

# THE PETIT LENORMAND

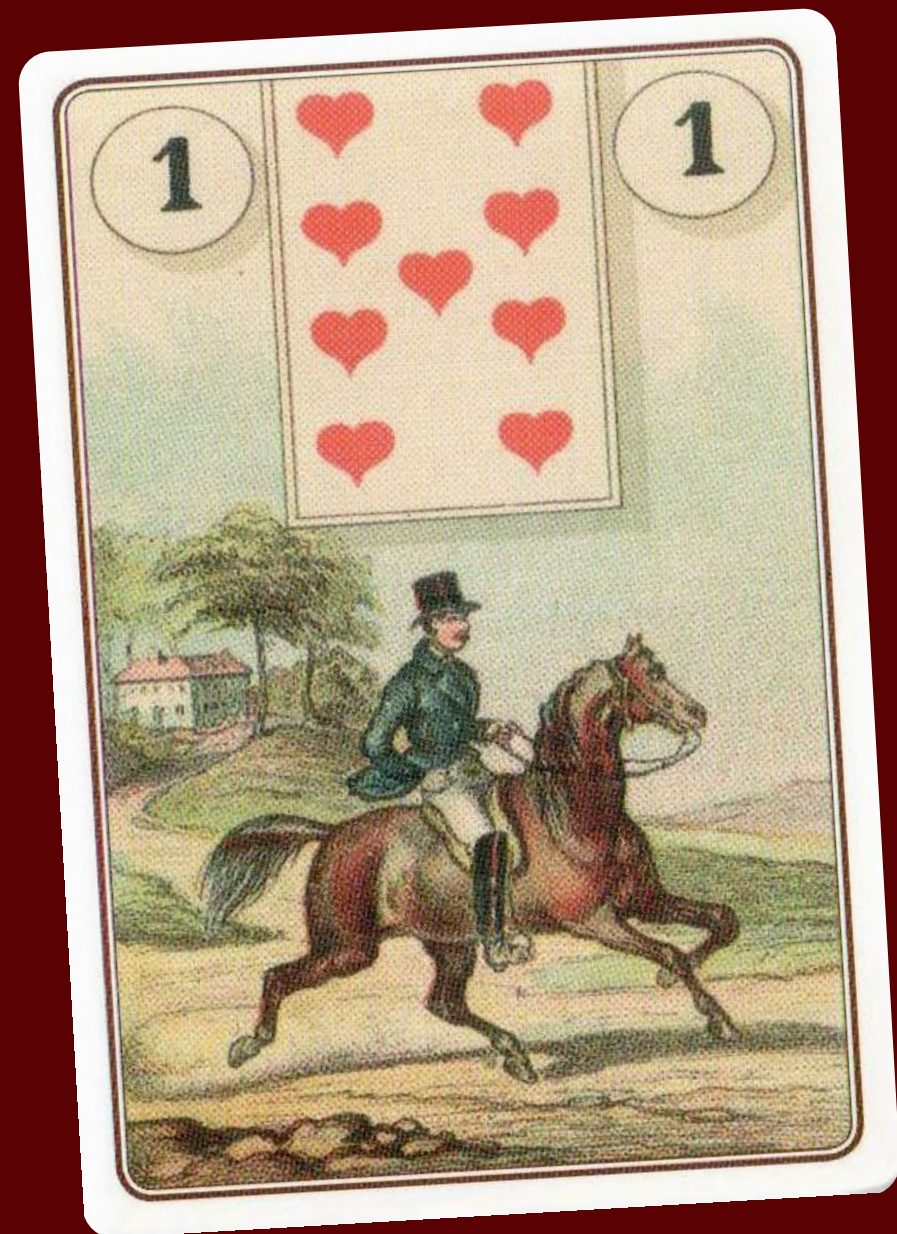
The differences between European  
and Brazilian schools.



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# THE KNIGHT - CARD #1



Same meaning for European and Brazilian schools. Movement, fast dynamics, getting out of stagnation, speed, situations presenting themselves (happening, resolving themselves). Situations happening and resolving at once. Get ready for opportunities! Everything will happen at the same time now! Depending on the cards around, it could even be a stressful situation. But trust me, it will be a good stress. Productive stress. A moment of progress. If you have to make decisions, think, but don't delay! Otherwise, you will miss the "timing". This is a moment for action. This card talks about the constant movement in life; life is movement and movement is life. Time to get on the fast carousel that is life! Have no fear and be open to lots of opportunities!



## Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

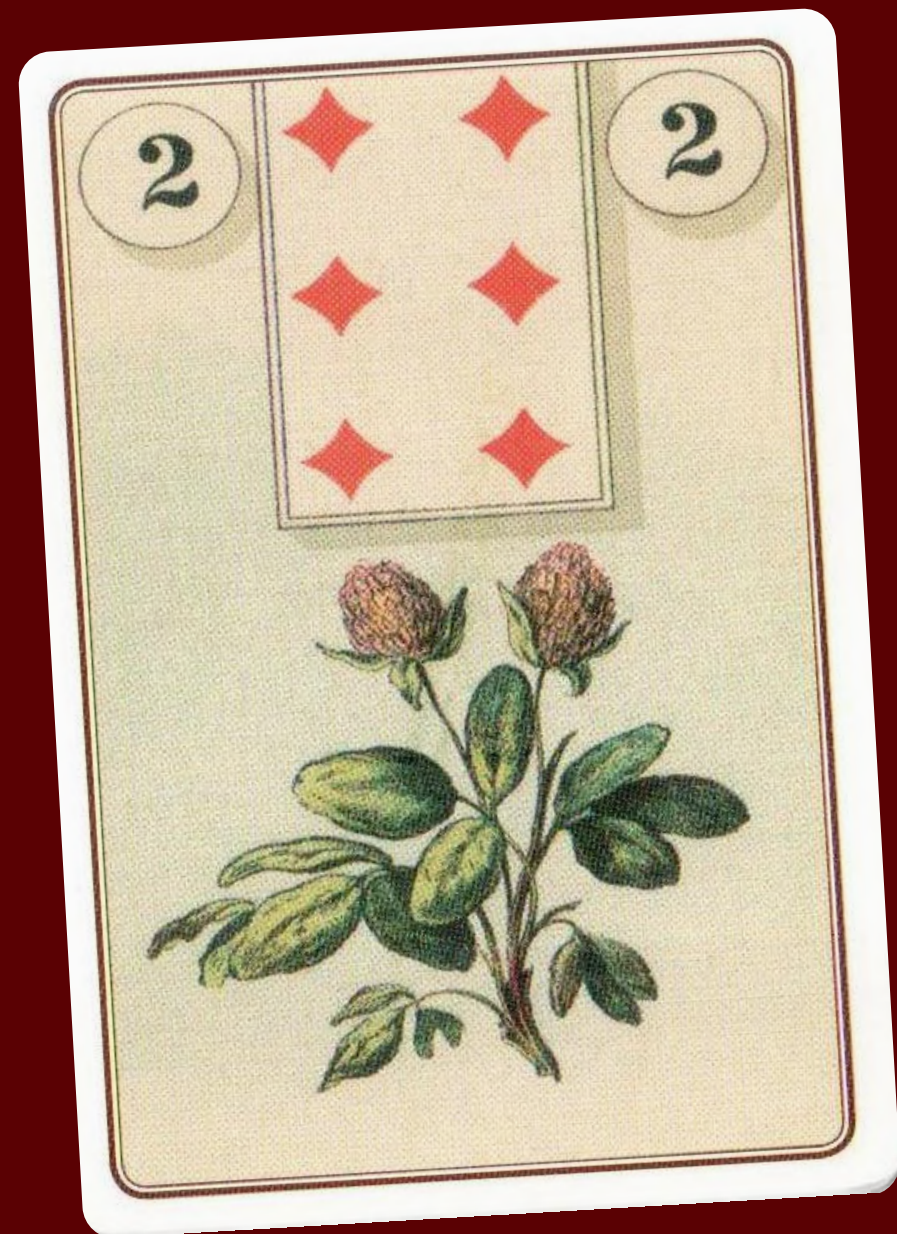
# EXU

The messenger, is one of the Orixas from the African pantheon in Candomblé; a Afro Brazilian religion. He is the guardian of temples, homes and people. He is also the executioner of karmic justice and acts on the desobstruction of material and spiritual paths.





