

BLAME IT ON THE STARS



Aries: To be honest, you've had better months. Communications tend to get garbled, you miss your bus, your answering machine eats its little tape. Be flexible. Your mantra this month: what bends doesn't break. Surprises at work may not be pleasant but can work to your advantage if you don't imagine those you're playing with are showing all their cards. Ignoring domestic issues is an act of idiocy surpassed only by neglecting your need to take long walks.



Libra: The background is in focus, the foreground slips away. Travel, either physical or mental, perhaps both. Direction as opposed to mere movement, an explorer rather than a tourist. The waters at home and at work may be choppy, fanning them with your lips won't help matters. Progress will be obvious by the end of the month. Added responsibilities, added rewards. Focus your talents for balance and harmony, be ready for surprise, and don't trust the rumor mill.



Taurus: Your cash flow either dribbles or leaks out through spending habits usually associated with drunken sailors. No, the plumbing of your financial life will not repair itself. No, partying hearty is not the answer. Neither is relying on loved ones. In fact, someone you're closely encountering is likely to be in your face. It would be very dumb to ignore them. Be patient, take nourishment from friends who aren't packing agendas, and wait.



Scorpio: Look at it as spring cleaning. Dusting off first principles and taking out the garbage of your life. Habits not only die hard, they live forever if you let them. Sit down with a sharp pencil and look at your accounts. Living in a fool's paradise, are we? Restraint is hardly death by hanging and long term goals are every bit as much fun as short term excess. You're not the only one whose nerves are on edge. Practice kindness and good cheer.



Gemini: Happy solar returns, Twin People. It's a good month to recognize obstacles as challenges and to work without lust for result. Right livelihood is always rewarded. Always. Even if it takes half of forever. In this case, it doesn't. Some sort of windfall could happen late in the month, maybe the result of putting old wine in new bottles. If you're taking someone for granted, you should cut it out quick. Compromise furthers, opposition gives it life.



Sagittarius: The winds of personal change ruffle your plumage. Look to your own interests, maximize potential, and remember who you are. And who you aren't. It's a quest, not a mission, and you're not the only one with a clue. Being full of oneself is its own reward. Money problems and domestic disfunctions fray your nerves and you learn lessons about taking people for granted. Listen and compromise. Far better to understand than to be understood.



Cancer: Your mantra this month is Ouch. If it weren't for hidden motives, pinched nerves, and nagging doubts, you'd have no life at all. Nourishing others only works if something or someone nourishes you back. Nothing runs on empty, certainly not the human heart. Opportunities for arguments abound and moody withdrawal, your specialty, isn't the solution. If it's broke, fix it. Compassion is the fruit of understanding. Misguided compassion, the fruit of stupidity.



Capricorn: Increased responsibility rears its pretty head. No time for slacking or resting on laurels. Bear down, implement good ideas with humility, and ignore gossip. Expect communications to break down, or at least stumble. Except in matters of the heart, which could be embarrassingly fruitful. New love or the revival of vows with a partner puts a warm patina on life. You're on a roll late in the month. Ideas flower and speculations reap reward.



LEO: Whatever else this month might be, it's not likely to be boring. Money, or its lack, will flavor things and there'll be chances to behave like a fiscal nitwit. A parting, either physical or emotional, throws you back on your inner resources. Change is the energy of creation and the only rational act is to embrace it. Ignore the myths of beginning and ending. In real life, there are only middles. Your best friends now are solitude and introspection.



Aquarius: Stop whining. Poverty's a great disciplinarian. Being hammered with money worries is the universe's way of reminding us of simple pleasures, lavish entertainment not being one of them. Use your reduced circumstances wisely and put your energies into some neglected personal project. Your real gift to the world is your inextinguishable spirit, your discriminating mind, and your voracious (if somewhat ill-advised) charity. Look homeward, angel.



Virgo: Not the month to take a nap. Every piece of your life wants a piece of you and none of them plan to be ignored. The good news is you've got the energy for it. Don't take the bait in squabbles, just nod your head and wait for certain people to come to their senses. Bash your head against nothing. Expect to be in the spotlight, one bright enough to show your warts as well as your beauty marks. But all's well that ends well, and surprisingly, this month does.



Pisces: Feeling a little down, are we? Comparing our apple to someone else's orange? Torn between loving life and strangling it? Taking it out on those who love you isn't the answer. Ride with the melancholy and tiptoe through the minefield. This too shall pass. Embrace eccentricity, chant your mantra, and refuse to let emotions explode. The end of the month is a new story.



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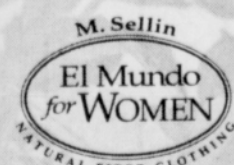
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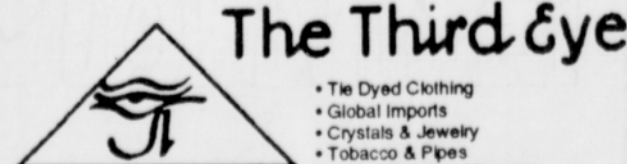
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