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LENORMAND READING

In-depth report

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THE QUESTION

My family is divided because of an inheritance. How does this matter stand and where is it heading?

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3	What remains of it	**Whip**
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The question and what the spread answers

Beatriz, your question brings to the table the sharing of a family inheritance, a theme that, beneath the veneer of material goods, almost always hides a dispute for recognition, affection and old grievances. Behind the question about the direction of this inheritance process, what is truly being asked is whether family unity will survive this ordeal or if the current fracture will become definitive. The spread shows a complex panorama, but one that is far from being lost. The table presents a perfectly divided balance, with three heavy cards, three favourable ones and three neutral ones, which indicates that the outcome of this matter is not yet set in stone and depends directly on the actions and choices made now. The general atmosphere is one of transition: the weight of the past is beginning to give way to a lighter energy, although still laden with doubts. This matter is played out within the heart of the family, but the final resolution leans towards the establishment of new practical bases, demanding a clear gaze free from the old grudges that have fuelled discord.

The root



1 · Ring

Ring opens our spread in the position representing the root of everything, the starting point of this matter. This card shows a gold band, a jewel that has no beginning and no end, and represents the concrete word commitment, the contract or the cycle that closes. Being the root of the question, Ring reveals that the origin of the problem lies precisely in an old agreement, a family pact or a promise made in the past that is now under scrutiny. This initial commitment was what united the parties, but the way it was conceived generated ties that are now hard to untie.

By touching Mountain, the Ring card undergoes a profound change. The commitment, which ought to be an element of union and flow, has crashed straight into a massive

stone barrier. The pair Ring and Mountain shows us that the contract or inheritance has turned into a monumental block, where the rules established in the past now prevent the process from moving forward. This initial connection to the Ring also links, further along the table, with Anchor, suggesting that what began as a formal pact needs to find a new form of stability, one that is safer and less subject to the whims of old promises.

What marked it

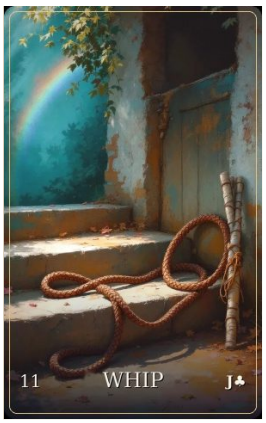


2 · Mountain

Mountain appears in the position of what marked the matter, the force that gave this dispute its current form. The image on this card presents a rocky elevation, steep and imposing, representing the concrete word obstacle, the delay or the insurmountable block. This card shows that the sharing process was marked by enormous resistance, where communication froze and the positions of each heir became hard as stone. The Mountain does not move; it demands effort, circumvention or patience to be overcome, and it was this sense of helplessness before the barrier that set the tone for what has been experienced so far.

In the neighbourhood of the table, Mountain receives the influence of Ring and casts its shadow over Whip. The pair Mountain and Whip is highly draining: it shows that the block in the sharing generated a state of repeated conflict, where each attempt to overcome the obstacle resulted in sour arguments and physical and mental exhaustion for everyone involved. The rigidity of the Mountain turned dialogue into a constant lashing. This card also connects to the presence of Dog, revealing that the current barrier is testing the loyalty and patience of those who previously supported each other, demanding that it be understood who is truly playing fair on this board.

What remains of it



3 · Whip

Whip occupies the place of what remained from the past and has reached the present day. This card shows a leather lash, an instrument of punishment and insistence, representing the concrete word friction, the argument or the repeated effort that costs and hurts. What remained of the whole inheritance process up to the present moment was not harmony, but rather a trail of harsh words, self-fuelling resentments and a tendency to go over the same arguments without ever reaching a consensus. Whip indicates that the people involved continue to punish each other with demands and accusations.

When analysing the pairs, Whip is wedged between Mountain and Crossroads. If Mountain brought the block, Whip turned that block into a painful persistence, and the transition from Whip to Crossroads indicates that this continuous wear and tear ended up pushing the family to a crossroads of decision. The pair Whip and Crossroads reveals that the tiredness of the arguments is what now forces the need to choose a direction, as nobody can bear to stay under the lash of conflict for much longer. This wear and tear connects directly with Clouds, showing that the suffering of the Whip clouded the vision of the heirs, preventing them from seeing the most obvious solution.

What pulls



4 · Crossroads

Crossroads appear in the present, in the position of what pulls the matter now, often through the force of habit or circumstances. The card shows a road that divides into two directions, representing the concrete word choice, the bifurcation or the available options. This card indicates that the current moment demands a clear direction to be taken; it is no longer possible to postpone the decision or continue sitting on the fence. The family finds itself faced with two distinct alternatives to resolve the sharing, and the inertia of the past pushes for a quick route to be taken, even if it implies concessions.

