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Introduction

To fully benefit from this portrait, we suggest that you read its introduction and its preamble carefully, and then that to take the time to soak up the interpretations of each chapter. Given the large number of texts, which mirrors the human being's complexity, you may need to go through the contents several times, so as to get a good grasp of their meaning and to know yourself better. This will reward your patience.

The purpose of this report is to describe your psychological portrait and to highlight the most fundamental features on the personal area. The report begins with the analysis of your planetary dominants and outlines your personality's general traits before going into further detail. Minor dominants are analysed at the end of Annex 1, for purposes of clarity. Your report then delineates the various facets of your personality:

In general, even when relationships are not involved, we express ourselves and we feel according to our character and our personal motivations: this is indicated by the Ascendant and the Sun sign which both give details on the way we function. They shed a tremendously important light which allows to figure out your personality. Here, we describe your Sun sign (your inner self), your Ascendant (your behaviour as seen by others), and the ruler of the Ascendant (interesting additional pieces of information about the style of your personality). These descriptions alone cover nearly a third or a half of your psychological signature, depending on your natal chart characteristics.

Then, we address your sensitivity, or in other words, the way you receive things and how you express your emotions ; it works as a constant filter for all your exchanges, even when it becomes a more secondary element in your amorous relationship, because at that moment, affectivity prevails. Sensitivity is the way you perceive things, it is your radar, your daily mood, and at the same time, it indicates how you react to your entourage, on a daily basis. It is what others immediately see of you. In the second paragraph, we explain in which areas of life your sensitivity and your emotions are strongest, therefore, where you are most vulnerable.

After this, it is your affectivity, the way you love and how you charm, that comes into play as soon as you fall in love: the first part indicates its basic structure or its main form. The second part describes the areas where it is best expressed and how you display it, according to your personality.

A third fundamental area deals with your mode of action and your sexuality: how you behave, how you manage to obtain what you want, what kind of desires you have. There are twelve possibilities, very

different from one another. The study discloses the specific one that applies to you. In the second paragraph, we explain in which life areas you may most efficiently take advantage of your capacity for action and for conquest.

Your ways of communicating and of thinking are obviously among the major elements that must be integrated into the delineation and the description of your personality. Indeed, they influence your general behaviour and may modify or enhance the image your project (for instance, extraversion may “compensate” a weak affectivity, but a huge number of cases are possible). An additional chapter indicates the favourite areas where you enjoy communicating, thinking and meeting with people.

Besides, we analyze an even more personal aspect that is important to define and understand what may occur within your couple: each of us have a centre of interest, a privileged manner to be fulfilled or to achieve our destiny; this main motivation is indicated by the positions of your Sun and your chart ruler in the astrological houses and we provide you with its detailed description.

A natal chart contains the potential for specific fulfilment and a whole range of assets, protections and qualities. How does the lucky factor manifest in your personality? In which area can you best exploit your qualities? The answers are precisely revealed to you in this chapter.

On the other hand, we all feel in us a part of vulnerability, doubts and fears. How does this part of solemnity or serious side play out? How is it possible to handle it in order to evolve and to get rid of useless elements? All this information is provided to you in these two paragraphs.

Then, you can discover three additional traits of your personality that must be considered as secondary ones. They deal with your predispositions, which means that they need to be triggered by external events because they are not influenced by your will; let's call it a part of fate. Please, bear in mind that your destiny can unfold only in accordance with what you are: therefore, even if they belong to your more unconscious self, these characteristics are parts of you, definitely.

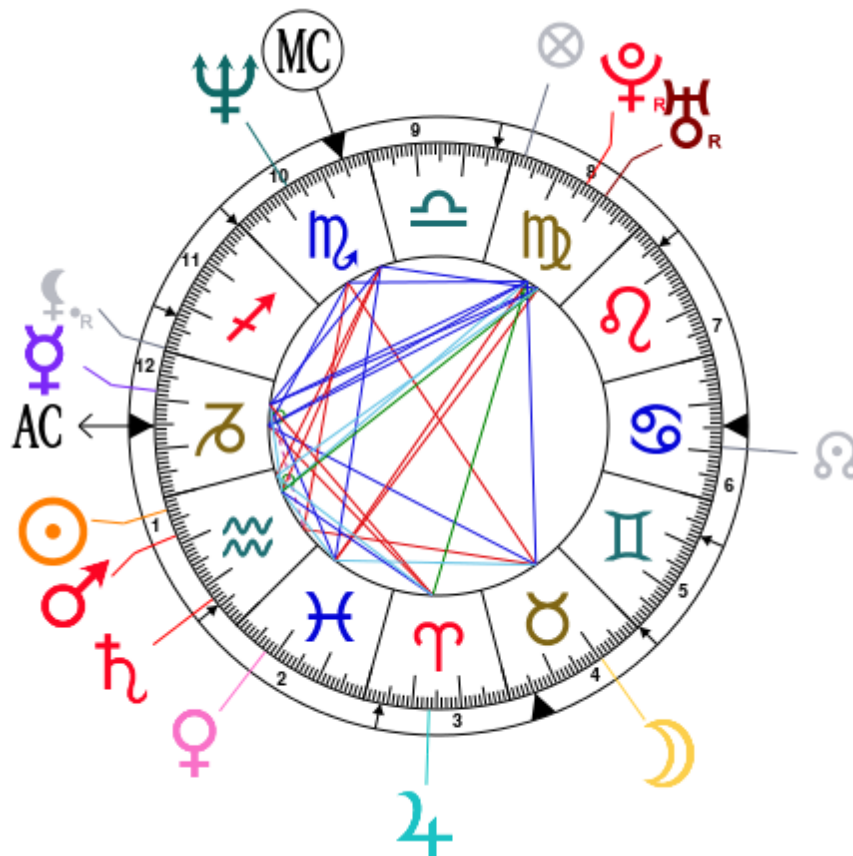
The karmic chart complements the psychological portrait or natal chart. It is based on the positions of the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon, and the Part of Fortune. These elements of the chart, sometimes referred to as fictitious points, provide information about the spiritual meaning of your destiny. Owing to the fact that we all have in us acquired knowledge and the urge to go on a quest, our life is an evolutionary journey... However, these texts must be read with great caution: this is the reason why you will find this analysis in the Annex 2 of your report.

Your Planets, Houses, Aspects, and Natal Chart

Mariska Hargitay, born January 23, 1964, at 05:58 AM, Santa Monica (Los Angeles), California [118.29W ; 34.01N ; 8W00]

Natal Planets			In House	Natal Houses (Placidus)		
☉ Sun	2°36'	♒ Aquarius	House 1	House 1	15°22'	♑ Capricorn
☾ Moon	20°23'	♉ Taurus	House 4	House 2	24°31'	♒ Aquarius
☿ Mercury	8°14'	♑ Capricorn	House 12	House 3	3°35'	♈ Aries
♀ Venus	7°54'	♓ Pisces	House 2	House 4	5°15'	♉ Taurus
♂ Mars	8°06'	♒ Aquarius	House 1	House 5	0°20'	♊ Gemini
♃ Jupiter	13°26'	♈ Aries	House 3	House 6	22°25'	♊ Gemini
♄ Saturn	22°53'	♒ Aquarius	House 1	House 7	15°22'	♋ Cancer
♅ Uranus	9°25' R	♍ Virgo	House 8	House 8	24°31'	♌ Leo
♆ Neptune	17°39'	♏ Scorpio	House 10	House 9	3°35'	♎ Libra
♇ Pluto	13°52' R	♍ Virgo	House 8	House 10	5°15'	♏ Scorpio
♁ Node	11°03'	♋ Cancer	House 6	House 11	0°20'	♐ Sagittarius
♇ Lilith	29°26' R	♐ Sagittarius	House 12	House 12	22°25'	♐ Sagittarius
AS AS	15°22'	♑ Capricorn				
MC MC	5°15'	♏ Scorpio				

In keeping with the common practice, we consider that a planet posited within 1 degree of the next house belongs to that house. We allow an orb of 2 degrees for the ASC and the MC.



List of Your Active Planetary Aspects

Please find below the list of all the active inter-aspects which are interpreted in this report, in addition to your planets in sign, in house, and all your planetary dominants. Since the aspects between slow-moving planets are of a collective nature, they are not displayed, in compliance with our interpretation rules.

- ★★★★★ Sun conjunction Mars, orb 5° 3'
- ★★★★★ Sun quintile Jupiter, orb -1° 09'
- ★★★★★ Sun bi-quintile Uranus, orb -0° 49'
- ★★★☆☆ Sun square Midheaven, orb -2° 39'
- ★★★★★ Moon quintile Venus, orb 0° 29'
- ★★★☆☆ Moon square Saturn, orb -2° 29'
- ★★★★★ Moon opposite Neptune, orb -2° 44'
- ★★★★★ Moon trine Pluto, orb -6° 3'
- ★★★★★ Moon trine Ascendant, orb 5'
- ★★★★★ Mercury sextile Venus, orb -0° 19'
- ★★★★★ Mercury semi-sextile Mars, orb -0° 07'
- ★★★☆☆ Mercury square Jupiter, orb 5° 12'
- ★★★☆☆ Mercury semi-square Saturn, orb -0° 2'
- ★★★★★ Mercury trine Uranus, orb -1° 11'
- ★★★★★ Mercury trine Pluto, orb -5° 38'
- ★★★★★ Mercury conjunction Ascendant, orb 7° 08'
- ★★★★★ Mercury sextile Midheaven, orb 2° 58'
- ★★★★★ Venus semi-sextile Mars, orb -0° 12'
- ★★★★★ Venus opposite Uranus, orb -1° 31'
- ★★★☆☆ Venus opposite Pluto, orb -5° 58'
- ★★★★★ Venus trine Midheaven, orb 2° 38'
- ★★★★★ Mars sextile Jupiter, orb 5° 19'
- ★★★☆☆ Mars inconjunction Uranus, orb -1° 18'
- ★★★★★ Mars bi-quintile Pluto, orb 0° 13'
- ★★★☆☆ Mars square Midheaven, orb 2° 51'
- ★★★☆☆ Jupiter square Ascendant, orb -1° 56'
- ★★★★★ Uranus trine Ascendant, orb 5° 57'
- ★★★★★ Uranus sextile Midheaven, orb -4° 09'
- ★★★★★ Neptune sextile Ascendant, orb -2° 16'
- ★★★★★ Pluto trine Ascendant, orb 1° 29'

Meaning of Stars

Stars indicate the strength of the aspects. Two solid coloured stars (there are half-stars also), mean that the aspect is powerful enough to be noticed at the first reading.

