

“My View” (A film review) By Ruth Klaase

Horrible horror

Have you ever walked out on a movie, halfway through, because you hated it? Or would you rather stay put, gnarling your teeth the whole time? I always stay. I tell myself I already bought the ticket, maybe it will get better, yadayada. And it rarely does. I remember one film, though, that was just too awful to stay for: *Speed 2*. If you had the misfortune of seeing it you'll understand why that one time could not stay...

It's not the only sad excuse for a movie I've ever come across, of course. The really bad ones tend to stay in your memory much longer. *Basquiat* is a good example: a 1996 arthouse biopic I would have walked away from, except I wasn't at the cinema. I was at someone's house, and I hated all 106 minutes of it.

Horrific indeed

Wicker Man (2006), a remake of a horror cult classic from the seventies that should never have been re-attempted is another one I hope you never accidentally got your hands on. It 'stars' Nicholas Cage, who seems to have a knack for choosing C-films, and it's very painful to watch. If you want to know just how painful, look up the 'bees' scene on Youtube and you'll understand.

The horror genre seems to be the champion on producing the worst kind of bad. This type of movie attracts a special type of audience, one that relishes the cheap special effects, clumsy cutting, and unpalatable dialogue. What else could it possibly be that makes them watch it in the first place? This were my thoughts while I was watching the 4th instalment of the purgatorial misery fest that is *Sharknado*.

Imagination

And a true nightmare it is, but not for the intended reasons. Whoever came up with the idea should be banned from ever going near movies again. I mean, with global we are looking of all kinds of possible disaster scenarios. It's a scary thought: anything can happen. Well, anything except storms with sharks in them.

Mind you, it's not a lack of imagination that makes me say that. While I don't believe we will soon be invaded by murderous aliens with twisted British accents, I really enjoyed watching *Men in Black 3*, and look forward to the new *Alien*. It's just that when you wrap something that seems utterly ludicrous and far-fetched in layers of great acting, wonderful dialogue, original ideas, and a healthy dose of satire (in the case of *MIB3*), it becomes believable.

The Chippendales and The Hoff

Or, better even: it becomes a place and a time we wish we were part of. Whereas, when you watch *Sharknado* (whichever one, they're all atrocious), all you should want to do is turn the TV off. And cancel your Netflix prescription. And hide in a corner to read a book.

Sharknado 4 features sharks (phew), Ian Ziering (imagine revisiting fame by fighting rubber animals, over and over again), the Chippendales (oh yeah), and...hold on to your chair...David Hasselhoff. Frankly, I have no idea why they're in it, and from the looks of it, neither do they. Meanwhile, Ziering is way too intelligent and talented to be in this kind of meaningless horse manure, so the only added value of this movie is your realisation that Hollywood can be very cruel.



I don't think I need to go into the other actors (you won't know them or ever see them again in anything worthwhile seeing), the plot (something about flying sharks, just like the other three), or the dialogue (you'll welcome the screaming, because it drowns out anything being said). If you have Netflix, skip it. If you don't have Netflix: lucky you. Go read a book.

From Wit's Dictionary

Egotism

The anaesthetic that dulls the pain of stupidity.

Frank Leahy

From Wit's Dictionary

Pyramids

The range of mountains between France and Spain

Anon

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Specialist

A doctor whose patients confine their ailments to office hours.

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ARIES: BIRTHDAYS FROM 21 MARCH to 20 APRIL

General Highlights: For the Zodiac sign of Aries, June 2017 could become a surprisingly promising time, because the Sun, his primary celestial patron, will be as strong as ever. It's important to mention that at the current stage of life it would be preferable to emphasize the most detailed strategy, the most carefully adjusted, involving "escape routes" and alternative courses of action. You are intelligent and motivated, which means that this is the time for you! The first summer month will tend towards achievements in the area of work, whereas personal relationships will recede into the background. This is specifically for Aries, and not for all signs. Overall, on the "romantic front" and in the area concerning your personal experiences and emotions, no difficulties are foreseen, whether significant or insignificant. This is precisely why it's worth going with the key astral trends, and direct your gaze to the area of work and business.