# THE CLOVER - CARD #2



**European meaning** - Luck, good outcome, opportunity, bargain, gamble, lottery.

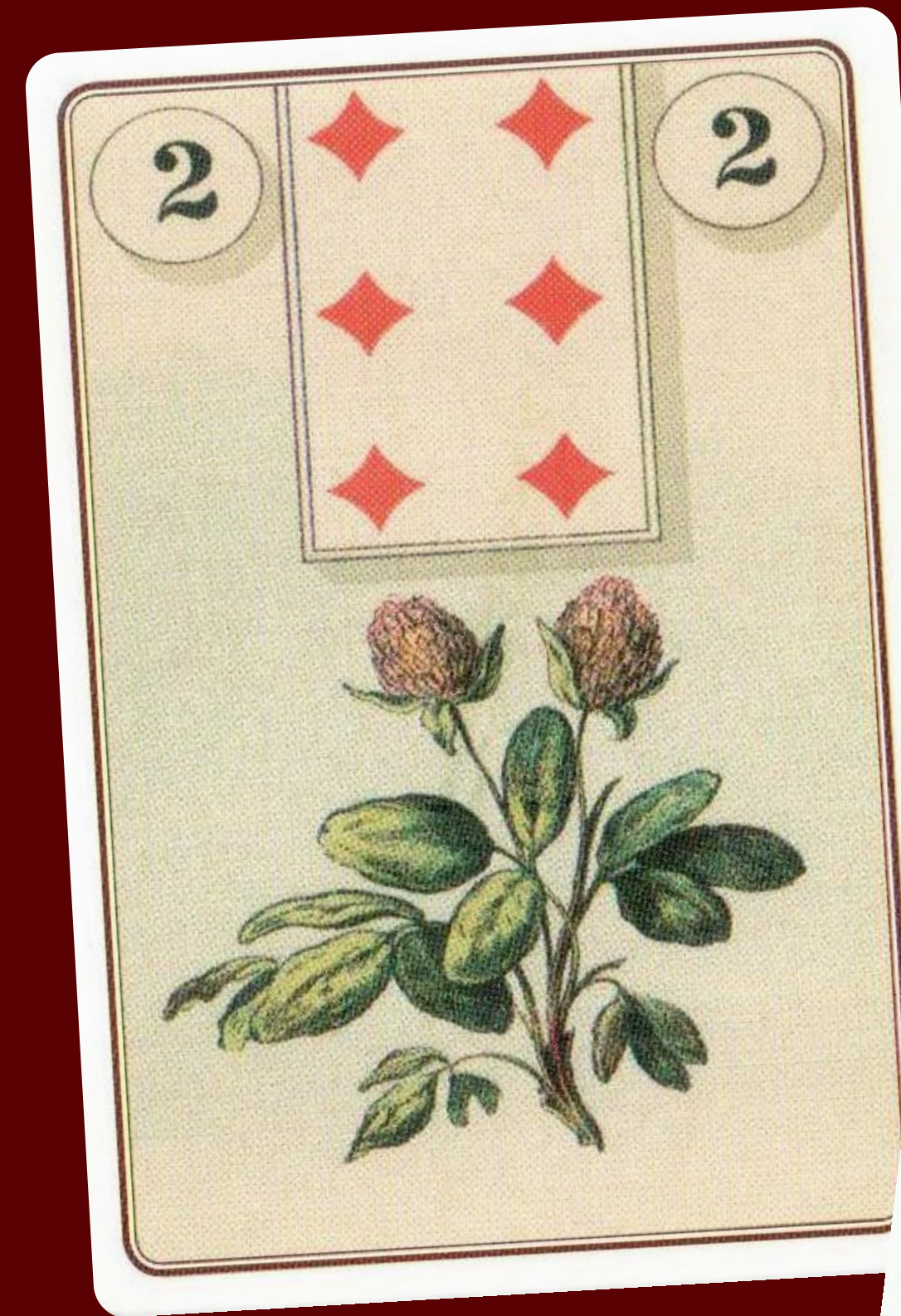
**Brazilian meaning** - Obstacles to be overcome. Something in your way that can slow you down, but cannot stop you. Small obstacles, which can be overcome. Delayed solutions. Combined with the Tree, it speaks of some waiting before reaching the goal. Don't be intimidated by small mishaps. Stay calm, focused and do your job. Clear your path and move on. In the end, there is some learning to be done, adding something good to your life.



## Brazilian Lenormand

Some Lenormans decks that are published in Brazil, show the card #2 featuring a picture of logs in the middle of a road.

This artistic variation, follows the Brazilian symbolic meaning for card #2.





# THE SHIP - CARD #3



Similar meaning for European and Brazilian schools. Positive changes. Moves for the better. Trips with a positive result. Combined with The House #4 card, house moving. Combined with The Book card, work or study trip. Still, the Ship combined to the card # 26 The Book may also be a change of a job position for the better, with promotion. This card always brings positive changes, with growth and prosperity. The water element showing in the card, traditionally symbolizes movement and prosperity.

Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

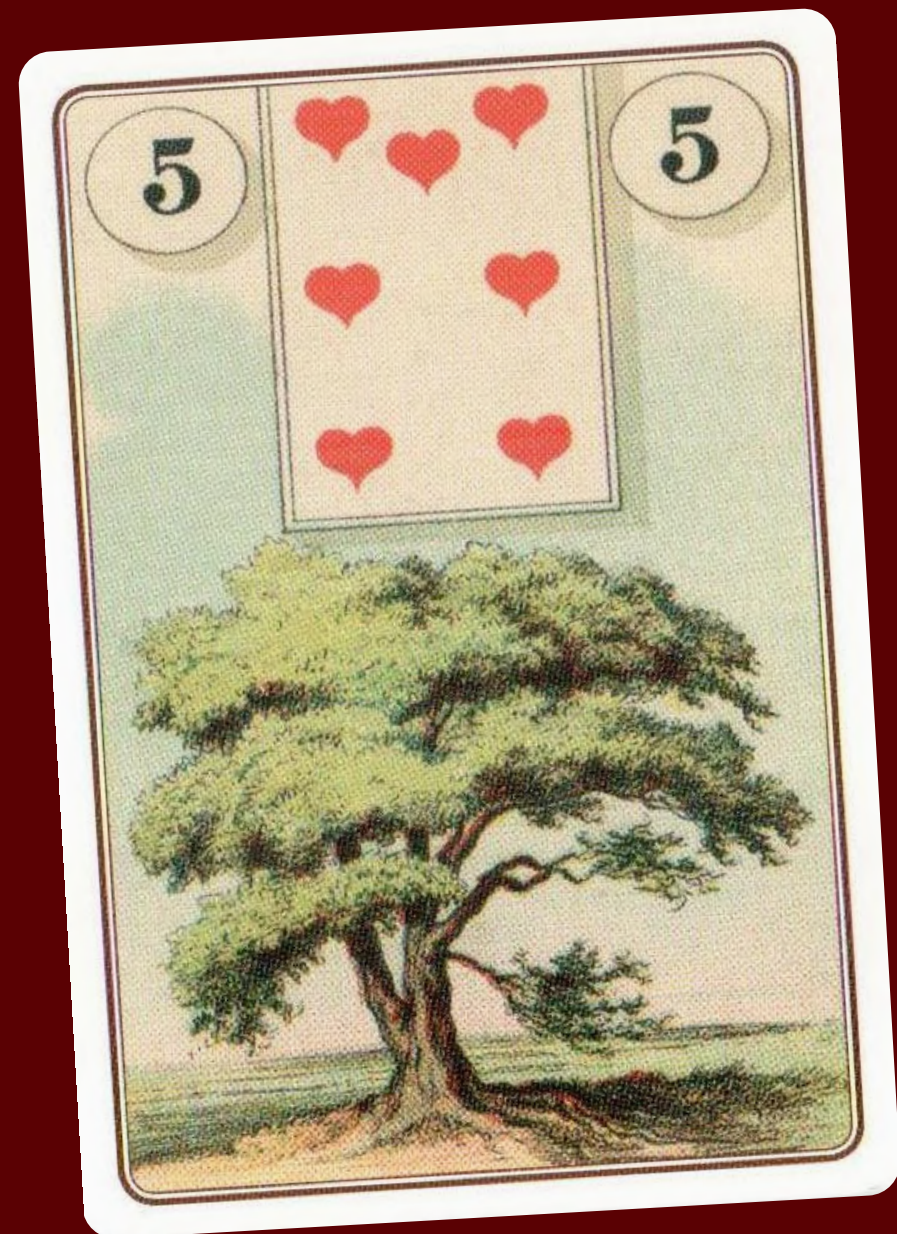
# IEMANJÁ

Iemanjá is the mother of all beings. She is the one that welcomes and blesses everyone. The name Iemanjá means “the mother whose children are fish”. She is the patron for the family and home





# THE TREE - CARD #5



Same meaning for European and Brazilian schools. Prosperity after a certain period of time. A period of time before the harvest. Warning to be careful, “sow your seeds for a bountiful harvest”. To be aware of the quality of what you are planting to reap the expected result. Attention to the stages of the process. Planning something carefully, following a strategy and having a good harvest as a result. Prosperity and sure harvest. Patience. The stages of life: spring, summer, fall and winter. Long life, good physical structure, good health..



Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

# OXOSSI

Oxossi is the hunter and the medicine man. He is also the patron of the arts, wisdom, abundance, knowledge and intelligence. He is the great hunter of souls, the mentor and the wise man. Also, the Lord of the woods, forests, animals and everything that lives in it. This Orixá is connected to the earth element.





# THE CLOUDS - CARD #6



Same meaning for European and Brazilian schools. Those changes that you want are coming to you at all costs! Achievement of desired results even with some unexpected consequences. Anxiety, stress, impatience. Light after a time of darkness. Resolution after difficulties and uncertainties. A new day after hardship. Change of situation in the desired and expected direction. Have hope and faith, but beware of anxiety.



## Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

# IANSA

Iansa is the Orixá for the winds, lightning, hurricanes, cyclones, storms, weather, bamboo groves. She is the patron of the fights and the warriors. Lady of the underworld and the dead but also Goddess of the passions. She has the strength of the buffalo and the butterfly lightness.





# THE SERPENT - CARD #7



Same meaning for European and Brazilian schools. Wisdom, focus, upward development. Watch out and don't be carried away by illusions. Beware of promises of easy earnings. Be wary of contracts and deals that have not yet materialized. Do not count on what is not concrete. "The rainbow is beautiful, but it's just an optical illusion." There is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, there is only disappointment. Only trust what is concrete, palpable. Contradictory and unbalanced energies. Protect yourself and prevent yourself from fraud, promises that will not be fulfilled and illusions.



Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

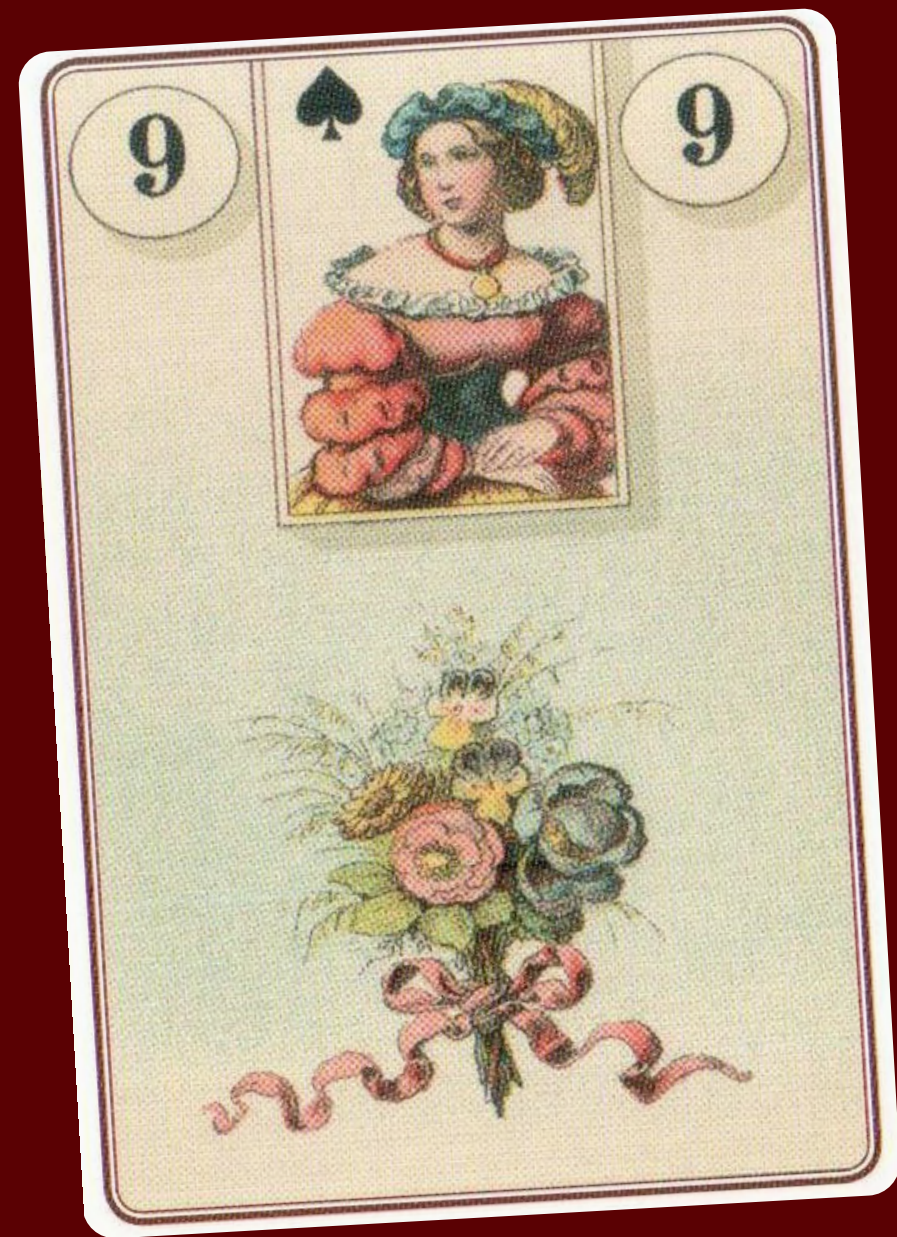
# OXUMARE

Oxumare is the Orixá for mobility, cycles, dexterity, flexibility, infinity, ambivalence, fortune, wealth, prosperity. He is represented by a serpent.





