Spotlight on Scorpio

By Cosima

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October 24—November 22

For those of you who have managed to get your love lives in hand as I suggested this summer, you are having trouble believing you could be so happy. Believe it. You've won a hard fought battle and those riches really are yours. Scorpio women, some of you are worried about seeming too tough, almost macho. Don't let it shake you. Your strength is what makes you so irresistible to everyone. Trust your instincts. Scorpio men, stop pretending you are invincible and unemotional. You are neither, and if you try to convince her you are there will be only one stocking to fill in December.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23—DECEMBER 21

Now that your work situation is a little better and you are exercising more often, you should be feeling a lot better. If you aren't, it is time to do some serious thinking about a real problem you may not want to face. Your outspokenness has taken on an edge lately, and you may be hurting some feelings. Try to think a little longer than usual before you speak.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 20

Cosima is happy to see that you have decided to take serious steps to get through the bad feelings you've been having. Just remember, not to decide is to decide. Good luck to you. For you property owners: You love the idea of having all that land, but do you think those fall leaves are just going to get up and walk away and that the wind will blow all that muck out of those gutters? You own it . . . you take care of it.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21—FEBRUARY 19

And you thought this would be a terrible fall. This may not be the romance of a lifetime but he sure will look nice sitting up at your mother's table at Thanksgiving. She can stop worrying about you at least until February. Aquarian bosses, you need to trust your opinions more and others' less.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20—MARCH 20

Now that you are alone again, you will have a chance to think about what you really want . . . to marry the minister or BE the minister. You are facing some major life choices. Don't allow your feelings of self-pity over a romance you knew was wrong keep you from getting on with the important stuff in your life.

ARIES
MARCH 21—APRIL 20

Such a misunderstood sign. Aries, you are so many different things; warm and cool, quiet and the life of the party when you choose, confident and almost shy. Such a pleasure. Fall finds events going better for you than you expect. You've solved a lot of the big and small issues that plagued you through spring and summer.

TAURUS
APRIL 21—MAY 21

Your vacation may have given you pleasure, but it also may cause you to realize how much you really want from life. That is good because you are on the move. Don't expect the external signs for a while but trust that the mood swings you are feeling right now are good signs. You really can change your life.

GEMINI
MAY 22—JUNE 21

Now that you've gotten yourself into that situation, you want out. Some day you are going to have to figure out what will make you happy for more than fifteen minutes. You could still end up alone and lonely if your silliness ever catches up with you. Some Gemini women are thinking some daring thoughts that fascinate Cosima. Be careful.

CANCER
JUNE 22—JULY 23

Cosima is glad to see you are feeling a little more relaxed about your finances. That should allow you to look in the mirror and see an even more pressing problem. You are too young to look like this. Stop eating and get rid of those dark, dreary clothes. You may be a banker but you don't have to look like one.

LEO
JULY 24—AUGUST 23

You are finally beginning to feel normal again. Face it, life will always be a battle to reconcile your quiet, almost reclusive self with that demon who needs to account for every minute of the day. Both are decent people; you get in trouble when one tries to exist to the exclusion of the other.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24—SEPTEMBER 23

Is there a Pisces in your life driving you nuts? Check it out and if so fix the problem right away. It is not a good situation for you. Your practicality could be your most important asset this fall. Don't take any strange advice no matter how tempting it may sound. It is time for even the most cautious among you to take care.

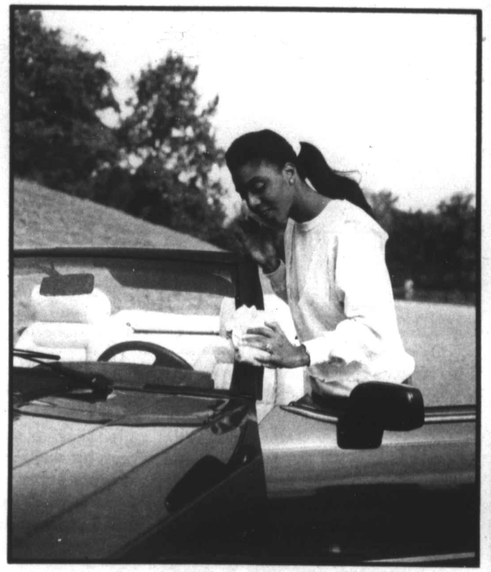
LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24—OCTOBER 23

Cosima is so happy to see that you decided to take a course this fall. Even though it has been a long time since you last sat in a classroom don't let your tendency to hesitate keep you from speaking out. Look around. Do you see Einstein anywhere? When you aren't studying or working, try to relax.

LOVE AFFAIR ON WHEELS

An Ode To Soul People And Their Cars

By Michael A. Tucker



It started innocently enough when a friend pointed her out. My glance soon turned to a stare, my eyes raptured by the bold expressions of her curves, appointments as sensible as stylish, and confidence that seemed arrogant.

Since that fateful day in a parking garage, my desire to be cuddled by that German beauty has not waned, but has been tempered by an appalling lack of capital. Alas, after three years of yearning, I still cannot afford her.

Only lovers of the automobile can understand my plight. A Porsche can mend my broken heart. For others, a Jaguar, Mustang, Saab, or Corvette will soothe the savage car junkie.

The contraption with roots in the steam-propelled vehicles of the 1760s, the gasoline-powered carriages of the 1880s, and Henry Ford's 1908 Model T still captivate our hearts and minds.

It is our home away from home, providing us with a haven from the harsh realities of housework, homework, and just plain work. A place to file our nails, listen to music, and test our tolerance. A place where romances begin — and end.

We've personified them with names and given them a bit of our personalities. Check it out:

* The brother in the Z, mean-leaning through a curve as he tweaks the turbo to the max...

* The comely sister in the Rolls, dressed to the nines and so pleased in nirvana she's smug as she guides it down the avenue...

* A coven of crazy kids in the station wagon, sticking out their tongues, waving their hands, driving Mom and Dad insane.

Whatever the reason — work or play — black Americans continue their love affair with the automobile, proving their affection by shelling out almost $13 billion for new and used cars and trucks. Automakers here, in Japan and Europe hope that latest figure from the federal government jumps as the 1989 models make their way to showrooms.

"My customers are laid back," says Evett Maynard of Capitol Nissan in Washington, D.C. "They know what they want, expect a good bargain, and like negotiating."

Her favorite customers are "reasonable, willing to compromise." The nightmares are "boisterous and demand everything when they can't afford anything."

Tastes vary, Maynard says, but one customers' trait is constant: "Everyone comes in wanting the maximum."

For Hal Walls, Jr. that meant loading his 1988 Lincoln Town Car with enough gadgets to embarrass NASA, including a spiffy electronic tuner and a CD player.

"I wanted something so that when I got off work I could lay back and have it drive me home," says Walls, a D.C. attorney and president of the fledgling Washington Hitmakers Record Co.

With so many extras, the salesman quipped, "All that's left to do is dip it in gold," to which Walls answered: "Go ahead." The Lincoln also sports a gilt grill and hood ornament.

"The Lincoln's for comfort and safety, the others for fun and style," he says, alluding to his 1973 Cadillac Eldorado and 1953 MG.

Style is also important to Kevin King, a photographer for WUSA-TV and driver of a 1988 Alfa Romeo Milano.

"I like Italian style," says the dapper bachelor, clad in Italian-made slacks and shoes. "I wanted a car that was slightly different."

"The car reflects my personality. That's why I chose something black and fast."

Tucker's last story for Dawn — "WHAT DADDY MEANS" — appeared in June.