

Groovy Waite

CARD MEANINGS - MAJORS

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It should be noted I had four songs almost on a loop the whole time I was drawing the Groovy (at least my part in bringing it to life) and I really feel that the music has given the deck a lot of energy to it. The songs were

“rubberband man” by the Detroit Spinners.

“crimson and clover” by Tommy James and the Shondells

“Tuesday afternoon” by the Moody Blues

“Age of Aquarius” by The Fifth Dimension



0. The Fool: A figure carrying a poppy in hand (symbolic of her opium high) enjoys her bliss a little too much as she walks close to the edge of cliff, unaware of the potential for danger. She wants to follow the stars that have appeared during her trip, but her faithful pooch warns her to be careful of the edge.



1. The Magician - A man, attuned to working with the elements and being able to use a little magic to shape his reality, points his wand into the heart of a rainbow. His entire body is surrounded by this bright rainbow, a positive field of protection. He wears a “Technicolor dream coat” as though to emphasis the point.



2. The High Priestess — Cloaked in stars, and holding a divine message in her hand, she is surrounded by the moon and many stars, symbolising her as a heavenly figure. She is sometimes referred to as the Shikinah.



3. The Empress - This “earth mama”, enjoying her outdoor seat on a spring day, is the embodiment of fertility. The flowers in the foreground tell us the time is right for the living things to break forth from the ground.



4. Emperor - A father figure. Can also be one’s boss. Unlike some of the kings in the deck, the Emperor has a tougher exterior as the leader of a group of bikers. Usually the most powerful male figure in a person’s life.



5. Hierophant -The teacher of the deck, mainly in spiritual matters. He is surrounded in stars symbolising his mentally elevated position. He’s literally floating on a cloud!

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6. The Lovers - Two flower children brought together through a love of music. Even the flowers below their feet feel the groove. Rays of bright color and stars emanate from the angel overhead, while rainbows appear behind both lovers. A happy card. Meeting that special someone in your life.



7. The Chariot - A long haired flower child holds a magic wand in hand. He represents balancing the different forces in your life, and will finally be able to take charge of his destiny. Moving forward.



8. Strength - A woman masters the taming of a lion, which symbolizes mastering the art of persuasion. Being able to discipline ones self, not to overreact to certain situations. There's a saying "you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar" and this would apply here. It's easier to get what you want by being polite rather than by being rude.



9. The Hermit - inspired by Jimmy Page's love of the iconic Hermit figure, the stairs behind the Hermit in this card is a nod to the song "stairway to Heaven" by Led Zeppelin. His staff is also a nod to the biblical Moses, who had the ability to turn his wooden staff into a serpent, and back again. Only one who has sequestered himself a way in studies (thus becoming the hermit) might hope to achieve the near impossible. Inner reflection.



10. The Wheel of Fortune - A card that promises a change of some kind. If you are having a bad streak, then a good change may be just around the corner, and if you've had it good, then prepare for a little of the opposite. We would say generally this is a good card to see in a reading, based on the chances that a client is seeking a reading because of a problem in their life. In other words, their state might be currently in the negative, so seeing this card will be a positive.



11. Justice — As Asian woman holds a sword in one hand and the scales in the other. Usually refers to court appearances or matters of the law. Could literally be a judge. In the case of a non court situation, it could mean someone is getting what they deserve.



12. The Hanged Man - A man hangs upside down. He is in a state of suspension. He is not touching the ground at all, and therefore he is not taking part in the comings and goings of earth. He has taken a "time out" and is just watching the world go by. Sometimes an indication of being "stuck"; not knowing how to move forward, usually through no fault of your own.

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13. Death - The Grim Reaper comes riding in on his horse. He stops by the river Styx. It can mean literal death. During the “groovy era”, the “peace symbol”, seen in Death’s flag, was used to convey “oneness”, “love”, “peace” and other ideas. In the case of the Death card, the symbol reverts back to it’s original meaning and origin; that of nuclear disarmament.

During the 50’s, The “campaign for nuclear disarmament” (CND) produced a symbol which represented their movement and goal of removing all nuclear weapons from Britain and other countries. While this symbol eventually became popularized as the “peace symbol”, the Death card reminds us of that very real possibility that nuclear war will bring about Death in a grand scale. On a lighter note Death can also mean the end of one chapter but the beginning of another. (that’s the meaning you might want to go with instead!)



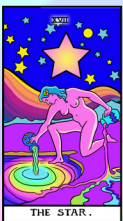
14. Temperance – A Native American woman hovers amidst the stars, as though a figure within a vision quest. This card is a message to us that we should have a balance of that “rainbow feeling” that we’ve seen playing out over the course of the last few cards. Always strive to see the bright side of life and the best in people, but not to our detriment. In other words, stay level headed or you can be easily taken advantage of. A balance is key!



