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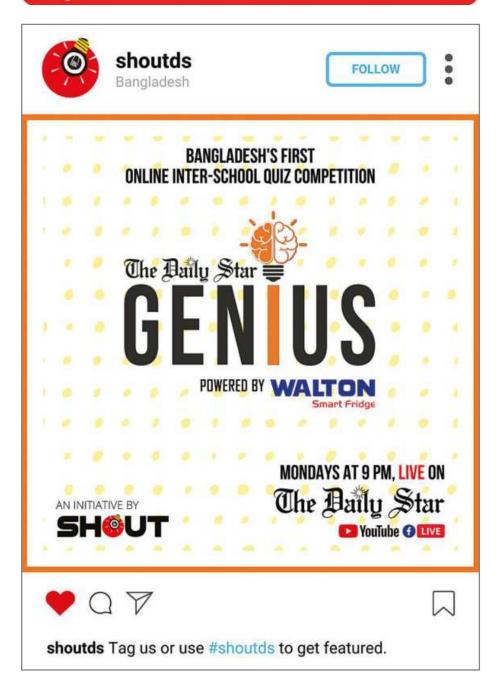
I walked out onto the balcony last night and felt a shiver down my spine. It was not simply because I am afraid of the dark. There was a different reason. It's getting cold, folks.

If *Game of Thrones* hadn't disappointed itself into oblivion with its last two seasons, this year might have been the most apt opportunity yet to properly use the famous words of House Stark. Winter is coming. Other than being literal, it would also serve the symbolic purpose as meant by George R. R. Martin. This winter carries with it not only the smell of *bhapa pitha*, but also the stench of a potential health crisis with Covid-19.

Many of us have stopped caring about the coronavirus. There have been worrying reports of tourist spots across the country getting booked out for winter. Young people must be itching to go out in their winter wear to make the most of what's possibly the nicest time of the year for us. Yet, there's no reason to think the third wave washing over much of the rest of the world isn't coming for us.

Let's not lose sight of the White Walkers, is what I'm saying.

- Azmin Azran, Sub-editor, SHOUT





APP REVIEW



Finding Webtoon

UPOMA AZIZ

Webtoon is an app that lets you select from a myriad of web comics for free, unless you want to read an episode early. There are several genres you can select from and the app is easy to navigate. Among the webcomics I have been able to read, these are some I would suggest.

CURSED PRINCESS CLUB This tale takes place in the pastel kingdom, where the king lives with his four children. The youngest daughter is not a typical Disney princess. She is unconventionally beautiful, and has the biggest heart. However, things change when she accidentally discovers the Cursed Princess Club, a safe haven for hexed princesses who don't meet the expectations of society, where they show her that it is not always necessary to fit in. What I love about this comic is that the humor is not forced. and highlights the faults in the widely accepted definition of beauty. HOME SWEET HOME

After losing his family in an accident, Hyun moves to a small apartment with his scanty belongings and a little money. Shortly after, things go horribly wrong as monsters start taking over the world. Hyun now has to look for a way to save what is left of the world side to side with the unlikeliest heroes. Who can be trusted when everyone is looking for a way to survive? The storytelling of this thriller is nothing short of addictive. A total of 142 episodes seem almost too short for such a mesmerising story.

LORE OLYMPUS

This is classic Greek mythology reimagined into a romantic comic -- the love story of Hades and Persephone like never told before. There are the other beloved (or not) characters from Olympus and the Underworld as well. The storyline is unique but it has not lost all touch with the classic lore. The art style and the narrative are very cute. The characters are monochromatic but never boring. If you are going to read this, get ready for a rollercoaster of emotions.

WITCH CREEK ROAD

If you are a fan of blood and gore, you will love this horror comic. This begins like most horror movies, with a number of teens losing their way and ending up in the middle of the forest where witches live. But it is just the beginning of the end. The storyline is very intense and a bit bizarre. This, in no way, is something you can skim over, for you won't understand the plot if you do so. Warning: the artwork features graphic scenes.

GOURMET HOUND

Lucy is someone with an acute sense of smell, and after she senses a change of staff in her favourite restaurant, she is scared that she will lose the taste of home she has loved for years. She decides to track down the chefs, and the story begins to unfold. This is hands down my favorite Webtoon, and it is completely binge worthy. It might seem a bit slow at first but it does get better.

Upoma Aziz is now a slouching, crouching, grouchy time bomb going off randomly. Send webcomic suggestions at www. fb.com/upoma.aziz