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Tyson Beckford needs no introduction to the ladies.

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Tyson Beckford is a man that needs no introduction, especially not to the ladies. They know who he is. In fact, we heard a cheer the other day that went something like this, "Tyson, Tyson, what a black man, If he doesn't wear it, no man can..Yaay!" Or something like that. We ran into Tyson at the Source Hip-Hop Music Awards and he hit us in the head with a sense of humor we're sure you're gonna love. Brotherman's got jokes.

"Some of you press people are nervous around these rap people. I see it in your eyes. Yes! Some of you are nervous. Don't worry. We kept our guns in the car. No one's gonna get hurt. No, I didn't keep mine in the car, I'm lyin'. I'm nervous with some of these rap people.

They got all these damn rags, all these gangs in here. I've always been a funny brother. With a stiff room like this (the press tent) I've got to be funny. If I don't get through this, nobody else will."

Tyson has graced the pages of many magazines and has done a few TV spots for Polo as well. You know what that means, time to step it up a notch and take it to the big screen.

"I have a film coming out in the fall. It's called 'Boriqua's Bond.' I've got a lil' part in there. I play this kid coming out of jail, trying to get my life together. You know, in jail you're

separated by ethnic backgrounds. In jail I save this kid from getting beat up by some black guys. He's a Latin kid who plays the lead. Treach is in it, Big Pun, you're gonna be scared again. A lot of gun play."

Tyson told us that there have been several occasions where he was mistaken for R&B singer Tyrese, but he says it's all good and it has its benefits.

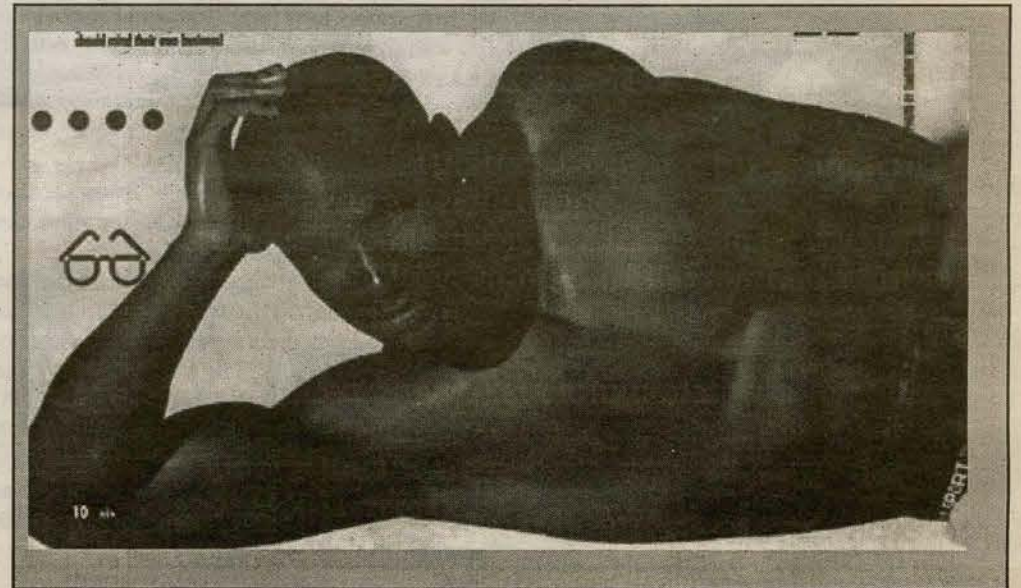
"I'm not mad at the brother. I'm always mistaken for him. So whenever I check into a hotel and they call me Tyrese I run up the bill. I run it up. They say 'Tyrese, you gotta pay your bill.' Hell no! I run out of the spot. No, but it's a good feeling. He's like a little brother to me and I always try to steer him the right way and let him know it's just a job, because come 5 o'clock you're an average guy again."

Beckford told us that he owes a great deal to some folks over at the Source Magazine. They were the people that first allowed him to appear in ads and they convinced him that he could make a living by doing it.

"They're the ones that first gave me a chance to be in a magazine. They're the ones that told me you could have a career in modeling. So, I decided to pursue it. But I guess If they wouldn't have told me, I would not have done it."

Before modeling Tyson told us that he was a football man before injuring his knees.

"I use to play football and then I messed up



my knees so I left that alone. Then I started breaking into houses, but you can't carry a TV and VCR with bad knees. So I had to stop that.

Tyson has mad jokes, but one thing he told us that really got him peeved was when a certain woman's mag put his picture on the cover without asking him.

"You got magazines like Playgirl who just put

your picture on the cover without asking you. A lot of little kids look up to me so I was very upset with that. I had my lawyer call Playgirl and tell them

I was not happy with that. If you guys see that. Don't buy it. Don't support it. It's not a good thing. You can't have a commercial running on Nickelodeon and then go to the newsstands and there I am half naked."

Tyson Beckford is a cool cat. We had a lot of fun interviewing him. We just would like to reiterate what Tyson said..Hello? Ladies? Great, it's too

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ARIES-Fairies rarely shout. Angels speak in a whisper. Even an excited ethereal entity finds it hard to make a lot of noise. If, therefore, you want to commune with a cosmic being, you must listen very carefully. You need to be subtle and sensitive, calm and confident. One brief moment of doubt will instantly end the conversation. Are you reading this in a mood of bewilderment, wondering what it has to do with your week? Well read on. All is about to be explained. Powerful, magical yet gentle forces are now at work in the sky. Amazing opportunities are arising. You'll get all the guidance and success you need, but only if you trust and follow what you secretly, inwardly feel.