We strongly advise that you read the paragraphs displaying less than two stars later on, after you have absorbed the full import of the other texts.

The yellow colour indicates a soothing and conciliating aspect, and the red colour, a dynamic and tense aspect. The red aspects enable you to evolve, to take action, and to learn to turn your "weaknesses" into assets through your life experiences. The yellow aspects are innate strengths on which you rely in order to grow better with the former...

Preamble

When interpreting a natal chart, the best method is to start gradually from general features to specific ones. Thus, there is usually a plan to be followed, from the overall analysis of the chart and its structure, to the description of its different character traits.

In the first part, an overall analysis of the chart enables us to figure out the personality's main features and to emphasize several points that are confirmed or not in the detailed analysis: in any case, those general traits are taken into account. Human personality is an infinitely intricate entity and describing it is a complex task. Claiming to rapidly summarize it is illusory, although it does not mean that it is an impossible challenge. It is essential to read a natal chart several times in order to absorb all its different meanings and to grasp all this complexity. But the exercise is worthwhile.

In brief, a natal chart is composed of ten planets: two luminaries, the Sun and the Moon, three fast-moving or individual planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars, two slow-moving planets, Jupiter and Saturn, and three very slow-moving planets, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Additional secondary elements are: the Lunar Nodes, the Dark Moon or Lilith, Chiron and other minor objects. They are all posited on the Zodiac wheel consisting of twelve signs, from Aries to Pisces, and divided into twelve astrological houses.

The first step is to evaluate the importance of each planet. This is what we call identifying the dominant planets. This process obeys rules that depend on the astrologer's sensitivity and experience but it also has precise and steady bases: thus, we can take into account the parameters of a planet's activity (the number of active aspects a planet forms, the importance of each aspect according to its nature and its exactness), angularity parameters; (proximity to the four angles, Ascendant, Midheaven, Descendant and Imum Coeli or Nadir, all of them being evaluated numerically, according to the kind of angle and the planet-angle distance) and quality parameters (rulership, exaltation, exile and fall). Finally, other criteria such as the rulership of the Ascendant and the Midheaven etc. are important.

These different criteria allow a planet to be highlighted and lead to useful conclusions when interpreting the chart.

The overall chart analysis begins with the observation of three sorts of planetary distributions in the chart: Eastern or Western hemisphere, Northern or Southern hemisphere, and quadrants (North-eastern, North-western, South-eastern and South-western). These three distributions give a general tone in terms of introversion and extraversion, willpower, sociability, and behavioural predispositions.

Then, there are three additional distributions: elements (called triplicity since there are three groups of signs for each one) - Fire, Air, Earth and Water - corresponding to a character typology, modality (or quadruplicity with four groups of signs for each one) - Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable - and polarity (Yin and Yang).

There are three types of dominants: dominant planets, dominant signs and dominant houses. The novice thinks astrology means only "to be Aries" or sometimes, for example, "to be Aries Ascendant Virgo". It is actually far more complex. Although the Sun and the Ascendant alone may reveal a large part of the character - approximately a third or a half of your psychological signature, a person is neither "just the Sun" (called the sign) nor just "the first house" (the Ascendant). Thus, a particular planet's influence

may be significantly increased; a particular sign or house may contain a group of planets that will bring nuances and sometimes weaken the role of the Ascendant, of the Sun sign etc.

Lastly, there are two other criteria: accentuations (angular, succedent and cadent) which are a classification of astrological houses and types of decanates that are occupied (each sign is divided into three decanates of ten degrees each). They provide some additional informations.

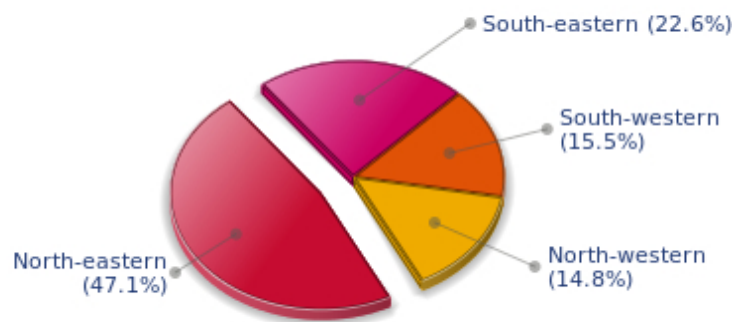
These general character traits must not be taken literally; they are, somehow, preparing for the chart reading. They allow to understand the second part of the analysis, which is more detailed and precise. It focuses on every area of the personality and provides a synthesis of all the above-mentioned parameters according to sound hierarchical rules.

As explained in the introduction of your Psychological Portrait report, minor dominants are analysed at the end of Annex 1, for purposes of clarity.

Your Planetary Repartitions

Each quadrant is a combination of the four hemispheres of your birth chart and relates to a character typology. The Southern hemisphere – the top of your chart, around the Midheaven – is associated with extraversion, action, and public life, whereas the Northern hemisphere prompts to introversion, reflexion, and private life. The Eastern hemisphere – the left part, around the Ascendant – is linked to your ego and your willpower, whereas the Western hemisphere indicates how other people influence you, and how flexible you are when you make a decision.

Your Four Quadrants

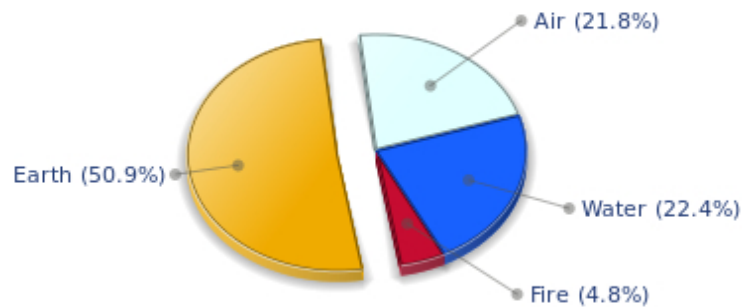


Mariska Hargitay, the nocturnal North-eastern quadrant, consisting of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd houses, prevails in your chart: this sector favours self-assertion and material security to the detriment of your perception of others. You consider self-transformation to be a hazardous adventure. You are inclined to seek stability and you tend to protect yourself with your actions. Possession, acquisition but also communication, without opening up too much, are part of your deep motivations. You are rather autonomous and constant, however it is important that you pay more attention to others, so that you can improve your outcomes.

Your Dominant Modes and Elements

Mariska Hargitay, here are the graphs of your Elements and Modes, based on planets' position and angles in the twelve signs:

Your Four Elements



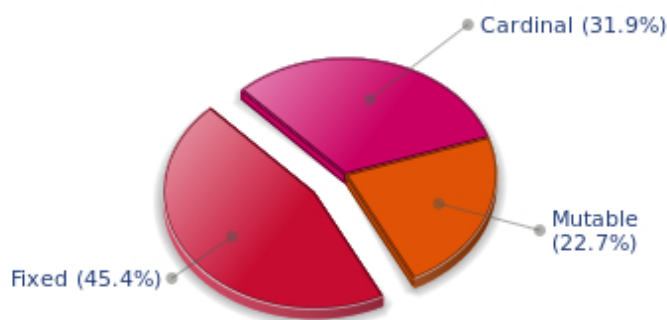
Like the majority of Earth signs, Mariska Hargitay, you are efficient, concrete and not too emotional. What matters to you is what you see: you judge the tree by its fruits. Your ideas keep changing, words disappear, but actions and their consequences are visible and remain. Express your sensitivity, even if it means revealing your vulnerability. Emotions, energy and communication must not be neglected; concrete action is meaningless if it is not justified by your heart, your intellect or your enthusiasm.

The predominance of Water signs indicates high sensitivity and elevation through feelings, Mariska Hargitay. Your heart and your emotions are your driving forces, and you can't do anything on Earth if you don't feel a strong affective charge (as a matter of fact, the word "feeling" is essential in your psychology). You need to love in order to understand, and to feel in order to take action, to the detriment of a certain vulnerability against which you should learn to fight.

Fire's qualities are not very present in your chart, with only 4.82% instead of the average 25%, which means that you may lack warmth, enthusiasm, conquering spirit, or energy. You may look indifferent to others, with almost no desire, no joy of life or no enterprising ability. Actually, it is not true, but you should let go, force yourself to be more daring, and show your amazement as well as your vitality. You certainly have as much energy as others, you just need to release it, and it is up to you to display more of it, since it will be all to your benefit: shout, sing, pull faces, dance! That's the right mean for you... In the end, you'll never be accused of being sad, phlegmatic or a killjoy!

The twelve zodiacal signs are split up into three groups or modes, called quadruplicities, a learned word meaning only that these three groups include four signs. The Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable modes are more or less represented in your natal chart, depending on planets' positions and importance, and on angles in the twelve signs.

Your Modes



The Fixed mode corresponds to a majority of elements in your chart, Mariska Hargitay, and represents the desire for security and durability: you are able to concretely appreciate a situation and its stability. You definitely prefer to play the role of a loyal, obstinate and hard-working person, rather than to try new and risky experiences - beware, however, not to confuse obstinacy with intransigence. You structure, cement, and strengthen everything you find on your way: it is your nature, although you are not especially interested in swiftness: slow and steady...

Your Dominants: Planets, Signs and Houses

The issue of dominant planets has existed since the mists of time in astrology: how nice it would be if a person could be described with a few words and one or several planets that would represent their character, without having to analyse such elements as rulerships, angularities, houses, etc!

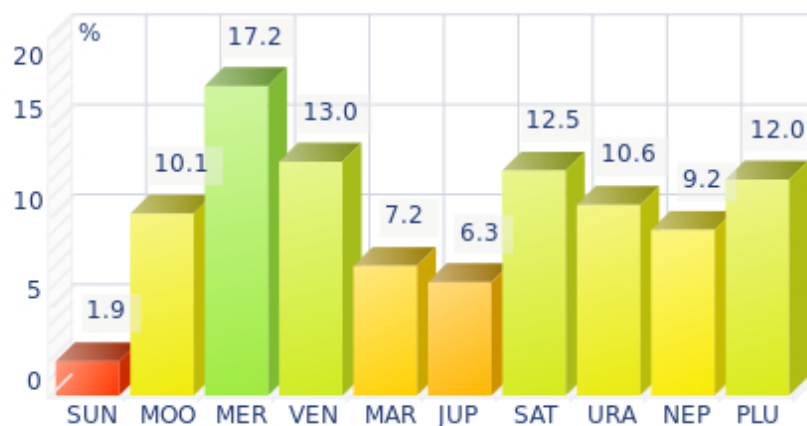
The ten planets - the Sun throughout Pluto - are a bit like ten characters in a role-play, each one has its own personality, its own way of acting, its own strengths and weaknesses. They actually represent a classification into ten distinct personalities, and astrologers have always tried to associate one or several dominant planets to a natal chart as well as dominant signs and houses.

