



BLAME IT ON THE STARS

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ARIES: If you have a telephone, this would be a good month to unplug it. Relationship quagmires, again. One needs to remember one can't be in two places at once. Or, be two people. A plan might be to apply the same coolly driven logic to your emotional life that you do to your work. I know, easy for me to say. At least shun the guilt trips you-know-who is shovelling onto your parade.

TAURUS: You should think about finding an Aries and buying each other several hundred drinks. If nothing else, your problems will make them feel better. Your suspicions are on the mark. Your sweet patootie is, simultaneously, jerking your chain and playing you like a harp. Don't shake hands on anything and sit quietly in your bathtub until the voices go away. If you do go to that party at the end of the month, go alone and wear a flower in your hair.

GEMINI: You know that new someone in your life? The one sweeping you off your feet, if not rolling down your socks? You should trust them as far as you could throw a Sumo wrestler. Anyway, you have no time for dalliance. Whatever loose ends you have come home to unravel. No, it won't do any good to close your eyes and hold your breath. Well timed hysterical laughter is okay, but not in front of the boss.

CANCER: Here's the good news. If you can make it to mid-month, you'll probably be okay. Before that, things tend toward full moon lunacy which, if one doesn't bite one's tongue, could lead to pain and sadness. Think of your emotions as a little bunny and look up the word 'snare' in your Funk and Wagnalls. Love without lust for result and spend lots of quality time with yourself.

LEO: Having sailed through the holidays with less than your usual level of emotional damage, you hit January at a full run. This is not a good month for many of your fellow humans and one or two of those selfless gestures for which you'd love to be remembered would be appreciated. Seize the moral high ground, bury hatchets, and reach out and fondle someone. Ponder the relationship between fire and light, warmth and illumination.

VIRGO: Your month to feel unfulfilled and unappreciated. If you're smart, you won't do anything but think about it for now. Not the time to tell your encounter group they won't have you to kick around anymore. On the other hand, your personal relationships could flower with a little attention. We all love you, you just get on our nerves sometimes.

LIBRA: You are surrounded by idiocy and soap opera plots. No, you needn't get involved. Tend your own garden and concentrate on your work. Under no circumstances, give advice. Tell your mate how much you appreciate the island of sanity they provide. If you find your intellect at war with your intuition, tell your mind to shut up.

SCORPIO: Regardless how it seems, this is a good month to lay low. One can't push a rope. One can, however, plot and sharpen the edge of one's subtlety. Since nothing's going to work anyway, it's a good month to do your personal version of boogie. You're still a force to contend with and, toward the end of the month, someone very interesting is likely to let you know.

SAGITTARIUS: Romance is the last thing on your horizon this month. This is good, considering you'll have your hands full keeping at least one fiscal nostril above the waves. Mutual finances are an especial mess and, unless you keep your head, wondering where everyone's coming from and where everything went will be enough to fuse your circuits and render your behavior embarrassingly squirrel-like.

CAPRICORN: Happy new year. A close relationship explodes in your face. Unless you turn vengeful and nasty, it could clear up. Bear in mind that wearing one's heart on one's sleeve is not necessarily the same as strapping it to the sole of someone's boot. Embrace the world but ignore promises from those whose rein on principles is looser than your own.

AQUARIUS: You've stubbed an emotional toe and it hurts. It will not get better by itself and this is no time for aloofness. Let someone who loves you kiss it where it hurts. Because you're a little vulnerable, sign no dotted lines. Yes, the offer is too good to be true. The winds will shift by the end of the month. At least there's a chance you won't still be broke.

PISCES: Unlike nearly everyone else, fish people have no end of fun this month. What with all your friends moping around, it can get a little embarrassing. You will move through the whining, the sniveling, and the overblown angst (to say nothing of sturm und drang) with an equanimity we all know is alien to your nature. Live it up, kid. You'll be wrapped in illusion again before you know it.

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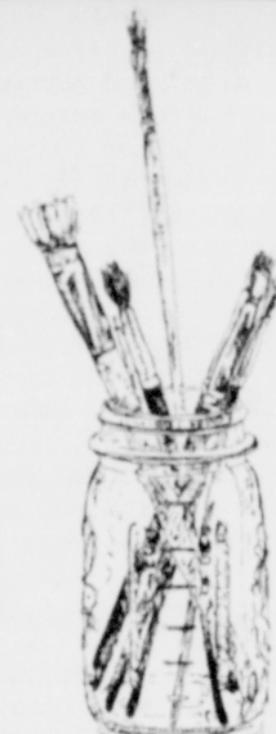
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