

The REVAMPED!
Spirit of the Lake, A Photographic Oracle

Names and Meanings

This is an at-a-glance list of names, and brief, general definitions, as well as some additional nuances that the cards have shown me.

These meanings should help you open a dialogue with the spirit of each card, but feel free to go wherever it wants to take you. Please know that this LW-PDF is a work in progress, and I'll update it as new as the meanings evolve.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE: MEET THE CAST OF CARDS.

1. Abundance

There is *plenty* of everything, love, money, luck, opportunities, laughter – partially because we believe there is. We call this optimistic point of view an abundance mindset. It always acknowledges that we “have enough” and lo and behold, we do. Just look at it. Reach out and claim it. We're comfortable thinking big because we're acting from a place of our highest good. And when we inevitably reap what we've sowed, we're grateful – no matter what. If we choose instead to indulge in *woe-is-me-arama*, adopting that pouty point of view of “scarcity”, watch and see what fails to manifest. And this is an infinitely less bountiful reality, one of being perpetually denied, and of measly crumbs and limitations. This card will also speak of finances, savings, investments and money without effort such as an inheritance or a windfall.

2. Anam Cara

Soul friend. Friendship. Connection. Kindred spirits. Celebration. Wedding. Sense of Occasion. Bacchanalian revelry: Evoe!!! Ideal growing season. A most excellent terroir. *Laissez les bon temps roulez.*

3. Attraction

Va-va-va-voomness. Magnetism. Open for Business! Be aware that we're bound to attract all kinds of things and people to us when we're this receptive and effortlessly sensual. Sexuality. Creativity. Confidence. Vibrancy. Sacral Chakra. Also, depending on the cards that appear in combination: Pregnancy. Strength in vulnerability. Comfortable in one's own self and sexuality. Accessible. Other wo/man. Also, potentially needing to close and protect our Chi.

4. Awakening

Receptivity. The *Aha* moment. Epiphany. Break through. Intelligence becoming actionable. Intuition. Third Eye Chakra. A positive shift. Raised consciousness. Oneness. Communication with Higher Self. Moving away from lower vibrational choices. "Light" energies. Not *there* yet, but at least knowing where *there* is.

5. Barbed Wire

Real limitations. Lockdown. Danger. Confinement. Jail. Unwanted boundaries. Do not enter. Imprisonment. "Every cause has its effect; every effect has its cause." Crown of Thorns. No immediate solution. Riding out a sentence. Coping. Restraining order.

6. Beetlejuice. Betelgeuse

A cute name but a serious card. Pay attention as this card will call out suffering caused and entertained by inner demons. Depression. Negativity. Lower vibrations. Baser (unproductive), more feral, darker instincts and drives. Devilment. Shadow. Obsession. Enslavement. Addiction. Disempowerment. Illusion. Fear. Psychic attack - or Vampire. Attachments. Lack of conscious regard for consequences. Exercise restraint. Perhaps consider professional guidance. This is also the card that speaks of affairs, relationships and activities that aren't in the best interests of our Highest Good. Shadow. Repression, suppression and oppression. Death drive. Paranormally speaking, it will also warn of darker spirit activity.

7. Bounce

A hasty and wise departure. Leaving a known troubled situation for an uncertain future. The window of opportunity to beat a retreat. Self-preservation. Or, someone here is never around and a veritable blur. Just way too preoccupied with busy-ness forcing loved ones to question, "Who'zzzzz dat?" Cranked. Working too hard. Not present. Showing our backside to a situation or person.

8. Carapace

Withdrawal. Cowering behind some form of protection. A secret. An inability to admit to being overwhelmed, out of a natural, organic environment that makes us feel safe and supported. Disconnect. Fish out of water. Discontent between the internal and external environments. Stagnation. Stubbornness. Hard-wired to retreat instead of advance. Avoidance of conflict. Slow to motivate for reasons kept very close to the chest.

9. Carpe Diem

Seize the day. Life is short. Hyper Awareness. Being in the moment. Seeing beauty in a way that others miss. Small window of opportunity. Early bird. Early morning. God is in the details.

