



Finding the Red and Green in 3D

When I played Civilization as a kid, I literally had zero sense of history. What I did first was to make a new civilisation and name it Bangladesh. Whatever I played, it always had to be Bangladeshi because if I can't be Bangladeshi, then what? When Dhaka Racing first came out, my brother got a copy and we all hunched around the PC (including the neighbours), mesmerised by the sheer feat of the developers. A 3D video game by Bangladeshis set in Dhaka, that too in 2002! The game was so ahead of its (Bangladeshi) time that its aesthetics can rival a recent game that was much marketed. I only wish the original devs made Dhaka Racing 2. Even though we've come a long way in terms of IT, we still have light years left in terms of video games. With Steam Greenlight and a thriving indie scene, it should only be a matter of time before Bangladesh gets its own Witcher, Mount & Blade or S.T.A.L.K.E.R. If not now, when?

- Rumman R Kalam, Sub-editor, SHOUT

THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

- ARIES**
 The dog with no tail is your nightmare.
 
- TAURUS**
 The girl with a beauty spot in her little finger will be your princess.
 
- GEMINI**
 Wearing a pair of black shoes with white shoelaces will make you smarter.
 
- CANCER**
 Quit smoking; he will be yours.
 
- LEO**
 Love is blind, so are you.
 
- VIRGO**
 Plant a lucky tree in the university toilet.
 
- LIBRA**
 Luck comes only in your dreams.
 
- SCORPIO**
 You are too lucky if your hair is turning white.
 
- SAGITTARIUS**
 Yellow colored Starlet is your lucky car.
 
- CAPRICORN**
 Don't bathe for 49 days; the result will be tremendous.
 
- AQUARIUS**
 Kiss your feet whenever your exam preparation is bad.
 
- PISCES**
 Consider yourself lucky for not having a beard.
 

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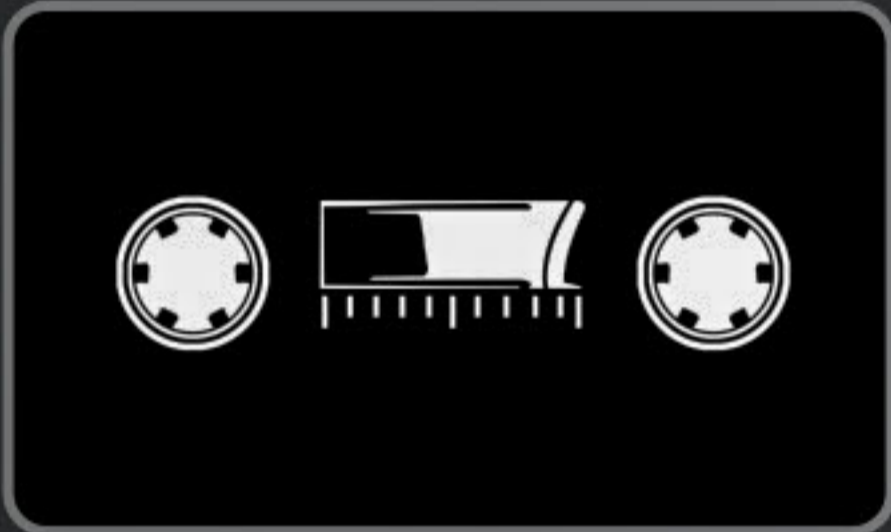
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Pink Floyd
 The Gold It's in the...