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Hi Oscar, I'm a Scorpio. Scorpions are used to suffering, but things have been rough lately, like walking through peanut butter and never arriving anywhere. Can you offer any insight? Carol Hi Carol, I'm sorry to hear of your struggles. Don't give up hope. Jupiter, the planet of expansion and travel, arrives in your sign later this year. And Saturn, which can have a restricting influence, will move on from its current position where it's affecting the Sagittarian themes of freedom and movement. Your world will feel both less viscous, and less vicious, in the future.

ARIES MAR 21-APR 20

The Inuits are indigenous people who live in the frozen polar regions from Siberia to Alaska. They were once known as Eskimos, although this term became pejorative and is rarely used now. But it gave rise to the popular phrase, "He (or she) could sell ice to Eskimos". As Mercury, now establishes in your sector of the sky, this phrase becomes ever more appropriate for you. And its links with Mars, ahead of its conjunction with Venus, underline the point. Don't underestimate your powers of charm and persuasion today. Lift your spirits. Dial in your date of birth. Call 1902 222 500.

CANCER JUN 23-JUL 23

They say "all's fair in love and war". The International Criminal Court in The Hague would dare to differ. And many people, including you, would also object. Although it can feel as if life's emotional dice are loaded, we all like to tip the scales in our favour. When emotions run sky high, the clouds impair our judgement. And when we're protecting something as vulnerable as our hearts, it may seem as if the end justifies the means. Yet no matter how passionate you feel, don't jeopardise long-term happiness for a short-term thrill. Dial in your date of birth. Call 1902 222 500.

LIBRA SEP 24-OCT 23

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going". This phrase was made famous by Joseph Kennedy, father of the American political dynasty. When people hear it, they recognise the truth it holds, because when "the going gets tough" enough, even the softest among us toughen up and find ourselves able to "get going" too. Although Mercury is about to make a tricky link to Mars, the "going" in your world is not as tough as you fear. Soon it conjuncts Venus. If you "get going" now, you won't need to keep going for very long. Lift your spirits. Dial in your date of birth. Call 1902 222 500.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

Feet and mouths. There's a reason they're positioned at opposite ends of the human body. Usually, it's a good idea if one doesn't meet the other. In fact, when the two are put together, it generally doesn't spell good news. So today I'm offering what I hope will be protective advice. Be careful with your words now. They're more potent than you realise, and have a tendency to travel further and wider than you may intend. But the right message, in the right ear, can help steer someone in the right direction. Lift your spirits. Dial in your date of birth. Call 1902 222 500.

TAURUS APR 21-MAY 21

They say "a friend in need is a friend indeed". But there are several ways to interpret this proverb. It's true that when we're in trouble and need help, we soon find out who our real friends are. It's also true that people are never so friendly with us than when they're in need of something. And then there's the question of whether "indeed" should be written as "in deed". Is a true friend someone who backs up words with action? However you understand it, today you have the opportunity to prove the worth of this old saying. Change your future. Call your spookily accurate moon-sign forecast: 1902 222 500.

LEO JUL 24-AUG 23

If we didn't have illnesses, we wouldn't need doctors. Without criminals, we wouldn't need the police. And if some people didn't have a faulty moral compass, the upholders of high ethical standards would have nobody to feel superior to. Arguably, the world's good forces owe much to the not-so-good. So, as the sun conjuncts Chiron, on its way to aligning with Saturn, you can't define yourself by "who you aren't" and "what you don't stand for". But as a starting point for a deeper description, such an assertion may be apt. Change your future. Call 1902 222 500.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

As a child I loved Asterix. In these cartoon stories, a tiny French village resisted the might of the Roman Empire thanks to a druid's magic potion which brought superhuman strength. I liked the character Obelix best. As a baby, he'd fallen into a cauldron of the potion, and drank himself to safety. It meant that, unlike the others, his strength never faded. You may not always show it. You may not always even realise it's there. But a well of power resides within you. Today, you can remind the world of your wonderful strength. Change your future. Call your new moon-sign forecast: 1902 222 500.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 19

Shortly after Mercury's tricky aspect to Mars tomorrow, the sun links to your traditional ruler. This is a good time to remember that you're not your email address. Or your Facebook account. Or your password. You're not even your three-digit security number. Though all of these may play an important part in your life, they hardly represent the sum total of your value as a human being. That's one reason why I sometimes balk at the phrase "identity theft". Nobody can rob you of your true personality. Be true to yourself today. Change your future. Call your new moon-sign forecast: 1902 222 500.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUN 22

Competitions are frequently held to establish who is fastest, strongest or smartest. Note please, that we never see events designed to reveal who is wisest. That's because wise people know that it would be pointless to take part in such a trial. Yet isn't wisdom the most valuable asset of them all? When you have it, you can compensate for any physical or material deficiency. And, you can make your intelligence work for, rather than against, you. With your ruler in Aries about to link with Mars, that's today's priority. Big changes are due between now and the next new moon. Call 1902 222 500.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEP 23