# THE BOUQUET OR THE FLOWERS - CARD #9



Same meaning for European and Brazilian schools.  
Happiness, enthusiasm, celebration. Gifts received with joy.  
Good news. Good results. Parties. Fun. Pleasures.



## Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

# NANA

Nana is the oldest among the Orixas. She is the patron of maturity, and protects the elderly. This Goddess is the archetype of the old woman, the grandmother, the lady of the portal, owner of the mangroves, swamps and mud. She is responsible for sweeping all diseases, illnesses and harmful energies into the depths of her waters. One of her symbols is the broom. Nana is the sweetness of the grandmother but also the austerity and severity that comes with old age





# THE SCYTHER - CARD #10



Same meaning for European and Brazilian schools.

Fear of cutting down the old to plant the new. Something being taken from you. Mowing, cleaning, letting go of what has already passed so that a new stage can be built. Be aware that it is necessary to cut relationships, forget events and situations, get rid of memories, creeds and behaviors. Clear life of what no longer works and move forward without fear of starting over.

The difference between The Scythe, card 10 and The Coffin, card 8; is that the coffin is involuntary and unexpected. The coffin is a moment of endings regardless of your will. The Scythe on the other hand, is up to you. You must start cutting and leaving behind what no longer fits in your life. With The Coffin, card 8, endings and cuts happen in your life naturally and independently of your will. With The Scythe, card 10 you must finish and cut what no longer serves you in your life. The action depends on you.



## Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

# OBALUAE

Obaluae, the young warrior or Omulu, the elder sorcerer. He is the Orixá responsible for epidermal diseases, plagues, and their cures. His name means “The Lord of the earth and life”. He is the king of the earth, lord of health and healing of physical and soul ailments. He is the master of magic, responsible for transmutation, for the changes in the cycles of life. He also governs death and life. His realms are the cemeteries and the abyssal regions in the bottom of the sea. Omulu does not cause diseases, he takes it away and returns it to the earth. He is the Orixá that sends mercy for the sick.





# THE CHILD - CARD #13



Same meaning for European and Brazilian schools. Happiness. Innocence. Naivety. Joy and fun. The best way to understand joy is observing the life enjoyment on a child. The child does not need anything specific or someone to be cheerful and happy. They are happy because they are alive and breathing. The joy that comes from the essence of the inner being. The happiness of existence. Which is not connected with any superfluous need. The brightness and beauty of innocence and honesty.



## Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

# IBEJI

Ibeji is the child Orixá. They are twins and represent happiness, joy, everything that is new. They are protectors of children symbolizing birth and everything that is new. Therefore, they are associated with the sources of rivers, purity, germination and everything that is born. They are twins and so are also related to duality.





# THE BEAR - CARD #15



**European meaning** - Strength, protection, mother, power, older person or official, possession.

**Brazilian meaning** - The hug that kills. The bear hug is not a friendly hug, but the predator hug. False friendship and selfish interests. It is that situation that apparently is in your favor, but in fact will harm you more than benefit. That person who seems friendly and willing to help, but in fact is just using you for their own gains.



Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

**No Orixá relationship  
for this card.**





# THE TOWER - CARD #19



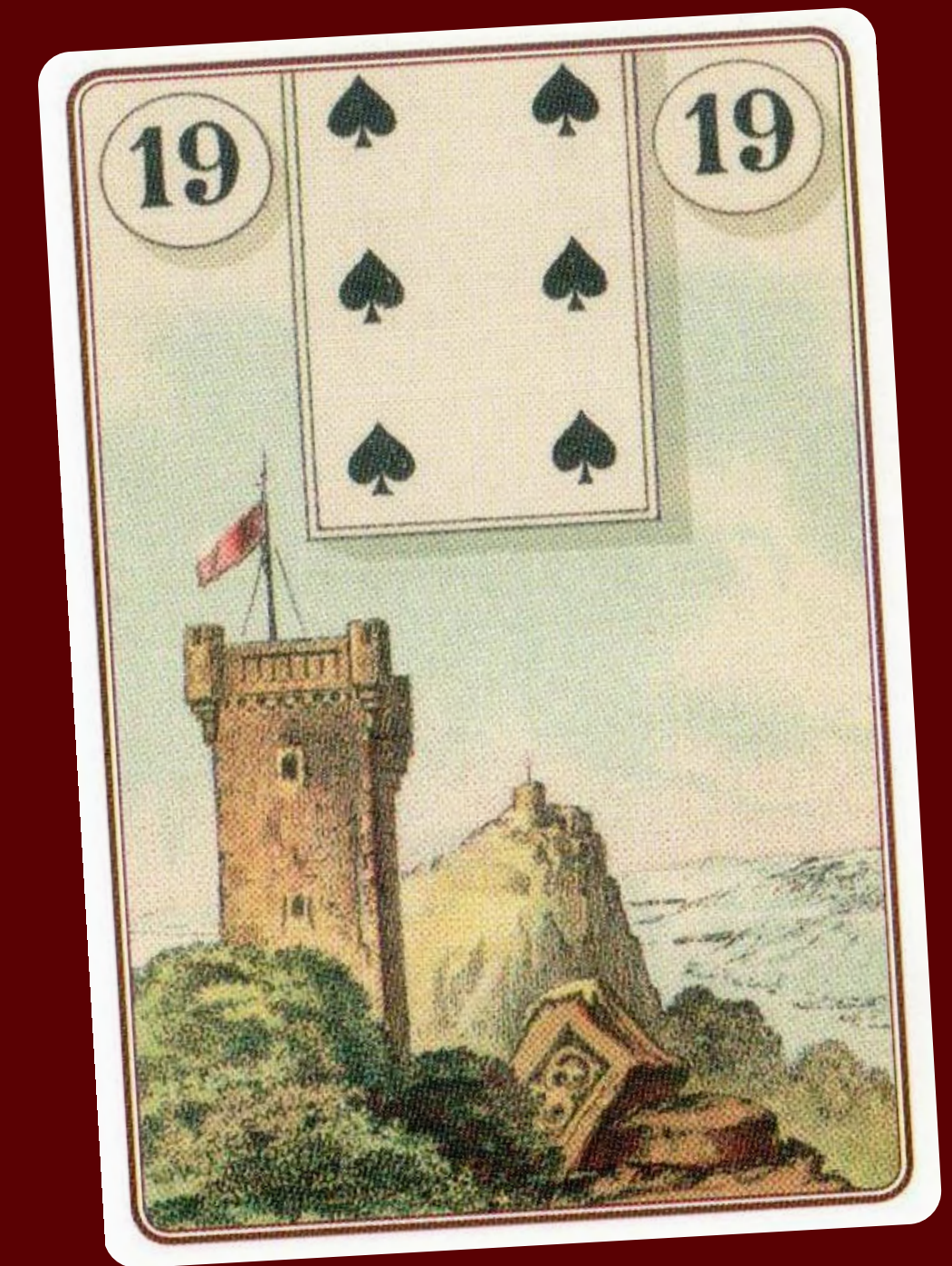
**Brazilian meaning** - Insight. Mindfulness. Spirituality. Self observation. Self analysis. Self knowledge. Find your answers within yourself. Moment of self-assessment. Meditation. Moment of truce. Hidden feelings. Secrets. Something hidden.

**European meaning** - Establishment, institution, business, authority, law, government. Person in position of leadership.



