

## Gemini May 22-June 22

Do not play the victim! You may not be happy with your current set of circumstances, but do remember it is your own choices that have brought you to this point. Do not be so hard on yourself. Be patient as things will fall into place. **WATCH FOR:** Staying sane amidst challenges.

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## Cancer June 23-July 23

Do not beat yourself up for missing an opportunity. It obviously was not the right thing at the time. Move on and remain optimistic. Sort out your practical plans. The more efficient you can be, the better. In love, be prepared to wait for the right answer. **WATCH FOR:** Good vibes.

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## Leo July 24-August 23

New ideas look worthwhile. Follow things through and stay open to unusual developments. Do not take things for granted. Expect a magnificent turnaround. You really must make that call. You can not avoid the impact of what you said or did. **WATCH FOR:** Trusting outcomes.

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## Virgo August 25-September 23

Do not panic or beat yourself up about someone, but do be prepared to face the music. It is a relief not to have committed to something which clearly was not right. Do not reduce your standards, but do remember your humanity. **WATCH FOR:** Being impervious to nonsense.

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## Libra September 24-October 23

Be as powerful as you have a mind to be. But be careful not to get overstressed about unnecessary details. The right direction will be clearly defined soon enough. Do not overshoot on your goals but reach for the stars by all means. **WATCH FOR:** Good decisions.

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## Scorpio October 24-November 22

Your humour and instincts will not let you down. Be patient in matters of the heart. A leisurely approach will build long-term connections. Lasting links are more satisfying than short, sharp shocks. Preserve your energies. **WATCH FOR:** Intriguing developments.

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## Sagittarius November 23-December 21

Stay measured and calm. Let the powers that be come to you. Know your worth and be proud of your achievements. Money is an energy that needs to flow. Just make sure it flows towards you rather than out-the-door. **WATCH FOR:** The ins and outs and pros and cons.

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## Capricorn December 22-January 20

You deserve to free yourself up for a lighter, brighter approach. But a bit of creative chaos all adds to the fun. When will that sense of feeling stuck dissipate? Well soon enough. Just continue to keep your head down and do not issue ultimatums. **WATCH FOR:** Secrets.

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## Aquarius January 21-February 19

Take your time with negotiations. Be vigilant and stay on the right side of your nearest and dearest. Do not try to control things, even a little bit. Now is the time to let fate decide. Life starts to turn around and your luck increases. **WATCH FOR:** Increased opportunities and resources.

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## Pisces February 20-March 21

Now is not the right time for momentous decisions. Treat yourself gently for a change. Exercise patience and accept guidance when it happens along. Pay special attention if you do not trust someone. Discuss your options and check all arrangements. **WATCH FOR:** Time will tell.

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## Aries March 22-April 20

You stand to gain if you use those creative ideas. But things are not as they seem, so prepare for the unexpected! Nothing is certain nor set in stone. So stop glossing over details to spare someone's feelings. It is time to speak up and be honest. **WATCH FOR:** Not giving up.

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## Taurus April 21-May 21

Rehash an old idea. It might just work this time. Prepare for unusual events that may be disturbing but curiously exciting. There is not much you can do to hold onto something that is past its sell by date. Every scenario has a life span. **WATCH FOR:** Unexpected developments.

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# An open letter to... The Irish Government

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The fight for abortion rights will go to the world stage, says Lynda McCarthy

## You should not underestimate us!



**W**E ARE Irish and the whole world cheerfully tries to claim our heritage as their own, and why wouldn't they? We are Irish and you cannot claim Saoirse Ronan or Katie Taylor, Britain – they're ours, thank you very much.

We are Irish, and in the four corners of the earth, they have bars and parades to celebrate us, they dye their rivers green in solidarity on Saint Patrick's Day.

We are Irish and our literature, poetry and music is read, recited and sang in countries that many of us will never even visit. We are Ireland, a tiny island making waves the whole world over.

But we're Irish, and every day we send our women off on ferries and planes for a medical procedure that could be done at home.

We're Irish and we leave our sisters, our friends, our daughters, scared and alone in budget hotel rooms in London, Luton and Liverpool, because exporting a problem across the water is easier than dealing with it ourselves.

We are Irish and you, the government we elected, have ignored our pleas to repeal the Eighth Amendment, using every delaying tactic in your arsenal so that 2018 is the "earliest" you can possibly get around to holding a referendum on the issue.

We are Irish and between that time and now, over 4,000 of our own will have travelled over to England for abortions.

We are Irish and we have allowed a grieving couple to carry the remains of a foetus with fatal abnormalities home from the airport in a freezer bag because they were given no options here.

We're Irish and we tell pregnant victims of rape and incest that they are not our priority; that you, our government, would prefer them staining their pillows black with mascara tears on foreign soil, once it doesn't require you to make a decision that might cost you a few votes.

We are Irish and our laws make criminals of women who try to buy abortion pills, ignoring the fact that abortions have always happened and will always happen, whether you agree with them or not.

But we are Irish and you should certainly not underestimate us. We are Irish and we were the first



JUSTICE: Irish women need the right to choose



FIGHT: Our voices will be heard

country in the world to legalise gay marriage by popular vote.

We are Irish and we marched and protested and won equal rights for our gay citizens, and we will win the right to choose for our women.

We are Irish but we will turn this into an international issue, we will take this fight to the world stage and shame you into giving bodily autonomy to women if necessary.

We are Irish and we will use the same voices that brought literature and poetry and music to the rest of the world to shout this injustice from the rooftops.

We are Irish and we will not be silenced, we have marched and we will march, we will write and protest, and we will remember at the next ballot, and every ballot thereafter, that when we asked for change, for choice, you ignored us.

We are Irish and when we asked for leadership, you gave none, and now we're done asking, we're demanding.

I am Irish and I am adding my voice to the cacophony of voices that have come before me to say: this is not good enough. We're Irish and we deserve a choice.

Lynda

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