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**CURSED VOODOO
DOLLS & HAUNTED
CREEPY DOLL
BABIES**



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What does a Cursed Voodoo Doll Look Like?

You have found an unusual looking doll on your doorstep or in your parking garage at work. You get a creepy feeling just looking at it. Come to think of it, you have had a streak of bad luck lately. Was this doll put there for you to find? Is someone sending you a message on the downlow?

A person who wants to lay a trick on you can use any type of doll they wish. It does not have to be the stereotypical ugly Voodoo doll with some of your personal effects attached to it. Sometimes, it can be as innocent looking as a sweet baby doll that is the object of any little girl's affection.

The photo at the top of the page is a cursed doll believed to be put in the path of someone at their place of employment. It was strategically placed in the parking lot facing the individual's car. This looks like one of those Brat dolls you can find in any department store. But how would you know it is carrying a curse?

Well, the first clue is rather obvious - her face is painted black. This is a good indication that it is a tool in someone's ritual work. I mean, they don't come with their faces painted black, do they?

Secondly, take note of its position. It is strategically positioned facing a specific car, as if pointing directly at its target.



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Third, she has no feet. This is another indication that this doll may have been fixed to lay a curse on someone. Painting the face black, strategic positioning and removing the feet are all consistent with the general principle of using shocking images to psych out an intended target. What is done to the doll can be viewed as a metaphor for what is intended for the victim. For example, removing the feet is consistent with restraining and rendering a person immobile.

The doll below is another example of a doll that is believed to have been used as a vehicle for delivering a curse. In this case, the doll bride was used to represent the daughter-in-law of the son of the person casting the spell. At first glance, she seems like a beautiful baby doll. But upon closer examination while removing the veil, it became evident that her hair had been removed. Why would someone give a bride a gift of a baby doll with its hair removed? Creepy.





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Now, check out this baby doll. It was given to the same woman as the previous one as a gift from her mother-in-law. Isn't she beautiful!





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You betcha! Until you look beneath her dress, that is. Notice this doll baby doesn't have any feet either, just like the first doll.





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Here is a cursed doll that was found on someone's bed one day. It has pins in its head underneath the Spanish moss. It is an old doll. The person that brought it to me did not notice the pins in its head. They said they had been suffering from terrible migraines! I neutralized the doll and because it is a vintage doll and so unique, I kept it for display in the Cursed Voodoo Doll section of the Voodoo Doll Museum.



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One of the most common types of doll that is believed to be cursed is the typical New Orleans tourist Voodoo doll that is made in China. I get these all the time from people who want them disposed of. Poor little things really are the scapegoats for all sorts of misfortunes. Usually, this is how the story goes: The doll was purchased on a trip to New Orleans, then put away only to be forgotten for several years. During these years, different things “happen”...the most common events are relationship issues, loss of employment, and a death of a loved one or loved ones. Since these things occurred after the trip to New Orleans, people tend to blame the doll. After all, what else could it be?

This one was sent to me for disposal and it had its own little bottle of Holy water with it. It now resides in the Cursed Voodoo Doll section of the Voodoo Doll Museum.





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How does Cursing Work, Anyway?

Using the principles of sympathetic magic, a Voodoo doll can be made in the image of a particular person to affect that person in some way, be it for the right (good) or left (dark) hand. The person making the doll is believed to infuse that doll with the energy at the time of its creation. If their intent is to deceive and mislead, then the Voodoo doll will carry that energy with it wherever it goes. If the person is angry and quarreling with someone while creating the Voodoo doll, those energies will embody the doll. On the other hand, if a doll is created with positive intention and a loving heart, love and blessings will embody the doll.