Indeed, it is quite the same situation with signs and houses. If planets symbolize characters, signs represent hues - the mental, emotional and physical structures of an individual. The sign in which a planet is posited is like a character whose features are modified according to the place where he lives. In a chart, there are usually one, two or three highlighted signs that allow to rapidly describe its owner.

Regarding astrological houses, the principle is even simpler: the twelve houses correspond to twelve fields of life, and planets tenanted any given house increase that house's importance and highlight all relevant life departments: it may be marriage, work, friendship etc.

Mariska Hargitay, here is the evaluation diagramme for your planets:

Your Dominant Planets



The three planets that are most highlighted in your chart are Mercury, Venus and Saturn.

With Mercury among your dominant planets, you are certainly cerebral, nervous, swift, curious, quick-witted, and you love to communicate. Your psychological pattern is intellectual, all the more so since Mercury is important, with its whole set of assets but also of weaknesses, obviously.

Your sensitivity, emotions, and heart's impulses give precedence to thinking, which can lead people to believe that you are a playful and witty but heartless person, intellectualizing situations and juggling with words and numbers whilst ignoring human aspects of things. Of course, it is said that cats always land on their feet - this is your Mercurian strength and your trump card!

Your weakness lies in your nervousness, and you may miss your goal because of your "over-intellectualization" that may be detrimental to other kind of energies such as instinct, spontaneity, heart, sensitivity, etc.

With Venus among your dominant planets, one of your first reflexes is... to please! Your look, your charm, and your seduction are omnipresent elements in your behaviour.

Your approach to things is connected to your heart, and for you, no real communication can flow if your interlocutors exude no sympathy or warmth. Cold and logical reasoning, clear thoughts and good sense are not important to you: if there is no affective bond with your environment, no connection can be established with the Venusian that you are, and nothing happens.

You have a strong artistic side, and you never neglect subjective but clear concepts such as pleasure, beauty, and also sensuality. However, sometimes to the detriment of efficiency, durability, logic, and... detachment.

Saturn is part of your dominant planets: among the facets of your character, you have a grave and serious side, wise and somewhat severe, since your concentration can be powerful to the detriment of carelessness and friendliness.

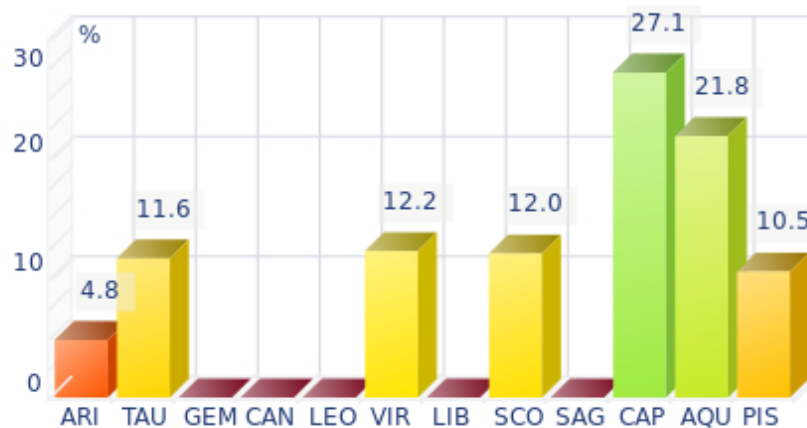
You often look austere, but it is only an appearance, a kind of modesty or reserve; however, it is true that

the Saturnian, who is fond of time, effort, asceticism, rigour and sobriety, may have popularity issues. Nevertheless, honesty and straightforwardness, reliability, as well as slow, wise and deep mental process, although not very popular and visible qualities, eventually become noticed and appreciated. Saturnians' second part of life is usually easier and more fulfilling.

Like the Jupiterian, your Saturnian facet prompts you to seek the essential, security, and longevity. However, the difference with the former is that you will never give priority to wealth or "the bigger, the better" philosophy for the sake of power. Saturn, like Jupiter, symbolizes social integration, and it is usually considered positive to have a harmonic Jupiter and Saturn in one's chart because of their social adaptation capacities.

Your vulnerability lies in your too serious and austere side, which may lead to unwanted loneliness and affective frustration. This generally does not last because Saturnians often hide deep down a golden heart that ends up revealing itself...

Your Dominant Signs



In your natal chart, the three most important signs, delineated according to the above-mentioned criteria, are, in decreasing order of strength, Capricorn, Aquarius and Virgo. They are often prominent because your Ascendant and your Sun are posited there. However, it is not always the case: it may be because they are occupied by a cluster of planets, by a planet near an angle other than the Midheaven and the Ascendant, or because two or three planets are very active and form numerous aspects from these signs. Therefore, you partly take on the three signs' characteristics, which are somehow superimposed on your natal chart, and all the more so if any of the signs in question is highlighted.

Capricorn is one of your dominant signs and endows you with a grave and serious style that seems to stick to you constantly. But if you have that reserved and cold side - as some extrovert people may think - on the other hand you possess sturdy qualities: you are strong-willed and tough. Your long-term vision, your sense of duty, and your ambition are not affected by the derisory and erratic motions that seem to upset most mortals less steady than you. Besides, you are like a good wine, you age well and your natural solemnity or serious side paradoxically turns into an almost cheerful appearance, as you grow older. You are actually very sensitive when it comes to love. Faithful, caring, sweet, and sensitive, your behaviour is very different in your everyday, sentimental life. A golden heart beats under your tough and austere appearance...

Aquarius is one of the most important signs in your natal chart: it endows your personality - at least one of its facets - with originality, to the point of eccentricity in spite of a sometimes distant and humane side. Likeable and impassive at the same time, you are a paradoxical woman, very hard to define because the two planets Uranus and Saturn blend their qualities to create the so complicated and endearing sign that inspires your character. Saturn's seriousness and impassivity is added to Uranus' rebellion, talent, individualism, charisma, extravagance, and unpredictability! One of your main characteristics is that you never open up on a personal basis, but you tend to do so easily in public. You are actually quite strange. Sexy and charming in public, despite your nice and sociable character, you could frustrate many of your admirers in private because of your impossibility to show deep and warm affection, emotions, tears... But appearance and reality are two different things anyway - you are a kind of a genius, or you have at least a tremendous charm with this sign. You have many friends and an active social life. If you are detached in your love life - only in this aspect, since the rest of chart will confirm it or not - this is no big deal!

Virgo, associated with perfectionism, numbers and reason, is among your dominant signs: you inherit its sense of responsibility and tidiness, a clear mind, an unflinching logic, as well as a need to be useful and to fulfil your task to the best of your abilities. Obviously, people may think that you are too modest or reserved, suspicious or pessimistic because of your exceedingly critical mind, but aren't logic and wisdom great qualities? Of course, they are. Moreover, you keep your feet on the ground, you never behave irrationally and you are helpful and hardworking - what more can you ask for?!

Your Dominant Houses



Houses 1, 12 and 8 are the most tenanted ones in your natal chart. To compute their strength, planets and angles are weighed according to various astrological criteria such as swiftness, activity, angularity, rulership etc. From the analysis of the most tenanted Houses, the Astrologer deduces the fields of activity that are most relevant to you, be it because of what you are experiencing, or what you may experience in the future, or because of your deep inner motivations.

With a dominant 1st house, your magnetism is powerful, and your individuality as well as your willpower are out of the ordinary. You are a determined, strong-willed, and assertive person, with this relative criterion at least.

It is likely that you never go unnoticed when you are in a crowd or a in reunion: an important 1st house suggests that you are a charismatic person with above average vital energy, especially if the Sun is present in this sector.

Your personal interests are always important and you never forget them, which doesn't mean that you are self-centered, but only that you behave according to what is in harmony with your deep nature!

The 12th house is emphasized in your chart: like the 8th house, it has a rich and complex meaning. Although its bad reputation is likely to scare most readers in the first place - it is indeed the house of hidden or isolated places, of solitude, of ordeals or enemies - it can also mean that a part of your life is very deep and intense. If your achievements are not visible in the public eye, you may fulfil yourself in a different but equally important way: you may be involved in secret activities, humanitarian causes, and projects in favour of disadvantaged people. You are likely to work in quiet and remote places. In many cases, you will gain from these hidden activities as many treasures as people who have a more public destiny. It may be because you sublimate your work, or only because you successfully carry out your task within your environment. There is no such things as a good or a bad house, because each area of life is necessary in its own way, and we need all of them, if we are to improve spiritually.

Your 8th house is very highlighted: it is the most complex house of the Zodiac. It symbolizes above all passion and transformation, which often go hand in hand. Indeed, you have a tendency to experience everything to the bitter end, and you overstep propriety borders because you want to understand everything, even what is... forbidden. This house relates to complex spheres such as sexuality, possessions and dispossessions that don't depend on you (inheritances, donations, sudden financial losses), death too - not yours in particular, so, don't worry! - and understanding of hidden or occult things: here are the fields that affect you generally, because you are naturally interested in them or because life gets you involved in spite of yourself.

Your Style, Behaviour, and Peculiarities

What is commonly known as "sign" indicates the position of the Sun in the Zodiac. The Sun highlights all the characteristics of the sign he tenants. According to astrology traditional rules, these characteristics are all the more pure and exact when the Sun is strong in the sign, or when the sign is particularly highlighted within the chart. Here, we indicate the pure characteristics of the sign but you must bear in mind that they may only shed a light on a particular aspect of your personality. Indeed, the sole sign of the Sun, or of the Ascendant, can never describe an astrological chart because it depends on the degree of strength of the said sign in your chart.

