

EXPECTATION IS TAKING ITS TOLL

We often lead ourselves to dangerous precipices by letting our expectations get the better of us. It's one of those human flaws that make things seem amazing when the going is good, but has the exact opposite, intensifying effect when the going is bad.

Here's the thing though, there needs to be a balance to the outcomes when we consider a thing as dangerous as expectation. You need to feel the joy of expectations fulfilled enough times in between feeling let down over and over again. When you start feeling let down more often than feeling like things are living up to their billings, it breeds something sick and twisted inside.

But even if the going is terrible, aren't we allowed to expect some basic niceties from life? Can we not ask to have things like fair treatment, or responsible behaviour from people who are supposed to be responsible? The realistic answer is often 'no', but I'd like to hear the right answer for once.

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APP REVIEW



FOR THE LOVE OF KILLING TIME

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Platforms: iOS, Android.

My wisdom tooth pain wouldn't subside at any cost. Helpless and miserable, I discovered the game and went about playing it for hours. Stuck at traffic? No internet connection? Or need distraction from physical pain? Make Path is an app you can count on for saving the day.

The user is given a tiny car on a square platform. The car starts travelling as similar square platforms keep passing by. The user is to tap on the screen to freeze the platforms and make way for the car to keep on going. If a tap is missed or the platform is placed at the corner of the previous square; the path in front of the car being empty, the car falls down and one has to restart. The

platforms could be aligned congruently or unevenly. It entirely depends on when you tap the screen. There are separate points based on that. It's almost like City Bloxx on the Nokia Xpressmusic. Initially, the progression starts off slowly. But it picks up a challenging pace with time. Piano Tiles would be an understandable example too to grasp the mechanism of the whole app.

There are diamonds and bonuses to collect which help buy new cars and boost through the progression, increasing the user's score. The only con is the fact that annoying ads pop up frequently. Other than that, killing time with an app having a very simple layout and a very addictive approach is worth the time you might spend doing nothing.

ARIES

Racing against time is futile.



TAURUS

Education is very important, but exams? Not so much.



GEMINI

Vanity will take you to new heights.



CANCER

Of all the cafes, in all the world, don't walk into ones without Wi-Fi.



LEO

Lament is good. It's a great way to kill time.



VIRGO

Unquestioned respect of authority is a well known aesthetic.



LIBRA

That picture on Facebook you accidentally 'liked' is the reason you're not getting any replies.



SCORPIO

Stolen jokes aren't funny when everyone knows that they are, in fact, stolen.



SAGITTARIUS

Stay away from cats this week. You've been warned.



CAPRICORN

Naysayers never have the last laugh. But believers might never laugh at all.



AQUARIUS

You might be inclined to think you can swim. You would be wrong.



PISCES

Try to make a decision stick longer than the show you're watching when you came up with said decision.



MIXTAPE

DIGITAL

DAFT PUNK
Digital Love



JAMIROQUAI
Virtual Insanity



J. COLE
Photograph



DEADMAUS
Ghosts 'n' Stuff



RADIOHEAD
Paranoid Android

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