

I met Kramer Wetzel in early 1996. He told me that my life would soon change dramatically, but in very good ways.

The next day my mother died.

Six weeks later he was back on the radio show I produced. When I told him what happened he looked at my chart again and said, "Dude, looking at it in other ways, at least you're in the right place to really launch your radio career...they love you here."

The next day I got fired.

And started to look into spending the last few dollars I had on a hit man to bump off an astrologer I knew.

Turns out that he had put the wrong year on my chart so all his readings were off. The moral to the story? When you're telling Kramer your birthday info don't try and do it over the enchanting hiss of a jumbo sized can of fix o' flat. He was doing some home improvements...the single-wide had a flat, was therefore leaning, and was therefore making his CD changer skip. An eclectic blend of The Grateful Dead, Fatboy Slim, Hank III, and Mozart is all the more chaotic with rampant skipping.

I should've picked a better time to give him my information. These things happen, as with all aspects of life, timing is everything.

But the man does know romance. He's given me advice on every female who has crossed my path since our friendship's conception. Actually, most of the advice has all come down to one word...

"Run."

Run hard, run fast, run silent, run deep. But run. Run like Mexican H2O through a Nebraskan Spring Breaker. But the key word was "Run."

And he was always right. But I turned him onto cigars, so he owes me to help me find "the one." Oh wait...he set me up with my own web page, www.astrowhore.org. So I guess he doesn't owe me squat. Good think I kidnapped his cat on the way out of the trailer for some leverage. Who's your daddy now, bitch? Read on. The boy's good. And I use that word in the loosest of definitions.

The word, "boy," that is. The "good" part I meant. And no, he's not paying me to say any of this. Hell, the guy still owes me \$17.

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Preface:

Dedicated to Bubba Ben, Bubba Bill, Bubba Blaine, Bubba Dave, Bubba Greg, Bubba Mark, Bubba Pat, Bubba Sean, Bubba Troy, and that one special girl in Texas....

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*“Hey Bubba, did you get your trolling motor
back from your ex-wife?”*

Introduction

Gonzo Astrology — I encountered the term “gonzo journalism” sometime back in the late 1970s, and it influenced me enough to call my old racing team, “F & L Racing.” It stood for Fear & Loathing, an obvious allusion to the work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson that has influenced a great deal of what I have encountered.

Now the term, Gonzo Journalism, might have been merely a marketing label applied to certain small branch of writing emerging from a turbulent era of history, but the definition, as I understand it, means “journalism with no perspective on the subject at all.”

I use the term to describe the kind of astrology that I practice. I have a chart. The person that I’m reading for has a chart. The two charts interact, much like a compatibility profile, or a synastry analysis. No two ways about it, either, not to me. I’ve encountered a number of astrologers who all try to remain objective and do deep psychological work with astrology. That’s nice; works for them. The information is certainly there, but this is humanity and most clients are looking for two big questions to be answered: “When will I find a relationship?” and “Will this relationship work out all right?”

What you hold in your hand is a text that attempts to demythologize some arcane astrology stuff and make it all simple. Look, Astrology is a sacred science and a viable art form, practiced for the last couple of millennia, and now it’s up to you to figure a little bit of this out, and how you can make it work for you. Pretty simply put, Astrology is a language, a set of signs and metaphors. How these signs interact is kind of like putting a puzzle together. This text isn’t about some of the arcane subsets of astrology, it isn’t about how the psychological process works. It’s about “Girl meets boy, girl gets boy, girl loses boy” and why that happens. Which ones stick around, which ones don’t, and what are the odds on making it work?

I’ve covered Texas from the New Mexico border to the Deep East Texas Bayous, from Oklahoma to the Gulf Coast and Mexico, and I figure that this includes a fair representation of humanity as we all understand it. Some of my allusions and references are drawn from literature while other sources include day-to-day activities associated with living in Texas.

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Using this text

So it's the New Age. Rather embark upon a discussion about the Age of Aquarius and its ramifications, or, for that matter, exactly when it all started, let's skip to the meat. If ya'll are vegan, the meat of the message is the same, it's the juicy part of the vegetable. Despite my New Age, liberal leanings, I still maintain that male and female versions of each sign differ. Look up your sign, then look your target's sign. Your "target" can be a real target, a person you're considering as a target, a spouse, a boyfriend, a girlfriend, a life-mate, a significant other, your boss, your cubicle mate, or, in my case, the cat.

If you know more about the target's chart, perhaps you know the birthday and have an inkling as to what sign the Moon is in, of maybe the person has a giant cluster of planets in particular place in the chart to lend a strong flavor to the chart, then compare your sign with that flavor. Some work. Some people are dead ringers for their signs. Other people look like the Moon Sign, Ascendant, or maybe a stellium of planets in one particular slice of their sky.

Any mistakes in the text? All mine.

Aries guys: ram tough, this is the hard chargin' sign of the truck. So it's the first sign out of the wheel, what is it? Cardinal Fire, ruled by Mr. Mars, the God of War. Tough buggers, that's the Aries Energy. Headstrong, stubborn, and those are the good qualities. Aries fish with dynamite. Nothing subtle here.

Shopping at 3:00 AM: Precision Shopping. Even in an induced stupor at three in the morning, the Aries knows what he wants, and the Aries gets what he is looking for. Nothing will deter him from this mission. Since Mars rules cutting instruments, being the Roman God of War, you can expect a surgical strike on the grocery store at 3:00 AM. A popular Aries food is the olive, which has been stuffed with a Serrano Pepper. Make sure that's on the list for the 3:00 AM Food Strike Force.

Brick Wall: Just as the symbol for Aries is the Ram, and just as the glyph for Aries is the Ram's Horns, Aries is very straightforward about problem resolution. They are very direct. Put a brick wall in front of an Aries, and he will charge straight into it. He will just lower his head, and bang away on that brick surface until something cracks. Like as not, it will be the wall. Aries are accused of being stubborn, but that's not really the case. There is a certain amount of determination that comes with them, though, and they do charge headlong into that brick wall every time.

Bait: Live shad — see, an Aries fish needs something that wiggles, and let's face facts, in some cases — and Aries is just such a case — no artificial bait can replace that special movement you can only get with a live one. For the non-technical folks, we call it action. Aries needs action, activity, and agility in order to get caught. Nothing works better than live shad for big redfish.

Body part: Head and face.

Aries Female and

Aries: Aries female and Aries male is a good combination because both partners are very much alike, although that may be a source of discord in the relationship due to the similarities. Aries is a Cardinal Sign, the first one out of the gate, a strong self-starter and self-promoter. Occasionally, in this relationship, the problem will be that the two people feel so much alike that there is friction caused by the “perception” that the mate just doesn’t get it. Whatever “it” is, needs some clarification. Because both of the partners are Fire Signs, look for a high degree of passion and physical love being expressed in this combination. Flying objects, or rather, sharp and heavy objects hurled with speed and accuracy are just one example of the many possible displays of affection. When problems do arise, the characteristic way an Aries deals with a problem is in a very forthright manner.

With two Rams in a relationship, both want to be in control of the situation and both want to have the upper hand. When fights do ensue, the pyrotechnics can be quite inspiring. Early on, both partners need to understand certain techniques for problem resolution. Since patience is never an Aries trait, effective tools need to be established, that is, clear lines of communication need to be established so the horns of these two rams can be unlocked. Brashness, bordering on brazen behavior is common for an Aries.

The good news is one always knows where one stands with an Aries, so one problem this relationship will never have is the comment: “I just don’t know how he feels about me...”

In a synastry chart, Sun conjunct Sun is a powerful combination. It makes for a couple quite capable of surmounting any obstacle, together. The most fun, though, comes from watching them bicker and squabble, because it can be done with such love and care. Unless there are conflicting elements in the chart, this is a good combination, and quit possibly one that can withstand the rigors of the long haul. Although it wouldn’t be considered typical, I would expect to find a certain degree of theatrics associated with this combination, along with the strong sense of power and destiny. Since both partners are at an early stage of development, the beginning of the zodiac in Western Astrology, this is a relationship that has overtones of lasting far into the future, possibly encompassing many future lives. As such, both partners should learn to cultivate care and respect for each other.

Taurus: Aries and Taurus can be problematic, but most of the trouble stems from the fact that both signs appear to be headstrong. This is an astrological fallacy. Taurus is not really headstrong, perhaps a better word would be “determined” or maybe “tenacious.” That’s the secret. The beauty of the relationship lies in the fact that neither sign has the “hidden agenda” routine, although, it would often appear that way to the Aries. If you can found that secret sensual side to the Taurus, and if the Taurus can tame the Aries fire, there is a possibility of a strong relationship here, and also, the possibility of lasting one because this is the second most ideal combination for relating to one sign because it’s Cardinal (Aries) and Fixed (Taurus).

The problems, which do arise, have to be dealt with quickly by the Taurus individual, and failing to do so is the root trouble between these two signs. In a strong love relationship, if the Aries is willing to accept the apparent Taurus fault, there is also the concept of the sensual Taurus nature that can pervade the scene. Unlike other Cardinal–Fixed relationships, though, this one can get past some of the problematic humps but that’s only because the Aries is doing all the striving.

Remember the old adage about Aries, how these people seem to be cold and dispassionate. The average Aries is anything but cold and dispassionate. A more accurate description is one where the Aries is quick to take action. “Still mad about that? I don’t know why, I forgave you a long time ago,” would be a typical Aries reaction whereas the Taurus is still deciding what to do. And that poor old Taurus guy is still trying to decide what to do to this very day.

Gemini: The Aries lady will have some problem with a Gemini man because the Aries ability to be up front and adaptable meets its match with the Gemini's characteristic flightiness. Now, not all Gemini's are flighty. But there is a kind of quickness inherent to the sign, a certain fickle quality that can drive the Aries around the bend, up a tree and out on a limb. If the Aries female can learn to appreciate this Gemini breadth of character, and find a way to keep the sharp Gemini intellect happy, there is a lot of hope. But it takes a little work, and perhaps a little planning on the part of the Aries.

The Gemini needs a remote control in life, so he can continually channel surf. Remember, the Gemini is the sign that can actually watch two or three shows at once. For an Aries gal, this can be a problem. The solution is simple two TV sets. To keep that Gemini brain happy, and this is what it is all about, satisfying the Gemini curiosity, the Aries needs to have plenty of reading material, everything from heady academic journals to *People Magazine* on hand, stuff to keep the myriad of Gemini facets occupied. Gemini is an air sign, a mutable air sign. This accounts for their highly fickle nature. And it indicates a high degree of brain power although, this wonderful brain is often unfocused.

Air feeds Fire—that's what makes this good. The spark is always there, and a Gemini male can certainly feed your imagination. I've dated Gemini's, and drawing on my own pool of experience, what I've found is that you don't know what your waking up with: one minute, she's a spiritual being with the qualities of Mother Teresa, and 30 seconds later, she's Satan Incarnate herself. Don't like it? Wait a minute or two—it will change. The Gemini often feels like he needs an anchor in life. Not many signs are capable of putting up with this sort of errant behavior, but the Aries female can, and if it's true love (and other compounding factors in a chart), there is a good chance of success with this relationship.

The whole trick is being adaptable. Be as adaptable as the Gemini is. Learn to tolerate the apparent mood swings. Get ready for what can be a roller coaster ride for life. The key to understanding the Gemini is simple: the Aries sees a bunch of different faces; the Gemini feels like there is but one face. Imagine looking at a finely cut gemstone... the Gemini is the stone. We all see the different facets—the Gemini still feels like there but one person in there....

Cancer: Fire and Water, together the two elements makes steam. While this is a good looking relationship on the surface, there are problems at its core because both signs are Cardinal signs, and that means the two signs square each other. Old Time Astrology says that this is a bad angle. Here at the research center, we've determined that "no spark, no flame" might be the best way to look at this.

The easiest way to understand the components of—and about—the Aries female and the Cancer male is that there is an attraction. The Aries woman can see that there is a soft and tender (and tasty) interior under that hard Crab shell. It's just getting to the soft part that makes this a challenging relationship. The Crab creature is deeply emotional, that's the good news, and forever emotionally supportive, too. He just has a tendency, in the Aries' eyes, to pout. Sometimes a dimpled pouting can be quite cute.

The problem here, again, is the sign of Cancer because Cancer itself is ruled by the Moon, and the Moon transits through a zodiac sign approximately every two and a half days. The Cancer Male will change emotionally every two days, or so it will seem. And the Aries might have a problem keeping up with these apparent mood swings. The good news is that there's the potential for enough of an attraction to see this through and make this relationship work. But it is going to take some understanding on the part of the Aries. Remember, you are the ones who are accused of being cold and unfeeling. And also bear in mind, you are not unemotional, just choosing to deal with events in an apparently hasty fashion. Take some of this quick response time, and apply it to that moody Cancer. Watch what can happen. The guy is over in the corner pouting because you said something, maybe even in jest, and he took it seriously, like it was a giant insult.

Of course, if he does the same thing to you, you brush it off and don't worry about it. Going back to this tension angle that describes the way to the signs are related in the zodiac, there is something of a weird attraction here. An Aries woman will find herself inexplicably drawn to the comfort and nurturing that the Cancer can represent. Just understand that this emotional sensitivity comes at the cost of being ruled by the Moon, and as such, the Cancer can flip through emotions on a pretty quick basis.

Leo: I've always liked this combination, I just don't get to see it as often as I like. It fits my Cardinal and Fixed rule, and as a Sagittarius, it also fits my Fire Rules rule. Perhaps all the Aries girls and Leo guys are so happy they never seek an astrologer for advice. So what gives?

Aries girls have a certain inability to tell stretchers, even if they are raised in Texas. With a Leo guy, an occasional stretcher is a good idea. When you're the mightiest sign in the zodiac, a little acknowledgment is a good idea. That's where the truthful Aries is truthful to a fault. Makes for trouble. However, just like the passion that runs so strong in this relationship, there is also a degree of interest that runs equally high. If an Aries girl like yourself can learn to deal with the Leo's ways, I'll assure you that there is a greater reward for efforts than you would ever imagine.

Leo's like attention, and if an Aries can focus her undivided attention on Mr. Leo right now, and for the next five minutes, you can find yourself being rewarded with 15 minutes of his time and adulation. It's a basic three for one deal. Not a bad deal at all. That's math even those of us with Liberal Arts degree can figure out.

But it's also going to take a little toning down to deal with Mr. Leo. At times, in this relationship, you're going to feel like he's a little childish. So? So he is. It's not like some astrologers don't suggest that all Aries are childish, too. Not me, but others. Go and watch a nature video about lions in Africa. Watch how the male lion works. That mighty hunter, that guy lion with the beautiful mane, that's your man. Now, treat him the same way that the girl lion treats that guy, and you've landed yourself a winning combination. It can work, but you Aries folks just have to understand how the other works.

Virgo: When I look at this one on paper, I mean, when I sit here and print up the various charts, and think back to the individual readings and try to draw some serious conclusions, the only message that pops into my mind is, “Why?”

It’s a great idea. It looks good on paper. It doesn’t work in the real world. Mr. Virgo is picky picky picky. Picky. And that’s no sooner said than some Virgo guy comes along and hounds me to a distraction about how he is not so retentive. Right. “But I’m not. Really! No, really, I’m not!” Sure thing. So perhaps this Virgo that you’ve fallen for is a little critical at times. That doesn’t mean that this is without some merit to it, but if you don’t understand that a Virgo can sometimes show that he cares by not criticizing as much, if you don’t understand the relative way his brain works, if you don’t understand that he’s trying to come up with a practical application for some of this stuff, then you don’t stand much of a chance.

Dating a Virgo, especially for an Aries chick (one editor suggested that “chick” was hopelessly outdated term, but Aries females are always cute, and a little bird is cute therefore I let it stand), is tough. Not impossible, but tough. The inherent bluntness of both signs can cause some friction that’s not easy to smooth over.

There’s a problem with trying to get the two to work together seamlessly. In fact, it’s like that missing rivet from the Cowboy Brand of Jeans (Levi’s don’t have a rivet in the crotch because of an accident squatting around the fire once). There needs to be some kind of solid anchor which holds these two signs together. Without that foundation, there’s just enough friction to cause a lot of minor pain. It’s not enough pain to dispose of the offending pair of pants, not right away, but sooner or later, you’ll clean out your closet and wonder why you kept this cause of friction around for so long.

If you’ve got the anchor that holds this all together, then your set for a life-mate. But without some bedrock in here, this relationship will fall apart at the seams.

Libra: It's another case where opposites attract, that's what your little Aries self will see in that Libra guy. Good? Maybe. Sometimes. Sort of. You love the way that Libra guy can dress, he has impeccable taste, and some how, he just knows how to say the very words you need to soothe your soul.

Problems? Yes. You are opposites. And you have both been (unfairly, according to me) accused of being tyrants and dictators. Of course, in this situation, each sign is going to try to be the alpha male. At least, the good news, is Mr. Libra has fine sense of dignity and diplomacy. So just exactly who is in charge? In the cases I've studied, I've never been able to tell for sure.

This is a classic example where one of you loves "country music" and the other loves "western music." Of course, to an untrained ear, it all sounds like "country and western," but to his refined Libra tastes, he can understand the minor nuances between a twang and a twang. And your basic Aries feeling is that you're right, and he doesn't want to rock that boat too much. But still, there is that small problem of minor variations, and the best you can do with him over matters of taste, or matters of a musical nature, is agree to disagree.

I've seen it work well for a serious long-term relationship. I've also seen it end in a spectacular firefight. Be forewarned, when this one blows up, if it blows up, it blows up in a rather big way, even to the point of no one surviving with dignity or integrity. All that seems left of this one is shattered remains.

But that doesn't doom this relationship from the get go. Even with a solar opposition, there are times when this relationship works out very well. The Libra guy has to become accustomed to the fact that you Aries girls can be blunt to the point of painful honesty. He has to learn which questions to ask because you will endeavor to give him an answer, consequences be damned.

That Libra guy also has subtle way with words, he can twist them about in such a way as to make everything all that much better. On more than one potentially explosive situation, you'll find yourself being swayed by his incredible rhetoric.

The annoying Libra characteristic, the ability to see everything from more than one side, that little, "just wait a minute, let's consider all the options" pause he is given to, can fall prey to your Aries decisiveness. Work out a way to solve problems and you've got a winner. Besides, as far as it goes, this opposition can be a lot of fun.

Scorpio: Think about it, first. Think long and hard before you succumb to the ultimate in seductive attractions in the zodiac, the Scorpio male. Think about what you might be getting yourself into. While I've seen this be a successful relationship from time to time, I've also seen the innate problems associated with this coupling.

The Scorpio male is steamy, sensual, full of depth, with a hint of sexual tension in everything he does. It's in his walk, his talk, that undercurrent of passion to jump to a cliché—"Still waters run deep," and to further that expression, it's also rather cold on the bottom. The problem is that the Scorpio tends to hold something back, keep something in reserve and this can grate on the straightforward Aries. With just about any Scorpio, you're going to find, occasionally, that you're right there, trying to pull information out of him. That's the problem.

One Scorpio I know claims he "just looks like I've got a secret" even though there's really nothing there. It's the threat, or the likelihood, or the intent. This Scorpio foreshadowing isn't all bad, it's just way they are wired together. And it doesn't doom this relationship by any means, it just makes for some times when the communication process can get bogged down with languages. The Scorpio fellow might be actually expressing his heartfelt thoughts and the Aries, because they are of a different school of communication, might be hearing a load of rubbish. Same words, it's all in the delivery.

Will it work? Sure. Are there some problems? In my best Scorpio voice, "Maybe." The Aries has nothing up her sleeve, no hidden agenda. The Scorpio might always carry the illusion that's there is something up his sleeve, even if there's nothing there.

Sagittarius: Fire and Fire can be a very hot combination, at least, this looks very good on paper. And, in the real world, it works well, too. There is one or two little difficulties that need to be addressed, though, and that is the apparent brash and rash behavior of the Aries that leads some folks to conclude that Aries is cold and heartless—and the short attention span of the Sagittarius male.

These possible foibles notwithstanding, though, this is one of the better Fire/Fire combinations. The Sagittarius will be a little upset from time to time at the Aries inability to react fast enough, and the same Sagittarius will be pleasantly surprised when the Aries does agree to go to France this weekend. Okay, it may not be France, it might be more like the Gulf Coast, but the Aries is perfectly capable of picking up and moving right alongside the Sagittarius.

With all same element relationships, there is a degree of harmony in this pairing that can't be beat. The passions will forever run high. And both signs are noted for their ability to “shoot from the hip” which is helpful. When the problems occur, though, unless the Sagittarius has a lot of something else in his chart, the Aries will always feel like she is taking the quick way out. And, much to the chagrin of the Sagittarius, the Aries can react more quickly than he. There aren't many signs whom are capable of taming a Sagittarius male, but this is certainly one of the better pairings that I've observed.

Capricorn: This is one of the most bizarre combinations available, because, despite its first astrological appearance of being a fluke, I've seen it work better than just about any other combination. One of the reasons this works is because it is an astrological square, that is, the Suns are at 90 degrees to each other. This is considered a tough angle, a challenge, no matter how nicely you care to characterize it. The strength and tenacity of the Aries female will be tested, time and again, by the sheer stubbornness of the Cappy male. Which sign will win? Both win, in the long run. The Aries female is more willing to forgive, forget, and move on than the Cappy male. This makes for a difference between the two, and this is why the Aries female is the leader in this relationship. That poor old Cappy male is still trying to make up his mind which way to go.

This is also a case where the Aries brashness gets a chance to come into play, and this quickness of temper is useful in this relationship. The Aries is a wonderful companion to the Cappy, the one problem might be in the way Cappy will expound indefinitely on numerous subjects. In fact the Cappy does know a lot, and traditionally, is the teacher in this situation. It's just you Aries might not always be a willing student. That's one relationship issue to watch out for.

There's another problem area, too, and when the planets overhead cause a stress angle to one sign, it will also cause a similar (but different) stress angle to the other. What this means, is that when the going gets tough, and the brown stuff starts to hit the fan, then that brown stuff will not be evenly distributed. One sign will dodge, and the other will duck. In all probability, both signs get hit, just in different areas.

Aquarius: The Aries female needs to be sensitive to the rebellious nature of the Aquarius male. Pretend he is a bird. Slight breezes don't ruffle his feathers. Major gales, though, something that does threaten his security? Now that does scare him.

Aquarius males are rebels. Sometimes without a clue, but rebels nonetheless. The advantage of this relationship is that Aries is a Cardinal Sign, and the Aquarius is a Fixed Sign. While this is a rule for whatever fixed sign I'm talking about, Aquarius can be the most stubborn of the fixed signs. Unlike other fixed signs, however, the Aquarius male doesn't let the little changes affect him. Try to make a major shift in his life, though, and watch him fight it to the bitter end.

Aquarius is an Air sign, and this intellectual ability can feed the Aries flame. The problem is that the Aries female will react to a situation with a physical reaction, and the Aquarius partner will just think about the next course of action. Resolving this difference between the two signs makes for all the difference in the world. In traditional astrology, the angle between Aries and Aquarius is sixty degrees that means the two signs are "sextile" to each other. While this is considered a beneficial and flowing angle, it does have the single drawback that unless one of the parties takes some action, any action (just DO something), nothing happens. Between the Aries and Aquarius, then I would suggest that the Aries initiate the action. But always let the Aquarius think it was his idea.

Pisces: The Pisces Male can either be a great lover and friend, possibly the very best relationship you've ever encountered, or it can be a bad one. Real bad. Awful. The Mate From Hell. The deal is this: an Aries woman know what she wants and goes for it, no quarter given. The Pisces male let's some one ride roughshod over him for a while, and then, depending on his planets, reacts badly. Due to the water sign volubility of the Pisces male, there can be a propensity for infidelity. This is not a blanket statement, but it is one that should cover some situations.

Pisces is ruled by Neptune, who is the old Grand Master Fish Dude himself. I will always associate Pisces with the "Mysteries of the Seas" because that's what is at work here. Of course, in the case of the Pisces, not many people have actually plumbed their depths. This is a relationship built on the fact that the Aries is driving, and the Pisces is following along. While this may feel like a reversal of traditional roles, it's not. And it does work very effectively. Aries is Fire and Pisces is Water, and together the two make steam.

The other way to look at this relationship is that the Aries is at the beginning of the wheel of life, and the Pisces is at the tail end. The purpose of this relationship, on some level, is to let the Pisces do what he does best: instruct about spiritual matters. In this one area, he is the master of the relationship. The rest are just details. Perhaps the word "master" has a much too strong connotation. How about he is the spiritual figurehead for this relationship?

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Taurus guys: this is the sign of mint chocolate. Ask them what their favorite flavor is, “You mean I got to choose just one?” is the common response. Beautiful voice, great sense of taste, aesthetic snobs. Ruled by Venus, as in the Goddess of Beauty. Taurus don't fish, but have back room filled with tackle and a shiny new bass boat that one wouldn't want to actually get wet.

Grocery store: A Taurus is fun to shop with. The tactile nature of Taurus turns a simple trip to the grocery store into a sensory experience. There're melons to thump, tomatoes to squeeze, the mint to smell, and maybe a few fresh cut flowers to pick up, too. I remember being stuck in a Mall with a Taurus, and he had to touch and handle everything. Before he could declare a shirt worthy of purchase, he had to fondle the material to see if it was soft and silky smooth.

Shopping at midnight: Whether shopping for auto parts or swimwear, the Taurus will seem to meander at times in the discount store that is open 24 hours. The Taurus will always swing through the clothing department just to see if there are any good deals, fondling the softer fabrics. The Taurus will also wander through the food section just to see if there are any good deals available. This is due to the fact that Taurus is most often associated with Venus. It's the Venus which rules good taste. Soft, supple, and very sensual. Don't forget that pleasure is a business to a Taurus.

Brick wall: A Taurus takes one look at an Aries banging his head against the brick wall and decides that it looks like it might hurt. Taurus has a much more refined approach: do nothing, wait and see. Taurus can be rather patient at times, and when confronted with an immovable object, the Taurus is inclined to hang a nice, pretty drape on it and sit himself down to a hearty meal, waiting to see if the problem will go away. Remember, the problem has been addressed by a tasteful drape, or maybe a painting, or, at the very least, a poster that seems to be in good taste.

Bait: Get one of those special Craw Dad plastic things—the newer plastic jobs that have a special, garlic smell embedded in the plastic. Works great. I know, you might find the authentic “feeling” of the plastic a little slimy, but to catch a Taurus, you need something that looks real, feels real, and, most important, tastes good. And that garlic flavor–bacon bait has the taste that a Taurus Bass will crave.

Body part: Neck, throat, ears.

Taurus woman and

Aries: I love Aries guys, and you're going to find them attractive, too—that's the good news. But as soon as I start out with a note of good news, like the perspicacious individual that you are, you're going to be asking, "Okay, smart guy, what's the bad news?"

Glad you asked. Aries are known for their gentle and loving manner. Just kidding. Aries are known for the fact that they are fire signs, and as such, they embody many of the traits of the element fire. That means there can be a lot of passion there. Depth of feeling, though, isn't the same as passion, and as a Taurus, your refined sense of whom you are requires that you have some depth in that emotion.

Like the element of fire: strike a match and watch what happens. As long as there is the oxygen and matchstick, that is, as long as there is fuel, it burns well. But when that fire runs out of fuel, you're stuck with a smoldering splinter and probably burnt fingertips.

I'm not about to suggest that every Aries guy is like that burned up matchstick, but you might want to consider a few elements before holding on to him too long. Does he really have what it takes to make it through the Taurus mud pit of love? Or is this guy really just a sprinter, and he sure looks good right now, but he might grow cold before too long? These are important questions, and in your little Taurus heart (actually, most Taurus girls have huge hearts), you need to make some assessment about real worth versus what you're feeling at the moment. It's sometimes hard to tell love from passion because the two emotions often excite the same place in the brain. But it's not your brain that I'm worried about, it's your heart.

There are numerous qualities about Aries guys that I really do like. They are loyal, and they are very upfront. There is rarely, if ever, any hidden agenda. They tell you what they are going to tell you, they tell you what they tell you and then they tell you what they told you. Pretty simple. That's that. No more. Over and out. Finish. Done deal. —30—. End of file. Fini. Get the picture?

My personal favorite is the brick wall scenario. Go back and review that before you get much further. See if it fits you, and see if it fits that Aries guy. And then, you have to decide for yourself, see if his style fits your style. For a short run, it works well. For a long-term engagement, I might look elsewhere.

Taurus: This is one of those relationships that really looks bad on paper. I mean, it looks terrible. Practical advice suggests that should just stay away from this one altogether. Those folks in the know claim it's just no good. But what the books say, and what I've seen, seems to be different.

It can work. It can work pretty well. It's matter of understanding what you two are about. Personally, I enjoy shopping with a Taurus because no one has the exquisite good taste that a Taurus girl displays. But understanding each other is the problem. The trouble starts when major problems occur. This is going to take teamwork, cooperation, and chance to work together. It's like shopping with a Taurus. If you understand what's going on, it can be an incredibly enjoyable experience. If you don't get it, though, there's trouble.

When my Taurus friend goes to the store, doesn't matter which store, let's suggest it's a "Super Mega Discount Chain Store," she is going to dawdle and look at all the pretty clothes, maybe even some of the material, which is in a department clear across the store from where wanted to be. Then there's the touching, it's that Taurus tactile thing I like so much, she has to feel all the clothes. Eye appeal isn't everything, there's a certain feeling to each piece of cloth. Now, we went to the store to pick up a 12-pack of cheap diet soda, but you know, as long as we're here....

That's the flavor this relationship takes. You can seem to sit for hours, days, weeks at a time without much verbal communication. That looks real cool with two bulls sitting there. But like my dear old Dad used to say, "There can only be one bull in the pasture." Makes for a bit of a problem.

As long as there is an understanding here, though, I've seen this one work. In fact, I've seen it work more times than not. The degree of understanding is important. That might be an important characteristic in every good relationship, but it's really important here. Fortunately, most people with a strong Taurus chart can be very patient. And that's going to be important here.