The Voodoo hexing doll is a doll created to represent an intended victim and used as a vehicle for placing an obtrusive, dark magic curse upon the person with the intent of causing them harm. An image is created out of cloth or wax, the victim's name is carved into the wax, and the doll is then melted over a flame or pricked with pins while an incantation is uttered. A common style of hexing doll in New Orleans was created out of black fabric or a piece of the victim's clothing, with the victim's name written on a piece of paper and placed into a slit in the back of the doll. The conjurer would place cayenne pepper or any number of other kinds of gris gris inside the doll as well, and the doll was then sewn up. The doll would then be bound with cat gut or twine, buried, tortured, or burned according to the perpetrator's will.

Hexes have been used in virtually all cultures as a form of black magic. Hexes and curses

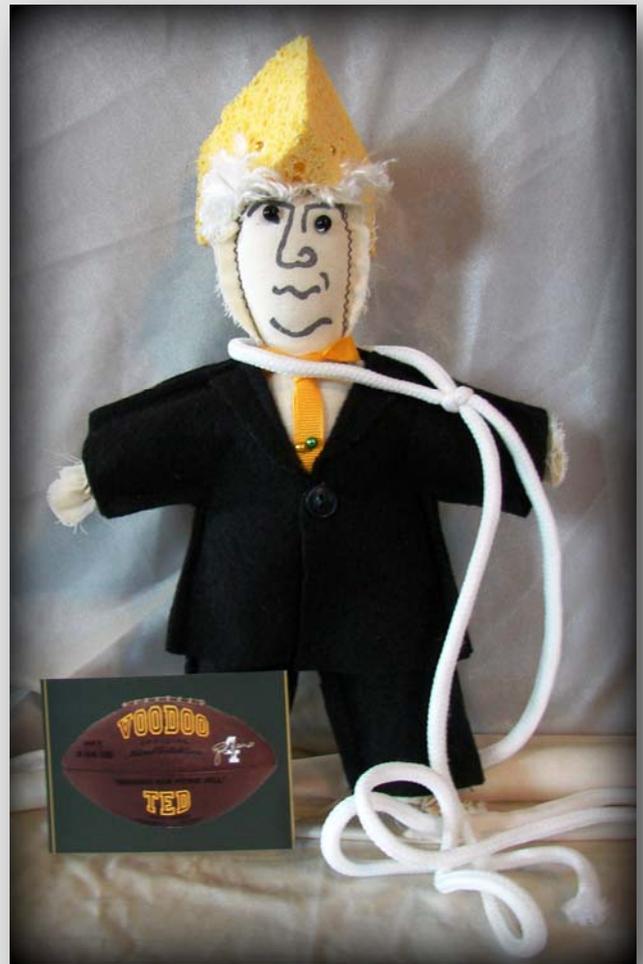


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are known to be thrown on groups of people as well as families, whereby bad luck befalls a family generation after generation, until the curse is broken.

In order to understand how Voodoo dolls work, however, or how people work Voodoo dolls, it is necessary to understand the basic principles of image magick. There are two types of image magic: sympathetic magic and contagious magic. According to Frazer (1922):

If we analyze the principles of thought on which magic is based, they will probably be found to resolve themselves into two: first, that like produces like, or that an effect resembles its cause; and, second, that things which have once been in contact with each other continue to act on each other at a distance after the physical contact has been severed. The former principle may be called the *Law of Similarity*, the latter the *Law of Contact* or



Here is a novel Voodoo hexing doll made in the likeness of Ted Thompson, general manager for the Green Bay Packers. He is called "Voodoo Ted", and comes with his own cheesehead hat, rope, and pins. Designed for BluBanana by the author.



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Law of Contagion. From the first of these principles, namely the *Law of Similarity*, the magician infers that he can produce any effect he desires merely by imitating it: from the second he infers that whatever he does to a material object will affect equally the person with whom the object was once in contact, whether it formed part of his body or not. (Frazer, 1922).





