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- Good magiciars know what magic is too dangerous to attempt. Great magicians say [Single Windows that. [Tag: Forbidden Arcana]
- Fight for will life long enough, and you end up in Seattle. Weird. [Tag: Seattle Gambit]

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- Richard Villiers denies being summoned to private meeting with five Corporate Court judges. <u>Link</u>
- Evo introduces new scanners for use at all sub-orbital, orbital, and outer space travel stations designed to detect any hint of CFD. Other corps rush to purchase and install them. Link

INTRODUCTION

Here's the critical thing to remember: Tarot decksany tarot decks, not just the Sixth World Tarot that has emerged (or re-emerged, or been discovered, or whatever) into the world-are a lot like your favorite gun in their primary function. It's the same function that almost any power has, namely, to gain control over something that would otherwise be uncontrollable. Point a gun at someone, even if that person is a big, angry troll, and watch them get calm. You feel like you have control over them, and an element of chaos has been tamed. When it comes to the tarot, the big, angry troll you're trying to subdue is the future, that unruly beast that ambushes everyone, one way or another. The divination people attempt to pull from the tarot sheds a light into this unknown darkness, telling you what's waiting for you out there. It may be scary and intimidating, but knowing what it is, is the first step to doing something about it.

But there are risks. Of course there are risks! Let's go back to the situation with the gun and the troll. Yeah, it feels great when you're first pointing the weapon and watching some of the fire go out of the troll's eyes. But that's just one moment. What if the troll gets the drop on you and yanks your gun away? What if you and the troll separate, and your enemy vows to get revenge so thit you have to spend the rest of your life looking over your shoulder? Or what if you go ahead and take the shirt, bringing the troll down? Are your troubles over, as we some allies or compatriots going to track you down? That moment of control you thought you had just as to new complications, new risks, and new possibilities of disaster.

That, too, is the Sixth World Tarot. It is possible the truth but telling it slant, providing enough information to give a false sense of confidence that vanishes just as soon as the full truth appears. A situation you thought you had controlled turns out to be one that was manipulating you to some terrible end.

So maybe the deck is something to be avoided. But it's power, and the Sixth World is terrible at ignoring power. The power it contains goes beyond predicting the future. It extends to magic trapped inside the cards, powers that can be unleashed when certain groups of them are gathered together or specific actions are performed. There are also secrets buried in the cards—codes, puzzles, and obscure references that, when properly understood, can lead to riches, powerful artifacts, or secrets some people would like to see stay hidden.

There's a lot to take in, so here are the sections that will provide a way to cut through the tangled webs these cards weave. First, **Deck Building** provides an overview of the Tarot and how the powers of the Sixth World are maneuvering around it. **Aligning the Court** provides a look at the Seelie Court side of the Tarot. Since the Court's factions are closely aligned with the major ar-



the Tarot, the collection and use of the cards is of great interest to fae courtiers. **Using Themes and Motifs** starts to dig into the cards themselves, looking at some elements that occur on multiple cards and providing guidance about deciphering their meaning. **Items and Objects** goes even deeper along those lines, reviewing specific elements that recur on cards and how they might play out in the so-called real world.

Briefly moving outside of the cards, **People** covers some of the parties embroiled in looking for the cards—the types of people runners might encounter while seeking the cards, or those who might hire them. **Taco Temple** goes in depth on one recurring theme of the deck, the Taco Temple logo, and discusses theories about what this upstart chain means to the Sixth World and why it makes so many appearances in the deck.

Codes and Puzzles is your guide to some of the indepth puzzles that the deck contains. While it doesn't give away all the secrets (what fun would that be?), it has lots of advice and ideas about the runs the Tarot deck can inspire.

Cards as Augury looks into the divination aspect of the Sixth World Tarot and the ways it can be used to catch a glimpse into the future—or muddy the waters as time flows forward. **Power of the Cards** looks at specific boons and powers the cards may grant intrepid beneficiaries. Finally, the **Character Trove** offers stats on numerous people named throughout the book.

The Sixth World Tarot is the launching point of a million possible shadowurns. This book is your guide to the plots, schemes, jobs, and adventures hidden in the deck, waiting to be uncovered by runners with enough guts, daring—and yes, power—to control the unknown.

