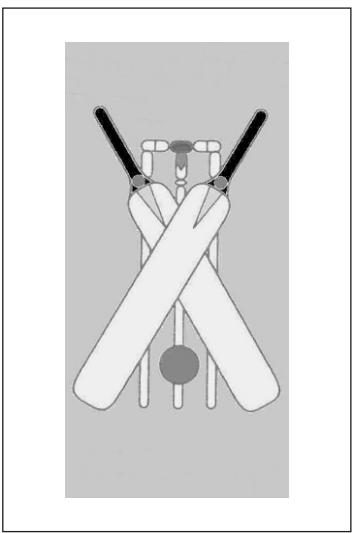


PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

The Lord of the Rings
The Fellowship of the Ring (IMDb rating 8.8)
On HBO, February 17 at 11:45 pm
Directed by Peter Jackson
Genre: Fantasy/Adventure/Action
Elijah Wood, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett, Orlando Bloom
In ancient times, the Elven-smiths created the Rings of Power. Then the Dark Lord Sauron created a Ring to rule the Lesser Rings. The Ring was stolen, and he thought it to be lost. But many years later in a land called the Shire, a hobbit called Frodo inherits the Ring. Now he must journey across Middle-earth, and throw the Ring into the volcano, Mt. Doom, the only place it can be destroyed.



The Sport

England Tour of South Africa

Standard Bank One Day

International Series

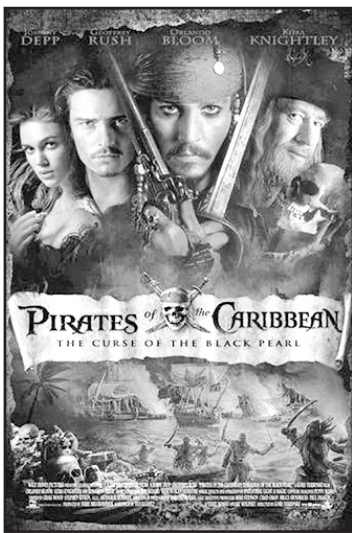
Live on ESPN

6th ODI, Durban, South Africa

February 11 at 06:27 pm

7th ODI, Centurion, South Africa

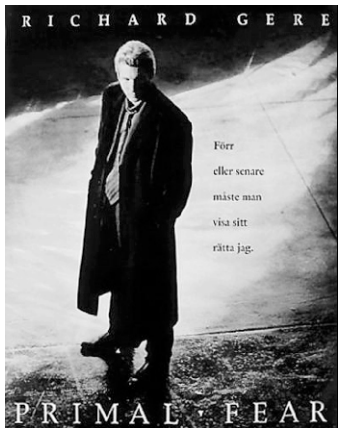
February 13 at 01:57 pm



The Movie

Pirates of the Caribbean
The Curse of the Black Pearl (IMDb rating 8.0)
On Star Movies, February 13 at 07:00 pm
Directed by Gore Verbinski
Genre: Adventure/Comedy/Fantasy/Action
Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley
Caribbean sea, in the 17th century. Jack Sparrow, a gentleman rogue of a pirate, teams up with Will Turner, friend of the daughter of a governor to stop the evil plan of a ship of dangerous pirates, led by the evil Captain Barbossa, who are trying to reverse an ancient curse that leaves them stuck between life and dead, with the light of the moon revealing their skeletons, like some kind of undead monsters.