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Perhaps the most familiar application of image magick is the attempt to injure or destroy an enemy by injuring or destroying an image of them. There are countless examples across cultures and throughout history of the use of dolls in image magick. For example, Peruvian Indians would mold a human figure from fat mixed with grain to imitate the persons whom they feared or did not like. They would then burn the little doll on the road where the intended victim would cross. This was referred to as burning his soul (Frazer, 1922). In hoodoo, this type of magick is called foot track magick or laying tricks. Foot track magick involves throwing powders and such in the path of a target, who will suffer from abnormal maladies and a streak of bad luck once they have walked on it. Laying tricks is another reference to the throwing of special herbs, powders and other ingredients in a place where the intended target will touch it, usually by walking on it. It also refers to concealing or disposing of magickal objects by strategically placing the ingredients in certain places in order to fix the trick; in essence, to seal the deal, as it were. For example, if one wants to keep their partner faithful, they could take a pair of their lover's dirty underwear, tie it in a knot, and bury it in their backyard (Alvarado, 2008).



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Have You Been Cursed by Someone with a Voodoo doll?

Not everyone who believes they have been cursed or hoodooed actually has been. In fact, most people have not. But, when you believe in something strong enough, you can actually amplify your fears to the point where you actually create the unfortunate events you experience all by yourself. In psychology this phenomenon is called the “self-fulfilling prophecy.”

To find out if you have been hoodooed, you should have a divination done by a reputable practitioner. The results of the divination will reveal whether or not your situation is due to being crossed or jinxed.

If the misfortune you are experiencing is not due to a medical or mental health condition, and you are certain it is due to some unwanted spiritual force, then you should take steps to reverse it. It helps to know who has crossed you, and it helps if you have the object with which you have been cursed so that you can destroy it.



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How to Safely Dispose of a Voodoo Doll

If you feel that you are in possession of a cursed Voodoo doll, the best thing to do is to put it in a white cloth and sprinkle it generously with sea salt. You can then take it to a river or stream or deep in the woods with an offering of fruit and some coins and ask the spirits of the water or the trees to take its energy and transform it through the power of the earth. Walk away without looking back and when you arrive home light a 7-day protection candle and take a bath with cleansing herbs, such as rue and angelica, along with a handful of sea salt.



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Resources

You may be interested in reading a couple of my books if you don't have them already: *Voodoo Dolls in Magick and Ritual* and *The Voodoo Doll Spellbook: A Compendium of Ancient and Contemporary Spells and Rituals*. These books are available here:

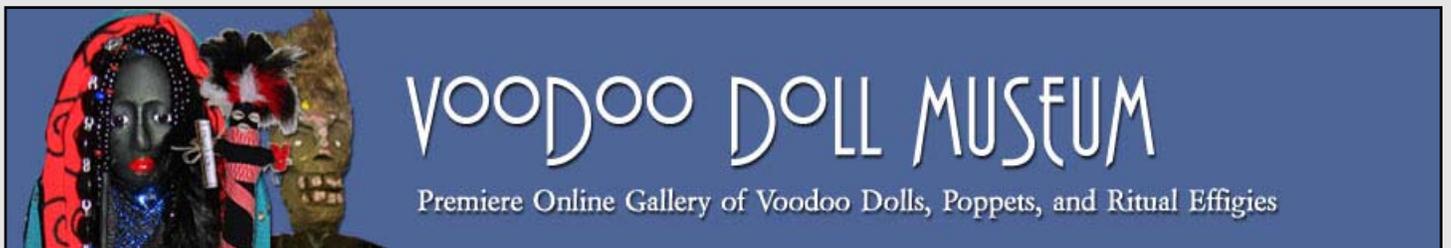
<http://www.creolemoon.com/books.htm>

If you would like to learn more about Voodoo dolls, please visit the Voodoo Doll museum:

<http://www.voodooomuseum.org>.

Finally, if you are interested in learning how to make Voodoo Dolls and how to use them, check out the class at Crossroads University called *Doll Baby Conjure*.

<http://www.crossroadsuniversity.com/enrollment.htm>





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