

Animal	Symbolic Meaning
Bee	Society, industry, work, dangers of courtship, immortality, rebirth, order
Bird	Freedom, flying, between higher and lower worlds
Dragon	Money, fame, danger, myth, fire
Horse	Chivalry, spiritual carrier, supremacy, generosity, courage
Raven/crow	Death, war, supernatural, transformer, trickster, messenger, prophet
Pet	Unconditional love
Firefly	Perseverance, spirits of the living, souls of the dead, passionate love
Unicorn	Gentleness, wise rule, famous children
Wild animal	Dangerous passions and people
Woodpecker	Noisy, guardian, aggressive
Dog	Loyalty, guardian, friend
Shark	Danger that lurks out of sight, fear
Dolphin	Playful, spiritual mediator between worlds, helper
Butterfly	Metamorphosis, rebirth, false lover, transformation, soul, summer, joy, witches
Dove	Peace, messenger, holy, renewal of life, vulnerability, sensitivity, spirit
Peacock	All-seeing, pride, vanity, solar glory, royalty, immortality, love, beauty, paradise
Owl	Wisdom, scholar, occult powers, all-seeing, death, supernatural protector
Spider	Weaving, letters, ability to travel between worlds, architecture, pain
Snake	Sacred knowledge, death, afterlife, rebirth, phallic, fertility, eternity, magic, fear
Elephant	Memory, intelligence, wise nature
Bear	Creation, guardians, spirit guide, strength, transformation, healing, courage
Crocodile	Creative abilities, predator, hidden danger
Horned animal	Expanded perception
Nursing animal	Unconditional motherly love
Bull	Earth, male, physical, danger, powerful

Plant	Symbolic Meaning
Honeysuckle	True devotion, sweetness
Garlic	Protection, antiseptic, healing
Fennel	Restores lost vision
Lavender	Calming, sweet, soothing for burns and wounds
Dandelion	Troublesome, tough and persistent
Rose	Queen of flowers, love, devotion, beauty, sweetness, creative powers
Thyme	Courage, bravery
Sunflower	Sacred, gold, sun, wild, tall, attractive
Rosemary	Love, remembrance, fidelity (The wife rules the house when rosemary is planted outside.)

Weather	Metaphoric Meaning
Lightning	Unexpected changes
Tornado	Violent destructive behavior
Floods	Chaos, destruction, welled-up emotions overflowing, retribution
Hurricane	Forces beyond our control, passion
Rain	Sadness, romantic, cold, fertility, precious, life-giving
Rainbow	Wholeness, beauty, perfection, bridge between heaven and earth, unity
Hot and Sunny	Hot tempers, sensual, summer, lazy, fun
Cold and Icy	Frozen emotions, cold feelings, static, winter, sharp, harsh, survival, death

Event Occurring in Scene or Another Area	Metaphoric/Symbolic Image Description in Script
Death	Black crows on a snow-covered black winter tree
Rebirth/resurrection	Springtime shots of flowers blooming, little birds in nests chirping, sunny skies, green grass
Losing important relationship	Dog watching a ball roll into storm drain and looking upset
Someone about to steal	Fox in henhouse stealing chickens
Catastrophic event coming	Comets (lens-flare effects) in sky
Rough emotions	Big waves crashing on rocks
Spiritual epiphany	White animal being born in a barn
Murder	Blood running into water
Lots of work to be done	An anthill or bees in background
Angry emotions boiling over	Heat waves melting up from a prickly cactus-covered desert road

Character State	Metaphoric/Symbolic Image Description in Script
Someone not what he or she seems	Reflection in funhouse mirrors
Wise shaman head of tribe	Says he only "drinks out of ancient skull"
Person going crazy	Gory disturbing art project the character is making throughout film
Loss of life force	Crops in field dying
Relationship status negative	Couple fighting over the color of drapes
Lost-love memory	Pendant with old picture around neck
Revenge for death of loved one	Handmade knife from loved one's family
Midlife crisis	Character buys Harley-Davidson motorcycle
Obsessed with food	Character digging around for hidden candy bars
Scientific mindset	Has vision looking into liquid inside heated glass beaker
Losing important object	Dog floating down the river
Spiritual epiphany	Shaves head or cuts off hair to symbolize new beginning or mindset
Needs to control every little thing because of fear of chaos in world	Arranging objects in straight lines
Needs to feel clean in a dirty business	Taking very long and meticulous grooming shower with lots of special lotions and shampoos
Character hitting bottom	Character starving in a dark messy house

Backstory Information	Metaphoric/Symbolic Image Description in Script
Leader of film world as an outlaw	Picture of king surrounded by gun collection framed on the wall.
Social order of people in town	Rich people wear bright colors, walking poodles; poor people wear gray and are sweeping the street.
Lay of the land with edge of the known world said to be forbidden	Mural featuring a map with the edge of world full of monsters; characters call it "the edge."
Important heroes who character admires	Temple devoted to dead hero in middle of town.
Past catastrophic event	Pitch-black historical memorial site with a big flame still burning.

Character Trait	Metaphoric/Symbolic Image Description in Script
Leader	Uniform, medals on chest, ribbons, special gold scepter.
Professional wrestler	Superhero outfit, mullet, gold chains with wrestling medals around neck, apartment full of wrestling posters and trophies.
Alcoholic	Silver flask in pocket, mini liquor bars in secret spots in each location, drinking at each location.
Lover	Tattoo of girl's name on heart, carrying fresh picked flowers, digital effects slight golden glow aura.
Humble	Character hiding from recognition events, awards.
Well-educated	Carries books everywhere, uses a magnifying glass to look at things, wears glasses, hangs out at museums.
Uptight	Hair perfect, tight starched clothing, gets upset about litter on the street or slow people at stores.
Warrior/solider	Scars on body, wears hidden weapons, jumps when people touch him from behind, flips into martial arts pose when startled.

