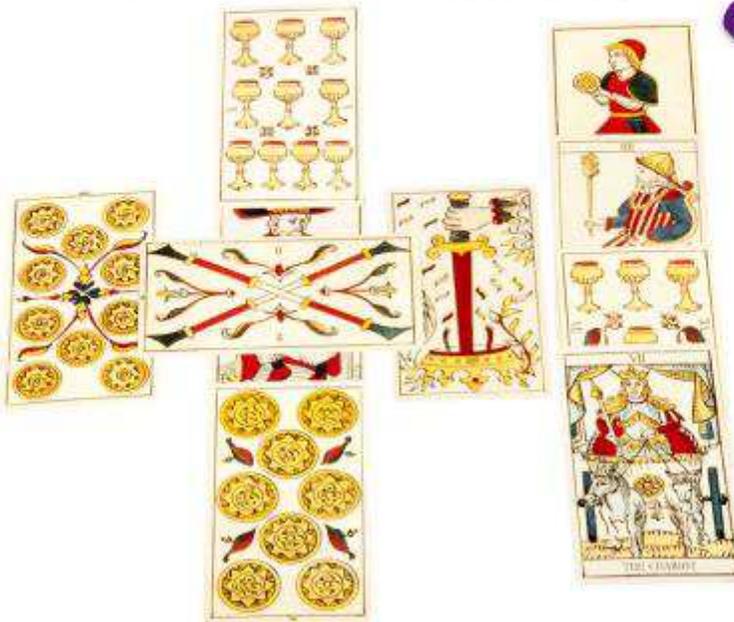


Insightful & Intense Tarot Reading



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SAMPLE

QUESTION

My best friend Lindsey and I are thinking about opening a hair salon or a beauty spa together. While Lindsey and I grew up together and have been friends since childhood, the prospect of going into business with her is a bit daunting to me.

She is a beautician: she went to beauty school and can do many things in the business: from hair coloring and styling to image consultation and makeup application. I have an MBA and am still torn between keeping my job and only participating as a financial investor (we would hire a business manager) or quitting my job and becoming a full time manager of the business.

Either way, I am concerned that if I take my relationship with Lindsey into the business realm, I may lose a friend.

Please tell me what my future would hold if I went into this venture.

SPREAD



Undermining
Forces



Supporting
Forces



Undermining
Forces



Relationship



Supporting
Forces



Outcome



Outcome



Outcome



Undermining
Forces



Supporting
Forces

RELATIONSHIP

Queen of Swords Reversed

The Queen of Swords Reversed indicates that you may be thinking more with your heart than your head when it comes to your relationship with Lindsey. You may be very emotionally involved in the decision of opening a business together. You need to use your head a little bit more to understand what is happening and read the signals more accurately. Look at your situation objectively and think with your head and not your heart as this may give you a better picture of the situation and help you evaluate what you need to do next.

Similarly, the reversed Queen of Swords suggests that your relationship with your friend is clouding your business decisions. You need to refocus your goals or direction, yet you are hesitating because you don't want to disturb the positive balance and harmony of your rapport. At the end of the day, you need to be more confident and aggressive in order to be successful. Clear sight and analysis, objective weighing of options and ideas for the future, are essential right now.

UNDERMINING CAUSES

The Moon

The moon suggests that all is not as it appears. Are there some shady or underhanded business dealings that your friend has undertaken that bother you? Or do you feel that you are not privy to all the information you need? Fraudulent activities, hidden agendas, or anything else, the question is: DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW?

The reason you are asking me a question in a first place is because in your gut you feel that this business venture may be right. Trust your intuition. Investigate the unknown. Do your due-diligence. Don't be in a hurry to make decisions until you have all the answers. Figure out what made you

uncomfortable about this in a first place and make sure to address it with your friend..

Ten of Wands

Ask yourself who will be running the business. ALL of it. Chances are, this business will be on your shoulders, whether you manage it directly or through a manager. In a way you understand it yourself, which is another reason you're hesitant. You know that once in business, all the burden of running it, all the responsibility for its financial management and growth will be laid directly upon your shoulders.

If you are not ready to take on the extra workload, then you need to think twice. Very often the Ten Of Wands suggests that it's your inability to delegate that's driving the extra work. In this case, however, I believe that it's your friend's inability to run the business and her need of constant supervision that will drive you to work extra-long and extra-hard.