TAURUS: FROM 21 APRIL to 21 MAY

General Highlights: For people born under the sign of Taurus, June 2017 is highly likely to be a fateful time. It's hard, however, to say anything specific about how radical the impending developments will be, since almost everything depends on you, as usual. Your primary benefactor, Venus, will be supported by the fortunate location of the sun. This promises the sign of Taurus significant "bonuses" (especially in the area of work) and a favorable confluence of circumstances. You'll have to make an effort, react quickly, in a timely manner, and promptly. Your level of situational readiness needs to be at the maximum, as this will allow you to make the best use of the opportunities of this current stage. With respect to the sphere of business, you should focus on the achievements you already have, remember that progress can be not only forwards, but also "deeper", so to speak. This is an important point, and we will still dwell on it in more detail.



GEMINI: BIRTHDAYS FROM 22 MAY to 21 JUNE

General Highlights: Saturn, the primary patron of Gemini, will be strengthened on account of the favorable position of Venus, who in any other situation would not stand out for goodwill towards this Zodiac sign. This is a good start, which will guarantee you the chance to use all the available resources with maximum effectiveness. In other words, at the current stage, circumstances will unfold quite successfully, and with a certain amount of perseverance, you could surpass even your own conceptions of a happy ending. In the area of work, it's likely that situations will emerge which will require quick thinking. You'll have to make a serious choice several times, but your celestial patrons don't have the faintest hint of a doubt that you'll be able to choose the right, most profitable course of action. On the "romantic front" the situation will develop less dynamically, but this doesn't, of course, mean that something won't work out for you.



CANCER: BIRTHDAYS FROM 22 JUNE to 23 JULY

General Highlights: In June 2017, people born under the sign of Cancer will have to experience quite a few interesting moments. Be prepared for the fact that a large portion of attentiveness will be required of you, although you won't face any superhuman difficulties, and this is a good thing. One of your main patrons, the Moon, will now cooperate with the Dark Moon, despite the fact that the latter will be a key antagonist of all earth's inhabitants in the first month of summer. For you this is an extremely positive trend, and there will hardly be conditions under which your choice will prove to be completely mistaken. To a large degree you'll act intuitively, and this same intuition won't allow you to do something you'll regret. Of course, this is no panacea, but by listening to yourself, you will be able to achieve a lot. On the work front an increase is likely, or at least you'll find an alternative or additional way to earn money.



LEO: BIRTHDAYS FROM 24 JULY to 23 AUGUST

General Highlights: People born under the Zodiac sign of Leo could receive a lot of benefits in June 2017 in situations when others are obviously losing. The fact is that your key celestial patrons, the Sun and Pluto, will be as strong as ever. The energy of the Sun will be prevalent, which will give you additional advantages. With respect to personal relationships, there is the possibility of breaking old ties in favor of new ones, but in this regard there will be a whole range of nuances which must be taken into account. We'll have a more detailed look at this below. Now it's important, broadly speaking, to appreciate the characteristics of the first summer month with respect to Leo, a colorful and extraordinary sign. At work you can expect solid progress, although overall the dynamics of the developments taking place may not meet your expectations completely. This is an insignificant dissonance which will pass quickly, freeing up space for more productive positions.



VIRGO: BIRTHDAYS FROM 24 AUGUST to 23 SEPTEMBER

General Highlights: In June 2017 the Zodiac sign of Virgo will have to deal with several important conflicts, and this will concern the work sphere as well as the sphere of personal relationships. Overall, we're talking about an incredibly productive time which will, however, have a whole range of important nuances which will, if you take them into account, enable you to achieve the best of the possible results. Firstly, we must point out the exceptionally favorable position of the Sun and Mercury. The latter's position will have the greatest significance in this sense, because Mercury is your primary celestial patron. In the area of work the emergence of new possibilities is likely, positions which will enable you to significantly improve the growth of your profitability in the future. For many this will mean starting your own business, laying a strong foundation which is quite likely to enable you for many years (if not decades) to not lose the ground you have already gained, and instead focus solely on future development.



LIBRA: BIRTHDAYS FROM 24 SEPTEMBER to 23 OCTOBER

General Highlights: In June 2017, people born under the sign of Libra can count on the patronage of the Sun and Saturn. If Saturn is their traditional helper, then the position of the lord of the heavenly host is quite unique. In its ordinary position, the Sun is quite aggressive towards Libra, but in the first month of summer many things will change in the most radical way. In particular, you will reassess your relationship with your closest friends, and many things will become clear to you, since all covers will be cast off now, and secret things will come to light. This may shock you, but we are talking about positive changes. Be ready to make radical decisions, since this will be a powerful, dynamic time for you, which will let you progress to the next level of understanding. In a practical sense this could mean a new job or a long awaited workplace which will completely satisfy your desires.