In the sequence of cards, Crossroads comes right after Whip and touches Child. The pair Whip and Crossroads shows, as we have seen, the escape from pain through action, but the pair Crossroads and Child brings a very positive glimpse of hope. This combination indicates that choosing a new path, if done with detachment, will lead to a promising and lighter fresh start. The choice that presents itself does not have to be heavy; it can be the beginning of something new and uncomplicated. This need for a decision connects with Anchor in the future, suggesting that the choice made now will be the one that fixes destiny and brings the security everyone seeks.

The heart of the matter



5 · Child

Child occupies the geometric centre of the spread, the heart of the matter, the card that serves as an axis to read all the others. This card shows the figure of a youth or a young boy, representing the concrete word beginning, novelty or ingenuousness. In the middle of an inheritance dispute, which is usually a grown-up affair full of defences, the presence of Child in the centre shows that the solution to this family division involves adopting a simpler stance, stripped of pride and free from accumulated prejudices. It also reveals that there is something new being born from this process, perhaps a new family dynamic or a small agreement that can serve as a seed for peace.

The pair Crossroads and Child shows that the choice of a new direction must be made with the purity and flexibility of someone starting from scratch, without the weight of the past. On the other hand, the neighbourhood of Child with Clouds demands a great deal of care. The pair Child and Clouds warns of the risk of one party's ingenuousness or lack of experience being taken advantage of by others, or of making hasty decisions without all the facts being clear. There is a mist of confusion threatening the clarity of this fresh start. This central card also connects with Man in the final position, suggesting that a male element with a younger spirit, or with a more frank attitude, will play a crucial role in untying this knot.

What pushes

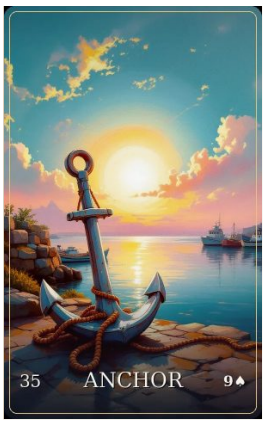


6 · Clouds

Clouds appear in the position of what pushes the matter forward at this moment. The image shows the sky divided, with one dark side and another clearer one, representing the concrete word confusion, doubt or lack of clarity. This card indicates that the process is being driven by a state of generalised uncertainty, where nobody quite knows what the others want or what the real consequences of each decision will be. A lack of transparency and misunderstandings are the fuel currently moving the machinery, generating distrust and unnecessary delays.

Analysing the neighbourhood, Clouds receives the energy of Child and affects Anchor. The pair Child and Clouds shows that good intentions and the desire to simplify things are running up against a lack of information or the misinterpretation of other people's intentions. Meanwhile, the pair Clouds and Anchor reveals that, despite the current confusion, there is a strong tendency for this storm to pass and for the matter to end up anchoring in a safe port. The anchor represents the stability that follows the storm. This Clouds card also connects to Whip, confirming that the current confusion is the direct inheritance of the arguments and friction that were not well resolved in the past.

What is being prepared



7 · Anchor

Anchor appears in the position of what is being prepared in the near future, still out of sight of you. This card shows the heavy iron that fixes boats to the seabed, representing the concrete word firmness, stability or the work that holds fast. What is taking shape behind the scenes of time is the stabilisation of this inheritance process. The instability and agitation that have characterised the sharing are going to start yielding to a phase of greater solidity, where the terms of the agreement begin to set and gain definitive contours, allowing the family to plant their feet on firm ground.

The pair Clouds and Anchor shows a very favourable transition: the dissipation of doubts and the establishment of a safe haven where the waters calm down. At the same time, Anchor touches Dog in the future. The pair Anchor and Dog is one of the most comforting on the table, as it indicates that the stability being prepared will be achieved through loyalty, mutual support and the intervention of entirely trusted people. The security of the process rests on sincere alliances. This future stabilisation also connects with Ring in the first position, closing the cycle: the commitment that began with blocks and disputes will end up finding its anchor and its due legal and practical formalisation.

What happens



8 · Dog

Dog appears in the position of what will actually happen if the current course is maintained. The card shows a vigilant, friendly and protective animal, representing the concrete word loyalty, friendship or the ally who is on one's side. This outcome indicates that, contrary to what past arguments led one to foresee, the inheritance process will not completely destroy family ties. There will be an approach from someone of great trust, a figure who will act as a mediator or a safe haven, bringing common sense, fidelity to agreements and a spirit of mutual aid that will be fundamental to sealing the process.

In the final sequence of the spread, Dog is influenced by Anchor and acts directly on Man. The pair Anchor and Dog guarantees that the agreement will be safe and protected by loyal people, preventing new underhand blows from ruining everything. In turn, the pair Dog and Man reveals that this energy of loyalty and cooperation will materialise through a concrete male figure, who will prove a true ally in the process, acting with protection and fidelity to common interests. This beneficial presence connects directly with Mountain from the past, showing that the rigidity of the obstacle will finally be overcome by the persistence of a sincere friendship and ethical behaviour.

