



By Grandma Zodiac

ARIES: The question for rams (and rameses) this month is: How much fun can you pack into one nervous breakdown? Not that you should stop. Good things are going to happen and don't say I didn't warn you.

TAURUS: Summers are usually hard for Taureans: too much activity, too little control. Stick close to the barn and make order out of order. On the full moon, you'll be asked to go dancing. If the swelling in your ankle has gone down, you'll be in for big fun.

GEMINI: The shambles that was last month is merely chaos now. Stop snivelling, you've been through it before. The stupidest move you could make right now is to play the big-shot. Or to defend your mutable sense of ethics and blame the world for whatever mess you're in. As they said in the nauseating song: We ARE the world.

CCANCER: Things are a little schizophrenic, but there's cause for great expectations. Either your professional life stinks and your personal life is boffo, or your personal life is a plastic bag full of worms but your boss is patting you on the head and putting extra cookies on your check. Not to worry, some of it comes together very soon now and you'll be able to laugh again.

LEO: The mantra this month for Leos is: Perseverance Furthers. Not like you had a choice. You're in way too deep in your latest act of faith to stop swimming now. Not to worry. The disaster you see as a real possibility doesn't materialize. A life spent trying to turn dreams into reality is never wasted. As someone pointed out: the universe isn't always fun, but it IS always interesting.

VIRGO: Coming into the harvest season (in regions where there is still rain), Virgos flower. A thousand projects to finish, a billion nits to pick and worries to share. Dummy up, slow down, and smell the dandelions. Resist the urge to tell someone you love something embarrassing about yourself.

LIBRA: Worry about balance later. When the sun shines, one makes hay. And whoopee. Sure the world situation's a drag; sure, you wish they'd run a Bush/Clinton ticket and be done with it. Sure, your dog's been diagnosed with a rare blood disease and you don't even have insurance for yourself. So what. Never lose sight of the fact that they may be able to kill you but they cannot turn you into a frog.

SCORPIO: You know, of course, you're going to have to stop sometime. For reasons of health, if not personal safety. You really believe those around you don't know? Be serious. They're just willing to forgive your faults. Try for once to put someone else in front of you. Failing that, stop keeping score.

SAGITTARIUS: You people are so neat. In case the people around you are too lame to let you know, the universe would be impossibly dull without you. And less of a chuckle too. Keep up the good work. Love without reservation, explore places it never occurred to anyone to explore, and laugh at responsibility. Let me know how it works out.

CAPRICORN: A little weak in the knees these days, right, Goat People? Well, what do we expect when the great solar battery in the sky is 180 degrees from where you are? Champagne dreams? Look at it this way, you have half a year to plan a ruthless crackdown on your birthday.

AQUARIUS: It's nice to see you feeling so good. See, things aren't hopelessly unfair after all. Okay, they are, but not as bad sometimes as others. You can be, in case you don't know it, a real source of inspiration to the thousands of people you lunch with. Don't worry about your smile. It won't wear out.

PISCES: The issue for fish people this month is: how ya gonna keep 'em down in the aquarium after they've seen the sea? Unless you are horribly afflicted (like all your planets aligned in the House of Fred, the dynamite fisherman), your goggly eyes were opened this month. No, you can't close them again, even if you try. And no, it's not a dream.

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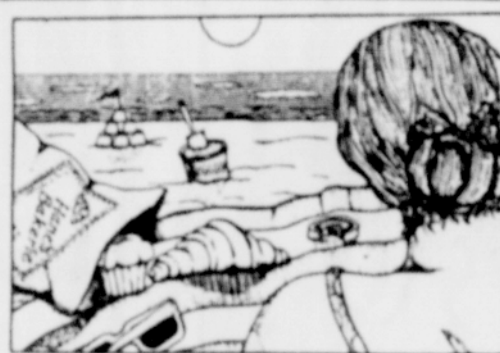
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