

13 Magickal Cards

Tarot Insights By JohnnieTwoBrows

Cancer: Feeling Domestic

Merry meet and welcome to the Cancer edition of 13 Magickal Cards!

A heartfelt, not-so-public Happy Birthday to all of my friends and family born under the sign of the Crab. There is no one who can make us feel at home like you can. We understand that you think sometimes the rest of us can be a little insensitive. Just watch the claws, OK? We're all a work in progress. ☺

Cancer rules domestic life in all its forms, and the Tarot is good at letting us know how we're doing in that area. Sadly, many of us neglect our home lives, and sometimes those in our homes, while we're seeking "stimulation" elsewhere. I mean this mentally as well as physically; Jennie Sunshine does occasionally refer to herself as an "Xbox Widow", and I'm sure I'm not the only one whose body is at home while the mind is elsewhere (like on the internet, television, or crackberry, perhaps?).

One of the best cards for domestic bliss in the Tarot is the 10 of Cups. It is card of joy, peace, and family. When I say "family" I mean not only those people to whom we are related, but those people who live with us physically and those closest to us spiritually and emotionally. Like all relationships, the link between us and our homes and those who are close to us (or live with us) needs tending. And to be honest, preventative maintenance of these relationships is better than an overhaul any day of the week.

But it all starts with respect. Here's an interesting fact: In France, when you go into a shop or other small business (and France has plenty of these!), you are

expected to greet the people working there. It's actually considered highly rude NOT to do so. Why? Because the French believe that their shop is an extension of their home; in many cases, it's a portion of a person's home. You wouldn't walk into someone's home without a greeting of some kind. A person's shop is no different; you should show people the very basic courtesy they deserve when you enter a small business.

For those of you who come into 13 Magickal Moons regularly to shop, for classes, rituals, Tea Nights, and other special events, you know that Sam and Jen work especially hard to make the store the amazing place that it is. Unfortunately, some people who come into the store are not very respectful of it. They come in for a Tarot reading, for example, and act like they're offended or scared by everything else the store offers. These people may not realize how disrespectful they are, but it's incredibly rude to our favorite store owners, which makes me very sad.

So how can you show respect for others in your life, their homes, and businesses? Here are a few suggestions:

- 1) *Treat anything belonging to someone else as if it was your own.* If you have access to another's belongings and want to borrow or use something, ask first. If permission is granted, return what you borrow promptly and in the condition you received it. If you lose or damage something belonging to someone else, replace it without being asked to do so. Time, effort, or advice given are especially precious commodities; show the other person

that you appreciate them when you ask for them.

- 2) *Never visit someone's home empty handed.* It still saddens me that people will show up to someone's house without a small token of appreciation. If you are attending an event where there is food to be shared (like a 13 Magickal Moons Tea Night or other potluck event, for example), make sure you bring something to be shared and/or contribute some money to the host of the event to cover refreshment expenses.
- 3) *Support your friends' personal and business efforts.* Show genuine interest in what your family and friends are doing. Give them encouragement when they are having difficulty; sometimes all a person needs is a friendly ear when they've had a bad day. If someone close to you owns a small business, lead by example by supporting it financially when you can, and referring the business to other

people so it prospers. Do not expect anyone, especially your friends and family, to give you products or services for free; if you want something, be prepared to pay for it.

- 4) *Mind your manners.* "Please" and "Thank you" go a long way to showing respect. You can't really go wrong by saying them too often.

The bottom line is this: We need to take the high road and lead by example on this one. It takes so little to ensure our friends and family feel loved, but the biggest thing is a basic respect for other people, their homes and businesses, and their property. As we all know, "What comes around goes around."

Out of a sincere respect for your time, I thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. May your home and close relationships prosper!

I look forward to seeing you across my table soon. Blessed Be! J2B



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Upcoming Dates

I'll be reading Tarot for the following dates for Cancer and Leo at 13 Magickal Moons. Readings are done on a first-come, first-served basis so sign up on the list at the Tarot table when you arrive. All of these dates are tentative. Please check www.13magickalmoons.com for an up-to-date schedule.

Saturday, July 7	11:30am-5:30pm
Wednesday, July 11	6:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday, July 21	11:30am-5:30pm
Wednesday, July 25	6:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday, August 4	11:30am-5:30pm
Wednesday, August 8	6:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday, August 18	11:30am-5:30pm