Understanding your target, understanding how that Taurus guy reacts to certain situations is often like looking at a mirror. And I can say from long personal experience, it's hard to argue with the face in the mirror. In my case, he has counter for my every argument. That's the only problem with this, really, it's learning how to solve your problems together. Good luck. While some might look askance at this, I've seen Taurus plus Taurus work.

Gemini: Work with me on this one, my fine Taurus girl. Gemini is a fine specimen of humanity. Sometimes. Other times, you feel like you've got yourself a space alien. To be sure, that Gemini guy is certainly bright and entertaining, but consider the basic elemental construction of these two signs. You're solid, like a rock. He's not. You're stable. He's entertaining. Maybe not too stable, but fun. You're soft and sensual. He's soft and sensual. Wait, he was, now he's not interested. Now he's bored. Now he's excited again. I hope you can follow what the problem might be.

Every hyperactive child needs a stabilizing influence in his life. The question you might want to ask yourself has to do with putting up with that Gemini guy for a long time. Remember how much fun he is? Be careful, because there's a time, let's say it's like a Sunday morning when you just want to stay in that nice, warm bed a little longer. That's the morning that the Gemini wants to get up early and tackle some big projects. You'll also be dismayed to find out that the first project involves stripping the sheets off the bed so he can do the laundry.

His timing is impeccable. It's the one day you can sleep late. It's the one day when you can lounge around with no problems. This is an example, that Gemini bobbing up and done at the bedside, "C'mon, don't you want to get up?"

Occasionally, I've seen this relationship combination successful over a long period of time. But what makes it work is the patience of the Taurus and her rock solid stability that serves to anchor that Gemini a little. In the better relationships, I also suspect that the good Taurus woman gets all her commitments from the Gemini guy in writing; that way he can't dispute what he agreed to. "Oh, that's right, you want to sleep in today...."

Cancer: This is one of the more sedate gathering of signs that I've observed. There's an undercurrent to it, though, that seems to run deep. It's like that spot on the river, where the bank is too steep approach from the land, maybe there's a picturesque Willow tree overhanging the pool, but the water is moving fast and eddies back. This Deep Eddy is what this relationship is like.

It looks calm on the surface. Down deep, though, are some tremendous bottom feeders—catfish. If you don't know anything about how good catfish tastes when it's skinned and grilled, or rolled in some batter and fried, just take my word for it, it can be the finest of meals. Tasty fish food. The deal with a catfish is that he resembles, or his flavor resembles, the water that he's feeding in. If you are starting with a basically clear fork of the river, then this catfish is wonderful, and this relationship is wonderful. If there's been a lot of disturbances, though, there can be trouble—like the fish, he'll taste like mud. Worse yet, if some garbage has been thrown into the river, or industrial waste, then this is also reflected in the flavor of the relationship.

While there is a certain affinity for each other, there is also the chance of trouble. Move carefully when you're fishing for a Cancer catfish in this tributary. Make sure you check the upstream source before diving in with a Cancer.

Leo: This is another example of charts that shouldn't work well together, but for some reason, they do. I can't put my finger on just what it is. Perhaps it's the idea that both signs are truly "the most stubborn sign" and that adds a degree of tenacity, which seems to be lacking, (if you believe the statistics) in most current relationships.

I'm certainly not a voyeur, but this would be interesting to watch, at some level, because of the passionate side of the Leo and the intensely erotic side of the Taurus. Without getting into graphic details, this just might be the glue that holds these two together. However, when examining the charts themselves, I see no reason why a decent Taurus woman and a Leo guy would be together. From watching several couple just like this, what I've seen is that the method for resolving differences is a finely tuned device. There is some quipping, a few sly comments, and then the reconciliation.

In the practical world, I still doubt that this works, but in the FGS laboratory, I've got more examples of this working than not. Perhaps it's the human nature element at work here.

Virgo: This is a good get together of two earth signs. On more than one occasion, I've taken one look at this, and said, "You two deserve each other."

(I've also been force-fed my words back to me, but I could say that about all relationships in one flavor or another.)

I still like this one because we've got two signs that compliment each other pretty well. But I have to warn you about the Virgo guy. He is not without a few faults. Okay, so Virgo's are usually perfect. Perhaps I should just leave it at that. In this world, however, perfectionism doesn't always add up. I've encountered one too many Virgo males who just doesn't quite get it.

I'm reminded of failed relationship between two of this ilk, and there's a funny story. The Taurus girl was in the process of breaking up with the Virgo guy, claiming he was too anal retentive about certain aspects of the relationship. You know how those Virgo guys can be. She concluded her speech about "just being friends, quit seeing each other" and all that other stuff, and then she asked him for a comment. He looked at here, the bright summer sun shining overhead, the idyllic park, the little creek burbling near by, and he made one comment. It was body function: flatulence. Of the loud and noxious variety.

To this day, I'm pretty sure they are still friends. But if the Taurus girl can't abide with some of the typical Virgo characteristics found in the male of this species, she should move on. I will promise, though, that it's not a typical relationship, and there are certain elements inherent in both of the signs that make this pretty good. The sensual Taurus can find some of the attention she craves in a Virgo.

On a star scale, this should get about three out of four stars. Not the very best but pretty good, and like I've often said, "You guys deserve each other."

Libra: In this relationship, the glue is built on trust. The Libra has to trust to Taurus for stability, more than anything else. That doesn't mean that every night you're expected to be at home with dinner on the table at the precise hour—no Libra would abide by such ritual, besides, he would oftentimes be late. But there's a degree wherein you have to have some sort of private ritual that you both adhere to. It's not always the same. The fact — both signs are ruled by Venus — is good.

It's different Venus that rules the fixed earth sign of Taurus when compared to the cardinal air Libra sign's Venus. It might make you wonder if it is in fact the same ruling planet, but that's where this relationship comes together. It's built on love, and that's the same planet, the Venus of love.

As goddesses go, though, Venus could be fickle and that's where the stability of the Taurus comes into play. Rock steady. Won't budge under the most dire of circumstances. "Built Ford tough," to borrow from a truck marketing slogan. The other part of the Libra that requires some understanding is his ability to start something, and then wander off with the project half completed. He's got other things on his mind right now, don't hound him about the unfinished business. With a Libra male, there will always be some great schemes, plans and a few details left unattended. This is where there is always a degree of acceptance needed on the part of the Taurus. With that forgiveness, a coy shake of her head, a little bemused look, the Taurus lady can hitch up her skirts and carry on.

I'll promise that you will always be entertained, just don't take too much of what he says to heart. But you can trust him with your heart.

Scorpio: This is possibly one of the best or worst, depending on a few factors, combination. While I have one or two stunning examples of how it works well with Taurus girl and Scorpio guy, I also get many Taurus females who complain bitterly about the behavior characteristics that are endemic with Scorpio guys. Do a little research and find out what you are considering, when considering this union. Like I've suggested, I have a few cases where it's a long-term, long-lasting combination. But I've also heard about how it blows up pretty bad, with much gnashing of teeth, and foul words at 20 paces. Lawyers, even, are called in.

When it works, it's because the Taurus girl can recognize the smoldering sexuality of Mr. Mysterious. She accepts that, and doesn't worry about the fact that he always seems to be up to something. She doesn't let that thought trouble her serene Taurus tainted worldview. In some cases, she shrugs it off and writes it off as "male behavior." Don't forget that the Taurus herself is smoldering sensate of superior sensuality, therefore these two can find a common ground. That, and the opposition of Taurus and Scorpio can make for an instant attraction. In this case, when it works, the instant attraction never, ever fades.

But that isn't always the case, and it does seem to be the exception to the rule. These are the two most fixed signs in the zodiac. Each one has a tenacious quality that never seems to go away. At all. Ever. Get over the idea that you are going to change each other. I've yet to find a Scorpio guy that changes willingly for his date. What seems to be the normal course of events is that this starts out as a torrid romance and then dissolves as the participants both have an impossible time advancing their own agendas. It usually involves some small disagreement that escalates into a full-time war. And no relationship should ever look like a war zone. Each side, both Taurus and Scorpio, in this case, grind their collective heels into the dirt and stand fast. It seems that there is small point of order, perhaps a principle rather than a real situation that causes the initial conflict. It just never seems to get any better.

Both signs are very stable, but if you ask either one, the other one is "a psychotic personality, obviously." When it does work, it's because there is some high degree of satisfaction and stability present. But when a person argues with a Taurus female or a Scorpio male, some one has to lose, and neither of these signs are willing to concede a point. When it's good, it's great. It will last forever. But if there is the slightest hint of dissatisfaction, get out while you still have one shred of your own human dignity left.

Sagittarius: Dear Taurus woman, what were you thinking? The wild and woolly Sagittarius lad is certainly exciting. In fact, you're bound to find him sexy and alluring, and you would dearly love to tame his wild ways. That's the problem. His wild ways, which you find so attractive, might not be subjugated so easily, and you might be biting off more than you can chew.

Those alluring traits, which look so good one night, might not be the best characteristics to seek in a long-term partnership. This is a merger that might not have all the merits of both the interested companies when they are separate and alone. You need to tread cautiously before embarking on this sort of a deal.

It's not like you don't appear tempting to him, either. You have that stable yet slightly wild look in your eyes, you have that "unknown" quality about yourself which suggests that he might be very interested. He wants to explore, and you're just one more "unknown" he needs to find out about.

Is he interested? That's a definite yes. Is going to last for a long time? That's up to you. You have a very fine line, a certain balance point that you have to succeed in maintaining, and that is a real difficult proposition in the best of times, and an impossible takes under the worst of circumstances.

He likes his freedom, but he like the rock-solid anchor that you also seem to represent to him. Which why will he go? It depends on the phase of the Moon, the turning of the various whims of the wheel of fortune, and any number of intangible factors, which for your precious Taurus life, you might never get a firm grasp of.

The best advice is to hold him with loose rein, let him meander about like he always does. Don't be afraid of his passion because that is certainly there. And don't be upset if his passion ebbs and flows like the tide. He's not moody, but he is easily distracted. As long as you understand that he moved by whims from time to time, you'll do okay.

"Hey baby, who loves you?"

Capricorn: Dirt and dirt can go together like oil and water. Or they can form a more holy bond than most people experience in several lifetimes. And if you're involved with a Capricorn guy, there is surely a degree of past life influence, a certain sense of destiny, and certain sense of trials and tribulations which might scare away a lesser sign, some female who isn't a Taurus.

I've maintained for some time now that Cap guy doesn't fully season until he's hit a good 30 years of age. That's when he's on top of things, that's when his ruling planet, the planet voted most likely to be associated with his sign, Saturn, has made a complete trip around his chart. Before that age, I wonder about these guys a little. They ain't all there, if you know what I mean. But after that little trip through zodiac, he's more than ready. Catch one before his Saturn Return, and he's okay. Get one after that special astrological turning point, and he is wonderful.

The sun signs trine each other, and a trine is generally considered a very good angle between signs. See? I told you this could be good. Regrettably, though, there's still a small problem with this one, and the Capricorn has this sense that there is some better part of fortune waiting for him, just over there. It's not a Sagittarius wanderlust, and it's not a Gemini inherent instability, it's just a sort of reserved attitude. It's not as reserved or even hidden, like a Scorpio, it's just that, well, it's just a sense of ennui that pervades his psyche from time to time.

On a good day, this man will be very entertaining. Good to look at, youthful, thoughtful, serious, and then there is that dry humor. As long as you adjust your delicate Taurus sensibilities to that self-deprecating humor, you'll get along fine. He's so serious some times, he needs that droll stuff to lighten up his load.

The physical attraction should be strong, but it's less along the lines of fireworks, and more along the lines of Tantric Yoga. Know what that stuff is? Perhaps you are the one to introduce him to this subject. Few signs have the raw physical stamina to keep up with a Taurus. A Cap guy has what it takes to make you real happy.

Aquarius: Sometimes, there is a strong appeal between two signs. In this case, it's that age-old (instead of age of) Aquarius appeal going for you. When Fixed signs attract each other, there is usually a gentle form rivalry going on, some competitive edge is working. An Aquarius guy is good for that. There's just one little thing about Taurus girl that bothers him. See, it seems that all of you Taurus girls, at one time or another, seem to emote. Just a fact of life. And while that Aquarius guy has a good understanding of the words you are using, the proper evocation of feelings just doesn't make into his Aquarius heart.

I have it on good authority, from an Aquarius medical doctor who looked at me, that this heart thing does exist, as a real organ, in all Aquarius males. He was sure of it. I think he was a blood doctor, but I don't recall off hand. Oh yes, they all have a pump that circulates the blood fluids through the body.

That's not the kind of heart I was referring to, and that brings up the hard point with Mr. Aquarius in this situation. Of course, he's going to call it a situation rather than call it a "relationship" because "the term relationship has both denotative and connotative qualities," and then he goes off on a rant about the language and winds up talking about Middle English Prosody. Sooner or later, his intellectually stimulating lectures and fine command of the language are going to wear you down. Maybe even wear you out, and it's hard to wear out a Taurus girl [I should know].

What are you going to do? I suggest enjoying the Aquarius person for what he is. He's entertaining, he can increase your vocabulary, and on some cold, winter nights, he can scratch that itch that no one else can get to. But don't plan on him being a cuddle bunny later—that's not his nature. So enjoy his company for what it is, but understand he's got a special yen for freedom that is more symbolic than anything else, and this urge can get in the way of your sense of domesticity.

Pisces: Oh dear. Have you landed yourself a Pisces male? Then get prepared for a relationship which will be a lot of fun, but it will be equally frustrating because the Pisces male that you've got your hands on has a rather fluid sense of justice and morals which can be quite porous.

The fish analogy works really well here because he is very hard to hold on to. You never know which way he is going to turn. The advantage is that the Pisces guy can keep up with that Taurus sensual side and never miss a beat. That much he's good for. Other things? Like taking out the trash or mowing the lawn? Find another sign.

The Pisces male will love you with all his heart and soul, and he has great depths in his soul, which the Taurus can only get a glimpse of. That's where the fun really starts because a relationship like this can feel like it soars on many planes, astral planes, physical planes, jet planes, biplanes, you name it. The problem here is that the Taurus girl wants some sense of stability, and the Pisces guy finds most of his sense of stability in the spiritual side of life. Belief systems are great, but unless one is really adept at magic, solid belief systems usually fail to put bread on the table.

Gemini guys: Gemini, they travel in schools. The old saying, Gemini—being the sign of the twins and all—was two-faced. Not true. Just the multi-faceted Swiss Army knife of the zodiac. Ruled by Mercury, the little winged wonder, the divine package delivery service of the gods. Not usually a good choice for fishing because they can't seem to sit still plus they never seem to stop talking.

Grocery store: Gemini is (are) ruled by Mercury. Mercury goes around the Sun every 88 days. Get the picture? Fast moving planet, and most Gemini's tend to be fast moving as well. Imagine a shopping cart with motorized wheels, like a skateboard with an outboard motor on it. The Gemini will flit through the store, looking at everything, but lingering no place in particular. Gemini's have some mighty strange eating habits. I knew Vegetarian Gemini once, truly a macrobiotic "careful of what you eat, no animal products, nothing with a face" type. What made this person typically Gemini, was, in the heart of "nuts and fruits" (California), this particular Gemini would eat meat. Big, rare, chunks of cow, obviously under done. Now, take this information and go to the grocery store with your Gemini friend. They will look at everything. I mean, everything. Nothing is beyond their intellectual grasp.

Shopping after midnight: One word — exhausting. A Gemini is "hell-on-wheels" when it comes to going into the super discount late night store. Nothing is safe. They will play with the toys in the children's department, they will take a quick spin through the clothes, maybe try on some shoes, ask questions of the poor late staff people, and keep on going. This place is less of a store and more of a playground. Of course, a Gemini frequently approaches life that way.

Brick wall: Gemini is the original adaptable sign of the zodiac. They will tackle this brick wall with a type, a certain zeal and commitment to making sure that the goal is realized, that the wall is breached. However, in typical Gemini fashion, a fixed obstacle that doesn't yield immediately to one of the 43 different efforts by the Gemini soon loses the Gemini's attention. They get bored and wander off in search of other adventures. Of course, they did try more routes to get around that wall than any other sign. One of us might pick up where the Gemini left off and find a good solution.

Bait: Gemini: Jointed Minnow—Nothing works better on the Gemini than a super-long, jointed-minnow. It's pretty much a top water lure, and the Gemini needs some flexibility. So a lure with some flexibility is needed to make the Gemini happy. But unlike the plastic jobs that are way too “flexible,” the jointed minnow lure is big enough to present the Gemini with a challenge, and it offers enough rigidity that the Gemini will surely stay hooked.

Body part: Arms, hands, lungs.

Gemini female and ...

Aries: Aries is ruled by Mars, and this usually indicates quick action. Quick to start, quick to stop. With a Gemini, this isn't too much of a problem. The Gemini intellectual pursuit is fascinating to the Aries. In fact, the Gemini will be fascinating to just about anyone. There will be problems, of course, but all in all, this is a nice combination because the Gemini Air feeds the Aries Fire.

It is a pleasant relationship, and one without too many troubling side effects because of the forgiving nature of the Gemini. Of course, the Gemini will seem to be a little flighty to the Aries, and the Gemini will feel like, from time to time, that the Aries is a bit stuck in a rut. Part of this rut-like feeling is due to the fact the Aries is straightforward (assuming there aren't any excessive complications in the chart). Now, straightforward is nice, but the Gemini likes to meander on around and gawk at a few things along the way, spend a little time here, and little there.

Imagine a shopping trip with these two signs: the Gemini dawdles in the fruit section, looking at the grapes, stops and checks the prices on the cat food even though she doesn't have a cat (but is thinking about getting one at the moment), and then quickly goes over to the meat department to recall the horror of the production of veal, but looking at the products anyway. Now, the Aries, in the same grocery store, just goes straight for what he is looking for. He doesn't waste one bit of time considering the artful arrangement of apples in the produce section — that would be a waste of time. To him, the grocery store is a place to procure the basic necessities of food for preparation at home.

Perhaps another allusion is better. Aries is “point and click.” The Gemini can be a little less direct, or, you'll find, you're more interested in some of the bright lights along the way, not just the Aries destination.

Taurus: A Gemini girl can do worse than a Taurus guy. I've watched one couple for a long time, and it is a relationship that can withstand the test of time. But there are a few warnings that go with this, as well. It's not all a bed of roses. It's not all sweetness and light. The Taurus male has to learn to adapt to the razor sharp, yet equally insouciant Gemini brain. He has to learn that adapting is everything and just because you said one thing one minute, that doesn't mean that you're on for the rest of your life like that.

The term "give and take" means a lot to the fine Gemini specimen of humanity that you are. And the Taurus guy is usually rooted in reality. He enjoys the flights of fancy that the Gemini indulges in, but there's a strong, rooted quality about him that you're going to wonder about some times. In essence, you're going to occasionally wonder if he is stuck in the mud.

He's not. But it sure feels that way. Sometimes, to borrow heavily on one of my daily metaphors, a relationship looks like a Monster Truck Arena, and you two are there, in the mud, in the bog, slugging it out. You can tell the Gemini truck because it's tricked out with a lot of high performance parts that might be a little delicate, but certainly can produce high horsepower. And your Gemini truck looks like it's got the flashiest paint job in the arena. You've probably got some extra high tech fuel additive injector turbocharged supercharged thing that makes you hum like a finely tuned machine. Your Taurus truck, however, doesn't have near as many flashy parts. No little tricked out items that shoot flames. In fact, he doesn't turn near the amount of horsepower that you do, either—he has a thing called "torque" instead.

In the biggest and baddest of mud holes, he can pull out slow and steady. This is long after a Gemini truck has gotten bogged down, uselessly spinning her wheels. That's where your Taurus guy can shine. He can always be there—stable and determined, if you let him.

Gemini: “How many people are in there, really?” It’s a fair question, and it’s one that I’ve heard from astrology savvy individuals, folks who look at these Gemini and Gemini relationships with wonder. And any one with a smidgen of astrology information will realize that this relationship has enough personalities to put a baseball team together. Maybe a professional football team, too. Let’s just get this out of the way up front, there are more than two sides to any Gemini. And when you get two of them in a romantic relationship, these will surface.

I’m reminded of one of these relationships that is quite successful. On studying their collective charts for a while, I was wondering just what made it click. It’s like waking up every day to brand new world. Nothing is the same. Everything changes. I didn’t have the personal fortitude to explore the details too much. When I consulted one Gemini expert, though, that person suggested that it worked because the two people shared the same neuroses.

Maybe that’s what makes this click. Maybe there are other things in there that make it click, as well. Perhaps there’s a lunar influence, or, better yet, look at the two Mercury’s. In fact, that’s what kind of car this couple should drive because Mercury is the ruling planet, and it’s going to have a strong influence on it all.

The other point that is important in this relationship is cell-phones. Don’t laugh. There are Luddite Gemini’s who won’t type a single a line of text but these same characters manage to cover whole volumes on the phone. It’s a uniquely Gemini device.

So whatever works with this same sign relationship works because there is a Mercury link. Different signs require different solutions This one works because of the ability to communicate. And for the rest of us, if we run into a Gemini girl with a Gemini guy, just stay out of the way.

Cancer: The Gemini woman is, at the very heart of this relationship, little girl. Unfortunately, there is some childish qualities associated with her behavior. On the good side, though, and with the multitalented Gemini, there are many good sides, the Gemini can expect and receive a lot of love and adoration from the Cancer male. And her childlike behavior at times can be quite attractive.

The Gemini, more than any other sign, never seems to lose her sense of wonder, and it is this very sense of wonder that turns the Cancer on. Now, there are some problems associated with the Cancer. Not many, but a few. Even though he is a sensitive water sign, he like some other water signs in that he is not always wide open about his feelings. He does have them, and the feelings are quite deep, but he's not always ready to express these deep emotions. He's been hurt before, and he's always looking to get hurt again. The sign for Cancer is the Crab, and the Cancer male operates just like that crab archetype because he's really hard on the outside, but once you crack him open, underneath the shell, he's all tender and delicious.

The Cancer guy really is a soft one, on the inside. Watch a crab at the beach one day, note that it can't (or won't) walk in a straight line. It does everything sideways. Your Cancer man will be like that. Instead of saying, "Let's get married," he'll say something like, "you know, it would be a lot more convenient, and save money, if we lived under the same roof..." Notice that the end result is much the same. The words, though, are very different. Sideways.

The way to his heart is through food and attention. Cancer men need lots of care and feeding. Although traditionally a nurturing sign, the Cancer needs to be nurtured as much as he nurtures. Cancer men, for a Gemini, are always an excellent catch.

Leo: You know my fine little Gemini friend, this one looks good on paper. But you had better steel yourself for what is coming up with this relationship. Next to you, that Leo guy is going to appear like he is quite stuck. Stuck up, stuck in one place, stuck on old ideas, stuck on outdated ideals, just stuck. He just doesn't seem flexible at all.

To be sure, it has been suggested that a few Gemini's that I know could use a little stability in their lives. To suggest that it's a Leo who will provide that stability, well, we are dealing with a Fixed sign. He's not quite as stubborn as, say a Taurus. Nor is he as set in his ways as say, a Scorpio. But you've still got a difficult proposition. Every, without an exception, Gemini girl I've ever met has had that ability to change and adapt herself to various situations. You're going to find that Mr. Leo isn't so willing to change. He likes a little planning, a little bit of a clear agenda, a map to follow. I've seen a Gemini start out with a map, but then I've also seen that same Gemini change her mind about what the map says, "Look—this was printed in—last year. I know they have changed these streets around since then."

There is an excellent quality about the Royal Sign of Leo. If you are willing to deal with His Highness Himself, and perhaps, even address him as such, you will find that you are well treated. Therein is the good news. But one the Gemini traits I find so endearing is the very fickle nature of your being, and Mr. Leo isn't going to find that nearly as amusing.

Dining is a fine example. Mr. Leo likes the same food, prepared the same way, every time. He gets locked into a menu item, let's suggest it's steak and baked potato, and he likes the same cut of meat, every week, the same way. With my various Gemini friends, I've tried everything from the truly exotic and tasty to the mundane. It's been an adventure. And it's never quite the same. Always a little different. One time, it was "do you mind if I just order two desserts for dinner?" With me, that wasn't a problem, in fact the little pastry thing was quite good, [I got to sample.] But with the Leo, that's not a good idea.

If your Leo is the adventuring type, and if a little bit of routine is good for your lifestyle, then this relationship works well. But most Gemini's are quickly bored with a Leo. He comes across as a "one trick pony." I didn't say he was, but that's inclined to be the Gemini version of the story.

Virgo: I like the reverse of this situation because there's an odd quality to it that works. But a Gemini woman is a different critter from a Gemini guy. A Gemini woman is far more interesting to me, on a daily basis. Regrettably, that quality that I find so highly entertaining about a Gemini woman isn't the same as what a Virgo guy will find.

Virgo guys have a certain air about them where they all seem a little detached from reality. You've heard the joke about how you get the attention of mule? With a two-by-four? And that's what you're sweet Gemini self will feel like doing with the Virgo guy. Sometimes, or so it seems, he just doesn't get it. Doesn't much matter what "it" is, perhaps it was the point of the conversation, perhaps it was philosophical or theological message, sometimes it just seems to escape him. It's doesn't really escape him, but a Virgo guy has to think about it longer than any two Gemini's need to think about it. Yes, he can drive you a little mad.

There is that odd quality, and there's that degree of stability that a Virgo guy can offer you. He can dote on you. Of course, his version of doting might take a slightly different attitude, too. If you can adjust to the Virgo mindset, you can find this one to be rather rewarding. But you have to remember to adjust your wonderful Gemini brains to work with that Virgo's outlooks.

Both these signs are mutable, but a Gemini female is the most mutable of the all the mutable signs whereas the Virgo guy is the least fickle of all the mutable signs. Both signs are highly Mercurial, seeing as how they are both ruled by Mercury. But it's a communication Mercury for Gemini and it's a thinking Mercury for Virgo. He thinks, you talk. He analyzes, you discuss the analysis.

When there is a good meeting, perhaps a little bit of other astrology glue in the chart, this one works. But it's hard to build a relationship on strictly physical appeal.

Libra: I've always liked Air and Air together. I've liked this combination for a long time. I've seen it work. There can be trouble, though, because there's not a lot of tension here. And without any tension whatsoever, this one just sort of dissolves into a meaningless mess. Mr. Libra has this wonderful intellect that you dearly love. Mr. Libra has this fine taste, and he should taste good, too. Mr. Libra is usually three quarters of what you are looking for in a mate. That's good news. In baseball, that's an improbably high batting average. But a relationship isn't a game of sticks and balls, and it's not a game played by professionals, either.

That's where you have to think about this one. It can be good. There can be the wonderful joys that you expect from a relationship with all the little hearts and flowers, dainty little cherubs floating around, all that can be present. I'm just a little worried about what happens when you two hit an impasse. Early on, while you are completely enamored of the Libra, you can be easily swayed by his sweet talk. He can rationalize anything for you. But as the days turn into weeks and weeks turn into years, you get a little worried because some of his talk seems so empty and meaningless at times. He seems to be sidetracked on a particular point. And with typical Gemini impatience, you're thinking, "Oh just hurry up and say 'yes' or 'no,' darn it."

See the problem? After a while, that beautiful Libra veneer will wear out some. And while he's still an attractive mate, and while he still has the ability to display those qualities you found so attractive at first, sometimes you just wish he would stand up for just one thing. Stick to a story, right or wrong.

The intellectual appeal of a Libra is always there. The physical appeal is always there, too. It's the backbone that seems to be missing when these two signs get together. That's a problem.

Scorpio: This is a torrid combination, at best. There are several inherent characteristics that will, sooner or later, get under one or the other's skin. The Scorpio male needs privacy. Demands it. The Gemini female, on the flip side of the relationship equation, needs attention. And needs to feel like she is loved, cherished and held in high esteem, but she also needs a small degree of freedom. That's where the relationship can fall apart because some Scorpio males are so possessive that they cannot seem to give the little Gemini any freedom of movement. And the little Gemini usually has a few flirtations going on, especially on the side, perhaps a little illicit, but innocent enough.

Regrettably, the Scorpio male won't take too kindly to this form of entertainment. In fact, it can cause a major problem because the Scorpio won't let go. Scorpio is a fixed sign, and the angle between a Scorpio Sun and a Gemini Sun is roughly 150 degrees. This is called a Quincunx or Inconjunct. The symbol for this angle is a little right angel with a beam tediously balanced across the top. What this means is that the balance point is hard to achieve, and once it is achieved, it is hard to maintain. Now, the good news is that the once this balance point is reached, there are many rewards because the relationship can go along quite smoothly. It's just getting there.

The Scorpio will always want to keep things "the way they were," and the Gemini will want, more often than not, to have some changes. Sometimes, this change is just for the sake of excitement. Sometimes, it just because. But the fickle nature of the Gemini female needs to exercise a little bit of caution when trying to land a Scorpio for a mate.

Sagittarius: Opposites attract! That's the simplest way to describe this combination of Gemini female and Sagittarius male. What's at the heart of this relationship though, has a lot more to do with attraction than opposites because the two signs are very similar. Both are mutable, which means fickle and changeable. Both signs can change the direction and mood of a conversation in nanoseconds. The Gemini female is attracted to the studious nature and unfathomed depths of the Sagittarius soul, too.

The only problem here is that the Gemini can get quickly bored with the Sagittarius male, but then the Gemini woman can get quickly bored with just about anything that doesn't hold her attention well enough.

One traditional keyword for the Sagittarius is adventure, and in this relationship, going places and doing things is very important. Just be careful because plans will change at the last minute, too. Unless there are some earth elements to anchor this relationship, the two characters might just drift apart in time because there isn't anything substantial to hold it together. Herein lies the problem.

But, I will promise that the two mutable signs will remain friends for a lifetime, even if they aren't always lovers. The Sag males do have tendencies towards a "wandering eye" and this can grate on a Gemini woman because she does need to be the center of attention. But while this might be a problem in a long-term situation, in the short run, this is an excellent relationship. The two signs can compliment each other in fine style.

I have seen 50+ year marriages in this combination. I've also seen the marriage itself fall apart quickly, but there's not a lot of acrimony in there. Something good always happens with this.

