



THE ARENA - IT'S GO TIME!

With the art of asking questions under your belt, we can now move on to the playing field so to speak.

The playing field of Tarot is the tarot spread. Let's step into the [arena](#) together.

In this section, we will cover spreads A-Z. You will discover what kind of playing field works for you in this game of Tarot.

SPREADS FOR BEGINNERS

This chapter is divided into two parts. The first part suggests spreads for the beginner. Most likely you will be reading for yourself at this point, but these spreads are appropriate to use with others as well. The second part contains a few go-to spreads that you can use for ANY reading.

THE ONLY SPREAD YOU'LL EVER NEED

The three-card spread is one of the most widely used and flexible spreads. I think it's safe to say this spread can be used for ANY situation or question.

Having a clear question is critical (see [The Art of Asking Questions](#)).

After you decide on the question, pick the spread that will best answer your question.

Shuffle and lay out three cards in a row. The three cards can represent any three things. See the following page for ideas and suggestions.

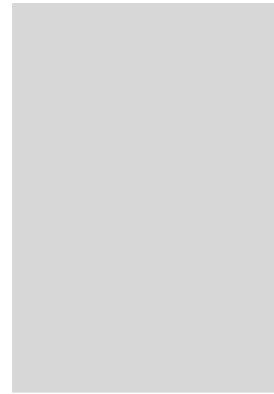
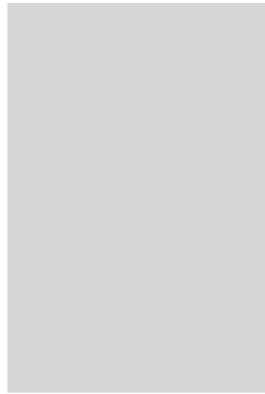
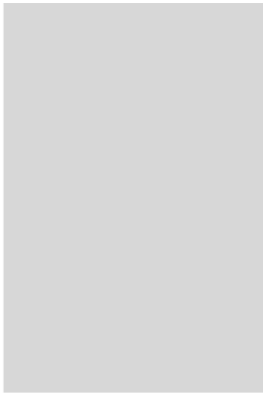
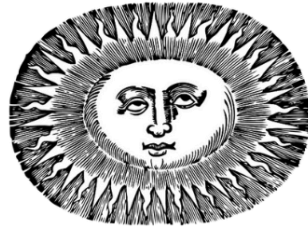


3 Card Spread Ideas

- Past - Present - future
- Now - 3 weeks from now - 3 months from now
- July - August - Sept
- Pros - Cons - The Advice
- If I do -If I don't - What I haven't considered
- Me - The other person - What's between us
- Me - The job - What's between us
- Option 1 - Option 2 - Option 3
- What I know - What I don't know - The advice
- Me - My goal - How I will get there
- Me - My problem - The breakthrough
- Me - My problem - Who can help



3 Card Spread



Things to consider:

- what jumps out at you
- what's the overall vibe?
- any repeated suits or numbers?
- do the cards seem to connect or work together in some way?
- or do they seem very separate?
- if you had to sum it all up in a sentence or 2, what would you say?

EXPANDABLE SPREADS

There are an infinite number of tarot spreads from just a few cards to complex ones with 15-20 or more cards. I've included several quick and easy spreads here that are good general purpose spreads. These spreads can be expanded to explore the question further.

RELATIONSHIP SPREAD

This relationship spread can be used to explore the dynamics of any relationship: romantic, family, work etc.

For this spread, your question can be "Tell me about my relationship with _____."

BASIC SPREAD

A card is laid for each person or thing in question. A card is laid to represent the relationship. A crossing card can be used to represent problems in the relationship.

DEEPER SPREAD

Additional cards are laid to represent expectations of both parties. Finally, the last three cards wrap up the reading.

