

STGZ304

03/20 - 03/26

THREE C S OF SPRING

HI SPRING STAR SPOTTERS! TRACE HERE

THIS WEEK IS A NEW MOON, SO WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THREE TINY AND OVERLOOKED CONSTELLATIONS: CORONA BOREALIS, CORVUS, AND CANCER – LEMME SHOW YOU...

HIT THE DARKNESS AT 11PM FACING NORTHEAST.

START WITH THE HANDLE OF THE BIG DIPPER IN THE NORTHEAST. FOLLOW THE BIG DIPPER'S ARC TO ARCTURUS. ARCTURUS IS IN BOOTES THE HERDSMAN, BUT RIGHT BELOW BOOTES ARE SEVEN, SEMI-BRIGHT STARS IN A BACKWARD-C MAKE UP THE CORONA BOREALIS OR NORTHERN CROWN.

NEXT FOLLOW THE SPIKE TO SPICA AND FACE SOUTH.

TO SPICA'S RIGHT YOU'LL FIND A SMALL, FOUR-SIDED FIGURE OF SEMI-BRIGHT STARS. THIS IS THE CONSTELLATION CORVUS THE CROW.

NOW KEEP TURNING TOWARDS THE SOUTHWEST, AND LOOK ALMOST STRAIGHT UP. YOU SHOULD SEE REGULUS IN LEO THE LION – AND EVEN FURTHER ARE CASTOR AND POLLUX, THE GEMINI TWINS. HALFWAY IN BETWEEN IS CANCER THE CRAB LOOKING LIKE A BACKWARDS "Y" ON ITS SIDE!

THE THREE C'S OF SPRING! ENJOY AND KEEP LOOKIN' UP