Capricorn: The good news is that the Capricorn is just grounded enough to hold the attention of the Gemini female. The other advantage is that Capricorn's seem to age in reverse. The older they get, the better they look. The only problem with a Capricorn male is that he's got a lot of Cardinal energy, and seeing as how Capricorn is ruled by Saturn, there is also a tremendous amount of "karma" involved with this relationship. In popular parlance, the way I like to say it is that there's definitely a past life connection.

The Capricorn male also has a unique sense of humor. While some of the jokes might seem a bit strange to the Gemini female, there will always be that merry little twinkle in his eye. The Cappy guy knows how to have fun, too. And that's important in this relationship. Often as not, it can seem like there are two overgrown kids here. This makes for a playful relationship, the one problem is that the Capricorn can get set in his ways, and he might not want to deviate from what he's doing, especially if the relationship impinges on his business time.

Capricorn's love their money. It's almost an art form to the Capricorn male, and sometimes the art of the deal is more important than the deal itself. Makes for uninteresting way to relate to each other. When you get around to one those talks about "how do you feel," remember that a Capricorn guy will try to quantify and qualify everything. It makes it all a much easier load for him to bear. Or, in the case of feelings, it makes it a much easier load for him to *bare*.

Aquarius: This is the second best match in the zodiac, or, at least it can be on paper, but there are few little pointers that you have to watch out for. Remember that both the Gemini female and the Aquarius male are air signs, but the Aquarius male might appear to be a lot more stubborn because he is a fixed air sign as opposed to that wonderful mutable quality found in Gemini land...

The problem has to do with consistency, stability and tenacity. Ms. Gemini, you've found what might be a keeper here, but you're just not too sure about it all. He's fun, but he's got a little reserved quality about him. You're also going to find that he seems to be holding back from time to time. He's not really holding anything back, not affections, excitement or emotions, he's just contemplating the nature of this strange thing called "emotions" which as bubbled up inside.

This is supposed to be a four star relationship. But it depends on the individual Aquarius. You'll find that each Aquarius is an individual, just like every other Aquarius. Personally, I give this relationship a sliding scale rating, depending on his reactions to your needs, and vary with the moment. It's anywhere from 2 to 4 stars.

Pisces: It all depends, is how this combination starts out. There is a side to the Pisces male that intimately, innately and irrevocably appealing to the Gemini woman. There's that undefined, unknown quality about the Pisces guy that is ever so attractive. Something you can't quite put your hands on, but something that appeals nonetheless. It's that unknown quality about that Pisces guy which can hook a Gemini girl almost every time. And that's the trouble, too.

The basic astrology of the situation isn't too good. It's two mutable signs, at a "hard" angle to each other. That would be 90 degrees, and 90 degrees is called a "square." But there's nothing square about these two together.

At the heart of just about every Pisces, there is a deeply spiritual being. On the surface, though, this sort of depth is sometimes hidden. That's the good news and the bad news. 9 times out of 10, the Gemini girl, on a either conscious or subconscious level, detects that spiritual nature. Then it hits her, "This is the one for me." I hate hearing that phrase in such a hurry. It gets a little scary.

This relationship should proceed like a stop action tape of a flower beginning to bloom. The problem most frequently associated with this tape, though, is that the Gemini is going to get a little ("a little, heck, a lot!") impatient and want to grab the remote to speed the process up. She's always ready for the dang thing to hurry up and bloom. But the Pisces is like that flower in the stop action tape, he takes a little bit of time to develop fully. And this relationship can take a little bit of time.

When it works, it works great. When patience, care, and some thorough self-examination is employed, it works very well. The main problem is the hasty attitude of so many of Gemini girls I have encountered. "What, aren't you done with that yet?"

You can't hurry love, and you can't hurry a good thing. If this is one of the relationships that have a lot of fate attached to it, then it will work out. Just take you time. Sometimes the slow dance is the most fun.

Cancer guys: It's a Cardinal Water sign, and the crabs can fit these personalities pretty well since this can be the original white trash trailer house group. They can up and move that house in no time, rather than leave anything behind. Watch out, these guys are ruled by the moon, and flit through moods faster than most. It's a water sign, too, so these characters lead with their emotions. If you can get them out to the lake, they are the greatest of fishermen.

Grocery store: Look out baked goods, here comes Cancer! In the grocery store, the Cancer is often found lingering over the pastries and other, similar baked goods. Nothing is quite like this. I observed, on many occasions, my favorite Cancer male subject in the store at weird hours of the night, searching for a cupcake. If you really want to see what catches a Cancer, eschew other bait, and lay a trail of cupcakes and cookies. It isn't guaranteed to work, but I've seen it be pretty effective, in fact, more effective than some real bait I've used.

Shopping at midnight: A Cancer might loathe the very idea of shopping at a super discount warehouse of a place, but there's a slightly pecuniary side to the Crab as well, and this makes shopping strikes, especially after midnight, a good idea. Of course, there's a lack of direction that the Cancer subject might display, sort of an idle, almost aimless wandering around the store at that hour. There's a chance to linger over the various food groups — nothing there will match up to the Cancer's degree of taste. Still, there are those old blueberry muffins that look good — and then there's the clothing section because you can never tell what kind of a bargain you might find on a decent shirt. And don't forget the oil for the truck, you've been meaning to pick up an extra quart.

Brick wall: When confronted with an immovable object, square in the face, like the ubiquitous brick wall, the Cancer usually reverts to what his sign is symbolic of: the Crab. Sure, a Crustacean is a shellfish, lives in and out of the water, but have you ever really observed a little crab down at the beach? I had chance not long ago, down on the Texas Gulf Coast. And it's really true — the crabs don't seem to move in a forward direction. With their big claws and funny shell, the crab always seems to move sideways. And that's how a Cancer often approaches a problem: sideways. He'll scamper to the left, to right, but never come out and address the problem head on. Just like the crab at the beach. There is a way around the problem, and the Cancer might be able to find it, as long as it isn't sitting right in front of him.

Bait: Bacon strips — Nothing works better for catching a Cancer than food. And what could be a more tasty bait than a nice, decent bacon strip? In fact, a bacon strip that is double-hooked works even better. The only other thing I've seen work on Cancer is a little fish that looks like a minnow, but seems to be a major ingredient in Caesar Salad and compliments Pineapple on pizza. Be forewarned, not every one likes them little fish. I'd stick to the Bacon, myself.

Body part: Stomach and breasts.

Cancer girl and

Aries: My dear, sweet and kind Cancer woman, why did you ever get yourself wrapped up with another Cardinal sign? Actually, we all know that there was an instant attraction, and you've spent the rest of your life trying to figure out just what it was. Cancer women are, as a rule, nurturing. And Aries men sure seem to need your love and compassion.

I believe it's compassion that should be emphasized. If you are lucky and get a good one, many years down the road, you'll hear a little comment about how he "couldn't have done it without your help." Sounds good, doesn't it? What you've got to work on is getting down that road. You're going to find that Aries has an annoying tendency to work with what is right in front of his face. Got that? It's real simple proposition, one that should be easy to deal with, but it's only what is right in front of his face.

So this is a relationship that's bound to wind up right in your face a little more often than you would like. That's something you need to be aware of. That's a cautionary tale. Or maybe there should be a warning or two. But you know, that Aries guy is not without a few appealing characteristics — but warnings, too.

Taurus: In traditional astrology terms, Water and Earth make mud. But by my way of looking at things, there's a certain soft and gentle quality in the mud that is ever so comforting. It's soft, warm on a cool day, cool on a warm day, refreshing, and in some of the better health spas I've been at, it's also considered a delicate beauty treatment. And that's what this can be like, a virtual mud-bath that leaves you feeling clean and refreshed.

The problem with those health spa places is that they neglect to tell you just what that mudpack is going to do to you in the long run. Or, in my case, what the Taurus is like in the long run. This does have the FGS Seal of Approval for a Fixed and Cardinal relationship. But Mr. Taurus, unless he's got a fair degree of maturity, isn't going to be willing to work with some of the more obvious of the Cancer traits. It's that depth of feeling that you've got, and I'm not sure a young Taurus understands how to respond.

Plus there is the ever so appealing sensual side of the Taurus, Mr. Tactile, and this can amaze you for hours on end. Then there's also a shared love of the good life, especially if this good life includes food. That much works well for you two. It's just the other details that are problematic. Neither of you two are real willing to confront the little areas in a relationship that occasionally need some gentle confrontation. For a better understanding of what I mean, check out the brick wall metaphor under each sun sign. Then imagine those two together.

When it works, there can lots of love here. When you've got some kind of a stable foundation, it looks really good. But without the foundation, this one looks better than it really is.

Gemini: I've got one of my special Cancer friends, and she took one look over my shoulder at what I was about to write, and she suggested that, "All Gemini men are psycho." I patted her hand assured her (in jest) that she could encompass a group larger than just Gemini, given her last few failed attempts at relationships.

However, with a Gemini guy, sooner or later, you're going to pull this note up, and say, "You know, Mr. 'Know-it-all' Fishing Guide, your friend was right. All Gemini men are psycho."

It's just not true. The group, though, collectively referred to as Gemini, is a bizarre one. Depends on what you're looking for. Fun and adventure? They can be that. Loads of entertainment, your Gemini can be that, too. Weird and wacky? Sure, and we haven't even left on the date yet. You guys do get along, that's the good news. But if you are looking for a serious, long-term committed relationship, I might suggest that you look to another sign. I've seen one or two sets of charts where this pairing has worked well for a long time.

In those examples, what the dear, sweet Cancer woman does is look after the Gemini. He's like a small child, at times. Of course, given his changeable nature, he is also like a fully-grown adult at times, too. The Cancer girl learns how to enjoy the brazenly bizarre nature of the Gemini. It could happen. I've seen it in two stellar examples.

If you know anything about statistics, two examples don't make an accurate random number of successful attempts. But I figure this can work. There is always someone who will tell you it doesn't work. But when you show up for this Gemini Rodeo, remember that you're doing more than just barrel racing. You might be required to ride wild horses, or you might even get stuck on top of one of those giant bulls, one of those guys with a seriously bad attitude. But the bull ride is just like the Gemini, and maybe that's why this does work sometimes, that ride is only 8 seconds of angry animal, and then it's back to everything being wonderful again. At least one male Gemini I know considers 8 seconds to be the Gemini equivalent of two normal lifetimes.

Cancer: Cancer female and Cancer male can be one of the most powerful and wonderful feeling relationships there is. There are some drawbacks, though, and the Moon Signs of the two characters needs to be consulted, as well, because the Sign of Cancer is ruled by the Moon. Emotions run high in this relationship. Very high indeed! Even worse, is the thought that the two Cancers might never, ever get out of the house.

However, the Cancer Male and the Cancer Female are completely different creatures, though. Due to societal limitation, upbringing, and the way we tend to think, the Cancer male is lost in his sea of feelings whereas the Cancer female is perfectly at home in this same ocean. She navigates with perfect ease and grace while he sort of fumbles along. This is where the trouble occurs. While it's a generalization of the worst kind, it holds remarkably true in this case. Ask a Cancer male how he feels, and the response usually has to do with something or other, and he takes a very indirect approach to actually answering the question. Like the archetype for the sign, a crab, the Cancer male will have very strong feelings for his mate, he just won't talk about it.

Ask the same question of the Cancer female, and she will respond almost immediately with a great torrent of words. This is the fundamental difference between the two. I realize that this is hyperbole, but more often than not, it applies in this situation. Now, with Sun Conunct Sun, which is what this is, the union of the two can be very powerful. The trouble lies in dealing with the huge amount of emotions that are at stake here. Both partners are sensitive, but the female is more willing to be vulnerable. And, indeed, in this relationship, someone is almost always getting his or her feelings hurt. Effective methods of dealing with this huge outpouring of emotions are necessary. The differences are between the Cancer female and the Cancer male because the one key concept for Cancer as a sign is nurturing. And, in today's society, you just don't see one football player telling another, "Hey, I just need a hug and some reassurance that everything is going to be okay."

I'll be surprised if my Cancer editor let's this part stay, too, and that's the finally thing that I have to say about Cancer males, and this really applies in this relationship: the key word is guilty. Remember that when you are face to face with a guilty looking Cancer male. He would flunk a lie detector test, just because of his Sun Sign. To this day, there's one Cancer guy out there, feeling bad about something I'm doing or not doing.

Leo: Skip it. There are times when this works, and then there are times when this doesn't work. And the times that it does work, it seems to dissolve into one of those times that it doesn't work. That's about the nicest way I can say it. A good Cancer girl doesn't know what to do with a real Leo guy. And after you've been around him for a little while, he's going to feel terribly transparent to you.

The problem is words. He is passionate and artistic. You are emotional and creative. Very different words for similar, but seemingly the same, type of behaviors. And after a while, you get tired of having to put up with his "party animal" ways.

Look: not all Leo guys are the life of the party. But just about every one of them likes to have the Sun shining on him, all the time. As long as you put him at the center of your universe, everything is okay.

The problem I've seen with this is that a good Cancer girl often puts the Leo guy at the center of her Solar System. Once again, we're back to the actual definitions of the words. Works well for a little while. But that Leo guy is looking for you to be there for the rest of this natural life, and you are going to get a little tired of that after a while. And there are more objects in the universe than there are just in the solar system.

See what the little problems are about? Sooner or later, that Leo of yours is going to get upset because there is something that you are doing that preempts him. And while Leo's are fine people, never let them slip to the number two position on your hierarchy of life. If he's not the center of your world, then this might not work.

When it does work, you find that you can get over the little problems with semantics and let this thing go the way it should.

Virgo: Let's get this straight, right away here. I love both Cancer women and Virgo men. I've got any number of got friends who can provide interesting fodder for looking at this connection. I've got nothing but warm respects for both signs. However, in a relationship, I've seen this go both ways. In theory, this is a good combination. On paper, this works well. In the real world, out there past the seething electrons of the virtual world I live in, past the printed page, though, this can be a little problematic.

I was reviewing some information, late last night, for a different astrology topic, going through an old Shakespeare play, and I kept hitting on strength displayed by the female roles in some of Shakespeare's comedy plays. The women are strong and adaptable. What's even funnier is when you get look at the historical side, it was originally males playing a female, and then you get a male playing a female playing a male, and then I get lost. But the irony shouldn't be completely lost on you.

There's a problem with this relationship because a strong woman can sometimes overpower a Virgo guy. He'll be just as sweet as fresh Texas Ruby Red Grapefruit in the morning, but then, come evening, that delicious grapefruit has soured quite a bit. And he can seem to turn for no discernible reason. That's a problem. Now, don't lose sight of the fact that the Ruby Red Grapefruit is one of the healthiest and most delicious fruits grown. It has a strong taste and sometimes can make you pucker, but at its heart, it is also really good for you. That's also a consideration here.

So how does this roll up into a relationship? It can be good. Next to the Virgo, though, at times, you are going to feel a little inconstant. He can be an anchor for you, but he's voluble anchor, at best. It's a good combination, although, it's not always the best. He can be very attentive, too, and there's nothing that a Cancer female can really enjoy more than occasionally be doted upon. After all, you are nurturing sign, and nothing works better than a little natural nurture for yourself.

Legendary Virgo attention to detail, though, can sometimes come across as Virgo anal-retentive preoccupation. That can drive a good Cancer girl right around the bend. When this is good, it is very good. And when it goes bad, be patient because there's a better than average chance that he will come around again, soon. There is a long suffering quality about a good Virgo male, a touch of a martyr in him, and every once in a while, you have to succumb to this syndrome, if only for a little while. Pat his fevered brow, and tell him everything will be okay. It will.

Libra: A Cancer girl will usually fall right for a Libra guy. That's good news. That's even great news, in some cases. But there's an encumbrance that the Libra guy brings into this relationship, and that little problem is the way he deals with problems. This can drive a poor Cancer woman to the edge. In at least one case, the Cancer woman came to me and asked about jumping off the cliff. I couldn't really suggest it. However, the thought of pushing her Libra mate off the same cliff wasn't such a bad idea.

The Libra guy is fun. He's charming. He's got a way of being able to sugar coat just about everything. That's good. His refined actions and tastes indicate that he's quite the suave character, at least in your book. But there's always something that doesn't seem to ring true... on certain occasions, you're going to feel like he is pulling your leg. You're going to feel like he's not as sincere as he seems.

I wouldn't worry about this apparent lack of sincerity. It's not really the case. While your little Libra guy might seem to be overly concerned about appearances, that understanding is not all it takes to make this work. There's also the part that goes on behind closed doors, and I don't really want to know about the intimate details. However, I'm sure you do, and that's part of what makes this improbable combination work. It's the real intimacy, and yes, despite his appearances and smooth talking ways, he is very capable of it.

As with so many relationships, this is a case where the Sun Signs square each other. In traditional astrology, this is a bad angle. Good for attraction, bad for a fight. But the nature of these two signs seems to work okay with each other. And then there's that other thing, that basic animal attraction that you two always seem to have for each other. Go for it? That's up to you. Odds are good, but still odd.

Scorpio: This double water combination is not without some merit to it. It has great potential. However, if you're like me at all, as soon as someone says, "You have such great potential," a little red flag pops up. Translation: you amount to nothing right now.

But these two set of signs together, the Scorpio guy with his steamy, smoldering sensuality, and the Cancer woman with all her charm, it does look good on paper. I've seen it work, in the real world, on occasion. It does look good, too. But be very careful, you are dealing with a Scorpio Male. He has an ego, sometimes a frail one, and he might forgive an injurious comment, but the chances are, born out from long experience, he won't forget. Keep that in mind.

The problem is that a Scorpio guy has a tough exterior. He can come across as mean and vindictive. But there's also a tender, caring, and most important, sensitive side to this guy. Trust me, I've seen it from time to time. I know my Scorpio guys. And you need to handle this sensitive nature with care because there is an emotional bond between you two. Oh, it's there, you can almost feel it. Of course, this is going to present a situation where you will sooner or later be exasperated with him. You might throw up your hands in disgust, to borrow a cliché, and holler, "What do you think I am, psychic or something?"

Well, dear Cancer woman, yes you are. We all have a certain intuitive gift. It's very important. And no place better does this link show up than in this a-here relationship. Get used to it.

In the best of situations, you can spend hours gazing into each others' eyes and communicating on an ethereal plane. Cool. But on a bad day, you can slip up and say that one thing he really doesn't want to hear. That's when the trouble starts. Remember, he might forgive but I'd suggest he'd never forget. In fits of anger brought about by frustration, don't say anything you might regret. He's a Scorpio. Always think before you say anything. Handle with care, and you can reap some rewards.

Sagittarius. Notice that there's a period after the Sagittarius, not some other form of punctuation that would suggest that you go onward. It should end here. I remember a friend's book about compatibility among certain Chinese signs, and there was one I looked up, a person I was pursuing at the time. There was the shortest paragraph in the book. Cancer Water and Sagittarius Fire should get the same treatment from me. It looks good on paper, all that fire looks like so much fun. In the real world, though, there are problems, like day-to-day problems with just about everything.

No matter what you do, you feel like he's always looking "over yonder" as we are fond of saying in Texas. "Over Yonder" might be wherever he keeps one eye cocked. And like having loaded gun around the house, you're just never too sure when this one will go off. That's the allure of the mighty Sagittarius, though, the sense of wonder and the adventure of it all. A Sag fellow can play along fine, for a little while. But before you start doing something more than just polishing belt buckles, you'd better consider what you're going to do with that old cowboy when he starts to stake out a claim on your bed. Remember that this is one that looks really good on paper, but the practical application might have him exceed your grasp. Not that it can't be done, but this is a relationship that requires a little more thought preceding it than most. Look before you leap. But always remember, "Hey baby, who loves you?"

Capricorn: Rather than be objective about this, I'll just say that opposites do attract. Look at my Gemini collection, and me a Sagittarius. I can't urge too much caution with this one because it is always appealing. Very appealing at times. And that Capricorn fellow is a good one. You can sense his strength, you can see that he looks good to you, you love his levelheaded yet light hearted attitude at times. But wait, there's more to this than that.

With opposing Suns, there is an attraction, but there is also room for some pretty big conflict. Major scale war. I'm thinking about a situation where a couple lobs low-yield thermonuclear devices at each other.

I went digging through my files for more information, and what I found was that this is pretty common relationship, and that's against the odds. The ones who stick it out, usually there is a long courtship involved, but the ones who do stick it all out seem to have a pretty righteous relationship. So consider that. The similarities between both signs are good. And I'm staying away from the "water and earth" elements make mud analogy because, given time, the two harden into a rock. So yes, this can be as stable as a rock. There is a good indication that the Lunar Child, that would be the Cancer girl (now probably a woman), has done some homework on herself. Therapy, counseling, self-help books, something like that, and the Capricorn is sufficiently self-aware to be able to laugh at his innate foibles.

Since I'm particularly fond of Cancer women and Capricorn men, I've found this one to be successful. But it's not a success without a little bit of work. There is that opposition of sun signs, and that means you guys are 180 degrees apart on some topics. At least, with you two, it's easy to have points where you agree to disagree. One of you is bound to be an inordinately dense Republican whereas the other one might be a progressive, forgiving, forward, and right-thinking Democrat.

Aquarius: This looks so wonderful from my vantage point, I just can't understand why I don't see it more often. Of course, if I look at the paper version of this, the charts themselves, I can understand why the most frequent comment is, "He's an Aquarius—it didn't work because he is so...." then insert your favorite comment about Aquarius males.

He is appealing. He looks wonderful. He is so refined. It seems like it should work. But Cancer women have something that's a special quality not found in other signs, or even other females (except, of course, the girls with Cancer Moons), whatever this quality is, the Aquarius guy just doesn't get it.

If you are willing to put up with some of his tendencies to be acerbic and intellectual while you are emotional and have your own depth of feeling, it might work. At least, it works for a little while. Sort of. Don't count on it lasting, though. I'm not the disturbed individual saying that all relationships with an Aquarius are doomed, nor am I one to pick on the sign. It's just that this is an unlikely pairing, and from long experience, it doesn't work as often as it should.

There are exceptions to every rule. If there is a degree of water in his Aquarius chart, or if you are willing to forgive his "apparent" lack of emotion, then this works. And I call it apparent, but no Aquarius guy is actually devoid of emotion, he just doesn't always demonstrate it in the same way a normal guy does.

Pisces: It works and it's a pretty good thing, really. What this is, as a combination, is it does combine the best of water signs in an rollicking festival where feelings run strong and deep. The Cancer woman can find all of her emotional needs met by the Pisces guy. It's possible, and I've seen this work more often than not.

To be sure, as in all interpersonal relationships, as the astrologer, I only get to see the outside of what happens, I only get the parts that I'm told. Looking as an observer, though, I've seen this one work well because the basic nature of the two signs is such that they compliment each other in a supportive way. At the risk of using old time astrology keywords, the Cancer girl is by nature a nurturing person. And there is an element present in the Pisces that makes anyone want to just pick up and cuddle him. He likes to be looked after, and this is what the Cancer woman likes to do. Of course, this isn't without some sort of ritual bonding. It could be something simple, or perhaps it's a more complex ritual that defies what we observers fail to detect, but I'm pretty sure that it's there.

Someplace, on some level, these two have a little "arrangement" which is exactly what makes this work so well. It might even be, given the nature of Mr. Pisces, a nonverbal deal. Whatever the understanding is, though, it's an important piece of the way these two interact. It's the keystone, it's that little piece that hold together a Roman Arch, it's the cornerstone.

Since water is symbolically linked to emotions, you can be sure that the emotional content of this pairing is high. And since the feelings are so strong, that's part of the strength. Pisces guys sometimes get bad rap from other signs and in other relationships. In this one, however, it's a good one.

Leo: the royal sign. The Royal Sign. Anyone who's ever dealt with one can tell you what a royal pain a disgruntled Leo guy can be. Ruled by the Sun, the basic Leo likes to loll around in the sunshine and work at nothing all day. Although he's a fire sign, it's a fixed sign, too. These guys are rotten in a fish camp since they expect everyone else to serve them.

Grocery store: Due to the artistic nature of the Leo, grocery shopping can take on a little bit of an adventure-like quality. Leo's are hunters, so plan on the foodstuffs themselves having something with bones in it. Could be T-bone, or for the more environmentally conscious Leo types, imagine free-range chicken. Don't forget that Leo is a fixed sign, and as such, if there is something that deviates from the shopping list, this is bound to upset the Leo. Let the Leo assiduously stick to his list. You'll be much happier.

Shopping at midnight: This is an interesting case study, what the Leo does after midnight in a giant discount chain store. There is so much to choose from, and what does the Leo look at first? Usually, it winds up being art supplies. I know, and you know that super stores are not always the best place to buy art supplies, but it's a start. There are pens and crayons and big tablets of paper that will draw the Leo's attention. Then there's the jewelry section, too. No, this isn't the best place to buy the finest gold creations, but all that yellow glitter will surely attract the Leo's attention, if only for a little while. Finally, and I hate to let anyone know this, there's the clothing. The Leo will have to have a go at the clothing department, just to see if there's anything worthwhile. Look on the bright side, in at midnight, out by 4:00 AM.

Brick wall: A Leo is a magnificent creature, tall and proud, good looking and handsome. And a fixed obstacle in front of this Leo is a problem, a big problem. In fact, just such a deviation from the way things should be having this brick wall right in front of the Leo is terribly offensive to our fine specimen. So what does the Leo do? Ever watch the nature shows about the African Lions? It's just like one of those guys: the male scares up the game, chases it into the clutches of the female. The male then comes in and helps himself to the best cut of meat, relaxes and preens his luxurious mane. Now, when our Leo hits the wall, he's going to do something similar. He's going to loudly call attention to the fact that there is an inconvenient obstacle in front of him, and some one had better get over RIGHT NOW, and do something about it. Of course, our Leo might never actually lift a paw to do anything about the wall, but that's not his job. He just lets us know it was there, and it's a problem that needs to be addressed right now.

Bait: Live Bait with a spinner — Nothing works better for catching a fixed fire sign fish than Live Bait. Worms, minnows, or even some traditional Japanese cuisine, I hope you get the idea. Live bait has an aura of adventure about it. It's hard to get them little wigglers onto the hook, if you know what I mean. And that's the only thing that will really ever catch a Leo's attention, something that seems to be an adventure.

Body part: Upper back and heart.

Leo female and

Aries: The Leo Female is a fine specimen of humanity. So is the Aries male. The good news is that these are two fire signs and that can evoke a great deal of passion.

Problems? I hate to put it this way, most of the problems in this relationship arise from the Leo female in respect (or as we astrologers say, “in aspect”) to the Aries male. You’ve got to understand a little bit more about where he is coming from. Look up the general remarks about the Aries Sun Sign, for starters. Apply some of that to him. He’s stubborn. Okay, so he seems a little headstrong. He’s really not that stubborn, just willful. What you can do is treat him like you would treat a child. Cajole him a little. Console him a little. Act like he’s right.

We both know that you’re the one who is right, but for the sake of appearance, let him think like he is in charge. There’s a good matriarchal model for this found in some of William Faulkner’s literature. In one book, he describes a Southern family that is a matriarchy and is ruled by a bedridden mother figure. This is how your relationship works. You are the seemingly helpless female, and let him come to the rescue. Works very well for you.

In general, all Leo women are princesses, and they all need to be treated as such. And, a truly benevolent ruler runs the kingdom in a manner that lets all the peasant think they matter in the decision making process. So what you want to do is let your Aries man think that it was his idea. It was yours, you and I know that, but he thinks he is helping. This is the easiest way to get along with one of these creatures.

Taurus: This is one of the weirdest combinations that I've ever seen. There's a single image that comes to mind—and it's delving into my nebulous academic background. Imagine a kiln, for firing pottery. Take the Fire of the Leo, and the Earth of the Taurus and cook it for a while. The result is a much stronger structure than that limp old clay you started out with. That's the idea behind this one. If you get all the right ingredients, it's a very stable relationship, as long as you don't cook that poor Taurus pottery in the Leo kiln too long.

What's problems can arise have more to do with two of the very stubbornness of the fixed signs, and when these two clash, it can be bad. Really bad. In fact, it can be like hitting that glaze on the outside of that Taurus pottery you just fired—it shatters and goes everywhere. Worse, that glaze can be strong, after all, it was cured in your heat, and that strength can seem to be impervious to moisture. As we all know, moisture is water, and water represents emotions. Sometimes, you can create a moisture that is an ideal container for your emotional well-being. Other times, it just bounces off.

Nothing can irritate a Leo more than being ignored, and that's where the real troubles start. If you've got something else in your collective charts, something that softens him up, or something that lets you get underneath that hardened glaze, then you've got enough of what it takes to make it last a long time.

I can't give reliable statistics on this combination because I don't have enough of a valid cross section to deal with. I've seen it work and I've seen it blow up in a spectacular way. It all comes down to learning how to deal with the Fixed versus Fixed problems. And it's a coin toss away from which sign is the most stubborn. Fixed signs at a hard angle to each other can remarkable charisma. And they can also enjoy a remarkable, almost electric attraction. At the same time, they are also capable of driving each other to the highest, or lowest, of ideals.

Whatever you do with your Taurus guy, don't start a mud-slinging contest. That's his medium, and it's one arena where you might not come out as the clear-cut winner.

Gemini: You've hooked a Gemini? Good for you. Get ready for a ride that can be very pleasing, but get prepared for a ride nonetheless. It's going to be a wild one. Gemini is known far and wide for their apparently fickle behavior. Don't say you weren't warned. To be fair with the Gemini, they certainly don't feel like a multiple personality, they feel like it's just one person with many different facets and that's the core of the problem here.

In order to make this one work, just regard your Gemini boyfriend as an entourage. It's much easier that way. You've finally got your built in audience that deserve. It has the potential to contain a cast of thousands, if you're patient with him.

Fire needs a certain amount of fuel. One of the main ingredients in a Leo's fire is the air that a Gemini can supply. One of the problems with this is the fact that the Gemini is a Mutable Air sign. Compare that to the rock steady Fixed Fire sign of Leo. What we've got is one who is stable but passionate, that you my fine Leo friend, and then you've got an aberrant little satellite floating around you, making noise, stirring things up, soothing things over, and just generally being busy. It is possible to get an occasional quiet Gemini, but that should make your fine Leo senses wonder. Just what is he up to? I'd be worried, too.

