

## Ace Of Wands

They stand on four,

And stare in awe as you stand on two.

You are talking to a coworker at a local school you were just hired to work at.

You have a child, who you always manage to bring up in conversation.

A beautiful girl, who embodies everything extraordinary about you.

Your interlocutor celebrates you as you talk about your toddler, she asks

“How long have you been married?”

You are not married.

A threat.

They warn that your license to teach can be taken away because of your lifestyle, a child without a father, a child out of wedlock.

But its 1996 Illinois, and the bible belt has its ways, so you feel you cannot place blame.

Today, you think of the promise you made giving birth to a fatherless child 24 years ago.

You discovered long ago that being a mother doesn't mean you give up. You still seek a companion, someone to celebrate with about your child's milestones.

But guilt consumes you when you leave your kid with a neighborhood teenager so you can go out and have fun, to meet someone.

You are not the ringing of a wine glass, nor the singing of the mixer, but the silence of a novel after slumber has fallen.

When you look out the window, at your child playing outside with your mother, You make eye contact with yourself, and no judgement is reflected.

You have an eternal companion, someone for you and you alone to love. You have each other and in the inconsistency of romantic relationships, you are and always will be a mother. Titles like girlfriend, wife, partner, all can fade. But motherhood is infinite.

Someone's life is in your hands, and no compromises need be made.

And you begin to understand, that the husband and wife, mom and dad standards  
Act as barriers

Limiting the opportunities for kids to be loved

And they try to make her a burden.

Out of a lack of support, you are forced to bring her to your meetings,

Everyone stares.

you are the hands on the clock, and she is the ticking. She makes what you do known, hypervisible,

but you are not you, without her.

They won't let you forget, that your life is unconventional

You agree

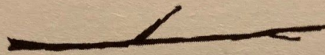
But you understand that it is in the best imaginable way.



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EXPANSION, INSPIRATION



An extremely high energy card, the Ace of Wands indicates new growth is all around you. Your ideas and outlook will expand, and creativity seems endless. This fertile time can also have literal meanings...a pregnancy or birth may be on the horizon. Though it's thrilling to embark on your new journey, your good judgement is needed more than ever. Don't rush into it.