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The boxes WE LIVE IN

Life comes in boxes. 'Bakshey bakshey bondi baksho' The box may be magnificently massive, with beautiful things to explore in it. Or, that box may be claustrophobically tiny, making you want to spring out of it. But even if you somehow get out of a box, you just simply find yourself in a bigger one! As Arnob sings: "Bakshey bakshey bondi baksho Bakshey bakshey bondi basha Baksho diye baksho gora Baksho-te shob shopno asha" After all, life itself is nothing but a box. And there is no escaping from it!



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A DAY IN LIVES INSIDE BOXES

You live in a box that you have bought or rented. Usually, you share these with others; disguised as houses. Dhaka is a concrete jungle, and it has thousands of apartments. Some are big, many are small, and only a few handful are pretty. Most are quite homogeneous, and come with windows, allowing you to peek outside to the other boxes. But within these boxes, there are many others: the rooms. You may wish to call your room your own sanctuary, and it very well might be, but at its core it remains a box where you happen to be comfortable. Often, you go to the dining table, take your food, and return to your room and lock yourself in it, because your family is not half as entertaining as Netflix.

Of course, in your everyday life, you spend time in other boxes too. You leave your home and get inside a metallic box

for a brief period of time. In these small boxes called elevators, the norm is to not speak to other occupants. It's a silent box, really. Moving out of the house, you pick again a box to travel, a comfortable car or an overcrowded and noisy bus, the cage-like metallic boxes better known as CNGs. The options are not many, and the choice is not yours alone; rather your bank balance, and status and necessity all play a role.

And then, you will enter a very important box: your office cubicle, identical to all others arranged in row after monotonous row. Yet this tiny space is perhaps the most important of all boxes that you must learn to fit in, as it pays for more or less all the other boxes in your life.

You may not enjoy said space, it might not have been your first preference for occupation,

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