Where it settles



9 · Man

Man closes the spread in the position where everything settles, the state in which things remain at the end of the road. This card shows the figure of a man with a firm posture and direct gaze, representing the concrete word the man of the question, which may be an influential male figure in the process or the energy of action, logic and firmness that imposes itself to resolve the matter. This outcome shows that resolving the sharing will demand a very pragmatic, rational and assertive posture. The matter will not be resolved with sentimentalities, but rather with direct, clear and well-defined action, typical of a structured mind.

The pair Dog and Man, which crowns this last line, indicates that this man or this masculine energy will act guided by loyalty and the desire to protect the family and the established agreements. It is a beneficial influence that brings order where there was previously chaos. Being the last position on the table, the matter settles on the taking of the reins by someone who puts an end to hesitations and assumes the responsibility of closing the process. This card leaves the future open to a very practical and structured resolution, where reason and mutual respect will ultimately prevail over the emotional disorder that marked the beginning of the dispute.

The reading as a whole

Beatriz, the overall analysis of this nine-square shows a scenario of clear transition. The table is divided in a very balanced way: we have three heavy cards at the beginning (**Mountain**, **Whip** and **Clouds**), three neutral ones demanding action (**Ring**, **Crossroads** and **Child**) and three favourable ones in the outcome (**Anchor**, **Dog** and **Man**). This distribution tells us that the worst of this inheritance process already belongs to the past and the immediate present; the future reserves a much-needed calm and stabilisation. The theme dominating the table is that of the restructuring of family relations through a new attitude, symbolised by Child in the centre and Man at

the end.

The lines of force in the spread show a clear contrast between the rigidity of the past and the fluidity of the future. **Mountain** and **Whip**, which represent stubbornness and sterile arguments, find their counterbalance in **Anchor** and **Dog**, which bring security and loyalty back to the family bosom. There is an evident dialogue between **Ring** (the initial pact) and Anchor (the definitive fixation of the agreement), showing that what began in a tortuous way will end up finding a safe port, provided one passes through the crossroads of **Crossroads** with the detachment that **Child** suggests.

In time, the matter comes from a severe block and immense wear and tear that almost broke family ties. Currently, it finds itself at a point of urgent choice, but the vision of the parties is still somewhat obscured by **Clouds** of doubt and distrust. The turning point, where you can still alter the course of things, lies in the central card of **Child**: it is necessary to disarm spirits, simplify demands and look at the sharing without the weight of old scores to settle. If this posture is adopted, the tendency is for the process to move rapidly towards a firm resolution, supported by loyal people and sealed with the pragmatism of **Man**.

The spread's answer to your question is, therefore, frankly positive, although it demands a price: the abandonment of pride. The matter is currently leaving the conflict phase and entering the decision phase. The path to resolution involves accepting that the ideal sharing may not be perfect, but the family peace and practical stability that **Anchor** promises are worth much more than the continuation of a war of attrition that serves only to feed **Whip**.

Advice

The simplification of the agreement

Child in the centre of the table advises stripping the inheritance process of all excessive bureaucratic and emotional complications. It suggests proposing a simple, direct sharing without major financial gymnastics or minute divisions that only serve to

prolong the dispute. What is simple to resolve should be done first.

The end of old arguments

Whip in the past warns that continuing to respond to provocations or going over the same old arguments will only serve to perpetuate the wear and tear. The advice here is to apply the law of silence in the face of petty stings and focus communication exclusively on the technical and practical aspects of the sharing. Do not feed the bonfire of old resentments.

The choice of a practical route

Crossroads in the present demand that a decision be made and indecision abandoned. Do not postpone the choice between the options on the table any longer. If there are two sharing proposals, opt for the one that, even if demanding some concession on your part, brings a quicker and more definitive resolution. Peace has a price that is worth paying.

The search for a trusted mediator

Dog in the future advises leaning on loyal and neutral people to help mediate the conflict. If direct communication between the heirs is blocked by **Mountain**, resort to a trusted professional, a mutual friend or a neutral family member who can translate the proposals without the emotional baggage that the heirs bring with them.

The energy of pragmatic action

Man in the final position advises adopting a firm, logical and objective posture in this final phase. Put emotions aside when dealing with paperwork and shares. Behave with the clarity of someone closing an important deal, demanding deadlines, setting targets and acting with maximum transparency so that the **Clouds** of doubt dissipate for good.

Signals to observe

Over the coming weeks, Beatriz, keep an eye out for two clear signals at your negotiation table. The signal that you are on the right track will be the proposal of a

small agreement or an unexpected concession from one of the heirs, a simple gesture that will mimic the energy of **Child** and open the way for dialogue. On the contrary, if you notice an increase in nonsensical bureaucratic demands or an insistence on discussing past matters that have nothing to do with the current inheritance, you will know that the energy of **Whip** is trying to pull the process back into a block, demanding a strategic retreat and absolute firmness from you. It is up to you, with the clarity these cards now bring you, to decide whether you prefer to feed reason or reap the peace that the future holds out to you.

About the pictures on the cards

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The code for this spread

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cartas: G25, G21, G11, G22, G13, G6, G35, G18, G28
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