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Aries: Running on empty, are we? Cause and effect being what they are, the burn of summer leaves coal and ashes. The spirit has been, if anything, a little too willing and some resurrection of the physical sort is past due. Diet, exercise, and rest only seem mundane. Simple pleasures and subtle joys are tonic for you now. Focus on the foreground. Intimate matters flow smoothly, close relationships flower. Speak truth, declare love, foster understanding, and stay home.



Taurus: You might want to fasten your seat belt. Romance, to say nothing of naked lust, turns your field of daisies into a trampoline. Yes, you'll have fun. Yes, you could break a leg. Candlelight and razor blades, kettle drums instead of violins. Tempestuous is the the word we're looking for, along with rambunctious and foolhardy. Enjoy what you can (and you will, you rascal) and dodge the explosions. If you did adolescence once, you can do it again.



Gemini: Look under your bushel basket, take out whatever you've been hiding, and show it to someone. In fact, show it to everyone. You're ten pounds of fun in an eight pound bag and the universe is waiting with a standing ovation. The best path leads home this month, which isn't to say you should stay there. Drag your sweet baboo out for a little recreation. Then rearrange the furniture and clean the rain gutters. Being yourself is a full time gig with bonuses.



Cancer: As usual but more so, your universe revolves around home and family. Homefires may continue to sputter and fling the occasional hot coal but, for the most part, the waves in your pond quiet to ripples. You never lose anything you're not better off without, even your car keys. As someone must have said, sweat not the small stuff. Get off your patoot and do whatever seems the most fun. Water your garden with the unabashed love and loyalty you're famous for.



Leo: Been having fun lately, cupcake? Good, the memories may (with luck) get you through the night. No, this isn't going to ba a peach of a month. Turmoil in the castle. Disruption, dissension, snarliness, and frayed nerves. If something can break, it probably will. Take the high ground and don't fulfill any prophecies you don't have to. Practice deep breathing and resist the urge to rash actions. Not a month to take chances unless you lust for pain.



Virgo: Happy birthday, vestal virgins. To help celebrate, the dealer at the end of the universe continues to give you good hands. Your talent for husbanding resources and managing harvest (coupled with your fussiness and delight in detail) works wonders when applied to your personal books. Yes, the machinery could function more profitably. Yes, there is such a thing as free money. It's the gain that comes from rethinking the material



Libra: Balance and harmony aren't spontaneous phenomena. They're the predictable results of right thought and right action. Your introspective mood continues. Indulge it. Explore the world behind this one, juggle ponderables, sniff the winds of change. And, in your free time, take a look at your body. All systems may be humming. Ounce of prevention, pound of cure sort of thing. Consider investments of the time and money and the future's place in the



Scorpio: The winds of the universe blow at your back. Friends and associates hoist your sails and strangers, bless their hearts, may send checks. The magic is working because your goals are appropriate. And because the force of your will collapses the possibility of failure. Fortunately, you're too busy to smirk. Bear in mind energy is something that flows through you not from you. Feel free to feel your oats. Teach lessons of courage and faith.



Sagittarius: Sagittarians shine the way others breathe and this month you're at it again. The world lines up to pat your back, sing your praise, and shove money in your pockets. Any urge to seclusion is a mistake. Denying your presence to an appropriately admiring world would be disgraceful behavior. You couldn't make a bad impression if you tried. And you won't. The only down side is that nothing lasts forever. Drink deeply while you're at



Capricorn: A carnival month for Capricorns. Carnival in its purest sense: a farewell to the flesh. A time to ponder spiritual essence, metaphysical foundations, and philosophical blind spots. If not a religious quest, at least a religious questing. External voyages shouldn't be overlooked. Travel broadens perspective and those who live in caves have tunnel vision. The material world rewards devotion to principle. Yes, you could get a fat raise.



Aquarius: Focus shifts from the center to the circumference, from thoughts of self to getting on with the work. The idiot monkey of the mind settles down to business. Clear thinking coupled with right direction. What we do is a function of what we know and learning comes easy for you now. Study something besides your navel. Channel energies wisely and remember all answers except love are conditional. Being right is one thing.



Pisces: Wipe the smile off your face. Yes, for your love life to get better, you'd have to be twins. Spare us the delicious details. Or at least edit them down. As if luck in romance weren't enough, your professional life runs a close second place. Put your natural fear of contracts and financial dealings aside. What's coming up is roses. Expect an unexpected windfall. Wallow in languor and worry about nothing. Dream deeply and try not to wake the neighbors.

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