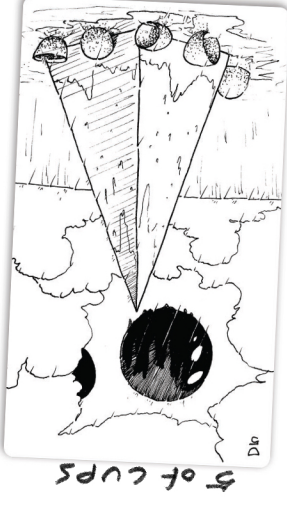
6 of WANDS



2 of CUPS



4 of COINS



5 of CUPS



9 of SWORDS

**The 2 of cups** a card about beautiful union of two energies and the **5 of cups**, a card about loss. Together represent the disillusionment of something. Grieve what you've lost. Look to like the hermit for solace. The only way is through.

**The 6 of wands** represents the victory of a champion who has navigated the darkness of loss and grief. They are supported by an adoring crowd. We are both the hero and the crowd at times. Is there something you can be proud of? Is there something you can cheer on in yourself? Perhaps there is someone (or thing) you can be grateful for.

**The 4 of coins** (pentacles) invites us to consider how we are holding our material energies. Our wealth and our physical body. It might be asking us to protect our precious energy. Finally the **9 of swords** warns for night terrors, sleeplessness and anxiety. You're on your own now and will have to soothe yourself. What can you do to make up from terror?



# THE HIGH PRIESTESS IV

INNER DWELLING  
ATTENTION  
DIVINITY  
SUB  
DISCONNECT FROM

BALANCE

HIGHER POWER  
CONSCIOUS

STILLNESS

FEMININE ENERGY

ACTIVE

CREATION

PASSIVE

BETRAYAL

HARMONY

INNER VOICE

W

WISDOM



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN  
THAT YOU WERE  
SOMEWHERE  
before THIS  
MORTAL coil  
DO YOU FORGET  
WHERE DREAMS  
TAKE YOU

WITHDRAW  
TO THE  
IMPRISON

PLUNGE

TENTATION

NIGHTMARE

TERROR  
ANXIETY FEAR

STRESS  
a lesson maybe?

YES, THIS IS SO FUCKING HARD

BREAK THROUGH

WAKE UP  
BREAK DOWN

RELIEF

9







Ace POTENTIAL RAWPOWER  
 A LIGHTNING STRIKE  
 ROOT of the SUIT & fleeting  
 An Initiation SEED NOBILITY

2 BALANCE  
 CHOICE INTUITION  
 RELATIONS DECISION  
 IMBALANCE

3 TRANSFORMATION  
 DEVELOPMENT  
 GROWTH

4 STABILITY  
 ROOTEDNESS  
 FOUNDATION

5 GRIEF STRUGGLE CHALLENGE WORK  
 CONFLICT OBSTACLE  
 OPPORTUNITY

It will be hard but I'd like to make this road both ways too!

LOSS 5 SPILL THOSE TEARS  
 SO  
 FUCKED UP  
 YOU'VE SO FOCUSED ON THE LOSS  
 FIND THE ACCEPTANCE, MOVE ON!  
 BITTERSWEET  
 DIVORCE BREAK UP  
 TRAUMA  
 DESPAIR  
 BEYOND BE OVERCOMING  
 THE WORLD  
 REJOINING 5 HEALING



HOPE  
*Admiration*

VICTORY

POTENTIAL  
OVERCOMING

OF AN INNER BATTLE

TRUTH

TWO OF CLIPS  
VIVID

DEATH  
INDEPENDENT  
WARRIOR

STILLNESS  
HATEFUL  
IRRITATING  
SAD  
BARK  
RELEASE  
DESTRUCTION  
REJECTION  
APATHY  
TENSION  
MOVEMENT  
LOVING  
PLEASANT  
HAPPY  
LIGHT  
HOLD  
CREATION  
AFFECTION  
SYMPATHY

ALCHEMY  
INDEPENDENT

TWO OF CLIPS  
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