



BLAME IT ON THE STARS

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LIBRA: Ah, spring. The sap rises and your emotions become a pingpong ball in the game of life. Live with it. There'll be times this month when you sense breakthrough. You'll be mistaken. There'll be moments when a close relationship seems more trouble than it's worth. It might well be, but this isn't the time to decide. Or to make plans any grander than what to have for lunch. Revel in small pleasures and remember to take your vitamins.



ARIES: The love drought you've been enduring neither silently nor well is about to end. Knowing you, it will be dramatic. Feel free to push your luck but guard against fullblown nitwittery. Assault nothing: progress comes through diplomacy, charm, and personal magnetism. Your mantra this month is, Take everything that's offered and give everything you have. Happy birthday.



SCORPIO: If work's the only prayer that's answered, you're a religious zealot this month. Just bear in mind that the real work is you. You'll be reminded of this rather forcefully by someone whose opinion you trust. Expect small storms on the job and resist the urge to tell your boss she hasn't the brains God gave to a brick. Keep your mouth shut, your eyes open, and your powder dry.



TAURUS: This is a dandy month to remember you can't push a rope. Lay low and fight feelings you're out of touch with your partner, your family, and your world. You are, but it's not as serious as it seems and things should sort themselves out by the end of the month. Don't saddle yourself with others' responsibilities and resist the urge to see yourself as pond scum. It's not spring yet, but it will be.



SAGITTARIUS: You may, as usual, throw caution to the winds. Leap joyfully into the cosmic whatnot, but be careful you're not dancing on your partner's feet. Also remember gravity. What goes up comes down: suddenly, if the wings of virtue are too small for the fuselage of self-interest. Pick dandelions with children, serenade someone comely, and ignore the garble and gibberish.



GEMINI: Time to get to the bottom of things. Your mantra this month is, Why? Approach the boiling cataract of life as if it were a water-slide. Remember it's just a game (albeit one that can maim and kill you) and concentrate on why you're playing. Your money trip continues to thrash in the waves and it might be time to replumb your cash flow. Kick back, encourage joy, and don't sign any contracts.



CAPRICORN: What would have been just a patch job if you'd dealt with it has now become cause for a major remodel. The person you should have listened to is just as right as you are. Truth is a point of view, but honesty is a practice. If you don't know yourself, you don't know anything. Promote yourself tastefully and, if others don't share your sense of worth, so be it. As Maria Muldaur pointed out: them that don't know don't know they don't know.



CANCER: Lighten up. The chaos you continue to experience is actually unmanifest order. There is a path, your feet are on it, and it probably doesn't lead to a cliff. Take your heart seriously and listen to your friends. Remember that understanding is the only real success, and that many illuminations occur in the bathtub. Slow down the input, rediscover yourself, and count both blessings and values. If you find something in your philosophical attic that's not yours, give it back.



AQUARIUS: If you're smart, you'll cool your jets and dummy up this month. The angst and madness surrounding you will be made no better by snivelling and cursing the gods. Let others define you all they want, just don't take them seriously. Accept responsibility, clean your room, and go out and play at something very tiring. If you pay attention, the heartburn you've been experiencing will, if not go away, at least be diagnosed.



LEO: This is not your shining hour. Niggling interference patterns confusing cosmic okayness make this a good time to plan without action and act without lust for result. What furthers now is expansion. Get beyond yourself and feed others. The only things you take with you are those you've given freely. Prime the pump with conditionless love and, after the new moon, you'll learn why it was a good idea.

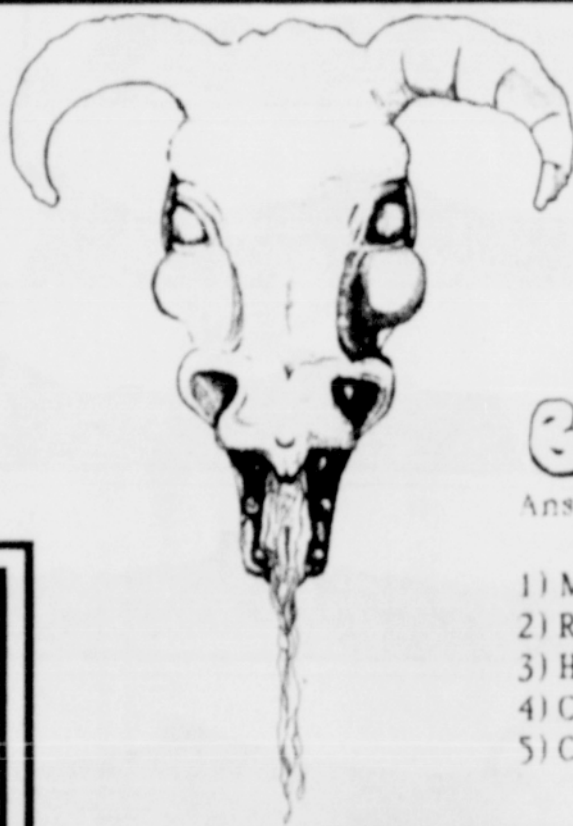


PISCES: Time for all good Fish People to wake up and get their ducks in a row. One can't ignore the real world forever: a truth you shouldn't wait for your bank to tell you. Your emotional life continues to be slightly squicky and some real distance could open up if you don't level with yourself about your partner. Resist the urge to hole up and read Sylvia Plath. The sun is shining for a reason.



VIRGO: Yes, Virginia, you're in a mine field. If you trust your karma, it makes as much sense to tapdance as it does to belly crawl. The ticket is compromise: on everything but your values. Don't waste breath preaching to the unconvertible. Just stake out your claim on reality and make friends with your neighbors. You may find yourself arguing over matters that only seem to be about money.

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