

## Gemini vs Aquarius

Astrology, economics, and the flight of kitchen inventory

“Hey Bane, can you tell me when I’m going to get some big money?” Aquarius asked cheerfully.

“I will... but first, are you paying in cash or with one of your horrible... I mean, special lunches?” I was ready.

“This is a specialty I made, you know.”

“I know. I just hope you copied the ingredients correctly from TV this time. Last time, from that German show, instead of Weniger — which means less — you wrote down Winegar — which means vinegar.”

“But you know... there’s a saying: ‘If you want to get something, you have to give something too.’”

That hit her like a sledgehammer.

“Oh come on, you’re always talking about giving and taking...” Aquarius was already getting annoyed — and she had no idea she was about to get even more annoyed.

“Alright. Do you want me to explain it through the pillars of destiny, or in a simpler way?”

“Nooooooooooooooooo!” she shouted. “Last time you stayed for lunch and dinner — and you even asked for a snack!”

“So what? Just one sandwich to go with the beer that I always buy,” I replied sarcastically.

“Okay. Look. This giving and taking is connected to phases.”

“Yeah?” she looked at me curiously.

“The first phase is when you receive and don’t have to give anything. Nobody asks anything from you yet. That’s early youth.

The second phase is when you receive — you may give or not give.

The third phase is when you receive, but you start being careful about whom you give to.

The fourth phase is when you receive, but you also have to give.

The fifth phase is when you must give in order to receive something.

The sixth phase is when you receive nothing, have to give nothing, and nobody

asks you for anything.

The seventh phase... no matter how much you give, the question is whether you'll get anything back."

"Whoa... that's a lot of phases. So which phase am I in?"

"Well... that's the question..."

The same frying pan flies through the air.

It misses again.