Relationship Spread



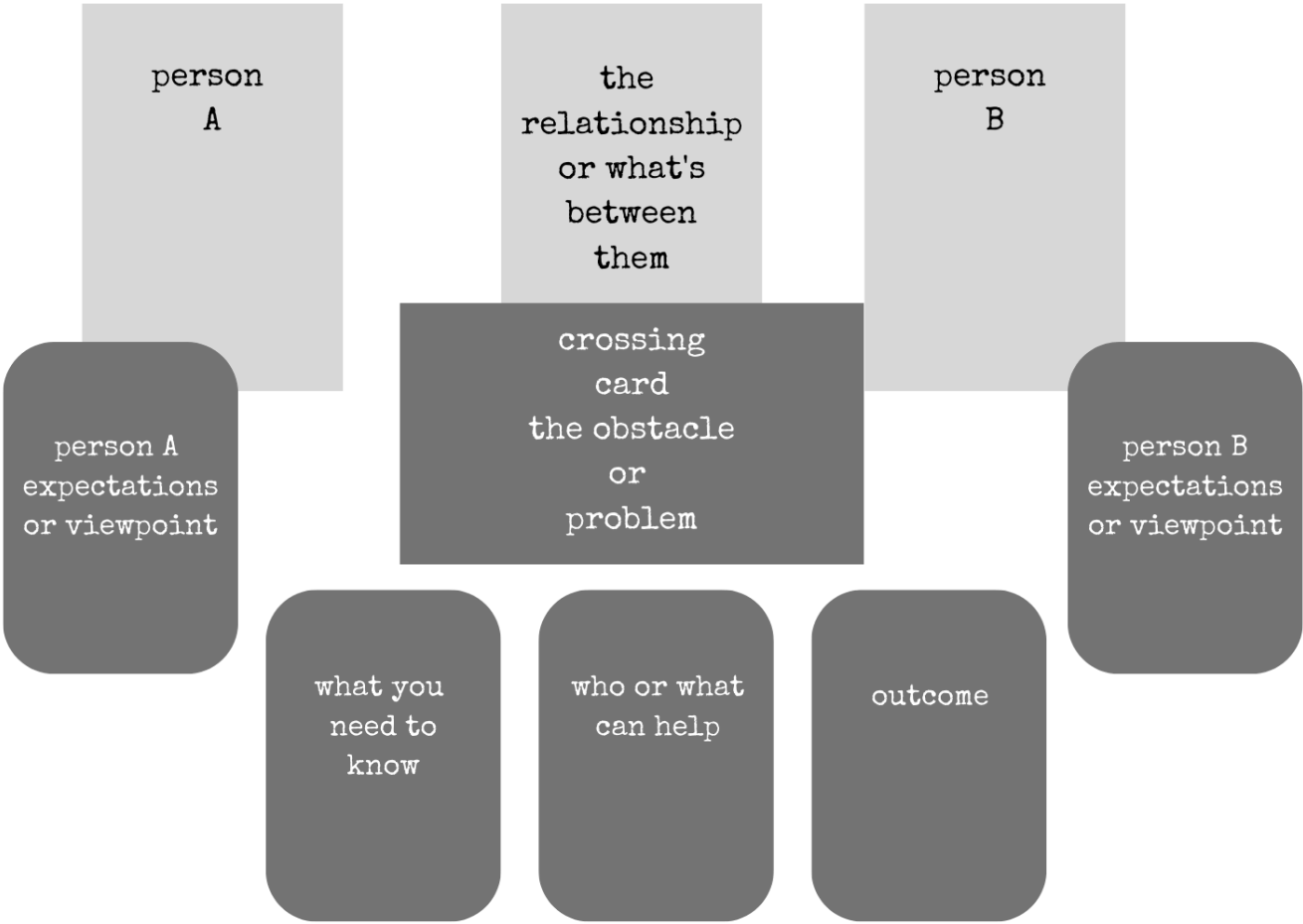
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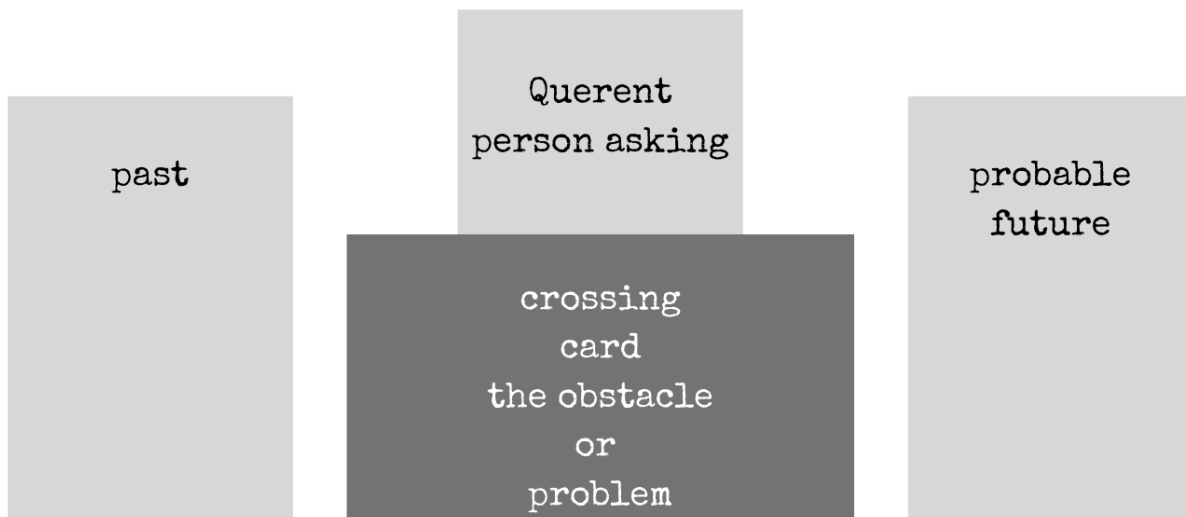
Relationship Spread