Another important point must be underlined. Contrary to the Ascendant, which clearly describes your appearance, your vitality, your physical constitution, your spontaneous behaviour and the image you project, your Sun sign describes your inner self, which you may not completely be aware of, and which may emerge gradually as you mature: it is about your inner personality that you reveal only to the members of your entourage whom you trust. The Sun sign is likely to be the final form of your personality, once it has evolved in line with the energies of the other parts of your chart, the beginning of which is seen in the Ascendant, your external "bark".

The Ascendant is one of the major components of your natal chart. It is the zodiacal sign that rises in the East at the very moment of your birth. To calculate it, it is therefore necessary to know your exact time of birth.

It provides with a wealth of information on your personality. It is one of the key features that allows the analysis of several parts of you, such as your appearance, your character as it is initially perceived and your immediate behaviour. It describes the external aspect of your personality which you always display, but it also describes your physical constitution in the long-term, in other words, your health.

Please be aware that, in spite of the importance of the Ascendant, the accuracy of its description depends on how strongly highlighted it is in your natal chart. We use the entire set of astrological rules to assess the strength of the Ascendant. In most cases, the Ascendant is as revealing as your "sign", i.e., the sign where the Sun is posited at the time of birth.

You were born under the sign of Aquarius and your Ascendant is in Capricorn

Before broaching the details of the meaning of your Sun and your Ascendant, as a preamble, we offer a brief generic interpretation of their combination in your chart:

These two signs are ruled by Saturn, the god of Time, and they both are of a dry, disembodied, but genuine, and independent nature. They endow you with a long-term vision and intellectual rigour, and prompt you to pay utmost importance to social and spiritual issues. This is where their similarities end. Indeed, Aquarius is an Air sign and brings about winter storms, whereas Capricorn is an Earth sign and dwells in icy and desolate mountainous summits. As a result, you sometimes retreat into your ivory tower to devise totally unrealistic projects. With this sign combination, it seems that, rightly or wrongly, Aquarius' generosity and sociability are limited by Capricorn's caution and sense of organisation. In any case, it is certain that you do not lack ambition and intellectual depth, or idealism, to put it simply. When you are in society, you come across as a circumspect and humble person to people who meet you for the

first time. As they get to know you better, they discover that you are more original than at first glance, and they are often pleasantly surprised by your off-beat mind and your clear-sightedness. Moreover, they appreciate that, despite your non-negotiable need for freedom, your loyalty towards your friends stands the test of time.

You were born with the Sun in Aquarius

In the sentimental sphere, you are particularly sensitive to the values of friendship, in the sense that you see yourself as a link within a chain, certainly a different and original one, but with no will to flatter your ego or to individually assert yourself. On the contrary, your aim is to immerge yourself in your friendly relations and to participate in projects and ideals of the whole human community.

As you are born under this sign, you are idealistic, altruistic, detached, independent, original, surprising, gifted, contradictory, innovative, humanistic, likeable, friendly, self-confident, impassive, quiet, intuitive, creative, charitable, elusive, disconcerting, generous, tolerant, paradoxical, and you cannot stand any kind of constraint. But you may also be marginal, resigned, distant, utopian, maladjusted, eccentric and cold.

In love, Madam, you are the inquiring sign of the Zodiac. You are cerebral and lively, always on the look-out for novelty or for anything amazing.

You are often more in love with love than you are in love with your partner. You are surprising and unpredictable, now passionate and using your imaginative and mental powers to idealize your relationship and your partner, now cold, suddenly detached and impersonal because you are annoyed by subtle elements that you, and only you, can understand.

You do not stand disappointment and you display great cleverness when you want to suddenly break up when your partner least expects you to do so.

In order to be able to charm you, one must be exceptional, amazing, disconcerting and one must accept to grant you total freedom and independence. Under those conditions only, will you be able to have a long-lasting, stable yet eventful, surprising and harmonious relationship with your chosen partner. Once trust and confidence settle in, you will be fulfilled and you will be hardly recognizable.

The life span of your couple depends mainly on your common tastes: ideally, you should live with a man who actually is your friend and your lover, continuously shifting from one role to the other according to circumstances, and who, at the same time, provides you with a much needed mental stimulation, as well as with warm love.

Your Ascendant is in Capricorn

Psychologically speaking, your nature is introverted and cold, totally controlled and phlegmatic, at least regarding the image you project invariably. You seem unemotional and austere. Actually, due to your secondarity, you chew over your strategies or your reactions required by your environment. You are slow but very thoughtful, solid and balanced. You are as curt as you are cold and you put the entire strength of your character at the service of your huge and long-term ambition or of your detachment from earthly riches and you focus on spiritual values.

Like all the persons born under an apparently reserved and tough sign, your inner personality is often charming and gentle, as if the thick armour, forged throughout childhood, had entirely preserved the purity and the warmth of the soul imprisoned within.

As you are born under this sign, you are serious, cold, disciplined, patient, focused, thoughtful, ambitious, indomitable, cautious, lucid, persistent, provident, steady, introverted, stern, wilful, hard-working, responsible, persevering, honest, realistic, loyal, reserved, resolute, moralistic, quiet, rigorous, attached and reliable. But you may also be curt, withdrawn, calculating, petty, cruel, unpleasant, ruthless, selfish, dull, rigid, slow or sceptical.

You are courageous and rational, Madam, but you need affection and tenderness in spite of what you say. You try constantly to be reasonable and to repress the sentimental weaknesses that come up once in a while. In general, there are few amorous encounters at the beginning of your life.

But quite rapidly, you become aware that solitude is not good for your balance. You remain on the defensive, you are hurting in your shell, that convenient ivory tower where you protect yourself in all areas, except this particular one...

With an aching heart, you will finally forsake your defences and you eventually experience a few rare exceptional encounters. Among them, you will meet with your soul mate, to whom you will dedicate all your time and your love with loyalty, faithfulness, a strong sense of duty and maximal efficiency.

You will control your children's education, inculcating in them the values of effort, patience, perseverance and social rules. You will teach them that the old saying applies to them too, that slow and steady wins the race. To be early is not to be on time... but their time will come!

The ruler of your chart is in Aquarius

The ruler of the Ascendant, also referred to as the chart ruler, brings a few interesting nuances to the meanings provided by the Sun and the Ascendant. The sign in which the ruler of the Ascendant is posited fine-tunes the style of personality described by the Sun and the Ascendant. It may strengthen it if the sign is identical to either of them.

The ruler of your Ascendant is in the same sign as your Sun. This specific feature means that the Sun's characteristics in sign previously delineated are strengthened.

Aspects to your Ascendant

Several planets form an aspect with your Ascendant, Mariska Hargitay. Therefore, in their specific way, they modify your behaviour and your personality, which do not take on the pure characteristics of your Capricorn Ascendant only, but which are a blend of its characteristics with those of the said aspects.

★★★★☆ Pluto trine Ascendant, orb 1° 29'

Pluto, the planet of instinct and secret, is in soft aspect with your Ascendant, Mariska Hargitay. It endows you with exceptional lucidity, which enables you to behave in society in an appropriate, though slightly scathing and domineering way. You exploit your nose and your magnetism, and you do so very successfully!

★★★★☆ Jupiter square Ascendant, orb -1° 56'

A dissonance between Jupiter and the Ascendant is not too serious, Mariska Hargitay. In some circumstances, it may cause your behaviour or your opinions to be a bit exaggerated when you are in society. Therefore, you may come across as too proud or excessive. It is up to you not to overdo, so as not to arouse your entourage's incomprehension. This excess may also translate into a marked taste for pleasures or good food...

★★★★☆ Neptune sextile Ascendant, orb -2° 16'

Neptune in soft aspect with your Ascendant endows you with a sharp intuition which enables you to instinctively adopt the behaviour which your entourage appreciates, Mariska Hargitay. You have the natural flair which prevents you from making errors of judgment on people. You understand the crowd, and you have the good reflexes for being well-accepted by all.

★★★★☆ Mercury conjunction Ascendant, orb 7° 08'

Your sense of communication and your intellectual process perfectly match your external appearance, Mariska Hargitay. Thanks to Mercury, you are able to carry out your self-analysis very well and quickly, which gives a lot of spontaneity to your intellectual exchanges with other people.

★★★★☆ Moon trine Ascendant, orb 5'

Your instinct seldom misleads you, as far as your external appearance is concerned, thanks to the Moon's soft aspect with your Ascendant, Mariska Hargitay. You keep your emotions under rather good control, in instinctive and smooth ways.

★★★★☆ Uranus trine Ascendant, orb 5° 57'

Uranus is in soft aspect with your Ascendant, Mariska Hargitay. Although your behaviour is original, nonconformist, and free, it is not unpleasant. On the contrary, this facet of your personality is sometimes considered by other people as endearing and unpredictable, in the good sense of the word. One never gets bored in your company because you are often found where you are not expected, whether regarding your ideas, your lifestyle or the way you react. You possess the charm independent and free persons are endowed with!

Your Sensitivity

You love nature as much as your comfort, Mariska Hargitay, you are an Epicurean willing to enjoy life's beautiful and good things within the family "clan" or with friends who value your conviviality and your kindness. You are faithful, stable, with your feet rooted in the ground and you are reliable in all circumstances. You are attached to your affective and material security. You tend to be jealous and possessive and, although your nature is quite slow, you may be short-tempered and aggressive when you feel threatened. In such cases, you display an exceptional stubbornness and fury and it becomes impossible to make you change your mind. Although you are aware that your behaviour is wrong, you stick to your line and your grudge is persistent. However, you are so sensitive to tenderness and to concrete gestures of affection that a few presents or a few caresses are enough to make you see life through rose-coloured glasses again...

Your family, your home and often your mother, Mariska Hargitay, have a strong emotional importance. You feel attached to your roots and the intimate surroundings in which you live are essential; you are deeply fulfilled by this continuous source of affective charges: your home and private life are sacred for you, and you can feel very uncomfortable or unsafe if you are deprived of your haven of peace.

Paradoxically, the Tradition indicates that you are predisposed to frequent home moves.

★★★★★ Moon opposite Neptune, orb -2° 44'

This Moon-Neptune dissonance wonderfully turns on the poetic soul, the exhilaration of feelings and dreams... and disturbs your practical life, as well as the management of contingencies. You do not lack inspiration but your reasons of living may be beyond your entourage's understanding! Bohemian life is pleasant but it is probable that you experience muddled situations. Your aims are noble and your intentions are very good. But you may not have the will to turn them into reality. It is important that you are wary of artificial paradises: escaping in the imaginary is not necessarily the best solution for problem solving. You are in search of an inaccessible tranquillity and you tend to procrastinate chores. Nevertheless, facts remain present and you may see that non-interventionism can only increase your difficulties. You must put an end to this vicious let-go circle. This does not imply that you have to forsake your dreams or to repress your very rich sensitivity.

