Divining the Broken Heart - Found Runes

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Divining the Broken Heart Book of Found Runes Started 1-30-11

Introduction

I wasn't planning for this to be my first project. I have been collecting chopsticks for some time now, I thought I'd be making an I-Ching out of them. And it wasn't even going to be my first rune project. I been collecting possible runes for a while. But I moved; and I don't want to mess with paints, so no I-Ching; and the stuff I brought from the old address just doesn't seem to matter anymore, which is just another way of saying it's lost it's magic.

So, this is the new project.

Pick it up as I go.

And catalogue the emotions of the moment and the meanings to be found therein.

Green Metal Bracelet

Story: I was walking along, saw a younger cuter version of an exgirlfriend on the street, and then found this bracelet lying on the sidewalk,

Lesson: You can never go back.

Reading the Rune: The clasp is missing, so the bracelet doesn't close that well. When it lands, is it open or closed? Are we living in the past or the present? Are we in the process of learning a lesson, here and

now? Or should be be drawing on a lesson that we really should have learned by now.

Second Thoughts: I like green, but the bracelet really is a bit of junk. Appearances can be deceiving.

Double Sided Yellow Smiley

Story: So dirty, I really didn't want to pick it up, but I knew I'd regret it if I didn't. Later that day, I had a profound philosophical discussion with a stranger. The most telling memory of it being that as fantastic as the discussion was, I couldn't help but feeling a bit uneasy with this stranger and oddly compelled to run away. Why was I scared?

Reading the Rune: Is it a good thing or a bad thing? You know, you just can never tell. If there's one thing the Devil is good at, it's looking like a Saint.

Second Thoughts: Every cloud has a silver lining. While every silver lining has a touch of grey.

Cigar Box

Story: On a whim, I bought a few cigar boxes at five bucks a pop. After a week, I decided to transfer the would be runes I had been collecting into it. After another, I decided to start from scratch.

Reading the Rune: Well, the brand of cigars the box comes from is called <u>Reserva Negra</u>. A bit of black magic, anyone?

Second Thoughts: Good and Evil will always reside in the eye of the beholder. Which is perhaps another way of saying, look hard enough and you'll find what you're looking for... in life or in a throw of the runes or toss of the die.

Costume Jewelry Gemstone Heart

Story: Walking out of the library with my mom, I saw it lying on the ground between the security devices.

Reading the Rune: A heart points to something: the good time I had with my mom that night, the love some kid had for this well-worn trinket.

Second Thoughts: Anything that points to something also points away from something else. And I'll admit it, discovering the plastic heart as I left the library was apropos; I'm finding it extremely difficult to get into fictional narratives these days. A well-worn keepsake? Maybe not? Maybe it was time to throw this loadstone away... no offense mom, but this here heart is worn most of all in direction it points, maybe it's trying to tell me something, maybe it's time to look for happiness in a new direction, somewhere least expected?

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