

Deck of Complementary Couples

Cartomancy Legend

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#	Name	Al.	Element	Ability	Skill	Interpretation in positive position (negative position)
1	The Western Royalty	LG	lightning	CHR	diplomacy	Adherence to an oaths yields great fortune/loyalty (betrayal)
2	The Eastern Nobility	LG	steam	WIS	sense motive	Honor shall be met with honor (dishonor with dishonor)
3	The High Elves	NG	radiance	DEX	perception	Balance with nature leads to self-composure (imbalance to corruption)
4	The Dwarves	NG	mineral	CON	disable device	Must be willing to part with accumulated wealth (receive gift)
5	The Vikings	CG	ice	STR	perform	Courage and perseverance shall be rewarded (cowardice punished)
6	The Merpeople	CG	water	INT	swim	Fortuitous travel by sea/water encounter (unlucky travel)
7	The Prince & Princess	LN	fire	CHR	disguise	Things are not as they seem; a pleasant surprise is in store (an unpleasant surprise awaits)
8	The Pharaohs	LN	earth	CON	appraise	Adherence to rigid customs shall prove problematic (serious faux pas to come)
9	The Faithful Oracle	N	positive energy	WIS	heal	A friend shall come to your rescue (a friend shall require your aid)
10	The Unfaithful Oracle	N	negative energy	INT	sleight of hand	You shall betray a friend (you shall be betrayed)
11	The Sky Lords	CN	air	DEX	fly	Fortuitous travel by air (unexpected attack from above)
12	The Barbarians	CN	magma	STR	acrobatics	Your strength shall be tested (your strength will not avail you)
13	The Vampires	LE	ash	CON	intimidate	You shall have a brush with death (encounter undeath)
14	The Scorpion Cult	LE	dust	WIS	disguise	A companion is not what s/he seems (an enemy is misunderstood)
15	The Zombie Bride & Groom	NE	salt	CHR	survival	You shall receive a message from beyond the grave (must make contact the dead)
16	The Extra-Terrestrials	NE	vacuum	INT	linguistics	A stranger shall not comprehend your motives (you shall misunderstand the intentions of another)
17	The Serpents	CE	smoke	DEX	stealth	What seems evil is truly evil (what seems good is truly good)
18	The Trolls	CE	ooze	STR	bluff	Prepare yourself for imminent combat (combat can be avoided)









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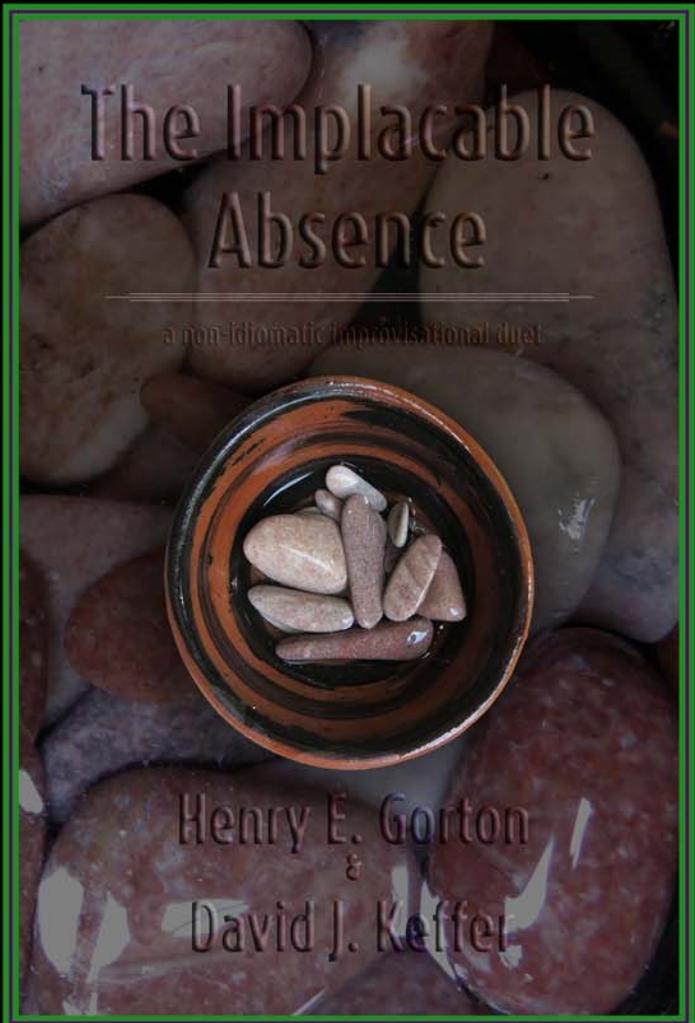


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