

Sneak Peek at
WORK ON A ROTTEN DAY

Astrological Advice for Outwitting Conniving Coworkers, Slacker Staff, and the Boss from Hell
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Aries: You like people. You'll take the initiative to introduce yourself at business meetings and after-hours networking mixers. In meetings and presentations, you like to sit up front and ask lots of questions. Your self-confidence assures that you'll rarely pass up an opportunity, and you aren't afraid to push yourself outside your comfort zone to get ahead.

Tips for Success: Write down what you want • Create an action plan • Take your time scouting out your options

Taurus: You're self-reliant and fearless. You're naturally suspicious of glad handing types who make big promises. Instead of blindly jumping into a situation, you prefer to take the wait and-see approach. Metaphorically speaking, you can take a lump of-coal project and turn it into a diamond-producing success. You can be counted on in a pinch and will work as long and hard as it takes to get the job done.

Tips for Success: Set achievable goals outside your comfort zone • Research your options • Act instead of react

Gemini: There isn't a boss you can't charm or a colleague you can't win over. You rarely lose an argument, and you're willing to work as long as it takes to get a job done. You're terrific at spitting out ideas and thinking up ingenious solutions to problems or quick fixes for a last-minute crisis. Time means nothing to you when you're engrossed in one of your pet projects.

Tips for Success: Manage your time • Finish one project before moving to the next • Control the gossip

Cancer: You can tell when someone is frustrated or overwhelmed and are always ready to offer assistance or a morale boost. There isn't a job you can't handle or a dilemma you can't solve. You'll stick with a job until it's finished, and your colleagues can count on you when they need advice.

Tips for Success: Take a risk • Curb your touchy side • Learn to let go

Leo: You're ambitious, independent, and kindhearted. You can impress the boss and turn any coworker into a friend. You'll pitch in wherever you're needed and work longer and harder than anyone else to get the job done, and your team spirit is often the glue that keeps your coworkers on track.

Tips for Success: Don't step on the boss's toes • Rein in your ego • Control your urge to prowl on company time

Virgo: You're practical, skillful, and self-sufficient. Your painstaking thoroughness improves every project and wins the boss's confidence. Your mind is quick to assess a problem and provide a solution. Dedicated and hardworking, you try to avoid power struggles and prefer to focus on doing the best job you can.

Tips for Success: Don't try to be perfect; no one is • Learn to accept advice without being offended • Take more risks

Libra: You're logical, detached, and, despite your Venus-influenced character, rarely let your heart rule over your head. You're always on the lookout for ways to make things run better, cheaper, or smoother. When you get an assignment, you don't consider it finished until you've satisfied yourself that you've done the best job possible.

Tips for Success: Dare to be impulsive • Respect other people's time • Stifle your jealousy

Scorpio: You tackle everything you do with the single-minded purpose of succeeding. As the saying goes, "Failure's not an option." You're strong willed and self-sufficient. You don't hesitate to go after what you want, and there isn't a coworker you can't turn into an ally or a boss you can't convince that he'd be lost without you.

Tips for Success: Take control of you, instead of trying to control those around you • Curb your suspicious nature • Be aware of your negative side

Sagittarius: You're confident and hopeful. Your built-in optimism helps you see some opportunity in even the bleakest situation. You believe in treating everyone equally, and you rarely lose your temper, even if the boss is being a jerk or you get caught in a coworker's bitch attack. You're supportive of colleagues and are a total team player.

Tips for Success: Stick to one goal at a time • Put your hormones on hold on company time • Watch your own back

Capricorn: Your boss depends on you. Your coworkers know they can count on you. You're strong, act self assured even when you aren't, and won't stop until you reach the top.

Tips for Success: Keep a positive attitude • Be aware of your caustic tongue • Schedule time-outs so you don't burn out

Aquarius: You're the zodiac's champion of the underdog. You have an idealistic view of how things should be and never tire of trying new ways to put your dreams into action. You quickly become an expert at anything you learn, and you're always willing to share your ideas and your know-how.

Tips for Success: Admit when you're wrong • Quit bitching • Learn to take advice

Pisces: Albert Einstein said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." In your case, imagination and intuition are nearly synonymous. You instinctively know what will please your boss, soothe a frazzled coworker, or calm an angry customer. This makes you the go-to person in a crisis.

Tips for Success: Follow your dream, not someone else's • Trust your intuition • Stay focused