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THE STRANGEST NAMES IN THE SKY July 2023

ZUBEN-EL-SHAL-GHEN... WHAT? OH! HI STAR FAM – TRACE HERE!  
TRYING TO NAIL THIS PRONUNCIATION OF THESE TWO STAR  
NAMES. LEMME SHOW YOU –

HIT THE DARKNESS JUST AFTER SUNSET ANY NIGHT THIS WEEK.  
LOOK SOUTH FOR RED ANTARES AND BLUE SPICA – IF YOU MADE  
A THICK LINE – LIKE A HIGHLIGHTER BETWEEN THE TWO YOU’LL  
SEE TWO SEMI-BRIGHT STARS WITH SOME OF THE STRANGEST  
SOUNDING NAMES IN THE HEAVENS... OK THEY ARE:  
ZUBENESCHAMALI AND ZUBENELGENUBI.

YES!!! OKAY SO, THESE TWO ARE THE HANGY BITS OF LIBRA THE  
SCALES!

THE THING IS, ZUBENESCHAMALI MEANS 'THE NORTHERN CLAW'  
AND ZUBENELGENUBI MEANS 'THE SOUTHERN CLAW 'IN ARABIC.  
THERE ARE NO CLAWS IN SCALES!!

SEE THREE THOUSAND YEARS AGO THEY WERE THE CLAWS OF  
THE SCORPION, BUT JULIUS CAESAR AND HIS CRONIES CAME  
ALONG AND LOPPED THEM OFF AND RENAMED THEM “LIBRA THE  
SCALES” FOR THE SYMBOL OF ROMAN JUSTICE.

SHOW YOUR FRIENDS AND TRY TO SAY ZUBENELGENUBI; KEEP  
LOOKING UP!