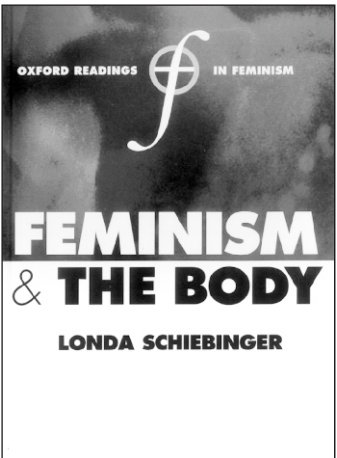
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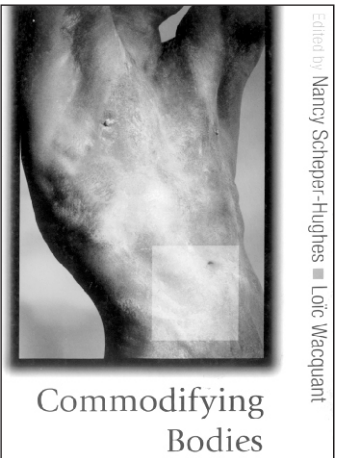
Primal Fear (IMDb rating 7.4)
On HBO, February 13 at 08:30 pm
Directed by Gregory Hoblit
Genre: Drama/Thriller/Crime
Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Edward Norton, Frances McDormand
An arrogant, high-powered attorney takes on the case of a poor altar boy found running away from the scene of the grisly murder of the bishop who has taken him in. The case gets a lot more complex when the accused reveals that there may or may not have been a "third person" in the room during the murder. The intensity builds when a surprise twist alters everyone's perception of the crime and what really happened...



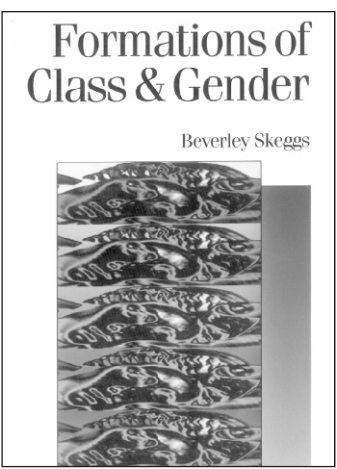
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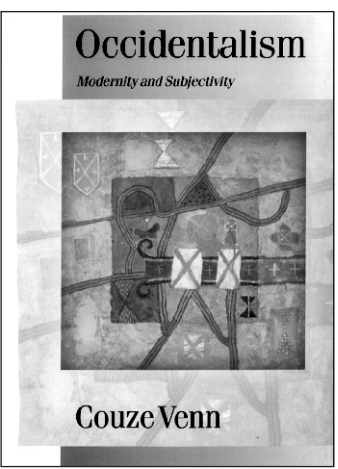
Feminism & the Body
Londa Schiebinger
Price: Tk. 3850.00
This collection of classic essays in feminist body studies investigates the history of the image of the female body; from the medical 'discovery' of the clitoris, to the 'body politic' of Queen Elizabeth I, to women deprecated as 'Hottentot Venuses' in the nineteenth century. The text looks at the way in which coverings bear cultural meaning: clothing reform during the French Revolution, Islamic veiling, and the invention of the top hat; as well as the embodiment of cherished cultural values in social icons such as the Statue of Liberty or the Barbie doll. By considering culture as it defines not only women but also men, this volume offers both the student and the general reader an insight into the interdisciplinary and cross-cultural study involved in feminist body studies.



Commodifying Bodies
Edited by Nancy Scheper-Hughes & Lois Wacquant
Price: Tk. 3570.00
Increasingly the body is a possession that does not belong to us. It is bought and sold, bartered and stolen, marketed wholesale or in parts. The professions--especially reproductive medicine, transplant surgery, and bioethics but also journalism and other cultural specialists--have been pliant partners in this accelerating commodification of life and dead human organisms. Under the guise of healing or research, they have contributed to a new 'ethic of parts' for which the divisible body is severed from the self, torn from the social fabric, and thrust into commercial transactions--as organs, secretions, reproductive capacities, and tissues--responding to the dictates of an incipiently global marketplace.

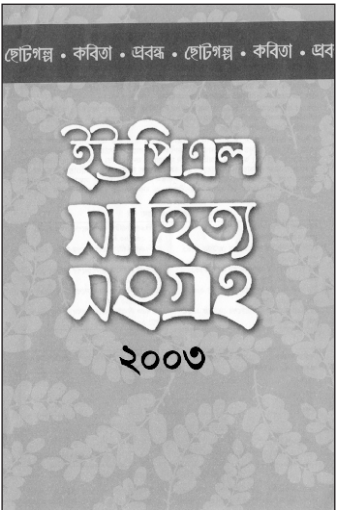


Formations of Class & Gender
Beverly Skeggs
Price: Tk. 3570.00
'Formations of Class and Gender should have a place equivalent to that occupied by Paul Willis's Learning to Labour.' Caroline Ramazanoglu, Goldsmiths College, London.
Explanations of how identities are constructed are fundamental to contemporary debates in feminism and in cultural and social theory. In an important addition to this literature, Formations of Class and Gender demonstrates why class should be featured more prominently in theoretical accounts of gender, identity and power. Beverly Skeggs identifies the neglect of class, and shows how class and gender must be fused together to produce an accurate representation of power relations in modern society.