★★★★★ Moon square Saturn, orb -2° 29'

When this aspect is not well integrated, there is no feeling of integration and security. You feel that you are not understood or even, that you are rejected. It is difficult for you to find inner peace and tranquillity. You lack the quietness and the primordial confidence that would allow you to lay back and to be carried away and pampered by life. This configuration indicates questionings and doubts regarding the unconditional affection that each individual longs for. You do not trust the world. You tend to dismiss social models, as well as your close friends' attachment and tenderness, probably because you need to test them and to get the feeling of being loved that you naturally lack. It would be a mistake not to see that you desperately need affection. You are particularly vulnerable to relationship flaws and you strive to find the gestures of love that would allow you to let go and to be nurtured by life. In such a context, the sincerity you display, as you give or refuse your trust, is highly commendable.

★★★★★ Moon trine Pluto, orb -6° 3'

You are a riddle for people... and for yourself. This harmonious Moon-Pluto aspect arouses your desire to understand and to express elements hidden in your unconsciousness. You are interested in the occult, in laws that rule beings and things in the dark. You like to pull strings and to manipulate situations

without people's knowledge in order to remain mysterious. You feel fine when you are not in the limelight, but you intervene in the dark, with subtlety. Your intimate behaviour reveals the distance that you strive to keep in order to protect your inner life. You gladly cultivate the angel of the bizarre, even in your life habits and in your daily rhythms.

★★★★★ Moon quintile Venus, orb 0° 29'

The harmonious Moon-Venus aspect is an element of intimate balance that favours sensual and affective fulfilment. The search of well being includes all kinds of emotions and feelings. You love, you enjoy life in simple ways and you arouse your entourage's affection. The persons belonging to your inner circle are also objects of desire and pleasure. Tenderness and love are probably one and only thing: you are moved by the gestures of affection provided to you and by the daily acts, which strengthen two persons' mutual attachment. Whereas other people dread routine, in your case on the contrary, it increases your amorous feelings. You loathe all kinds of violence, particularly in your intimate life. The danger of this planetary configuration may be your constant changes of mood: whims are often on the agenda... and your will is quite weak. One last point: this aspect is frequently found in the charts of people with an aesthetic or artistic sensitivity.

Your Affectivity

In your chart, the Sun is in Aquarius and Venus, in Pisces. Aquarius' ability to be amazed and enthused faces the peculiar sensitivity and the detachment of Venus in Pisces. Two antinomial modes are confronting: Aquarius' optimism and idealism versus Pisces' strange lucidity. Your Venusian sign highlights the extreme subtlety of your desires and emotions. Your sensitivity is elusive and you are not interested in basic and coarse relationships. You reject or you accept according to your intuition and not to the logic of a given situation. Aquarius is filled with amazement and displays a commendable idealism but Pisces quickly reminds of the fragile nature of all relationships. Love hangs by a thread. You must not forget that love is precarious because it may be detrimental to your balance. More than anyone, you refuse conventions. You are not interested in loves that offer no risk, no challenge and no future. The complexity of your affective behaviours may disconcert. They range from distance to amazement, from enthusiasm to refusal. You handle the art of paradoxes very skilfully. Love is never simple, unless it is drawing to its end. This zodiacal duet draws its strength from its ability to transform, to reinvent the rules of the game and to never let the current norms hamper the free flow of your sensitivity.

Compassion and self-sacrifice: you are fond of this romantic mode and you are willing to express your feelings, the intensity of which is unlimited, Mariska Hargitay. With excitement and imagination, you dream your amorous relationships as much as you actually live through them. The line between the concrete world and your huge hopes is so tenuous that you don't know anymore where it is, although your particularly rich sensuality prompts you to experience your feelings concretely. You want to share communion and passion with your partner. The lyrical flights of your feelings break from your heart as waves that you do not attempt to control because they give you a real, almost voluptuous and carnal joy. You give a lot – sometimes too much - without reservation, almost without propriety, totally revealing your vulnerability during your amorous exchanges because you are sure of the quality and the might of your feelings: they are so powerful and overwhelming that you are aware that nothing can resist them.

Mariska Hargitay, you usually make connections between the possessive aspect of things and your feelings, which are expressed slowly but will grow deeper and steadier as soon as you become attached.

Therefore, you need to trust the person you set your heart on and to feel that, somehow, he belongs to you. As a matter of rule, feelings and material well being go hand in hand, and the material conditions in which you experience your love affair are important to you: you cannot live on love and fresh air, a cosy and opulent-looking nest or a quite fancy environment are almost indispensable conditions for you to freely express your feelings. This doesn't mean you are self-interested, you actually have great qualities, such as generosity and compassion. However, you have difficulties in separating the pleasant and material aspect of things from the well being of your couple. Your needs for emotional security are important and you will see to it that you get it at any cost, should you need it.

★★★★★ Venus opposite Uranus, orb -1° 31'

Your sentimental life is adventurous: you prefer Bohemia to the comfort of a quiet but shaky love affair. You are a hard-liner and you think that love should be genuine or it should not be at all! You have difficulties in resisting your heart impulses and untimely passions that may challenge your affectivity. You need air, freedom and a relative independence. You also need to fully experience your love impulses, regardless of the price to be paid. The heart has its own reasons that no rules can hamper... The obvious danger may be to cause dramatic hurly-burly. Your inflexibility on the affective plane does not favour a quiet life where « one makes do with very little ». You are the all or nothing type. But does the absolute really belong to our world?

★★★★★ Mercury sextile Venus, orb -0° 19'

This aspect sensitizes you to games of seduction. You like to multiply romantic undertakings, you invent new reasons to seduce or to be seduced. Although your romantic life is not a model of stability, it is full of discoveries, varied emotions, both sensual and cerebral. You know how to earn your entourage's liking through your acute sensitivity. You play around with feelings, with relationships and with love... Mercury and Venus commonly share the capacity to sensitise to human topics. Your receptivity towards others is high. Your broad-mindedness goes hand in hand with your heart's generosity. You pay particular attention to the way people look at you and the effect you make when you meet or exchange with someone. Actually, you expect a lot from others: acknowledgement of your qualities, as well as esteem and consideration. You may also be touchy beyond what you may give to think. In many instances, relationship games may turn out to be more serious than expected.

★★★★★ Venus opposite Pluto, orb -5° 58'

Nothing is simple in love. You consider your love life with a distant and remote glance. You do not believe in obvious, transparent relationships. Love is a complex issue and its machinery is beyond you. To avoid delusions and indifference, the rules must be changed. Your feelings are alternately cruel and passionate, distant and burning, often paradoxical. Are you the executioner or the victim? Power struggles are omnipresent in your affective life. You seem unable to take life as it comes and to love without asking yourself questions, without doubting. You often love those who are indifferent towards you, while you despise those who love you. It is important that you change your attitude if you want a smooth and happy life. Rely on your forte: an indisputable lucidity that makes it impossible to delude your heart.

★★★★★ Venus semi-sextile Mars, orb -0° 12'

With this aspect, innate affective behaviours prevail over opportunism and calculations. You do not cheat with feelings and you prefer to be guided by your likes ... or your dislikes. Love is neither to be reasoned upon nor to be explained. It is important to experience one's passions spontaneously and to give free rein to the heart's tumultuous manifestations as well as to the body's demands. In other words, to be one's

true self in the “now”. You need to live intensely, to try all kinds of situations, sometimes to get hurt. Your sensitivity is the driving force behind your decisions and your actions. Real experiences are worth the best intellectual concepts. Spurred by your thirst for emotions, you try to build your life on bases that match your desires. Here, the trap may be that you pay too much attention to your moods and affects. But without them, life would be so dull. Even though emotionalism betrays you occasionally, it remains your best ally.

The Way You Take Action and Your Sexuality

Mariska Hargitay, the way you take action is quite paradoxical: you carry out your business perfectly well when you are in a teamwork with collective goals, but you do so in your original and individualistic manner: this is your main peculiarity. Your concern is to express your originality and your specificity while remaining immersed in a human community. You are curt and not very flexible. You are inventive and you easily fight authority, just because its very principle runs counter to the sacred values of freedom, independence and, above all, the absence of constraint. Competition does not appeal to you. You prefer to be useful and to conquer new territories of the humanitarian or the intellectual type. On the sexual plane, you are also often original and surprising regarding your fantasies and your tastes.

You are, by nature, an active person, Mariska Hargitay. This is the only position that does not give a particular orientation towards a specific area of life. It is the most powerful placement and it indicates that your personality is precisely combative, conquering and action-oriented.

You are on the move, with the impetus which urges you, more than anyone else, to transcribe your thoughts and your projects into the real world.

The danger may be that you overdo and you turn into a warrior! This generous flow of energy is an invaluable asset that you use properly as you mature. The danger is also that you may come across as quarrelsome and too domineering to persons who may be scared by your punch and your pugnacity.

★★★★★ Sun conjunction Mars, orb 5° 3'

This planetary Sun-Mars aspect reinforces courage, determination and energy. The need for action is obvious. Whatever your will designs is implemented with fieriness, despite all oppositions. You are decisive and wilful, even foolhardy. Your behaviour may be heroic: you know how to face adversity, to stand for your rights and your decisions, regardless of any confrontation you may have to cope with. The only danger may be that you overestimate your chances and your strength. But your audacity turns out to be rewarding, more often than not.

★★★★★ Mars bi-quintile Pluto, orb 0° 13'

You have a very personal way of taking action and of experiencing confrontations and struggles. The laws of the world are subtle, often with complex and hidden mechanisms. For these reasons, you prefer to act behind the scenes rather than openly. You manage your daily life in a distant and subtle fashion while you try to understand the logic underlying observed facts. You may also provoke events although you act as if you were not concerned. Your interventions will be as efficient as they are discreet. You may secretly transform your life and you live through the inexpressible motivations that connect you with the invisible realm. Things, which cannot be formulated, must be experimented and felt. You test experiences that your entourage find uninteresting and meaningless.