15. The Devil – A devil figure completely covered, from head to toe, in psychedelic body paint. The two flower children are chained to this “devil”, and are slaves to it, though visually they appear to be “free”, even happy. The Devil, of course, in this setting can be seen as addictive drugs or things which can cause you harm, even though you may feel like you are enjoying the ride. Anything that has a hold over you, especially in a negative way, should be analyzed. Has it gotten the better of you?



16. The Tower - Sudden calamity. We just can’t sugar coat this one! Usually a sudden revelation; accompanied by that shocking feeling you get when something takes you by surprise. An end to a situation.



17. The Star – “it’s the dawning of the age of Aquarius” can be heard throughout all of this card. (a song by the 5th Dimension). The figure pours pure color into the dark waters, bringing them to life. She is the figure of Aquarius, the water bearer. She is a good card to see in a reading. She represents Inspiration and hope for the future. Sometimes interpreted as a “superstar”, celebrity etc, or someone with great passion and charisma.



18. The Moon - The card depicts a full January moon, also known as the “Wolf Moon”, but unless used for readings based on timing, the wolf should be seen rather as a totem. The wolf hunts at night, nearly invisible to its prey, a reminder that all may not be what it seems. The Moon can represent lunacy, and things that are hidden from view.

CARD MEANINGS - MAJORS / PENTACLES



19. The Sun - A little child with a head dress, his body painted blue, rides atop a pink haired horse with flowers in its hair. The Sun card is a card of joy, and can sometimes indicate child birth.



20. Judgement – An angel with a celestial costume drifts between worlds, a reminder that we are never truly alone. A dove of peace flies between her hands, a symbol of love and mercy, a heavenly reminder that we are forgiven for past deeds. All we need now is to forgive others likewise, including ourselves.



21. The World - A funky lady dances at the disco, the center of attention. She even has her on “star” which she walks upon. The world is her oyster; she has made it!

PENTACLES



Ace of Pentacles - A surreal, almost Salvador Dali-esque effect warps the clouds, coin and flowers. A good card; the beginning of money, opportunity etc, sometimes it can be a gift.



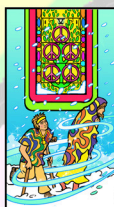
2 of Pentacles - A woman holds two pentacles in her hand, representing a juggling act with money. Maintaining the books, and keeping the business or household afloat. She stands beside a seashore, reminding her that the tide (money) goes out, but it always comes in. She knows she must “ride the waves” so to speak and that nothing is permanent.



3 of Pentacles - A young artist working at his groovy masterpiece consults his clients. This is the stage where he is setting up his art business. He’s putting his skills to good use. The card can depict an art display, even having your work in galleries.



4 of Pentacles - Having left for the city and made a name for himself, the young artist has now made a reasonable some of money, and he’s scared of losing it. Holding on too much like this won’t allow him to grow. He needs to be able to share his wealth a little, thereby allowing others to share in the blessings that have been sent his way. This is a crucial moment of learning. If he doesn’t learn to give a little, he will eventually stagnate, not being able to move forward spiritually



5 of Pentacles - We see a vision of “what could be” if the artist in the 4 of Pentacles does not help others in their misfortune. Fate has taken his riches away. He walks alongside another poor unfortunate. (who knows...perhaps another person who has not learned to give during their time of abundance)

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6 of Pentacles - The artist (from the 3,4 and 5 of pentacles) awakes from his Dickens-esque nightmare in the 5 of Pentacles, and learns to give to the misfortunate. Fate, in the form of a rainbow, has shone upon the dark haired man with his hands out, and he becomes blessed through the talented hands of the artist. Now that the heavens have smiled upon this scene, we see the result in the next scene.



7 of Pentacles - The artist has been given even more blessings. This is how the wheel of cause and effect works, the rules of karma. Perhaps it is even the “meaning” of life. The figure must tend this newfound blessing, water it every day and make it grow into a tree of abundance. A card of waiting patiently.



8 of Pentacles - Now to hone his craft even further. He has come a long way since the 3 of Pentacles. At this point he has created a great living for himself. In the background he has a wealthy estate and at some point he will retire there. Alongside sharing his gains; working at a steady pace and having a goal brings him riches tenfold.



9 of Pentacles - The artists’ soul mate enjoys the fruit of both their labours. She has her own bird in hand which she enjoys time with. She is surrounded in well earned wealth and has mastery over maintaining both their business and estate.



