

Tasseography by Rissa
Small Sample Reading in Black Tea
Major Symbols

Closest to the handle, which represents you, the seeker, is a mask. The mask is on top of a blockage, and at the other side is a spooky demon face. This reads that you are deluding yourself deeply. And you are putting the same false face on for the world. Next to this trio is a goat, offering reassurance of the blockage—you are stubbornly set in your path. You have believed your own lies and adamantly refuse to see past them.

In the Emotional side of the cup, the largest symbols are a U, a scorpion and a wilted flower attached to a heart. These read that you are your own main character. You are so focused on yourself, though, that you don't see the effect it's having on those around you. The flower that bloomed from someone you loved has wilted and is dying. There's a scorpion, the symbol of your own toxicity and negative energy sitting right next to you. There are two human figures in the Emotional area: one a slouching, discouraged woman in posture of defeat. The other is a man on his knees, also in a posture of defeat.

At the end of the cup, a large mushroom (rapid change) grows next to a dragon in its nest. There is potential to suddenly wake a powerful obstacle you must face. Dragons are the things you must get past to move forward—an indicator you need to do some intense soul searching before the beast wakes up.

The back side of the cup is almost entirely empty. This can be a sign of totally open opportunity or of deep uncertainty for the future—this span covers the full back rim of the cup and half way down. You don't know what you want and feel directionless both emotionally and in the material world. Again, time for some honest contemplation of your emotions and situation.

On the Material side, there is centipede by the handle. Centipedes bring the message of fear. You are living in a place of fear and your trepidation is so deep, you are bringing it into reality by either self-sabotage or manifestation. Beyond the centipede is a bat flying aloft, about half way back the cup. This is a positive sign, as bats usher out the old and bring in something new, about 3-4 months away.

Also on this side, two people, back to back, slouch in a sad posture. One has dropped an umbrella which is upside down. In your material life, either at work or home, there has been a disagreement with someone that has brought deep sadness to both parties. It left you both unsheltered, feeling adrift. Perhaps a business partnership ended or a favorite room mate moved before the quarantine.

The hammer on the edge of the open area indicates that you have hard work to do in order to figure out what your next steps are in the material world.

At the bottom of the cup, in the area related to your long-term future, there are three main figures and they are, without doubt, the largest symbols in the cup. The devil is holding hands with a dancing person. The devil is perched on a huge arrow, pointing back towards the handle, you, and intersecting an upside-down heart. This is about the dark in yourself and the past you must face to move on in life, but this depiction shows you dancing with the devil. The arrow hints that you have so completely sunk into the devil's temptations, you have embraced them as your truth, especially in matters of the heart. The devil is symbolic of vices, bad habits, self-delusion. You have succumb to the devil in your distant future—but your next cup could change. Those choices are your own: to follow a path that leads to distractions and delay from the devil, or to fight your way into light.