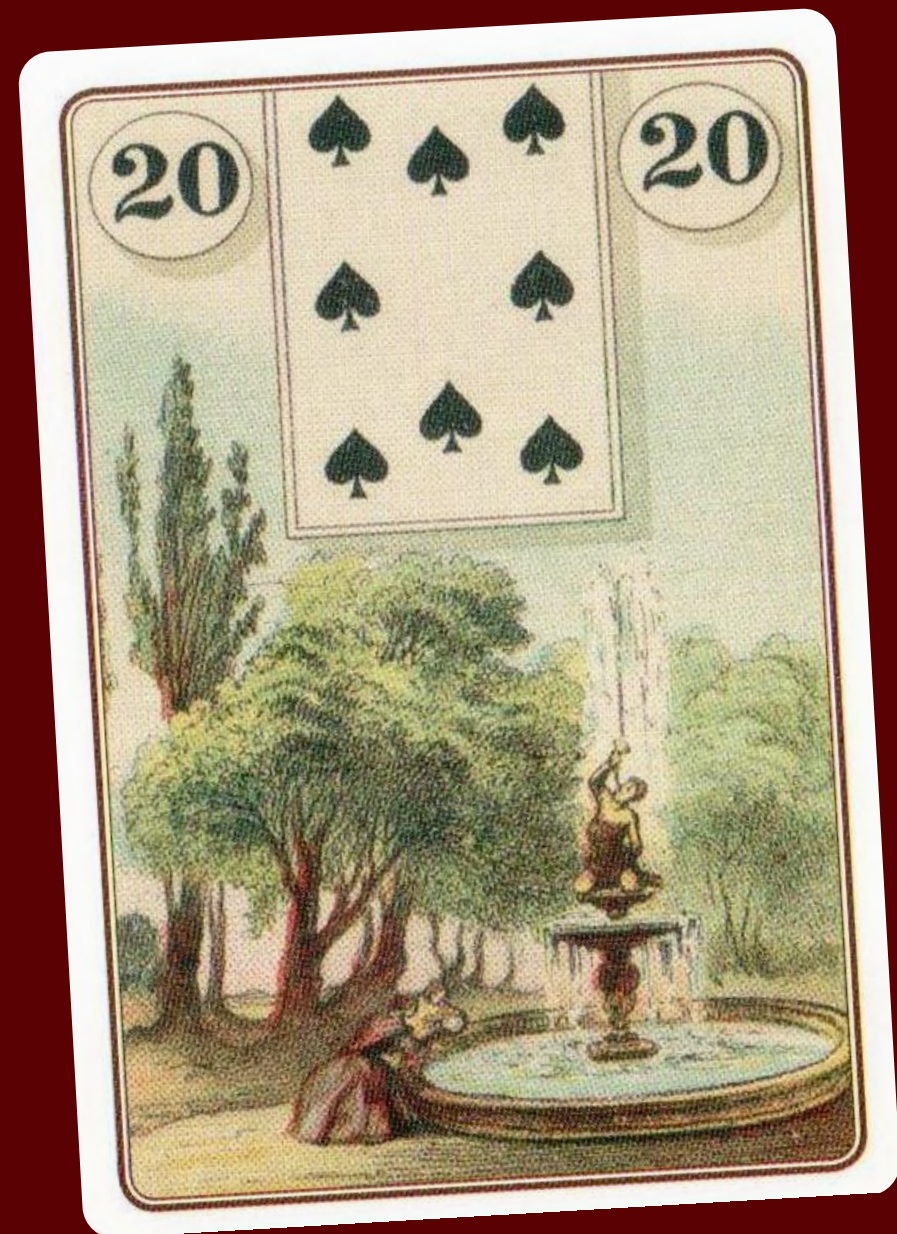
Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

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# THE GARDEN - CARD #20



**Brazilian meaning** - Same meaning for European and Brazilian schools.  
Tranquility. Favorable situation without the need for effort. Like a walk in the park! Peace. Fun. Carefree. Relaxation moment. Total absence of stress. Natural, herbal medicine. Alternative medicine.



Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

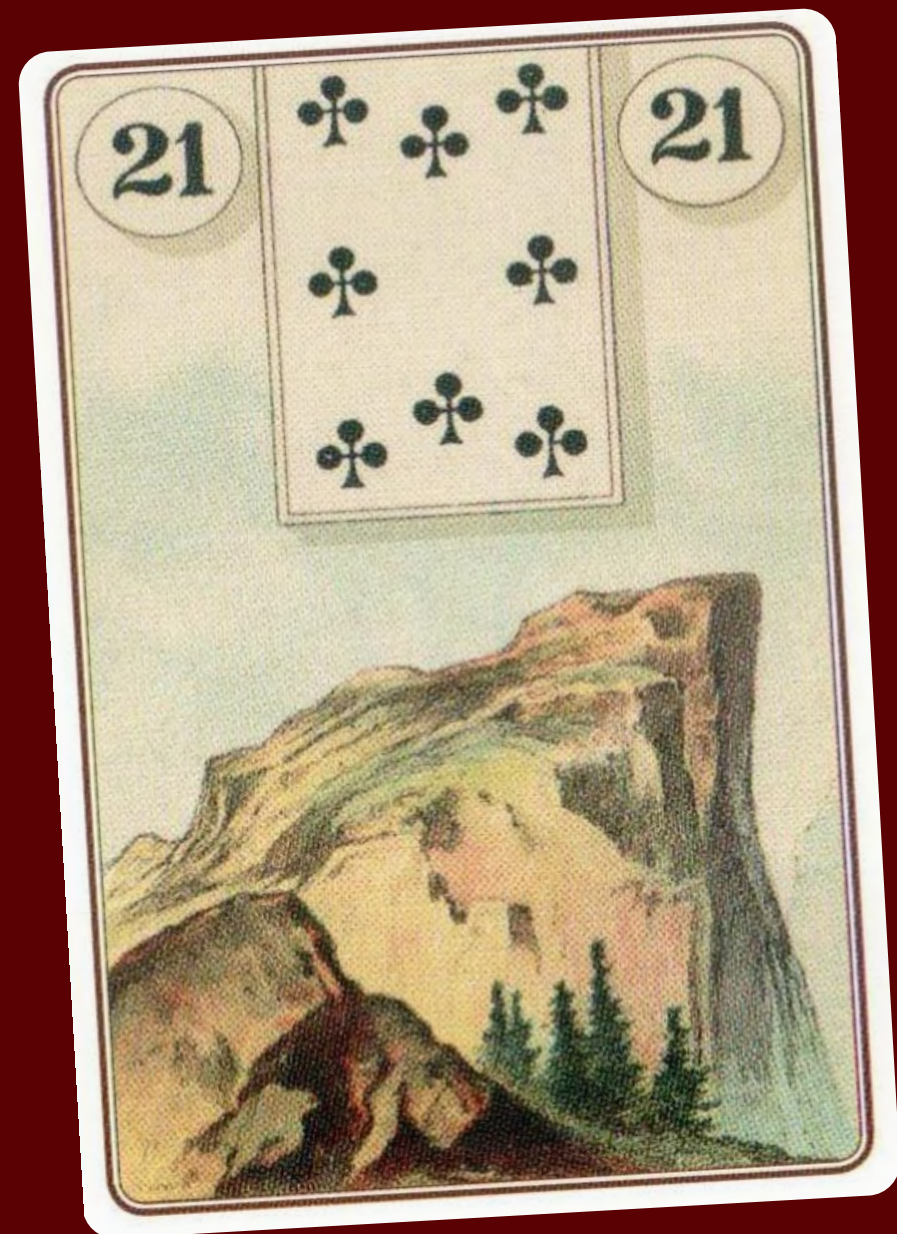
# OSSAIN

Ossain is the God of sacred herbs, leaves, their mysteries and magical secrets. He is the sorcerer who inhabits the interior of the forests and the healer that works with medicinal herbs.