Plan on being entertained, but also plan on the Gemini lacking a little bit of follow through when it comes to getting just one task accomplished. You can hear him now, "I was thinking about going for some take out Chinese food, but then I got an idea, I was going to cook, so I got these vegetables at the Farmer's Market, but then, you know, I was thinking we could go see a movie, and sneak into a second feature and just eat popcorn. What do think? Ready to go? There's that new movie showing at the discount place, you know. But I hate the way my feet stick to floor...."

Stop him long enough to store the fresh food. I told you this was an entertaining ride.

Cancer: Next to a strong Leo woman, a Cancer man can appear to be a weak, effeminate person. This isn't true, and it's just a generalization, but I think you get the idea. That sets the tone. It's like a couple I was observing in Wal-Mart at three in the morning. From his demeanor, I could tell he was a Cancer guy, the face, the clothes, and then, the way he lingered over the food products in the grocery section. The woman, on the other hand, was obviously a Leo. Big hair, big woman, and she was all over him like a cheap suit, which was on sale in another part of the store.

The dynamics, on the outside of this relationship looking in, seem to be that we've got a browbeaten Cancer guy and a loud and overbearing Leo woman. Add some cheap polyester clothing, and it could be a nightmare from the East Texas environment I was raised in. But it's really not. There is a subtle role reversal which takes place in this relationship. Very few signs are willing to adore the Leo for what she really is. Very few signs are willing to give her the complete and undivided attention she requires in a mate. But a Cancer guy is capable of doing just this.

The trouble starts when he comes across as not really saying what he means. I'm reminded of the time a Cancer friend heard himself tell his woman that he loved her, and he wanted to be with her for the rest of his life. The woman heard a different story, she was listening to him expostulate on how it would be cheaper if the two of them lived together and shared expenses. Same end result, only the words used were entirely different. One was say one thing, and the other ways hearing something else.

Any self-help book will tell you that communication is of paramount importance in relationship. That's what a Leo female and Cancer male have to work out. It the words used. He likes you. He can look after you. You just have to learn how not to hurt his sensitive feelings. Of course, after watching that couple in the store, I know that they had worked it all out. You should have seen the loving little glances he would sneak here, especially when they were in the underwear section.

Leo: Same sign relationships have a grand flavor to them. It's the best of the best, and since we're dealing with two Leo's, then it's the best of the best signs. Good news here. It can work very, very well. But there's also a little problem with it.

Just who is the mightiest tiger in the jungle?

Build this relationship on mutually trust and admiration, use a lot of flattery, and be prepared to be feel like you are at the center of his universe at all times. And return the admiration and respect. Every time. Or, as the British are fond of saying, "Every effing time."

This is really, really important. Which one is more vain? Ask him, and he'll tell you "it's you." Ask you, and you'll explain "it's him." While this might sound a like a problem, let's face a few well-known facts. Leo is the best of the signs of the zodiac. All the good things that come with fire—and—add a degree of stability because it's a fixed sign? So you really are the best. With all that goodness flowing through your veins, it's pretty hard not to be a least a little arrogant.

"Oh baby, you're the greatest and you deserve me because I'm the greatest, next to you..." would be the way I would approach this relationship. To be sure, I was working at an event, a singles party, and two Leo's got hooked up. As near as I can tell, their collective stars are still burning bright because they get along together so well. Each one considers the other best thing in the world, beside themselves, of course.

It doesn't sound all that complimentary, but it really does work. I've seen this one work in the best of all situations. Don't forget to be genuine, though, because any Leo can detect that sarcastic, false pretense which sometimes crops up when you say, "Oh baby, you're the greatest." Make sure you mean it.

Virgo: The Leo woman is a mighty Lion. And the Virgo male is perfectionist. The best part about this relationship is that the two sign actually compliment each other very well. This is one relationship I have observed up close for a period of time. And it has what it takes to make it long run, too, because the Virgo will accept nothing less than perfection in life. And with a Leo female, that's what he's got.

There is a high degree of respect here. Now, as the Leo female, you sometimes have a hard time being cognizant of this fact. Sometimes you are not aware of what it is that you are doing that irritates him. You have to know, you have to feel, deep in your heart, that he is truly in love with you, despite his apparently ambivalent attitude. Relax a little and look at some of the small things he does which is befitting your royal nature. Maybe he is too pecuniary to lavish you with diamonds and rubies, but at least he is willing to show this respect that he has for you by little details.

Watch carefully for the clues, the way he opens a door for you, the small gestures he makes, dates which he remembers. Leo is a passionate sign. Virgo is passionate, too, but not in the same way. Don't let him hold you back from your passion. He needs a degree of nurturing and attention, and the mighty Lion can provide this level of consideration. Since the Leo female requires similar treatment, be willing to give a little bit more, and watch you reap three fold what you put out.

Libra: This one looks good to me. But in the real world, I've seen it be problematic. That is, from time to time. Not all the time mind you, but some of the time. And it's not like there should be any problems, but men being what they are, and finding some of those male traits in a Libra male can be the source of some problems. But not all the time. Just some of the time. Maybe.

I would give this an unequivocal triple star award because it meets the Cardinal and Fixed rule that generally gets the triple star recommendation for a love combination. But there is a problem with this one, and it doesn't have a lot to do with the cardinal and fixed nature. It's what I would call the "Peacock Problem."

In a barnyard, a male Peacock has beautiful feathers. He is the prettiest creature out there. Personally, I don't care for the birds because the meats a little too gamy and doesn't really make a decent chili. But my Leo friend assures me that she is the best in the barnyard. So we've got two of the prettiest critters together in a relationship. How's that going to work?

To be brutally honest, ya'll are a stunning couple. Not just good, but perhaps the most handsome couple I've ever seen. But a Leo deserves the center stage, and she seems to get a little upset when her mate attracts an equal amount of adulation. Therein is the problem. The ever so diplomatic Libra guy will certainly tell you that you're the best, but that doesn't mean you don't always feel a little suspicious when other girls pay attention to him. And like that peacock, he stands tall and proud with his tail feathers beautifully arcing over the barnyard.

In private, he can be the most romantic and tender individual ever. He can say all the right things, and his timing is usually much better than mine. But there's also a little problem with Mr. Libra. He does attract some unwanted attention from other critters in that barnyard of life, and that can cause a pique of jealousy in a Leo. It ain't always good.

If you can learn to delight in the fact that you have the most magnificent male by your side, and if you can learn to understand that everyone is envious of you with him, then there is a strength that you can build on Tyco make this work. But if you let petty jealousy get in the way, this a doomed scenario.

Love them Libra's for what they are, not for what they ain't.

Scorpio: I was thinking about a nursery rhyme while I was looking through the files and notes for this relationship. “When she was good, she was very, very good, and when she was bad, she was even better.” This ditty came to mind. This is not an inherently good relationship. But I’ve seen it work well, about 50% of the time. Want to play the odds?

Both signs are fixed signs, and they lay at a 90-degree angle from each other in the giant wheel in the sky. This is not considered a good angle. In fact, this is usually called a bad thing. It does mean that there is an instant attraction here. That’s the good news. But instant physical attraction, and the way the two signs approach this are very different.

A fine Leo woman like yourself does very well when cuddled, coddled and cooed over. What really helps is putting you up on a pedestal. Your Scorpion might not do this—he does do it, he can’t help himself who can’t put you on a pedestal? But he doesn’t tell you that you’re on his pedestal. He doesn’t let you in his little secret about how much he likes you. This is where all the trouble starts. It’s really simple, Leo’s are the most manageable sign in the zodiac, all it takes is a little attention. And if he would just pay attention to you, everything would be okay. What you don’t see, what is really happening, is that he’s looking out of the corner of his eye, in a way you can’t see him, and he’s admiring you.

His surreptitious behavior is not what a Leo needs. She needs, you need, the best treatment possible, at the best of times, in the best of ways. Too bad he doesn’t have the heart to show you how much he cares.

In the best of these relationships, the Leo girl learns to pick up the subtle signs that the Scorpio shows. In the worst, however, the subtly is lost on that fine Leo sense. Too bad, too, because you guys are really the best that there is.

Sagittarius: My fine little Leo girl, you should know better than to try and hook yourself a Sagittarius guy. We're fun, we make great friends, and there's certain air about us Sagittarius types that makes us ever so appealing. That's the good news. In the little astrology primer I've used off and on for years, it shows that this is, on paper, a great connection.

Regrettably, there's usually one foible associated with the magnanimous nature of the Sagittarius guy that stands the potential of really getting in the way of this relationship—a trait which can prevent this relationship being the best that it can be. I mean, when it's good, it's quite nice. All that fire and passion, and his constant yearning for new horizons is fun. But every once in awhile, a nice Leo girl wants to take it easy, sit back, and be served like the Queen of the Universe that she is. This is where there's a problem with Mr. Sagittarius. While he's good at playing up to you on some occasions, sometimes, he just doesn't get it.

There are several men-bashing jokes which would work well here. But the problem is an innate characteristic so often found in the Sagittarius male, it's a wanderlust, a sense that there's something really neat, just over yonder. It's at times like this that the ever so gallant Sagittarius guy expects you to pick up your own luggage and follow him. That's a nice idea, but the good Leo (and there is no other kind) doesn't always want to pick up her own luggage. That's what the porter is for. Call room service, call the bellhop, And at this time, the Sagittarius is already slinging a backpack over his back, and off and running, expecting you to tag along unaided. You have been warned.

It's a workable combination, but the dear, sweet Leo is occasionally going to feel much put upon by the Sagittarius sense of adventure. Sooner or later, you're going to feel a sense of desperate angst as you deal with his ennui. It might be his wandering eye on occasion, the way he flirts with the ticket taker, the fact that he was supposed to be home at dinner time, but he ran into an old chum with a bottle of rum... or if he would just get his nose out of that book long enough to pay attention to you.

With some understanding of the creative energy behind both signs, it's possible to work this one out. But it takes a little bit more creative energy than you're willing to put up with, on some occasions. Enjoy a Sagittarius for what he is and appreciate his strengths. It's not going to do much good to belabor the weak points. Not that this should be read as a challenge to a Leo female, but once hooked, a Sagittarius can stay for life. It's just that so few are ever completely hooked.

“Hey baby, who loves you?”

Capricorn: I was sitting in the “hot tub” of a SouthWest Airlines flight, going to trip the Left Coast, and I found myself sitting across from an old couple that was having some fun, greatly relieved, apparently, to be escaping Texas. It’s a sentiment that I don’t understand myself. After a cup of coffee, I warmed up the conversation a little, and in no time I had learned that they had married an amazing fifty years or so. I was instructing the wife on how she could sneak a cigarette break in the bar area of the El Paso airport because it wasn’t a “no smoking zone” at the time. Of course, strictly in the interest of professional research, I inquired about their birthdays. She was a Leo, and her husband was a retired airline pilot, a Capricorn. “Mighty interesting,” I thought to myself, “the book says it won’t work.”

I wondered what the secret was. It’s very simple, the husband confided in me after his wife went to get that cigarette. “We were just at our class reunion. I told all the guys I got the prettiest one there, and she’s still the prettiest one.”

I’ve gone on at length about how Leo’s thrive under such attention. And for longevity, who can provide a Leo girl with that kind of attention? Only a Capricorn has what it takes to dish it out, day after day, for all those years.

In technical terms, it’s a Leo Fixed Fire and the somewhat tenuous Cardinal Earth of Capricorn. The two together are a good combination. The Fixed/Cardinal combination works rather well. And unlike the concept that the Earth will extinguish that Fire, the Leo Fire is hard enough to withstand what the earth does to it. In fact, over time, this is a relationship that can grow and prosper. Of course, there was always a little bit of freedom involved, but that Capricorn was still, after 50 years, still very much in love with his Leo.

Aquarius: This is one of the oddest combinations—it's both very good and very bad. Good because, under the right circumstances, it can work out quite well. In an ideal situation, the Leo needs an audience, and, in this ideal situation, the Aquarius represents that ideal audience, always wanting to be there to please the Leo.

In less than ideal situations, though, there can be trouble with this coupling. The basic standoff nature of the Aquarius guy, the mental mensurations and various side-tracked attitudes can be detrimental to this relationship. The Aquarius male can seem cool when he's supposed to be hot, he can seem to be detached when he's supposed to act like he cares, and he can be very passionate when he's supposed to be distant. This creates problems. As long as you understand what it is that is going on with the guy, you're doing okay. As long as you can tolerate his Aquarius attitude, you're fine. Trouble starts when you don't understand what his basic nature is.

The Aquarius guy will challenge what you believe in, not because he doesn't believe, but because he feels like he must challenge any preconceived notions. He's a rebel, at heart. In order to win him over, a little distance, a little patience and degree of compassion is necessary. Understand what it is that he's trying to accomplish. Understand what he's trying to do. Understand that, oh, never mind. When it works, he's your natural audience. When it doesn't work, he's busy thinking about something—something that you're feeling sure is something he should be emoting about, not thinking about.

When it's good, it's very, very good. When it's bad, don't say I didn't warn you.

Pisces: When I see this one, I'm reminded of a friend. Every time she hears the term "Pisces" she responds with "The Devil's Lap Dog."

"Dude! That's harsh!" said another friend. It's a brutal expression, and perhaps it's too hard on the poor Pisces sign in general. I can't let just one negative experience get in the way of the relationship and romance research. But I do wonder about this one. So far, the numbers aren't too good. 2 out of 3 don't do well with this relationship.

Now that you know the odds, are you going to be dissuaded from pursuing this? I hope not. Just understand your target. While a Leo woman is full of fire and passionate energy, the ever-emotional Pisces displays his passion in a different way. He's less inclined to have obvious outbursts of emotions, but if you hurt his feelings, this is the one who will sit there and quietly leak tears from his expressive eyes. If you're a sucker for nice eyes, you can beat the odds on this relationship. It can be done. Just understand that your man needs a certain amount of affection. Perhaps it would help if called me, and I explained how a Leo is really an easy woman to get along with as long as you follow the rules.

The guidelines are really simple, and the Pisces guy might agree to this right away. It's just that sometimes his rather fluid background will get in the way. That's when the trouble starts. But as long as he regards you as the best thing since sliced bread, and you might have been better than sliced bread, you have a chance.

In traditional astrology, Fire is extinguished by Water. That's what you need to be careful about. Learn to delineate the difference between emotions, feelings, and passion. The words you use are important. And make sure he understands you're the greatest thing on the planet. That really helps.

Virgo — poor Virgo, much maligned as the neat-freak perfectionist of the zodiac. Which they usually are, but they do arrive in two flavors: neat and messy. Ruled, more or less, by Mercury. Mutable Earth signs, great for cleaning fish. Although they make great bean counters, don't let them divvy up the check at the truck stop, as that one waitress you've been hittin' on? She won't get much of a tip from your Virgo buddy.

Grocery store: If you go grocery shopping with a Virgo, be prepared to read the labels. Or be prepared for the Virgo to read the labels. The packaging itself doesn't matter, it's what's inside that counts, and this is what the Virgo seeks to find out.

Shopping, after midnight: Ever been shopping with a Virgo? Ever thoughts about the number of times someone can squint at a label, and wonder just exactly what part of which animal those things came from? Imagine the scientific curiosity at work here. There's another problem, though, and one that suggests the results are not all in yet, that this an area which is going to require further research. "I'm not going in a Wal-Mart, please don't make me go there," I heard one Virgo girl whine. Good stuff, cheap, didn't quite work on her. The results are still up for study, as of right now. And most of the Virgo girls I know wouldn't be up after midnight, anyway, not if there was something else to do, like sleep.

Brick wall: When a Virgo encounters a fixed, immovable obstacle, there is but one solution. First, this brick wall must be disassembled, one grain of mortar at a time. And each single grain of sand that makes up this wall needs to be properly stored and labeled so that it can be reassembled later. Or so that whoever caused this obstacle can be found out and blamed. In any case, the Virgo will assure that this is all done perfectly.

Bait: Crappie Spin “it isn't just for Crappie, Smallmouth love it too!” — This is a special lure, designed just for Crappie, but guess what? Smallmouth love it, too. And that's why it works for Virgo fish: the utilitarian nature of this lure will always attract that ever so practical, but mutable, Virgo. It's a perfect fit. Besides, just about every Virgo has a taste for the unusual — that's why this dual-purpose bait works so well.

Body part: Viscera.

Virgo female and

Aries: The good, the bad, and the ugly.... The problem here is that an Aries Male has a marked tendency to appear rash and impetuous, especially when he is posited next to a prim and proper Virgo Lady. And that's the whole problem in a nutshell. Can it work? Sure. What's it going to take? A little bit of understanding about the dynamics of the way these two signs interact with each other.

In this case, the weight for understanding is going to rest on the shoulders of the Virgo. The reason being, the Virgo has a high set of standards. That Aries guy is going to need someone who will act as a supporter, and not be too concerned with his lack of follow through. Sounds like he might not measure up to your standards. Aries is Cardinal, which means he has a lot of get up and go. The problem with his cardinal energy is he often lacks any way to see a project through to the end. It's the same man who will wind up be accused of being insensitive to your delicate Virgo needs.

He's not a complete fool; he merely doesn't understand what it is that you're looking for. And as you get about half way through telling him what it is that you want, he assumes he has all the answers, and, in typical Aries fashion, he rushes off to take care of you. Moving away to take care of you is kind of a contradiction. Yes, there's a problem with that. The delicate Virgo hierarchy of needs, and the way these desires must be satisfied, is difficult for an Aries to understand. It's frequently out of his realm of Aries understanding.

See: Aries is the ultimate "emergency worker," like an ambulance driver. He's good at slapping a band-aid on a problem, and then moving on to what's next. Like a fireman, he puts out the fire. And like that fireman, he doesn't want to build the structure back; he's already dealt with the emergency of the situation. The Aries male can be quite passionate, but you've got to come up with a way to keep him challenged. And you'll find that some of your delicate sensibilities might not ever be satisfied by that Aries.

Taurus: The Taurus male is a curious creature. At once, he is both sensuous and macho, and those are fine qualities. Of course, in the present condition of modern society, this can prove to be a daunting task. Still the Taurus Sun Sign is an Earth Sign, and it is a Fixed one, as well. This makes for an excellent combination with a Virgo. Remember, you Virgo's are Mutable Earth Signs. The Fixed/Mutable combination is good, and given that both these signs are earth, makes this even better.

There is a healthy dose of reality in here that helps. From what I've seen, a Virgo female can be terribly tenacious. Perhaps just my own observation, but it's not without a quantity of personal research on my part. And when this Virgo gets hooked up with Taurus, there will be certain problems. It has to do with who is more stubborn. Here's a hint, let him think he's right. A Virgo can work with the Taurus because there is a strength that comes from the signs being rather alike in so many ways. The one problem area is probably the typical Virgo fastidiousness that is not likely to be well received by a Taurus. I'm not saying that all Taurus males are messy or that all Virgo females need a bathroom clean enough for surgery, but in this area, there does need to be a degree of peace. You both have a few housekeeping issues to work through before you're ready for the big commitment.

On paper, in my dusty old astrology texts, and in the ancient lore, I've found that this can be a good combination, oftentimes bereft of the high drama found with other combinations. That does indicate—to me—that there is a good chance for a stable happiness.

Gemini: Why do you do this to me? What have I ever done to deserve this? Why must I take two of my favorite signs and compare them in an unlikely combination? And yes, my dear Virgo girl, the odds are against you. Gemini men display many wonderful traits: they are witty, entertaining, and forever childish. And that's one of the problems with this combination. Trying to tie up a Gemini guy in a Virgo-love-fest is just not a great idea. Every once in a while, perhaps twice a day, you're going to want to put your foot down and tell him to, "Get serious for a minute."

Refer back to what I just said were some of his good qualities. And you are much entertained, perhaps as much as 75% of the time, by his antics, make that his "Gemini antics." The problem occurs when you want to get to the real point of a sticky situation and he insists on making a joke of it. Or when he wants to play, and your Virgo self is only interested in getting to the bottom of the problem, first.

Now, to be truthful, my cat is not a Gemini. But the fact that she decides it's play time just as soon as I crawl into bed dog-tired, that's a definite Gemini trait. Just when you thought you could rest, it's a problem because he's ready to play. My cat finds the loudest toy she can bat around, just as soon as I'm beat. Typical Gemini guy trick.

I'll be honest, I've seen this combination last, with two shining examples of both signs, for a long period of time. But the Gemini guy has to be given a degree of "latitude" in order to operate on Gemini time. In Gemini space, as it were.

He will pick projects up, set sail on grand schemes, truck off in different directions, and he will always be exploding with new ideas. The entertainment value alone is sometimes worth the price of admission in this pairing of signs. As long as you understand just what you're getting into, it can be good. The difficulties arise when the two signs don't understand the inherent nature of each other's needs and are not willing to bend a little to be with the other.

Cancer: Okay, let's try this one: Virgo girls are great. Cancer men can be wonderful. It's not a pairing up without a degree of good stuff going for it. There is a problem, though. You want to fix the fence in the backyard. He wants to "play house," which looks a lot more like something else, if you know what I mean. He might get around to that fence, but in typical Cancer fashion, there's going to be a degree fumbling along. First, he's got to go to the hardware store. Then it's the building supply place. Then, after he's looked at that fence for a minute or two, he mutters something, and he's got to go to the lumberyard. So far, your fence still needs to be repaired, there is a pile of supplies in the backyard, and yet, nothing has happened.

See what I mean? He's got the idea, but he lacks a little follow through. It's not a bad thing, it's just the way this guy works, your Cancer guy. At the risk of sounding condescending, "Hey, some of my best friends are Cancer dudes...." Or is that tone patronizing? Something like that...

Getting Mr. Cancer Guy into action can sometimes take a little work. It can be done. Use your wily feminine charms on him. Ply him with sweet foodstuffs, okay, maybe just pretzels and beer, but try something on him. Be as nice as sweet potato pie. Better yet, Pecan Pie. You get the idea. Try just about anything nice. And learn to approach him indirectly. Don't run all over his sensitive self because he is sensitive, even if he hides it under a macho bluster.

Back to the fence, remember it? You wanted it fixed, and he spent the entire morning running around, gathering supplies, making a little pass at you, and then plopping down in front of the tube for a game. Bring him a beer, and quietly remind him that you were hoping to get that fence done today. As soon as the game is over, remind him again, but try rubbing against him and purring. That seems to work.

Romance is a tough topic for this guy to talk about. Don't push him too hard or too far, on any one occasion. Let him unfold, a little at a time, and I think you'll be amazed at what can grow out of this.

Leo: There is a special essence that every Virgo female seems to feel at one time or another, and this makes the female feel as if she needs to be of service in some capacity. What better place to serve than to be a mate for a mighty Leo?

Leo is fire sign, and this imbues them with as great sense of passion. What a Virgo female can do is be accepting of this passion. Don't forget, though, that Leo is also a fixed sign and hence, stubborn. Don't let his stubborn attitude work you too hard. If there is something he feels he is right about, agree with him. It's the route of least resistance. And with a Leo, remember that the cat likes his belly rubbed. Just about every Leo male is nothing more than a large cat, a little vain, a little arrogant (but it's worth putting up with). With the Leo, look at the plus side of the relationship. You will always feel like you are the center of his romantic attention. In fact, often as not, the Leo will make you feel like you are the center of the Universe. Enjoy this because you deserve this sort of treatment.

With a Leo, there are a few things to remember. The cliché "you catch more flies with honey than vinegar" really works well here. Precede every encounter with a superlative compliment. Let that proud Leo know just how wonderful he is. Then you can drop the other shoe. But butter him up first, then you can be prepared to have your way. A fixed fire sign and mutable earth sign is quite compatible. Just watch what guidelines work best here.

I have a couple of old friends who have been dating since, well, it's been a long time. In fact, they still see each other. The Virgo acts as if she worships the very ground the Leo walks on. He will, in turn, do anything within his royal powers to make life good for her. It's a very strong relationship, and one that has withstood the test of time because of these attitudes. Fortunately, the Virgo is willing to overlook some of the Leo vanity problems. Besides, if he really is that great, like you assure him, why call it vanity?

Virgo: Same sign relationships face a little bit of a stigma, according to some resources I've consulted. But when I look at the couples like this, I've always found that there is something here that seems to work pretty well. More often than not though, there is a discrepancy in the traditional Virgo archetype, that neat freak version of a Virgo. One of you two will likely be the messy Virgo. It's not bad, it just is.

That's what seems to hold these couples together better than anything else. Even though ya'll are the same sign, you both bring different versions of this sign together. Makes it work. Makes it work pretty well, as a matter of fact.

There is one chance that this one won't work. There is one chance that your Virgo guy turns into the creature from the (insert favorite horror film here). There is one chance that this one gets really bad, really ugly, really quickly. There is this one chance that it turns out like a scene from a bad "Z" movie. "Z" movies are way off the scale when it comes to bad, it's the western with the car tracks and high power electrical wires in the background. The monster movie with the bad monster makeup. So there's a single chance that this can turn sour. With two Virgo's, though, I tend to respect this relationship. The rest of the time, it's like a match made in Heaven.

Heaven, of course, that I'm referring to, is a very small town in West Texas. Maybe it's called Eden, I don't recall. Same thing.

Libra: There's only one little, tiny problem here. It has to do with a refined sense of order that a good Virgo girl has. Whether you're the neatest of Virgo's, or the kind of Virgo that lives in a messy place [but you know where everything is], there is still a very ornate sense of place, a sense of knowing, It's a Gnostic quality, where everything must be perfect in your world. And well it should be. It is your Virgo world.

Let's toss a Libra guy into this scene. He's immaculate when he leaves the house. He's capable of grand acts of romance, the bottle of your very favorite wine (or 12-pack of beer, here in Texas), the soft lights (broken neon buzzing through a motel window comes to mind), the soft music (old Hank Williams), he even has on your favorite western-cut flannel shirt with fake pearl snaps (on sale at Wal-Mart today). You get the idea, the mood is set perfectly. It's an idyllic scene. He is everything you could want. Even better, there's no dip on his teeth because he's cleaned them for you. He's clean even if it isn't Saturday night that is, of course, a nice gesture.

Now what happens in the long haul tractor-trailer of a relationship? That's where the Libra facade begins to develop a dull sheen to its formerly bright self. The shine loses its sparkle. Bummer, huh? Libra's are good at starting things. They lack a little bit of follow through. And while they leave the house immaculate themselves, the house is usually a bit of a wreck., It looks like a motel room that a punk band has been sleeping in for a week. Not all Libra guys are like this, but they do all seem to be a little more concerned with pressing items on their hectic agenda, and house cleaning, real or metaphorical, gets put aside. That's the problem.

The sometime chaotic mess of Libra can drive a Virgo to distraction. If you develop a means for dealing with this possible problem, then you've got it made.

Scorpio: On a rating system of some kind, I'd have to give the Virgo girl and the Scorpio guy a very high rating. There's something at work here which is just better than most. The Scorpio guy is usually intensely private about certain things—sex comes to mind. And the Virgo girl is intensely private, too, about many of the same topics. I realize the analogy skipped a few steps in between, but you're working with me now, so let's just consider this one good. You two are very much alike, in very different way. Confused? Of course you are. Anyone involved with either Virgo girl or a Scorpio guy, or any Virgo girl who finds herself lusting after a Scorpio guy should be confused.

Sometimes, he's so mysterious. Other times, he's just the life of the party. You never can tell. He does tend to be a little moody at times, but then, no Virgo woman can really fault a male for that, it's merely a reflection of her own behavior on certain occasions.

I like this combination. I've seen it work. I've seen it work well. I have more good charts like this in my files than bad ones.

Of course, I'm going to have to warn you about one, little, tiny problem area. It's the explosive nature of a Scorpio's sense of justice. And every once in a while, this relationship can just blow up. Over the smallest of details, too. Suddenly, he's onto something, and I don't want to go on a rant here, but when a Scorpio latches onto a problem, they never, ever seem to let go. They will pick at that problem, bring it up at the most inconvenient and embarrassing time, rub your face in it, run it through the dirt, attach it to the flag pole, and it still sits there. This is a side that can lay dormant for years. Don't excite it. Whatever you do, don't provoke it. Him, I mean.

It's usually a good combination, but if there is something touching something else in your charts, there is a chance that this is a highly volatile combination. And that ain't good. Don't forget that all generalizations about Scorpio's are false.

Sagittarius: Oddly enough, this is a relationship that can work, provided that the sensitive Virgo female is aware of the Sag male's needs. His principle desire is freedom whereas her principle desire is stability. Hard to work out, but if you allow the Sag enough coming and going room, then the two signs can happily coexist. And that's the key to this relationship, because the typical Sag guy might have a tendency to overreact to the term "relationship," whereas he can get by just fine as long as it is called something else.

(Hint: call it a "situation"—even if it really is a relationship.)

In other words, don't tell him he's in a relationship, let him assume that you are just "sort of seeing each other," and this relationship will work out quite well. The Virgo legendary attention to detail can be a bit taxing for the Sag male. I wouldn't want to generalize that all Sagittarius Males are sloppy, but it does seem to be a fairly common trait. From my own experiences, I can tell you I've always like dating a Virgo because I come home to a bathroom which is surgically clean and sterile. It's not always like that, but you can get the idea. Of course, I also have some "Dating Virgo War Stories" but perhaps this isn't the best place for that.

The Virgo female is definitely up to the task of taming a Sag male, it's just imperative that the Virgo understands the Sag way of thinking. In simple terms, the Sag can either pay his rent or take a trip to the south of France. Odds are good that he'll go to France. And forget you for a little while. You're not gone from his mind; you're just a little disturbed that he didn't take you. You can tell you're really the important person in his life when he drops you a postcard from the edge of the world.

"Who loves you, babe?"

Capricorn: Two Earth signs like this are supposed to be a heavenly match. So much for the good news. The problem comes from too much “sun sign astrology” which suggests that these two signs will definitely get along. In fact, in my own mind, I think these signs should get along. In the real world, though, there seems to be some problems.

