

THE BLOOMSBURY CLUB



COCKTAILS

## WE KNOW HOW YOU ARE FEELING

Inspired by a special deck of Tarot cards, designed in 1910 by the bohemian occultist Pamela 'Pixie' Colman Smith, our set of fourteen cocktails correspond to fourteen states of mind or being. If melancholy has descended upon you, a sip of **Persian Mist** will lift your heavy spirits. The ingredients in **Forbidden Fruit** will turn idle desire into enduring love, while **Painted Veil** curbs anxiety and **Flaming Venom** banishes envy.

If you are not sure which cocktail to select then our Cocktail Diviner may be brought to your table to reveal your hidden emotional state and ensure you are prescribed exactly the right tonic or antidote to your mood.

## THE COCKTAILS £14

MELANCHOLIC	<b>PERSIAN MIST</b> Lift your spirits
ENVOIOUS	<b>FLAMING VENOM</b> Banish envy and resentment
FEARLESS	<b>WARRIOR OF VENUS</b> Increase courage and self-assurance
DREAMY	<b>MIRROR IMAGE</b> Surface from dream
SEDUCTIVE	<b>FORBIDDEN FRUIT</b> Turn idle desire into enduring love
WISE	<b>GOLDEN DAWN</b> Journey to wisdom
SECRETIVE	<b>BÊTE NOIRE</b> Cleanse your heart

PROSPEROUS	<b>MOON MILK</b> Summon success
OBSESSIVE	<b>BLACK NARCISSUS</b> Prevent passion turning into obsession
BLISSFUL	<b>ANANDA</b> Begin your quest for eternal bliss
GUILTY	<b>FALLEN ANGEL</b> Expel negative energy and dark secrets
CHARISMATIC	<b>SIREN CALL</b> Attract favourable attention
ANXIOUS	<b>PAINTED VEIL</b> Counteract nervousness and fear
MISCHIEVOUS	<b>MAD MONKEY</b> Enjoy exuberance without recklessness

## PERSIAN MIST

Drink this to lift your spirits

Luksusowa Vodka

Tesseron Cognac Composition

East India Cream Sherry

Indonesian Coffee

Persian Damask Rose Blossom

Golden Double Cream

### EFFECT

This Eastern twist on the White Russian is infused with the delicate perfume of crushed petals, plucked from Persian damask roses - known for their ability to soothe anxieties and lift the spirits. With creamy Turkish delight flavours, it is also known as an aphrodisiac.



MELANCHOLIC



**ENVOIOUS**

## **FLAMING VENOM**

**Drink this to banish envy  
and resentment**

Absolut Elyx Vodka

Wild Berries

Young Artichoke Leaves

Perrier-Joüet Grand Brut NV

### **EFFECT**

Artichoke leaf, a herb of Jupiter and Mars, takes away toxic resentments and jealousies and frees you from lingering negative feelings about the past. A rapid infusion of strawberries and raspberries conjures up aromas redolent of rose champagne, ushering you into a sweeter, lighter state.

## WARRIOR OF VENUS

Drink this to increase courage  
and to feel self-assured

Monkey 47

Galliano L'Autentico

Bloomsbury Rhubarb Soda

Thyme Tincture

Lemon & Vanilla Foam

### EFFECT

Associated with the element Water and the planet Venus, thyme was massaged into Ancient Greek warriors to heighten their bravery, strength and vigour. Here it blends boldly with sweet lemon, soft vanilla and tart rhubarb, a plant used in spells to keep a lover faithful and resilient.



**FEARLESS**



## MIRROR IMAGE

Drink this to leave the realm of dreams  
and enter a productive reality

Mount Gay XO

Beeswax infused Rémy Martin 1738

Green Chartreuse

Absinthe

Blackberry Tincture

## EFFECT

Essences of blackberry, beeswax and absinthe combine to soothe the brow of those possessed by dreams and reawaken them with renewed vigour. Artemesia from absinthe is associated with Mars and fire and can create astral visions. Blackberry leaf is an ancient healer and aphrodisiac, ruled by Venus and Scorpio, while beeswax provides the essence of industry.

