

Tarot Reading by Rowan Pendragon

Reading for: [REDACTED]

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Submitted Questions: What information do I need to know in order to help advance my career this year?

Image of Cards as Drawn:



Reading Analysis:

For your reading I'm using the Tarot of Dreams deck by Ciro Marchetti. The spread that I have used is a simple Celtic Cross (different from the traditional Celtic Cross) and will focus greatly on aspects of your career. If after reading this you should have any questions, or if there is anything that you feels need clarification, please do not hesitate to email me at rowan@rowanpendragon.com and I will be happy to help in any way that I can.

Card 1 – What is the root of your lack of clarity?

The card pulled here is the *8 of Cups*.

With this card I feel a sense of there being something that needs to be left behind. There is something, maybe a specific project or some specific goal related to your career that has been holding you back. It may be something that hasn't panned out the way you have originally expected or desired and as a result you're dealing with a lack of focus because you're trying to both keep this thing from the past living and breathing while also trying to advance on to something else. There is a sense of disillusionment here as well. You may be, in a sense, kidding yourself into thinking that this particular goal is still attainable even though you may know on a deeper level that it's something that needs to be abandoned in order to really move forward. By letting go of these goals and dreams that haven't come through, at least for the time being, you'll be more free to focus on the things that are coming to you that can help you move ahead.

Card 2 – How and where should you direct your energies?

The card pulled was *The Palace of Swords*. In this deck there are additional cards that are in the edition of this deck that I have which represent the environment of the given suit. They can be seen as cards that show the environment that you're in or the environment surrounding the question.

Here, with regard to the how and where you should focus and direct your energy, the Palace of Swords suggests really focusing on the intellectual aspects of what you're doing such as planning, looking ahead to see what steps you'll



need to take to reach a goal, and trying to be more rational. With the 8 of Cups there is a suggestion here that you have been motivated by emotions so far and that you've possibly been going so far based on feelings and how the heart wants you to function. The Palace of Swords here is suggesting a big shift into being more guided by thoughts and rational thinking. The high observation decks which rise above the fog below suggest that by putting your energies in this is going to be the real key to getting that clarity and focus that is lacking. This feels like an approach that isn't going to be easy; I keep being given the phrase "fear of heights" which is making me feel that there could be a fear of success with this work. If you are willing to rise above the fog you will be able to see the path to success more clearly but you have to be open to all that will come with that success and making that journey.

Card 3 – What is blocking your progress

The card pulled was *The King of Wands*.

Interestingly it seems that the thing that is blocking you from progressing is you. You're in your own way at this point. There is a feeling of working on the same thing over and over as though you're trying to perfect something that is already perfect. The things that you have been working on up to this point are ready to be wrapped up and put out into the world but you aren't willing to let it go. You're not letting these things go so that they can be out there in the world, moving on to the next level. All the work that we do when we create something eventually needs to be made available to the world in order to move on to the next level. This is a lot like giving birth, raising our child, and then letting them go out in the world on their own. When we hang on to them even though it's time for them to be out making their own way in the world it can become a burden to us. The same can be said for our work and creative projects. The longer we hold on to them trying to make them perfect the more of a problem they



become. You would be best served to get out of the way and just let the work be what it is.

Card 4 – What will help you overcome this blockage

The card pulled was *8 of Swords*.

Again this card greatly reinforces the idea of getting out of your own way and letting go of the notions and ideas that you have created around your work. You have created ideas and boundaries for yourself that before may have seemed helpful, like guides to help you stay on track, but have now begun to feel like chains that bind. Deadlines should be reconsidered. Ideals of how things “have” to be done should be reconsidered as well. Getting around these blocks and making room to move forward are all totally within your reach because most of these blocks have been self-constructed, even though you are most likely unaware of this. Reevaluate your work process and the perceptions of how you are “supposed” to work and look for ways that you can shift things a bit. You have the ability to do this if you open yourself up to the idea of change.

Card 5 – What are you still lacking

The card pulled was *The Empress*.

The thing that comes to me right aware with this card and with regards to what you lack is the idea and the belief that you can and will be prosperous. There are issues with abundance and the idea that you are deserving of being abundance and successful. Again this is that idea of being in your own way and creating boundaries that are keeping you from moving ahead. I also feel here a strong sense that you may not really believe that the work you do and things you have created are worthy of being put out in the world. I right away get a sense here of a fear or worry about charging for the work and services that you do, feeling like you haven’t created something worthy of monetary compensation. This belief and idea that you are worth every penny you ask for in exchange for the work you do is something that you need to have if you want to be successful here. The thing that is lacking is the feeling of being deserving of abundance and success.



