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ARIES: Your mantra this month watch what you whistle for 'cause it just might come. Venus, the planet of grace, beauty, and cheap and tawdry affairs continues to nibble your earlobe. Be wary of hopes and schemes larger than you. Joint ventures are fun, dependency's not. Don't let frustrations with your place in things get in the way of pleasure and resist the urge to work long hours. Regard each day as the last one you have and act accordingly.



LIBRA: It's good your long suits are (aside from leveling judgments) tact and diplomacy. The way the sky's shaping up, you'll need them. No, the arguments aren't really about money. Don't bristle at criticism and don't force your visions of truth and beauty on people. They have their own, thank you very much. Change in small matters furthers, as does tightening the slack in your psychological rigging. Get off the beaten track but don't let the soul-eaters. The only power they have over you is what you give them. Don't feed bad dreams.



TAURUS: With Venus moving into your sign, you'll be less abrasive and obnoxious than usual, making you downright attractive. This will fade quickly if you forget love and compassion begin at home with you. Simple pleasures are your forte and now's the time to cultivate them. And to ask if what you want if what you really need. While arguing, try to remember there are value systems other than your own and that everybody has a tale to tell.



SCORPIO: Welcome to the roller coaster. Nobody rides for free and, nerve rattling as the slalom of life might be this month, there's a cookie at the finish line. Unless you insist on behaving badly, manipulating or allowing yourself to be manipulated. No, boobia, you're not the only human in the equation. Those other people have dreams as big as yours and you need to sit in the back seat for awhile. If you want to confront something, stay home and look in the mirror.



GEMINI: Happy birthday. Your cosmic gift is an opportunity to adjust to reality. Stop shrieking, with the right attitude reality can be good clean fun. At the top of the pile, profession and finances. Your feelings of insecurity are a game your mind is playing with your emotions. Check your foundation. If it's not riddled with decay, and it's probably not, move on to something else. Like your relationship, in which questions of who's more equal than who might come up.



SAGITTARIUS: A good month to stay in bed, since there's nothing much going on. Except of course for the solar eclipse in your sign on June 4th, at which time you may well short circuit and do something characteristically rash and heroically stupid. Be light of heart, firm of faith, and suspicious of what's happening. To the blind, all things are sudden, and what you think you know might not be what is. This is not the time to throw yourself into your work. Being human is a fulltime job you can't leave at the office. No matter what your therapist tells you, howling at the moon is good juju.



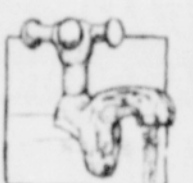
CANCER: A big month for crab people. Mercury, the planet of thinking and thermometers, moves in with several trunks of analytical tools for transition. Some are hilariously bogus and self-serving, others are the sort you listen to live to regret you hadn't. The fun involves sorting them out. Listen to your heart, examine your desires and your tendency to put yourself on the defensive. Lay low, but look up and outside. Don't avoid emotional flurry, but try not to overstate your case.



CAPRICORN: To the complete amazement of those around you, who regard you as about as self-revelatory as a cinder block, you open up this month. You speak your heart, which others forgot you have, and relationships gain tensile strength as a result. Don't waste your time trying to push a rope. If it resists, it's not yours anyway. You might wind up scaring yourself a little. Should evil genies surface, making scary faces and shoving fingers down your throat, ask them about their childhood and make them a cup of cocoa.



LEO: Want the good news first, or the bad news? Silly question. Okay, your power increases this month with Mars (planet of ambition, the sacrifice of innocents, and Martians) kicking your lazy patoot into something resembling action. Sadly, if you take your eyes off the control panel, much of what you accomplish will be boneheaded or selfish or both. You know all that free advice you have for those less perfect than you? Nobody wants to hear it. A Leo at full throttle can overpower situations in her sleep. Wake up and smell the arrogance. Dummy up and think about the needs of others. Right action begins with right thought.



AQUARIUS: The self confidence you're feeling is not just more delusion. You're on a roll and, as long as you spend at least half your time working for someone else's good, your balloon will continue to climb. The job goes well but fight the temptation to rack up overtime. Your arena is wider than earning a living. Life is not a series of events, it's a series of decisions. Yes, there is a greater good. Yes, we should be part of its unfolding. You do that by befriending life -- everything from your mate to old growth. It's you who's supposed to be showing the rest of us how.



VIRGO: The fuzzy feelings of discontent burn off by the end of the month, replaced perhaps by obsessive behavior focused on friends. A good time to indulge your lazy philosophical streak. Back off and reassess the balance between selling short and living long. A fight over principles could end badly for you. Remember that the mind doesn't answer questions, it asks them. The answers are in your feelings and, if you've got the brains The Great Dreamer gave to swamp gas, you'll listen to them.



PISCES: In view of how things have been going lately, you're to be complimented for your positive attitude. Living in the dream world has its advantages because you can spot them when they come true. Not that they are this month, but the tide's definitely coming in. Your perceptions are right on, demands at work are excessive, and if your lover doesn't start remembering who you are there's a good chance he or she will be remembering you when you're gone.

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