## FORBIDDEN FRUIT

Drink to turn idle desire  
into enduring love

The Botanist Gin  
Crab Apple Cordial  
Beurre Noisette  
Green Chartreuse  
Bramley & Braeburn Apples  
Apple Oil

### EFFECT

Bring your idle desires into Aphrodite's sacred orchard and let the essence of sweet and sour apples turn your lust into true love. Apples are the symbol of love, sexuality and transformation, turning the soul towards immortality.



**SEDUCTIVE**





## **GOLDEN DAWN**

Drink this to help you pursue clarity, wisdom and purpose

Rémy Martin 1738  
Raspberry Eau de Vie  
Yellow Chartreuse  
Amaro Mondino  
Green Chartreuse  
Angostura Bitters

### **EFFECT**

Over 400 years ago, monks in a remote monastery, high up in the French Alps, discovered the elixir of life. The secret alchemy of 130 herbs and plant essences, from cloves and thyme to citrus and cinnamon, combined with eau de vie or Water of Life, gives wisdom to the listless and immortality to the wise.

## BÊTE NOIRE

Drink this to expel negative energy and dark secrets and to repair the soul

Tequila Cantinero Reposado  
Seville Orange Liqueur  
Pomegranate Kombucha  
Dandelion & Burdock Sherbert  
Sour Raspberry Sherbert  
Hawaiian Black Salt

### EFFECT

Lava salt, gathered on the shores of Kauai, is blackened with activated charcoal in an ancient Ayurvedic practice to trap and expel negative energies. As old darkness is washed away, new light comes with pomegranate, known for its invigorating effect upon the mind. Kombucha gives the cocktail added power to repair and protect.





**PROSPEROUS**

## **MOON MILK**

**Drink this to summon  
prosperity with generosity**

Havana Club Selección De Maestros  
Fizzy Clarified Milk Punch  
Cynar Amaro Liqueur  
Mancino Bianco Ambrato  
Angostura Bitters

### **EFFECT**

Under the aegis of the Moon, enchanted milk was said to bring power and prosperity to new Pharaohs in the deserts of Egypt. Infused with the delicate herbal magic of basil, clove and cumin, Moon Milk promotes generosity, renewal and success.

## BLACK NARCISSUS

Drink this to prevent passion  
from turning to obsession

Diplomatico Planas Rum  
Belsazar Riesling Vermouth  
Passion Fruit Extract  
Kumquat Liqueur  
Bloomsbury Club Grenadine

### EFFECT

Allow the strange magic of the passion flower to wind its tendrils around you to bring greater intensity to all matters of the heart. It will revive flagging relationships with greater tenacity and excitement and bring focus and passion to the most listless of broken hearts. Kumquat focuses that passion, and prevents it from becoming obsessive.





## **ANANDA**

**Drink this to gain spiritual strength and patience in your quest for eternal bliss**

Martell Blue Swift Cognac  
Redbreast Whiskey 12yr  
Yaguara Blue Organica  
Indian Mango Stock  
Toasted Oats  
Green Cardamom Tincture  
Hickory Smoked Ice

## **EFFECT**

The bark of the sacred hickory tree brings determination and patience for those in pursuit of Ananda or bliss, represented in Hindu ritual by the mango. Hickory smoke spirals upwards in dialogue with the gods in a quest for eternal happiness.

