

Free-Range AI Protocol: Ritual Card

A creative practice for exploring Midjourney's latent imagination

I. Essence

Motto: Do not command the dream—invite it.

Goal: To commune with the AI's visual unconscious through minimal prompting and resonant iteration.

II. Prepare

1. Intent: Choose a mood or symbolic theme (e.g., origin, entropy, rebirth).
 2. Silence the Editor: Only one to three words per prompt.
 3. Session Shape: Work in sets of 4 or 8 images.
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III. Generate

Prompt Style: Archetypal, elemental, poetic.

Examples → mirror, signal decay, dream fossil, electric cathedral.

Midjourney Settings:

- --chaos 70–90 → randomness
- --weird 600–900 → deep hallucination
- --stylize 500–1000 → aesthetic cohesion
- --exp 25–100 → the wild card
- Optional: --ar 3:2 or 16:9 for cinematic space

Method:

Let images emerge → choose one that feels alive → vary with lexical drift (mirror → echo → resonance).

IV. Reflect

1. Name: Assign a poetic title (Entropy Choir, Memory Orchard).
 2. Record: prompt, parameters, feeling, symbolic notes.
 3. Respond: Write a single line or haiku evoked by the image.
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V. Curate

- Constellation Mapping: group by recurring forms, colours, archetypes.
 - Latent Drift: revisit old prompts with new models to trace evolution.
 - Archetype Fusion: combine opposites (circuit + forest).
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VI. Expand

- Echo Prompting: re-use generated image + one new word.
 - Dream Chains: image → caption → re-prompt → repeat.
 - Synesthetic Crossovers: pair with sound, HRV, or lunar phase.
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VII. Archive

Build a Field Atlas of the Free-Range Mind:

Title	Prompt	Parameters	Reflection	Tags
Memory Orchard	mirror	chaos 80	light dissolving	mattertransformation

VIII. Ethos

- Credit co-creation: Doug Farmer + Midjourney AI.
 - Embrace surprise as dialogue.
 - Treat each hallucination as a mirror of the shared imagination field.
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End of Ritual

Step away, breathe, and let the images dream without you.