Let’s face it, the Virgo Female demands the very best. Nothing short of perfection is too good for her. And the Capricorn guy will often feel the same way. The problem begins when the two get into the complex inner workings of a Capricorn mind. Although he’s an earth sign, he isn’t always grounded in reality. And although he’s an earth sign, he isn’t always serious, despite that look on his face. He will keep you entertained, and that’s a positive attribute, but he will always employ a certain amount of self-deprecating humor. To that fine Virgo analytical mind, only so much of that droll funny stuff works. After a while, you’re going to get tired of listening to him slam himself—even if it’s “just a joke.”

There is one area where the two signs have an exquisite harmony, and that has to do with physical beauty and the resulting events. In other words, the physical side of the relationship is bound to be good. Most Capricorn’s are noted for their stamina, and most Virgo’s are very demanding. If you get the picture, and I’m sure you do.

Will it work? The books all say that it will. Lighten up on being a Virgo, and allow that Capricorn a chance to be the entertainer he likes to be, and you’ll find that this can actually work out.

Aquarius: I've seen worse combinations work, and starting out by stating that, gives your Aquarius guy a chance to think about it. If you are willing to put up with some of the Aquarius eccentricities, then this is certainly a worthwhile relationship. But please, my favorite Virgo girl, please learn to control the whining, complaining, and general sad face that is so often mistaken for a Virgo face.

Yes, I realize that you Virgo's do get picked on a lot for making a point out of making a point out of about every little problem. And I'm not about to suggest that you change your basic Virgo nature, either. That's not what I was looking at. What I was trying to address is the way you bring these complaints to your Aquarius guy. He has many fine traits. One of them is not usually deterred by minor discrepancies in day to day stuff, and that's just exactly what will bother your own, sweet self. Those little hiccups that occur, the routine problems that you encounter... that's the problem.

I found one Virgo girl carefully polishing the silverware at a restaurant where she was dining. Her Aquarius date was able to find the humor in the situation. She was merely wiping off the water spots with a clean napkin, something to insure that the silverware was nice as possible before she used that same silverware to convey food to her mouth. It was not an unreasonable proposition.

Proper Aquarius fashion is not concerned with such minute details. He's looking at the big picture, and your Virgo attention to detail is a problem.

If you're lucky, then you wind up with an Aquarius who finds such actions amusing, and, from a strictly intellectual point of view, he can see the justification for doing what you do. In the worst of situation, though, he will make fun of your behavior. You're going to know, right away, whether this will work or not. Although you're not prone to snap decisions, you will find you can make a quick assessment of the potential here. My best wager is that it's good. There is enough "astrological glue" to hold this one together for a long time.

Pisces: The Pisces is a curious creature because it never knows what version of reality it's standing in.... In other words, clueless fits these guys pretty well. And Virgo is opposite Pisces on the great wheel in the sky. That could mean trouble, in more than one way.

From the FGS files, I've discovered that a Pisces can get along with just about anyone. So much for the good news. The Virgo female is usually a bit demanding about just what it is that she wants, and that's going to make some trouble for the Pisces male. See: Pisces have their own little drum machine going in their heads right now. It's not a tune that you or I can hear. Maybe Elvis can hear it, but there's no way to validate that information. And this little drum machine is giving that Pisces a rhythm beat which is different from the ones which either you or I listen to.

Pisces play by their own rules, and these rules frequently contradict what the other 11 signs consider to be normal. In order to make this relationship work, understand your target a little better. Mutable Water sign. Go and study up on Pisces. In fact, look a at Neptune, too, because that's one of the planets closely affiliated with Pisces.

Pisces have this huge spiritual gift, and more than likely, like any good Virgo, you can sense this gift. And it drives you to a distraction when you realize that he's just not using it right. If he would only do things your way....

Libra guys: The little generals. Although the sign of the Scales, denoting balance, just about every Libra I've encountered is far from balanced. They too, are ruled by Venus, and this is the Venus of Peace and Harmony. They make excellent fishing partners as long as you're aware they will—politely—question every answer.

Grocery store: I've been shopping with enough Libra's to know that nothing will escape them. But if you're planning on this being a quick trip to the store, be prepared for a longer lasting event. The Libra will probably peruse the diet foods, the foods with reduced fat, no calories, and other useless group of food. The heart and soul of Libra is caught up in sweet food.

Shopping at midnight: By midnight, the archetypal Libra has had some relaxing times, and has a playful attitude at the super store. Of course, this apparent lackadaisical attitude is not without some side effects that are worthy of note. Bright, shiny objects, whether it is a chrome mud flap girl or the snaps on a new Wrangler shirt seem to attract the Libra attention. Cosmetics, perfumes, the soft feel of a bolt of Rayon cloth, all of this attracts their Libra gaze. Be prepared to spend a little bit of time looking at the objects because shopping with a Libra can be a little agonizing. They have to decide, and making a decision can be hard for a Libra.

Brick wall: Brick walls with Libra's are fun, particularly if you have warped sense of humor. Face a Libra with a definite binary question. Yes or No. Black or white. "It's kind of a gray area, really...." In computer terms, it's either on or it's off. 1 or 0. "Well, it's sort of in the middle, you know...." A Libra can see both sides of a problem, and this gives them a chance to render a fair and impartial decision. But in front of that brick wall, the Libra will bounce from foot to foot, thinking, "I've got to get over this thing, but you know, some one put this wall here in the first place, and it's here for a reason, and maybe we shouldn't tackle it...."

Bait: Minnow with 3-D eyes -- This is going to come as a bit of a surprise, but the Libra target fish needs to feel like its bait has soul. And what better way to show soul with the eyes, those little things poets call windows to the soul? When you select a lure for a Libra, be extra careful about color combinations, too. Avoid garish and tacky colors, tending towards delicate shades of blue with silver or golden scales. And eyes, nice eyes, realistic, 3-D eyes.

Body part: Kidneys, ovaries and lower back.

Libra female and ...

Aries: My dear, with an Aries male, you will find that you really have your hands full. The old saw about “opposites attract” is what brought you together in the first place. In this case, I would start by examining the angle between your two Suns, it’s called an opposition, and it is 180 degrees apart from each other. This opposition, though, can work two ways. Rather than call this love at first sight, it might have been an instant dislike based upon a powerful attraction.

The Libra Female will find that there is something really powerfully attractive by the raw animal essence of the Aries male. Granted, he’s childish and immature at times, but the Libra female already knows that this is a common characteristic of most men. But instead of male-bashing, you must realize that this innocence is one of the attributes that attracted you in the first place. The Libra female is much more reserved. And the Aries male will certainly have a take-charge attitude that might help clear up any questions about what direction this romance will take.

It works, and it works well, but it works for the simple reason that both signs are very up front about desires and wishes. Don’t forget that Libra can be a very persuasive sign, and that the Aries like to think that he is in charge. Let him make the decisions, or, at least, let him feel like he is making the decisions. Libra diplomacy is very important in this relationship. When the juice is flowing well along that line which is drawn between these opposite signs, that when things really heat up. Libra air does nothing but fan the Aries flame.

Taurus: A loving Libra needs to have some sort of internal examination before jumping off with a Taurus Male. Don't get me wrong, the Taurus is absolutely a wonderful person, that's not the issue or the question. And the Taurus can be so sensual in an exciting way. Again, it's not the issue. The problem here has to do with making decisions. The typical Taurus way of dealing with a problem is to wait for someone else to fix it. And the typical Libra way is to get someone else to fix the problem. And this is the problem, two signs who are not really willing to address the core issue of whatever it is that is going on.

The upside, of this, is that all the trappings that go to make a relationship a good thing, all the day in and day out stuff, the loading of the bass boat, as it were, that all works. The Taurus will know how to enjoy the good things in life, whether that's music that is usually a favorite, or tasty food, which is another Taurus trait. And, not to slight the Taurus, the guy will probably be a consummate shopper as well.

The problems seem to occur when the Libra, being the Libra that she is, has a tendency to flirt. I'm reminded of one Libra friend, with a large pair of well-formed assets, and she's ever so amusing. She gets upset, though, when guys don't notice her, or when they don't pay her the kind of attention that she really feels like she deserves. It creates problems.

A lot of this relationship is going to depend on how understanding the Taurus guy is. If he's fairly self-secure, then this isn't a problem. But if he's not secure, perhaps this is a young relationship, then there will be trouble, right here in River City.

The Fixed and Cardinal signs seem to share a enough of a common ground that they have what it takes to keep things moving along in a forward motion with a relationship. What any Libra girl needs to make sure she does, or doesn't do, is to care for the male ego in this situation. Make sure that he feels secure. Stability is very important to a Taurus, and as long as he feels like the relationship is stable, he'll be able to ply you with the pretty things that you don't require, but sure do make you feel good. Good liquor, nice treats, pretty words, all of it is within the grasp of the Taurus, because, after all, he is the consummate sensualist.

Gemini: Libra and Gemini. Okay, you've been warned about the Gemini basic make up, right? The whole two-faced thing? And you can hear the Gemini over in the corner crying out, "We're not two-faced!" which is actually true, but you need to be aware that there is an inherent duality with a Gemini. Just look at the word, the name itself implies plural. Gemini is always best addressed in the royal "we" format. The good news, though, if you can move past the duality within the Gemini, you've got yourself a keeper because a Gemini is an air sign. And Libra is, as well, which means that there is an inherent and built in stability factor here: you two like the way the other thinks. Works well, in other words. Works very well.

At least, it works good here on paper.

The angle between your two signs is called a trine, and in traditional astrology, this is a very good thing, this trine. The real problem with an all air relationship is that there is going to be too much that is unstable. There's got to be some form of guiding principle with these two signs. Libra is Cardinal sign, which means they like to go charging off in new directions, often at the expense of unfinished business. And Gemini is no better. In order to make these two signs work together, there has to be a spark of mental activity. Something, somewhere has to work. Neurons in the brain have to be transmitting. As long as they are, there is lots of hope for these two. And the Libra female has to understand the essential "flight" characteristic in a Gemini.

The relationship will be forever young and entertaining—that's for sure.

Cancer: The Libra Sun Sign Female is face to face with the all-time most difficult and complex male there is in the zodiac. The Cancer male is often accused of being moody and introverted. I prefer to call them “deeply introspective” because it sounds nicer. (And hopefully doesn’t get edited out by my Cancer Editor.) Understand what you are dealing with here, with this very complex individual. A Cancer male will feel things very deeply, but until he gets around to coming out of his shell, you might not know what it is that he is feeling.

In a relationship like this, the Cancer is supposed to be the touchy, feely one, and the Libra is supposed to be the analytical one. This is a Libra Air and Cancer Water at work. So the theory goes.

From the FGS files, what I’ve seen has been a little different. The Libra and Cancer couples seem to have a deeply emotional commitment to each other, but there is always some extenuating circumstance that drives the male away. It’s part of their nature, the Cancer Males, to retreat into their shells from time to time. The whole “Men are from Mars” theory can be exemplified by this. Only in reverse. Of course, I reminded of a time when I spent many long hours with a Cancer Male (not my editor) who was in a lot of emotional pain. We played video games, ran through two rolls of quarters, eat a lot of Tex-Mex cuisine, and generally had a good time of it, but we never addressed the real issue. I got three words out of him about what was actually going on: “It really hurts, man.”

The attraction from a Libra to a Cancer, or the opposite, is somewhat problematic in sun sign astrology. Both Cancer and Libra are Cardinal signs and thus they square each other. This is not always a harmonious angle. But it can work, and fundamentally, at the heart of this relationship, there is a strong attraction. That’s what makes it so important. Can it last? Sure, but do your homework about the sun sign Cancer before embarking on this mission. Remember what the Crab behaves like at the beach: always crawling sideways. Never taking anything straight on. Get the clue? The Cancer Male is going to be the last one to come out and say, “I really love you” even though he might feel it.

Getting past that crab’s shell is the tough part. But like fine dining, once you get past the messy part of cracking the crab’s shell, the tender stuff inside is delicious.

Leo: Caught yourself a Leo Male, have you? The mighty king of the jungle has stumbled into your snare and is now struggling? Works good, if you play with your catch just right. Remember what I've said about Libra being a manipulative sign. The sign of the Little General? And, being a Cardinal Sign, the Libra female needs to use all of her best energies in keeping this Leo around.

The hopeful news here is that the Leo usually plays right into your hands. And he reacts very well to proper stimulation, which, I must add, is something that you know exactly how to do. Don't forget that your Leo Male is a fixed a sign, so despite his fiery exterior, he's still very stubborn. And this stubborn side has some good attributes, like remaining steadfast at your side through thick and thin.

Of course, there are some troubles here, too, with this stupidly stubborn guy, at least from time to time. This is where your wily female Libra charms come in so handy. Don't be afraid to cower and hide behind the Leo. Nothing he likes more than coming to the rescue. It's one of his favorite roles. And the more grandiose he can make it, well, that much better for his Leo sensibilities. He is, after the mighty king of the jungle. The Libra attributes which work to hold all of this together are best used by approaching the Leo Male with the expression, "Honey, you're the greatest one in the world, could you just....." and insert whatever thankless task you've got coming up. Like cleaning out the stables, or shoveling fertilizer. The Leo guy can be easily persuaded, as long as you begin with his greatness. Then everything falls into place.

Leo is the Royal Sign, and Libra is the manager. Behind every great monarch, or so it seems, there is an efficient staff that actually does all the work. Understand that you are the "boss" in this relationship, but also understand that your Leo needs to feel like he's in charge. With a paradigm like that, you can't lose!

Virgo: Loving Libra females will get along with just about anyone in the zodiac. This is due, in part to their kind and forgiving nature. Ruled by Venus, the planet of love, of course you guys like anyone. The problems that arise from a Libra female and Virgo male are one of decisions. Neither sign is particularly noted for their decisive ability.

The Virgo male, too, can be quite adventuresome, but you have to get past his Virgo exterior first. The real secret lies in the bedroom. Or the living room. Or even the dining room, wherever the sexual escapades begin. The Virgo male, long tired of being called a Virgin, is usually anything but. Dedicated and monogamous? Certainly. Pernicious? True. Loyal? Of course. Kinky? That's the secret, but it has to stay behind closed doors.

Whereas other signs have a penchant for exhibitionism, and this includes the Libra, the Virgo male wants to keep it private. Enduring and long lasting, but private. Don't look for too much public display of affection with this guy. Other Virgo characteristics that are sure to show up include perfectionism and cleanliness. This behavior can make for a bad living arrangement for the Libra. Most Libra females intend to be clean. They might not ever get around to it, but the intention is always there. With Mr. Virgo Male, however, there is more than intention. He is neat and clean. He looks good in a business suit. His hair can be impeccable. And his bathroom is tidy. This exacting behavior can wear thin on the poor Libra female. She is used to action, going doing, and let the maid clean it all up. The Virgo male, however, feels like he IS the maid, and he can be distracted.

This romance is not without some passion, though, and that Virgo kink is fun to explore. Virgo men can be the best at earlobe nibbling and kissing in general. Just don't lose them in the foreplay.

Libra: This is a powerful combination, especially the closer together the birthdays are. Sun Conjunct Sun is the technical term. What it means is that relationship will have an excessive amount of Libra energy overflowing from every aspect of where these people touch.

Now here're the difficulties: we have two generals here. Just who is in command?

I've got a couple of friends, a long standing married couple, who are both Libra. I've inquired a number of times about the success of the relationship. I know that most Libra folks tend to think that the world revolves around them. It's the sign of the little general. What happens when one little general meets another? That's simple, at least in the case of my friends. There is a clear division of labor. He's the boss at the office. Period. She's the boss at home. End of discussion.

This way, both the generals have a camp in which they can execute orders. The relationship works quite well just like this. In order to make a Libra and Libra relationship work, the lines of demarcation, the point where one starts and the other starts is necessary. "Who's the boss?" is not a question that can be tolerated. To get these two to work together, you've got firmly establish the diplomatic process, and where the country's boundaries are. Do this first, and all will be well.

Scorpio: The reverse of this relationship, Libra Male and Scorpio Female, I've studied for my entire lifetime, and I can assure you with good authority that it works. It's when the tables are turned that we run into as few problems. It's not quite as nice as the reverse. Doesn't mean that this is without merit, though, because it does have a lasting quality to it. The vital link in getting these two signs to stay together in this combination is to avoid contests.

Even if it's just a jest, even if it is as simple as some penny poker, let his Scorpio skill win. To be fair, he will win some of the time anyway, but that's just the odds of the game. Still, he has to feel like champion. No sign is better suited for letting him feel like the victorious one than his, no sign basks better in his limelight than a Libra.

Occasionally, he's going to appear sneaky. Get over it. Sometimes, you wonder what he's really up to. Get over that, too. On occasion, there are some pretty serious questions about behaviors. Ignore his bad actions. Sometimes, you see, a Scorpio has to feel like he's being sneaky, even if there isn't anything there.

Sagittarius: Nothing so reminds me of a Libra girl with a Sag guy more than the Vietnamese [or Thai] delicacy, Iced Coffee. (I think it's called *Cafe su Dat*) It's a potent blend of French Roast coffee and creamy sweetened condensed milk. In most of the places around here, they serve it with the coffee still filtering into the cup, and separate glass with ice and a spoon to stir the concoction together. Sagittarius is like the coffee itself, strong, dark, handsome, full of flavor and aroma. The sweetened, extra thick milk syrup at the bottom is like the Libra—ever so sweet and perfect compliment to this coffee. The serving theory, and this is what I've learned, comes from mixing the two liquids together before you pour them over ice. And this relationship is much the same way. Mix well first, then call it a relationship. Mix, then decant.

The reason for this is simple, both signs tend to be just a little aloof at times, a little standoffish from the whole idea of a real relationship. The Libra, like that sweet milk, though, seems better suited for a partner than the male Sagittarius. Occasionally, coffee is good just straight. But that milk really needs something to cut its flavor, something for it to enhance.

The angle between these two signs is a good one, one that flows sweetly, and the simple flow can be good. There are certainly times to be enjoyed with each other. This does have what it takes in the long run to be a good relationship. The important lesson here, and this is more for the Libra, is to understand the Sagittarius freedom thing. Fortunately, this isn't a difficult task for the loving Libra woman. She understands, perhaps a little better than most, just what it is that her Sagittarius guy needs. "Hey baby, who loves you?"

Capricorn: Libra and Capricorn, and now you've got yourself a Capricorn male, will it work? It can work, despite what traditional sun sign astrology says about you two being a square to each other. The angle between the sun signs is a difficult one, but not without certain attributes which make it work well. The matter at heart is about understanding what you've got your hands on, two Cardinal signs.

While a Cardinal sign is lovely with all it's get up and go, there are certain inherent problems with two them together. These problems include great ideas, but might lack a little follow through. The energy is there, there just isn't anyone around you actually do the work. The problem with this relationship is that the Capricorn can be a real spoilsport, reacting badly to new situations. It's not that he doesn't enjoy the challenge, it's just that he is an earth sign, and those guys tend to pedal around in a thing called reality. The Libra would never spend too much time there.

The other attribute, which makes this an exciting relationship, is the physical attraction. Libra is not called "lovely Libra" for nothing. There will be an aura of physical attraction between these two signs... just about every time. Makes for a great flavor.

With destiny involved, this is the best of combinations for friendship. And at the very core of every good relationship, especially over the long haul, friendship is an important concept. Fortunately, Ms. Libra, you're balanced enough to make this work on some level, if not all levels.

Aquarius: Fixed Air (Aquarius) and Cardinal Air (Libra) is an unusual combination. There's an attraction here, and according to some reference manuals, a good combination. But my dear Libra girl, you have to understand what you are dealing with.

Your Aquarius guy is a rebel at times. Perhaps he's a rebel with no clue. Perhaps he doesn't have a just cause at the moment. You might want to provide him with something to fight for. There is a distinct possibility that you two are going to have a nice "meeting of the minds" and as we get older, this appeal is increasingly important. The hassle with an Aquarius is that he has a tendency to run hot when you run cold, he runs away when you want him home, and he thinks about a problem before tackling it.

This might sound a lot like your self, at times. The problem is that you can always expect the unexpected from him. If you are willing to be entertained by such antics, this works exceptionally well. If you're not willing to let this work for you, then there might be trouble, and you can just give this a pass. It depends on where you are in your own development cycle. I've never ceased to be amazed and intrigued by Aquarius people. Always interesting, always entertaining, for me. But then, there's a touch of Aquarius and a touch of Libra in my chart. I can easily see, though, that there can be problems when you want to get into the swing of things. Like the time you need a date for a black tie affair, and your Aquarius willing to dress up in his tux, but he also insists on wearing a ratty old pair of cowboy boots, perhaps ones that have been used that afternoon while herding cattle.

On such occasions, you have to celebrate the unique style that every Aquarius has, although, from time to time, he might offend some of your more conventional aesthetics. Enjoy him for what's he's worth, though, because he can stick by your side, and he can be the ultimate in dependable if you give him a chance.

Pisces: With some signs, this is a wonderful combination, exciting each other to new highs. With other signs, there are inborn – on board problems. This is one of those times when there is an inbred problem. I wouldn't say that it's an inherently bad combination, but the more I dig through the files, the less I found that works here.

The angle between the two signs is called an “inconjunct” or a “quincunx.” It describes an astrological angle of 150 degrees, which, as I'm sure your fine Libra mind will denote, is an odd angle. The tricky part is balance in this relationship. If you can ever achieve that perfect form of balance, then this one works pretty good. But it's getting to that perfect point of balance, especially with a Pisces, which creates a problem. In fact, if you do figure out how to get to that balance point for a long-term relationship with this one, let me know. We'll study it, bottle it, and make a lot of money.

The other question with this relationship is more along the lines of romance. And that's what this Pisces can be really good for. Removing the long-term love question from this relationship, and looking at it as strictly a romantic interlude, then you've got what can be fun. The signs are compatible enough, and when you're caught up in the heady throes of the first of the heart tugs, then this is great. And there's no one finer than a Pisces for that romantic interlude.

Scorpio: Scorpio guys are one of the most maligned groups I've ever encountered. Rightfully, so, too, as they are ruled by Mars, the ancient god of war, and in more modern times, Pluto, the lord of the underworld. Secretive bunch, too. No one knows just exactly what a Scorpio fishes with, and one of them actually suggested to me, on a fine morning, that if he told me what bait combination he was using, he'd have to kill me.

Grocery store: Grocery purchase patterns of a Scorpio are strictly held secrets and none of us have been able to ferret out this information. But we're working on it, and if we ever get to observe Scorpio's in the store, we'll let you know. I suspect that they purchase a lot of canned goods that can be stored in dark places for long periods of time. You can never be too prepared.

Shopping at midnight: Most of the Scorpio's I've observed while shopping at midnight have a tendency to linger around the hunting and fishing department. I think they are looking at firearms, but I can't be too sure about it. This is the result of the Uncertainty Principle that is amended to read that an observed Scorpio will do something different, just to throw the results off and to make sure you don't record what it is that he is doing.

Brick wall: This one I know a little too well. Scorpio's, when faced with a brick wall, glance around nervously, and then saunter off to the nearest cafe. They order a cup of coffee, stir in some sugar, lick the spoon, and then put that spoon in their pocket. They go back to the brick wall under the stealthy cover of dark and dig a tunnel underneath it, carefully distributing the misplaced dirt so as not to leave a trail. Now, when they do get on the other side of the obstacle, they rather loudly point out how they stole a spoon and dug the tunnel all by themselves. Besides, there is no obstacle that is too much for a Scorpio.

Bait: Scorpio: Sneaky Snake — I'll tell you a secret about how to catch a Scorpio, I mean, there's one thing that works best, but I don't want you to get paranoid, since it is the secret Scorpio ingredient, and keeping it a secret is no conspiracy. That's why the Sneaky Snake works so well on the Scorpio Bass. It's the allure of secrecy and mystery that catches that Scorpio attention. Just don't tell the Scorpio that this is a traditional lure for Scorpio's.

Body part: Parts for regeneration and elimination.

Scorpio female and ...

Aries: Whatever you do, don't knock this one at all. It's one of those relationships that some folk say won't last. But I've seen this unlikely combination work. And unlikely as it may seem, it has certain definite astrological bonus points which are going for it. This is like a frequent flyer relationship that can come as a reward at the end of collecting some of these bonus points.

It's certainly going to take wing, but that's where the Scorpio part of your feminine mystique might come into play, and it also might get grounded. Some of the more subtle Scorpio points that so many of us dearly enjoy might be lost on the Aries fellow. To be sure, once you begin to understand his intrinsic nature, I believe that you will come to enjoy this relationship as long as you learn to deal with the apparent brusque behavior of an Aries. He's not short tempered, he's just quick to take action. He's not childish, he's childlike. And most of all, he's not shallow, he's just upfront with everything.

Don't knock your Aries guy. He can make a decent companion for a Scorpio girl because he's going to offer the different point of view from your own. And neither one of you is inclined to bicker with the other one. Best of all, when you're right, he will acquiesce, which is definitely not a normal male trait, but one that is happily found in this guy.

Taurus: Interesting. That's a nice way to put it. That's the polite way to put it. Bizarre also comes to mind. What we've got, what you've got your hot little Scorpio claws on, is the most sensual of the signs, Taurus, and the most motivated to be sensual of the signs, the Scorpio woman. But both signs are fixed, and with a fixed to fixed relationship, the basic problem is always that stubborn energy. Maybe it was an attraction at first sight, but there is the potential for great problems, too.

Taurus is a dirt sign, which means it is associated with the element of earth. You know deep feeling Scorpio is a water sign so mix the earth and water, and the conventional astrology suggests you wind up with mud. It's not a pleasant thought. But if you can move this relationship out of the wrestling arena and off the stage for a minute, there is another key element at work with this fixed nature.

There is also a degree of stability in there. That is the good part. When a fixed sign makes a commitment, it's there for life. In the case of some of my Scorpio friends, they are there for lifetimes. This stability will feel like it's destiny, in fact. At one point, you will feel like this a relationship that has the fine hand of Fate working in it.

The biggest problem with this particular relationship is the fact that when a disagreement arises, when there's a heated discussion about who is right, both signs are willing to fight to very bitter end. The good news is that with a Taurus, the kiss and make up part can be fun. The bad news is that deep-seated resentments can form. And there's no better way to poison a Scorpio girl than give her something to be resentful about.

If you decide to stick with a gentle Taurus lad, the only serious recommendation that I have is to work on some form of problem resolution. In fact, get this in writing. Agree on a way to handle disagreements. Work something out before it ever happens. Your Taurus can be a dependable critter, but you've got to learn how to handle the disappointments, the setbacks, the every day misunderstandings—ahead of time.

As an after thought, don't hesitate to put your Taurus on a short leash. Cell phones are now common, let me know, I can get you a deal on one.

Gemini: They said it wouldn't work. They said you should know better. The book says it won't work. But because this is an experimental guide, I feel like this one has a fighting chance—only don't use the words "fighting chance."

There's nothing that good Scorpio like yourself can really get into more than a good fight, an honorable fight, a fight where justice is right, and you are on the side of justice. That's also a downfall for the Gemini guy because he lacks much attention span for a good fight. This lack of attention won't just show up in a verbal disagreement, it will show up in many areas. As long as you can consider yourself entertained, this can work. A Gemini usually has a quick mind, and that's something that you appreciate in him. The problem with this quick mind is that sometimes it never turns off. Then what do you do?

A good Scorpio like yourself can latch onto one idea and pound that idea into the ground. Work it over, follow all the serious lines of thought that spring from the original idea. Your Gemini buddy does much the same thing, only, well, only he's looked at all the branches of that thought, gone to the bookstore and completely forgotten about it while getting lost in stacks and stacks of books, and he's busy researching something else now. You're still on the same thought. In other words, he's on a different page now. That's a problem.

It doesn't have to be a problem but often works out like one because he's busy worrying about details while you're still wrestling with the core of the issue. He's off and flitting about, while you're angst ridden over the central issue.

If you can adopt a proper attitude, one of merriment and glee, and if you genuinely delight in the various little twists and turns he takes, then this can work. But you've got to be adaptable to the mutable nature of the Gemini, the many different facets, the supposed "two-faced" nature of the critter to begin with. (Personally, I like Gemini's—I find great delight in them, but I'm NOT a Scorpio.)

Cancer: Sometime this is a good relationship. Sometimes, it's even great. It's water and water, your Scorpio Fixed sign water versus his Cancer Cardinal sign water. Emotions are bound to run high. That's the fun news. It's supposed to be wonderful. There's a problem or two with this, though. It's an indirect problem, but it's a problem nonetheless.

What my files reveal is that this is a relationship that works for a while. It's like a "one night stand" Scorpio style. That means it lasts for several years. It's good, but it's not great. It's wonderful at times, and at certain periods, when the sun and the Moon are in the right place (Mars and Venus actually have a heavy hand in this as well), it feels like it will last forever and ever.

We're back to the indirect problem. The oblique problem. "If he would just get out of the crab shell," is the comment I've heard, more than once.

Being a Scorpio girl, you are the master of delicate manipulations of your subject. It's not a mean or vindictive comment, most [if not all] males could use a little instruction. You're just usually better at it than most. Regrettably, this comes across a Cancer carapace from time to time, and no matter what you do, your little efforts go unrewarded. That hurts. And the first thing a Scorpio girl does when her efforts are unrealized is that she redoubles her passion for the cause. She jumps in with both feet. She tackles the problem from a different angle. Scorpio women are accused of being many things, but one quality I always admire is their universal tenacity when it comes to working on a problem.

But the problem with the Cancer guy is that he just doesn't seem to respond to normal stimulus. And what has worked so well on other guys doesn't always work on him.

In the worst of these situations, I've watched as a Scorpio girl and Cancer guy sit in their separate domiciles, staring at the phone, trying to will it to ring. Neither one is willing to make that first call, that first attempt at communication to resolve this. It's a problem, and I don't have the answer. If I did, I would call.

Leo: Bill and Hillary, anyone? And talk about your Scorpio tenacity... “Behind every great man...” Okay, no clichés. I refer, occasionally, to “astrology glue” when I’m looking at relationships. There has to be something binding to make a serious relationship work. This is a tough call on this relationship because the Scorpio female usually feels like she should be in control, and the Leo male knows he should be in control. But that opening cliché wasn’t too bad of a statement to begin with. That sort of arrangement works with these two.

