

# Fortune-Telling For The Road

## THE QUESTIONS

The client wanted to have a general overview of her life at the time of the reading and had two specific questions.

1. The first question was regarding her work future. She was in her mid-thirties, had quit her job, taken a break, and was looking into the possibility of starting her own business, something she had been thinking about for a while. She wanted to know what the cards had to say about the below options she was considering:
  - a. Start her own business. Get a loan, invest her savings, etc. Basically, to go all in.
  - b. Invest her savings into doing some courses which would help her get a better job in the industry she had been working in up until then. She did not really want to go with this option as she no longer felt fulfilled working in that industry, but this was the practical and safe option.
2. She also had a question about her love life. Her partner had often seemed distant in the last couple of months, she knew he was having problems, but he was not sharing much information with her. She wanted to know if they would be able to overcome the current situation and, whether they would survive the possible extra strain that starting her own business could put on their relationship. Overall, they had been together for a long time and their relationship had until then been loving and supportive.

## “GRAND TABLEAU STYLE” GENERAL READING

I always use the Queen of Hearts or the King of Hearts, depending on what gender the person identifies themselves with. In the case of this consultation **the client asked to be represented by The Queen of Hearts.**

Face cards, i.e., Kings, Queens and Jokers can represent the querent in a certain “mode” or way of acting. Or a person in the querents life.

**H – Hearts; D – Diamonds; C – Clubs; S – Spades**

**J – Jack; Q – Queen; K – King; A – Ace**



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## THE FIRST FOUR CARDS:

The first four cards indicate something important to the client at the time of the reading.

QD + 10C. A practical woman (QD) has completion/ending of something to do with work/career/plans in her future. This work or career does not seem something she necessarily enjoys doing, it is just work (surrounding cards are clubs).

JC + Joker. JC is an adventurer, not experienced but one who is not afraid to start a new journey. The JC is also a mutable face card, meaning that he is flexible and adaptable, recognising what he does not know and is happy to be advised and guided. Together with the “anxious” Joker (stepping into the unknown with apprehension) we can deduce that JC makes a move into the unknown, although not without anxiety. (Because the “anxious” Joker leads to a red card, we know that the fears subside, and the person is happy with their decision).

Although our client is officially represented in this reading by the Queen of Hearts, as mentioned before, face cards, i.e., Kings, Queens and Jokers can also represent the querent in a certain “mode” or way of acting. Unless they represent another person in the querents life.

Given that the meaning of these first four cards seems to be related to what the client told me about her current career dilemma I interpret the QD as the client in a “practical mode”. She is thinking about an ending of her current career path/ project (10C). This ending leads to her acting on her decision (JC) and stepping into an unknown territory (Joker), not without hesitation. Because the card after the Joker is red it means that she is happy once she makes the decision.

## THE CORNERS:

The corners represent the major key influences surrounding the client at the time of the reading.

### Corner combinations:

First, we analyse the corner combinations: QD + 10D and KS + 2S.

#### **QD + 10D**

This combination indicates a practical person, possibly a woman, thinking about or planning something to do with a lot of money or something that could be a great financial success.

#### **KS + 2S**

This combination shows a person, possibly a man, proactively fighting a battle which is somehow related to a conflict or distancing between two people.

### Individual corners:

Now we continue onto analysing the corners individually.

The four corner cards are QD, KS, 2S, 10D.

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## **Left top corner:**

There is a practical minded person (QD) surrounded by changes in their career/work, we have the 6C, moving to or from a path towards a goal to do with work and career. Because it is a 6 of clubs, and surrounded by clubs and spades, the career or plan involved does not necessarily make the client happy, it could just be work, without much enjoyment. We have the AC representing solitary contemplation/ new plans and a new beginning to do with work/ career. The 10C, surrounded by black cards, could mean feeling overwhelmed by career and work leading to an ending in that area, especially with the ace there as well. In this case, we established the QD represents our client and the current position she finds herself in, having to be practical about the important decisions regarding her future work and career. The fact that our client is represented by the Queen shows that she is not currently acting on her plans or decisions, she is fixed, and is working on a plan internally/ mentally. She is also surrounded by clubs, which means the decision-making process is not an easy one, she feels quite overwhelmed at times by all the obstacles (mental and/or real).