# THE MOUNTAIN - CARD #21



**Brazilian meaning** - Justice. Moment of justice, to deal with the consequences of previous actions and choices. Balance. Safety, structure, balanced situation. Justice being served. Case in court. Perseverance. Patience.

**European meaning** - Obstacle, limitation, boundary, problem diversion, achieving something significant.



Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

# XANGO

Xango is the Orixá of justice. Lord of lightning, fire, thunder, quarries, knowledge, power, strength,. He inspires us to have balance in our decisions. He is who draws up the sentence for Ogun and Exu to execute the law. He is firm as a rock.





# THE PATH - CARD #22



**Brazilian meaning** - Same meaning for European and Brazilian schools.

Freedom of choice. Paths to be trodden with courage. More than one option to choose from, but achieving the same positive/desired result. Walk your path and find the light at the end of the tunnel. Opportunities. Choices.



## Related Orixa in Brazilian Lenormand

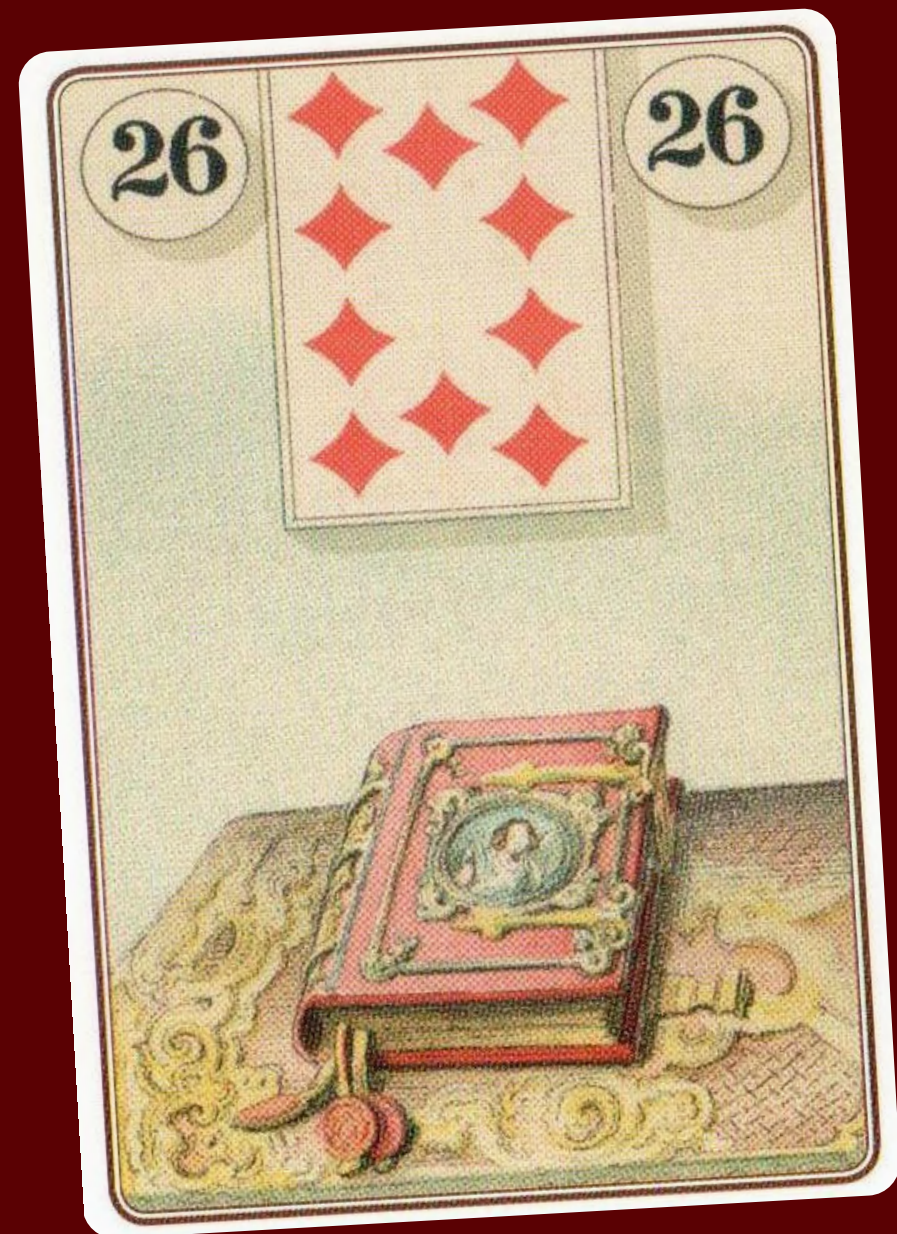
# OGUM

Ogum is known in some legends as the older brother of the Orixas Oxossi and Exu, who are sons of Iemanjá. Ogum is the orixá of the paths, he is present in all the realms of the other orixás. He is the patron of agriculture, technology. He is the blacksmith, the soldier, the commander, the warrior. Ogum is also skilled in combating harmful magic. He also represents perseverance and tenacity, drive and energy.





# THE BOOK - CARD #26



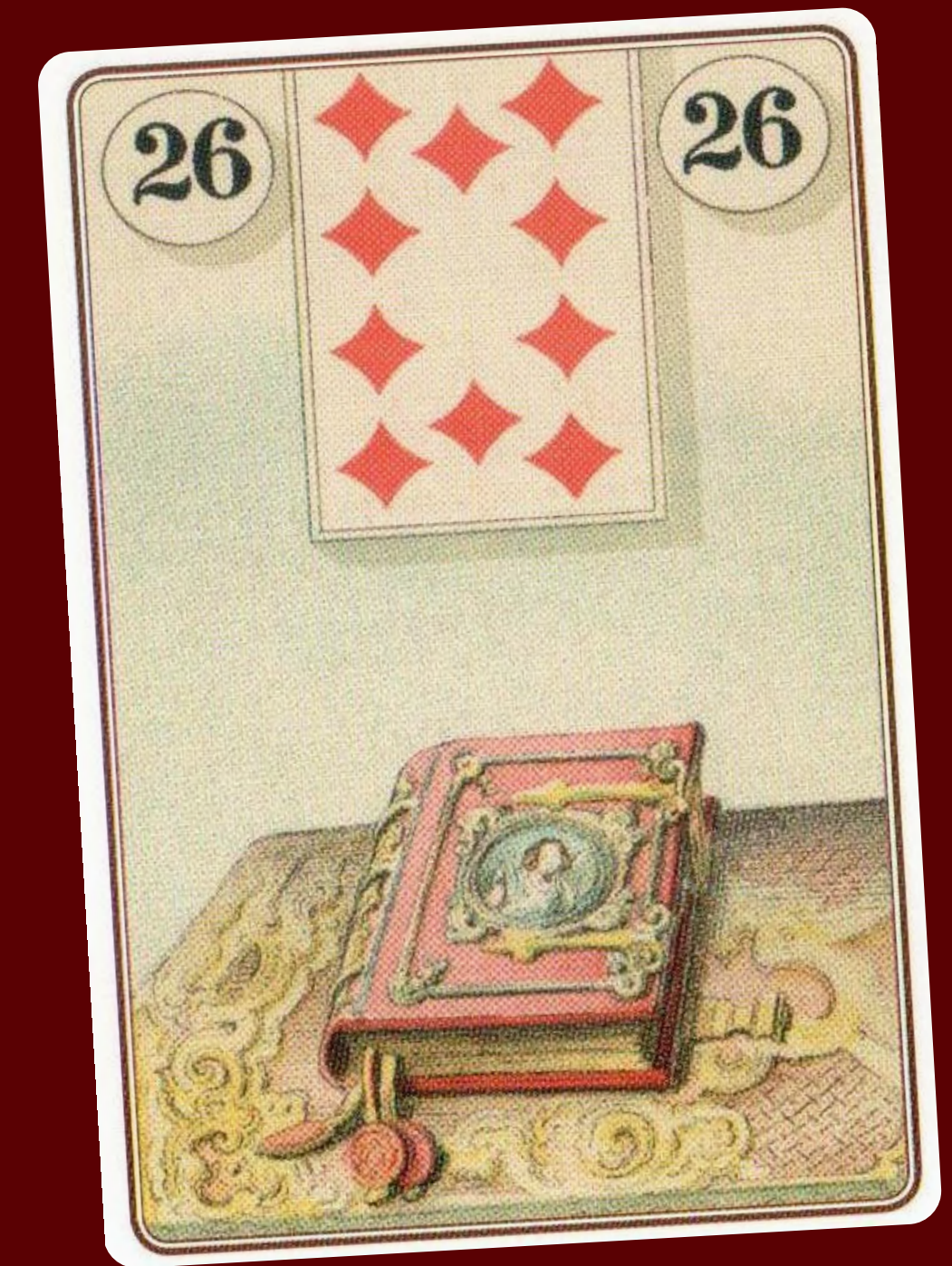
**Brazilian meaning** - Studies, reasoning, intellectual intelligence, tests, exams, documents. Work and study. Professional progress. Progress in studies. Promotion at work, moving up. University graduation. Graduating with honors. Professionalism. Integrated work and study leading to success. Success in all situations related to work and or studies.

