

Series Finale



This week we're ending the first series we've run on Fable Factory.

Tabula Rasa had been envisioned, and the first episode drafted, around the time of SHOUT's birth. At the time we didn't really know what the new publication would be like, or what the promised dedicated fiction section would actually entail.

In uncertain climate, a round thousand words devoted to this weird little story about some guy getting his brain formatted didn't really seem like something we could really work with. Moreover, there just weren't enough of us to really write anything episodic together.

Times have changed. Fable Factory now has more than enough space and interested writers to carry off any series we set our minds to. And so we have Tabula Rasa – what began as the story of Paul Wickens, but eventually became about someone else altogether.

– Zoheb Mashiur, Assistant Gardener, SHOUT

THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

ARIES

You will be your worst enemy. Steer clear of mirrors and any reflective surfaces altogether.



TAURUS

When boarding a plane, make sure you aren't being one dimensional.



GEMINI

Do intensive background checks. Wall colour will affect mood swings.



CANCER

If you stand in the middle of nowhere long enough, you will feel the world rotate around you.



LEO

Your poor life choices can definitely be blamed on you. Surprise.



VIRGO

Killer confidence may be out to get you. Take all precautionary steps.



LIBRA

Transparent armour won't help your defences. Everyone can see right through it.



SCORPIO

You will find yourself making a list of things to do and do the things written on a blank page.



SAGITTARIUS

Temptation to create a Facebook event for your birthday at least a month beforehand will take root.



CAPRICORN

You will contemplate how selfies of clowns turn out, but not find it in you to Google.



AQUARIUS

Avoid tall tales and tall orders. You know you can't ever reach that height.



PISCES

You will dig deep and find yourself on the other side.



APP REVIEW

VAT REGISTRATION CHECKER

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Platform: Android

We are all aware of having to pay a value added tax (VAT) of 15% when making certain purchases, that go to the government

. Unfortunately, some dishonest shopkeepers and restaurant owners do not give this tax to the government albeit taking the extra 15% money from you. This evasion is a civil offense.

VAT Registration Checker is an Android app by AppArnest that you can use to check whether or not the business is properly registered. That way, you can make sure that the extra money you are paying in the name of VAT is actually reaching the government.

When you buy something, the business will hand you a receipt of the bill. The receipt will contain an 11 digit VAT

registration number. Input that to the app and hit search. If the registration number is OK, you'll be able to see the name and address of the shop. Otherwise, a "No Result Found" message will be displayed. If that happens, or if anything strikes you as odd, you can take a screenshot and complain to the government from within the app. The app searches the database of www.nbr.gov.bd to show you the results, so it is quite accurate. It also contains a number of FAQs on what other measures of verification you can take.

As conscious citizens, we should take VAT seriously, because it goes out of our own pockets. So we should be aware whether the business we are buying from is actually paying the VAT to the government or not. Download this 1.4MB app and verify that info instantaneously.



MIXTAPE

Plastic

Radiohead
Fake Plastic Trees

Aqua
Barbie Girl

Buckethead
Plastination Station

Gojira
Toxic Garbage Island

Gorillaz
Plastic Beach

The Kinks
Plastic Man