The two images you see above are of two separate tarot cards that I randomly grabbed from a deck. Once I drew my two cards, I was instantly drawn to what the images were trying to tell me. I spent a few hours looking at each card and paired them each with the lyrics to a song that best reflects how they make me feel. I named the images after the songs, so to the left is “9AM in Dallas” by Drake and to the right is “

Here’s the story...
“9AM IN DALLAS” BY DRAKE

When I first grabbed this card I thought about self reflection. I often spend time reflecting on things, but I have never really taken the time out to reflect on myself. However, when I first seen this card, things changed. It pressed me to think critically about myself and who I am at this stage in my life. So naming this card after Drake’s song 9AM in Dallas felt appropriate to me because in the song Drake speaks to the theme of knowing yourself at such an early stage of his career.

The following are lyrics, which I feel, best describe this tarot card as it relates to me and my life:

Discussing life and all our common goals
Smart kids that smoke weed, honor roll

Take a look at yourself, the mirror’s revealing
If you aint got it, you aint got it the theory is brilliant

No one told you your disguise is your most ridiculous get up?
With nose-plugs in now, I can smell the set up
So you just wasting your time, you only making me better, yeah

Scared for the first time, everything just clicked
What if I dont really do the number they predict?
Considering the fact that I’m the one that they just picked
To write a chapter in history, this shit has got me sick
“4 Your Eyez Only” BY J COLE

On October 25th, 2017, I learned that my stepfather had suddenly past away. That was roughly 4 weeks ago and it still feels like he was here having a conversation with me yesterday. So, when I seen this card I thought about him because in a way it reflected that no matter what happened, he would always be one with me. I found peace in that, along with this song, “4 Your Eyez Only” by J Cole because it tells a story about a guy who dedicated his life's legacy to his one and only daughter.

The following are lyrics, which I feel, best describe this tarot card as it relates to me and my life:

Hey, niggas be dying on the daily
It seems my dreams faded for far too long
The consequences deadly

I might be low for the moment but I will bounce back
Despite the charges, back to the wall, I fight regardless
Screaming, “Fuck the law,” my life is lawless

That’s what you call it, aint got to be no psychic
To see this is like the farthest thing from heaven
This is hell and I don’t mean that hyperbolic

If the pressure get too much for me to take and I brake
Play this tape for my daughter and let her know my life is on it

If you hearing this, unfortunately means
That I’m no longer with you in the physical
Not even sure if I believe in God but because you still alive
He got me praying that the spiritual is real
So I can be with you still