## **Right bottom corner:**

In this corner, we have the 10D, which is the ultimate material/ money card. It is surrounded by two fives, hearts and diamonds, which represent what we are centred around on the daily basis/ our daily routine, taking care of our basic needs, like money/practical matters (5D) and health/body (5H). This could mean that something to do with large amount of money is affecting the person daily and influences the choices they make regarding their health and basic needs spending. The 5D linked with the 6D indicates that an important financial/ practical/ entrepreneurial goal has the possibility of becoming a successful venture (10D). Because there is a sudden jump from 5D to 10D we could venture to say the success will happen, overnight, quite unexpectedly.

The 10D is linked to KH through 5H, which means that a large sum of money or a success in a financial venture could also be in the cards for the client's partner (these could be related but could be two separate stories). The 9C and the 6S above the 10D show that although the path to success (10D) could have its problems (6S), the unexpected changes and challenges of what could at present seem like a mountain of obstacles (9C) will be successfully overcome (10D).

## **Right top corner:**

In this corner we have the KS, a person who is fighting some sort of a battle, he is actively planning and talking things through to overcome obstacles possibly to do with work or some kind of daily chores (3C). There are persistent conflicts and negativity (8S), these are likely to do with money and setbacks that require the KS to talk through money and practical matters (3D) and involve working out a change of strategy regarding practical/ money making matters (7D). There is also an indication that the person's daily work routine (5C) has been having a destabilising emotional effect and making them feel like being on a constant warring path (JH and 6S), affecting the person negatively. Because KS is surrounded by minor clubs and one diamond, we can deduce that the issues they are facing will not be major but nonetheless could make their days feel dreary. This corner possibly applies to the client's partner and what he is not telling our client about. The spade suit, KS, apart from problems and negativity, can represent secrecy.

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## **Left bottom corner:**

And finally, in this corner we have a 2S, a card of conflict, or distancing between people or from something, which is surrounded by two 8s, a heart and diamond ones and a 9D. The 8D together with the 7S on top, indicates that there is a problem affecting long term financial stability and there is a need to completely change the financial strategy (7S). The 8H together with the 9D above and the 7C which follows indicate that the conflict or distancing might also affect stability at home/family influenced by the unexpected economic or practical changes. All this also affects future plans and career path.

If we consider the 2S as a distancing from something or an internal conflict (not a real one between two people) we can say that at present it seems that stability and what one has worked for up until then might feel oppressive and there might be a need to let go from the necessity of feeling secure in order to make changes in one's life.

In any case, because the 2S is surrounded by red cards the conflict or distancing is short lived and sorts itself out positively. Also, those involved have the maturity and necessary life experience (8D) to be able to work on the economic issues with the help of friends and family (8H). There is also indication of open mindedness and ability to make practical changes and free themselves from what is oppressing them. (9D).

## **THE CENTRE CORNERS:**

The centre corners give us a further look into the circumstances surrounding the client.

The centre are the 12 cards in the middle of the layout which are framed by the 4D, 9H, AH and 5S.

These corner cards indicate that there is enough money at present to not worry about paying rent or food (4D) and that home/family/love/doing what she loves (AH) are utterly important to the client at present. The 9H in the top right corner, represents the possibility of making a wish a reality and discovering the ultimate freedom. The 5S could indicate some illness or feeling negative, possibly to do with someone young or young at heart, could even be a pet (JS). But it will not be long term or serious as it is followed by 4C and 5H, meaning recuperation period and then full health.

**The client is officially represented in this reading by the Queen of Hearts, as previously mentioned.**

## **CARDS IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THE QUEEN OF HEARTS (OUR CLIENT)**

### **KC + AH + 3H**

This line means a proactive and experienced working person (KC) is going home or to a new beginning which feels good and happy (AH) and is enjoying the support of his friends and family (3H). So, a person who takes off his working persona clothing and swaps them for slippers and

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home comfort. (This is likely be related with the client leaving their job and enjoying her time at home).

## **7C + QH + 6H**

This line means a “stop and reconsider” your path, possibly career; a setback to do with plans or career makes the person dig deep and decide on how to proceed ahead (7C). This leads our client, the QH, to start moving in the direction of following her dream (6H).

### **CARDS DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE QUEEN OF HEARTS (OUR CLIENT)**

In the present, diagonal line, the Queen of Hearts’ opposite card is the “anxious” Joker. Therefore, the Queen is considering taking a step into the unknown but is apprehensive about it, she wants to have everything planned before forging ahead. Because it is followed by a red card it is a positive step ahead.