Three of Swords

Finally, the Three of Swords looms over you with a feeling of personal failure, should this business venture fall through. You know that should this venture (or worse, your relationship with your friend), fail, you will take the loss quite personally. Your feelings will be hurt and ego bruised. It is very important for you to at this time to keep things in perspective.

SUPPORTIVE FORCES

The Lovers

No matter what happens with your business, remember, you have a special bond with Lindsey. The Lovers show you that for good or bad, you have a friend in her. Does it play in your favor? Somewhat. At times, it is comforting that you're going into business with someone you know and trust. The trick here is to distinguish whether the trust is warranted as it expands onto the business - after all: that is not a tested side of your friendship. However, as a supportive force to the issue, your friendship (at least for now) remains strong.

King of Coins Reversed

The King of Coins Reversed points to a personality of someone who does not take financial matters seriously. So how does this support your cause? Perhaps the best way to look at it is that your friend will defer to you in all matters having to do with finance and running of the business. If this is what you want, then you will be quite satisfied.

Lindsey does not have a firm hold on her own finances, therefore, you will have to step in as the sole financial partner. Again - a double-edged sword. On the one hand, you will be burdened with all the major business decisions - no matter how big or small. On the other hand, as long as you are handling matters, you will be sure that they are handled properly.

So if being a solitary financial manager suits your needs, then this card is certainly agreeable to you.

Faith (Hierophant) Reversed

Faith Reversed is all about breaking the rules and challenging status quo. It is about questioning tradition and asking yourself whether what you are doing is really the right thing for you. You may have been running on automatic, but now is the time that you realize that something does not feel right to you and things need to change.

The good news for you is that you have a good head on your shoulders and are questioning everything BEFORE and not after you already invest the time and money and become business partners. You have adequate intellect and desire to question issues, instead of blindly following the tide. Use it to your advantage!

OUTCOME

So what will happen to your friendship and your business should you go ahead with it as planned?

Five of Cups

The Five of Cups indicate that initially you may come to see the venture as a setback or an error on your part. My advice is to not let failure remain a failure. Instead, you will need to review what went wrong, and then put in

place actions to ensure it does not happen again. Find new opportunities to improve the business and the revenue stream.

As far as your relationship with your friend - it will certainly be tested. This card indicates a lot of hurt and emotional disappointment, so it's best to take your time to heal and contemplate future steps before moving on. You may even decide to break up and take time away from each other to heal the wounds. If that happens, you will need to decide what takes precedence in your life: your relationship with your friend or your joint venture.

Knight of Coins

Should you decide to stay in business, however, the Knight of Coins suggests that you will need to maintain a very conservative and low-risk strategy for how you invest and spend your money. It is only with hard work and dedication that you grow your finances. You will need to put aside personal distraction, vis-à-vis Lindsey, for the common good and approach your goals with determination and vision for the long haul.

For a while, your relationship with your friend will be just plodding along, However, both of you will feel committed to your careers and working lives and may be struggling to focus on your friendship. Should you wish to retain it, you will need to take time and effort to invest in your friendship and try to renew the bonds you once had.

Death

In the end, you will find that both you and Lindsey have been changed by the experience. While you may be initially upset by the changes, these same changes will ultimately bring you into a new phase of life and will eventually benefit you in ways you could never have foreseen. Ultimately, you will profit greatly from what you have learned and you will be ok in the long run.

Similarly, your friendship will go through a metamorphosis. Death heralds a new perspective and a willingness to let go of the negatives of the past and embrace a new way of relating to each other.

The most important aspect of the Death card is that it heralds positive change and new beginnings, so while it may be frightening to step into the unknown, it may be a necessary journey for your own personal transformation.

IN CONCLUSION

Should you decide to go into business with your friend, there will be a lot of bumps and obstacles along the way. It is up to you if you wish to take up this challenge. Certainly, before you even begin, you have a lot of factors to consider: Lindsey's willingness and ability to participate in the business; your time and desire to undertake more responsibilities; and, finally, and most importantly trust and belief in your friend.

Forewarned = forearmed. Should you wish to jump into the business, you will need a lot of patience, hard work and determination; most will have to do with divvying up responsibilities and duties and ensuring that not any one party feels unfairly overburdened or exploited. If, however, you are determined to make it work - you will. Not only will you have the chance to become successful, you will have learned many valuable lessons from this experience and come out on the other side stronger and better.