Occidentalism
Modernity and Subjectivity
Couze Venn
Price: Tk. 3870.00
What is Occidentalism? How does it relate to postcolonial critiques of 'the West'? This timely, innovative and important book develops along two fronts. First, it critically addresses the 'becoming-West' of Europe. Second, it critically investigates the 'becoming-modern' of the world. Drawing on the work of Derrida, Foucault, Levinas, Lyotard, Merleau-Ponty and Ricoeur, the book proposes that the question of postmodernity is inseparable from that of postcoloniality. The argument fully conveys the sense that modernity is in crisis. It maps out a new genealogy of the birth of the modern and suggests a new way of grounding the idea of an emancipation of being.

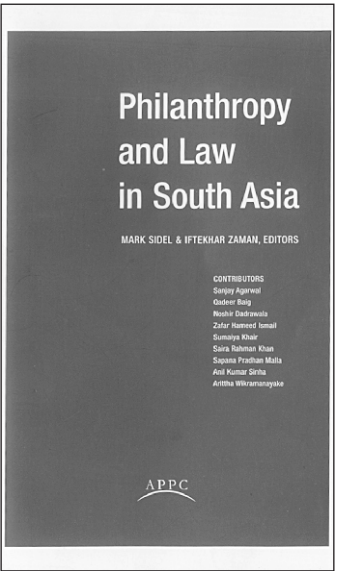
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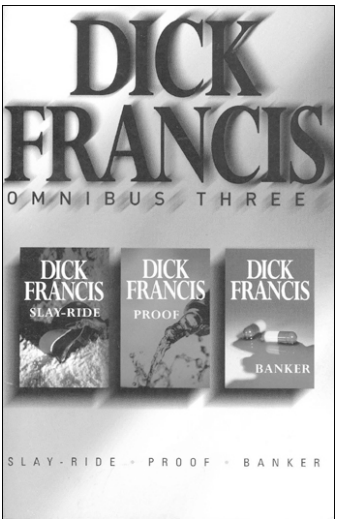
(UPL Literary Collection 2003)
Edited by Mohiuddin Ahmed
Price: Tk. 350.00
Continuation of the UPL's previous project, this collection contains selected literary writings published in different dailies, weeklies, little magazines and supplements during 2003. The volume features 13 essays, 20 short story and 77 poems. The publication must be an important document in the assessment process of our literature.

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Philanthropy and Law in South Asia
Edited by Mark Sidel & Ittekkhar Zaman
Researched and written by local experts, Philanthropy and Law in South Asia provides description and analysis of the legal and regulatory frameworks governing philanthropy and the nonprofit sector in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Each country chapter includes recommendations by the authors for changes to promote the further development of philanthropy and the nonprofit sector.