Character History	Metaphoric/Symbolic Image Description in Script
Strange rituals in family for immortality.	Blue shrine full of glass bees in character's bedroom.
Weird hobbies for character in position of authority.	Royal sporting axes hung on walls.
Character feels trapped in old relationship.	Character eats partner's pet bird to symbolize loss of freedom.
Dangerous person.	Pet alligators and venomous snakes crawl around backyard.
Well-educated and cultured upbringing.	Has a grand piano delivered to house.
Misses lost love.	Carries a picture, gift from beloved, or ribbon from hair.
Artistic side.	Artwork displayed.
Most prized possession is an old love letter.	Letter is kept in a secret draw in a gold case.
Character is very happy and playful emotionally.	Wears rainbow suspenders, has a pinball machine in his bedroom, and has funny toys
Character needs tension to create.	Character turns on music really loud late at night to build sculpture, disturbing other people.
Character is terrified of getting sick.	Wears gloves, disinfects chairs before he sits down, wipes off phones, wears a surgical mask outside.
Character thinks the good old days were better.	Character drives a 1957 Chevy and wears vintage clothes.

Number	Symbolic Meaning
1	Number "1," top of group, circle, wholeness, center, unity, one-self, independence, single purpose, universe, equality, seed, stable, father, intolerance, stubbornness
2	Partnership, duality, indecision, balance, 2 sides, opposites, relationships, root, mother, indecision, indifference, making choices
3	Third time a charm, things always come in 3s, 2 failures to 1 success, triangle, harmony, freedom, completion, relationship/balance, holy divinity, power, God's halo
4	Square, strength, stability, Mother Earth, heart, 4 directions, 4 elements, grounded, clumsiness, dull
5	Human body, 5 senses, stars, leaves, communication, nature, footprints, regeneration, vortex, authority (five-star general/sheriff star) spiral/transformation (the yellow brick road in <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> begins as a golden spiral (based on 5) to symbolize transformation).
6	Structure, balance, order, function, time, weights, intuition, practical
7	Magical, God, spiritual, cycles, excellence, myth, luck, musical harmony, crystals, rainbow, chakras, religion, virgin, dreams, voices, sounds, higher self, levels
8	Renewal, death/resurrection, nourishing, resonance, cosmic breath, chessboard, moon phases, limitless growth, goddess, traveling between higher and lower worlds (spider), atom groups, natural vibration
9	Completion, spiritual awareness, pregnancy, gift, highest attainment, ocean, horizon, ultimate extension, worship, essential elements, cosmic ruler
10	New beginning, high honor, whole family, perfect, top score
11	Master number, mystical, gateway, higher dimensions, higher consciousness

Occupation	Metaphoric Meaning
Butcher	Death, rejuvenation, bloody, violent
Outlaw	Rebellious, anarchy, lawbreaker
Queen	Female authority figure, ruler, political
Artist	Inner creative force made physical
Banker	Authority, manager of resources, wealth
Doctor	Healer, authority, respect, caregiver
Guru	Wisdom, father figure, unconscious, knowledge
Priestess	Intuitive, female, moon, independence, responsibility, clarity, balance, clairvoyance
Rock Star	Superman, decadent, talent
Landscaper	Sculpting earth, connected to plants, making natural things beautiful
Lawyer	Server of justice, shark-like instincts
Soldier	Brave, team player, trained for combat
Stockbroker	Risk taker, big money, fast decisions
Waitress	Server, cheerful
Secretary	Detail-oriented, office worker, assistant
Actor	Trained to pretend different feelings or personalities, hard to read

Scene Activities	Metaphoric Meaning
Kneeling	Respect, humility, sacred, spiritual, asking for guidance
Getting a tattoo	Transformation, symbolic of character change, rebel, outsider
Dancing	Ecstasy, trance, celebration, ritual, playfulness, worship, performance
Bathing	Cleansing, rebirth, purification, regaining youthfulness
Journeying	Spiritual quest, search, pilgrimage, test, new beginnings, change
Hunting	Skill, prowess, risk, death, persecution, domination

Object	Symbolic Meaning
Axe	Authority, sacrifice, punishment
Bubble	Beautiful but fragile object, nonpermanent, childlike happiness
Egg	Cosmic totality
Fig	Psychic ability, fertility
Flame	Danger, anger, speed
Honey	Pleasure, sweetness, fertility
Ice cream	Pleasurable, sensual tastes
Quartz	Becoming more powerfully expressive
Satellite	Communication
Shoes	Grounding, in touch with life (Weird shoes mean new change.)
Waves	Ups and downs of life
Anchor	Stability, grounded, sanctuary
Bell	Warning, disaster, death, alarm, religious
Fire	Passion, desire, anger, destruction
Spiral	Rebirth, learning, evolution, path
Sun	Creative energy, male, transformation, higher consciousness, light
Moon	Unconscious, intuition, female, cycles, changing
Dent	Unfortunate event
Drowning	Overcome by emotions
East	Birth, consciousness
Kissing	Acceptance, approval, respect
North	Unknown
South	Earthly passion/sensuality
Victory	Overcoming conflict between two parts of ourselves
West	Spiritual awareness, death
Coins	Wealth
Grapes	Fertility, wine, pleasure, harvest
Falling leaves	Harvest, dropping, letting go, surrender
Crystal	Clarity of perception
Fountain	Source, life-giving spring, medicinal, spiritual refreshment
Gate	Change in state, secular power, ownership, new beginnings
Well	Supernatural portal, birth, blessings, mercy, unusual events
Flag	Identity, nationhood, allegiance
Ladder	Ascent/descent, spiritual transformation, stages of work, death