In the past, horizontal line, the Queen of Hearts’ opposite card is the 2S, the card of conflict or distancing, or a difficult decision making. Because this is surrounded by red cards, it is not as bad as it seems, and it is over quickly and painlessly.

In the future, horizontal line, the Queen of Hearts’ opposite is the 10D. This is the same as the description of the corner combination QD + 10C, confirming our initial assumption that QD is a facet of our client QH. The Queen is thinking about and planning something to do with large amount of money or something that could be a practical and financial success.

Diagonally, the Queen of Hearts is linked to the KS and the 9S. Something to do with a person actively fighting problems (KS) is causing our client (QH) lots of anxiety and feeling of being like on a volcano in regard to this person (9S).

### **MIRRORING CARDS IN THE QUEEN OF HEARTS LINES – VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL**

#### **Horizontal line – Past and Future:**

2S + 10D: Short lived conflict or distancing that has something to do with a large sum of money or a successful financial or other kind of business. 8H + 5D: Consistent enjoyable effort to create something/ consistently pleasant involving daily work routine. 7C + 6D: A set back on career path leads to a new goal which is enjoyable and could lead to success and money. 6H + 2C: A break or time out, planning how to proceed towards a cherished goal, “following one’s heart”. Also, there could be one to one advice/support (2C) on the plan of action to make a dream goal (6H) a reality (6D following).

#### **Vertical Line - Present:**

QH + Joker: The client is thinking about stepping into unknown territory, because this Joker is the “anxious” one, it means that the client has some apprehension about moving ahead. AH +

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4D: The client can afford at present not to be proactive about plans and career and just enjoy things or people she loves, as there is enough (not plenty) money to sustain her right now.

This is also confirmed by the QC +4H, which is showing that planning of career/ making plans for the future is happening on the home front. QC could also represent someone she shares her home with, of a fiery and enthusiastic disposition, who is a good friend and adviser to her, could be a member of her family, possibly a woman.

## KNIGHTING – THE QUEEN OF HEARTS

QH + 9D: This indicates that there has been an improvement to the client's financial situation recently. It also indicates that she has probably increased her spending, especially on things that she really wanted to buy for a while, things that were on her "wish list".

QH + KD: This combination shows us that the increase in money was probably to do with a payment of a bonus by a company or maybe a loan from the bank.

QH + 5S: There is some indication of an illness/ negativity that the client will be touched by directly. It will not be hers as it is not in her future line or in contact with the card representing her. But it is of someone close, someone young, or young at heart, or a pet, that is ill or has mild depression (JS). The illness/depression will not last long, and the individual or animal will be cured fairly quickly, after not very long period of recuperation (4C + 5H).

QH + JD: This combination in the future quadrant of the layout indicates someone thinking of starting a new practical/ financial project, being inexperienced but eager to learn and flexible in their approach. It could also indicate someone young or young at heart, who has an analytical approach and helps the client to separate what is useful or valuable for them, from what is not. This person is likely to be someone close to the client. Or this could be a facet of our client.

## THE LINE OF THE QUEEN OF HEARTS – PAST/PRESENT/FUTURE

QH is at the bottom of the spread, in the last horizontal line, roughly in the middle. This indicates that at present there are not many things under her control, most of the time she might feel like the only thing she can do is to go with the flow.

At the same time, because the card representing the client, the QH is in the middle of the line, she has a few cards in her future which means that there are certain things we can predict.

### **PAST**

We can see that in the client's recent past there was some conflict or distancing (2S), with somehow affects long-term financial stability (8D), but it is not long term, the relationship has a strong foundation for it to be broken by a small conflict or distancing (8H). However, this conflict or distancing is still affecting the client in her present, as it is the opposite card to her in the direction of the past. Also, we can see that there is a setback that has made her proactively re-evaluate her career and to work out how to proceed (7C + KC).

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## PRESENT

As we get to the day of the reading, represented by the position of the Queen of Hearts' card in the horizontal line, we see that the client, is in quite a stable and pleasant situation at home,

feeling emotionally well and quite happy (AH + 4H). These two cards also indicate that the client's present is centred around her home. Also, the AH is a sort of alone card, therefore the client might be in a kind of a happy bubble, not letting anything from outside world disturb her inner peace. As we further go up the vertical line, which represents the present, we see a QC sandwiched between the 4H and 4D.