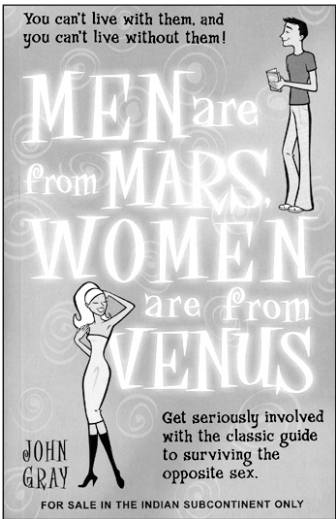
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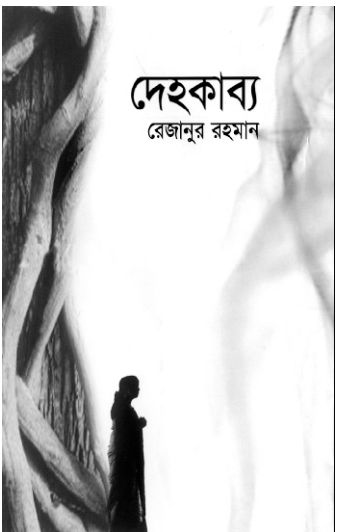
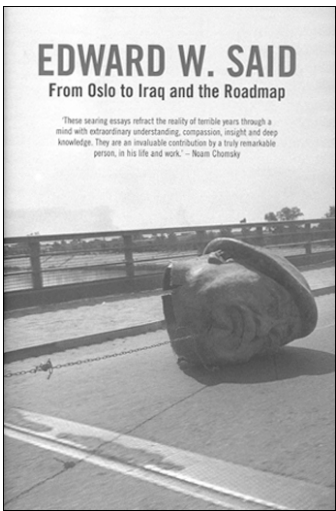
Dick Francis Omnibus Three
Dick Francis
Price: Tk. 620.00
Dick Francis has written forty-one international bestsellers and is widely acclaimed as one of the world's finest thriller writers. Now in one combined edition, there are three exciting novels in this book. They are 'Slay-Ride', 'Proof' and 'Banker'. 'Enthralling and finely written'; Sunday Telegraph; 'Put together as brilliantly as ever, the plot is as gripping, and the obligatory racing background as satisfying'; Times Literary Supplement; 'Astonishing...fascinating...holds us spellbound'; New York Times Book Review- these are the comments given by world's renowned publications about this book.

From Oslo to Iraq and the Roadmap
Edward W Said
Price: Tk. 1935.00
From Oslo to Iraq and the Roadmap is Edward Said's final collection of essays. Written between December 2000 and July 2003, they take us from the collapse of the Oslo Accords to the US invasion of Iraq. Deeply critical of US policy in the Middle East and of the failure in Arab leadership, Said also makes a plea for Palestinians and other Arabs to engage with the progressive elements in Israel.
In these essays, Said writes about the second intifada and the peace process, which he describes as a kind of 'fast-food peace' underscored by 'malevolent sloppiness'. He discusses the breach of democracy in the last American presidential election and attacks the Bush administration's allegiance to the Christian right and to the big oil companies. He writes passionately against the war in Iraq and condemns the 'road map' as a plan not for peace but for pacification of the Palestinians.

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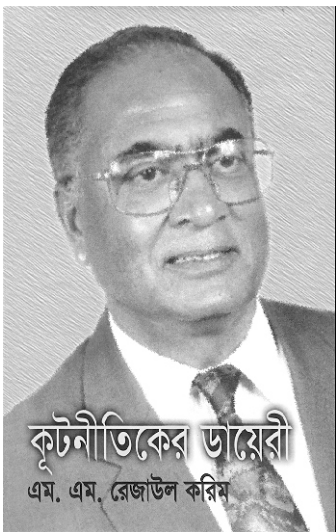


Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus
John Gray
Price: Tk. 495.00
This is the most famous relationships book ever published. A practical guide for improving communication and getting what you want in your relationships. The book has helped many millions of couples transform their relationship. Now viewed as a modern classic, this phenomenal book has helped men and women realize how different they really are and how to communicate their needs in such a way that conflict doesn't arise and intimacy is given every chance to grow. This book will show you how to build a lasting, loving male-female relationships.



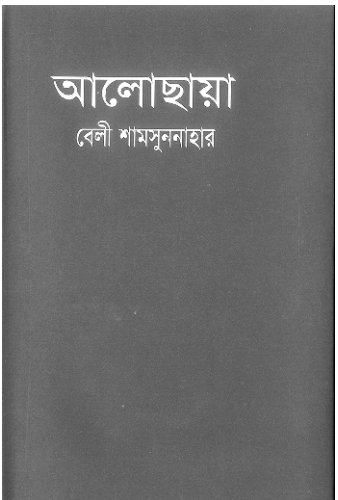
Dehokabya

Rezanur Rahman
Published by Anyaprokash
Price: Tk. 60.00
This is a novel about those 'night queens' who are in a constant struggle for the minimum earning needed to cope with the daily necessity. The writer brings up some real life incidents that he has gathered from his several interview sessions with a few of these ill-fated women.



