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ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20)

Changes at home will be positive. Property investments should payoff. Enhance your appearance. Your lucky day this week is Sunday.



TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21)

Think twice before you volunteer information. Find solutions to existing problems. Uncertainties at home may cause tension. Your lucky day this week is Tuesday.



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21)

Entertainment should include the whole family. Avoid overloading your plate. Ignore pleas for help. Your lucky day this week is Friday.



CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22)

Problems with colleagues are likely. Include children in your activities. Do not to sign your cash away. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.



LEO (JUL 23-AUG 22)

Your energy will be high. Make time for fun. Keep your finances in check. Your lucky day this week is Wednesday.



VIRGO (AUG 23-SEP 23)

Exercise programmes will be effective. Family outings should include relatives. Don't give anyone fuel for the fire. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.



LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23)

Innovative technology will make your job easier. Get involved in volunteer work. Control your emotions. Your lucky day this week is Monday.



SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 21)

Gain knowledge through adventures. Prepare for disputes at home. Make changes regarding your living arrangements. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22-DEC 21)

Find ways to dissipate your anxiety. Careful to avoid wrong doings. Get domestic chores out of the way early. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.



(DEC 22-JAN 20)

You will be charming with the opposite sex. Do something nice for friends. Be ready to explain your actions. Your lucky day this week is Sunday.



AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19)

Be careful not to waste your time. One-sided relationships are likely. Additional responsibility will lead to higher wages. Your lucky day this week is Sunday.



PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20)

Prestigious affairs will lead to opportunities. Mishaps due to preoccupation will be upsetting. Minor health problems can arise. Your lucky day this week is Tuesday.

Brave new world

Last evening, I had to avail an Uber ride home, and since I was flat broke, and only had the smallest of changes, I had to stop by an ATM.

While coming out of the booth, I saw a young man in his early twenties. He was sadly maimed at all fours, lying only on his torso, and in an awkward turned turtle position, he was begging for alms. Visibly, his motor skills looked poor. His arms and legs had no strength in them. I immediately felt bad for him, and courteously put down all my remaining change, a Tk 50 note and a few tenners, in his empty blue plastic bowl, quickly mumbled a few sorry words, and left.

While getting into the car, my eyes impulsively turned towards him. He was showing off the notes to the rickshaw puller next to him, and sported what looked to be a million-dollar smile for a split second.

I felt very disappointed with myself, and felt a twinge of jealousy — how happy could someone be with the little bit of change I had had and thought it to be valuable, while me — the ingrate, felt so inadequate with those very notes in my

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pocket. "What kind of a materialistic person am I?" I thought, ashamed of myself.

However, my pessimism lasted for but a wee moment, when I saw, to my utter surprise, how that boy ever so casually rubbed off the smirk off his face, pulled the bowl up, emptied its contents into another duplicate blue plastic bowl that was undetectably lying below the first one. And with a poker face, he took that

exact position in front of the first bowl and resumed business as usual.

I was flabbergasted — not just because I was outfoxed by someone like that, but also because he made me feel naïve. I quickly gathered my wits and laughed hard, surely he is the smarter one, and I was happy for him. He needs to be smart and cocky in order to survive in his world on the streets. Just like I need to be brash in order to survive in mine.

Come to think of it, even in our glitzy and glamourous world, only the cockiest survive, with their intellect truly shining when the need arises to swindle someone, letting them pass off bad ideas to their bosses, business partners, or just society at large, until those schemes start paying off for them.

Anyway, I have strayed far. All I am trying to say is that perhaps we retire the phrase "Survival of the fittest" and usher in "Survival of the craftiest." I have said it before, and this latest incident just cements that belief.

— RBR

CHECK IT OUT

The Chocolate Room opens in Dhaka

Indulging sweet gluttony for chocoholics, The Chocolate Room launched its flagship café in Gulshan 1's Abacus Restaurant on Thursday, 3 October, 2019. Located right on the ground floor of the same building, the chocolatier caters exclusively to chocolate connoisseurs all over the city and gives them an escape into the sinful delight that is chocolate!

An international franchise with 300+ cafes around the globe, Dhaka's very own branch was inaugurated by famed Bollywood film actress Warina Hussain. Upon her association with chocolate, Hussain shared, "Ever since I started modelling, the main thing was to lose weight and look good. At times, it gets in your head and you start judging yourself; it's not an easy task. Since I love chocolate, I wanted to promote something that I love, for a change. Out of all the things I have tasted here at The Chocolate Room, I already have my favourite, the chocolate bomb!"

Lingamallu Chaitanya Kumar, Cofounder and CMD, was next to share his thoughts on the launch. "We come into the category of chocolate café and we pride ourselves on being one of the best places for chocolate lovers in Bangladesh," he said.

Sameer Hossain, Managing Director of The Chocolate Room, and Yaju Vaghela, Director of The Chocolate Room International PTY LTD, were other attendees gracing the event. Also at the



ceremony was Tahsin Karina, host for the evening.

Hailing all the way from Australia, The Chocolate Room began in 2006 to only become a global franchise. Their pride and joy is the chocolate cuddle cup, which is hot chocolate cup fit to cradle in your palms of your hands; an absolute winter delight! More on the menu are chocolate delicacies like brownies, sundaes and even fusion food like burgers and sandwiches.

The Chocolate Room's latest café in Bangladesh marks the opening of the brand's 311th store. The Dhaka chapter

offers various flavours of Italian Hot Chocolate, Chocolate Fondues, Chocolate Melting Pots and a variety of chocolate cakes, waffles and Belgian chocolates among others. It has a seating capacity of approximately 72 people.

Chocolate delights rarely ever disappoints. With the same promise, The Chocolate Room is the haven Dhaka has been craving for, and its these promises that is sure to keep you coming for more!

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