

ADD ME, OR DON'T

If you were given the option to get to know someone by randomly starting a conversation in person, or by first getting to know them a bit online and then meeting them in person at a pre-determined time at a well lit place, what would you be more comfortable with?

The Internet and social media has become an efficient filter in terms of the people we choose to share our lives with these days. Most friends outside of school or work are found online, and depending on how we bond over the Internet, we choose to take that friendship further. That seems quite safe, logical, and in the end reduces the cringe-worthy experiences one assumes people used to have trying to make friends before the advent of the Internet, but does it take something good away as well?

I understand that it's a matter of perspective and previous experiences a person might have had, but in my case, I like not knowing most things about someone before I meet them in person. The first impression isn't everything, but it's a lot, and for me, a spontaneous first impression is more interesting than a heavily curated Instagram page.

– Azmin Azran, Sub-editor, SHOUT.



THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

ARIES

A storm is coming.



TAURUS

Note down the number of times you drink apple juice this week.



GEMINI

You're not lost, it's just a phase.



CANCER

If pineapples grew on trees, would you accept them on pizza?



LEO

Blue skies and straight lines can make up good photographs.



VIRGO

Don't turn the lights on before you go to bed.



LIBRA

Cotton candy is the same as your clothes.



SCORPIO

You may not like bugs, but what if you are one?



SAGITTARIUS

Being good at archery doesn't make you special.



CAPRICORN

Goats are the fish of the farm.



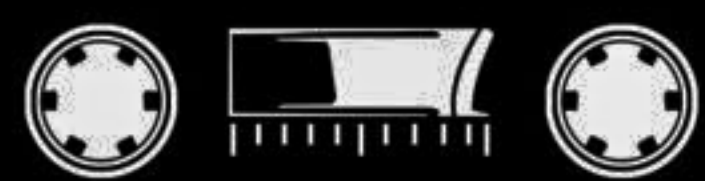
AQUARIUS

Some children know how to swim better than you.



PISCES

Eating kiwi can heal your broken bones.



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