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*PRONOIA IS THE ANTIDOTE FOR PARANOIA*  
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Below is an excerpt.

It's Bad Luck to Be Superstitious

Review in painstaking detail the history of your life,  
honoring every moment as if you were conducting  
a benevolent Judgment Day.

Forgive yourself of every mistake except one.

Create a royal crown for yourself  
out of a shower cap, rubber bands, and light bulbs.

Think of the last place on Earth you'd ever want to visit,  
and visualize yourself having fun there.

Test to see if people are really listening to you by asserting  
that Karl Marx was one of the Marx Brothers.

Steal lint from dryers in laundromats  
and use it to make animal sculptures for someone you admire.

Fantasize you're the child of divine parents  
who abandoned you when you were two days old,  
but who will soon be coming back to reunite with you.

Meditate on how one of the symbols of plenitude in Nepal  
is a mongoose vomiting jewels.

Once a year on the night before your birthday,  
say these words into a mirror: "It's bad luck to be superstitious."

Start a club whose purpose is to produce an archive  
of controversial jokes and obscene limericks about beauty, truth, and love.

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Pronoia doesn't promise uninterrupted progress forever. It's not a slick commercial for a perfect  
balmy day that never ends. Grace emerges in the ebb and flow, not just the flow. The waning  
reveals a different kind of blessing than the waxing.

But whether it's our time to ferment in the valley of shadows or rise up singing in the sun-  
splashed meadow, fresh power to transform ourselves is always on the way. Our suffering won't  
last, nor will our triumph. Without fail, life will deliver the creative energy we need to change into  
the new thing we must become.

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Many people sincerely think that they will be called before God to account for themselves on  
Judgment Day. If you yourself have held that belief, you can stop worrying about it. The fact is,  
according to a survey of over 800 dissident bodhisattvas, urban witch doctors, sacred agents,  
and undercover geniuses, that you are called before "God" on "Judgment Day" on a regular  
basis.

Since you still exist, you have apparently passed every test so far. "God" obviously keeps finding  
you worthy. You shouldn't get overconfident, of course. But maybe from now on you can assume  
that although there may be a world of pressure on you, that pressure is natural, merciful, and  
exactly what you need.

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your source code and boost its signal.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):**

Horror novelist Stephen King has sold more than 350 million books. But when he was young and destitute, still honing his craft, his self-confidence was low. His breakthrough work was *Carrie*, about a teenage girl who develops telekinetic powers. But when he was first writing that manuscript on his old manual typewriter, he got so discouraged that he threw his first draft in the trashcan. Luckily for him, his wife retrieved it and convinced him to keep plugging away. Eventually he finished, and later sold the paperback rights for \$400,000. I hope you have an ally who will go digging in your garbage to fish out the good stuff you unwisely discard. Or maybe this horoscope will convince you not to scrap it in the first place.

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**YOU NEED MAGIC EVERY DAY**

Every day, you have to wade through a relentless surge of soul-less facts. The experience tends to shut down your sense of wonder.

Every day, you're over-exposed to narratives that have been sucked free of delight and mystery. That's why you have to make such strenuous efforts to keep your world enchanted.

I like to think I can contribute to the sacred cause of feeding your sense of wonder and enchantment. In fact, that's one of my prime motivations for offering you the free weekly horoscopes you read in this newsletter.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):**

Situation #1: If you meet resistance or doubt, say this: "Ha! This diversion can't slow me down, because I am in possession of an invisible magical sword!" And then brandish a few charismatic swipes of your sword to prove that you mean business. Situation #2: If angst and worry are preventing your allies from synchronizing their assets with yours, say this: "Begone, dread! For with the power of my wicked crazy songs, I am the destroyer of fear." And then sing your wicked crazy songs. Situation #3: If you're finding it hard to discern the difference between useless, ugly monsters and useful, beautiful monsters, say this: "I am a useful, beautiful monster!" Your kind will flock to your side.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):**

In her poem "Advice to Myself," Louise Erdrich speaks of the human heart as "that place you don't even think of cleaning out. That closet stuffed with savage mementos." I invite you to use her observations as a prod, Taurus. Now is an excellent time to purge the savage mementos from your heart, and clean the whole place up as best as you can. You don't have to get all OCD about it. There's no need to scour and scrub until everything's spotless. Even a half-hearted effort will set in motion promising transformations in your love life.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):**

I hope you will learn more in the next eight months than you have ever before learned in a comparable period. I hope you will make a list of all the subjects you would love to study and all the skills you would love to master, and then devise a plan to gather the educational experiences with which you will reinvent yourself. I hope you will turn your curiosity on full-blast and go in quest of revelations and insights and epiphanies, smashing through the limits of your understanding as you explore the frontiers of sweet knowledge.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):**

Three times a week, I take a hike along a rough path through an oak forest. I say it's rough because it's strewn with loose rocks. If I don't survey the ground as I move, I'm constantly turning my ankles. Or at least that was the case until last week. For two days, with the help of a rake, I cleared many of those bothersome obstacles off the trail. It took several hours, but now the way is smoother. My eyes are free to enjoy the sights that aren't so close to the ground. I recommend that you do similar work. Stop tolerating inconveniences and irritations that hobble you. Get your foundations in shape to serve you better.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):**

American author Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) was ahead of his time. He created the genre of the detective story and mastered the art of Gothic horror tales. According to the Internet Movie Database, 240 films have referenced themes from his work. British writer Aldous Huxley wasn't a fan of Poe, though. He said Poe was "too poetical -- the equivalent of wearing a diamond ring on every finger." Judging from the astrological omens, I suspect you may be at risk to lapse into a diamond-ring-on-every-finger phase yourself, Leo. While I am all in favor of you unveiling more of your radiant beauty, I'm hoping you won't go too far. How about wearing diamond rings on just four of your fingers?

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**

Republican Jody Hice is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in Georgia's 10th Congressional District. To bolster his authority, he repeats quotes by revered figures from American history. One of his favorites has been a gem from the sixth U.S. President, John Quincy

American history. One of his favorites has been a gem from the sixth U.S. President, John Quincy Adams: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." The only problem is, those words were actually written by country singer Dolly Parton, not by Adams. Don't get fooled by a comparable case of mistaken identity, Virgo. Be on the alert for unwarranted substitutions and problematic switcheroos. Be a staunch fact-checker. Insist on verification.

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**HOMEWORK:**

What's the most amazing feat you ever pulled off? What will you do for your next amazing feat?  
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