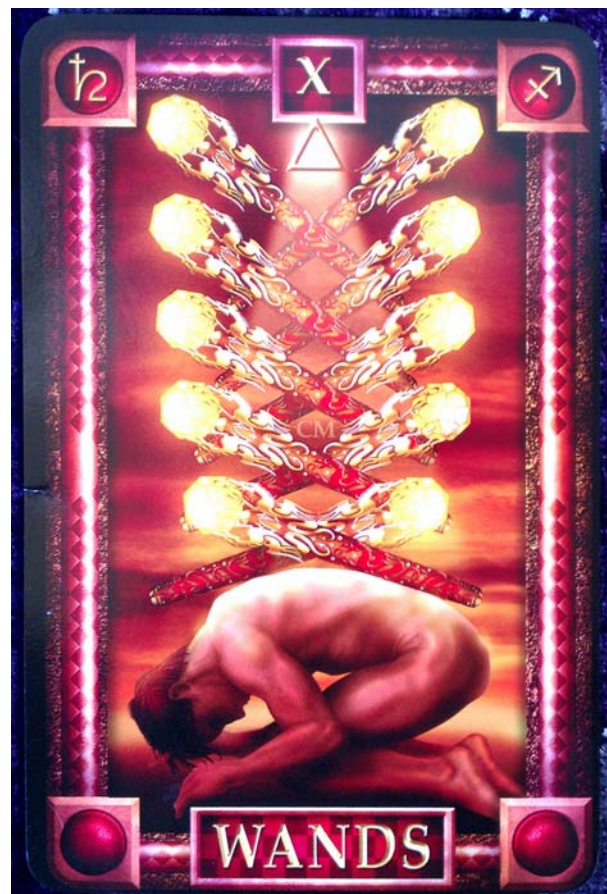
Card 6 – Outcome of this experience

The card pulled was *10 of Wands*.

This experience, as it's going now, is going to be something that could very well crush you under its own weight. The sense here is that the frustration will just build and build, the ability to work through the blockages and the work that needs to be done in order to progress just seems to never get the attention that it needs and the weight of all of this just crushes you. If you allow yourself to give in, if you allow yourself to be stressed and burdened to the point of becoming incapacitated, you will. How the outcome works out here is all dependant on what you're willing and able to change about how you're working and what you're doing.

Conclusion

The overall tone of the reading here seems to be one of finding new ways to deal with stress and the pressure of what you're doing. There is a need to reevaluate where you are, what you're doing, and how you're doing it at this point and creating a new game plan, so to speak. I feel as though the way that you're working now is the same way that you have been working for some time and this isn't a way that is working for you any longer. This is why there are these issues of barrier and blockages that are self-created. Things that were helpful barriers and guidelines before are now becoming more like walls that can't be worked around.



Looking at the way the cards are laid out one thing that is really interesting to me is the way that the Empress, that card of abundance and success, is almost being blocked by the restrictive Wands cards so that it isn't possible to move forward. These two cards seem to stand out quite heavily for me with this reading and these two points, letting go of the creative restrictions that you have imposed on yourself will allow you to start seeing some changes.

There are a few interesting numerology points to look at. There are two 8 cards in the reading. This is a number that deals with business, leadership, and organization. It also is a number that symbolizes

connecting to the higher levels of consciousness and the Divine. Both the specific cards shown here show a need to let go of something. Work with the Divine, work with the guidance of the Higher Self to find ways to do this.

The total number for the reading is 11 which is considered a Master Number and a number that carries the energy of the number 1 amplified. You have a great opportunity for learning from this experience, but you also have a great opportunity to really create a whole new beginning with what you're doing, again if you're willing to do the work to make it happen.

It's important to remember that nothing is set in stone and that the point of this reading is to help empower you to create what you desire. One way that I like to help people who come for a reading do this is to suggest some action steps based on the reading. Here are a few to consider.

1. Over the next week spend some time thinking about what your present career goals are. Try and keep the list small, to between 3 and 5 items, looking down the road about 5 years. What do you need to do to make these goals happen?
2. Make a list of the things that you have been trying to do that haven't worked or haven't worked how you've desired. Examine your work "rules" and boundaries that you operate within and see what might be holding you back. What from these things can be adjusted or abounded for the time being in order to make room for progress?
3. Take time over the next month to journal about abundance. How do you handle money and finances? Do you always feel like you don't have enough? Do you feel that you can't ask for help, even if it's just from the Universe? What makes you feel "rich" or abundant? Think back to how you were raised when it came to money. Were you raised within a financially restrictive family?

Remember that this reading is meant to give you guidance and ideas for how to create what you desire, not create more blockages or give you the idea that you can't have what you desire. You have the power to do what you wish.

Thank You for entrusting me with your question!

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