★★★★★ Mars inconjunction Uranus, orb -1° 18'

This Uranus-Mars dissonance indicates frequent commotions. Your actions may be foolhardy and thoughtless. You may not control your temper and you let impulsiveness take over logics. This brings about drastic, whimsical or untimely decisions. There is no monotony in your life: thunders and tyrannical behaviour are on the agenda! Your fighting spirit certainly allows you to cope with life hardships. Nevertheless, beware of damages. As one wants to act as a hero, one can make mistakes. Because forces are overestimated or because inflexibility forbids compromise solutions. Therefore, it is important to balance your decisions and to avoid solutions that are as final as inappropriate.

★★★★★ Mars sextile Jupiter, orb 5° 19'

Coordinated action wins over almost all obstacles! You mobilize your energy and your fighting spirit advisedly and you take timely action. This is the reason why you are efficient in situations requiring courage, determination, swift responses and diplomacy, altogether. You do not fear confrontations but you never provoke them unnecessarily. You take advantage of your chances and you adjust your behaviour to concrete situations. You empirically handle events with relevance. The only danger is that you may be overzealous to seize any opportunity... even those that are not necessarily good in the long run. You should take the time to carefully consider the facts and their consequences. The swiftness of your reactions must remain an asset.

Your Intellect and Your Communication Style

You need to concentrate on a subject, Mariska Hargitay, to deepen your research and to follow your reasoning through with persistence and determination. You are the very type of the thinker who needs time and isolation to meditate at length and allow her serious, methodical and rigorous mind to show its worth. Your feet are firmly planted on the ground and to get your attention, ideas must be followed by implementation, for instance as in the case of mathematics applied to physics. You focus on the essential and you look at the world around you with clear-sightedness. You are not very talkative and you act with caution. You may come across as cold and ambitious even though your comments are always sincere and practical. However, be careful not to isolate yourself and to appear as a lofty and intolerant person.

Your thoughts remain often secretive, Mariska Hargitay, and you communicate in a discreet and sober way. The reasons may be your upbringing or your temperament. Actually, you may be interested in noble and compassionate goals, and of course, you don't advertise them.

Your strength lies in your steady concentration and your adaptability to ordeals. You are quite mysterious, interested in humanitarian issues. Your intellectual vision is strangely tinted with some form of mysticism and individual withdrawal.

Let's say that you enjoy communication and thinking, although you don't want others to notice it. The power behind the throne, somehow.

★★★★★ Mercury trine Uranus, orb -1° 11'

Your state of mind is innovative and turns the surrounding world into a constantly moving field of experiences. You ask relevant questions ... and you answer them. Although you are flexible when you ought to, your principles and your beliefs are unwavering. It seems difficult to catch you off your guard. You multiply observations, relationships, contacts and you never lose face: actually, your mobility hides

an unshakable determination and a deep lucidity. In a split second, you are able to catch the useful information or the enriching relationship. The original and fanciful steps you take exclude monotony. Your approach to life is amazing!

★★★★★ Mercury square Jupiter, orb 5° 12'

You play with social norms and you scoff at them. Your morality is seldom questioned: you adopt the most rewarding behaviour, precisely the one that wins you your entourage's consideration. But you sometimes cheat. You are an opportunist and you act according to circumstances, particularly because your moral stand is only a superficial mask. You enjoy concealing your beliefs: life is a social game and you change its rules to suit your convenience. Your flexibility and your adaptation abilities are appreciated. However, it is important that you do not behave inconsistently. A stable and transparent course of conduct may help you avoid many pitfalls or delusions. Beware of words spoken thoughtlessly, of empty promises, and do stick to your indisputable cleverness.

★★★★★ Mercury trine Pluto, orb -5° 38'

Gullibility does not belong to the collection of your faults! You have a good grasp of human mechanisms and you easily detect flaws, calculations and hidden motivations. Human relations are subtle, never black or white, always complex. You often speak in riddles or in negations and you prefer to use the ambiguous language of symbols rather than the simplistic clarity of words. In this way, you fuel your mystery. On the relationship plane, your strength lies in the delicate art of highlighting flaws, detecting what destabilizes the enemy or, on the contrary, identifying what is relevant to your friends. You are more interested in what is concealed than in what is openly said. More often than not, you exercise an indisputable clear-sightedness.

★★★★★ Mercury semi-sextile Mars, orb -0° 07'

This harmonic Mercury-Mars aspect is the signature of a quick wit and an energetic character. You take decisions rapidly and you implement them straight away. You never accept stiff situations. You need to design, to take action, to fight to express your acute sense of relation: the world, the people, everything is of concern to you... You need to be involved in relationships and in dialogues. Your sharp retorts earn you a reputation of straightforwardness. On the relations' area, your quick wit and your mobility are greatly appreciated. You find the allies and partners you need at the right time. An art of resourcefulness that is precious...

★★★★★ Mercury semi-square Saturn, orb -0° 2'

This Mercury-Saturn dissonance does not allow for simple and spontaneous relations. Your vision of the world is complex. You are sensitive to the fragileness of human relations and you are doubtful of transparent situations. You need to look for hypothetical calculations and you suspect that unclear reasons are underlying beneath dialogues and encounters. Your sociability is limited. You are a loner because you dread relationships and you trust very few people among your close friends. You ask yourself more questions than you can find answers! Therefore, you are on the look out, troubled by the unknown. Everything is subjected to your questionings. It seems difficult to find certainties and to be satisfied with commonplaces that cannot soothe your doubting mind. The forte of this aspect is that it brings about undisputable capacities for discernment. Although your lucidity may hinder your relations, it also grants a lasting protection against gullibility. By nature, you belong to the category of the sceptics!

Your Goals, Motivations, Career, and Destiny

Your Sun is posited in the 1st House

Willpower and appearance united! You are so lucky, Mariska Hargitay, that your inner self and your behaviour merge to increase your energy and your vitality. Since the Sun represents your self-assertiveness and your profound personality, he expresses itself best when this configuration is strongly featured. Indeed, you form a whole block and there is no discrepancy between your real identity, as perceived by you and your close friends, and the image you project.

With this nice association, your behaviour matches your true nature. You act externally according to your willpower, without filter, nor reservation. It endows you with a wilful, personal and magnetic temperament. You attract, you charm and when you are in the middle of a crowd or a meeting, your personality stands out with depth and brilliance because you have the kind of radiance and warmth that can never go unnoticed.

With this configuration, the only goal in your life is to assert yourself, proudly and decidedly, through what you are and through your actions, everywhere you go. Your ambition is to experience your temperament to the fullest, in all areas. You are sheer energy in motion. There is no gap between the image you project and your real self and for this reason, your inner qualities are never wasted.

The other side of the coin is that people may find that you are self-centered and that you do not take people's opinions into account... Practice some humility if you can, because too much magnetism may arouse fears in people who are not yet well acquainted with you.

The ruler of your chart is in the 1st House

The ruler of the Ascendant, also referred to as the chart ruler as explained in a previous chapter, is also posited in one of the twelve Houses of the chart. Just like the Sun in his House, the ruler of the Ascendant provides certain abilities, or it makes you appreciate more keenly certain areas of life.

The ruler of your Ascendant is in the same House as your Sun. This specific feature of your chart strengthens the Sun's characteristics previously delineated.

Aspects influencing your ambitions

Regarding your destiny or your career, the following aspects of your natal chart allow to fine-tune what has just been said above:

★★★★☆ Venus trine Midheaven, orb 2° 38'

In your natal chart, Mariska Hargitay, sweet Venus is in soft aspect with your Midheaven. It means that your natural charm and the way you express your feelings are appreciated in society. Usually, this configuration speeds up the achievement of your professional goals, or in any case, of a certain social status. A female - or females - may prove helpful for your career or your destiny.

★★★☆☆ Sun square Midheaven, orb -2° 39'

What you really want to do, or the way you consider everything, may be in contradiction with your professional goals, Mariska Hargitay. You may experience conflicts of authority, or a few hesitations over how to manage your career. In any case, you must display flexibility and water down your wine if you

want to remain on the right track and achieve professional success. It is the only solution to this discrepancy between the Sun and your Midheaven.

★★★★★ Mars square Midheaven, orb 2° 51'

Because Mars is in dissonance with your Midheaven, in some circumstances, you may feel misunderstood, Mariska Hargitay. In society, you may even feel hostility towards you as you try to climb up the steps of your professional life, or when you strive to reach a higher social status. Your efforts may be resented. You must be twice as careful as you usually are and tone down your behaviour in order not to be rude to other people, even though from your viewpoint, and it is actually most often the case, it only has to do with misunderstandings or some eagerness on your part.

★★★★★ Mercury sextile Midheaven, orb 2° 58'

Mercury in soft aspect to your Midheaven enables you to easily communicate with your entourage and to climb up the social ladder, Mariska Hargitay. Your strategy is often good, and you correctly think about your interests. Do not change anything!

★★★★★ Uranus sextile Midheaven, orb -4° 09'

Thanks to this soft aspect of Uranus to your Midheaven, Mariska Hargitay, you are endowed with the gift to let yourself be carried away by the changes cropping up on your way. Instead of being disheartening, modifications affecting your professional or social environment... stimulate you! Then, you may show opportunism, in the good sense of the word, and throughout your life, you may experience strokes of good luck, the consequences of which can be increased, thanks to your talent and your lack of fear whenever you face newness.

★★★★★ Sun bi-quintile Uranus, orb -0° 49'

This aspect reinforces the determination as well as the will to further your original, sometimes revolutionary, ideas and designs. Your capacity of innovation is important for your image. You have the soul of a leader. You display a forceful and synthesizing mind. You may tend to oversimplify or to schematize situations. In most cases, you know where you are heading to and how to reach your goals. Your determination is two-edged... not everybody will appreciate your contrasted standpoints. It is yes or no, black or white! This planetary configuration indicates certainties. When it comes to acting according to your inner motivations and to respecting your models, you can show an unusual willpower and sweep aside all obstacles lying on your path.

★★★★★ Sun quintile Jupiter, orb -1° 09'

This harmonious Sun-Jupiter aspect indicates an optimistic background that usually wins the entourage's adherence. It also suggests ambition and generosity and favours social integration and success. The desire to earn general consideration prompts you to display energy, joviality and benevolence. However, opportunism may be the other side of the coin. As you strive to win everyone's esteem, you may fall into disrepute. It is important that you remain clear-sighted so as to persistently pursue your long-term aims without believing that you should always « grab each and every opportunity ». However, this aspect remains an element of success because it allows you to adjust your objectives to the context, to whatever the situation offers or, on the contrary, to force your way through events and to achieve your ideals.

