

BLAME IT ON THE STARS



ARIES: Your birthday finds you butting heads again. With others, certainly, but mostly with your own ego. Life is short, poor judgment can last forever. The world is a bubble whose outside is inside, what you see is a reflection of what you are. Make progress in small things and resist the urge for violent change. Anger solves nothing but the boredom of peace. Find something to smile at and smile at it. Find your center and watch the lovely merry go round.



LIBRA: The secret to juggling pit bulls on a teeter totter is concentration. Librans not willing to lose an arm will remember this. It would be nice to think you have a safe haven. It would also be hallucination. The snarling dog of your relationship is no nastier than the snarling dog of your workplace. On the bright side, it's a great month to practice patience. Yell at a dog and it barks, speak softly and it wags its tail, forget it's a dog and it pees on your leg.



TAURUS: Been having fun ignoring the inevitable, have we? Remember the phrase 'sooner or later?' Well, here comes later. Look behind appearances and beware of biting off more than you can chew. You're running too close to empty to be making promises. Lock the door, put on your earphones, and listen to your self. Answers depend on how we frame the question. They're right in front of you, waving from the unsightly mess you've made.



SCORPIO: The sap's rising and, along with it, your idiot urge to sting yourself. The surest way to do it is to set loose the diseased weasels of your lesser self. Morality's not just a good idea, it's the law. Finish what you start and start nothing behind anyone's back. Avoid struggles involving teeth and claws, check for burning fuses, and expect surprise. Work is always rewarded. The rewards for good work are pleasant. The rewards for bad work hurt.



GEMINI: If you listen carefully, you can hear the sound of your relationship sucking air. Hum a few bars of 'What's It All About, Alfie?' and get on with business. Hanging out and kicking tires is fun and all, but to all things a season. This one is about work. Dreams are just neural patterns until your life gives them form. Be ruthless with social obligations that function like spider webs. You never lose anything you're not better off without. If it's yours, it comes back.



SAGITTARIUS: Your karma drops in to spring clean your life. Friends will arrive, friends will disappear. The world can be a sobering experience and the ultimate act of rebellion is laughter. Roll with the punches, keep your gripes to yourself, and don't squirrel away your energies. Distinguish between investment and speculation, good humor and lunatic glee. Life's too serious to be taken seriously. Worse still is not taking it seriously enough.



CANCER: April is your month to run up sand dunes, making short term progress your least important product. Right after that comes harmony. You'll feel a nitwit urge to lash out at a world that's wronged you. Spitting into the wind would be smarter. You're not in this dungstorm by accident, cupcake. It's your life and welcome to it. Egos of the proper size seldom bump into things. The gift the universe brings you this month is the teaching called humility.



CAPRICORN: A month in the finest Nietzschean tradition: naked power wrestling with unbridled will. No one has to lose. Responsibility isn't a burden and irresponsibility isn't freedom. There's no uglier poison than bearing a grudge. Exorcise old demons with rituals of understanding and compassion. Change can't be resisted but it can be channeled. As any goat will tell you, the safest place is on a mountain top and it'd be lonely without the wind.



LEO: A Leo not in love is a Leo busy dying. Time to check the pulse of your relationship and make changes before the situation demands surgery. Your natural nobility can be poisoned by pride and inflexibility, and what dies first is your self image. Unite forces with a common goal. The secret name of the future is Now and the secret of nowness is hidden in plain sight. This could be your last day on the planet. How do you want to spend it?



AQUARIUS: The vague restlessness is on you. The itchy feet, the hunch you're living in a rut, the Aquarian kamikaze urge for change, to break what doesn't need fixing. Chill out, boobla. Just because sudden shifts of axis are fun for you doesn't mean those around you are waiting impatiently for the next massive jolt. Examine your motives, review habits in terms of the past, and cop to the part of yourself you conceal. Lasting change begins at the center.



VIRGO: If your eyes are open, you'll notice some edges of your world are flaking away. Call this month, the loneliness of the long distance virgin. If our expectations of others are unfulfilled, they were, by definition, unrealistic. Forget the rules and life gets rude. What you can depend on is what's there when you close your eyes, the rest is change. April's biggest mistake involves mistaking effects for causes. After that comes being stupid about money.



PISCES: Amidst the sturm and drang of fiscal concerns, expect pleasant surprises. Gandolph comes knocking with adventure and a check. Bear in mind money is the most dangerous drug. Take a long look at your sleazy motel love affair with 'stuff' and remember the goal is to be in the world but not of it. Your trademark pouting and whining aren't likely to attract anything you're likely to want. Work without lust for result brings the surest rewards.

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