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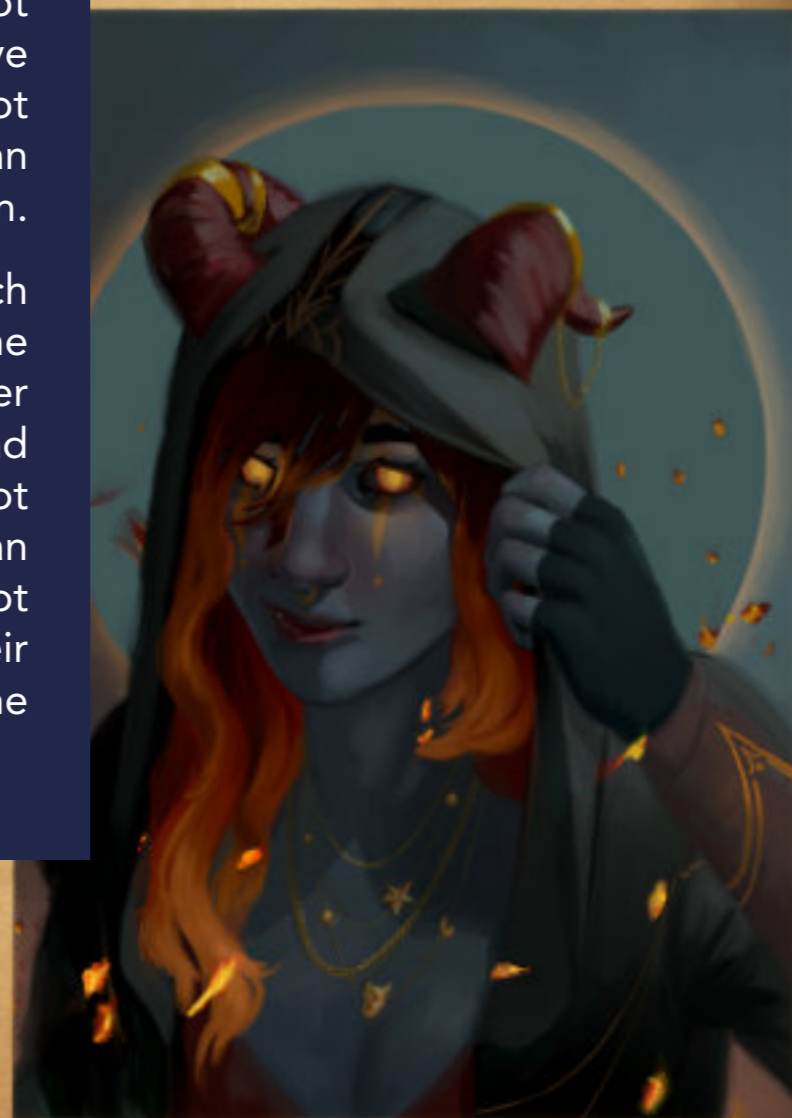
**FREEFORM SPREAD**

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CHAPTER 2:  
FREEFORM CHARACTER CREATION

Now that you know how Tarot works (if not, I suggest you give Chapter 1 - How does Tarot work a quick glance!) we can dive into the character creation.

To show you how to approach this, I'm going to use the Tiefling Warlock character portrait that you can download from the same page you got this chapter from as an example. I used the Tarot method to develop their character before painting the portrait.



When I started creating this character, I drew the following cards:

Page of Cups



Knight of Cups



Six of Pentacles



| Tarot illustrations by Pamela Colman Smith

**Upright -**

Happy surprise,  
dreamer, sensitivity

**Upright -**

Following the heart,  
idealist, romantic

**Upright -**

Charity, generosity,  
sharing

A tiefling with very "soft" keywords! I decided to embrace this and make her a very soft character:

*"This tiefling has always felt at odds with her reputation. She's always been a dreamer, a romantic, an idealist, an frankly, a bit naive. Her heart for charity and generous nature and sharing has made her the butt of jokes more than once and has allowed others to take advantage of her."*

What could I had ended up with if I had drawn two of the cards upside down - reversed in Tarot terms?

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Knight of Cups



Six of Pentacles



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**Upright -**

Happy surprise,  
dreamer, sensitivity

**Reversed -**

Moodiness,  
disappointment

**Reversed -**

Strings attached,  
stinginess, power  
and domination

Power and domination read more traditionally tiefling-esque to me. Here, I'm coming up with a more "deal with the devil" type scenario:

*"This tiefling used to be a dreamer, an artist, a sensitive soul. However, ever since her life partner made a deal with the devil, life has been different. It was aeons ago, but her fate was sealed together with his. Her disappointment with her partner never really faded."*

If you don't like the outcome of a set of cards and don't feel like you'll get a good story out of the meanings presented, feel free to try again! This is meant to be a tool of inspiration, not a point of frustration.

If you're looking to accompany this description with some art, check out the D&D Dress Up art packs - just like the guide, they'll give you the freedom to create your own character with great ease!

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THANK YOU FOR READING!

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