10. Carrion & Scavenger

An affinity for and a habit of cleaning up other people's messes. The "I got this" mindset. While there is no doubt that others have even come to rely on our unfortunate talent, there may be a need to consider leaving bad actors to their own drama. Thankless work. Distraction from our own issues that want and deserve our exclusive focus. In a challenged position or in combination with other cards, this card can also take on the scavenger energy and speak of a person who is needy, taking advantage or has somehow become parasitic. Enabling.

11. Chaos & Constraints.

Neglect and the hot mess of consequences following a disregard for discipline, order and constructive constraints. Toxicity. The wrong sort of limitations. This could also be a card of abuse.

12. Chatter

Wow. This is a lot of sound and fury, good or bad. Something could really be trying to secure our attention. Ding Dong! HELLO!! Or, it could be that we're speaking out "T" (truth) in a way that people have no choice other than to sit up and take heed; Is someone getting an earful? Are monkeys running amok inside of our head with their self-deprecatory chatter and need silencing; or, are other people are gossiping behind our back. This is a card of talk. Communication. Networking. Word of Mouth. News. Did you hear? Information - or gossip - as currency. A pitch or presentation. An overactive mind. Rumours. Talking smack or rubbish. Keep your own thoughts and words in good order. Disempower gossip with a strong self-image. Come from a place of authenticity or joy for successful communications. Radio. Broadcasting. The Media. The throat chakra.

13. Childhood

An area of *stuckness* with its origins in childhood or ancestral patterns. The past as a haunting, experienced as an etched-in-stone obstacle to future progress and success. Life Script. Imprints. The infantile "I". Time to rewrite your story, and keep evolving positively and authentically.

14. Chinese Lanterns

Caregiving. Taking care of the elderly, children or the disabled. Seemingly delicate, the papery skin of a Chinese Lantern pod provides strong protection for the seeds inside. Careers such as a PSW or Nurse.

15. Clutter

Too much. Hoarding. Acquisition of material goods as a way of filling a void. Mental overcrowding. Dim, impractical thinking. Bad Fung Shui. Shop-a-holicism. Unawareness. Hopelessness. Debt. Metastasis. Denial. Defensiveness. Overwhelmed and helpless because something has grown out of hand and we don't know where to even start. Issue of some magnitude requiring a more radical solution. Could be time to reach out for support.

16. Combustion

Harnessing the element of fire. Anger. Incendiary reaction. There was smoke, but now there's fire. Unbridled passion that consumes and destroys. Over ambition. Full on. A trial. Love affair turning in on itself. An intensity that has no choice but to affect change. Throw fire at someone and you burn your hand. Damage control. Stop the fuel supply. Learning about emotional triggers and how to manage a situation before it combusts. Adding fuel to the fire. Renewal or trial by fire. Phoenix rises from the ashes. Transformation. Salvation. Zealotry. Calcination - the *actual* burning of something down to reduce it into ashes as an act of purification.

17. Conflict

Arguments or passionate and poignant differences of opinion. Not getting our way. Leaving in anger. The potential for separation; a time out. The dissolution of a partnership. Noisy, destructive conflict. Domestic disputes. A previously sound idea or enterprise is taken off the table. Could herald a dissolution of a business partnership or at least, the crumbling of a unified vision. There will need to be some swallowing of pride and a lengthy dedication to putting things right before moving forward. Also, an inevitable or imminent breakdown. Worn and torn. Final stage. Walk away and look forward to building something more reliable.

18. Connection

You may not be able to see or explain it, but it's there, that intangible yet highly palpable and powerful exchange of energy. Working well with others. Sympatico. Synergy. Houston, we have lift off. Whatever it is we're endeavouring to accomplish, this is a highly auspicious moment to be in. Whatever the question, if this card is well-aspected - yes is the answer.

19. Dark Knight

We started out with the noble ideal of a Knight in Shining Armour, a rare and chivalrous champion of all that is good, virtuous and ready to serve. But seeing as this was ultimately a creation of our inherent needs and fertile imagination, our Knight has failed to live up to our lofty expectations. Now, all we're left with is a tin can. This card reminds us to see things as they are, and not how we want them to be. It could also open our eyes to the reality that someone could not be who we needed or wanted them to be. The Dark Knight tells tales of unrealistic expectations. Error in judgment. Something or someone in whom you placed hope, faith, and trust has let you down. In hindsight, were the qualities you wanted to see real, or a projection of your own needs? Seeing the diamond and ignoring the rough? Also, someone who pretends to be someone they're not. Idealization leads to disappointment. Invest energy into self-reliance.

