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# HEAR, HERE

Here's a little something for you. Try listening to everything that makes sound around you. The point of this game? Zilch. Nevertheless, you seem like a person with a lot of time to waste. Let's play.

First up, the monotonous hum of the air conditioner over my head. Second, the clicking of mouse buttons from nearby cubicles coupled with sporadic typing. A zombie-like yawn from my bored colleague. Tired footsteps dragging along the tiled floor. Muffled conversations from the other end of the room, complemented by irritable laughter tracks. Helicopters flying over the building and (unnecessary) honking of cars below. Hammers hammering, chairs creaking, stomachs grumbling; life is such a badass orchestra conductor, no?

And then a cellphone rings to a cringeworthy Bollywood tune. Your turn.

– Kazi Akib Bin Asad, Sub-editor, SHOUT

## THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

### ARIES

Bet on whether England will actually come to play. There's a 50% chance you'll win.



### TAURUS

Take my word for it – you must avoid *goru'r haat*.



### GEMINI

Have some seasonal fruits.



### CANCER

If you could move things with your mind, would you like to move it move it?



### LEO

Be a little more humble, like Gaten Matarazzo from *Stranger Things*.



### VIRGO

Seriously, your earthquake jokes on Facebook aren't funny. Earthquakes aren't funny.



### LIBRA

Thou shall not get thy desired courses this semester.



### SCORPIO

I see a little silhouette of a man, Scaramouche, Scaramouche, will you do the Fandango?



### SAGITTARIUS

You should probably watch some classic movies, or binge on *Harry Potter*.



### CAPRICORN

Beat the heat, give us an ice cream treat.



### AQUARIUS

Maybe it's a good thing you didn't go to Cox's Bazar.



### PISCES

If Hero Alom can make it big, you can too.



## APP REVIEW

# An Arabic Twist on Twenty Questions

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Platforms: Android, iOS, WP, Java, Fire OS

Akinator the Genie is a game app that opens with a genie swooshing out of a magical lamp, promising to be able to read your mind. You have to think of a real or fictional character, and the genie guesses who it is after a series of questions. The more guesses it gets right, the greater the number of Geniz scored by the player; the rarer the guessed character, the higher the level of Aki Awards – ranging from Standard and Bronze to Platinum and Black. Other daily challenges involve “Most Talked about Philosopher” or the “Most Played MTV TV Character”.

The genie's near-perfect accuracy

with the guesses is genuinely creepy, which makes it an excellent ice-breaker. While it does sometimes include very specific questions, more often it asks for quite vague and general information to miraculously arrive at Seamus Finnigan, Phil Dunphy and even Ananta Jalil. My personal favourite was when it got Chunky Pandey right.

Just when you start to expect magical feats from the genie, he blanks out over characters as common as Cameron Diaz or Leonardo DiCaprio. You can choose to keep playing for more questions if he gets something wrong, or stop the game and type in the correct answer.

It's an extremely addictive game, overall, and perfect to be played in the company of friends.



## MIXTAPE

### RACE

**RASCAL FLATTS**  
Life is A Highway

### STYLES OF BEYOND

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### MICHAEL JACKSON

Black or White

### CHER

Half Breed

### TWENTY ONE PILOTS

Ride

### TRACY CHAPMAN

Fast Cars