When we see someone in difficulty, our first instinct is to offer help. Yet instincts aren't always acted upon. Humans have rational minds which assess the wider impact of actions. Sometimes, no matter how strong the urge to intervene, like a Planet Earth film-maker, we must let nature take its course. But you're probably not in a hide, observing a hunt. And chances are, you really can make the difference in someone's life. If you're sure your assistance won't hinder the cause you're trying to help, you can be heroic. Change your future. Call 1902 222 500.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

If you're only doing what's easy, perhaps you're not doing enough. They say there's no gain without pain, and that when we struggle to adapt to a situation, we're making the most positive progress. Then again, there's no point in deliberately making life difficult for yourself, hoping that somehow, it may be good for you. The sun will soon make an intense yet energising aspect to Saturn. Do what comes naturally now, by all means, but at least explore a possibility that may not seem so easy or immediately attractive. Big changes are due between now and the next new moon. Call 1902 222 500.

PISCES FEB 20-MAR 20

"I think, therefore I am" said Descartes. This phrase concluded his search for a principle that couldn't be doubted. He supposed that his thought process proved that, whatever he may or may not be, he existed enough to question his own existence. Descartes also said that his epiphany came to him in dreams. So perhaps you've more in common with old French philosophers than you realise? It's from your boundless imagination that the brightest sparks fly. And today, with just a little kindling, one can be nurtured into a flame. Big changes are due between now and the next new moon. Call 1902 222 500.

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COMBO CROSSWORD NO. 5651

QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS  
2 Woody plants  
5 Wear down by friction  
7 Reddish-brown metal  
8 Country  
11 Close friend  
12 Serpent  
14 Tall New Zealand tree

- 16 Said further  
17 Possess  
18 Goddess of the moon  
20 Sudden sharp pain  
21 Slip by  
22 Steep slope

- DOWN  
1 Great number

- 2 Cult  
3 Rue past conduct  
4 Political parties splinter groups  
6 Cessations of functions  
9 Pleased  
10 Discharged a debt  
12 Hindu garment  
13 Largest division of geological time  
15 Rupture  
18 Far down  
19 Partly open

CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS  
2 They make a lot of brushes at these plants  
5 The sailor accepts the dare then has to wear it  
7 A policeman on his mettle we hear  
8 To begin with, enjoy getting your photo taken in this historical land  
11 A good friend almost seen as a gem  
12 That Ken's a slippery one!  
14 I take to haka when seen out by a New Zealand tree  
16 Said further when dad met our editor

- 17 Be in possession of most of the town  
18 And I get a look at a goddess  
20 A bit of a pain but you may get to win  
21 It can please one to see it pass away  
22 Capers taking place on a steep slope

- DOWN  
1 There's a great number in southern Germany  
2 Some insects form a cult  
3 Ten per cent do it the church way  
4 Splinter groups that are not here in the breaks  
6 They stop functioning because of a bend in the works  
9 Pleased that little Gladys is here?  
10 Discharged by using my iPad  
12 Such airs those Indian ladies put on!  
13 That's a one important era  
15 A split occurring between Ian and her?  
18 Way down in some wide epicentre you'll find it  
19 When a Raja gets his back up can be quite jarring!

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Sudoku Hard

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Previous Combo Solution

A C R A C K E R  
B R A E O T A M P  
S V E R D I C T R  
C H E F E H E R E  
O E L I T E S  
N E A R N S A R I  
D N O S E T F D  
I N G O T R I F L E  
N L A I A N  
G R E A S E P A I N T  
S H E R S

Previous Quick Solution

N O M A D L O V E  
E N A T I V E  
A C T O R F A R M  
R I N E P T M  
E V E S L I M  
D A R T O N E  
C R A D A R N  
F A T E O P E R A  
T E N E T S C  
M E N D S E R G E

HOW TO PLAY

To solve this puzzle, each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Solution tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

Solution published tomorrow

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Yesterday's Sudoku Solution

2	6	8	7	9	5	3	1	4
1	7	9	3	4	8	2	5	6
5	4	3	6	2	1	9	8	7
4	5	7	2	8	3	6	9	1
9	2	6	4	1	7	8	3	5
8	3	1	5	6	9	7	4	2
6	1	2	8	3	4	5	7	9
3	9	5	1	7	6	4	2	8
7	8	4	9	5	2	1	6	3

QUICK CROSSWORD NO. 11178

- ACROSS  
1 Spoil  
3 Musical instrument  
6 Of the ear  
7 Dry, of champagne  
9 Profit  
10 Female deer  
11 Declare  
13 Bird  
16 Trees  
18 Weathercock  
19 Faucet  
20 Actual  
21 Mineral spring  
23 Dry  
24 Instrument of summons  
25 Insect

- DOWN  
1 Niggard  
2 Top card  
4 Wild male pig  
5 Vast age  
6 Command  
8 Ship's small room  
9 Unit of inheritance  
12 Climbing plants  
14 Gem  
15 Love god  
17 Begin  
18 Conceited  
20 Floor covering  
22 Kitchen utensil