CELTIC CROSS

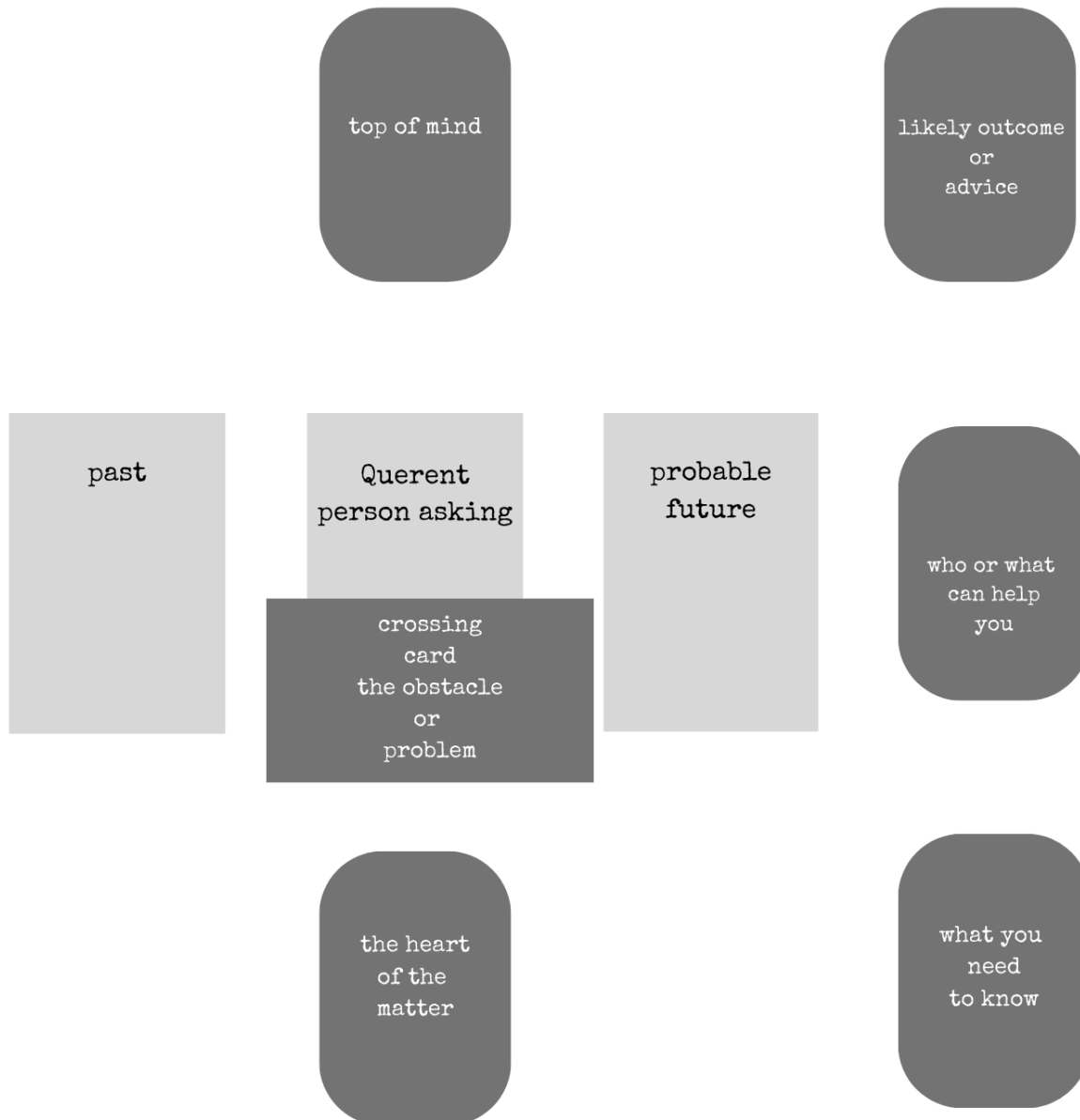
My version of the celtic cross starts out with the first card representing the person asking the question or the situation itself and a crossing card showing any obstacles or the crux of the problem being asked about.