TAURUS-Luck has no taste and little, if any, discrimination. It will make itself available to anyone at any time, no matter how deserving they may be. That's pretty obvious. Just look at some of the people who have won the lottery! Consider the dreadful folk in history who have gotten away with so much and consider too, the nice people who have clearly had such little good fortune. In one way, this is disappointing, in another, inspiring. It means, if nothing else, that you can't rule out the possibility of a perfect week on the grounds that you aren't 'entitled'. A very happy coincidence will soon occur. It will benefit you enormously. Don't you dare decide, even for a moment, that it's a mistake!

GEMINI-Why is there so much drama taking place in your life? What's behind all the tension and turmoil? Why does it seem as if everything, no matter how small, is somehow so BIG? When are you going to get a holiday from the hard work? Let's answer the last question first. It's easiest. Mid October is when you'll start the next, less stressful phase of your

life. You don't think you can hold out till then? Well then, don't hold out. Give in. Let go of whatever you are clinging to. Stop trying to control so much, to understand so much and to be so endlessly wise. Taste a little freedom. Leave a little more to chance. That will reduce the weight on your shoulders, instantly.

CANCER-To err is human. To forgive is divine. So are you human - or are you divine? That may sound like a big question but then so too, is the question you are now wrestling with. You can no more answer that than you can define the divine or quantify the level of error in your own persona. The point is, you are human and therefore you are prone to make mistakes. Within you though, is a spirit that's pure and perfect. Somewhere along the fuzzy line that distinguishes these two facets of your nature, there's the story that you're trying to come to terms with this week. You are clear about one thing, confused about another. And that's as it should be. Accept a very forgivable error.

LEO-WHEN the Sun shines in the sky, none can ignore it. Leo is the only zodiac sign ruled by the sun. When you shine, none can ignore you! Sometimes, it seems though, you just don't shine enough. You don't give yourself a chance to blossom, to thrive and to be all that you can be. You hide behind clouds of confusion. You sink below horizons of helplessness. You forget to let the full strength of your character come through. This week, you've got Venus and Jupiter urging you forward. They want you to be a little brighter and happier. Help them to work their magic by working your own. Approach with warmth and optimism, a problem that is daunting you.

VIRGO-TO a football fan, the cup is everything. The same cup though, means nothing to a tea drinker; even one who is short of crockery. Some things in life have a value which is largely sentimental. They get so excited by a symbol that they can't recognize reality. Sentiments are fine but when they start affecting our ability to see the true nature of an item, a situation or a person, we have to be wary. We need to push our emotions to one side, if only just long enough to gain an objective perspective. In your life now, your heart is ruling your head. Don't reverse the situation but do attempt to establish a regime of joint equal responsibility.



LIBRA-THERE'S a glorious irony to the situation you find yourself in. You are being offered an opportunity you might once have given a great deal to get. Now though, you are no longer interested. You have outgrown the need, transcended the fascination and passed the point of desire. Or have you? Search your inner being this week, just in case you still secretly nurture some affinity for the objective which has come within your grasp. You may yet change your mind or find a modified use for the original idea. Don't though, dwell too long on this strange development. The future awaits and it has little to do with this aspect of your history.

SCORPIO-YOU can't hold enough conversations this week. The more you discuss a certain topic, the more you will learn and understand. All of which sounds fine until we identify the topic in question. It is not one that you particularly want to dwell on; indeed it is one that you have been going to some length to steer clear of. THAT topic, the one you were hoping to see the back of, is the one you need to see the front of, the side of and, most profitably and crucially of all, the OTHER side of. You're not convinced, are you? Well then, try to avoid it this week. Once that fails, just plunge yourself into the task of talking - and listening.

SAGITTARIUS-YOU are rather hoping that something special will happen this week. It looks as if it could. It feels as if it should. There is though, just a slight sense of concern. You have been wrong, in the past, about numerous things. You have felt confident on several occasions, only to discover that your insight was flawed or that you had overlooked some vital factor. What if you are misleading yourself now? What if your 'opportunity' is not as real or as good as it appears? Fret as much as you like. Wrestle as long as you wish with your fears. Your hope is valid and soon enough, you'll see proof of this. What's happening now is momentous... but truly positive.



CAPRICORN-WHERE there's trouble, there's magic. That's why most people, for all their protestations to the contrary, actually like a bit of mayhem and mischief. Things don't ever change unless someone, somewhere creates controversy or causes chaos. Ultimately, secretly, we all like to feel that change is possible. Even if our lives are stable and successful, we don't want to be bored. With these and other thoughts, you can explain away the turbulent scenario you find yourself in this week. It doesn't matter how you justify it as long as you accept it and stop fighting it or worrying about it. The current trouble is your key to a better future.

AQUARIUS-What is acceptable and what is permissible? Keep in mind, as you consider this, that there are some things you must accept, whether you want to permit them or not. Just to complicate the matter, there are some things that seem to be perfectly permissible but are really not at all acceptable. I'm tempted to apologize for confusing you but then, it is your life which is getting complex now, not me! What's needed, urgently, is some clarification and simplification. There is only one way to attain this. Inject more honesty into the equation. Be truthful, with yourself and with others. Mars will then bring you an excellent outcome to the week.



PISCES-DARE you open another door? Dare you enter into fresh territory? Dare you encounter whatever may be unleashed once you reach a crucial decision and take a vital step? Of course you dare. You have to be courageous. There is no other option. You are, of course, quite right to expect a challenging experience. There's nothing easy about the move which no needs to be made. Then again though, there's nothing so easy or comforting about leaving things as they are - even if you can - which is rather doubtful. Something has to give. Stop looking for a perfect solution and seek, instead, a brave new plan based on your best and brightest aspiration. It WILL work.



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