

The Forbidden Truth

I was raised mostly by women at my household. My two sisters and mother have been supporting me from my childhood to this day. However, regarding one issue, everyone in the house would always be aloof. I remember once asking one of my sisters what a period is and the answer was "It's for older people to know." Stepping into my late-teens, I still had no idea how it works and by then, I was too afraid to ask any women, judging from the reactions I got from my sisters. The only thing my guy friends and everyone else taught me was that women would get angry at everything once every month. The only information I had access to, would dehumanise women even further (surprise, surprise). It's not as if we're afraid of all bodily functions or else my dad would come up to me on my twelfth birthday and say "Son, you poop. You can't tell anyone about it. No one must know." My question is, what happens if a child knows about menstruation? What damage will they cause to themselves or others with that knowledge that it has to be kept from everyone?

— Rumman R Kalam, In-charge, SHOUT



THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

ARIES

Air is no joke.



TAURUS

When will you go to sleep with your lights turned off?



GEMINI

Pineapples are your best friend's best friend.



CANCER

If you like the colour red, it is probably lucky for you.



LEO

Cotton candy is just as bad for you as cotton buds.



VIRGO

Some people like long hair and they cannot lie.



LIBRA

Keep your friends close and your friends closer.



SCORPIO

Well, look at how the turn tables.



SAGITTARIUS

If you like good music, you probably like good food too.



CAPRICORN

If white reflects all the colours in light, then that means you are transparent.



AQUARIUS

Doing tricks with your toes won't help you sleep at night.



PISCES

Do not watch The Office just because it's cool to do so.



EVENTS

POETRY NIGHT
 3rd Space, Dhanmondi
 July 11
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SOULFULLMENT
 Jatra Biroti, Gulshan
 July 12
 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM

DHAKA GEEK CONVENTION 2019
 Jamuna Future Park,
 Baridhara
 July 18 - 20
 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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