



Intrigued by the Arcane

When I was young I was always befuddled by the concept of magic. The ability to do the impossible, to conjure things out of thin air, defy death, all these appealed to me on a different level. I was very much into high fantasy just for the power that the wizards wielded. From mystical spells that can wipe out entire armies to shield barriers that could block a volley of arrows, the possibilities seemed endless.

No matter how you put it, magic is something that enchants people, gives them something extraordinary that doesn't stem from mundane, everyday stuff. We all dreamt of being in a world where we could flick our wrists and pull off amazing things like pushing people we don't like a mile away. That's just the tip of the iceberg. It would've been nice if all these weren't confined to only our imaginations.

—*Shabrukh Ikhtear, Aspiring Arcanist, SHOUT*

THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

ARIES

I can't see where your fortune lies.



TAURUS

Your dates are coming from Saudi.



GEMINI

You should buy durable plastic.



CANCER

Always keep a lungi in your backpack.



LEO

She is not your type; stop watching anime.



VIRGO

I wanna meet you.



LIBRA

We are looking for a librarian.



SCORPIO

STOP hating your friends; be good to them.



SAGITTARIUS

Pasta is best for you, for it makes you bigger.



CAPRICORN

Your shell will crack soon.



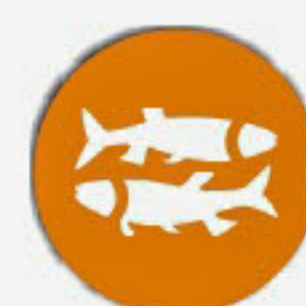
AQUARIUS

Cry son, cry. I have nothing for you.



PISCES

Say my name. And again. And again.



APP REVIEW



OMMWITER

Minimalistic, Yet Effective

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When I sit down in front of my laptop to write, I keep getting distracted by the Facebook notifications and YouTube videos and whatnot. I can guarantee that happens to most other writers as well. But thanks to OmmWriter, I'm better equipped at tackling this challenge.

OmmWriter is a minimalistic text editing software for PC, Mac and iPad that shuts out all the distraction while you're writing. The full screen app doesn't allow you to switch to other software or windows easily, thus effectively reducing distractions. The interface is easy on the eyes and has a soothing image of trees in snow at the bottom. The interface colour can be changed as well.

What I love about OmmWriter is that it is designed for writers. The app has three different relaxing background sounds that help you

get into your zone and boost creativity. And whenever you type, there are three different keyboard sounds that you can turn off if you aren't up for them. You type in a small box in the middle of the screen that you can enlarge. There are four fonts to choose from and four sizes of the text. At the bottom of the screen you can see the word count. Like I said, it is indeed very minimalistic.

But there are some limitations to the software as well. You can only save in .txt format or OmmWriter's own .omm format, or export the file to PDF, but you cannot save it as a .doc file, and that is pretty inconvenient. Neither can you directly print from within the software.

In any case, a writer needs a peace of mind to calm down and write, and OmmWriter provides the best way to do that. You can get the free version of the app at <http://ommwriter.en.softonic.com>



MIXTAPE

MAGIC

Poets of the Fall
Illusion and Dream



Carlos Santana
Black Magic Woman



Ozzy Osbourne
Mr. Crowley



MAGIC!
Rude



The Lovin' Spoonful
Do You Believe In Magic



Fleetwood Mac
Hypnotized