SCORPIO: BIRTHDAYS FROM 24 OCTOBER to 22 NOVEMBER

General Highlights: For people who had the good fortune to be born under the sign of Scorpio, the first summer month will be exceptionally successful. The thing is that Venus and the Moon will come onto your side in June 2017, although they are celestial objects of the solar system which are usually quite neutral, or even openly aggressive towards your sign. Of course, Saturn, the traditional patron of Scorpio, is not going anywhere. Overall, all of these planetary combinations will enable you to act confidently, without expecting any backstabbing or the emergence of ambiguous situations. In actual fact you will have to make an effort, there's no doubt of this whatsoever, since as we all know, no pain no gain. On the other hand, the advantages of the current stage are obvious. In the area of work, it's appropriate to count on a growth in profits and additional financial bonuses. The sphere of personal relationships won't lag behind the area of business either, as in this regard many Scorpios will be able to find real friends, and others - their fate.



SAGITTARIUS: BIRTHDAYS FROM 23 NOVEMBER to 23 DECEMBER

General Highlights: Venus, the key patron of Sagittarius, will take up a particularly profitable position relative to your Zodiac sign in June 2017. Aside from that, this won't be the only object of the solar system which has decided to come onto your side. In general, you will meet the start of the summer season with all guns blazing, and this means that it would make sense to act promptly and in the most proactive way! When it comes to the work sphere, it would be appropriate to focus on new mutually beneficial agreements. Don't hesitate to enter into new agreements instead of old ones which have outlived their time. In the personal area there will be important meetings, but the really radical developments will concern the relationships you already have, and here the expression "an old friend is better than two new ones" is quite to the point. Overall, at the current stage you are unlikely to have the chance to use your talents to the max. Circumstances will unfold quite favorably and almost always to your advantage.



CAPRICORN: BIRTHDAYS FROM 22 DECEMBER to 20 JANUARY

General Highlights: For people born under the Zodiac sign of Capricorn, June 2017 will be a special month. In this regard the Moon will play first fiddle, because although in its usual position it is quite aggressive towards the current sign, the first summer month will force it to change its violent temper into warmth and sincerity. Of course, precisely these qualities will be key for Capricorn, and not only in the sphere of personal relationships. The work front will also require a large degree of kindness and sensitivity from you, and to a lesser degree, a focus on purely practical value and an unswerving quest for profit. No, of course the bar needs to be set as high as possible, such is the year of the Red (Fire) Rooster. But in this case you also mustn't forget about the purely human side of things. This will give you significant advantages against your opponents. It would also make sense to concentrate on additional ways to earn a living.



AQUARIUS: BIRTHDAYS 21 JANUARY to 19 FEBRUARY

General Highlights: People born under the sign of Aquarius can count on significant support from their celestial patrons in June 2017. In this regard we should point out the combination of Mercury and the Sun, who will strengthen each other. For you specifically this could mean that implementing even the boldest plans will be not only possible but necessary at this stage. Act as you consider necessary, but count on the areas which you have personally investigated the least. With respect to the work sphere, we could be dealing with a growth in profile, while in the area of personal relationships there are more possibilities. This could involve new acquaintances, accidental as well as deliberate ones, and some family events, or even risky ventures! In general, the first summer month will be eventful, you can be sure of that. But you really don't need to prepare yourself deliberately for what could (or must) happen. Be yourself, don't try to force developments, as they (the developments) know best, in what sequence and with what intensity to take place.



PISCES: BIRTHDAYS: 20 FEBRUARY to 20 MARCH

General Highlights: For Pisces June 2017 is quite likely to be a progressive and in some ways even epic time. The thing is that now the position of your primary patron, Venus, will be significantly reinforced on account of the favorable position of the Sun. As a result, many developments will take on a real magnitude, and even, for example, entering into a private contract could become incredibly promising and result in a permanent increase in profits. Of course, you'll have to be quite attentive in order to be sure to avoid missing such an opportunity, although in fact you'll be offered more than one or two such possibilities. In certain situations caution won't hurt, but overall it's hard to think of an aspect which you won't be able to cope with. In the work front as well as the area of personal relationships it would make sense to focus only on your own views on the world around. Only your personal experience will enable you to make progress, although it wouldn't be too much to learn from others' mistakes.



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