

# Oh, My Stars!

Horoscope for the week of January 21, 2000 By C. Lichtenstein

Feeling a bit farked up this February? You are not alone, cousin; A solar eclipse in Aqueerius on the 5th sets the tone for a dizzy and emotional Valentine's month. Adding the retrograde Mercury to the mix will almost guarantee a full comedy of errors. Thankfully, Jupiter guarantees a big rainbow heart on mid-month.

## ARIES (MARCH 21 — APRIL 20)

If friends appear to be especially annoying or hurtful this February, swallow your bile and chalk it up to a fierce February planet-fest in arrogant Aqueerius. Rainbow Rams risk misunderstandings and miscommunications if they overreact to perceive slights. My advice: Maintain a sense of humor, distribute many Valentines and avoid those slippery banana peels. Whoops!

## TAURUS (APRIL 21 — MAY 21)

As a fixed sign (with Leo, Scorpio and Aqueerius), queer Bulls will feel greater impact of the eclipse on February 5th. Emotions run especially high at work as long range plans quickly shift direction. On the bright side, many unresolved career issues will resolve now, more than likely for the better. Gather your gains, cut your losses and share the love with a particular Valentine.

## GEMINI (MAY 22 — JUNE 21)

February planetary action places more emphasis on global enterprises and travel. Maybe love in faraway places? The solar eclipse in Aqueerius on the 5th can close the case on any hanging legal issue, if you are lucky. Pink Twins usually feel that they have to get a consensus before they can take action. This month you'll realize that you yourself have all the answers.

## CANCER (JUNE 22 — JULY 23)

Gay Crabs may not know what hit 'em this February as the solar eclipse in Aqueerius stirs up their volcanic passion into a hot and spicy seafood bisque. Eat while you can, cousin, but don't get indigestion. Emotions can run to the extreme and so can you. Thankfully you will always have a few good bosom buddies to bolster you up if a certain Valentine gets you down.

## LEO (JULY 24 — AUGUST 23)

Queer Leos can act imperious, arrogant and demanding around partners. Watch who you boss around this Valentine's month when the eclipse in Aqueerius cuts you and other fixed signs (Scorpio, Taurus and Aquarius) down to pint size. Some say size doesn't matter but ha! Rocky relationships can be scuttled and even strong ones shaken now. Is that what you want lover?

## VIRGO (AUGUST 24 — SEPTEMBER 23)

February planetary activity rocks your day to day work. Are you fed up? Bored? Ready for a change? Gay Virgins are tempted to make an emotional final decision during the February 5th eclipse. Don't make any rash moves, cousin; Jupiter insists that you temporarily escape from your travails with a Valentine's vacation. Face the dragons with a clearer head after the 15th.

## LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 — OCTOBER 23)

If fun gets out of hand this February, blame the frenzy on the solar eclipse on the 5th. Even optimistic gay Libras are temporarily shaken by festive rumbles gone amok. On the bright side, creativity is unblocked and you become an artistic genius. After Valentine's Day you'll focus on your soulmate. How many bars do you have to visit before you find your tall drink?

## SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 — NOVEMBER 22)

Proud Scorps are drawn into family disputes this February as the eclipse on the 5th flares emotions around relatives and at home. Issues that raised their ugly heads last August resurface so you can finally dispose of them once and for all. Comfortable it ain't, but once the field is leveled and reseeded, you will find that life is far more pleasant and affirming. And that ain't bad!

## SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 — DECEMBER 22)

February unleashes a lethal form of Sagittarian foot-in-mouth disease thanks to the eclipse on the 5th. Gay Archers must be extra careful of what they say and when they say it. Grips that surfaced last August, find their way to your door again this Valentines month. At the same time you continue to undergo great change as Pluto trolls through your sign. Oh goodie.

## CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 — JANUARY 20)

As hard as you try to hold on to your valuables, the planets seem to conspire to relieve you of your possessions. Chalk up the leakage to the February 5th solar eclipse. Queer Caps feel the emotional pull of a shift in values. Good thing too, pardner; Rreview and reassess in time for Valentine's Day. Can money buy happiness? Hmm. On second thought, don't answer that.

## AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 — FEBRUARY 19)

February is a month of change, revelation and surprise for all Aqueerians. Of all the signs, you are perhaps the most affected by the eclipse on the 5th. Emotional reassessment of your life's directions that began last August are hitting you again this month. Do what you have to do to resolve these issues once and for all. A new broom sweeps clean; make it a vacuum, not a whisk.

## PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 — MARCH 20)

Gay Fish feel like they are being led down a primrose path this February as promises vanish and guarantees are no longer guaranteed. Blame the confusion on the solar eclipse on the 5th when nothing is as it first appears. At the same time, this Valentines month is an excellent time to toss out the old frights and embrace a new lavender you. You look stunning, you stunner, you.

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honorary lesbian. I would even say that emotionally I am transgendered — I identify with women very strongly, both straight and lesbian. I have not found any gay men who seem to experience life this way. I feel as estranged from gay men today as I did from straight men in high school yet now two of my best friends are straight men — go figure. Truthfully, my problem is that I have very few gay male friends. And, no, I just don't go to bars/clubs. I have joined various social groups and yet practically every gay male I have met has had a personality about as deep as the piece of latex they carry in their pocket (ready for use at a moment's notice). I simply will not compromise my integrity by getting involved with someone who is attractive yet whose plans for the future consist solely of who they're going to f\*\*\* next...even if it means feeling "blue" for a while.

I have developed the ability to enjoy my time to myself but it's so hard sometimes (pun intended). I empathize very deeply with those in our community (and with straights) who, for whatever reasons, have little hope of finding love in this chaotic prejudiced world. Yet, my pain still compels me to ask, "Am I condemned to loneliness?" Thank you for your advice.

— Weary of Heart

Dear Weary of Heart:

No, Grasshopper, you're not condemned to loneliness. You're lucky that you don't have to go through years of empty encounters before realizing that it's not what you want.

Unfortunately, the price for self-knowledge is sometimes loneliness, in the short term. But you don't need advice. You need a fairy godmother to come down from the sky and tell you that you're doing the right thing — and that if you have patience, your love life will turn out the way it's supposed to. Some people don't believe in fairies; they'd prefer for Carlos Castaneda to emerge from behind a cactus with a similar message. Or for God to come out from beneath a burning bush. Ms. Behavior has been known to take all of these forms (with a particular proclivity for the burning bush). So, take comfort from her words: You're doing the right thing. Have patience. Your love life will turn out the way it's supposed to.

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