IN THE STARS

Double Spotlight — Virgo and Libra! By Cosima

SPOTLIGHT ON VIRGO AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

With that first hit of cool air Cosima can just see every meticulous Virgo heading for those messy closets to clean them out. You are convinced it is time to get rid of anything in your life that doesn't work the way you think it should. But hold on for just one minute! For you, that can sometimes mean allowing your characteristic haste when you are on a mission buy you more problems than you had before. For the Virgo woman this is the season to learn to control those perfectionist instincts and not let them keep you from taking chances. Just remember, failure is always a possibility, but so is success. Virgo men! Stop breaking our hearts. Are you really so cold? We know you love your work and that you take your responsibilities (even to that smelly cat) seriously, but take time for a little romance.

SPOTLIGHT ON LIBRA SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 23

Okay — For those of you who have been hiding out all summer because you think you can't stand people, it is time to make good on that promise to get out and do things. Fall is almost here and it is a good time for new beginnings for you. Cosima knows how hard it can be for Libra men to make good connections, but she just knows that this year it can really work out well if you just give it a chance. Libras, don't let your sense of fairness backfire. Not everyone is as decent as you usually are. Libra women, don't let your tendency to mull everything to death make you miss an excellent career opportunity that could come your way this fall. Trust your instincts.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Oooh! You are so elegant and glamorous. I swear, you were born to wear silk, satin and brocade. Maybe you were royalty in another life. It's too bad you missed it in this one and have to content yourself with life among us raggedty folks. It is a good thing you are creative enough to know how to dress well on a budget and that you are so good at your job that those raises just keep coming.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

We all know how hard it is to be an idealist and married, too. Since so many Sagittarians are both, you have a special challenge in this life: to try to hold on to one without losing the other. Try being more honest with your partner and with yourself. Don't expect everyone else to be as good as you think you are.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20

Cosima can hear your heart breaking from here. Maybe it really was just a summer romance. I know you thought it was the "real thing," but be honest for a minute; did you like the person on the inside as well as all those exterior bells and whistles?

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Which is it ... your boss or not having enough money? You think you hate your job and maybe you do, but before you can figure out what to do to feel better you must figure out what the problem really is. Could it be you?

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Even though you hate conflict and sticky situations the only way you are going to get your homelife back on an even keel is too confront that situation. Don't worry, it won't be nearly as awful when you hear the whole story. Just remember that you are an understanding and a spiritual person.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Aries' summer doldrums will give way to a burst of energy and even some silliness this month. It is as though you have been storing stuff up, just waiting for fall to unleash yourself on an unsuspecting world. Just don't overwhelm friends and lovers. Speaking of lovers, don't you have one too many?

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Considering how much you love the opposite sex, why do you always wait for everyone to find you? You are going to lose out on a very good chance at romance this year if you don't make a little effort. And while you are making efforts, try picking up the check at lunch one of these days. It may help stop the jokes in the office that you really do still have your first dollar.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Gemini employers should be lining up for management courses this year. Cosima can save you the money and tell you that you must learn to appreciate your employees as individuals and stop seeing them as one big blob you can manipulate. If you don't change your ways you may find yourself with no one to manage.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Don't even think about trying to change too much at once now that you've owned up to being pretty bored with your life, but do start giving serious thought to changing some small things just to get the feel for the process. Move the furniture or throw out some clothes you don't wear anymore. It is surprising how daring something so seemingly easy to do can feel.

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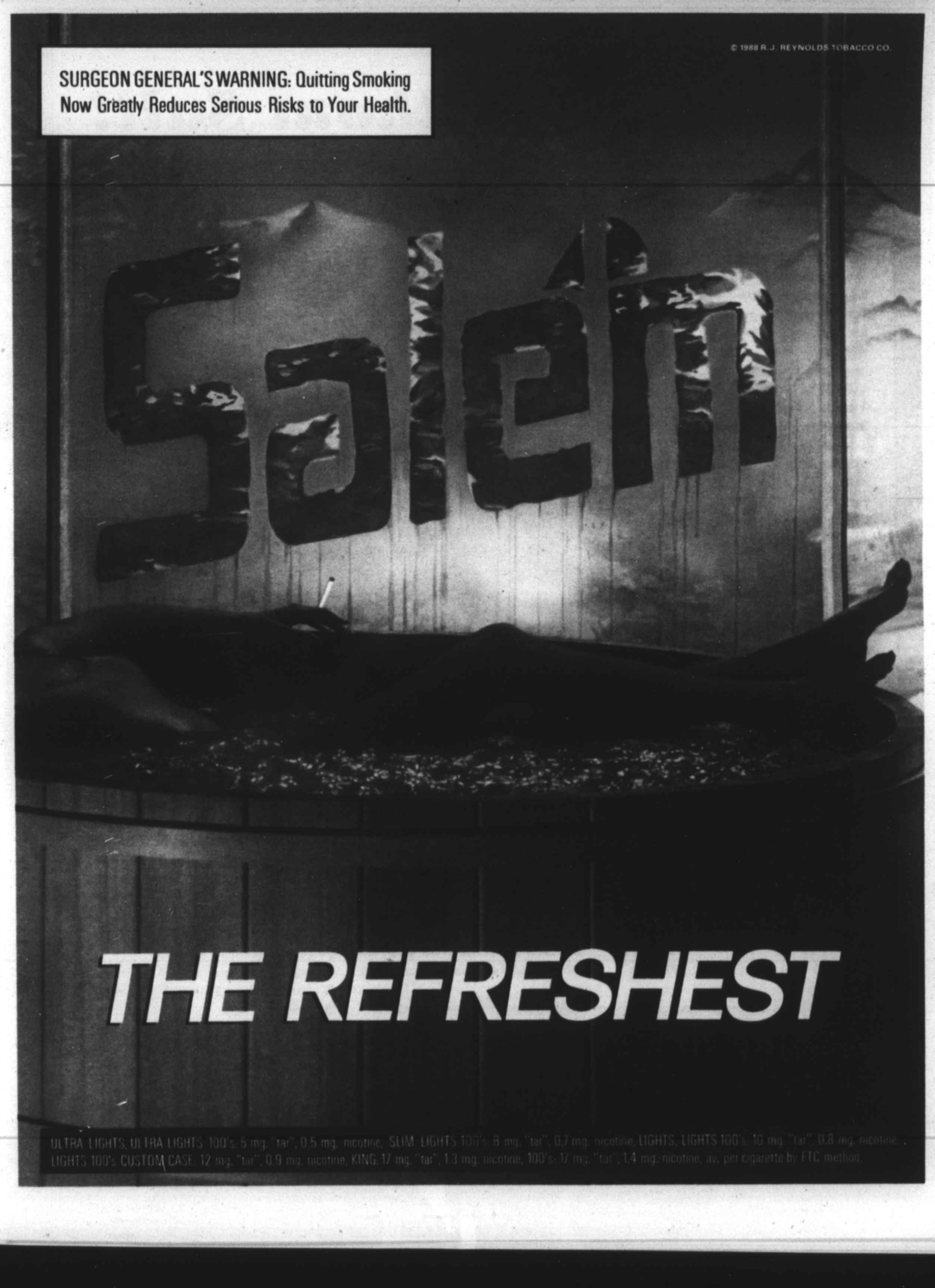
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Just because you have no musical ability doesn't mean you can't have a good time too. Try lying on your living room floor, in the dark, alone(!), and listen to both sides of your favorite album. It will do wonders for your sense of musical pleasure and you will feel calmer and more centered. Just remember, You don't need a tuba to be a member of the band.