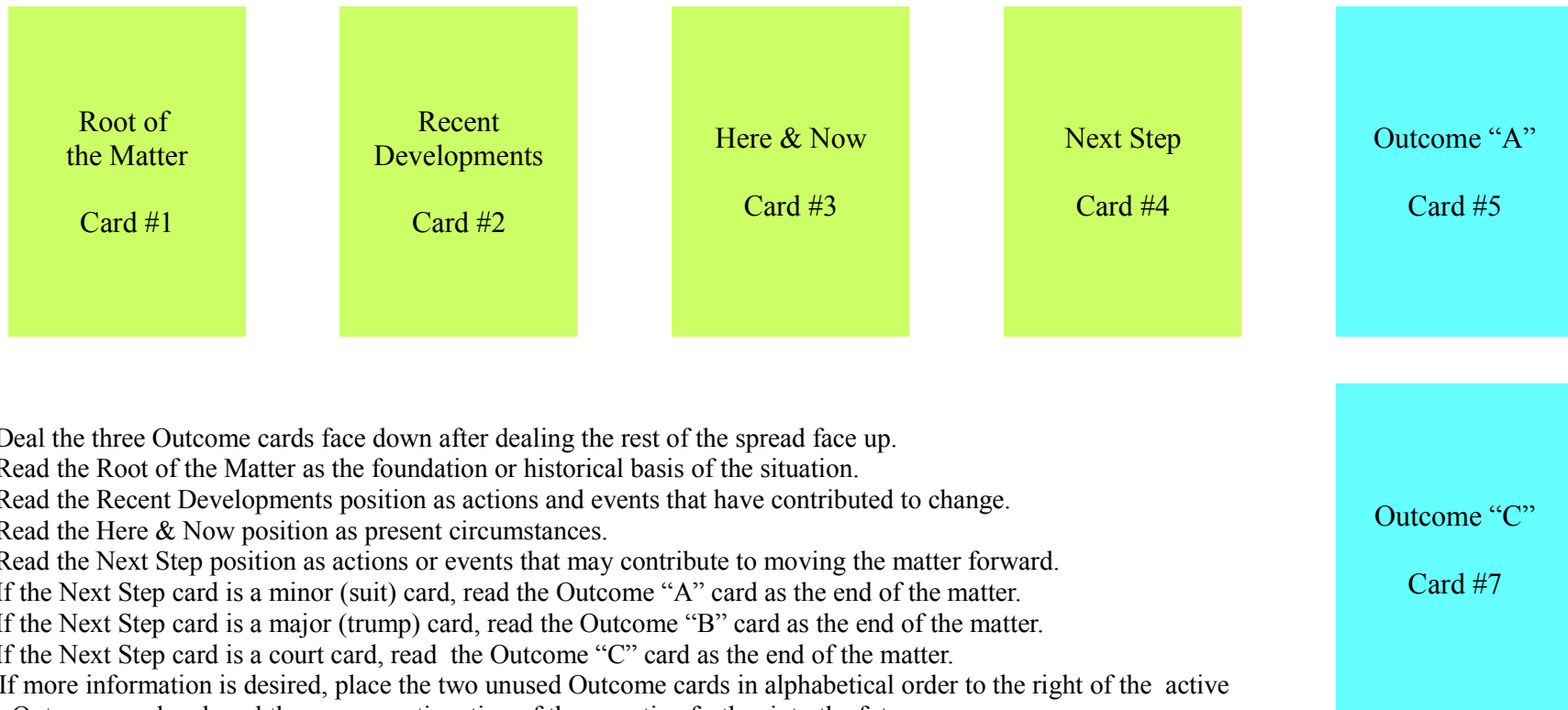


The “Discourager of Hesitancy” Alternate Outcome Spread*

* Frank R. Stockton short story, sequel to “The Lady or the Tiger” alternate-outcome fable



1. Deal the three Outcome cards face down after dealing the rest of the spread face up.
2. Read the Root of the Matter as the foundation or historical basis of the situation.
3. Read the Recent Developments position as actions and events that have contributed to change.
4. Read the Here & Now position as present circumstances.
5. Read the Next Step position as actions or events that may contribute to moving the matter forward.
6. If the Next Step card is a minor (suit) card, read the Outcome “A” card as the end of the matter.
7. If the Next Step card is a major (trump) card, read the Outcome “B” card as the end of the matter.
8. If the Next Step card is a court card, read the Outcome “C” card as the end of the matter.
9. If more information is desired, place the two unused Outcome cards in alphabetical order to the right of the active Outcome card and read them as a continuation of the narrative further into the future.
10. Elemental Dignities may be used for Cards #2 through #4 to show where the main impetus for change lies.