

4 degree of Capricorn: 'A party entering a large canoe'

The number of people entering the canoe is not specified, but a party implies a large number. This is a vessel that cannot be governed or stirred to the right course by one person or two. It would need the cooperation of many people all set on the same goal. The image itself brings to mind those canoes American Indians used in occasion of extended hunting expeditions, war or sacred ceremonies.

The people are entering the canoe and thus it is the start of a journey. Not any journey though, or, at least, not just a pleasure journey for sightseeing places along a river or lake, rather a journey, real or attached to some ceremonial events, the sort for which we prepare and train well in advance, the sort that will bring us far from well known places into the unknown, like a migration or pilgrimage. Cooperation of all involved is of the essential here, solidarity guided by common goals, or the journey could not go ahead.

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