Mini - celtic Cross



For example, I might ask if next summer is a good time to take a trip to Italy. The first card can either be a card of me or of the trip in general. The crossing card will show any obstacles or issues with, in this case, the trip.

Expanded - celtic Cross



CREATING YOUR OWN TAROT SPREAD

The main point I want to make about Tarot spreads is to use your creativity!

Use your creativity and create your own spreads.

Use your creativity and modify spreads you find.

Playing around with spreads can shift your perceptions around how you view the world, certain people and situations.

Some ideas for spread topics:

- Birthday spread
- How-to-get-rich spread
- Spread for a particular holiday - Christmas, Halloween etc.
- Dream vacation
- Should I accept the job offer?
- Is he “the one”?
- What do I have to learn from this?

COMING UP WITH SPREAD PLACEMENTS

Drilling down into your question can help you come up with spread placements.

For example, when exploring if he’s “the one,” you need to take a look at what qualities or circumstances would make him “the one.” Use these as your spread placements.

HELP! I’M STUCK ON SPREAD PLACEMENTS

To help you focus on the spread layout options, you may consider a spread deck. You can even make your own spread deck.

A spread deck is a deck of different card placements, usually arranged by category. Categories include: people, outcomes, wild cards, thoughts, beliefs, influences, advice etc.

Two decks that can serve this purpose are:

- [deck of 1000 spreads](#)
- dynamic spreads deck

Using a spread deck can help open up your question asking ability by suggesting things you didn't think to ask. It's like when you find out a long-time friend used to be a professional gambler. Surprised, you exclaim, "I didn't know that about you! Why didn't you tell me that?" The friend says, "You never asked."

I like to throw wild cards in a spread such as:

- what if
- what I haven't considered
- what's a better question to ask

ADVICE ON SPREADS

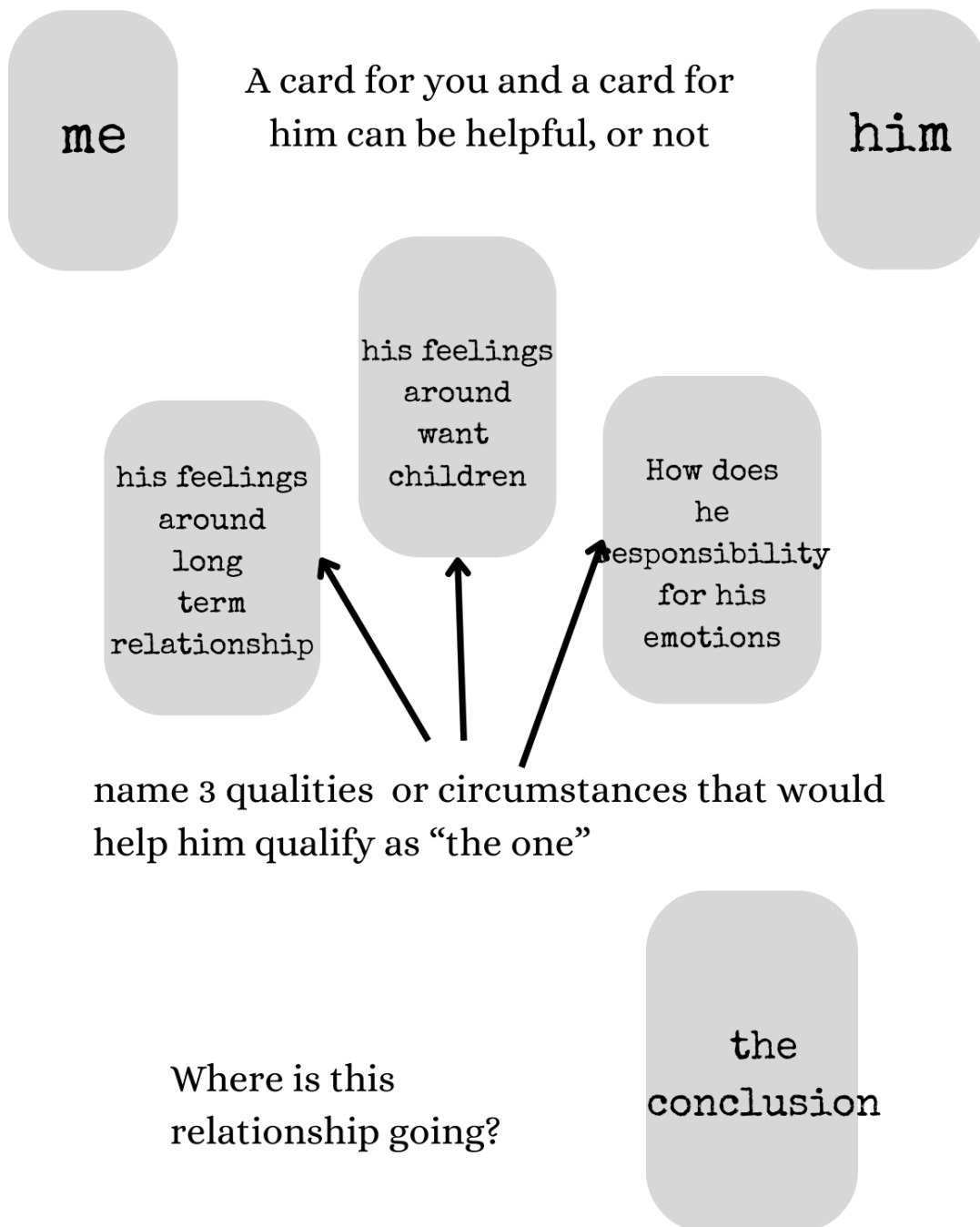
Bottom line? When it comes to spreads, keep it simple! Less is more. Lay a few cards and see where they lead you. You can always put more cards down.