Kutnitiker Dayeri

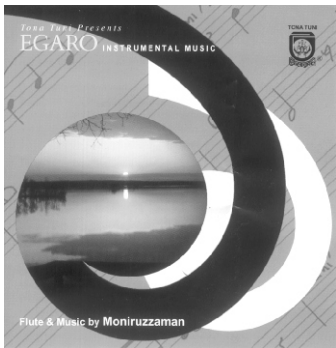
(Diary of a Diplomat)
MM Rezaul Karim
Published by Kakoli Prokashoni
Price: Tk. 125.00
The book, as the name suggests, brings out the writer's experiences during his 35 years of professional visits to numerous countries. Rezaul Karim was ambassador--resident and non-resident--to eleven countries--China, the earlwhile Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Finland, North Korea, Mongolia, Lebanon, Maldives and the Great Britain. What he presents in this book is his conversations and interviews with some of the world famous political figures. Surely, this is a remarkable memoir of a diplomat and will be useful as an intelligent observation for readers.



Alochhyay
A book of poems
by Belley Shamsunnahar
Published by Alpona Prokashoni
Price: Tk. 60.00

CDs, VCDs & DVDs

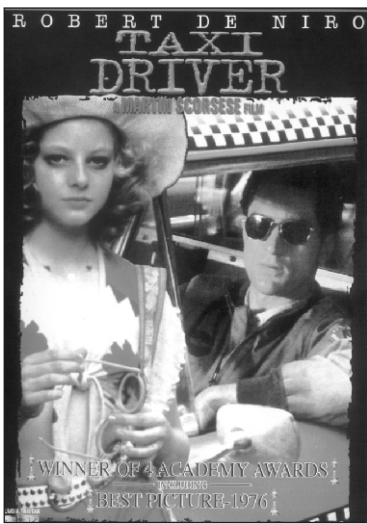
Modhur Amar Mayer Hashi
Modern Bangla Songs by Kaderi Kibria
The collection contains some of the very famous Bangla songs of the yesteryears. The songs include Nazrul Sangeet, songs of DL Roy, and even a soundtrack from a popular Bangla film. The ten tracks are: Modhur amar mayer hashi, Ami akriti adhom boley, Pitchdhalai ei path-tarey, Ma amar shadh na millo, Ei shundor swamali shondhay, Tomar gehe palichho snehe, Nurjahan Nurjahan, Eto hethay kunjochhayay, Shono shono kothai shono and Dhono dhano pushpo bhora.



Egago
Instrumental
The album presents some of the timeless inspiring patriotic songs of the country like Amar bhai-er roktey rangano, Ek shagoro roktey binimoye, protidin tomay dekhi, Amay jodi proshno korey, Ektara tui desher kotha, Shobkoto janala khuley daona, Amay gethey daona ma-go, Amaro deshero matiro gondhey. The collection would surely enhance the listeners' patriotic feeling.

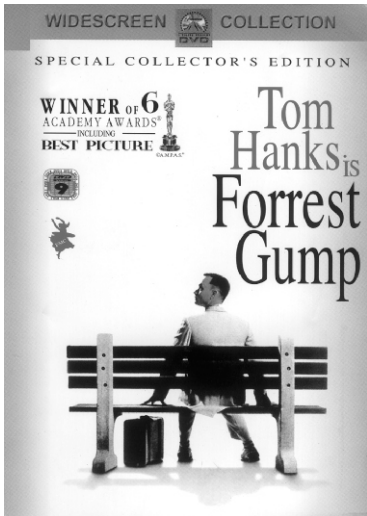
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Classic Films



Taxi Driver

Directed by Martin Scorsese
Cast: Robert De Niro, Cybill Shephard, Peter Boyle, Jodie Foster
Price: Tk. 120.00
Disgruntled war vet and cabbie Travis Bickle is a lonely man obsessed with pornography and violence. As events in Travis' life begin to turn for the worse, he slowly descends into the depths of his own paranoia, driving away the one woman willing to love him, eventually exploding in an orgy of killing against the "scum" of the streets he hates so intensely.