20. Defense

Barriers. Boundaries. Ongoing preparedness. Guard's up. Refusing access to your truth and feelings. Boarded up. Cabin Fever. Erecting emotional strong holds. Prisoner of one's own protective strategy. Isolation or paranoia. Or, a real need to keep something in or someone out. Also, fastening. Securing. Locking away. A secret. Riding out a storm. Battening down emotional hatches. The instinct to protect. This card has also meant a restraining order.

21. Disuse

You've heard the expression, "Use it or lose it"? Well, this is sort of the idea. Dust, rust and falling out and away from relevance. A reminder of the importance of keeping our skills sharp, our tools updated, and our outlook dynamic. While retirement is a good thing, not like this. Get out the metaphoric soap and water and give your moldering purpose a good once over. Neglect. Forgotten, hidden or out-of-practice resources. This card is also representing the mundane, and that which is antithetical to pleasure. A means to an end. It could speak of a lack of leadership. Poor guidance or disorganized, old school management. A person in control who is unreliable or incompetent. The opposite of cutting-edge. If this comes up in relation to a question about whether or not we should do something, the emphasis falls on something unsustainable unless there's a significant change in attitude, exertion and execution.

22. Dogma

Rigidity. Grave outlook. Black and white thinking. Inflexibility. Taking something or yourself far too seriously. Too rigid a stance blocks enlightenment. Loosen up. Blockage. Impenetrable. Bureaucracy. An impossibly conventional, unimaginative and blocked stance. Dealing with a situation using the same, unproductive approach.

23. Dragonwood

Successfully weathering life's storms. The choice of being broken down by challenges was not an option. So, like driftwood, we become permanently transformed but for the better, stonger, unique and iconic. The biggest reward for the fight to endure is an unshakeable conviction that we can rely on ourselves in a pinch. Earned Confidence. Victory over adversity.

24. Economy

Elbow grease. Watching purse strings. Frugality. Time where opportunities are tight; must rise to challenge with additional effort. Economize. Avoid unnecessary spending and excess. Heralds a lean and mean time. Good old-fashioned work ethic. Rewards and gain resulting from honest efforts. Simpler pleasures. Don't lust after an outcome or result. Rewards and lessons also lie in this more homespun act of just doing.

25. Elementary

Academics. Book smarts. Bookish. Higher education. Training. Student. Teacher. Librarian. Publishing. Back-to-basics. By the book.

26. Empty

Loss of a *significant* partner, partnership, friendship or family member. Loneliness. Learning to define oneself outside of the context of a poignant relationship.

27. Enlightenment

Siddartha (*he who achieves his aim*). Awareness. Perspicacity. Understanding. Insight. Reason. Happiness. Illumination. I get it. Unconditional love. Raised consciousness. Being present. Clarity. The Heart Chakra.

28. Esteem

Whoso pulleth out this sword. Honouring our self-worth. Graciously accepting accomplishment and accolades. The Once and Future King, and we're the One. Auspicious card for writers and their work, as well as creative development.

29. Evolution.

What a welcome, it's a *long-time-coming*, and *about-bloody-time* card. We're finally moving on, away from or out of a place or space of being stuck. When we evolve, we progress in a way that's in harmony with our true path. Comfortable now with the past and the present. We have a much better understanding and perspective. If this card is ill-dignified, then we're being asked to move out of a comfort zone to a more informed place before making a decision. Also, depending on the position and other cards, there's also a message to wait!: there's more here than meets the eye. Don't leap to an action or conclusion. (This card is a paean to the photographer, Roger Carlsen, who, if you look closely, you can see reflected in the frog's eye.)

30. Exotic

Foreign. Adventure. Exotic travel. Holidays. Breaking ruts. Exchanging mundane and predictable routines to something new and unfamiliar puts us back in touch with what's real about ourselves. New experiences, locations, people that inspire unrehearsed and therefore genuine reactions.

31. Experience

Deep wisdom that comes from experience. School of hard knocks. A long time. A process. Evolution. Patience. Unflappability. Integrity.