**European meaning** - Secret, reserve, unknown, education, entertainment, wisdom, diary or journal.



Related Orixa in Brazilian Lenormand

**No Orixa relationship  
for this card.**





# THE LILY - CARD #30



**Brazilian meaning** - Beauty. The arts. Creativity, sensitivity, purity, prosperity. Intuition. The beauty of life. Physical beauty. To like beautiful and good quality things. Vanity. Superficiality.

**European meanings** - Peace, maturity, old age, retirement, calm, elderly, discretion. Harmony, sexuality, intimacy, beauty.



## Related Orixa in Brazilian Lenormand

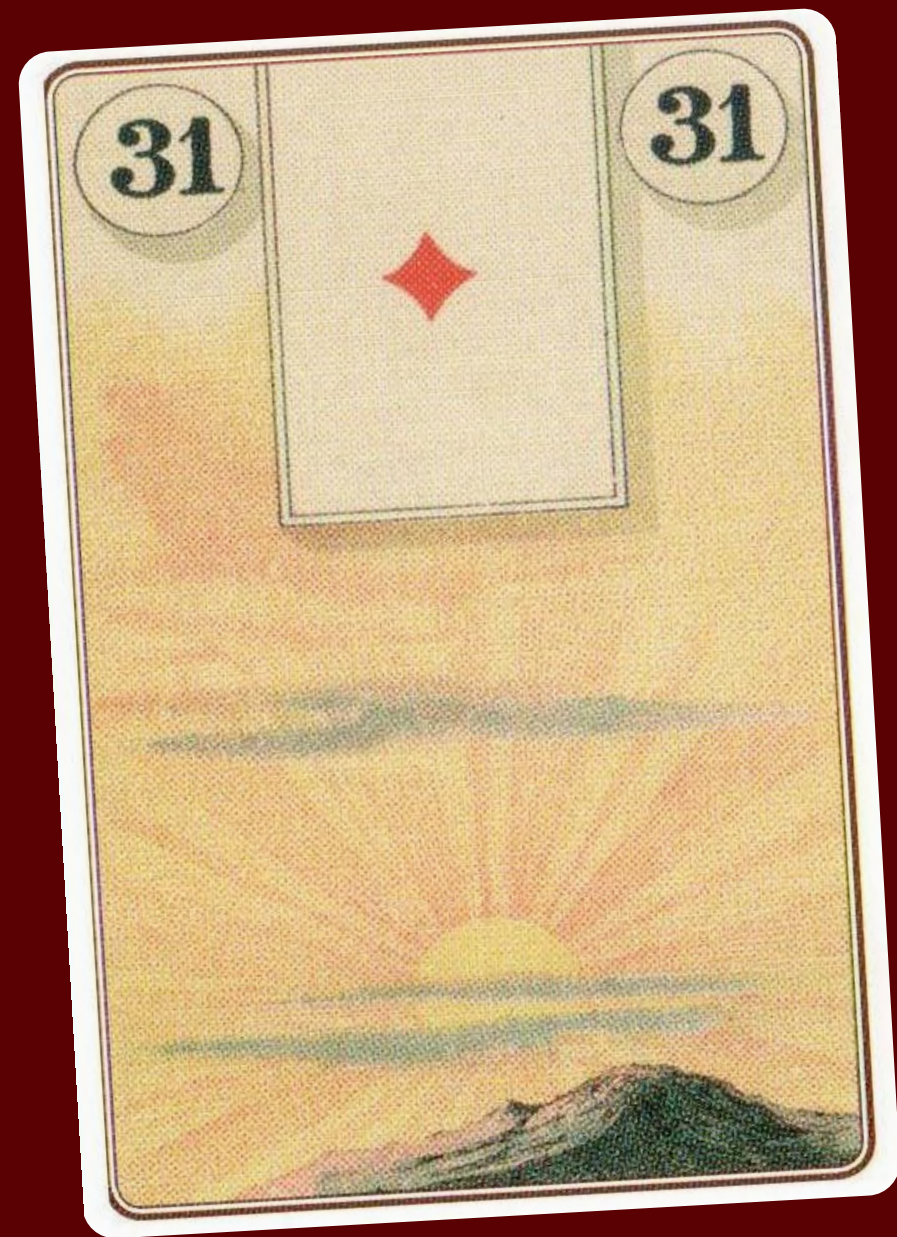
# OXUM

Oxum is Oxala's daughter and one of Xango's wives. She is responsible for fertility, motherhood and the female womb. The patron of newborns. She is the goddess of waterfalls, rivers and freshwater. Goddess of beauty and love, compassion, gold, wealth and prosperity. She is the orixá that looks over pregnancy, motherhood, fertility and children. Oxum is linked to the element of water.





# THE SUN - CARD #31



Same meaning for European and Brazilian schools. Success. Prosperity in every way (financial, professional, academic, emotional). Passionate and vibrant love relationship. A new day of success and prosperity. Health. Spiritual openness. Vision opening, clarification. Clear view of the situation. Connection with the Divine. Ideas leading to progress. Progress in every way. Leadership. Competitiveness. Vanity. Tyranny. Narcissism.



