



# A Sweet and Cheesy Delight

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Chocolate and cheese are life. This is the motto of Jerry Bees, which, in a very short span of time, has managed to find a foothold in Dhaka with its delicious delicacies.

Situated in Sector 4 of Uttara, Jerry Bees promises to serve fantastic, freshly baked goodies. After its much hyped opening just a few weeks ago, it has been constantly abuzz with people, especially the youth, without a halt.

The interior decoration is endearing, with heavy dosage of the colours white and yellow. There are not many seats available as of yet; the setting is quite petite.

The menu consists of food and beverages highlighting chocolate and cheese – not just desserts, but also for savouries.

Among the savoury items, I tried the cheesy tomato soup, pepperoni pizza and the lasagne. The pizza was relatively thin crusted, soft, and thankfully not doughy. The taste was good, but nothing remarkable. Moreover, even though I ordered “small” for myself, I felt the size

could still have been a tad bigger. It came with 4 slices and was priced at BDT 410.

The lasagne was worth so much more than what was charged. It was hearty, meaty and cheesy to the right proportions albeit being light. It was priced at only BDT 350 and that, my friends, is a good deal. However, the savoury item I liked most was the cheesy tomato soup. The soup was thick, tangy and oh-so-cheesy. Melted mozzarella took me to the heavens, every time I took a mouthful. It was priced at BDT 270.

Coming to the stars of the show, let's dive in to discuss the desserts. The Oreo cheesecake was divine and was perfectly balanced. It wasn't powdery like cheesecake often is in Dhaka. Instead, it was light, yet very filling. The New York cheesecake didn't do wonders for me, though. The Oreo cheesecake was priced



at BDT 150; the NY cheesecake, BDT 210.

The showstopper for me was, hands down, the Blueberry cheesecake. It's the best I've had in Dhaka in a long time. It was smooth, sleek and pristine. Every spoonful had an intense cheesy flavour with just the right amount of blueberries

on top. This too, was priced at BDT 150.

Jerry Bees has pretty much nailed their brief of being a “chocolate and cheese extraordinaire”, with reasonable pricing. But their service is not yet up to the mark, as they take in way more customers than they can handle. The waiters need to be extra vigilant and tactful to handle the pressure.

Despite these few clangers, it still manages to be a blissful oasis to the chocolate and cheese lovers of Dhaka. The amount of love and appreciation it has acquired in such little time is testimony that it's definitely worth it.

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# Swiss Army Man: A Bizarre Trip to Home

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Hank (Paul Dano) is about to hang himself. Having given up all his hopes of being rescued from a deserted island, he finally surrenders. Right at that moment he sees a body, washed ashore. He goes up to it and hopes against all odds for it to be alive but as bad luck would have it, it's not. He returns to continue the previously cancelled suicide endeavour when he notices the male corpse continuously passing gas. That's the beginning of the peculiar adventure of the dead body Manny (Daniel Radcliffe) and Hank.

Swiss Army Man is the tale of a surreal journey between two unlikely friends. Hilariously scripted and masterfully dramatised, this might have been one of the best movies I have watched this year. The story is audaciously stupid and unique, yet it not happening in parallel universe of a sort is refreshing. The music was meticulous and heart-warming, with Hank reminiscing his childhood lullabies and changing its words comically to fit into his marooned life with a corpse.

The movie had me hooked right from the start. Every single Paul Dano movie I have watched, I have been left wanting more. Swiss Army Man was double the treat. Daniel Radcliffe's performance as a corpse who remembers nothing from his living life was just as remarkable as would be needed for the strange storyline. Manny goes through a lot, for the sake of the story Radcliffe exceptionally delivers all the unflattering things that a corpse is seen doing, his body visually decomposes, his face and body contort into all kinds of disturbing position throughout the movie. He goes in fast-forward through all the stages of life, from childlike innocence, learning the meaning of life, friendship, love - all of which is mentored by his friend Hank who cannot but wonder at times if all this is a figment of his imagination. Hank is troubled to the core. He left home thinking nobody loves him and now when he stared death in the face, he wants to go back and find love.



**MOVIE REVIEW**

Swiss Army Man is relatable to the extent that one would not expect. Through pointless jargon from a corpse, it reflects on profound notions of our lives about fear, incompetence, love, friendship and so on. It's naïve, childish, funny yet heart-wrenching and above all, a story of unexpected bromance. The two Daniels (Daniel Scheinert and Daniel Kwan) as first-time directors of a full-length movie pull off this weird and wondrous feat.

The best thing about the movie was the ending. When the ending nears, one would fear that all the adventure would turn out to be some kind of schizophrenic gibberish in Hank's head. The ending is for you to find out and

it's nothing short of absurd and unobvious. Overall the combination of masterful editing, visual depiction of surrealism, great music and prodigious acting make it self sufficient despite being led by two cast members only.

Clearly, the grace of Swiss Army Man is its weirdness and those who have a weakness for eccentricity, will relish every moment of it.

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