10 of Pentacles - The final outcome of a life of labor and greatness. A card of family, inheritance and the love of relatives. Like the 10 of Cups, where the family setting is that of emotional love and bliss, the 10 of Pentacles is the other side of that “coin” (pardon the pun); the financial side. This family has reached contentment and they want for nothing (at least materially)



Page of Pentacles - The young man receives his first glimpse of money and the potential for so much more. A feeling of a first pay check, or first promotion. An incentive to climb higher.



Knight of Pentacles - This is a knight that is a hard worker, but slow to jump into things, as indicated by the horse’s lack of movement. He takes his time and is a bit cautious. He sits atop a farm horse that is used for manual labor. Think of the great Clydesdale horses that were used to plough fields. Slow and steady, but strong! This knight is in it for the long haul and is dependable. Yet some will find his slow streak a tad irritating.



Queen of Pentacles - This queen is surrounded by exotic peacocks, a bird originally from India. Symbolically the peacock is said to represent nobility. They’ve come to see her as their surrogate mother. This Queen represents abundance, and she will always take care of her family, running her house efficiently.

CARD MEANINGS - PENTACLES / CUPS



King of Pentacles - The artist's journey has come full circle. He holds in his hand a great wealth, but it is more than money. It is the knowledge of how to make money. All around him he sees what his talents have created. A wonderful kingdom, a groovy throne and a terrific grape themed shirt.

CUPS



Ace of Cups - Rainbow kissed water springs from a cup. The cup is also surrounded by this rainbow that encircles two birds. The birds symbolize the joy in celebrating differences. They remind us of the variety of life, the "spice" of life, without which our daily lives would be less interesting.



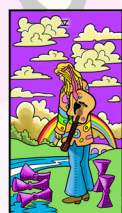
2 of Cups - That love in the Ace, manifests from the spirit, the heart, and culminates in finding love in the flesh. Two lovers come together in a psychedelic meeting. They are in the act of sharing each other's cups; an act which symbolizes wanting to get to know each other more, to the point where they share each others stories, live each others anecdotes, and enjoy each others ideas.



3 of Cups - After that successful meeting of the lovers in the 2 of Cups, the blonde lady finally meets up with her friends. A time to reminisce and celebrate with those we feel most at ease with. Partying with friends.



4 of Cups - What the young man thought was love didn't quite work out the way he thought it would. He's given another chance, but he's too busy looking at the past to see the potential for the future.



5 of Cups - He's now gained two cups at this point, but is still looking at the three cups of the past. The past itself has been revealed in full, symbolized by the spilling of the cups' contents. He needs to be able to get over the past. He needs to turn around and see that not all is lost. Melancholy.



6 of Cups - Time to return back to where he came from. The young man goes home and spends some quality time with his family. Nostalgia and longing for the old days again (possibly even a mid-life crisis, depending on the age). Melancholy from the 5 of Cups lingers in the form of a cat (Churchill referred to his depression as a "black dog" that haunted him from time to time)



7 of Cups - A card of dreams and decisions. Day dreaming. One card shows a guitar (music), another knee length boots (things), flowers (power...as in "flower power"), mushroom (psychedelic experiences), hearts (love), two hands (celebrating and cherishing difference) and a dove (peace)....the kind of things rattling around in every true hippy's mind.

CARD MEANINGS - CUPS



8 of Cups - Leaving a bad situation, or the past, behind. The man has suffered, mainly inwardly, in matters of love, and doesn't feel at all grounded in familiarity (earth, the here and now, the present). He's walking on an alien surface, somewhere he probably had no intention of being (it reminds me a little of the Ben Folds song "landed" when he sings "I've been on some other planet") Could indicate a breakup "under the influence" of alcohol, or an altered state of consciousness while doing this.



9 of Cups - The card of wishes. Just like a cat with its nine lucky lives, you have a series of 9 cups in front of you; wishes that can be granted. The 7 of Cups was a card of daydreaming, but the 9 represents the granting of a more refined, more definite desire. You've possibly chosen from those multiple daydreams in the 7. A great card in a reading



10 of Cups - The young man has finally found his true love. He's made it. It was a journey, with life's ups and downs, but he's exactly where he belongs. A rainbow overhead highlights the beauty of the scene. The children are even getting along. At this moment, life is bliss.



Page of Cups - A young man discovers love. He'll grow to be a bit of a ladies man, but at this stage he is learning, almost like the idea of putting his toe into the shore of love to test it out.



Knight of Cups - This knight is a flirt when it comes to love. A ladies man. He'll even write you a few poems at first, and he will mean them. If all goes well he will evolve into the King of Cups...representing a love that matures; when looks fade, and the arguments of living together have been ironed out with understanding and a more dependable character. The Knight, meanwhile, will think he's in love, but can be distracted.



