

BLAME IT ON THE STARS



ARIES: You've had better months. Nobody promised it was all going to be fun, only that it's always interesting. Your finances and love life are especially interesting. Learn to embrace nasty surprises for the teachings they offer. Not a month to flex your will, unless the goal is self-improvement. Draw your magic circle, find your center. See no evil, speak no evil, hear no evil.



LIBRA: Wave goodbye to balance, say hello to the subtle harmony of the unexpected. Keep one eye on the bottom line, the other on your heart. No, this is not a time to vacation. Bear down on responsibility and carve out time to lie on the couch with your blankie and a few zen koans. Patience is a virtue second only to faith, work is the only prayer that's ever answered.



TAURUS: Resist the urge to be feisty and self-righteous. The only thing more important than being understood is understanding. Drawing attention to yourself is a big mistake, as is believing your own press releases. In times when opportunities for stupid behavior abound, thought furthers more than action. There is no outside world, only your perceptions of it. See truth.



SCORPIO: The month holds lovely opportunities for your life to unravel. Early in the month, the feeling you're alone is no delusion. When you stop throwing your weight around, matters improve. When you stop trying to control the universe, it orders itself. Listen to your lover, speak soft truths, and know that you own nothing. Buy and sell carefully and your stock rises.



GEMINI: Play your cards close to your vest, follow your hunches, and listen to your dreams. Spend time in your room and clean closets of worn out ghosts. Check the credentials of your motivations and ask who's kidding who. The past becomes present bringing food for thought. Compromise isn't always compromise and sharing doesn't always mean giving something up.



SAGITTARIUS: What you see either isn't there or won't be in a minute. Embrace change and refuse to quarrel. Your world is on edge and communication is garbled. Find the center and rebuild, rewire reality, and work against nothing but boredom. Wheels that squeak get oiled, those that don't squeak get results. Persistence is the purest form of courage.



CANCER: A nice month for dancing up sand dunes and jumping from nothing higher than your ego. The winds of change ripple your pond and friends become too breezy for comfort. Serious matters are not light concerns. Question authority gently, put old dreams in new bottles, and invoke tomorrow. Trust your ability to see through walls and wave goodbye to what's gone.



CAPRICORN: You've had more fun months. Think of it as playing badminton in the fog: periodic excitement punctuated by confusion. Clarity seems like a memory and patience a forgotten virtue. Invoke beginnings and take simple pleasures. If possible, fall in love, as opposed to being seduced. Watch for hidden prices, agendas not posted, and cards not shown.



LEO: Oh, my. Another month of unrest and frustration made no better by whining. If competition is beneath you, and it is, why does everyone want to compete? Expect misunderstanding and exercise diplomacy with studious aplomb. Your talent and work haven't gone unnoticed, but more effort is needed to bring things to completion. The essence of fire is warmth and light.



AQUARIUS: You might want to sit down. But probably not at home. Domestic affairs may fall into a nasty muddle. Retreat into work. If nothing else, you could use the money. The directions you're being pulled in mean little in the long run. Remember your loyalties, tattoo priorities on the inside of your eyelids, and tiptoe through the chaos. If possible, whistle.



VIRGO: What seemed written in ink becomes a pencil scrawl on a cocktail napkin. Revise, reframe, fade back and punt. Your chickens are scattered but not lost. Work with finesse. Write the music and let someone else toot your horn. Expect confusion and court clarity, especially in love. You can't push a rope. You can, however, tie the ends together and make a circle.



PISCES: Unless you enjoy the unexpected, keep travel plans limited to the occasional trip to the refrigerator. Say as little as possible and listen carefully, especially in matters of law. Very little is what it seems. In many cases this is a good thing. Endure the trivial and dream logically. Find your own current, swim with it, and ignore the nasty things they're saying about you.

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