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ON MY FINGER!

What horror
hit me in the night?

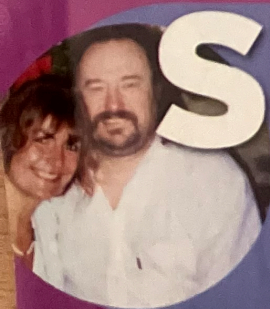
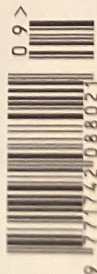
 Dad's ghost
loves touching
up women!

 Don't turn
around!
I begged my dead sister

Your stars
for October

Win!
A spooky
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SMELL OF FEAR

A stinking, foul-mouthed ghoul took our
gentle Ray and left us with a MONSTER



Astro talk

Mischief MANAGED

Don't let Mercury going retrograde ruin your month

Mercury is the planet of communication and travel, and when it's working well, so are those areas of our life. However, three times each year, Mercury turns retrograde, appearing to move backwards in the sky - and our lives can feel like they are in reverse gear too! There's an increased likelihood of miscommunications and misunderstandings, machinery is more prone to breaking down, and there are more travel disruptions. But forewarned is forearmed, and with Mercury's next retrograde period between 26 July and 19 August, astrologer Jane Dimond explains how to sidestep its pitfalls and keep your life running smoothly.

TIPS FOR ALL SUN SIGNS

- Be crystal clear in all your communications, whether by email, phone or in person, and leave NO room for misunderstandings. Do not assume that text or email has been delivered!
- Social media may be more trouble than its worth. Consider having a total break from it.
- Back up anything precious on your computer before Mercury turns retrograde.
- Allow more time for journeys - take the earlier train or bus than the one you think you need, and

check your oil, water and tyres before embarking on car journeys.

- Go over contracts and paperwork with a fine tooth comb - and preferably put off signing important documents until Mercury moves forward.
- Mercury retrograde periods are an excellent time to take stock, tie up loose ends and plan ahead. Do all the things that begin with a 're' - review, reflect, revisit, repair, refine, renew and reconsider.

Now you've taken note of the above, forget all about Mercury's retrograde mayhem, and indulge in a more enjoyable 're' word - relax!

TIP FOR ARIES

You're direct and driven, so Mercury retrograde's delays and ambiguity will sorely test your patience. Your love life, in particular, is likely to be negatively impacted. Avoid sending impulsive texts that could be open to misinterpretation and forget about winning lovers' tiffs. Instead, keep your own counsel and polish up your listening skills - you may actually be pleasantly surprised by the response!

TIP FOR TAURUS

With your steady, calm nature, you'll adapt to Mercury retrograde better than others, happily heeding the advice to take your time. If you're moving house, don't force things or try to hurry the process along - let things take their natural course. It's also a good time to complete DIY projects or return to repair jobs that weren't done properly first time round. Focus on domestic matters and you'll be fine.

TIP FOR GEMINI

You can usually rely on your quick wit to get you out of tricky situations, but Mercury retrograde in your Communication Zone will make it harder to find the right words. Counter the risk of being misinterpreted by slowing down your usual hyper-paced speech, and taking time before responding. Engage your brain before you open your mouth and you should avoid unnecessary arguments!

TIP FOR CANCER

You like to trust your instincts, but during Mercury retrograde, your renowned Cancerian caution will serve you better, particularly when it comes to spending money. Avoid making rash purchases and instead review your finances, re-budget and improve your bank balance. With proper planning, you could exit this Mercury retrograde phase better off than when you went into it.

TIP FOR LEO

Don't risk total burn-out by accepting every social offer and work project that comes your way. Fine-tune your plans, and let go of anything surplus to requirements. Your persona could unwittingly give off mixed messages, so reflect on how others perceive you, and make any necessary tweaks - but don't make big changes to your appearance. This is not the time for a makeover - trust us on this!

TIP FOR VIRGO

Retrograde Mercury meddles with your intuition, which may feel less finely tuned than usual. Take a break from feeling you have to know every last detail about everything going on. Instead, accept things may feel confusing - and don't let it stress you! You could do with a rest from the hustle and bustle of everyday life so why not take this time out to relax and smell the roses?

TIP FOR LIBRA

You could encounter crossed wires in your social circles that even your Libran charm may find tricky to untangle, so don't try! Instead, take time to reflect on the dependability of your different friendships - Mercury retrograde can bring valuable realisations. An old friend may reappear, but don't make life-changing decisions involving them just yet!

TIP FOR SCORPIO

There could be intriguing developments in your career, but during this Mercury retrograde period, nothing is straightforward, and the hidden potentials may only emerge later on. Keep your head down, avoid making any unnecessary waves, and think about what you truly want. That way, when the opportunity finally rears its head, you'll be ready to respond.

TIP FOR SAGITTARIUS

The eternal traveller, this is an ideal time to browse the brochures for your next adventure, then book when Mercury moves direct. If you're heading off on hols or a business trip now, plan all you can, brace yourself for delays and disruptions, and pack patience - and a good book! Those embarking on new studies may have to re-learn an old skill first, but it will prove time well spent.

TIP FOR CAPRICORN

Check details extra carefully if you're taking out a mortgage, bank loan or new account. It's more important than ever that you read the small print before signing anything. Intense emotions will rule your head, so if you fall in lust, don't expect to be able to make a rational choice - just be aware you may see things differently in three weeks' time.

TIP FOR AQUARIUS

It may be harder to reach a compromise, or resolve issues, in your marriage or another long-term close relationship right now. But if you feel suffocated, avoid making rash decisions, and give yourself more space - it may be all you need. Get away for a few days and give yourself some headspace, then make any life-changing decisions once Mercury moves direct.

TIP FOR PISCES

You chaotic little fishes hate things being overly ordered - so Mercury retrograde is less of a problem for you than most! Deal with likely disruptions to your daily routine by doing what you're best at - going with the flow! Back up important work documents and be extra careful about which colleagues to whom you send sensitive e-mails. But you should sail through this tricky time!

Did you know?

Some weird global events have happened while Mercury was retrograde - including killer tornadoes in Midwest America, a number of mass shootings, and the first Ebola death in the USA!