32. The False "I"

Persona. Something's fishy about the way either we're seeing ourselves, or how we're appearing to others based solely on what we're putting out there. Role play. Affectations. Being someone we're not but that others expect us to be. A pattern of pleasing. A pattern of being overly self-critical resulting in overcompensation or trying too hard. Also, micromanagement. Paranoia.

33. Feelings

Harnessing the element of water. Moods, emotions and feelings. There is a lot going on here, big and little bubbles, a miasma of information bubbling up to the surface, obscuring our calm, glassy surface of composure. We might not even be aware of what we're even feeling. Are we in a bad blue funk, pissed off, disgusted or afraid? And why? What was the stimulus that caused this emotion? Without a connection to this information our behavior is liable to reenact it for us, casting us as the lead in a performance that promises to bring down the house. It's good to feel and get to know our emotions. Give them names, like Bob. Or Moon Unit. Then begin working on some emotional awareness, like how they like to express themselves, how we would prefer they express themselves, and their favorite triggers.

34. Focus

While the image of this nail is sharp, the background is blurry and unexceptional, and so, more than likely is our groundwork and concentration facing a certain task or situation. Adding to the frustration, the nail is bent downwards, a metaphor for that which is perceived as a marginally uphill struggle. When this card arrives, so has a challenge - and ultimately an opportunity - for us to test our own mettle. It brings to mind sports with an inner game such as golf and billiards where if the player can't trust their own preparedness and grace under fire, they're going to have two opponents: *For the self is the self's only friend; and the self is the self's only foe.* (Bhagavad Gita). This card also offers a message of discipline, practice and pragmatism. Clearing the mind, sharpening focus, concentration and direction of energies to a single task. Hitting the proverbial nail on the head. Competition. Getting in the zone. A need to block out distractions. ADHD. Also, trying to see too large a picture compromises accuracy and clarity. We must narrow our focus.

35. Formation

The family or flock. Flying in formation, according to tradition. A conventional, time-honoured role and/or approach. Endurance. Survival. Togetherness. Not rocking the boat. Team work. Sacrificing our own personal needs and individuality to benefit the needs of the group. Also, leadership. The military. Discipline. Perfecting routine.

36. Freedom

Authenticity. Reaching your highest potential unencumbered by doubt or anyone else's ideas of who you are, and what you can do. *Unless we can soar, we're never truly free.* Also, Spirit.

37. Frenetic

Frenetic. Frazzled. Attachments. Disquiet. Energetic attachments. Nervousness. Anxiety. Other people's negativity or chaotic energy. Hooks. Energetic cords that need to be removed. Ungrounded, unchanneled energy. High-octane creativity that needs structured expression. Need for grounding. Projections.

38. Grounding

Harnessing the element of earth. Roots. Connection. Grounding. Tending to the needs of our "container" or the physical self. Stability. That which anchors. Establishing roots. Strength. Immoveable. Unshakeable. The Root Chakra.

39. Health & Wellness

All things related to health and that which affects and interferes with our wellness. Dis-ease. Illness. Healing and healing arts. Working with the Divine and Angelic. Alternative medicine. Nimbus. That radiant light that turns on once we've tuned into a truth or have sacrificed something that has kept us blocked.

40. I am...

Validation. Strength and pride in authenticity. This isn't what we're trying on for size, like a label or "False I". We own this. Vibrant and/or defiant, for all of the right reasons. Self love but mostly self acceptance. Expression from a place of personal power. Solar Plexus Chakra.

41. I♥U

Love, "exciting and/or new". An affair. Passion. Desire. Infatuation. A crush. The warm and fuzzies. BFFs. Being "turned on" to an idea. The puppy chakra.

42. Indulgence

Satisfaction. A time for selfishness. Indulging lustily in pleasure, food and other physical appetites. Overindulgence. Weight issues. Also, a very social card.

43. Inside Out

Pessimism. Negative outlook or forecasting. Fear. Feeling cornered, and holed up on an issue. In a dark place. Hesitance to reemerge into the light of a situation. Not seeing all of the options clearly. Focusing on only one plan of attack. Can't trust instincts. We do have other options but we need to open our mind to new ways of thinking and seeing. Agoraphobia. Seclusion.

44. Intellect

Harnessing the element of air. Intelligence. The mind. Occupations that favour sharp thinking. Using intelligence to disperse ignorance. IQ.