Your Assets and Your Part of Joviality

The planet of Greater Fortune in this sign favours self-confidence, Mariska Hargitay, as well as the capacity to be enthused and to show your warmth. Your most valuable asset is your ability to easily express your fieriness and your ardour for the implementation of your projects. However, the danger is that your self-assurance may become an agent for rebellion or for indiscipline, in which case, it would play out against your interests.

Mariska Hargitay, the position of the planet of Greater Fortune in this astrological house brings about easy interpersonal relations, your siblings' love, great communication abilities within your neighbourhood, and pleasant short trips throughout your life.

The planet Jupiter symbolizes expansion, broadness and generosity. Jupiter is associated with the functions of synthesis, enthusiasm and optimism. In your natal chart, his house position is more important than his sign position because, like Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, he is a slow planet. Many people born in the same period have Jupiter in the same sign. This is the reason why the sign occupied here is less meaningful than when it is occupied by the so-called fast planets, i.e. the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars. Therefore, some caution is to be exercised as you read what follows.

Jupiter in Aries amplifies your tendency to charge ahead and your self-assertiveness. You have leadership qualities, you are optimistic and you can mix the boldness with the will to succeed that are specific to Aries. Management ability, leadership and independence: your enthusiasm is a real asset for your life and for your charm!

Your Serious Side

Solemnity and concentration are at the service of your projects and your altruistic ideals. To the detriment of your own individuality, you become demanding with time, and you learn to better define the human values that are really important to you. Struggling in order to better assert your individual qualities can be highly profitable.

Solemnity, seriousness and discipline are your keywords, Mariska Hargitay. It is difficult for you to relax, and it is most likely that at the beginning of your life, you are shy, quite introspective, and distant. You may be worried even though you have no reasons to do so. Your doubts may be overwhelming to the extent that they affect your vitality.

As time goes by, thanks to your strong will, your serious side becomes an asset for your success. You learn spontaneity, risk-taking, and lightness, and you are less concerned with the image you project because, in your heart of hearts, there already are hindsight, solemnity, and some sort of wisdom!

The planet Saturn symbolizes contraction, effort, time, limitation and concentration. Saturn eliminates anything that is not authentic, sooner or later. It is impossible to cheat him as he gives an irresistible desire to form a coherent whole with oneself, in responsible and wise ways. He is the great purifier. He represents our limitations but also our truth. In your natal chart, the house position where Saturn is posited is more important than his sign position because, like Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, he is a slow planet. Many people born in the same period have Saturn in the same sign. This is the reason why the sign occupied here is less meaningful than when it is occupied by the so-called fast planets, i.e. the

Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus and Mars. Therefore, some caution is to be exercised as you read what follows.

Saturn in Aquarius endows you with the capacity to deliver in collective areas, humanitarian causes or avant-gardist projects. Your sensitivity is withdrawn but it is offset by your ability to handle human relationships in a daring and efficient way, which allows you to achieve your goals for the sake of a cause.

A Few Special Points

Your Uniqueness and Your Utopias

Unexpected events and surprises often occur in quite special areas: finance connected to investments, to inheritances and, more generally, to external possessions or losses (taxes, stock exchange, other people's money), to the fields of occultism and death and, more symbolically, to sexuality.

In general, in one of these fields, you are likely to experience one or several reversals of situation (positive or not), on the material plane but also, as a consequence, in your approach to life and the way you transform your personality in depth.

In any case, you are predisposed to risk-taking, as if some inner force prompted you to create maximal psychical tension, or to challenge yourself in order to know yourself better, or to explore the unknown in a constantly deepening manner.

Your Inspiration and Your Illusions

This configuration indicates a significant probability that your professional destiny – even your general destiny – is linked to collective movements that are beyond you. They may constitute good opportunities to earn your marshal's baton.

Your certainties may be influenced by trends or by your osmosis with collective ideas, often because you are very sensitive to the "spirit of the times". The other side of the coin is that you may become only a representation of a collective ideal, or its victim, and be exposed to scandal or deception.

You have good predispositions for music, comedy and for anything that allows you to quench your thirst for emotions and fusion with the external world and with an audience.

Your Passion and Your Authority

In the sexuality area, you are very creative and you fear nothing. You are willing to experience your fantasies to the very end because you need to understand life's most secretive and mysterious aspects.

You are usually interested in occultism and in all topics that go beyond the everyday life framework: death and after-death, parapsychical researches, etc. You have a strong sixth sense and you intuitively understand at once things that are usually hidden and private.

Your material life may be disrupted by inheritances and gains stemming from happy speculations. In the most negative cases, you undergo huge losses that are difficult to understand. In all cases, these upheavals are meant to transform your personality and your approach to life.

Your Isolated Planets

In general, the ten planets of the chart are connected to other planets by major or minor astrological aspects. It is owing to those ties that the planets' energies can manifest in the chart owner's personality and play out within safeguards according to a specific tonality.

It seldom happens that in a natal chart, a planet is totally disconnected from the nine other planets.

Astrologers have observed that when such a case occurs, the person feels the energy of the unaspected planet in quite a singular way, very jerky and powerful at the same time. Thus, for instance, the famed astrologer Jean-Baptiste Morin de Villefranche wrote that "an unaspected planet heralds that something strange or extraordinary will take place regarding the meanings of the house in which the said planet is posited" (source : l'astrologie selon Morin).

Rules for detecting an unaspected planet: among all the testimonies that we have reviewed to this day, based on our experience, we tend to agree with American astrologer Janis Huntley who accepts seven aspects, which involve the zodiacal twelve sections of 30 degrees. The aspects to be considered are the conjunction (0 degree, cooperation or tension), the semi-sextile (30 degrees), the sextile and the trine (60 and 120 degrees respectively, aspects of cooperation), the square and the opposition (90 and 180 degrees respectively, tensed aspects), and the quincunx (150 degrees, slightly tensed). In this detection, the chart's angles are not taken into account.

In any case, it is important to remember that an isolated planet clearly expresses its influence when it is a personal planet. Thus, when the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Venus, or Mars is isolated, it is certain that the effects described by Jean-Baptiste Morin de Villefranche will become manifest. As for Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, one must be cautious because the volume of cases documented is not yet large enough.

Your chart has no isolated planet, and this particular case does not apply to you.

Annex 1: Your Minor Dominants

The five following dominants are less significant than those described at the beginning of your report. They may not be strongly felt. In some cases, they add several minor details to the analysis of your character, but they are rather for curiosity purposes. It is not necessary to take them into account when you first read your portrait.

Your Planetary Repartitions: Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Hemispheres

The axis linking the 1st house's cuspid (the Ascendant) to the 7th house's cuspid - the Descendant - divides the zodiac into two bowls, a superior bowl, in the South, and an inferior bowl in the North. Quoting an expression by the famous American astrologer Rudhyar, the Southern part and the Northern part correspond to two functions: "being" and "doing". Other concepts are also associated with this North and South distribution, such as introversion - Northern hemisphere - and extraversion - Southern hemisphere - being or appearances, inner life or external life, reflection or action, dreaming one's life or living one's dreams, the abstract or the concrete, backstage or limelight.

This is not about determination but about personal inclination: thus, some people will be thrown into public life despite a prominent Northern hemisphere. If this happens, however, it will not be due to their will, their taste or their deep nature. Conversely, a prominent Southern hemisphere will not bring about a famous destiny to its owner, even if he tends to turn the spotlight on himself, or if he looks for a more active life. It is a matter of deep nature and natural inclination. Of course, none of the typologies is "superior" to another.

In your birth chart, Mariska Hargitay, the ten main planets are distributed as follows:

Your Northern and Southern Hemispheres



Mariska Hargitay, the predominance of planets in the Northern hemisphere prompts you to reflect and imagine rather than to exteriorize your actions and to be at the forefront of the stage. So, should you wish to remedy this situation, it is up to you to force your nature to take action in broad daylight, to communicate, and to assert yourself... then, you can move forward in this concrete life and enjoy your newly won situation.

The birth chart is divided into two other parts, Eastern and Western, by the axis linking the Midheaven

to the Imum Coeli.

The Eastern part, on the Ascendant side, shows the person's ego, will, magnetism, and vitality, whereas the Western part, on the Descendant side, symbolizes other people, communication, relationships and their influence, as well as flexibility and adaptability.

Mariska Hargitay, here is the planetary repartition in your Eastern and your Western hemispheres:

Your Eastern and Western Hemisphere:



The predominance of planets in the Eastern hemisphere of your chart enables you, Mariska Hargitay, to assert yourself and to rely on your determination: you know what you want and you have a tendency to take action and to decide with your personal goals as priorities, even if they can be in contradiction with what others think.

A definite asset... provided that you never make mistakes in your choices. You should pay more attention to your entourage in order to counterbalance your nature and to take advantage of your assets wisely. The danger is that you may be too authoritarian and not conciliating enough. Strong determination coupled with flexibility and acute sense of communication are qualities you should develop.

Your Yin and Yang Polarity

The twelve signs are divided into two polarities, called active or passive, or sometimes masculine and feminine, positive and negative, Yang and Yin. This classification corresponds to two quite distinct tonalities, the first one bringing extraversion, action, self-confidence and dynamism, the second one, introversion, reactivity, reflection and caution. None is superior to the other, each group has its own assets and shortcomings. Odd signs - Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius and Aquarius - belong to the first group, whereas even signs - Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn and Pisces - belong to the second group.

Your Yin and Yang Polarity



According to the disposition and qualities of your planets and angles, you are rather influenced by Yin energy, the passive polarity, Mariska Hargitay: you are quite introverted, imaginative and sometimes discreet, but you are a deep and wise person who is not content with just noisy and flashy things. At times, you doubt but you think that those who don't are a bit... thoughtless. Allow yourself to take more laid-back attitudes and put your reserve aside, because good equilibrium is always healthier.

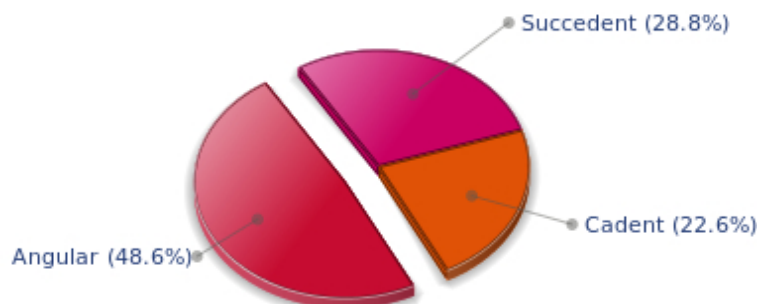
Your Houses' Accentuations

Houses are split up into three groups: angular, succedent and cadent.

