

i n h e r i t a n c e

jack of spades

shuffffffffle snap / drumroll with a siren cymbal crash
my grandmother teaches me deal
two to my opponents, sneak three to my partner
bend the bridge until an obsidian river rushes underneath

six of cups

stained countertop fit for chipped nail polish queens
honeybee swamp swarm hidden under lucky tumble feet
wet, icy kisses on everforgiven teary cheeks
she feeds me lemonade bitter praise and carves paths out of the mountain range

ace of hearts

heiress to genome atom bomb
catch the barbed rope of succession only for threads
to burn through my palms / skeletal surprise
bloodline of ashen kisses, smoking gun remember

7 of wands

instead of brooches and rings
i unwrap presents of breathless breastwear warns
metal uterus songs clanging on carcinogen cellbars

it was my mother's and hers before