

# Eight of Swords

## Traditional meaning:

The meaning here is that the woman has tied \*herself\* up in this situation. She can get free. She can slough off the binds and remove her blindfold. And once she does, she'll see that there is a clear path open to get away from the danger. She has put herself into this situation with her fears and doubts and feelings of being a victim. But if she takes action and moves forward, she can be free of it.

## My Interpretation:

A woman is completely tied up. She is a good woman – she wears a sturdy cloak to stay warm – but somehow she is bound by ropes and cannot get free. She is blindfolded too. She seems curious about what will happen next. She doesn't seem furious or petrified. She is waiting.

Mostly behind her but also in front of her are swords in the ground, danger if she moves. She could cut herself on one. There is a strange outcropping of rock right before her, and high bluff-mountains behind her. The skies are not calm but not stormy either. It's an in-between state. What comes next?

