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- 1** *ho's Afraid of Virginia oolf?* Famous opening line of controversial Edward Albee play from 60s (quoting Bette Davis from King Vidor's *Beyond the Forest*) (3, 1, 4)
- 8** Islamic judge versed in Sharia (AKA "the clear, well-trodden path to water") providing divine counsel for Muslims to live moral lives and grow close to God
- 12** Operation: *Valkyrie* (initials)
- 13** Quintessential American setting of haunting Edward Hopper masterwork *Nighthawks*
- 14** "Share the secret of a younger looking you" Iconic beauty fluid for youthful appearance
- 15** *Der ... über Berlin* Haunting Wim Wenders masterwork with Bruno Ganz as melancholy angel and guest appearances by Peter Falk and Nick Cave
- 17** The loneliest number in psychedelic, power pop classic by Johnny Farnham (from 60s)
- 18** Fidel Castro *or* 50 Cent (initials)
- 19** Hello in Portuguese (also Spanish for wave as in ... *Mexicana*)
- 20** ... *Lean Surly* Swedish rapper widely cited as seminal in emo/cloud rap (*Ginseng Strip* 2002, *Agony*, *Bliss* feat. FKA Twigs etc.)
- 22** Haunting Bear Grillz theme for RPG game *Arknights* (feat. Micah Martin) (initials)
- 24** Vivid perception or experience of something which is not there caused by mental illness, religious fervour or drugs
- 27** Mixed up US rock star (*So What*, *Who Knew* etc.)
- 28** Hulking, ogre-like creatures from Japanese folklore depicted with red or blue skin, wild hair, long claws, fang-like tusks and single or multiple horns emerging from heads (also wearing tiger skin loincloths and carrying studded, iron clubs)
- 29** Dark triad (initials)
- 30** Chuck Schick (initials)
- 32** Bodily waste associated with controversial *Immersion*s series of Andres Serrano (in 80s)
- 34** Adorable Ron Howard role from 60s
- 36** Most given to reckless or impulsive action carried out with excessive speed and little consideration of outcome
- 39** Popular Scandinavian name (not Sven, Stig, Lars, Gunnar, Knut, Björn, Benny, Søren or Ingmar)
- 40** Claude Monet, Alfred Sisley, Rich Little etc.

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- 41** Follower of author of memorable aphorisms such as "A revolution is not a dinner party, or writing an essay, or painting a picture, or doing embroidery; it cannot be so refined, so leisurely and gentle, so temperate, kind, courteous, restrained, and magnanimous. A revolution is an insurrection, an act of violence by which one class overthrows another" and "Women hold up half the sky"
- 42** British PM who resigned in disgrace after abortive plot (in collusion with France and Israel) to remove Nasser, seize Suez Canal, dissuade Arab states from alignment with Russia and reinstate British relevance on post-war world stage (unsuccessful) (initials)
- 43** Annoy, irritate, peeve, vex, gall
- 44** Oriental kings who travelled from East to adore baby Jesus (and bring presents)
- 46** *The Bill* (initials)
- 47** Norman Rockwell exhibition (initials)
- 48** Fictitious, foreign home of patriarch Abraham before being told (by un-named sky deity) to travel to Canaan to claim divine inheritance in devious myth invented by other Canaanites
- 50** Manufacturer of bioengineered humanoids (for slave labour in off-world colonies) killed by escaped replicant Roy Batty (though actually cryogenically frozen with substitute lookalike double in director's cut)
- 52** Rousing chant at Jan 6th Capitol insurrection (4, 4, 5)
- 9** Albert Langer (initials)
- 10** "I wandered lonely as a cloud / That floats on high o'er vales and hills / When all at once I saw a crowd / A host, of golden ..."
- 11** Lovely flowers in Wordsworth poem
- 16** Unequivocally, unarguably and irrefutably true
- 21** Nuclear Iran (initials)
- 23** United Ireland (initials)
- 25** *Lonely Nappy* (initials)
- 26** "We must kill them. We must incinerate them, pig after pig, cow after cow, village after village, army after army" 70s counterculture classic with Marlon Brando as insane Green Beret colonel (initials)
- 31** City of central Iraq associated with Abbasid Caliphate, enormous spiral minaret and eerie story by W. Somerset Maugham narrated by Death ("That was not a threatening gesture, it was only a start of surprise. I was astonished to see him in Baghdad, for I have an appointment with him tonight, in ...")
- 33** Sound a snake makes
- 35** Endlessly repeating irrational number discovered by Greeks that is (2, 1, 1)
- 37** Expressed in language audibly (also popular music genre inc. *Desiderata* by Les Crane, *Spock Thoughts* by Leonard Nimoy, *Seven Psalms* by Nick Cave and 60s rarity *Klaus Kinski spricht Friedrich Nietzsche*) (sic)
- 38** Prefix indicating three (angle, partite, mester, nity, colore, dent, glyph, beca, o etc.)
- 45** Cheat, swindle, defraud (after racial slur)
- 46** Greatly loved R&B group from Atlanta, Georgia with Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins, Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas and formerly Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes until tragic early death in 2002 of troubled rapper (*Waterfalls* etc.)
- 49** Radical insurgency (initials)
- 51** Extremely spooky late Agatha Christie novel narrated by **SPOILER AHEAD** insane murderer (named after William Blake poem) (also seminal German industrial noise band with Blixa Bargeld and U.N. Unruh) (initials)
- 1** Rousing chant protesting war in Vietnam and US imperialism at rallies in 60s (2, 2, 2, 3, 4)
- 2** City in central Spain associated with 16th century mystic in famous altar of Bernini depicting seraph thrusting lance with burning tip again and again into heart of ecstatic saint
- 3** Aéroports du Mali (initials)
- 4** Rousing chant protesting gentrification of bohemian neighbourhoods (originally in East Village, New York in 80s) (3, 6, 4)
- 5** Most beset by misfortune and adversity
- 6** Meister Eckhart *or* Mr. Ed (initials)
- 7** Foretell *or* prophesy future events
- 8** Opportunity to comment on recent customer experience such as how likely you are (on a scale from one to ten) to recommend *Jetstar* to a family or friend or whether you can be your true self at work etc.

