



SEVEN OF SWORDS

M I N O R A R C A N A



Held Swords:
Greed

Discarded Swords:
Carelessness

Crowd:
Community

Sneaking Posture:
Ill Intent

Yes/No Reading:

Yes No Maybe

Names in Other Tarot Systems:

Golden Dawn: Lord of Futility

Tarot of Marseilles: Seven of Swords

Thoth: Futility

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PLANET Moon	ZODIAC Gemini, Libra, Aquarius	ELEMENT Air	NUMEROLOGY	COUNT

Upright: Lying, Theft, Adaptability, Deception, Betrayal, Sneaking Around

The Seven of Swords advises caution due to its embodiment of themes such as tact, cunning, and, occasionally, deception. This signifies that things may not be as simple as they appear and that more could be happening beneath the surface. It should be noted, however, that this does not always entail malicious intent. Instead, it often indicates the need for intelligence and strategy when dealing with complex situations.

Nonetheless, the Seven of Swords often warns of potential betrayal or the necessity to be cautious around those who may not have one's best interests at heart. It serves as a reminder to rely on one's intuition, remain vigilant, and understand that not everything or everyone is transparent.

Reversed: Imposter Syndrome, Confession, Malevolence, Ineffective, Affair

The reversed Seven of Swords suggests a period where deceit, betrayal, or underhanded tactics might be coming to light. When this card shows up changed, it often implies that they are becoming aware of the truth, uncovering hidden information, or discovering that someone's intentions weren't as genuine as once believed. Alternatively, it can also indicate their feelings of guilt or shame for having acted dishonestly or taken shortcuts that were not in alignment with their core values. The card speaks to realizing and exposing truths that may have been hidden or avoided.

This card also prompts reflection on motives and actions, both theirs and those of others around them. While the upright position usually suggests sneaky behavior or a hidden agenda, the reversed position highlights the aftermath of such actions or the recognition of their consequences. It may be a time for them to come clean about their indiscretions, make amends, or address the actions of others who have impacted them. Facing the reality of the situation, acknowledging wrongdoings, and seeking resolution are critical steps encouraged by the reversed Seven of Swords.

Upright Interpretations

General Reading: The Seven of Swords often indicates deception, cunning, or a strategy that may not be entirely above board. It can suggest using tact and diplomacy over force but may also imply betrayal or sneaky behavior.

Love Reading: Beware of secrets or deceit within the relationship, potential unfaithfulness, or hidden agendas. For singles, it suggests caution, as someone might not be entirely transparent with their intentions.

Health Reading: The card can indicate that someone might be in denial about their health or avoiding a necessary medical check-up. It implies a need for transparency and honesty regarding well-being.

Career Reading: In career readings, the Seven of Swords might suggest office politics, hidden agendas, or someone working behind the scenes for personal gain. It implies a need for vigilance and discretion.

Reversed Interpretations

General Reading: Secrets are being exposed, or there's a realization that deceit is not the way forward. It might also indicate a feeling of guilt over past underhanded actions or an attempt to make amends.

Love Reading: This card reversed might reveal truths previously hidden in a relationship. There's an energy of coming clean or confronting past deceitful actions.

Health Reading: There might be a realization about the importance of health transparency or confronting health issues head-on instead of avoiding them.

Career Reading: The card can hint at deception being unveiled in the workplace or a realization that sneaky tactics aren't beneficial in the long run.

The card usually displays a person sneaking away from a camp or society while clutching multiple swords, indicating dishonesty or theft. Leaving behind some swords while taking others may signify obtaining whatever is feasible covertly and leaving a trail or proof of the act.

The tent, or community, that the individual leaves behind represents a place of security, camaraderie, or established norms. Moving away stealthily with the swords stresses the themes of disloyalty, secrecy, or deviating from established conventions.

Frequently, the person is depicted stepping on unsteady ground, highlighting the uncertain and demanding nature of their path. This terrain reinforces the idea that deceitful or shrewd actions may offer a quicker route, but they come with their challenges.



ZODIAC: Gemini (May 21 – June 20) is an Air sign ruled by Mercury. The dual nature of Gemini embodies a mix of yin and yang, and Geminis often feel as though they have two distinct sides.



Libra (September 23 – October 22) is an Air sign ruled by Venus. Libras often strive for harmony and balance in their lives.



Aquarius (January 20 – February 18) is an Air sign ruled by Uranus. Aquarians are self-reliant, analytical, independent, clever, and optimistic.



ELEMENT: Air represents logic, intellect, and communication. The intangible element is considered to be active, masculine energy. It is associated with Spring, the Suit of Wands, and the East cardinal direction.



HERMETIC QABALAH Associated Hebrew Letter: Waw – Hook, Nail (Connections, Secure)



QABALISTIC SEPHIROT: Netsach (Victory)



TIMING: February 9 – February 18