

AGONY GUNCLE

All of the advice you never knew you needed

VIRGO SEASON SCARIES

Dear Agony Guncle,

The various birthdays and birthday gifts of Leo summer have left me in a financially precarious position. As I look to the coming weeks and the verge of Virgo season I am wondering how to break it to my numerous and beloved Virgo friends that I might not be able to find every single one of them gifts that are personally resonant, one-of-a-kind, and financially commensurate to the depth of our relationship. How can I navigate the perilous exchanges that are sure to follow?

Yours,

Friendful but financially fraught.



Dear Friendful,

One always has to remember when dealing with Virgos that, as a sign, they highly value organisation, precision, emotional insight, and being right. The care that they doubtless have invested in you they will inevitably expect to be returned in kind and redoubled every year (in accordance with the Special Little Princess index). Failing to budget your income entirely around these factors before considering trifling matters, such as your rent, bills, groceries etc., is likely to lead to confusion, dismay, and disgust on their part.

All this considered, for the sake of your bank account, it might be time to cut a few off. Just ensure that you retain a few of your most anal party planners and take out some life insurance (a spiteful Virgo is a dangerous thing).

In solidarity,
Agony Guncle

MATTERS OF THE HEART ARE SELDOM INTERESTING

Dear Agony Guncle,

I have met a beautiful man who, having consulted the stars, I believe could be the future Mrs Dr Enchanted but Unconvinced. Unfortunately, he seems to be exhibiting signs of extreme neurotypicality. There is a distinct lack of passion for obscure topics and hyperfixation on niche pieces of media. Do you think we can overcome our differences (his extreme character flaw) and Charleston off into our three bed semi-detached future?

With Hesitation,
Miss Enchanted but Unconvinced



Dear Miss Enchanted,

No.

To elaborate: while opposites attract, at the end of the day, without a specific fandom to engage with, one has to ask - what does he rub one out to? How will he get his rocks off? Within the safety of an established fandom one can anticipate what inclinations he might bring to the bedroom by keeping an eye on the forums of its followers. Furthermore, in order to prepare, custom outfits and themed toys can readily be purchased from dedicated online vendors worldwide. In the absence of such infrastructure one finds oneself beneath the metaphorical (or potentially literal) sword of Damocles. One never knows what to bring to the bedroom, or what one will be faced with. And there is no easy alternative without ruining the key element in all sexual relationships: non-communication/a Chinese Wall.

For these reasons, I suggest you Charleston with yourself for a while longer (and perhaps take a look at some of the aforementioned forums).

Love,
Agony Guncle