Fixed signs traditionally have a strong appeal, that first gut wrenching look, that first glance in the case of the Scorpio gal, that first, “**I want him**” feeling in the pit of your Scorpio stomach. If you find yourself in an emotional predicament, a case where you just can’t get him out of your mind, then I suggest you go for it. Be forewarned that there is a distinct possibility that this relationship can blow sky high right before your very eyes. It’s better than those fireworks we enjoyed last Fourth of July, the time we were run off by the Sheriff’s deputy.

But just like that party the authorities broke up, you can enjoy having a good time with this. A good Scorpio chick likes to lay and wait in the background. Guess what? Your Leo guy likes to hog the limelight. We both know, you and I, where the real power in this relationship is. Just don’t ever let your Leo know that, and all will be well.

It’s a ticklish situation, at best. It’s a tough one when the relationship degenerates into nothingness. It’s just like that Fourth of July party, the authorities have to show up and break things up.

I’ve accused Scorpio’s of being scheming and manipulative. While that’s a horrible generalization, it just might be true, on some level. As long as you are going to play with Mr. Leo, back yourself up and let him take all the credit for your hard work. I know that might be a painful pill in these enlightened times, but with this pairing of sun signs, it seems to work best.

Virgo: “I get along with Virgo’s just fine. I was married to one. Once.”

It’s been my experience that this is a relationship with a degree of merit to it. With a star rating system, I’d give three out of a possible four stars. And back in the background, you can hear that Virgo guy, back there in the background, complaining that he didn’t get a perfect four-star rating. And that’s exactly why he didn’t get a four star rating, so he can have something to moan about.

If you’re dating a Virgo, I’ll promise he will give you endless stories to tell—and plenty to moan about, too. He’s not bad, he’s just drawn that way.

Imagine that your little Virgo date looks perfect. Here’s this guy you’ve obsessed about. Perhaps you first saw him when he was in one of your classes. He’s studying something interesting, some arcane branch of science, but he also knows something about music. Maybe he’s in a band. He’s a pretty hip guy. You like him a lot. And there he is, sleeping on your couch with his arms around you. He doesn’t even seem to snore which is a definite plus. You look longingly at his body. You haven’t consummated this relationship yet. But you’re sure thinking about it. He stirs and you’re as quiet as you look at his perfect little buttocks beneath those tight jeans. Suddenly he lets one rip. Flatulence.

You’re going to find that Mr. Virgo isn’t quite perfect. He’s darn nice. In fact, I like him a lot. But I’m not going out with him, and he’s got a few little hang-ups, a few quirks, a few extra sets of gears. This relationship can work, but you’re going to have to adjust to a male Virgo mindset. To this day, he still denies that he let one rip. You and I know different, but that’s the story he’s sticking to.

Libra: The Scorpio gal and the Libra guy is actually a long-lasting relationship provided that the two get a working understanding of who is the boss. I've dated both [both signs—never dated a Libra guy], studied both, and I have a fair degree of understanding about this relationship.

The central issue is control. Just who is in charge?

And the answer varies with the day. To be fair to the Libra, he will come across as being in charge because he is, even in times like this, the man. And the Scorpio will let him feel like he is in charge, even in times like this, as long as he understands that the real power is within her Scorpio grasp. There's a mutual admiration society that forms, between the two signs. In old-fashioned astrology, the ruler of Scorpio is Mars, and the ruler of Libra is Venus. Mars and Venus, the two love planets. Getting to see a connection here? I would hope so.

The issue of control in any relationship is ticklish, at its best. With the two controlling signs, one would have to assume that it's real case of a fight. But both signs are quite cautious in their use of this control. And that's what makes this one work so well. It's a bit of a game, but then, watching folks play this game for over 50 years makes it an interesting one to watch. And yes, it can last that long. I've seen it before. When I figure out who is really in charge, I'll post that information along, although, my vote tends to go with the Scorpio.

Scorpio: The odds are in your favor with this one. A Scorpio female and a Scorpio male seem to work pretty good, 3 out of 4 times. As long as the odds are in your favor, might as well go with this one. Don't forget that there are two of you in this relationship, a fact that is probably never overlooked by either party. You know, in the back of your partner's mind, someplace, somewhere, somehow, the other one is scheming up a plan that includes you.

On the scale of things in life, this rates pretty good in other areas. The steamy, sensual Scorpio meets her match with the steamy sensual Scorpio.

Two water signs, especially if the Suns (birthdays) are within a few degrees of each other indicates that the chance of disagreements runs high. The problem with problems is that the two of you seem to approach problems from the same place, and when you get stuck on a single point, well, let the rest know, because we can sell tickets to watch you fight.

I don't know a Scorpio woman or, for that matter, a Scorpio man who will back down from a point when they are convinced, rightly or wrongly, that they are in the right. And that sense of justice is to be applauded, but this same sense of indignity is the downfall of the relationship, too. That small percentage that doesn't make it usually stems from a simple point that eventually exploded like a thermonuclear device across the landscape. Whatever you do, stay away from those firecrackers like that. Better yet, get a decent moderator for your fights. At least get a good announcer.

Sagittarius: I love a good Scorpio. In fact, I've loved more than one. And escaped with my life. But it is a dangerous proposition at best. That's also the allure of the Sagittarius male for you. I just hope I don't slip up and ever call him a Sagittarius man because that implies a degree of maturity which, next to a fine Scorpio like yourself, is just going to be lacking. I'll do my best to eschew any further men bashing jokes, but it does you good to remember to approach your Sagittarius like a big boy.

He likes to play, and that sense of merriment that he can infuse into any situation is something your Scorpio self enjoys. That's the good news. And with a Sagittarius fellow, you do have that sense that everything is fun, every mundane task can take on a special glow, like it's all one great big adventure in Fun Land. That's the good news.

The downside of this is that occasionally, your Scorpio self is going to want some grown up decisions out of this guy. You want him to take matters at hand seriously for a change. You want him to act like a grown up. He can be many things, but if it's act like a grown up, remember that it's only a game to him. That will eventually wear thin on your Scorpio soul.

If there's something else in his chart, or, for that matter, your chart, too, then this can be an exciting combination. Will it last forever? Don't forget that "forever" is a long time, and the Sagittarius guy might not have that long of an attention span. "Forever and ever," a term I commonly employ, usually means next week. You might keep that in mind when dealing with one of us.

Capricorn: There is one thing I know, and that's this one works. Doesn't work all the time, doesn't work for everyone, but when you find a Cap guy you like, all I can suggest is that you guys deserve each other. It does fit with the "signs that are at a harmonious angle to each" parameter. It also has a certain kind of stability that is inherent in each sign. That being suggested, should we discuss the problem area?

Sex. Mr. Capricorn can be one of the most satisfying lovers you ever encounter. In fact, he even has a chance to have the most stamina, as well. That's just a generalization, but this is one topic that seems to be pretty important to every Scorpio female I've worked with.

That Capricorn guy, though, has a few quirks that you need to be aware of. His wonderfully droll humor, which is so dry sometimes that the point of the joke, usually himself, slips right past you. And he is able to deal with your Scorpio Sarcasm and swiftly turn it back towards you. That's a potential problem as well. A Scorpio may be able to dish it out, but it is not always a good idea to reflect it right back to her.

The final problem is best illustrated by the main plot line from Shakespeare's play, *The 12th Night*. Girl is shipwrecked, meets a Prince, disguises herself as a boy, and then—to cut to the final scene, all is revealed, and she gets her Prince. There's a lot of plot that's been cut for the sake of brevity, but if you're chasing a Capricorn, and if a Cap is pursuing you, then make sure that you wind up with the happy ending version. Don't get caught up with the Malvolio character, either, and some would suggest the hapless fool is a Sagittarius. There's a chance that there can be too much reticence on one person's part, either him or you, and that can sink this whole idea to begin with.

Check out *12th Night*, and make sure that you end up happily married. The main female character is a Scorpio, and the Prince she finally wins after all 5 Acts, is a Capricorn.

Aquarius: How good, my dear, beloved Scorpio woman, just how good are you at playing long odds? What was that line from that movie, the one that has been bantered about so much? “Feel lucky punk? Go ahead, make my day.” Such a good Scorpio line and so evocative what this relationship is like.

You two are almost always going to feel like you are at odds with each other. I have no polite way to get around this. To borrow from another source, a country song that was popular not long ago, “Sometimes you’re the bug and sometimes you’re the windshield.” I will always suggest that you’re the windshield, the flattening force or the driving force in this relationship, but that’s not always the case. There will be days when Mr. Aquarius gets the upper hand, and he rolls right over you. That’s when you revert to your Scorpio archetype. Ever try to crush one? It’s real hard and it doesn’t usually work unless you grind really hard with your boot heel. Even then, that Scorpio stinger is still loaded with potentially fatal poison.

So the Aquarius guy will eventually try to run you over, and like I’ve suggested, that doesn’t work. The other problem with this relationship is the emotional needs of each partner. Consult with an average astrologer, and they will tell you that Aquarius have no emotions. Ask me, and I’ll suggest different, but I will point out that the Aquarius isn’t very well equipped to deal with your Scorpio feelings.

We’re back to the odds. It’s not like this is completely doomed. But if you’re contemplating dating an Aquarius, give him a very thorough examination before you take the plunge. As you’re looking him over, ask yourself, “Do I feel lucky today?”

Pisces: One a scale of the best relationships I've ever seen, this is second only to its reverse. But you're going to have to be pretty careful when handling your Pisces guy. He is a little more sensitive than you. No, that's not true, he's not more sensitive than you. No one is more sensitive than a Scorpio woman. (And I'm not pandering to you, either—it's the truth.)

But that Pisces guy is more in touch, in an obvious way, with his feelings than you are. There are very few guarded Pisces guys. Ask him, he'll tell you how he is feeling, at that very moment. So much for the good news.

There was the nicest stray cat in this one apartment complex I lived. He was all black except for a little tuft of white hair on his chest. He was also a Pisces male. That should be, he was a typical Pisces male. He would cat around all night, and then show up on my doorstep in the morning. Rather than say he was hungry, he would just look at me with those forlorn cat eyes, and I would give him food.

I did, eventually, put a cute pink flea collar on him, too. That worked pretty well. The way I know he was a standard-issue Pisces cat was something that happened one night. There was typical Texas spring storm. There was high wind, rain in great sheets. Some folks reported seeing a tornado funnel cloud someplace. The cat was sitting on my door mat, soaking wet. If he had moved over a mere three feet, he would have been in a dry spot, but the lashing rain was soaking this guy. He didn't scratch at the door, or meow. He just sat there until I let him in.

This did not go over too well with my indoor Mama cat, but she did let him know that he wasn't allowed out from under the couch, but he could stay the night. At least as long as it was raining that hard.

You can't help but have pity on the guy. You can't help but believe that he needs your mercy. But he's a foxy little critter, that Pisces. However, just like that stray, when he looks in your eyes, you have no choice but to take him in.

Sagittarius guys: What lucky fool guys they are! Sagittarius is ruled by Jupiter, a gas giant, and it's the lucky star. Sag guys make great comedians because the world is always laughing at their dumb mistakes. Which is too bad because Mr. Sagittarius is laughing, all the way to the bank. Not always a smart choice for fishing tournaments because the Sagittarius is liable to turn the boat over — and then catch the biggest fish.

Grocery store: Shopping for more mundane foodstuffs with a Sagittarius is a bit of a drag because it's so pedestrian. However, if you can get your Sagittarius into the grocery store, you're up for a good ride because it's fun. Sagittarius is the sign that turns the shopping cart into a skateboard. Sag will also knock over the row of cans, upset the displays, and generally make a nuisance of himself except that everyone present will find it comical. One line I've heard before, at the grocery store, "I've never seen someone your age ride on a cart like that..." and that's a typical response. It's a lot like going to the store with a child in tow. Just be careful you don't let your Sag loose in the cereal department because he's just got to have some of the latest market driven cereal, something that is all sugar and no nutrition. Just surrender and enjoy the adventure.

Shopping at midnight: This is the greatest of Sagittarius adventures, a foray into midnight retail. In fact, the Sagittarius was heading up to the store a little earlier, he just got distracted, there was a band at the club he wanted to see, then he had to stop off for some late dinner because the Blue Plate Special was a favorite, and then it's after midnight when he finally gets to the store. Better plan on it taking some time. He's going to look at some athletic wear, perhaps a new pair of shorts, and in true Sag fashion he'll buy a month's supply of men's underwear, a 5 for \$10 deal (because he doesn't have time to do laundry), then there's the cowboy hats, and maybe a belt because his waist size keeps expanding and contracting. Sporting goods are popular, as are auto parts. He might even pick up some cleaning supplies, too, but don't count on them ever getting used. Then there's the magazine and book section in the super store. Not exactly a place for highbrow literature studies, but very few Sagittarius types can escape looking at the books section. And school supplies, you know you can never have enough pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, and so forth....

Brick wall: A large, fixed object is no obstacle, not for a gallant Sagittarius. Look at the most common symbol for Sagittarius, it's a little arrow, pointing up. When a Sagittarius comes up to this brick wall, what he's inclined to do is bounce right over the wall. He might even trip, getting over it. Sagittarius is the master of deflection detection, too, "Problem, what problem? I don't see a problem here...."

Bait: Sagittarius: Baby Trout — No commitment, non-recourse spicy food in a foreign land. Or BBQ at Black's in Lockhart. Either way, the baby trout lure works. Offer that Sagittarius fish something that looks different. In fact, some of the biggest bass in Texas have been caught on this lure. So it's BBQ or baby trout, but something with a little bit of spice helps because it's always easy to hook a Sagittarius fish, but getting that trophy into the net and on the stringer is a bigger challenge. Sag fish are frequently called, "The one that got away."

Body part: Hips and thighs.

Sagittarius girl and

Aries: Fire and Fire. Wow. Cool. No, hot. That's what this is, a hot relationship. I've always approved of a Sagittarius and Aries relationship. I've seen them be nothing but good. Well, mostly good. There's a degree of understanding that you need to impart to this fine specimen of humanity called an Aries, though. He's a Cardinal sign, a Cardinal Fire sign, as we previously noted. What we wind up with, when you put these two together, is a relationship with a hot, passionate side, fueled by a lot of go power.

The problems start when the go power takes a nap. The intense passion needs a rest occasionally, and while passion is asleep, if no one tends to the fire, the flames will go out. That's the problem. Don't let the fire go out. It can rest and dwindle, but remember to make sure the coals stay warm.

Tending this relationship is lot like looking after a good barbecue pit. It takes time, patience, and a degree of responsibility. The problem here is that neither sign really has an innate sense of what it takes to keep this going. It's good a for a short turn, like that barbecue pit, great for doing hot dogs and burgers on a summer afternoon, but the long, slow smoked brisket of a relationship might take some extra attention. There needs to be something that will keep the flames going, something that keeps the smoke pouring out of the top of the pit, a little fan for the flames.

One of the best pit tenders I know keeps a bottle of hot sauce, a bottle of barbecue sauce, and little spray bottle of water at hand. These ingredients, on one level or another, might be the best items to keep this relationship going. You need to add an occasionally piece of Mesquite for flavor, maybe paint the ribs with hot sauce from time to time, perhaps layer a little barbecue sauce, and then, there are times when the mist from the water bottle is necessary to tone down the flames.

The end result is long, slow-cooked to perfection, type of meal where the meat falls off the bone and melts in your mouth. There will certainly be enough zest in this relationship to keep it spicy for a long time, it's the judicious use of that water bottle that's important.

Taurus: You know, I've seen this one have a certain amount of appeal. And in a number of the cases when it works, the Sagittarius girl is a Scorpio Rising, which if you look at the rest of the chart, gives her a Taurus Descendant. That means Taurus is the sign that "rules" her 7th House, the place in traditional astrology that's called the Wedding House.

But that's the exception with this combination because in the same traditional astrological vein, Sagittarius girls and Taurus guys are just a little too different for this to work out. It's like looking at Bass Fisherman, with their trucks, boats and mountains of gear for tournament work, and the Fly Fisherman with his willow creel and single little fleece lined holder of hand-tied flies. One moves fast with lots of horsepower, that's Mr. Taurus the Bass Fisherman. The other is light on her feet, able to adjust to rapidly changing conditions, that's the Fly Fisherman, the Sagittarius girl.

While these signs have a certain amount of common ground, the problem is that the Sagittarius girl goes for something a little more refined whereas the Taurus guy represents something that is conventional and steady.

Perhaps the fact that they are both fishing is a common ground, but too often, these two versions of fishing just don't seem to match up well.

If this is one that works, I would suggest that there is a certain amount of astrology glue that holds it all together, perhaps something beyond the Sun Signs themselves. But if this is a strict Sun Sign interpretation, I'd give it a miss because even though there are distinct similarities, you'll notice that we've got two people from different worlds. Or, maybe it's just two people from different versions of the same world.

Gemini: The reverse of this one, a girl Gemini and a Sag guy is great. Somewhere, though, in my files, when I look at the reverse of this, with Sagittarius woman and a Gemini guy, it just doesn't seem to work as well. To be sure, if it does work, then it's just like it is supposed to be, what with all the Sagittarius fire being fueled by the Gemini air. Sure. Works well.

The problems that I've seen crop up time and again have more to do with the inherent unstable nature of the Gemini guy opposed by the Sagittarius Sun of the female. No male bashing jokes here, but at times, my fine Sagittarius girl is going to feel like telling a few. And the jokes might be a little too painful or a little too close to home for his tastes.

What causes the friction, from what I've been able to determine, is that the Sagittarius woman needs a little more than the Gemini guy is willing to give, all the time. Not some of the time. There are days when that Gemini is the most adorable person in the world. There are other times, when he does his Gemini thing, and you are just beside yourself with impatience. In fact, you're going to find your sweet Sagittarius self muttering, "Oh just *grow up*." Imagine the irony of a Sagittarius telling someone to grow up? It's the ultimate in contradictions. But on occasion, you're going to find that's the very comment you make.

Enjoy your Gemini for what he's worth. Fun loving, intellectually stimulating, a real life of the party most of the time, a nice guy a lot of the time, a childish love of fun which works well with your childlike glee. Wait, there's the problem. That Gemini guy is going to be acting childish whereas a good Sagittarius girl has a childlike way of looking at things. It's a small difference, a nuance in the words, but in this case, it's important.

Cancer: A Sagittarius female and a Cancer guy is, to be sure, a little on the strange side. More than a little strange. There's something innately appealing about a Cancer guy. He's coy, reserved at times, usually rather good looking, and there's more than a hint that there is a depth of emotion hidden in his reserve. But like all tasty crab dishes, there's bit of work required to dig out the sweet and tender parts. And don't forget some people are really allergic to shellfish. It's just something in the chemistry. Doesn't mean this won't work, just be a little more careful with both your heart and his tender heart.

On more than one occasion, you're going to encounter the crab's shell. This is either good or bad, and that's really an ambiguous statement. But it does depend on how reactionary you turn out to be. If you can cool your Sagittarius jets for just a minute or two, stop and look at the big picture, you will quickly realize that bouncing your head against his carapace is a fruitless endeavor.

There's a subtle nuance in the way he tilts his head, a way he looks when he's sitting at the keyboard, a gentle lilt in his voice, something that you really do like about him. But there's still a reticence, and that reserved nature of his comes to the forefront again. He is capable of grabbing onto you with a giant crab-like claw, and refusing to let go, too, and that's another problem. Or asset. Perhaps you want a guy who has the tenacity to hang on. If you can work your own way under that thick shell, you'll find a good relationship. It's getting under the shell that takes time. I wouldn't suggest that all Sagittarius women are impatient, but I'll suggest your patience will be taxed.

Leo: I really do like the opposite of this one. And I've seen this one work pretty good for an entertaining relationship. But a good Sagittarius girl had better do a little academic research about her Leo companion before getting into to this too far. He's easy to please, all you have to do is stroke him. It reminds me of a guy I know who catches catfish by hand. Now, with Leo being the Lion, the Catfish metaphor is even funnier and more appropriate. How does this guy do it? He strokes the Catfish. He reaches down, runs his fingers around the big fish's head, and then grabs that sucker by the gills and tosses them up onto the bank. There's got to be an assistant on the bank, too, someone to make sure that big fish doesn't flop back in the creek.

Okay, your Leo guy is just like that catfish, almost literally. A quick stroke, a reassuring touch and then, "bang!" He's yours. Makes it sound simple, but catching Leo's is like trying to catch certain fish, it looks a lot easier than it really is.

And like the example of those catfish, it could almost take help from another person to keep him when he's landed. But is it worth the effort? For a Sagittarius girl, it sure is worth the effort to keep that Leo around. He's loyal, dependable, imaginative, and he will treat you like a Queen, if you let him. It might take a little bit of a try to get it together the first time, but after that the rewards are great. Personally, I prefer my catfish rolled in some corn meal and pan fried with some Cajun spices.

Virgo: The opposite of this makes for some interesting comparisons. And at the risk of sounding like the sexist male that I am, this one seems to work better than it should. I've seen it last for a long-standing period of time. Now, there is something of a timely note which should be added at this point, my fine Sagittarius girl, Mr. Pluto is either coming along or he has already visited himself upon you. And at the same time Pluto is in Sagittarius, he's making a difficult angle for the Virgo you might be considering.

What Pluto does to a relationship is tear things up and then let things fall back together. Or apart. If you have a good relationship, then this looks like it will survive some of the rage, outrage, and general mayhem associated with the Dark Lord of the Underworld [Pluto]. But if you're on shaky ground already, or if you live in California, I'd be extra careful.

It's not the end of the world, and while you two are both mutable signs, you're going to find that this relationship has a certain tension that actually makes you two stick together better than most. Or, at least, better than some. Don't forget to review your related Virgo material to help deal with this guy, though, because he does need a little care and feeding in order to keep him around.

The problem with the sexist comment is that I'm a male Sag, and I've dated a Virgo. Or two. Some are very dear friends. Some are now sworn enemies for life. I never did get the grudge thing figured out. So when I say the reverse of this works well, it's from the point of view of a participant rather than a neutral observer. And as soon as one Virgo dumped me, another one popped up to be extra nice.

In more traditional astrology, Sagittarius is a male sign, and Virgo is a female sign. That's also why I like the reverse of this because it fits with the old books. In this day and age, though, maybe we can move beyond the traditional roles. Good luck with a Virgo, and yes, it can work pretty well.

Libra: A Sagittarius girl can do much worse than finding and hooking herself a Libra. The Libra male is a good catch, at times, he can be the best. He has a penchant for art and beauty, and I've yet to find a Sag girl who just won't make herself a fool for such things. She's easily seduced by the love of good food, good wine, and a little bit of the Libra charm. And that Libra guy can come across as quite charming.

The problem with this relationship has to do with depth, not breadth. The passionate Fire of Sagittarius is often fueled by that Libra Air. The problem is that the Sagittarius girl will sometimes look over at the limpid pools of blue (brown, hazel, green—whatever) and wonder if there is anything really back behind the eyes. Is that a brain stem or just the stem of a vegetable? Is there a mental process at work or is there just a vacancy sign? Does he really interact with me, or does he just mimic back answers? "Do you think I just mimic stuff back to you?"

The balance of the question, and the answer, has to be fair to the Libra. Yes, there's really a depth in there, but sometimes he does come across as shallow. He's not, but he can be busy weighing some of the heavier parts of the conversation. Or he's worried about a tactful way to tell you some of the spinach enchilada is still stuck to your teeth. Being A Sag girl, the blunt answer works. Being a Libra guy, the blunt answer is not artful enough.

Tap some of his passion. Tap some of his desire. Tap into that brain, the mental process, and see what happens. He's in awe of your depth of feeling, and he can respond to it. He just worries a little bit about such an open display of affection. I mean, he's affectionate and all, but the overt stuff can scare him at times. The Libra tends to come off as a little reserved at all times whereas the Sag girl, in my limited experience, is all emotions all the time. Usually upbeat and positive, even in the face of insurmountable odds, but it's out there. Mr. Libra Nice Guy can appear cool and calm.

The angle between the signs is called a sextile. The tighter this is, the better the angle is, and then the better the relationship. As long as you're involved with a Libra, plan on being a little more decisive than usual.

Scorpio: What do you do when the most sexy sign in the zodiac meets with the other sexiest sign in the zodiac? Mr. Scorpio is alluring. He's sexy. He's stimulating. He hints at a prowess that can tame your wild and wanton ways. He's appealing. He gives you that look, the first time, and you feel like you are standing naked beneath his gaze. He looks you in the eyes and you melt. You have suddenly become one word: toast.

And he's a Fixed Sign. You knew that this was too good to be true. Guess what? It was too good to be true. It's not working and it's not going to work. A good Scorpio guy doesn't want to date. He wants to take you home and tie you up. It's not unreasonable—he's looking for a hostage, not a girlfriend. And you have been captivated by his Scorpio charms, of which there are many.

My, albeit limited experience thus far with Sagittarius women, has been that ya'll are many things, but one hat you don't wear too long is the hat which implies "property." Not all Scorpio guys are like this, at least, not at first. But sooner or later, there comes a time when the Sagittarius yen for freedom unleashes itself, and that when the trouble starts. That's Trouble with a Capital "T".

One word of advice, never, ever cross a Scorpio guy. He will seem to carry a grudge to the grave. Scorpio guys have even been known to bring that grudge back across multiple lifetimes. He will remind you of any past indiscretion at a most inopportune moment. He will dredge up previous harms and flaunt them at a time when it is not a good thing. His timing will be impeccable—impeccable from the point of making you suffer. So if you decide to wander from this relationship, make sure that you have clear communication with Mr. Scorpio. Do us both a favor, never cross him or withhold information he might want or need. It's just not a good idea.

I don't want to be a voice of doom in this situation, but a typical Sagittarius girl needs a fair amount of warning before getting involved with a Scorpio. Even flirting with a Scorpio guy contains an element of danger. While flirting with danger is fun, the Scorpio guy is serious.

The odds are long on this one. The deck is stacked against you in this relationship. Compassion and understanding, maybe a Scorpio Moon in your chart, and this works well enough for a long-term commitment. But research Mr. Scorpio a little bit before you get involved. He can be a steadfast companion for life. Or an enemy. Depends on how well you deal with him. You will never forget him, that's for sure.

Sagittarius: All I can say about this is “go for it.” Ah, c’mon folks. I’m Sagittarius and I’ve had one Sag girl break my heart. And no sooner said than done when a flurry of other Sag girls worked their way into my life. I can’t say anything bad about them. Not a one.

There’s too many Sagittarius girls in my files, too many of them are good looking, too many of them are fun, passionate, considerate, ready to go at the drop of a gym bag, for me not to be rather encouraged by this Sagittarius and Sagittarius relationship. There is a problem, and the problem has to do with a lot of extraneous factors. Which one will leave the relationship faster? Which one will get up one morning and announce, “I’m thinking of going to study in France this week,” pack up and leave?

It’s a valid question. There’s much that is good here. Perhaps it’s too much of a good thing, or perhaps it’s two people that are very much alike. Or perhaps the problem is the fact that the male Sagittarius is little more wandering than the female. Or it might be reversed—you can never tell.

The passions are certainly strong, the love is enduring, but the day in and day out sort of mundane tasks are the sort of thing that wears these two out. This is a relationship built on mutual admiration and strong passion. Alas, the problem with passion is that it can burn out. It really does depend on who has the most fire in his or her chart, but the one with the most fire stands a chance of burning quickest, perchance too quickly, and wearing out the relationship.

In the best of times, this is one of the best of relationships. In the worst of times, however, due to the similar responses from both parties, the worst characteristics of the Sagittarius creatures are exacerbated. Means when it gets tough, the scene gets really ugly in hurry. The good news is that there is always hope for reconciliation within this grouping.

Timely note: Pluto is currently in Sagittarius and he’s made aspect to maybe half of us so far. He will realign your thinking about a relationship. Consider it a focus point kind of astrological influence. If it’s already hit, ya’ll are cool. If he ain’t visited yet, just be prepared.

The inherent problems with a same-sign relationship are multiplied when both the signs are the Mighty Archer. Given the Sagittarius penchant for grandiosity, as long as it’s good, it’s great. Keep that thought, and keep it upbeat.

Who loves you, baby?

Capricorn: Seek professional help now. You've fallen for a Cap guy. You need a check up from the neck up. You really should know better. There's been a recent deluge of charts I've looked at, good Sagittarius women, darling every last one of them, and they all seem to have a plethora of planets in Capricorn. Not the sun sign, but other orbiting little planets like Jupiter and Saturn, maybe Venus or Mars.

Then this person finds herself looking long and hard at a Capricorn guy. To be sure, there's a little bit of astro-glue in the charts, but let's be reasonable here.... he's a Capricorn, fer chrissakes.

I happen to have a lot of really long standing and well-intentioned relationships with guy Caps. But I'm not sleeping with them. Pretty simple fact. And I'm not going to be sleeping with them in the foreseeable future, "not in this lifetime" is a likely phrase. Not this body. So I get along with a Capricorn guy in a most excellent manner. Funny, witty, droll, entertaining, self-deprecating, honest, reliable, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. So I lied about the buildings, but I have several Cap guys who would do just that, or, at least try.

With all the nice things said, let me warn a decent Sagittarius girl like yourself about getting involved with a Capricorn fellow. He can be all of those nice things. It's just when it comes a relationship, he can be pretty much "out there" and none of us are too sure where "out there" is. This obviously witty guy is suddenly smitten by your Sagittarius traits. The only problem comes from the fact that he's going to start trying to amend your ways. Sagittarius girls are great but they do not gently let someone else manipulate them for very long. I want to be as fair as possible to the Capricorn guy, too, and he's just trying to evoke a few changes that might actually do you both some good. But that's also a problem.

If you're smitten with him, or he's quite taken with you, good. Just be a little careful, and since I have so many Capricorn guy friends, I'll plead with you to be as gentle as possible with him. Just remember, sometimes, you're going to find him "out there" when you ask about the true nature of your relationship.

