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Virgo (Aug 24-Sept. 22)

Like the silhouette of a person seen through the fog or a Kongming sky lantern viewed from the ground, you give others hope and a sense of coming home. Be aware of this, especially now. Sometimes the person hoping to be your new friend or next lover may be more visual than vocal. Reach out if the feeling is mutual.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) People rarely turn over a new leaf. Make a close inspection of those closest to you. Realize that when people show you who they are (good and bad, in action as well as word). You need to believe them. Are any of them crowding your space or draining your nutrients? It's time for friendship pruning and it is best done now, when things that once flowered die out and leaves change color and fall. Go for more perennials and evergreens in your garden and get rid of the annuals that require so much work for such a short blooming season.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) No shoes, No shirt, No service? No problem! Say "no thank you" to buying so much commercially. Go barefoot to ground yourself. And shirts are overrated in the summer anyway. Men, remember when you were boys and strip off that T for some fresh air? Ladies, a swim suit top can be enough to get you by, or go old school and wear a halter. Remember the bandanna turned at an angle and tied behind the back? The pared down wardrobe will help in paring down consumption. You'll feel freer in more ways than one.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 23) Your partner knows what you are up to. Good or bad, you'd better fess up. Spilling it will be liberating for you both and picking up the pieces, not as hard work as you think.

Capricorn (Dec. 24-Jan. 19) Say one nice thing to one new person each day, especially on those cloudy ones. Listen to the niceties that others say to you. Notice the friendliness all around your fair city.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) September doesn't have to be only about back to school. Keep the play alive and invite it into your day whenever possible - arm wrestle, use play on words in casual conversation and wink often. Be sure to let your eyes twinkle as though you are up to no good. Other will want to join in.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) What's your song? Create your own theme song! Hum it when you are on the road and sing it in your head as a soundtrack to your life. That tune can carry you through the day, from accompanying you in the morning shower to being your before-bed lullaby.

Aries (March 21-April 20) What the world needs now are renaissance men and women. Dabble more than usual. If it helps you to feel more in character, consider growing a mustache or showing some cleavage. For that unique Portland flare - do both. Note that a penna on mustache is also acceptable.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Add a new dance

step to your repertoire (or start one). Do it in an unexpected place and invite others to join in. If you teach it to another, ask them to pass it on. Sometimes if you show them yours, they'll show you theirs. Don't be surprised if someone asks you for the next dance or if they may fill their dance card with you alone.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Soup Can's magic pill for the end of summer is roasted marshmallows. If you need a pick-me-up in the cooler months ahead remember that it doesn't have to be prepared over a camp fire. It can be from a gas burner, the bic lighter of a passerby or even puffed up in the microwave. For a treat, stuff a spoonful of peanut butter (or half a walnut) inside before igniting.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Float in the water and look up - from your tub, the Willamette, or even from the bottom of a pool while holding your breath. Be still and expect to experience the earth turning, ever so slowly. If the above sounds too tame, too woo woo for you, then try hunting crawdads or even noodling for catfish. While the first can be done in our NW rivers and streams, the latter will require travel to other parts of the globe where the sport is legal. Both will necessitate the same calmness and attention to the world.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 2) Taste possibility. These next few weeks it is very important that you do something you've always wanted to do. Big or little, as insignificant as it may seem, don't let the fruit fall on the ground or rot. The time is ripe now.

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