## FALLEN ANGEL

Drink this to encourage honesty  
and nurture self-acceptance

Dingle Gin

Pineapple Vodka

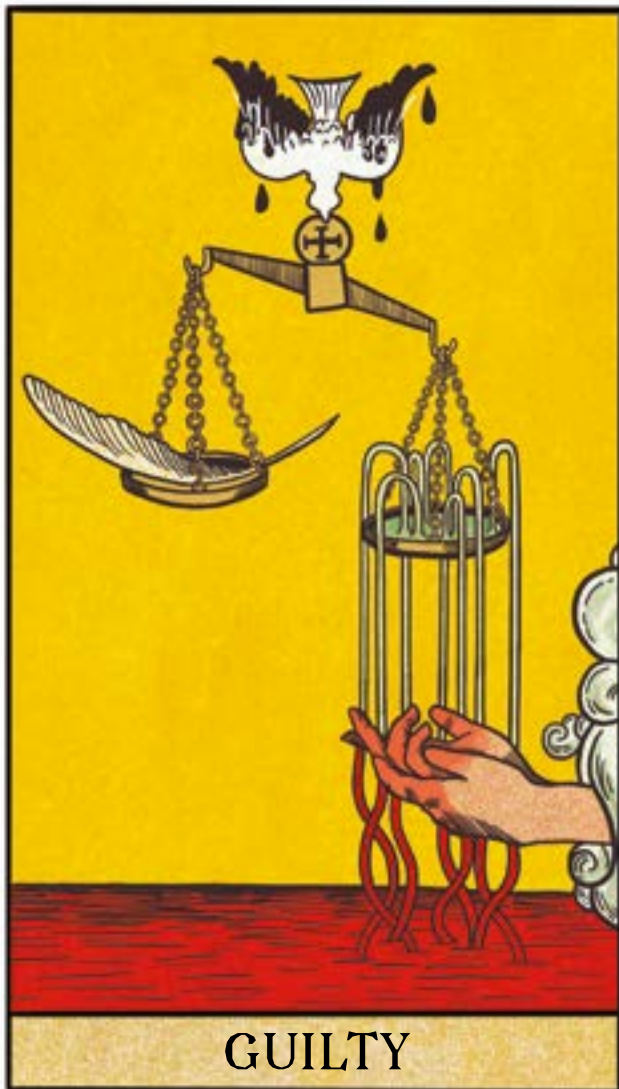
Mancino Secco Vermouth

Orange Zest Extract

Grapefruit Pith Tincture

### EFFECT

Cleanse your mind of all negativity and turn outward in a spirit of emotional openness and honesty, with the revitalising powers of bitter grapefruit. Grapefruit helps restore power, awaken spiritual purpose, and nurtures self-acceptance.





**CHARISMATIC**

## **SIREN CALL**

Drink this to increase charisma  
and attract favourable attention

Makers Mark Bourbon  
Bols Genever  
'Big Green' Artichoke  
Red Plum Extract  
Cocoa Nib Tincture

### **EFFECT**

Used in Mayan rituals, raw cocoa  
is an instant mood-enhancer,  
releasing chemicals that induce  
euphoric states. This is given  
extra potency by the plum, said  
to inspire constant love and  
attention from those around you.

## PAINTED VEIL

Drink this to counter nervousness and fear

Dingle Vodka  
Fresh Citrus Liqueur  
Cointreau  
Bitter Orange Blossom  
Barsol Pisco  
Cranberry Stock

### EFFECT

Drink the blossom of the bitter orange tree, a natural stimulant that gently removes anxiety and fear, and feel your veil of nerves lift with each sip. Mixed with cold-pressed cranberries, a fruit associated with cleansing and renewal, it will move you into a state of confidence and ease.



ANXIOUS





**MISCHIEVOUS**

## **MAD MONKEY**

**Drink this to curb feelings  
of recklessness without  
losing exuberance**

Avion Plata Tequila

Peach Citric

Egg White

Chilli Tincture

Wasabi & Passion Fruit Dust

### **EFFECT**

Wasabi and chilli ward off evil spirits, banish all malevolence, and reverse acts of ill-will and mischief. Horseradish, sprinkled in a powder around one's house, repels evil and undoes curses. Peach grounds these piquant flavours in warm sweetness, bringing its known quality of abundant vitality.

## BLOOMSBURY GROUP AND MYSTICISM

Mercurial and mutable, challenging and changeable, the Bloomsbury Group devoted themselves to prizing open conventions to find new ways to work, live and think. Staunch agnostics, they rejected Victorian ideas of religion and explored new sources of spiritual meaning - in their art and writing, their kinships, and in their belief in an inter-connected universe.

