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**Pau:** Hello, my people! They are listening to the podcast *En Esos Tiempos*.

Hello! I'm Pau and I'm one of the co-hosts of the podcast *En Esos Tiempos*.

**Susy:** Hi! I'm Susy, Pau's mother. And I'll be co-hosting with Pau for today's episode.

**Pau:** Today's episode is called Horoscopes with Susy.

Before going into today's topic, we first want to say that the podcast *En Esos Tiempos* is part of the Somos Familia program. Somos Familia focuses on supporting LGBTQ Latinx people and their families. To learn more about the podcast *En Esos Tiempos*, watch previous episodes, and support the work of Somos Familia, subscribe to this podcast and visit the website [www.somosfamiliabay.org](http://www.somosfamiliabay.org). The episodes will *En Esos Tiempos* cover various historical topics and events related to LGBTQ issues, race, ethnicity, the intersection of identities, culture, family, and more - How old times were and what new times are like.

All right, let's start with today's episode *En Esos Tiempos*. Today's topic will be the history of horoscopes and why, even today, people see the stars for these positive messages. First, I want to talk a little about the history of horoscopes. No one is completely sure when horoscopes came about. Some attribute the ancient Egyptians for the creation of the first zodiac. But most people believe that astrology originated in the ancient Babylonian empire. The use of the primitive system was limited mainly to agricultural

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purposes, such as the prediction of weather patterns. However, when these predictions were reasonably accurate the same methodology began to be applied to other areas of human existence. Over time astrology was used to advise kings and other important people. These early predictions laid the foundation for our modern astrological system.

The Babylonians weren't the only ones who learned to draw from the stars and planets. The ancient Mayans, Aztecs, and Incas of South America developed complex astrological systems that were based on a zodiac of 20 different signs. Unfortunately, many of these intricate systems were lost when civilizations died out. But what little knowledge remains of these systems has captured the modern imagination.

Today, astronomer Sten Odenwald says that the reason people keep looking at the stars or planets boils down to something very real - a psychological phenomenon he calls "the human tendency to self-selection" - the search for interpretations that match what we already hope to be true. And well, with the year we had with 2020, with the COVID-19 pandemic, with everything that has happened today with different issues, who can judge us as humans when we want to find those positive messages either here on earth or in the stars, right?

That was a bit of the history of horoscopes and how they originated. Now listen to my mom share a bit because she likes horoscopes a lot.

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OK ma! Tell us a little about why you like horoscopes. Always, since I can remember, when I was younger, you always sent us our sign of the day or the week. And to this day you always send me and my siblings our sign or a positive message for the day or for the week. Why do you like horoscopes so much?

**Susy:** I am very pleased to be here with my son participating and being with you, my beautiful people. And I want to tell a story... once upon a time. I always tell my children like this: Once upon a time, when I was little in Torreón Coahuila, gypsy women were seen a lot. And they read us the magic ball, and it has always caught my attention, and also the palm. This made me really like wearing a lot of noisy bracelets and I still do that to date. Well, before that I also really liked - my friends and I - we liked Walter Mercado a lot. And we paid 10 cents to watch TV, and they charged us because, well, we didn't have a TV and the people who had TVs charged us to watch it. So we all paid attention to Walter Mercado and we really liked to hug each other because when he said: "with a lot, a lot of love".

So now today, I share horoscopes with my children because I still like them a lot. And I know a lot about each sign. I learned what each one means, first for the month, and now I really like Mizada that is on television. And when I really like what each of my children's signs say, I send a message to my husband, my sister ... I really like horoscopes.

**Pau:** You have always been a very positive person and now I understand a little more why you are like that. You use horoscopes as therapy. You use positive messages to share them

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with other people and sometimes on that day it's the only good thing you hear. And well thank you for sharing the messages with me. And I know that it is something that you would like to share with others and that is why we have this opportunity, right?, so that you can share your therapy, your horoscopes with others.

And ma, I have a question. Why is it important for you as a person to look for those positive messages?

**Susy:** I like to be happy, positive, have a nice day, and I guide myself with the horoscopes, each one of them, I listen to them and take an example of them. And I like to do it, I like to feel it, and I like to share it.

**Pau:** Good. Before closing, can you tell us a bit, Ma, how horoscopes work?

**Susy:** With pleasure. The horoscopes with Susy are 12 - Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces. Each one has its qualities but I am only going to say one for each sign.

- Aries is quiet.
- Taurus is very materialistic.
- Gemini is, like, loving.
- Cancer is very, very detailed and shows it with deeds because they are also quiet.
- Aquarius is very, they like to give what people need.
- Virgo is very worried.
- Libra is very, like, angry.

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- Scorpio is very, takes good care of their own and jealous. Scorpio is very jealous.
- Sagittarius is very quiet, but they also like to help a lot and show affection.
- Capricorn is me. I am very, I really like to show what I feel. I really like to give.
- Aquarius is very, they take everything as if the problem was theirs. But no. You have to change that because it is not good.
- Pisces - we close with a flourish. It's the little fish. They are in the water all the time and slippery. That's good, but not much either.

**Pau:** Thank you, ma, for sharing. Those were one of the qualities of each sign. In future episodes my mother will share in more detail messages of each sign with the horoscopes with Susy. Thanks for being in this episode. If you liked what you heard, please subscribe to this podcast - *In Those Times* and follow Somos Familia at [www.somosfamiliabay.org](http://www.somosfamiliabay.org). Thank you. Bye