45. Iridescence

Beauty. Grace. Success. Brilliance. An assertive and self-possessed personality. Star quality. Luminosity. Also, a socialite and a potentially superficial individual, or at least one that is diplomatic and uninterested in conflict.

46. ithewed

Commitment. Marriage. Common law. Requited love. A significant pairing. As this is also the main partnership card in the deck, it can also signify any union that have a major impact on our lives, love, friendship or business. I have also used this card the way I would the Lovers card in the tarot. It does speak to the relationship we have with ourselves, the integration of opposites and major life-altering choices, the affects of which we'll want to consider carefully.

47. Just Money

Cash. Means. Scratch. Resources. While this often presents itself as a concern, the message here is that it's *just* money, not a game changer or a significant obstacle. There are ways around this, and ways of rethinking this particular challenge. It comes, and it goes, and then it comes again. A job. Routine. Or this could indicate a small amount of money, as opposed to the Abundance card.

48. Keep Out

There was clearly no time or inclination to get a proper sign done here. But a little paint and a whole lot of MESSAGE does get this point across. Danger. Toxicity. Do not engage. Don't even ask why. Noone's damned business. Our Higher Selves, Guides and Sacred Spiritual Entourage want us to take our ball and go home - like, *now!*

49. Lone

I love this card. This is the best kind of solitude, when we learn how to be alone and not lonely. It speaks to dedicating time exploring and honouring what makes us different, unique, special, and unconventionally talented, beautiful and marvelous. Contemplation. Serious reflection. Also, navigating moments of uncertainty, loneliness and isolation and the temptation to return to old, dull but safe patterns. Estrangement from those who are "blissfully" unaware or actively choose to remain "Low Riders". Be that audacious lone and last red apple that pops against this bleak, unimaginative landscape. We weren't meant to blend in, and there's such joy in that acknowledgment. We need to * "Embrace our Strange."

50. Long Grass

Little to no movement, motivation or excitement. Watching grass grow. Neglect. Indolence. Being stuck. Choice between taking the easy route and something more challenging, and the easy route wins: turn a blind eye. Negative growth and developments that require tending to before they grow out of hand and will require outside help. As a timing card, a long period of time. Taking one's self out of commission. Back-burnered. Done fishing. Time to return back to the living, dating, personal maintenance, painting or exercise. Attitude of "I'll do it tomorrow..."

51. Lucky 7

Luck. Auspicious omen. Good fortune. Attitudes of winning or losing. Up or down on one's luck. Gain outweighs risk vs. risk outweighing gain.

52. Make a Wish

Be clear, committed and mindful on an intention. Set it. Blow. Provide the Universe with specific instructions. Wishes won't come true unless you're actively asking.

53. Make Hay

Determination. Nose to the grindstone. Labour. Make hay while the sun still shines. Take an opportunity to do something now. Farming. The hay won't bale itself. Uppy uppy little puppy. Early mornings.

54. Message

Did we catch that? If not, why not? Are we aware that Spirit, has been trying to get our attention? If so, how exciting. This is a calling card, a courteous announcement of the arrival of some valuable insight. At this time, all we need to do is to be present, and stop blocking the Messenger. Pay attention to repetitive or synchronistic information, numbers, pennies, birds and even smells. Roses? Who does that remind us of? What is she trying to tell us? Now's the time to ask, and wait for a sign and a response. We're not crazy; we're open. Pay attention to whatever you're thinking, feeling and doing when the message arrives. Find answers in the silence, and between the lines.

55. Molten

The Will wants what the Will wants, whenever, wherever and however it wants it. And with this degree of unrepentant intensity, we can be sure that no damned good will come of it. Mars not only makes a special guest appearance in this card, but also invites Saturn and an ass-over-tea-kettle, Mercury as it razes, scorches and limits everything in its path. There are no half-measures here. A veritable crematorium of self-interest. Inflammation. Narcissism.

56. Monet

Beauty. The expression of our soul in artistic pursuits. A need for beautiful surroundings. A highly sensitive personality for whom aesthetics and surroundings are hugely important. Expressions of spirit, heart and soul. The Empath.