The QC could represent a person involved in the client's home life, who might be a family member, in any case a good friend to her, who supports her with their strong fiery positive energy. The QC can also represent the client in a fixed mode, thinking about her options about her work future. The two fours and the Queen all indicate stability, no movement yet, just comfortable stability and talk and support. Finally, we have a joker on the other end of the vertical line, mirroring the QH. This is an indication about the element of walking into unknown territory hoping for the best and the start of something new.

## FUTURE

As we continue down the horizontal line, analysing the cards that follow the QH, we can see that the near future is looking quite pleasant, with four red cards and one black. She is dedicating her time to doing something she likes and does not find it as hard work; everything seems to be flowing without difficulties. We have two 6 in the future line, indicating that the client starts taking steps towards her goal.

6H indicates that the client, following a period of deliberation, is starting to move towards following her dream and her heart. Her dream for the future has something to do with being of service, helping people, community work, etc., 3H. The 6H + 3H combination also indicates loyalty and long term support the client has from her family and friends, who would also be there for her financially if she needed them (JD + 2D + 2H, further up the vertical line).

2C indicates some sort of a time out, being in between the two sixes. So, between deciding to follow her dream 6H and actually starting to take practical steps to make it a reality 6D, there is a short period of a break. 2C also indicates someone who will actively be of help to the client in a situation. The 2C is related to someone's illness – 5S - not the client but someone close to her, someone young or "young at heart", could also be a pet, who might be physically ill or have a bit of a depression (JS). But because 5S is followed by 4C and then 5H the person or pet returns to full health 5H following a period of recuperation 4C.

After this break, the client starts actively making her dream a reality 6D and building the foundation for whatever her new goal or plan is 4C. She will be actively sorting out practical matters and working on her own, covering all the bases, feeling at times like she is all over the place, but feeling happy about it (5D + 5H). But then, her work and actions will grow into a success if she is willing to put in the hard work and be open minded/ flexible about unforeseen

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situation or challenges. (10D + 9C). As all these last cards in the line are red, although she will have to put in the hard work for the success (9C on top of 10D), nevertheless she will not perceive it as hard work, it will feel relatively easy, possibly because she will be doing something she enjoys and maybe luck will be in her favour (tens are generally Jupiterian cards, and the red tens in particular are surrounded by luck and good fortune).

## ANSWER TO QUESTION 1

I proceed to ask the cards for information about the two options the client would like to know about, below. The layout I use also gives us a basic overview about past and present, which might just confirm the information we got from the previous reading or add some more.

**OPTION A** - Start her own business. Get a loan, invest her savings, etc. Basically, to go all in.

**OPTION B** - Invest her savings into doing some courses which would help her get a better job in the industry she had been working in up until then. She did not really want to go with this option as she no longer felt fulfilled working in that industry, but this was the practical and safe option.



In this card layout we see our client, the QH, is at present learning and communicating about financial and practical matters (3D), this card could also indicate the stage prior to making an idea of practical/financial nature into reality, getting everything together before establishing something concrete in the material world. The 10H indicates that she is enjoying a very happy moment in her life right now.

In the past line, we can see the client taking steps towards doing something that makes her happy (6H). This is somehow related to a period of emotional stability and feeling quite content (8H), which could also indicate a holiday or a break. At the same time there seems to have been the occasional unexpected panic attack or anxiety (9S), because 9S is between two red cards, these moments did not last long.

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In the line of things that the client has no control over, we have someone, possibly a woman, who is worried and is surrounded by negativity (QS), a block in the career/work path that has caused the person to reconsider the way forward (7C) and a conflict or distancing between two people (2S).

So, these two paragraphs confirm what we already know about the client from the previous layout (and what she told me). The only extra thing that we can gather by the appearance of the QS in direct relation to the client, is that there is a person in the client's life who is being negative,

without doing anything about it but mostly just talking or thinking negative thoughts, possibly a female. Or that our client is that person and it just confirms that she cannot avoid her occasional anxiety attack (9S) as previously mentioned.

In the options lines we have the following:

## **FUTURE - OPTION A**

**Staying on the current path and setting up her own business:**

### **9H + KC + 6D**

We have the 9H meaning a dream coming true. We have the KC, representing a proactive person working hard towards a career goal, overcoming obstacles with energy, someone self-driven. And then we have the 6D, moving towards a practical and financial goal that has all the ingredients to become successful.