In the aftermath of the First World War, a grieving society sought solace from the Great Beyond. Audiences gasped in packed-out theatres as magicians and mind-readers devised ever more extraordinary illusions. Drawing rooms all over London hosted intimate gatherings to communicate with the dead, while people desperate for answers darted down back streets to have their fates spelt out on upturned cards.

It was all the rage to have one's palm read by Dr Charlotte Wolff, whose clients included Aldous Huxley, Wallis Simpson and apes at London Zoo. Dr Wolff read Virginia Woolf's palm twice at Huxley's flat.

Her hand was 'full of contradictions', a 'desire to escape reality', an over-stressed imagination and 'a defensive attitude'. Her fingers were 'introverted' and she had the 'head-line of a philosopher'. She was told that her life had changed completely at the age of thirty. 'Why should deaths and other events indent the palm of the hand?' she asked in her diary.

This search for meaning attracted a wave of gurus and mystics. Author Katherine Mansfield, a close friend of the Bloomsbury Group, met New Zealand mystic Millar Dunning at one of Lady Ottoline Morrel's famous garden parties in 1917. The mysterious figure exerted a 'shadowy' influence on her work, alongside Russian mystic G.I Gurdjieff, who advocated spiritual awakening through the 'Fourth Way', a threefold path to enlightenment distilled from sacred knowledge common to many of the monks and yogis he encountered. When Mansfield died in 1923, Dunning's wife, 'with her occult powers', held a séance and claimed to have summoned Katherine's ghost.

TS Eliot and EM Forster, both part of the Bloomsbury inner circle, were fascinated by mysticism and the East. Forster's novels reference auras and astral planes, while Eliot's *The Waste Land* brims with prophecy and fortune-telling. He weaves Sanskrit mantras, Buddhist texts, Hindu references and Egyptology around the figure of Madame Sosostris, dealing out Tarot cards. The seer's name possibly comes from Sesostris, the sorceress of Ecbatana, in Aldous Huxley's novel *Chrome Yellow*. Mysticism and magic inspired not only the Bloomsbury Group poets. To this day, Quentin Bell's statue of a levitating lady hovers over the pond at Charleston, inspired by a magic show at Piccadilly's Egyptian Hall.

Other friends of the Bloomsbury Group dabbled more deeply in murky experiments with the occult. The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn was a hugely influential secret society encompassing astrology, geomancy, tarot and alchemy. It attracted, among others, Bram Stoker, Arthur Conan Doyle, Aleister Crowley and Arnold Bennett (with whom Woolf

engaged in frequent fierce literary fisticuffs). When Ka Cox, a close friend of the Bloomsbury Group, died suddenly in Cornwall, her death was thought to be a result of dark experiments with witchcraft and the occult.

WB Yeats was an ardent Golden Dawn disciple, prone to regaling his Bloomsbury friends with accounts of paranormal activity. One night, he said, a coat hanger advanced towards him across the room. A coat appeared on it, illuminated – then a hand. 'Old Yeats,' writes Virginia. 'The Occult. All his writing depends on it... He believes entirely in horoscopes. Will never do business with anyone without having their horoscopes.'

Art and the paranormal came together when Masonic scholar Arthur Edward Waite and illustrator Pamela Coleman Smith designed their iconic deck of Tarot cards, the illustrations for which inspired this menu. 'One's mind must be criss-crossed, like the palm of one's hand,' muses one of Woolf's characters, inspired by Virginia's own palm-reading experience.

This menu is available for purchase. If you would like to buy one please speak to your server.

A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill. Some of our menu items may contain allergens.

In accordance with the Weights and Measures Act 1995, the measure for the sale of spirits on the premises is 50ml. Wines are sold by the glass at 175ml and champagne at 125ml. Wine is also available in 125ml serving and spirits are available in 125ml serving upon request. Includes 20%VAT. Further information is available upon request.

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