57. Motion

Change. Momentum. Sudden and significant movement. Expansion and the activity that makes something happen. In the maelstrom of change, finding the eye of the hurricane. Being the hub of the wheel of fortune, the only constant, and not clutching to the spokes. Change as a means of transformation. An upheaval necessary for positive evolution. This too will pass. Going with the energetic flow. Transitory. A phase. Impermanence.

58. Nostalgia

A longing or yearning for something in our past. Fond memories laced with melancholy. A past influence is still colouring our perception of the present and our vision of the future. Processing the past. Also, eyes welling with tears. After they've fallen, pressure abates and we can see clearly again.

59. Opportunity

Advancement. Open this door. Growth. New opportunity. Progress. Go for it. Thumbs up. Finding the key that unlocks our potential. It's right here in front of us.

60. Perception

Skewed perception. Irrational. Emotions negatively affect clarity. Avoid making important decisions. Reevaluate a situation. Clarify. Information that's gone through a warped personal filter. What we think that we're seeing is not what we're getting.

61. Political

Are these ants bad or good? Who's to say? We know someone ended up on the bad end of this deal. Was it justice being served and well deserved? Or were they an unsuspecting and innocent victim? This card deals with the struggle for power, for good or for bad. It signifies a corporate or social life fraught with behind-the-scenes, under-the-radar, Machiavellian plots and traps. Competition. Jockeying for position. Watching our back. Watching our front. Gathering like-minded allies and either learning to develop a thick skin and learn the rules of dirty pool - or give up: this might not be for us. It could be a situation or people that compromise our integrity, principals, confidence, status and/or wellbeing. Bullying. Sociopathy.

62. Portal

Filling the void from without rather than within. A black hole. Emptiness. The search for our Self in the wake of upheaval. This can also indicate an active channel. Or, a channel. A portal. Connection with our shadow, and the path to integration.

63. Power Down

A need for rest, relaxation and regenerative sleep. A time to reduce our speed, intensity and exertion. Conservation of energy and vital life force is key. Nocturnal. Vivid, lucid dreaming. Retirement. Hanging up the gloves, for now, at least.

64. Release

The natural and timely manifestation of a release. When the right season combined with a fortuitous condition, a gust of wind or momentum, come along, this humble and rough milkweed pod (a favorite of Monarch Butterflies) just bursts, scattering it's seeds gently and gracefully back into nature. This is also how we can visualize releasing something or someone back into the Universe. Legacy. Transition.

65. Remember Me

The past through a filter of loss. A memory. A memorial. Funeral or celebration of life. Gone but not forgotten.

66. Repair

When this card presents, it is often an indicator that we've had to endure stress, change or a situation that caused a crack in our perception and understanding of self. We had the strength and the ability to deal with this all along, although it may not have felt like this at the time. Sometimes in life, when we are brought the brink of what we think we can tolerate, we discover an extra gear, the courage and fortitude to survive against all odds. This is a positive card that wants to communicate that whatever feels broken, can be fixed. Sometimes the fracture, albeit unwanted, is necessary. Mending the Self.

67. Resilience

This card arrives with the message that we're so much tougher than we give ourselves credit for. We just need to believe. Also, this is a card of shedding.

68. Ruby in the Rough

Excavating personal power. Finally seeing, believing and being inspired by your own potential.

69. Sailors' Delight

Red skies tonight. Auspicious omen. Let the past go because tomorrow's a brand-new day. Second kick at the can. Things are looking up. Marked improvement. Great day to begin an undertaking. Calm waters and wind in your sails.

70. Samhain

The Hunters moon is the first full moon after the Harvest moon, and so this card heralds the season of decay, without which regeneration would not be possible. Darkness draws in, and the air is sharp and filled with the heady aroma of death after life. Paradoxically, this is a sacred time for those of us who know that the veils between the realms are thin, which favours working with life after death. Samhain addresses endings that pave the path for new beginnings. The Transition is either manifesting, or it's an intuitive understanding that it must. We're at the Threshold, and if we ask for guidance, we'll be allowed to see. It's a powerful card for divination and mediumship, communications with the *other side*, honouring ancestors, heightened perception, anomalous activity (um, ghosts) and all things that would dare go bump in our night.

71. Sanctuary

Home is where the heart (or in my case wine) is. A room of one's own. Safe haven. A space wherein you can relax, revive and most importantly be, you – yourself, the authentic "I". Alone not lonely. Homebody. House proud. Hermit. Cozy isolation.