Queen of Cups - This Queen dwells often in her mind, and is quite sentimental. Sometimes her partner might misinterpret this as being too needy. She needs to be careful because she'll analyse things in minute detail thinking something's "going on" when there is no obvious reason to suspect something wrong. On a positive note she has a very loving, caring and sensitive side to her.



King of Cups - This man has evolved from the page, then knight, and into a dependable, lovely man. He has a lot of emotions, and thinks a lot, but knows enough over the years to keep most of it to himself thereby keep the peace.

CARD MEANINGS - SWORDS



Ace of Swords - A rainbow splits in two at the mere touch of this sharp sword. The sword represents communication, and sometimes cutting through the niceties is in order. Neither a bad or good card, it just represents opening up dialogue. In business, you might say the wielder of the sword is “cutting to the chase” (i.e. “enough with the sales pitch, let’s get down to business”).



2 Swords - An Indian figure, taking on the visage of a Hindu god, covers her eyes with her extra hands. We see this as “turning a blind eye” to something that is not really necessary to create an issue out of. We might see, for example, a friend or loved one doing something that annoys us. It might be something that, if when confronted, causes an argument and so we can either “let it slide” or bring it up in conversation.

This card tells us that the thing bothering us might not be worth getting into an argument over. It’s a card of “keeping the peace” or “holding your tongue” etc. Symbolically this is a period of peace before conflict, or a “calm before the storm” as the next card shows what happens when the confrontation occurs.



3 Swords - Harsh and cutting words that strike the heart. A devastating feeling after an argument, as the swords represent communication. The hands covered the eyes in the 2 of swords. In this card we see an eye with teardrops.



4 Swords - After the argument, this is a card of quiet alone time. Put on your favourite music and relax. It’s time to find some inner peace. In the card the figure merges as one with the rainbow symbolizing being one with the music or with nature, or even being at one with simply “being”.



5 Swords - This card is considered a hollow victory, mainly because the main person in the card wins the fight through deception, cheating etc. So the question is; how sweet can the victory really be? He holds 3 swords, reminding us that it was not a fair fight (the others have only one each). The others walk away because they have given up, not because they “lost” but because with all the dishonesty going on, the “battle” cannot really be won.



6 swords - Fleeing from a bad situation and moving into a better place. It could be leaving a bad financial situation for example. On the horizon are greener pastures.



7 of Swords - A thief runs off with 5 swords. This card is a warning to us to watch over our wares, and in our day this could even extend as far as online scams and identity theft etc. Might also indicate a psychic vampire is in your life zapping your energy. Keep your wits about you.

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8 Swords - A feeling of being trapped. With the blindfold on, nothing is certain, and so she remains where she is. Sometimes situations are able to be overcome, but if we fear visiting that dentist, or surgery, or going on that first date, we will never be able to move on. With a beautiful dress like the one she's wearing, she should be showing it off to everyone, but she's too scared to move a muscle. A possible sign of Agoraphobia.



9 of Swords - The bad acid trip. The figure is experiencing nightmares and hallucinations. The captivating fear of the 8 of swords has spiralled out of control. Something really needs to be done about this.



10 Swords - The culmination of the 8 and 9 of swords has taken its toll. It appears as though the man is dead with all those swords in his back, but if we take those swords as sharp words, then this is more mental destruction. Intense grief and instability. Of the four "10s", we see that the 10 of cups culminates in emotional bliss, 10 of Pentacles is inheritance and financial bliss, but the 10 of Swords and 10 Wands show undesirable end results, or burdens. In other words there seems to be two good cards and two "undesirable" cards, when reaching the end of each of the four suits (not counting the courts of course)



Page of Swords - A young man learns how to communicate. His words will sometimes be cutting as he learns what gets him in trouble and what doesn't. He can be opinionated, and at this stage begins to explore the boundaries of what can be said and done. A would be revolutionary. You might find him out in the streets protesting for civil rights etc.



Knight of Swords - This knight charges right in; an even more opinionated, and even more determined version of the page of swords. Only this time, with his winged horse his words will get him in trouble in half the time. Very confrontational, he's the shoot first ask questions later type of guy.



Queen of Swords - Opinionated, like the Knight of Swords, but has learned how to articulate what she wants to say better. She will choose her words more wisely, compared to the other two (knight and page) beneath her. Sometimes she can be lonely; perhaps even liking it that way, due to her independent streak. If she feels it is necessary, she will cut you down to size with that sword she calls a tongue.