If you need a book with a thousand spread ideas, I recommend *1001 Tarot Spreads: The Complete Book of Tarot Spreads for Every Purpose* by Cassandra Eason.

Another good resource is *A Small Collection of Specialized Spreads* by Coleman Stevenson. There are three volumes. This one has a lot of fun spreads as well as self development type spreads.

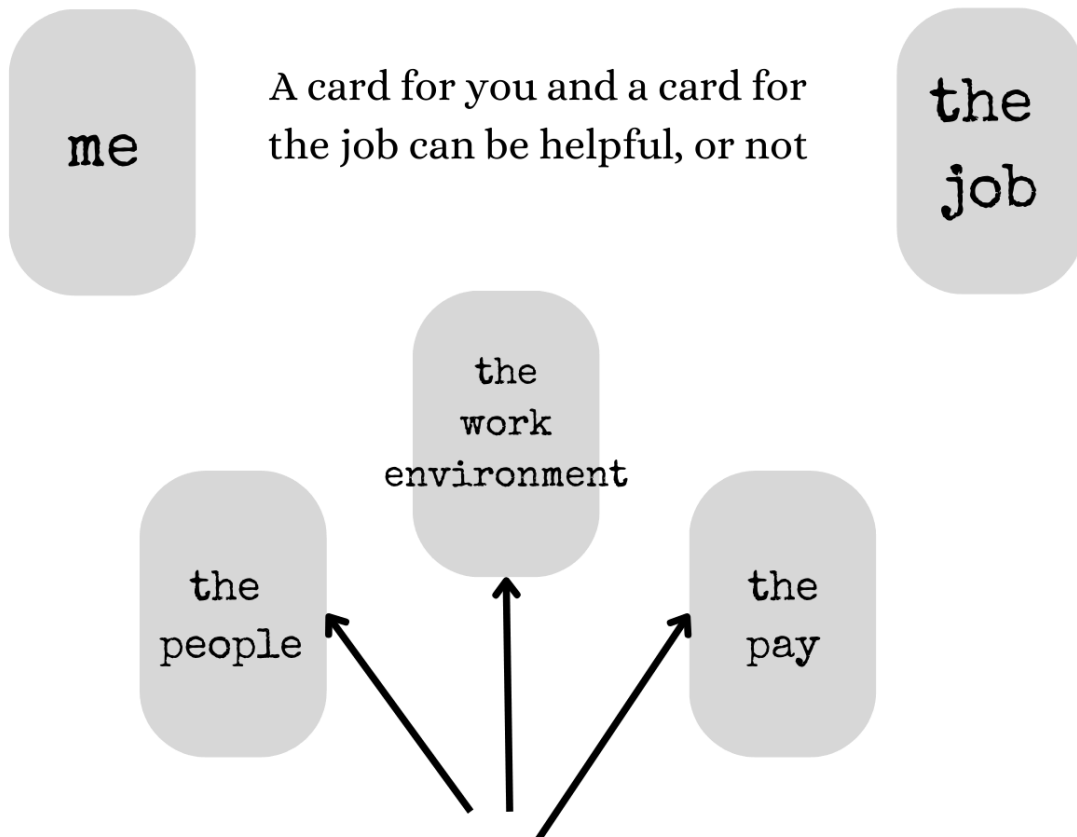
Is he “the one”?

Drill down into the question to create the spread placements



Should I accept the job offer?

Drill down into the question to create the spread placements



name 3 things that would make this job a good fit.

What is the result of accepting the offer?

the conclusion