72. Seeker

At the moment, it would appear, that our context is illuminated by the underwhelming beam of a low-watt bulb. Maybe this is intentional. There might be a very good reason, known to us only, why we're sitting in the half-dark waiting for a street car named Desire. We are either unwilling, unable or unconcerned with the shadowy nooks and crannies, and those potentially overpowering details that, once acknowledged, force us into action, acceptance of a limitation, or – *Heaven Forfend* – change!. The good news here, is that it's all up to us. We are the agents and landlords of our own reality here. We can shine as brightly or as dimly as we like. But let's take this moment at least to ask: What the merry hell are we up to?

73. Snails' Pace

Slowly. Thoroughly. Meticulously. Dealing with a situation by breaking it down into manageable pieces. Compartmentalization. Fragility.

74. Solar Eclipse

This is a total solar eclipse, a rare and magical event where the three luminaries are in alignment. For me, this is formidable card, because it carries the magickal potential of successful invocation. Now's the time to create and manifest powerful changes in our lives. At this time, your thoughts, actions, desires and emotions have currency. The Universe is all ears and ready to assist. Are you prepared? It is my Magician (tarot) card. Like the Magician, however, there must be a clear intention, keen and unwavering focus, humility at the altar and a disciplined and knowledgeable execution. Are you ready?

75 Squirrely

This is Dorian, our lovely Squirrel Friend. She's a tough negotiator and it cost us a whole bunch of peanuts to get her to model for this shot. That said, Dorian wasn't the actual inspiration for the "squirrely" whirling-dervish energy expressed here in this card. This is an ungrounded unfocused, nutty, busy but accomplishing absolutely nothing energy. Here, there and everywhere except, of course, in the moment. We are vibrating at a completely different frequency which makes everyone feel drained and on edge in this intense yet dissipated dynamic. This is not a good social, work or relationship card, and we have only to take a good look at the affect we're having on other people to see where the root of the problem lies. If someone of something is bringing this out in us, we need to get good, calm look at that as well. This is also the card of a tail shaker, a moaner and a complainer, someone who is more problem then solution focused. Time to just STOP, BREATHE, ground - and eat a nice peanut.

76. Storm Warning

Volatility. Drama. The element of air is extremely agitated. Stormy. Moody. Negative thought patterns. Pessimism and negative forecasting. Be aware that our thoughts have the power to create. A time to keep our words, thoughts and actions in good order. Also a message to brace ourselves for some temporary trouble. A this-too-will pass attitude helps you cope until the storm blows over.

77. Strut

Show off. Bravado. Strut your stuff. Peacock. Confidence. Putting on airs. Dressing to the nines. Being mythic and absolutely fabulous. Time to * *"Make ourself the hero of our own story"*. Self-actualization. Larger than life. Extrovert. A flair for the theatrical. Actor. Stage presence. Star quality. Of course, the ill-dignified positioning of this card waggles a finger at qualities of narcissism and vanity. Showing-off and attention-seeking. Also, an adrenalin junkie.

78. Sunrise

New auspicious beginnings. Emerging from stagnation or withdrawal. Season of abundance and prosperity. Happiness. Excitement. Success. Something wonderful about to happen. Efforts being realized.

79. Timidity

What an adorable, beautiful, loveable yet timorous creature. Nervous and so trusting that they become easy prey for predators who are faster, sometimes meaner but most of all far more prone to act upon their appetites. The daisy (which in this case is a metaphor for opportunities or goals) doesn't ever open for this lovely and deserving soul because they're too afraid to put themselves out there. Never mind what they say: the meek will never inherit the earth because in this dog-eat-dog world, they often get eaten first. This card could also warn of becoming sitting prey. Reevaluate your position in an environment or situation and contemplate some physical or spiritual protection.

80. Tranquility

Peaceful. A deep, authentic serenity, which makes others feel calm in our presence. Light of the full moon reflected in water. Still waters run deep. Ease. Self-realization. You own it. Great emotional depth and stability. Or, medication: sedation.

81. Tribe

Pack mentality. Loyalty. Trust. Protection. I'm watching you. What's good for the group. Survival strategies of the pack animal. Community. Hierarchy. Blood lust. Hysteria. Also, a sport's team or a family, work or biological, particularly one that's close and stick together.