One of my guy Capricorn buddies came up with the perfect analogy for this relationship, "Man, it's just like Artoo and Threepio. No, wait, really, it is. See: that Sag girl, she's just like Artoo, always in the right place, at the right time. And Threepio? He's just like me. He complains about no adventure, and when that Sag Girl drags me off on some adventure, I'm just like the character, complaining that it's not safe."

Can't win for losing, huh?

Aquarius: What are you thinking? The reverse of this seems to work rather well; however, this is an unlikely combination for a Sagittarius girl. You're going to find that Sagittarius girl needs more passion than the average Aquarius guy is willing to give up. That's the problem in a nutshell. You probably met your Aquarius guy at a poetry reading, or in a bookstore, or at school. If it was a bookstore, it might have been just about any section but the "self-help" shelves. After all, he has a lot going on, and he doesn't worry about fixing himself. He's more worried about the ozone layer, or the homeless, or something like that.

He has noble aspirations, but then, you're Sag and you can share the wonderful dreams. The problem with this combination is that the guy seems to use air as a foundation for his ideas. A Sag girl is rarely considered a voice of reason or a sea of calm, but in this scenario, that's how you're likely to feel.

There's one critical element that is often found missing in an Aquarius guy. While this is a generalization, if you've got yourself an Aquarius with a lot of air in his chart, passion, as we commonly call it, is going to be an ideal rather than a fact. He may be excited at some times, but he's more excited about ideas, and he seems to internalize a great deal of passion. I've played to an Aquarius audience before: "It's okay, Kramer, we're laughing on the inside." I sort of figured they were applauding on the inside, too.

That's the trouble with this combination. Like I've suggested, it's not without some merits. Chances are, there's a degree or two of Aquarius in your Sagittarius chart. That's what hooked you up in the first place. Or he may have some Sagittarius—like the little planets. It can work, but it's a weird one. And sooner or later, you are going to explode—he'll just observe with mild and detached interest. What is it that you are going on about? He understands many things in his acerbic mind. Emotions, though, sometimes leave him befuddled, except, of course, on an intellectual level. There is the odd Aquarius who claims he understands emotions. Understanding is good, and I've always been encouraged by an Aquarius who really is in touch with his feelings. It could happen, sure.

Pisces: Some astrologer, or perhaps it was somebody who knew something about astrology, pulled you aside and tried to warn you that Pisces is not a good sign for you. This is not entirely true. First of all, very few signs can match the amount of passion caused by a Sagittarius girl. Few signs, none in my experience, can match the unquenchable fire that a Sag girl has. And you should know by now, when I give you a build up like that, there is a let down coming soon....

The standard issue Pisces Male has a few meandering qualities because he is a mutable Water sign, which don't exactly line up with the Sag girl's sensibilities. That can be the cause of much trouble. But there's another quality, overlooked by amateurs, but for those of us who trade in love, we know different.

“If music is the food of love, play on...” (Shakespeare wrote that in a play)

The heart of this is a square. That causes trouble. And it causes friction. But with two of the more adaptable signs, there is a chance to smooth over this friction. This can work, and when it does work, it works well. One thing is for sure, that Pisces guy is going to be forever enthralled by your passion. Whether it's passion for an idea, a concept or feeling about a person, especially him, he loves you for it. A Sag girl has an ability to demonstrate the passion and the Pisces guy has an ability to receive this. Water and fire can make steam. Just don't let his water put out your fire.

Capricorn: Pragmatic Capricorn's always have this pinched look on their faces, like maybe they're smellin' last week's bait. Open up a Cappy's tackle box, and you'll find organized lures, hooks arranged by size, flies in neat rows — it's so tidy — it's disgusting. Cappy's all have perverse sense of humor, Cap being ruled by Saturn and all. Watch it, these are the guys who will pull the drain plug on the boat, "Just joking," they say, as you start swimming. Can't fish very well, but bless their Capricorn hearts, they keep tryin'.

Grocery store: Food shopping with a Capricorn is an experience that's unlike any other sign the zodiac. There's a utilitarian side to the event to begin with, but then, like any good Capricorn, there is also a certain flair that is required. It's like mixing and matching both super cheap generic brand groceries with special, name - brand extra deluxe goodies. To an outside observer, that would be a non-Capricorn, the rhythm and the reason for what is name brand and what is cheap would not make sense, period. But to the Capricorn, there are certain items where the name brand can actually affect the flavor, and this shows up in their shopping cart. The Capricorn is not always an expert, but it's always best to let them lead the way.

Shopping at midnight: It was long after midnight before you can catch a Capricorn in this kind of a store. Except that the price is a deal, and that always appeals to the more pecuniary side of Capricorn. Don't get the wrong idea, because a Cap has a sharp eye for a good deal. In other words, hang with the Cap on this excursion, and you might be surprised what you can find him buying. The sartorial splendor that Capricorn can be widely known for, the underpinnings of that outfit might just start some place with a less than regal nature. Of course, in order to make the Capricorn happiest, it has to be a deal and it has to look good.

Brick wall: When a Capricorn is faced with an obstacle, a brick wall in his path, there is only one answer, one solution to getting through this wall, and that would be worry. It's not like all Capricorn's have a propensity for worry, but the thought of an immovable object in front of them worries them to begin with, and then, under the close Capricorn scrutiny, that brick wall will eventually succumb to the fevered and furrowed brow of the Cap. This ability to worry is inherent, and in some circles, this worry feature is attributed to Saturn. Whether it's really Saturn's fault, or some other quirk in the sky, the way a Cap deals with problems is worrying about it until they arrive at a solution.

Bait: Muskie Lure, the Chub Sucker — Despite the name, the Chub Sucker is a stalwart and dependable attraction for a Capricorn fishie. Its design comes from a long line of ancient lures, and it is very popular in vintage fishing tackle collections. The true beauty of this timely design is the new fangled edition of super - conducting noisemaker spoon bill. It's that little flair of excitement that is added to a time-proven lure. Classic lines with a modern update. That's what will always hook a Cap.

Body part: Knees.

Capricorn Female and ...

Aries: “(they are) hard-handed men which never labour’d in their minds till now” — from Shakespeare’s *Midsummer Night’s Dream* (V.i.72–3). That quote just helped me set the tone for this kind of a relationship. The Aries male can present the sweet and delicate Capricorn female with a number of obstacles. The poor man-child, as he will surely appear to be, is unruly and apparently undisciplined.

Not always, but to a more refined sign’s sensibility, the Aries male will come across as being not a great choice for these very reasons. The inherent difficulty here is the fact that the two signs square each other, that is, they are at right angles to one another. This isn’t always bad, but it will always be challenging. Now, a Capricorn female without a certain amount of challenge, is quickly bored. The Aries male will certainly rise to the occasion to provide those challenges.

The other thing to consider with a Cardinal Square like this, that is, a situation where two signs are cardinal and making this some times pejorative angle to each other, is that there will an attraction. Perhaps we should label this as a strong, physical attraction. While it’s not always the best basis for a relationship, there is some substance here that, if the Capricorn female is willing to work with the challenge, it can be a good thing.

Taurus: This is really one of the better Cardinal and Fixed relationships because it's in two earth signs. All that dirt can be quite grounding. That's the good news. That's the great news. If you are willing to consult a plethora of old astrology texts, it will tell you that this is a good combination. The Taurus guy is one of the few critters who can really, and I mean really, keep up with a Capricorn girl. Few signs are as durable as a Capricorn, and I can't think of a sign that ages more gracefully. Unlike fishing bait that isn't much good after about three days, this relationship just keeps getting better and better with time.

The angle between the signs is called a trine. A trine is one leg of a triangle, and that's one of the strongest structures in engineering terms. Of course, I have an English degree so my engineering terms are pretty weak. But there's nothing weak about this relationship. I've seen this one be a slow relationship of sorts. It takes a while to develop. It takes a long time to develop some substance, and it takes even longer to grow and blossom. With all this dirt in the relationship, what I see is most like those tulip bulbs that have to be stored in the freezer. The plants are beautiful in the springtime, when they finally get around to blossoming, but the requirements for growth are a slow process.

Since this relationship is like a garden with those bulbs in it, this "affair of the heart" will take some time to develop. Don't forget that those bulbs need extra attention in the fall. In parts of Texas, gardeners have to dig the old bulbs up, put them in a bag, and put them in the freezer for the winter. It's the only way to get a full cycle going for the little guys. This relationship is like that, too. It occasionally requires a little bit of time, and certain actions are necessary in order to keep it alive. Don't be afraid of strange things that you find are necessary to prolong the life of this weirdly wonderful combination.

Gemini: There are many fine qualities to be associated with a Gemini. There are many qualities to be associated with a lovely Capricorn. The two don't always meet on this physical plane of existence, or so that's been my experience. The problem with this relationship usually has to do with the Gemini. The Capricorn is not really at fault. The stress comes from the fact that the Gemini has 14 different schemes going whereas that sound and stable Capricorn is only working on about three at one time.

Some books give this at least a single thumb up. I can't say that I've had much success with watching this relationship do much more than excite each sign to some of that sign's worst behaviors. This is one of those that looks good on paper, but doesn't seem to actually work in the real world.

To be sure, there is always something innately appealing about a Gemini guy. And the same thing that is so appealing in a social situation, so appealing in the short run, so appealing for quick period of time, so appealing at the moment, just doesn't always stick in the long run.

At the core of this relationship is a very mutable air sign and a rather industrious but almost equally insouciant earth sign. Both signs have a lot of get up and go. That's the problem. The Capricorn Earth never gets around to actually acting as the grounding agent for Mr. Gemini.

This is one that looks good on paper, but it doesn't seem to work in the real world. And after all, there's always that Capricorn humor which is a little obscure, and the Gemini might never get some of the dry jokes. Too bad because he's missing a good deal.

In a few cases, this does work over a long period of time, but that speaks more to other elements in a chart than just raw sun signs. It also speaks to that lovely Capricorn tenacity, at least usually.

Cancer: I've been careful of how I've put my astrology love guide together because I've found that just going by the signs alone doesn't always work the best. There's also a gender to thing to consider, and no where does this show itself more than right here. This is an odd combination and one that is not without some merit. But you have to remember that you have opposites and while opposites do attract each other, they can also form the virulent of detractions, as well.

When this is good, when the energy is flowing well between these two signs, it works well. When it's not working well, when the defense mechanisms kick into gear, then there're a lot of problems. And what's the real problem? The male is a water sign, and as such, he's overly sensitive to any number of problems.

The Capricorn, in a hasty moment, can pretty easily run roughshod right over that poor Cancer's feelings. It might be in a fit of pique, or it might be, in a very genuine moment, an accident.

Imagine your Capricorn self, in your lovely Capricorn car, backing out of the driveway of life, going some place in a hurry. Imagine your Cancer fellow standing there at the driver's window, him just wanting to give you a little peck on the cheek before you go. It's supposed to be an endearing moment, fraught with emotion. What I've seen happen once too often is that the Capricorn backs right over that Cancer's toes. Ouch, no one deserved that. Now, in this example, what's worse, is that Cappy girl just keeps on going, oblivious to the fact that she's just run over his toes, or his feelings. Or what he's feeling about having his toes ran over. This is the problem. And most Cancer men are inclined to sulk a bit rather than hop around and yell, scream, shout, and otherwise let you know that you just ran over his toes.

To make this work well, you've got to learn to be more sensitive to his little ways, and don't hesitate to use the brakes a little more often. Of course, this is the inherent problem because Cap girls are always on the go—it's one of their endearing qualities.

Leo: The opposite of this relationship, the Leo girl and the Cap guy seems to work very well. Now, the reverse of this situation is okay, but it's not nearly as good as its counterpart. The pieces are all here, the parts all fit, but there is also a subtle clash of ego driven desires and needs that don't quite work as well as they should. A trip to the bookstore, and a copy of the best selling Mars and Venus book wouldn't hurt. There's a hierarchy of desires, not really needs, but things that are wanted, which sometimes encounters difficulties in this relationship.

A Cap girl is a strong and steadfast companion. So is a Leo guy. But there's an interplay of personality where the Leo needs to know he is number one. And while a Cappy girl can certainly give into this little game on occasion, there are some instances where she doesn't buy it. She just can't admit he's the best that there is. A Capricorn usually keeps something in reserve. It's not like this is an inherent characteristic, it's more like a learned behavior. Overcoming this sense of being unable to completely abandon herself to this relationship is the problem. If this problem is faced, the rewards are immense because there is nothing finer than a Capricorn. But it is a tough call. There's some communication details that need to be worked out. There are some little difficulties with getting a message across to the Leo that is very important.

I've always maintained, and with good reason, that a Leo can usually detect an insincere moment. And it's often a moment of hesitation for a Cap. While she's not being insincere, it does come across that way to the Leo. This is where the friction starts. Is it curable? Sure. Is it worth it? It can be. But go back and hit the relationship books first. Learning how to communicate is what will make this relationship work.

Virgo: Virgo man and Cap woman. This has always been interesting to watch. In fact, this is a relationship that will bring many hours of pleasure to your friends. I can't say that it will bring many hours of pleasure to you, though, although, a decent Virgo male is certainly a good catch. It's an earth and earth combination, with a solid grounding in reality. Or so it would seem. The Virgo guy, though, has flights of imagination, which can sometimes be interpreted a little too literally by that fine Capricorn mind of yours. Taking something that a guy says too much to your Capricorn heart can hurt. It doesn't always work out in the best of ways.

However, on paper, this works great. On paper, this is one of the best combinations I've seen. On paper, it's a stellar combination. There are problems in the real world, but that doesn't mean that it's not without some real glue. And glue is the stuff that makes people stick together.

Every once in great while, there's a Virgo who doesn't complain too much. But as a whole, the sign does seem to have an overly critical eye. This is a the only real source of irritation for these two signs. The nice thing is that the Virgo guy is much less likely to be overly critical as compared with other combinations/ In fact, the mindset of these two signs can be very similar and that's a good thing.

It was in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer's Night's Dream* that his character said, "Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind...." and that's exactly where this combination can work.

Libra: I typically don't like to give much creditability to what some of the old texts suggest because these are two Cardinal signs. But a Libra guy can be molded to fit a Capricorn's desire, if the conditions are right. If all the criteria are met, then this can work pretty well. It looks good from here, but I'm not Capricorn.

What are those conditions? Up front, the Cap girl has a right to a few things before even embarking on this journey. You are going to need a few things from him in order to pursue this: 1) financial statement (does he have a job) 2) Note from his Doctor (recent test results) 3) References from his last three girlfriends (what do they have to say about his skills?) The first two requests are obvious, but the third is a bit of a mind-boggling request.

References are important. If your Libra guy has dated nothing but "psycho girlfriends" for the last 10 years, what's the chance that you get lumped into that category as well? The odds are definitely not in your favor with this one. If only one, say an ex-wife, was a "bit touched in the head," then your odds are improving. Don't be afraid to ask.

The Libra guy has a way with words. He has a way with convincing you, on the romantic front, that this relationship could work. But if you review his history of relationships, you'll get a much more clear picture about whether this will work or not. It's got hope, and there is always going to be an attraction for you two. Those darned old Libra guys can just be attractive at times, the right clothes, the right words, and the right touch of a little of romance. The sparks do fly. Just consider the target, and do a little background research before following up on this one.

Scorpio: Not many people are up to the “Scorpio Challenge,” and if a Cappy woman lands a Scorpio male, she will find that she has her hands full because the Scorpio male is certainly a breed apart from the rest. Once again, though this is a Cardinal–Fixed relationship, and these relationship certainly have stronger and more stable characteristics than other signs. In this case, it’s matter of knowing the enemy, knowing what that Scorpio man is like.

Scorpio is intense and usually highly sexual. The problem with this Scorpio male is that he will also be very guarded about his emotions. He might preface any number of statements with the term, “I feel,” but the words themselves lack some of the emotional content one would normally associate with feelings. Get used to it.

Scorpio’s are a manipulative bunch. Not all manipulation is bad, for example, teaching is a form taking young and malleable minds and helping them along. And Scorpios aren’t all bad, either; it just appears that way. The same hold true for the Capricorn female. Both signs get a lot of bad press. Admittedly, some of this is well–deserved, but not all of it. The inherent beauty, and hence the strength of a Capricorn female and Scorpio male lies in the way the two communicate. And, the Capricorn is willing to address and forgive old hurts. Beware, though, because many Scorpios are known for their ability to nurture old resentments.

With this relationship, you will find that there is a certain amount of karma, past life luggage, or soul–mate type potential. It will always feel like you have known this person in a previous lifetime. In fact, it’s quite common to have this one be a love at first sight scenario.

Sagittarius: This is a unique relationship. Capricorn is a Cardinal sign, fraught with get up and go. Sagittarius is a wandering sign, with nothing but the next horizon on his mind. While this relationship can be stable, most likely it won't be.

I will promise, however you slice it up, that the two people will learn a great deal from each other. It usually falls out that the Sagittarius is the wandering soul, and the Capricorn female is the anchor. And, as an anchor, the Cappy has to be a teacher of sorts, too. This can create great problems because most Sag men are given to lecturing whenever and wherever possible. Even when it's a subject that they know nothing about—that won't stop pontificating Sag guys. Won't stop us at all. Therein lies the problem with this relationship: who's the boss? Who is on top?

The Sag will react sharply against any feeling of confinement or attempts at direction. Give him free reign, and watch him come running back to you every time. In this case, I would also have to address some of the sexual proclivities of the two signs. The Capricorn, with her great physical stamina, needs to work with the Sagittarius male who needs lots of sex. Sag is known as the most prolific in the zodiac, if numbers mean anything, and the Capricorn is (although this is not common knowledge) has the most endurance. This is the key to keeping a Sag guy happy. Wear him out. Cappy's are about the only sign that can accomplish this.

“Hey baby, who loves you?”

Capricorn: You guys deserve each other. Therein is the problem, too, because you're both the same sign, and it's a difficult sign, at best for some relationships, and two of you together can be really hard to get along with each other. It's not impossible, though. Far from being impossible, it does have some merits, which are worthwhile, and, at times, make this relationship worth pursuing.

I've seen this pairing of same signs be more successful than most. Of course, each person brings a slightly different flavor to the Capricorn party. While the usual stuff about same sign relationship might apply here, it doesn't always work. The Capricorn humor reaches a new zenith in this combination. It also reaches some exceptional lows, too. This is the only drawback. There's a time to be serious and time to play. Certain tender moments don't need to be punctuated with ribald humor. That's the problem. Of course, some of those tender moments can turn into a comedy showcase at times. The problem begins when the comedy turns a little ugly, and that creates a situation where the showcase begins to resemble a monster truck mud arena.

Capricorn is a sign that is highly charged with a sense of duty and this sense of importance can cause some friction. Just make sure that there are some clear lines that you follow for resolving problems. Difficulties which go unattended can grow into giant sore spots with these two. But this is less likely to happen as long as you two do something to make sure you stay on the same page.

Aquarius: While the fixed and cardinal relationship is usually one of the best, this one has a few problems because we're dealing a fixed air sign with you Aquarius. At least one Capricorn woman I know has assured me that all men are pathological liars. Such a blanket statement sounds a little bitter. ("I like them like my coffee, not hot and black, just bitter.")

Bitterness aside, the real glue that is required to make a relationship work is missing here. It just doesn't exist. The appeal of the Aquarius guy is there, but his airy feeling wears thin before the long term is usually achieved.

Research a Aquarius a little, and make an effort to understand the problems associated with his cool and detached side. In the beginning, that's part of what appeals about this guy, the concept that you've got a male that actually thinks. So much for the good news.

Sooner or later, you want to grab him, shake him, and suggest that he just feel something, some emotion. At times like this, the Aquarius reacts in typical Aquarius manner, pausing long enough to think. Action is something that Capricorn likes, and these moments of inaction on his part come across as feeling like there's just nothing there.

There is something there, he's just making an effort to do something unpredictable. Predictably unpredictable. It's too bad, too, because this is the exactly wrong thing to do. You need a decisive action at this time, not someone who is thinking about what to do.

If you are willing to adjust you reactions a little, then this can work. But it's a long shot for a betting person, and the odds aren't good.

Pisces: This is a very unusual combination, and it's a pairing that's not without certain merit. There's a lovely, mystical, intangible quality about your Pisces man that makes him ever so alluring. In fact, I've studied one closely, a relationship like this, and it has what it takes to withstand the test of time.

What's their secret? That would be an ambiguous question, and it fits with this relationship rather well because there are some ambiguous qualities which the Pisces guy has. Sometimes, these qualities are very endearing. That look he gets in his eyes when he stares at you, the softening of his face, a quirky little smile you sometimes get. That sort of thing. Of course, this can also be an unnerving situation where he pauses before he answers any question. Sometimes, a thoughtful answer is quite nice. But sometimes, you just wish he'd hurry up and spit something out, right or wrong.

The secret is toning down the typical Capricorn seriousness. Lighten up and remember the good qualities that you admire in this guy so much. There are some very nice traits he can demonstrate. At times, he will be quite thoughtful and considerate, and he has a chance to be a perfect gentleman.

The single problem (or asset depending on the viewpoint) is the transient nature of the relationship. It's like a rest area on the Interstate, I'm thinking of a particular one in West Texas with an oil well derrick motif. Out in the "oil patch," there's a barrenness that's just not present anywhere else. The sky stretches for ever, the only feature is this rest area. Only one for 150 miles or so. Now, the Pisces can be like this stopping point on the highway of life. He's a remote bit of solace in a place there is nothing else. And before you get upset that this is only a stopping point, I've got some kin who claim they can live there forever. I'll bet your relationship with a Pisces can stay forever, if you want it to.

Aquarius guys: This sign used to be ruled by Saturn until Uranus came along, quit making butt jokes. It's the sign of the "Black Hat" These are outlaws of the zodiac. It's really an air sign, too, and stubborn, at that. They never fish with the right bait, but they wind up with the biggest catch. Like I said, Outlaws to the very end of it. While everyone else names their boat after a girlfriend, these guys have big, black boats with serious depth fish computer-aided Bass demographic devices on board. And the boat's name is usually something like, "Killer."

Grocery store: "Why must you do this to me?" asks the Aquarius. In my limited observation over the past 20 years, what I've seen more often than not, is that an Aquarius in a grocery store buys hardware. You know, a cooler for the upcoming picnic, maybe some lawn furniture. However, that same Aquarius will go to the department store and find foodstuffs to buy. So if you're going to go shopping with an Aquarius, be prepared for a little bit of a change up. It's not going to be the way that you think it's supposed to be.

Shopping at midnight: This one is easy because it's just like the grocery store, and, in fact, I have more data about Aquarius in Wal-Mart at two in the morning than I care to. Groceries and car parts. And maybe some food for the pets. The Aquarius will also have a certain aloof behavior towards going in Wal-Mart; however, this gradually slips into a sense of merriment when you encounter all the strange things that inhabit a super store after the normal hours of business. The Aquarius is looking for a few food items, and maybe a new alternator for the truck. All at the same time. Perhaps this isn't what most people do at 2 in the morning, but this fits the Aquarian schedule just fine. Maybe a little spray paint, too, because they are going to need to leave a message soon.

Brick wall: Don't forget that Aquarius is a fixed sign. No news here. So when an Aquarius encounters a brick wall, they whip out a can of spray paint and leave a graffiti message on it. Perhaps this message is a suggestion that might be anatomically impossible, or, at the very least, rather uncomfortable. Still, the message will be properly punctuated and spelled correctly. Do anything about it? That's not the Aquarius's job, they are busy dealing with other problems by the time you read the writing on the wall.

Bait: Rattlin' Rogue — this is a super-duper, time-tested lure that works better than anything else. Besides, with a name like Rogue, you know that there is something special about this lure that will definitely catch your fish. Better yet, the Aquarius fish is always drawn towards a roguish display of humors, as some would say. And the top water action of this lure is bound to attract the eye, and the mind, of the Aquarius. And if you catch his eye and mind, then you've got an Aquarius, hook line and sinker.

Body part: Ankles, calves, lower leg.

Aquarius woman...

Aries: The Aquarius female loves the fiery passion exhibited by the Aries guy. That much works really well. There are problems, though, and the Aquarius female is going to be forced to develop a little understanding of the childlike nature of an Aries male in order to make this love take root and grow.

On the upside, the Aries fire feeds off the Aquarius air. And the Aries can respect the consistency the Aquarius offers. While the Aquarius mind will always fascinate the Aries, sort of like making a new scientific discovery each day, this fits in with an Aries agenda because each day is a new day, a new adventure. Both signs are often accused of being cold and unfeeling, being too cerebral. This is a problem but with a degree of understanding about how each sign operates, there can be a meeting of the minds. The Aquarius woman is bright, very bright. She may take a little while to decide something while she works the thoughts and analysis through her brain. And the Aries will forever seem impatient with this process.

Learn to give him something to chew on, a course of action to take, and give the Aquarius a chance to figure things out in her own time. The cold and unfeeling side of the Aries is because he is quick of temper: quick to get irritated, and just as quick to cool off. This creates a condition which looks like unfeeling. He's already forgiven your indiscretion, as long as it is a minor one. The Aquarius female does have great passions, it just doesn't show on the surface. Learning to be a little more demonstrative, something to give to the Aries to help feed the fragile male ego, helps. Always have a backup plan of action, because that Aries guy loves action.

Taurus: The Taurus guy with an Aquarius woman can be good, if certain conditions are met, better yet, if certain conditions are understood. Realize how a Taurus deals with problems. Realize that both signs are fixed, and therefore, rather stubborn in their own ways.

The Taurus guy can be quite cultured, soft, sensual, a wonderful and attentive lover. Figure out what his favorite delivery food is, and put that number on the speed dial. Perhaps it's pizza. Perhaps it's something a little more interesting. Taurus types are classically associated with food, soft lights, romance in the finest degree. This does rub the Aquarius woman a little the wrong way. Not that there isn't hope, but there are a few concessions to make. Turn some of that mental exercise into a tactile pleasure center, the Aquarius will be pleasantly surprised with the results. Don't expect your Taurus guy to turn into a rocket scientist. I'm not saying he's not bright (you wouldn't be there in the first place if he wasn't) just understand that he will likely demonstrate his love in a different fashion.

Make an effort to eschew the little head games. Doesn't work with the Taurus guy, he just sits there and thinks about thinking about it.

Gemini: Yes. Sure, a Gemini male is a fine thing, a wondrous piece of work. But if you're really interested, make sure you consider both sides of the Gemini face. Make that all 43 sides of the Gemini before acquiescing to him. Got that?

One of the serious positives about a Gemini male is that he can entertain you, and he has a breadth of both character and knowledge to keep you going. Of course, there's this trail of broken hearts and broken toys left in his wake. You need to know about that, at least a little. To be sure, though, he will get around to telling you about all of what is in his wake, if you can pay attention long enough. The Gemini male is a rare species. One worries about catching and containing them. It can be done, and no one is better suited than an Aquarius. You will forever fascinate him with some of your views because they are so contrary to popular opinion, and at times, so synchronized with him. It's a good news situation, mostly.

The warnings are clear, and make sure you understand the true fickle nature about Gemini before embarking on this journey. Maybe invest in a separate television for yourself, too, so you don't have to keep up with his frenetic channel surfing pace, real or metaphorical.

Cancer: Why oh why did you ever do this? You should know better. But now that you've done it, perhaps there is some way to salvage this relationship. Cancer men emote. A lot. They are capable of great depth of feeling. They are wondrous creatures who will always amaze you. They are fun loving, at heart. And they do have a big heart. It's just that your basic Aquarius ways are going to cause a source of befuddled amusement to him. And some consternation, as well.

If you're looking on the bright side, the Cancer guy can be a real challenge to your basic Aquarius, and since you Aquarius girls always rise to a challenge, it looks like you might take the Cancer bait. But I'm warning you.... he has feelings. Lots of them. Sometimes you have to pry them out. Sometimes they are clear. And he needs to know that you care, too. That's where the trouble starts. An Aquarius woman will say she cares in deadpan manner, and the Cancer guy "could use just a little more support than that!" I wouldn't claim to be quoting verbatim, but I do believe you are getting an idea, now aren't you?

Therein is the challenge, and I charge my Aquarius girl reader to figure out a way to successfully be supportive of your Cancer guy without scaring him off, or making him retreat into that carapace of his. And if you do make this work, besides a tip of the hat, please let me know what you did right.

Leo: The worst of the worst or the best of the best, and one of you is going to make the call. The Aquarius is a natural rebel, male or female because titles are labels, and most Aquarius girls eschew labels of any kind, therefore, oh, never mind—you make this too difficult. Sometimes it works, and sometimes it works real well, and sometimes it is the biggest crash since it snowed on Thanksgiving and the interstate iced up (well-known fact, Texans and ice don't get along too well).

So if you slow down and play the Leo game, this can be wonderful. An Aquarius girl can be a natural follower. Too bad she has to question her leader along the way. The opposite of this seems to work, roughly 50% of the time. I wouldn't give this such good odds, but if I did set the odds, that just means you Aquarius girls will do your best to make it work as best you can. Unlike you, I get along with Leo's rather famously. Of course, I'm more familiar with the care and feeding of a Leo because I have a cat who demands a little pampering. Your Leo boyfriend, significant other or whatever you choose to call this developing situation is like my cat. Good food at the same time every day. A certain amount of petting and stroking is also a good thing. Don't play with her tail because that irritates her. And even though my cat is a little on the chubby side, I've found it really improves things when I don't mention that to her. Your Leo guy is the same way.

A little care and proper feeding along with the concomitant stroking and petting, and you've tamed the mightiest creature in the jungle. Or the house, whatever analogy works best. Don't be afraid when he drops dead animals at your feet, either, he's just showing that he cares. Like my cat.

Virgo: Think about this before you embark. Of course, should I give you any dire warnings about this relationship, you'll just take that as a high sign to continue. Perhaps that's the best way to word this, for you. It's not without some problems. But how could any relationship not have a few problems? This one isn't too bad, but you've got a Virgo guy by the hook, and he's going to squirm, that much is sure. And he's going to complain, on occasion, about something or other that seems to be a little out of place.