King of Swords - A man of authority. Sometimes in a leadership role, his words get things done. He does not waste time with idle chit chat, preferring to make his words, and his time count. He sits on an elevated platform of clouds symbolizing his powerful position in society. Could be a judge, lawyer, a teacher etc.

CARD MEANINGS - WANDS



Ace of Wands - A spark of inspiration. Wands represent energy and fire, so imagine a little spark that can, if given enough oxygen, ignite an entire forest. This card represents the spark; often seen as the spark of inspiration. That feeling of having a spring in your step, that excitement of getting out of bed to continue with a great project you recently started.



2 of Wands - This man has big plans. He has the world in his hand which symbolizes his “plotting”. He has not acted yet. All he has is the inspiration to achieve his desire. Now is the time to formulate how it will come to pass.



3 of Wands - The man in the 2 of wands is now waiting on his ship to come in. He has worked towards a goal and is awaiting the result. A merchant card, perhaps he is awaiting a ship of goods, which he will then sell.



4 of Wands - A card of celebration which may also indicate a marriage. Two figures stand at the entrance of a castle to greet the guests. Hanging above the wands is a combination of roses and oranges, representing beauty and abundance.



5 of Wands - light arguing, sometimes play fighting. Two doves fly over head, above a rainbow, symbolizing that though these young men squabble, their bond of companionship is still strong. In other words disagreements may be ahead but they are not necessarily devastating unless surrounding cards indicate differently.



6 of Wands - Is this the victor of the previous skirmish? In any case, he is well respected and others follow him in the procession. His horse is beautifully adorned with patterned garments. Enjoy the victory. You’ve earned it.

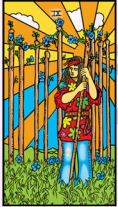


7 of Wands - With every victory, there is a need to either stay on top or get moved out of the way. The man in this card has found success, but others are trying to knock him from his place. Some can defend their position by fighting back, while others can do it by becoming even more successful; beating their previous score, creating an even better music album, maybe an even more popular Tarot deck than the one they created last! Sometimes it is not about competing against others to stay on top, but about honing our craft. Maybe we study, come up with new ideas, develop new techniques etc.

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8 Wands - fast delivery or communication. Think postal deliveries, mail etc. (can also relate to quick messages/communication of the digital era like emails, phone calls, texts etc).



9 Wands - Taking a defensive position. What makes this card different than the 7 since they are both standing their ground? The 8 of Wands gives us no real indication, but what we do know is that between then and now, the 9 of Wands traditionally has a bandage on his head, indicating an injury. Damaged ego perhaps? Has he endured the aftermath of the 7 of Wands? Did he sustain an injury from that? Regardless this card is about standing your ground, and readying yourself for a potential attack.



10 Wands - like the 10 of Swords, the 10 of Wands is a card of burden (a nice balance from the 2 positives; 10 of Cups and 10 of Pentacles). This card represents a heavy burden, represented by wands. This is what the situation looks like when the coming onslaught has exhausted the figure in the 9 of Wands. In a symbolic sense, the man is weighed down. In a relationship reading, this might imply that one partner is overburdened. The other partner may be advised to take on some of that burden to alleviate the situation.



Page of Wands - An adventurer, a traveller. He wants to explore the world. He has discovered that spark, that thirst for excitement, to live life to the full. Can indicate a messenger, or postman. This particular Page can be an indication of the birth of a child.



Knight of Wands - This Knight has a lot of energy. He is friendly, but like the Page of Wands, is always coming and going and isn't likely to settle down, so may be unreliable depending on what you expect in terms of a relationship. Can be a bit unpredictable.



Queen of Wands - She is a friendly and honourable woman. Very pleasant to be around and enjoys being the life of the party. A cat enjoys its spot on her lap due to her endearing temperament. In her hand she holds a sunflower, picked from her country garden.



King of Wands - Sitting on a rock near Sedona, Arizona, this king enjoys the outdoors. Peyote grows near his feet, and a lizard runs a long beside him. He is generally understood to be an honest, conscientious married man. Can denote news of some kind, much like the Page

CARD MEANINGS - BONUS CARD



Smokey - (Alternative Emperor) – Smokey the Bear represents the authority figure of the forest. In the case of a fiery argument or heated exchange based reading, the appearance of Smokey is a good omen; he manages fires, big and small!

A protector and friend to all creatures great and small, he is an environmentalist at heart. He looks after the wildlife and raises awareness of the dangers of being careless, especially out in nature.

Smokey is always a positive and optimistic card in the deck, regardless of the question or situation.

That about wraps up the Groovy Card meanings. Thank you so much for reading and we hope you enjoy the cards.

The Groovy Waite: Stars Edition

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