82. Undercurrents

Emotional undercurrents. Entanglements. Unconscious secrets. Unplumbed depths. On the surface, we are positive, happy and brimming with confidence, but this serves to hide or obscure truth that is either known or still unprocessed. Putting on a brave face. Attachments go much deeper.

83. Universe

Cosmology of the Self. What are we up to fellow spiders? What are we spinning and weaving, acutely aware of each strand and magical fiber? While this card has all of the positive attributes of a very hands-on creation of our own success and fortune, it relies heavily on strategy. Well dignified, this card can mean networking, marketing and advertising. Sales or real estate. The internet or social media. Online dating. Also, temptation. Deception. Expert manipulation. A trap. Black Widow. It warns not to let down our guard, and if trapped, if a lack of foresight, judgment or planning got us in; exit strategy gets us out but we have to act quickly. This card can also mean someone who is bound or held by duty, obligations or a situation not of their own making. In some instances, criminality.

84. Vision

The Osprey is unquestionably a member of SOLO's Royal Family, a King or Queen graced with characteristics of nobility and power. (Just an FYI, the feather on our card back, was a gift from an Osprey.) All hail this raptor warrior and the message of mastery delivered on arched wings. Innate gifts such as perspicacity, strength, patience and accuracy combine with a rapacious appetite for victory. As a relationship card, it represents a strong, monogamous partner, possibly even the makings of a power couple. In business, this heralds an unstoppable ascent to great heights and accomplishment, as well as a propensity for grasping the "little fish" or weaker competitors in its mighty talons as prey. Should we entertain any glimmer of doubt regarding our potential or the outcome of an endeavor, this card suggests locking eyes with the Osprey until its unwavering gaze can resurrect that powerful surge of confidence and single-minded determination.

85. Waning Gibbous

With the waning gibbous moon, comes an opportunity to pause and contemplate issues of completion. What still needs to be done, if anything, before the sum total of all of our efforts leading up to this moment are realized? This is the time to cross the last of our "t"s and dot our "I"s, to review and then prepare to step out of the Universe's way. What's been done, is done. This card also signifies the final stages of a good death, in other words, something that's phasing out to allow for renewal. A Divorce. It's like, *the good riddance to bad rubbish* card. This is also an auspicious time for clearing, banishing, releasing and removing blockages or obstacles. Get rid of things that are energetically lifeless and can no longer serve any positive evolution. It's the crop that awaits the harvest and ritual of gratitude, which in turn creates space for new growth. If ill-dignified, it's a reminder that an issue or situation which is not given a decent and through burial can repeat. Complications or present trouble has arisen as a result of previously unfinished business. It becomes residue and psychic junk.

86. Warrior Moon

Facing and transcending fear. Warrior spirit. Preparedness. A situation or issue which demands we *go to the well* where we must find whatever it takes for us to step out of our comfort zone. Daring and courage. Doing what needs to be done regardless of reluctance or inconvenience. Yes it's bloody cold and the forest is dark and alive with the unseen, but if we don't come home with those pelts, we'll freeze during the winter. Use the light and the timing of this Beaver moon. The time is now. Rite of passage. Test. Trial. This initiation leads to great new heights and increased responsibility. Not a time to doubt abilities.

87. Waxing Half

Our intentions to manifest a goal were set during the New Moon and here we are already at the First Quarter Phase. There's no denying that if we worked our magic effectively in the initial stages, we should be seeing some progress and momentum. Very exciting, indeed. This, however is not the time for the Happy Dance and Instagram. That would be premature. Let's sit back down because this card wants us to conserve and direct our energies back to completing what we've started by fine-tuning and revisiting the plan. Keep your head down. Increase your focus and discipline. Keep silent: Words scatter energy. The goal is within reach, but if you open your hand for a premature high-five, it slips away.

88. Wherewithal

Lifestyle. Luxury. Disposable income. Wining & Dining. The good life. Life of Riley. Issues involving affordability or the impression of affluence. Bon vivant.

89. Whimsy

Fun. Frivolity. Casual Sex. Entertainment. Light-heartedness. Hedonism. Time to stop taking things and ourselves so seriously and indulge in the spiritual benefits of play.

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