The first ones are the most important ones, the most "noticeable" and energetic houses. They are the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses. Their cusps correspond to four famous angles: Ascendant for the 1st house, Imum Coeli for the 4th house, Descendant, opposite the Ascendant, for the 7th house and Midheaven for the 10th house, opposite the Imum Coeli.

Planets are evaluated according to a whole set of criteria that includes comprehensive Western astrology rules. At their turn, planets emphasize specific types of houses, signs, repartitions etc., as previously explained.

Your Houses' Accentuations



Your angular houses, namely, the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses, are very emphasized in your chart, Mariska Hargitay: according to the Tradition, they are the strongest and most dynamic houses. Should the rest of your chart concur, angular houses suggest that you are an enterprising, energetic and assertive woman. Indeed, angular houses are said to generate impulsions and to give a powerful and domineering personality.

Unusual fates are often linked to a predominance of angular houses, but this is only a partial indication...

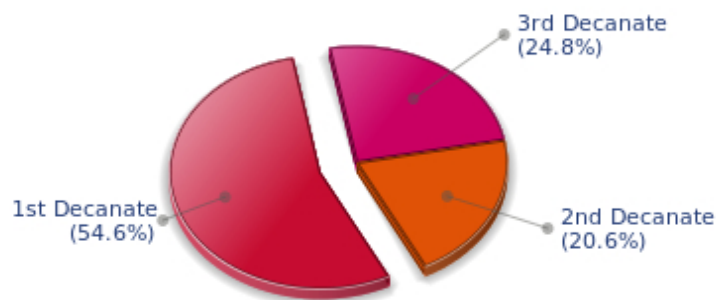
Your Esoteric Decanates

Each sign contains 30 degrees and can be divided into three equal parts: the decanates. The Tradition indicates that specific meanings can be associated to each of the three decanates. Their sphere of activity is usually limited to the Sun sign, however, it is even more interesting to observe the distribution of all the planets in the chart to get an idea of the respective importance of the three decanates, which can complement the description of the personality.

These meanings must be considered with the greatest caution. Indeed, they are minor characteristics that can only underline other outstanding traits of character.

Traditionally, the first decanate highlights the characteristics of the sign where a planet is located. The two other decanates correspond to sub-dominant planets, depending on the nature of each sign. This system leads to a multiplication of meanings and it is impossible to have a clear understanding: here, we prefer to give only the meaning of one decanate in comparison with the other two, within the birth chart as a whole. Again, the greatest caution is needed with regard to this minor indication as it is not always reliable: it is not essential that you read these texts in the beginning. You can get back to them later on, once you have read more important interpretations

Your Esoteric Decanates



The first decanate, which means the part between 0° and 10° of any zodiacal sign, prevails in your natal chart, Mariska Hargitay: this decanate is traditionally linked to vitality and physical constitution, and may indicate that you efficiently express your concrete energy on the material and sensual planes.

Annex 2: Karmic Study

The karmic theme is a good complement to the psychological portrait, or natal chart. This analysis is based on the positions of the Lunar Nodes, the Black Moon and the Part of Fortune: they are also called fictitious points and describe the spiritual purpose of your destiny. Because there is in all of us an experience and a quest, our life is an evolutionary journey... provided that we head towards the right direction, of course! Indian astrologers highly prize the Nodes axis (North Node and South Node). It is the Ariadne's thread that we are invited to follow. The Black Moon indicates the sector where we are most likely to transform or to transcend, whereas the Part of Fortune points out the area where we can easily express our specificity.

The Lunar Nodes: a spiritual path

Lunar Nodes have their roots in the Indian tradition and they are based on a simple concept: each of us have a mission of their own, here on earth, a destiny, a course. According to the Indian philosophy, life is a school: the nodal axis describes our past experiences (South Node, our karma, our spiritual inheritance or our previous lives), and our aims on earth (North Node, our Dharma, the purpose of our current incarnation). This is the reason why the study of the lunar nodes is called "Karmic astrology". Here, we shall not step into hypothetical past lives. Wherever our current trends may come from, all that really matters is that we become aware of the purpose of our life, its finality and our dharma. We are likely to understand our life purpose around the age of 37, when the Lunar Nodes return to their natal position.

Your entourage respects your manner: you belong to the category of persons who arouse their close friends' consideration because of their straightforward, sometimes rigid attitude. The concern that you must "maintain your rank" may increase the severity of your judgments and lead to intransigence. You are sensitive to the prestige of your social standing and you show an acute sense of responsibilities since your youth. You become an adult early in life and you always avoid dependency. Your life's challenge is to learn to handle your intimate and family life as well as you manage your career. In the private sphere, you may undergo difficulties: you are a real loner and you turn down any help and affection offered by your entourage. You deny yourself the sweetness of a comfortable and reassuring home. However, as time goes by, you will overcome your reluctance and you will allow what you most value, deep down: love and tenderness to blossom within a privileged relationship, within a family...

A part of you is bohemian: you may shirk realities (at least during the first years of adulthood) and you keep your distance from the constraints of this world! However, life reminds you of them... As years go by, you show more pragmatism. Of course, you must keep your assets: a sharp intuition of people and things, a profitable detachment that allows you to cope with daily petty things. But you must also control the vagaries of life that may fall into the bad side of a "bohemian life" if you are not careful. The consequences may be setbacks and delusions that will cease only when you become aware of realities. As you progress, you may be a therapist who heals the body (a medical occupation)... or the soul because you are altruistic and you know how to listen.

Lilith or the Dark Moon

The Black Moon is the spark of refusal and distance that is dormant in all of us. Depending on the sign where she is found in your chart, she highlights the desire to transform and to sublimate a part of your life. The Black Moon is unfathomable and mysterious. She gives a different dimension to the sector she touches. Her manifestations are subtle; nonetheless, she is powerful, implacable, demanding to the extreme... The Black Moon is also called Lilith. She is the inner flame of your heroism and

insubordination.

The notion of freedom takes a special meaning: to be free does not only mean being able to move as you please here and there, nor does it mean having a few hours of leisure available. Above all, it means being able to lead a spiritual quest, to access a different dimension in life: to encounter, to travel, to love and to never be hampered by contingencies, never be slowed down by daily life. That'll take some doing! The comfortable routine of the contemporary world, in this regard, puts you off.

The Black Moon here readily sacrifices the ties of this world to the essential: spiritual life and renunciation, fusion into an ideal. Your dreams are strange: life vagaries do not matter since your quest is internal. In the course of your progression, you may often show an unusual faculty of detachment. Although the reasons why you give up a given road for another one may not be always understood... though deep down, you know the reason why.

The Part of Fortune in House

The Part of Fortune is a very ancient fictitious point that depends on the lunar phase at the time of birth. The astrological house tenanted is particularly strengthened. In your chart, the Part of Fortune is in the 8th house: you need to constantly transform your life, to evolve and to shed your skin. You do not hesitate to regularly question the basis of your manner. Everything is death and revival and the wheel of life is ruthless: what was still yours yesterday will be a mere souvenir tomorrow... Your wealth is the know-how you demonstrate when you cope with changes imposed by events, while always remaining true to yourself.

Retrograde Planets

The karmic tradition insists on the issues related to the so-called retrograde planets. They are considered to be the inheritance of a past that was not well experienced, a sort of unfinished business. The interpretations of the retrogradation may seem negative or excessive to you. However, you may relate to a scenario that you have often and repeatedly experienced... as if you underwent several setbacks that all have the same cause. Until the day you become aware of it and you can free yourself from it! Through the slow integration of these planetary energies, you will be able to overcome your difficulties and to pay your karmic debt. Actually, each retrograde planet highlights an opportunity for evolution. Nothing can be achieved without the will to grow spiritually and to defeat your own demons.

Uranus was retrograding on the day of your birth: you have the soul of a rebel and your behaviour may often be tyrannical or extremist. Your manner has brought you setbacks. You lack the flexibility that spares you the pain of forcing your ways through events. The danger may be that you get trapped into rigid patterns and into personal logics incompatible with others'. This is precisely what your life's lesson is about: as years go by, your judgments are more qualified and your attitudes become less cut-and-dried, less stubborn. You must lose the essentially individualistic character of your childhood and be more open to other people's ideas and problems. In other words, a path of love. Without losing your remarkable resolution, you must practice some form of renunciation and be sensitive to various logics that constitute the wealth of your social life.

Pluto retrograde suggests power issues and mishandled relations: for you, everything comes down to power struggles, submission and domination, Machiavellian manoeuvres, including within your couple... The results are complex behaviours and an obsession for the power to influence people. Yet, life teaches that you must simplify your relations and adopt more transparent attitudes and healthier desires... As

years go by, you will tend towards more simplicity and you will slowly discover that human energy can, and must, be at the service of the good, or of well being, in compliance with our individual progression.

N.B: modern astrology attaches less and less importance to the principles of retrograding planets.

Conclusion

A few remarks are needed here in order to allow you to fully take advantage of your astrological portrait: firstly, do not forget that a birth chart is also a photograph of the sky at birth and a structure that not only contains the personality's characteristics, but also its potential evolution.

We all know that, in real life, people begin to know themselves when they are in their forties, or even later. Likewise, several traits of character in a portrait may seem surprising: in most cases, it means that such features are not yet developed.

Some personalities reveal themselves late in life, whereas others are more precocious. It must be remembered that psychological structures are in a state of continuous evolution because they are influenced by unfolding events and gradual maturity. We can never underline strongly enough the "mobile" nature of the personality, throughout a lifetime.

On the other hand, it is difficult to discriminate what is "already present" at this moment in your life when you are reading your chart's interpretation, from what will appear later in the logic of your evolution: you must sort out all the pieces of information provided and, in most cases, you will see that your astrological portrait is helpful for your endeavours to know yourself better.

Finally, several readings of an astrological portrait are usually necessary in order to absorb all its different meanings and to evaluate the relevance of each character trait.

In any case, better self-knowledge obviously contributes to faster personal blossoming, and it is undoubtedly one of astrology's major roles: contributing to know oneself better, in order to improve more rapidly, to deal with one's weaknesses and to avoid its drawbacks, and to take advantage of one's assets as efficiently as possible.
