

BLAME IT ON THE STARS



ARIES: Someone behind the curtain cranks up the juice. Power and clarity, twists of fate, dancing in the moonlight with naked karma. Change is afoot. Recognize the tendency to trip over your tongue. Words have power, opinions are cheap. Your stock rises at work, unless you slam doors as fast as they open. Expect distances between friends. Listen to the wind and dream larger than your desires.



LIBRA: The trouble with judging others is finding a jury of peers. Give honest weight to angels and scoundrels alike and fool yourself as little as possible. If balance is a problem, try harmony. Visitors come bearing themselves, warts and all. Treat them as messengers bringing news of your life. Invoke order with art, banish discord with acceptance. Not only is there nothing to run from, there's really nowhere to run.



TAURUS: A dandy month if you're up to it. Ten pounds of events in an eight pound bag of space/time. Not quite random pleasures, deserved but unexpected rewards, surprises you should have known were coming. Stay loose, count your blessings, and don't allow harsh words to rabbit punch your primary relationship. The universe is a mirror, even the scruffy parts are you, and whatever we say, we say to ourselves.



SCORPIO: Restlessness and unease, resistance to change, meditating in a trombone factory. There are decisions to be made, important ones, and without concentration, you're in no position to make them. Being full of yourself doesn't help matters, neither does bludgeoning the op- position. Apply that ruthless, self righteous energy to matters of finance. The nice thing about numbers is the way they add up.



GEMINI: Manic activity and delusion, your old friends, drop in with a six-pack and cattle prods. Yes, you've seen this movie before. Resist the urge to crank up the volume and behave like a gerbil. The myth of reality is as good as any and the world needn't be perfect to be perfect. Walk lightly on the fingers of others, consider the first principles, and be selective about which siren call you answer. Some are bad jokes.



SAGITTARIUS: Life's not always what it seems, neither are promises. Read all fine print and remember the only person who needs to be honest is you. Expect quirks, detour around contention, and resist the urge to change others. Build bridges instead of walls, think long and hard before you speak. Spats on the home front can't be avoided, they can however be defused with right thought and right action. Do it.



CANCER: Love is the highest magic and this month you're a magus. You flower from the very roots and, you sexy rascal, your garden is a delight. Romp and cavort, but be wary of fools who don't smell roses. Ponder the distinction between 'child-like' and 'childish', the nature of responsibility, and the binding energy of compassion. Treat money as money, time as currency, and friendship as the only real profit.



CAPRICORN: Feeling a little grand, are we? Grand is good, grandiose isn't. A fool's paradise is no paradise at all, especially where money's concerned and to the blind, all things are sudden. Look up 'squander' and 'conspicuous consumption' in your Webster's, invoke the quiet power of sound decisions, and trust in the inevitability of tomorrow. Seek high places, dream of higher orders, and listen to your heart.



LEO: Oh, my. This would be an excellent month not to be a Leo. Think of it as a challenge. Aggressive energy focused through the ego onto your closest emotional ties. Expect you and your mate to go at each other with barbecue forks. Some of the conflicts are substantive, others involve toothpaste tubes. Avoid slamming doors that lock behind you. Exercise reason, compare paths, and be the friend you want.



AQUARIUS: Friends arrive, friends disappear. Change, the only constant, stirs the waters of your relationships. What's truly yours can't be lost and what's not yours isn't your concern. Accept more than your share of responsibility and trust that upsets are opportunities in disguise. The juice is flowing. Modulate it. Embrace next steps like the old friends they'll be. Don't confuse money with worth, or spending with wealth.



VIRGO: February provides a wonderful opportunity to mope around life in a bathrobe. Give the world a break and resist the urge. The trick is to get out of your head. The mind is an idiot monkey trained to pose questions, not answer them. For every silver lining, there's a cloud, if you're enough of a nitwit to look for it. Listen to children, ignore the snap and snarls of small dogs, and pamper your immune system.



PISCES: Work is the only prayer that's answered and February finds you on your knees. Approach your craft with intelligent devotion. We are what we do and our vocation is as holy as we make it. Avoid undercurrents and whispers and remember the best company is often your own. Confront the gremlins of illusions with fact, be only as selfish as you must and not one bit less. Work without heart is just another job.

To jealousy, nothing is more frightful than laughter.
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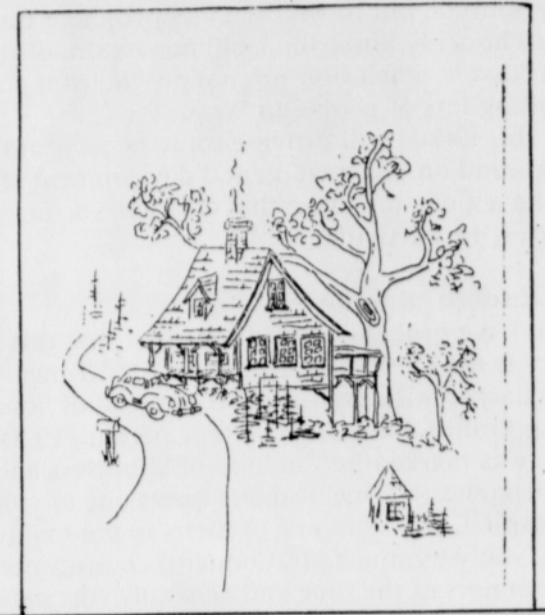
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