

A GHOST AND HIS GOLD

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EXCERPT

“You said that you wanted some insight into the past, present and future of your relationship,” Alice’s expression is solemn. “You must remember that you’ll not get a definitive answer from this reading. Rather, the cards will guide you about how to make good decisions to support your life goals. Are you comfortable with that, Michelle?”

“Yes, I understand that.”

Alice turns over the card on the left. It’s the Moon. Paling slightly, she draws in a deep breath.

“The Moon in the past position, as it relates to romance, could mean that you have an inaccurate perception of your partner. It is possible that your partner has not been completely honest with you and has hidden secrets.”

Michelle grimaces, “That is rather concerning, especially considering the poltergeist, or whatever she is, said he was a lying cheat and that I was a traitor to my sex for marrying him. What can it all mean?”

“I’m not sure, Michelle, but it may not mean what you think it does. Let’s consider the next card and what it tells us about your relationship?”

Alice flips over the middle card and reveals the Ten of Swords.

Starting visibly, Michelle sucks in air through gritted teeth. “That’s not a good card in the context of a relationship,” she hisses.

“No,” Alice agrees, “it means that your current situation is going to come to an end, but this could apply to your life more generally and it may be something else that is important to you that is concluding and not your relationship.”

“Remember what I said when we started,” Alice continues. “This is just guidance and should not be interpreted too literally. Out of every ending there comes a new beginning and it could refer to your decision to finally write a book. Maybe your day job will come to an end to enable you to do that.”

Michelle smiles at Alice, “You are such a great friend. Who else could turn the Ten of Swords into something positive?”

“I’ll drink to that.” The two women raise their glasses, clink them together, and take large gulps.

“Let’s see what the last card is,” Michelle manufactures a cheerful smile. “Hopefully it will be an improvement on the last one.”

Alice turns it over slowly. “The Chariot.”

“That’s good, isn’t it?”

“Yes, it is related to having confidence and overcoming obstacles in your life. Read together with the Ten of Swords, it means that whatever major life event you are going through now, will be overcome in the future.”

“And with regards to relationships?” Michelle asks in a trembling voice.

“It can be interpreted that your relationship is about to go through a rough patch, but the Chariot is telling you that it’ll pass and that you’ll come out stronger and better because of it.”

Michelle nods, the cards have unsettled her and added to her questions rather than giving her any clarity.