Forrest Gump

Directed by Robert Zemeckis
Cast: Tom Hanks, Robin Wright Penn, Gary Sinise, Sally Field
Price: Tk. 120.00
The story follows the life of low I.Q. Forrest Gump and his meeting with the love of his life Jenny. The film chronicles his accidental experiences with some of the most important people and events in America from the late 1950's through the 1970's including a meeting with Elvis Presley, JFK, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, fighting in Vietnam, etc.

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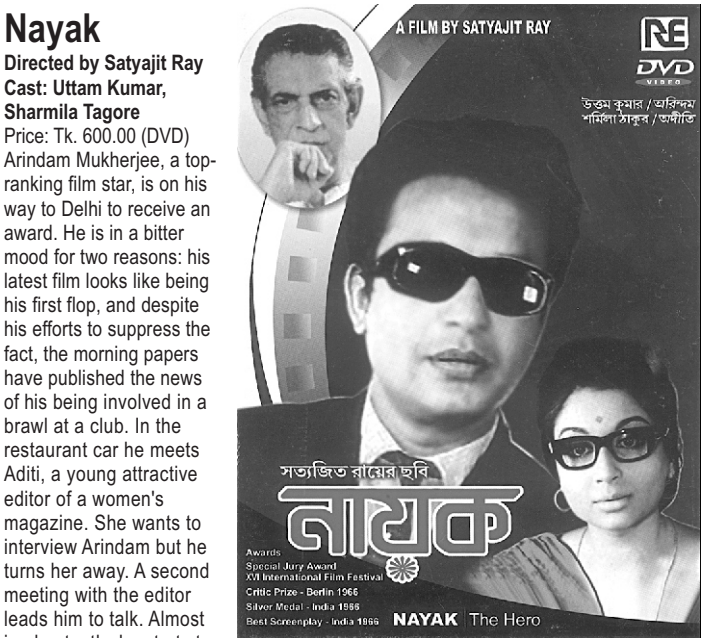
Frailty (IMDb rating 7.4)
On Star Movies, February 12 at 10:15 pm
Directed by Bill Paxton
Genre: Horror/Thriller/Drama

Bill Paxton, Matthew McConaughey, Powers Boothe, Missy Crider, Cynthia Ettinger
Fenton Meeks, comes forth to tell the FBI that his brother Adam may be the serial killer who calls himself "God's Hands", who the FBI has been searching for. The film uses flashbacks to show Meeks' childhood with a father who believed he was on a mission from God to destroy demons that inhabit human bodies. Fenton saw his dad as evil, while Adam saw him as a hero.



Die Hard
(IMDb rating 8.0)
On Star Movies, February 15 at 09:00 pm
Directed by John McTiernan
Genre: Action/Thriller
Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia, Reginald VelJohnson, Alexander Godunov

In the city of Los Angeles, a Christmas party is held on the 30th floor of the Nakatomi Plaza Hotel. While the party is going on, downstairs, a band of German terrorists arrive and take the entire building hostage including its employees and attempts a huge robbery. But the only one who eludes capture is New York City Cop John McClane who launches a one man war in an attempt to stop the terrorists and save all hostages including his wife Holly.



Nayak
Directed by Satyajit Ray
Cast: Uttam Kumar, Sharmila Tagore
Price: Tk. 600.00 (DVD)
Arindam Mukherjee, a top-ranking film star, is on his way to Delhi to receive an award. He is in a bitter mood for two reasons: his latest film looks like being his first flop, and despite his efforts to suppress the fact, the morning papers have published the news of his being involved in a brawl at a club. In the restaurant car he meets Aditi, a young attractive editor of a women's magazine. She wants to interview Arindam but he turns her away. A second meeting with the editor leads him to talk. Almost inadvertently, he starts to speak about his mentor, Shankar, and eventually Aditi begins surreptitiously to take notes. From Arindam's tales, Aditi realises that in spite of his fame and money and success, the superstar is essentially a lonely person in need of sympathy and understanding. Out of respect for his frank confession, she finally tears up the notes she has taken.

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