## Related Orixa in Brazilian Lenormand

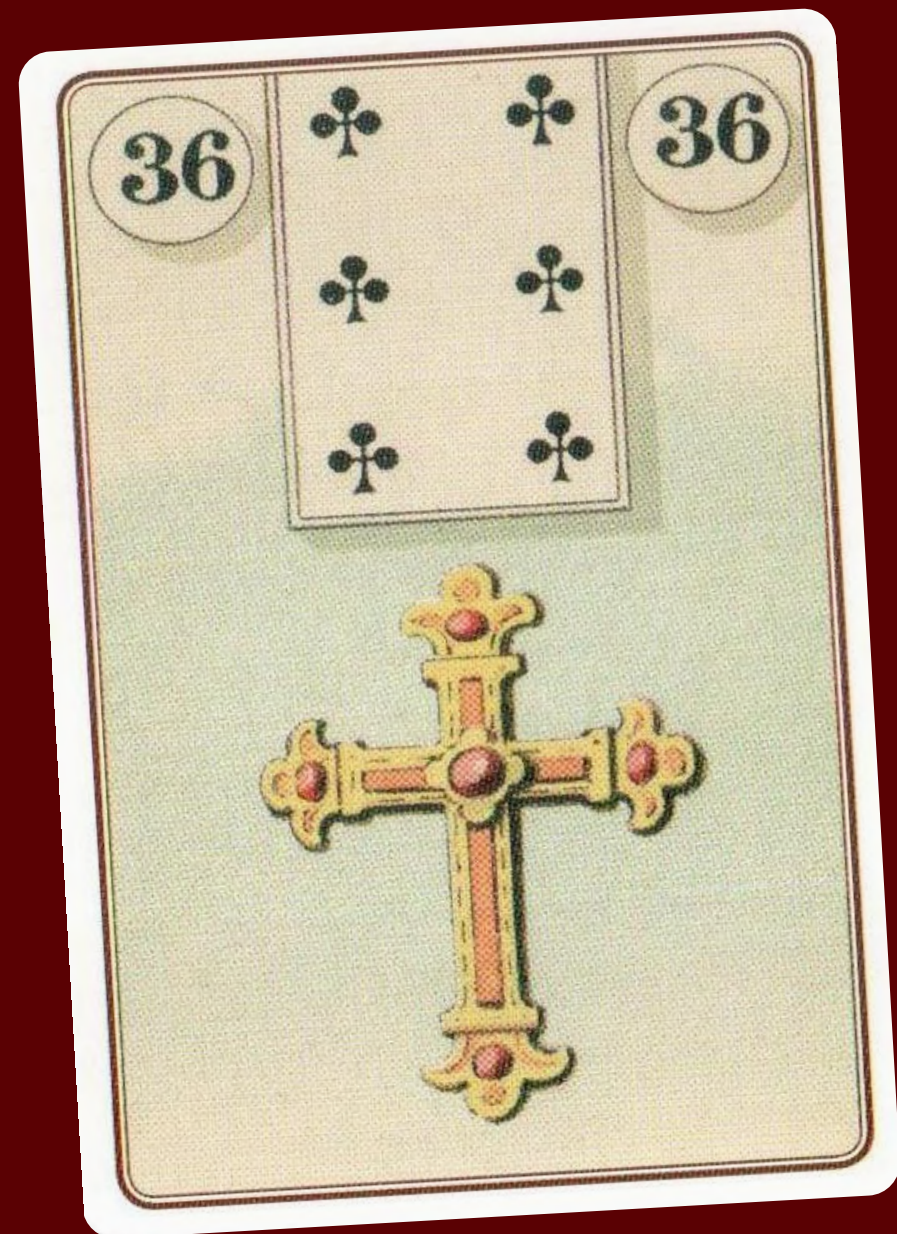
# OXALA

Oxala is known as the King of the “white cloth” or “the creation” itself. He is Peace, faith, light, ethics, creation, cosmic synthesis. Oxala is the father of all orixás. He is the masculine, the beginning and the end, life and death.





# THE CROSS - CARD #36



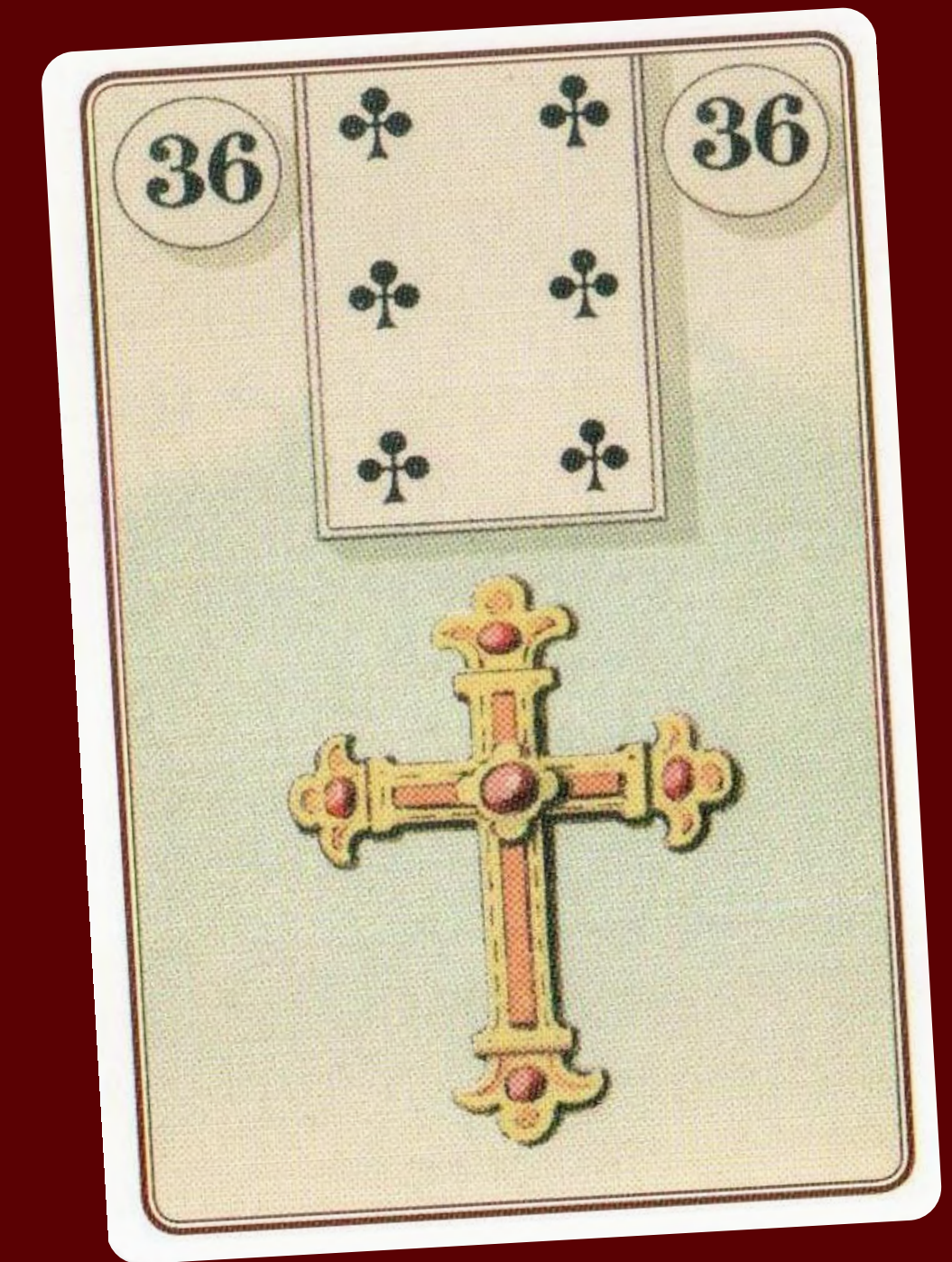
**Brazilian meaning** - Triumph and success. Best card in the deck. Invalidates hardship cards (Rat, Bear, Fox, Snake, Clover). End of difficulties and tribulations. The world is in your hands. Joy and happiness. Victory.

**European meaning** - Fate, crisis, difficulty, test, trial, challenge, faith, dark night of the soul. Burden, mission in life. Sacrifice.



Related Orixá in Brazilian Lenormand

**No Orixá relationship  
for this card.**





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