Virgo guys have this wonderfully insightful mind. They can see beyond the mere mundane existence that the rest of us see. What your broad reaching Aquarius mind will encounter, though, is it will seem like he's obsessing on details right now. And if it's not now, it will be at some point. In fact, it will be a point that he picks at. Doesn't much matter what is going on, he will, sooner or later, work his finely tuned Virgo brain up into a lather over what seems like the very barest of minute detail that you dropped in a conversation. Some seemingly unimportant detail, a stray and flippant comment, something that doesn't seem to matter much to you, he picks up on that and works it into the ground.

He is, after all, an earth sign. I would hardly ever suggest that a little grounding is good for an Aquarius, but in this case, you might want to think about it.

When it's good, when he's out of the Virgo panic mode, you'll find that this relationship has many good things going for it. Of course, every once in a while, you'll hit the age-old question about the glass of water. And you'll get the age-old Virgo answer, too, "Half empty? Don't you know this signals the onslaught of a drought? We have to conserve!"

And you're thinking that the waiter will bring more water any minute now.

Libra: Aquarius Female and Libra male is a good combination because the basic intellectual compatibility is there. The air signs match up well with each other. There is a problem, though, with two signs that each think that he or she needs to be in charge. I've often accused Libra's of being manipulative. And I've said that the basic Aquarius sentiment is a stubborn one. The Aquarius female is quite taken with the Libra. There is always an instant attraction for the Libra's good looks and sweet talking tongue. Or sweet tasting tongue, as the kiss may be. The little endearments and platitudes just roll off his tongue, and his easy and jocular manner sparks a little light in the head of the Aquarius female. She just loves it. But even though the Libra is tripping of tongue, there is that basic indecisive quality about the Libra male. As Pa Wetzel often says, he's Libra, you know, "For the sake of argument, let's just take another look at this...."

The angle between the two sun signs is called a trine, and this is a harmonious get together. And, the Fixed Nature of the Aquarius works well with the Cardinal Nature of the Libra. The Aquarius will have the tenacity to see the project, in this case a relationship, through to the end. One thing to be aware of, for the Aquarius girl, is that the Libra guy will have what seems like a short attention span.

The Aquarius female will constantly be rolling her eyes and acting a tad impatient, like tapping her foot, when he said he would be there at 7:00 PM, and it's now 7:30... this is more a characteristic of the Libra. Just get used to telling him the show starts half an hour before it really starts. Libra is supposed to represent balance—its sign is the scales. Libra's are anything but balanced. Herein lies the other problem. Rather, this would be a problem for anyone but the Aquarius. If she learns to act like the voice of calm and decisive reason, the Libra is sure to follow. Just let him think it was his idea.

"Mind games" is an ugly term fraught with a very negative connotation. However, with this astrological pairing, mind games abound. The bright Aquarius female needs this form of mental stimulation. Without some form of head-trip, there just isn't the necessary excitement. Since both signs are mentally alert, even a simple phone conversation winds up with a little innuendo, a degree of banter and light hearted chatter that is filled with a childlike game of one-upmanship. The smart Aquarius girl let's the Libra know that he is winning this round, but also let's him know that she is the master, and he is her pawn. If it was serious, and it never will be a serious game, she could beat him. This sort of back and forth interaction is what makes it work so well.

I've got an Aquarius friend in Texas who is just like this. She can be talking to a cowboy for about three minutes, and then she'll stop, "What's your birthday? You're Libra, aren't you?" And then she'll laugh. Sure enough, the cowboy on the other end is Libra. Aquarius women can pick the Libra men out of a crowd because of the smooth talk, the high dollar words thrown into the conversation. It's important to remember that the Libra will always think that he's in charge. A good Aquarius female plays this game, always remembering that she could be on top, if she wants to be.

In the long run, an Aquarius woman and a Libra man have the ability to build a relationship that can last lifetimes, if they so desire. The part of the relationship, which lasts, is the mental gaming, the subtle word play, and the sly innuendo that can turn into a lasting combination. It is a relationship built on trust and mutual understanding. In the bedroom, well, Aquarius women are always difficult to pin down, both figuratively and literally. The old quote from Shakespeare, "Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind" (*Midsummer's Night's Dream* I.i.234) applies in this case. It can be a rich and rewarding bedroom experience, but with the Aquarius women, there must be both mental stimulation, and sense of the strange. Not kinky or painful, just some kind of mental puzzle to make the union complete.

Scorpio: Tough call, here. I've seen a couple of those unions work out over the long haul, but it's not like it's an everyday occurrence. The challenge, and this is one of those times when other stuff in the chart really counts, the challenge is to get past the Aquarius/Scorpio debate about who is in control.

Next to the Scorpio Male, the Aquarius girl is going to feel like a real inconstant person. Nothing can address this. Her love of freedom is going to make this a hard one for the Scorpion to understand because he likes to control every situation. And when there is something in his environment that he can't control, like an Aquarius, he has a tendency to write it off, or dismiss it in some off hand way.

The heart of this relationship is a Square, and it's between two pretty stubborn signs. On the down side, I've certainly seen these two extract the worst possible behavior for both signs when the two get conflicted. In fact, most Aquarian women have a built-in detector that averts them to the Scorpio grasp. Maybe it's better that way. Like I've alluded to before, I've seen this work, but I'll promise that there is a lot more in the charts than just the sun signs. The Square is a tension-filled angle, and that's what gives this relationship the spark. Just make sure it doesn't start a raging bonfire. Or forest fire, if you know what I mean.

Sagittarius: I've done more research into this strange combination than perhaps I should. As such, it might weight my favor in an obnoxiously positive direction. But I've found this to be a good pairing of sun signs. There's an obvious reason for this, both of these signs are scholarly, albeit in different directions. And to make it the best possible scenario, the Fixed Air of the Aquarius girl's mind can really fan the flame of the Sagittarius guy's Mutable Fire.

The term "head games" comes to mind, but it's not like a usual head game that has a very pejorative definition in the vernacular. It's more along the lines of an intellectual puzzle, and that's what pulls these two signs together. And as every one knows, the Sagittarius needs something in his world to serve as an anchor. That's where the fluid fixity of the Aquarius Air plays in so heavy. Her fixed nature can trap the Sagittarius and provide just enough stability to serve as a good basis for this relationship. According to one source, and from my own observation, Aquarius can come across as the least fixed of the durable signs. This sort of free flowing mental attitude is necessary when dealing with a Sagittarius.

The most successful of these relationships has been over a long distance. The term "long distance romance" is a slippery expression, especially in Texas where we have belt buckles bigger than some states. Since communication is so important in a relationship, the electronic means now available, like fax, e-mail and cell-phones is clearly a superior method of communicating, and it sure beats that messy face to face stuff. This will appeal on more than one level to both the Sagittarius and the Aquarius here. An electronic "touch" is sometimes better than the real thing because its most important quality is the thought, "the thought that counts."

Capricorn: Since these two signs are so close to each other, it just seems like it would be a natural match to hook them up. In some cases, this can work very well. In other cases, this ain't so hot. All depends on what else is floating around. But it does follow the Cardinal Rule that Cardinal signs take direction from Fixed signs best. In an ideal world, the Aquarius girl ain't so much of an Aquarius that she is too rebellious. That's going to kill something off in Mr. Capricorn because, at their very heart of hearts, a Capricorn guy has some traditional values. There's that sense of destiny, which can't be eschewed, there's that sense of making sure things are done the "right way" which is important to your Cap guy.

Of course, this all might seem a little puzzling to the best of the Aquarius women I know. That sense of doing things the right way, just for the sake of tradition, or because it's historically accurate, or because it's "the way they did it before" can sometimes cause a little inner conflict with an Aquarius woman. She has that sense of adventure and a quality about her wherein she occasionally likes to fly in the face of convention just for the sake of rocking the boat. "If it's a rule, then I'm *supposed* to break it," one Aquarius date told me.

That same attitude about bending certain rules doesn't always work with Mr. Capricorn. However, he can certainly see the results of your efforts, and that works well for him.

I've always found my guy Capricorn friends to have a refreshing attitude that includes a droll sense of humor. Dry comes to mind. "Dry as the Texas sand," as the lyric goes. The intellectual component of the Capricorn guy and the brain part of the Aquarius woman can meet on a certain level, and that's where this relationship can take flight. Somewhere, somehow, there can be a meeting of the minds. And I've yet to find an Aquarius woman who isn't turned on by thinking.

Aquarius: “They said it would never work,” is the expression that comes to mind, and then, all I can do is think about times when it has worked.

It is an odd combination, and the places that I’ve found this one to be more successful are in remote locations. It’s like two halves of the same piece of fruit. A remote location, like far West Texas or Alaska seems to let these two really get into it all by themselves. And secluded locations force a sense of sharing that’s not always possible in the hustle and bustle of the big city.

That’s not to say, if you want it to work you have to move to the country. But what it does imply is that there needs to be plenty of time where you two are alone together. That expression, “alone together” is the best way to explain how this thing works in the long haul. It’s a really weird combination because both characters have a detached sense, yet, when paired up, they almost need each other, if only to know that the other one is somewhere in the house, maybe not right in each other’s face. It’s pretty strange.

It might be my own predilection for remote locations and it might be my own predilection for Aquarius in general which finds me finding these couples so successful in far-flung environments. But there’s a really cool dependency that grows in this pairing because everyone knows that an Aquarius can survive alone. I realize it’s a contradiction, but a simple contradiction is no challenge to an Aquarius, male or female.

Telling you it won’t work is the best way to reverse the situation. It will work, but there’s a degree of understanding, almost like mental telepathy, that is the basis for this coupling.

Hey, go for it. Drop me a postcard from Alaska, the Pacific Rim, or your mountaintop.

Pisces: Skip it, you should know better. Of course, that's just going to make him that much more appealing, but make sure you know what you're getting in to. Pisces guys are wonderful. There is a depth of understanding, a mysterious "something" about them that just leaves the rest of ya'll wondering, "What is it that he's got?"

Make sure you understand about his somewhat fluid sense of dynamics of any situation. Situational ethics seem to apply in his case. It's not bad, not by any stretch of the imagination. And it's his apparent imagination that will make you wonder. I will always maintain that it's not his imagination, but his alternate vision of reality. He can see beyond the black and white world of three dimensions where most of us dwell.

A good Aquarius girl like your self can truly appreciate this vision of his. Or visions. But it also gets to be a bit of problem when you want something done like taking the trash out, or mowing the yard. He might be the most mutable of the signs, and he might be one of the most emotional. While that's wonderful, there will be a time or two when you can't help but tweak him, just a little bit. And that constant tweaking, jousting with his emotional side, which can hurt in the big picture. Tone down the teasing for your Pisces man. He really is wonderful, and he does offer doors to places you wouldn't normally go. Just understand that he is in touch with alternate versions of the reality that you and I understand, and that can either delight you, or really piss you off.

Pisces guys: Pisces adhere to the highest of standards but when circumstances don't work out, these guys are the greatest to party with. It was a Pisces who invented the famous slogan, "Beer: it's not just for breakfast anymore!" Pisces is ruled by Neptune, the star-kissed tuna roll of the sea.

Grocery store: This is the strangest of all the Pisces behaviors --I have had a chance to observe. Imagine this other-worldly sign, suddenly, caught in a moment of panic, or so it seems, rushing, in a very dedicated manner, checking the list, sampling the goods, thumping the cantaloupe and watermelons, then scurrying at a frantic pace, off in another direction. The only explanation I've come up with so far is that Pisces is opposite Virgo in the wheel. Now, why would a Virgo side to Pisces suddenly emerge, but only a grocery store? I can't explain it fully, but there must be some latent Virgo in there, somewhere, and this is the only time it ever seems to exert itself. The normally dreamy, diffident Pisces gets turned into the ultimate shopping assault weapon: Mission, Direction, Control, Seek and Acquire.

Shopping at midnight: Again, first hand experience is the best in a situation like this. After midnight, most Pisces begin to shine. Something about the darkest hours of the night really brings about a subtle change in the Pisces' body chemistries. I watched as a Pisces entered the Wal-Mart at 2:00 AM with a whole paycheck freshly cashed. Around three hours later, this Pisces emerged with all manner of goodies. Food stuffs, canned soda, some new clothes, a bathing suit, a case of motor oil, some coloring books, new crayons. The list was as disparate and unconnected as possible. What seemed more important, however, was the fact that several hours had passed. It wasn't just a shopping trip, it was like a trip to the entertainment park. It can be argued that every Pisces has the capacity to be an entertainment park, but that's just my subjective observation.

Brick wall: When a fixed, immovable object confronts a Pisces, it's not like it's any great challenge. Problems and obstacles which provide hours of frustration for a normal sign just don't seem to bother the Pisces. The Pisces comes up to the brick wall and sort of transmogrifies right through it. I guess it's like the old Star Trek "Transporter" everything dissolves, and suddenly, the Pisces is on the other side of the wall. How do they do that?

Bait: Mystic Zara Spook—This lure combines the best of all possible combinations for cooking a marvelous trophy - sized Pisces. In order to land this Pisces lunker, a Zara Spook which is just mysterious enough to work. Since this is derived from a classic lure with two hooks, you can be sure that your slippery Pisces stays hooked. Just about any bait will attract a Pisces, but it sometimes takes two hooks to hold them on the line. Of course, the traditional Zara Pooch lures also make excellent earrings.

Body part: Feet.

Pisces female and

Aries: No no no. It will not work. It will never work. You two certainly don't belong together because, let's face it, that Aries guy is brash, arrogant, obnoxious, he says a lot of things but means nothing, and he's basically not any good for you. I'm sure I've missed a few points with my sweeping generalizations, but I can't think of what they are and it doesn't matter.

That being said, let's really look at this relationship. I've got a couple of examples on file where this does work, in the real world. So maybe some of the old textbooks are wrong. First of all, there is more to a chart than the mere sun sign, and there are some pretty good connections between the Aries and the Pisces. But there is a quality found only in a Pisces fish that can unnerve and bother an Aries ram to no end. It's that intangible quality, that little "I don't know" thing that drives an Aries insane.

To be sure, when you land an Aries guy, you've got your hands full. All that fire is going to show up as passion. Add Aries fire to Pisces Water and you've got steam. That's good. So yes, there is a steamy side to this relationship. The problems begin with the mutable nature of Pisces, that inability to make a decision right away. I've always loved a Pisces, so it's not a problem for me. But for an Aries, there is a point in the decision making process where he is ready for either a yes or a no, and the vacillating Pisces is still being a little coy with her answer. That's when you have to have a degree of understanding for the male Aries. He doesn't care if it is right or wrong, he just needs a nod yes, or a maybe a nod no. Something. And subtlety is generally lost on an Aries guy.

What I've seen work with these two signs is that the Pisces starts to draw a picture as soon as the Aries asks a question. The answer is forthcoming, in good Pisces time, but the Aries needs a direct approach. So start with phrasing the question back to him, begin working on an answer immediately. Doesn't matter if it's the right answer, just get something out and on paper immediately, the sooner the better. Start filling up the canvas of your answer. Start with big brush strokes and begin to fine tune the painting as you go. You might not know, yourself, just where you're headed, but you're getting there.

These signs are right next to each in the wheel. That's good. But the Aries is at the beginning of an evolutionary cycle, and the Pisces is at the end of the cycle. But that doesn't make you the teacher, although, at times, you're going to feel like you need to the patience of a teacher in order to get your point across.

Every Aries person I've worked with is a sucker for a little bit of

affection. Use that concept of affection in order to gain his trust and understanding. You guys might learn something from each other, and that makes this work well.

Taurus: Let's look at how a Pisces female will relate to a Taurus guy. See, what we've got is the most grounded of fixed signs, after all, Taurus is the Fixed Earth Sign, and the Pisces female is bound to be all emotions which flow just like that water which the element that one would associate with Pisces. In some astrology circles, the comment is that Water and Earth make mud. But here at FGS HQ, we've discovered that this can be a good combination.

This relationship is not without some troubles. Some of the inherent problems with this combination is the fact that the Taurus is accused of being stubborn. That's not really the case, although I've wasted far too much breath with Taurus individuals about this problem they have, the bit about being stubborn. And the Pisces, being mutable and all, is much more forgiving. The trick is to not let the Taurus wait too long on anything. Given the opportunity, this so-called stubborn streak is more like a guy standing there, saying, "Well, I'm thinking about it." In other words, he might not be prone to making fast decisions, unless it comes to compromising yourself on a first date. But that's pretty much a guy thing more than just a Taurus thing.

There is an upside to this relationship. That Fixed Sign thing, that Taurus stability, that Taurus sensuality, all of those factors come into the play. And this side combines well with the Pisces libido. The other attraction is that the Taurus guy will serve as an anchor for the Pisces gal. Something to keep her rooted. Or, something for her roots to grow into, as the case may be.

Gemini: So the Pisces female has herself a Gemini guy? What are you two going to do? The Pisces is the one who is further along when it comes to “karmic path” because the sign is the last sign in the zodiac and the Gemini is frequently a much younger sort. And, Gemini men are playful, artistic, and pleasing to the eye.

But do all these qualities make it a long-term relationship? That’s for you to decide.

Pisces usually require some degree of stability in their lives in order to have the most successful of relationships. And while I am personally enamored of Gemini’s [many Gemini’s to be precise], I’m not sure that you can share the same long-lasting love for them that I’ve developed. It’s a tough call.

There are some swans on the lake here in town—it looks more like a pond than a lake, really—and these are very graceful creatures. However, there’s a feeding spot where the swans gather to beg food from various people passing by. Here, those graceful critters get downright ugly. They squawk, they bicker and they fight amongst themselves as they jockey for the best position. They go from the personification of grace to the personification of adolescent males. I half way expect to see the swans line up in gang colors some time, too.

That explains the problem with Mr. Gemini, he has a quality which can sometimes shock your system as he switches gears so fast.

Cancer: It works. It works well. Its counterpart seems to be stellar. There is a little bit of lore which surrounds the Cancer guy, and it's best that you back up to some traditional astrology texts and reference this material before you embark on a journey with this guy. Cancer is the sign of the Crab, and like his archetype, he has a tough exterior shell. Some times you feel like he feels like he is retreating from you. I've spent many long hours attempting to console Cancer guys. It ain't pretty. You can see the lines of hurt in their faces, you can almost feel their pain, but not quite. It's almost like you want to grab one of them, shake him, and suggest that he just "get over it." My preferred method of consolations usually involves large quantities of cheap Tex-Mex cuisine. Works well around here.

But getting that Cancer guy to get over it is a little difficult. Easier said than done. The term moody is often bantered about concerning these guys. That's just not fair, and it doesn't do him justice. He is, however, emotional. But the problem we all face these days is that he's so in touch with these emotions that he is afraid to let them come to the surface. He's often afraid to share anything more than a little joy or a little happiness with you. That much he can show you. It's just that terrible male hurt that he carries like a cross.

As a sensitive Pisces, you can help ease his burden a little. But you're going to find that this relationship, in the best of situations, will be a little taxing on your system because you've got to spend a lot of time coaxing information out of him. And in the worst of times, he just seems to clam up. It's a good thing every decent Pisces girl I've ever encountered is a little psychic because, on a bad hair day, your Cancer guy is going to expect you to intuit what is wrong.

This goes against the basic texts found on the self-help bookshelves. Well, sometimes astrology can answer questions that can't be answered otherwise. If it looks good, and you're up to the Cancer taste test, then I suggest you go for it. But try a little homework, first.

Leo: This is another one of those questionable relationships. But then, at the risk of sounding rhetorical, in the case with a Pisces woman, isn't every relationship questionable? Of course it is. Now, this is real simple. Mr. Leo is a Fixed Fire Sign. He's associated with the fifth House in zodiac talk. He's a brilliant man. Or a brilliant boy because he will always seem to have that innocent look about him. Especially, when he's guilty. Then he really looks innocent.

Pisces Girls shouldn't get hooked up with Leo males because it's a very fixed sign (Leo) versus a highly emotional sign (Pisces). You feel feelings. Leo guys are passionate. I wasn't about to suggest that a Leo guy wouldn't have feelings, in fact, he may profess them to you at great length. That's part of the appeal. But that's also part of the problem. While my dear, sweet, kind and gentle Pisces woman is busy emoting, the Leo guy is making a big deal out of those feelings.

Life with a Leo is a wonderful experience, especially if you have some degree of fire that coordinates well with his passion. Then this is a combination that works great. But for the overall appeal, it tends to have a short run because despite many of his great attributes, learning how to be just plain and simply supportive of your emotional well-being is hard for a Leo.

If this is a dating scenario, it works out pretty good. But if you are looking for a longer-term commitment, although he is very capable of providing you with a long term promise, the delivery comes up a little short. It's the nurturing that a Leo usually can't provide. He's the Lion, the King, the Grandmaster of all. And sometimes, a Pisces wants to feel like she is the center of the universe, too. There are tricks which prove to be very effective when dealing with a Leo, but you might get a little tired of the game of cat and mouse, especially since it's your feeling that get used as the mouse most often.

Virgo: You know, as a decent Pisces girl, you might just want to ask yourself, “Self, why did I get involved with a Virgo guy?” because, although them Virgo fellers have many fine qualities, some of them finer qualities are going to be lost on a good little Pisces gal. Sounds patronizing, and it is.

Virgo men have this annoying habit of frowning at everything. Even when life is very good, the Virgo male behaves as if there was something wrong, some unidentified problem. Like life’s not perfect enough, even though, a relationship with a Pisces can be perfect.

The appealing characteristic to this relationship is the fact the sun signs oppose each other, and you know how the old saying goes, “opposites attract.” Ever play with magnets? Pull a few off the icebox and try sticking them together. Either they will instantly bond as if they are mated for life (the magnets) or you have to push really hard in order to make them even get close, almost as if they have this natural repellent attitude towards each other.

That’s the classic example of how you get along with a Virgo. Either it’s really, really good, or there will be this instant affinity for hating each other. Another way to look at this mutual loathing for each other is what I call “hate at first sight” which is very much like love at first sight but more along the lines of those magnets which cannot abide being next to each other. Fortunately, both Virgo and Pisces are mutable signs. The bad news is that this means there is liable to be a volatile element at work within this relationship. Can it work? Sure. What’s it going to take? Well, all I can say is that it’s a good thing that Pisces are so forgiving of the rest of us 11 signs....

Libra: Libra Men. What can be said about them that hasn't already been observed? There's a quality that will inexorably draw a Pisces to him, though. I happen to succumb to the appeal of the Libra guy pretty well. They can sucker me faster than anything. It's the look, the talk, the walk, something he says, and I'm not even contemplating dating one of them. It's that effervescent Libra quality....

Ever have a can of Dr. Pepper you forget and leave open in the icebox? You were going to drink it, and then got sidetracked, and forgot about it for two or three days? Your Libra guy is just like that. Don't pay him any attention for a while, and he seems to go flat. And just like that Dr. Pepper, he refuses any effort to get shook up. It just doesn't work.

Your relationship with a Libra is going to be like that. Don't give it some attention, and it's not going any place. It loses its fizz, the sparkle has gone out, and it doesn't seem like there is anything your poor Pisces self can do about it.

The angle between these two signs is a strange one. It is possible to develop a certain amount of poise within this relationship, and once that position is obtained, you can make it work. But don't forget that you are going to need a little bit of daily attention to this in order to make it work. You can't just let him sit there and have it all go flat. That will never work.

Scorpio: This is one of my favorite relationships to see. Is it good? It's usually very, very good. There is about one tenth of the group I've looked at where this doesn't work out. Out of that population, it usually has a lot to do with conflicting Moon signs and various other transits that occur during a normal lifetime. But on a whole, this is a good one.

Water and water isn't always good, but what I've watched with this one is that there's a special link that seems to develop. Poor old Scorpio guys get picked on for way too much, things like "they're all so mean and vindictive," and, "he's such a control freak." The terms don't seem to apply in this relationship. Since both signs are water, there's an emotional bond that forms between the two. And the Pisces inherits a little bit of the personality traits from the Scorpio. The Scorpio, to flip the metaphor around, also seems to pick up some of the finer Pisces qualities as well. In the long run, as the two get to know each other, it begins to work in truly beautiful way. It's a pleasure to watch.

There is the one problem about too much water because it can be a place where emotions run too high, a situation where it's just too much baggage. But even in that scenario, I've seen this one work out pretty well. It takes a little bit of time, and I must admit, for all the negative things said about either sign, they are both patient enough to wait this one out. I've watched as Pisces girl and a Scorpio guy have waited years before making a commitment. I realize that 10 years may seem like a long for a courtship, but you know, neither the Pisces nor the Scorpio can ever be too careful about these things.

Sagittarius: There will always be one Pisces girl who will automatically assume that this is about her. No, it's not. But dear, we will always have Paris. That would Paris, Texas, in case you ain't up on geography these days.

This is one of those relationships that works against the odds. The odds are figured because we're looking at two fairly flexible sun signs here, two signs that are a little at odds with each other. Two sun signs that make a pejorative angle to each together. And at it's heart, Mr. Sagittarius tends to be a little on the flaky side. Well, then, so does Miss Pisces. I'm back at looking at these two like they are very good friends, and any relationship should start with that. However, there is still much which needs to be addressed about this relationship.

Mr. "Life should always be an adventure" can sometimes wear a little thin on the kindhearted Pisces soul. And one can only be so spiritual when dealing with acerbic academic redneck fishing types. Not every Sagittarius is like that, but there's always a hint there is something waiting over there, and that's innately appealing for a short period of time. In a longer period, though, it's not nearly as much fun.

On some occasions, the poor Pisces girl is going to have some trouble with the Sagittarius. "Can't you just go to the grocery store and not make it a foray into the jungle?" she will moan. His constant striving for one more event, one more grandiose gesture, one more trip can drive her a little crazy at times. It is fun, but you can take this being wacky all the time stuff just a little too far. Being a Sagittarius means we are always trying to see what a "little too far" really means.

If any sign is going to have the patience necessary for Sagittarius, it could well be a Pisces. Of course, our antics might wear you out from time to time.

The appeal here, the straight, physical charm of each sign has a profound effect on affections. It can last for a long time. Just remember that Sagittarius guys are usually better friends than anything else.

"Hey baby, who loves you?"

Capricorn: To be honest, I have to love both these signs. There is a quality, though, in this relationship that might cause some problems on that long and lonely highway of life. In fact, as long as you are dating a Capricorn guy, you're going to feel like the Highway Department has abandoned maintenance on this section of the road. The road with a Capricorn is long, it winds around a bit, and there are some pretty big potholes. In fact, on more than one occasion, you're going to find your sweet Pisces self wondering just when you turned off the Freeway of Love and headed down this rock strewn, obstacle laden dirt road of Capricorn land.

It's not always that bad. If you were a car, though, I would see a Pisces as a Cadillac, not Jeep or similar all-terrain vehicle. Ever notice that a disproportionate number of Texas Ranchers prefer the Cadillac brand over any other vehicle? Know why? It's a tough car. It can take the abuse that even an old truck sometimes can't take. That's one tough car. And because you're a Pisces, not only are you tough, but you're pretty, too. Just like that fancy sedan.

The problem with this relationship is that question, are you actually up to the task of taming a Capricorn guy? That's the positive spin. The bad news is that you're not sure you want to be up for the taming of this guy. That's the negative spin. It's like that dirt road of love, it's not all smooth-sailing. The ride can be rough at times. In fact, there are times when you might get despondent and just want to turn back. The problem with a Capricorn guy is that this is a narrow road, and when it gets to be the worst possible conditions, you're going to find that there is no place to turn around. No way out. And backing down that road is even worse than trying to push on.

If you are involved with a Cap guy, make sure that you have a tow-rope. Make sure you carry a shovel, maybe some extra supplies. It can be very good. There will be days, maybe even long stretches like that bit of road in West Texas that doesn't have a curve for over hundred miles. Then there will be the detours. The potholes, the washboard surfaces, those sorts of things. It's both good and bad, and it depends on what kind of luxury you demand in your relationship that determines the quality of this ride.

Aquarius: Oh no. Oh yes. Maybe. It's not a relationship without some merit, and to be truthful, I've seen it successful more often than not. But there is a small problem with an Aquarius male, and that goes back to the basic difficulty with the Aquarius sign itself: aloof, apart, different, diffident. But no sooner is that said, than the Aquarius, rising to the bait of the situation, sets out to prove us all wrong. And that's where this relationship can work.

It depends on a few elements in a chart, not just the sun sign alone, but with an Aquarian male, you've got a chance. The chance depends on his ability to transcend the innate difficulties associated with this sign. And, to a large part, this is also dependent on the compassion and understanding of the Pisces. Equivocate your needs. Explain what you want. Ask for what you want. Ask for a little more than you need, too. This insures that you get some of what you want. Remember that the Aquarius male loves his brain, and brain games are the best way to hook them up.

There's a refreshing and unusual quality found in this sign's basic make up. Don't be afraid to reverse roles, either. It's also a sign that depends on certain immutable desires. Be very careful before putting big changes into action. Tread carefully, but don't be afraid to walk.

Get used to the fact that he's "thinking about it" at the moment. He will demonstrate his care and concern eventually. Maybe not fast enough, but with good communication, this is workable.

Pisces: It wasn't supposed to work. It wasn't a good idea. But that's never stopped a Pisces because, let's face it, a Pisces can make anything work if they want to.

I've seen this unlikely relationship actually work better than most because of the similarity between the basic compassionate nature of both parties. Not long ago, I ran into a Pisces pair, and it was wonderful. Happy, blissful, and probably not very well grounded, but then, like I've suggested before, reality might be a little overrated. It's not like this relationship between two Pisces is not based in the real world, it's just that the average Pisces can usually detect a minimum of four dimensions, as compared to the three that most of us work with. Maybe four, maybe five, maybe, hey, who's bothering to count, and isn't that numbering system just an artificial way of trying to impose one kind of order on their version of reality, anyway? See? It just doesn't matter to a Pisces.

There's one problem with this idyllic scenario. Occasionally, a Pisces guy will try to interrupt this dreamlike state by injecting some of the normal, day-to-day reality stuff. Don't let him do it. Doesn't work, and those concerns will gradually lift, given enough time.

If it is a Pisces and Pisces relationship, though, consult an astrologer, I can think of one I would recommend, and see what he has to say about moon signs for you two. That's going to be an important issue in this relationship because dear sweet Pisces can be so sensitive.

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