**NOTE:** These cards confirm the key cards from the "Grand Tableau Style" General Reading: the 9H was in a key position in the right-hand corner in the centre of the spread and indicated the possibility to break away with limitations and follow a dream. The KC, in direct contact with the QH in diagonal, above the 7C, indicated our client actively working towards finding her way in terms of career and work plans. And finally, the 6 of diamonds, which was in her future line and representing her being on the right path to making a financial success.

## **FUTURE - OPTION B**

**Going back to the previous line of work but better prepared:**

### **3C + KS + 5C**

3C represents talk and learning about work/ daily tasks and 5C indicates physically working and doing the day-to-day 9 to 5 routine. This is a description of work we do just to earn money, there is not much enjoyment, just a weekly work routine when one looks forward to the weekend (because they are clubs and in a line of all black cards).

The KS represents a proactive fighting and warring energy type person, could be a man or a woman or some kind of power, which somehow negatively affects the client. This KS could represent the client if she goes back to work in her previous line of work or a boss or a company which affects her negatively. We assume the KS is to do with work because it is sandwiched in between two work cards (clubs), and because the question we asked had to do with career and plans.

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**NOTE:** This is quite interesting because in the previous layout, in the right-side top corner, we got the exact same cards, KS, 3C and 5C, which in that case we assumed had to do with the clients' partner and his problems, later confirmed by the client. Now that we got these cards in this layout as well, we can allow for both options, the partner's situation and the client considering between the two choices, the dream of starting her own business, in the previous layout represented by the 10D corner (success/money); or to go back to the previous line of work, represented by the KS corner (negativity/conflict). It often happens in readings for one client that same cards keep coming up to represent similar energies and situations surrounding the client at the time.

## ANSWER TO QUESTION 2

As previously mentioned, the client wanted to know how the relationship with her partner will progress, considering how his problems are affecting their relationship. Also how starting her own business could affect them as a couple.



First, the client and her partner's cards (QH and KH) were in piles 2 and 6, meaning that the relationship is probably going to be a long term one, possibly "forever". Having that in mind, that the relationship is not going to end any time soon, we proceed to analyse the cards for them together as a couple.

With five out of six cards being red we can foresee the relationship being quite an enjoyable one from now on and for the foreseeable future. With four out of six cards being diamonds we can deduce that the relationship is quite grounded and practical. The only hearts card – 5H – indicates that the romance is based on reciprocal physical attraction and probably a satisfying sex life. The partners are likely to make sure that they take good care of their bodies and physical appearance.

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The two kings appearing in this spread as the only face cards, and together, are likely to represent the couple. This indicates that both partners are proactive in their life and are constantly moving towards a goal they set for themselves. Also, the relationship is based on equality, and both have strong minded characters. Possibly one of the two is more of a pessimist and the other has more of a positive outlook on life, with the latter's approach winning over his partner's more negative one. They do look at each other and appear next to each other so their relationship is also based on a strong bond/ friendship.

Because the face cards on these playing cards are reversible, we can see that the KS's bottom face is looking towards a practical goal, a long-term plan that he is pursuing and is likely to lead him/her towards a financial success, 6D. While the face of the bottom part of the KD is looking at the 5H, the physical attraction, so possibly this more positive King is the one who tends to initiate the physical relationships and is more active in keeping the flame of passion alive. It is also possible that from this King of Diamonds will come a large sum of money or a financial/ entrepreneurial success (10D).

An AD before the 10D could indicate some sort of a contract or a letter that the KD receives prior to getting that money or to the success coming quite unexpectedly, from the start of the venture to plenty of rewards in a short period of time.

Overall, if we look at the whole line, we can see that the relationship is on the road to a pleasant life with material comfort – 6D. As mentioned before, the 6D could indicate that one of them or both have a goal of some practical nature, a project of owning a business or pursuing a profession that they enjoy, and which could bring financial stability. They do come up against some problem, which affects them in a powerful way, KS. Because this KS is sandwiched between two diamonds, we can deduce that the problem has to do with finances and it is a blow to their relationship, but not for long, as KS is surrounded by red cards.

They get help from someone powerful in finances, possibly a Bank, KD. It could also mean that they both become financially savvy and start to be in full control of their finances. As previously mentioned, although they are both quite centred on having financial stability and comfort above other things, their continuing physical attraction to each other keeps the romance in the relationship going (5H). The AD and the 10D together indicate an important financial success on their path which could happen quite suddenly or in a short period of time between the start of the venture to getting returns.

All this information could apply either in the short term, long term, or both, because the question was an open one, about the progression of their relationship.