

# Food first, photos later?

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"I have never put in that amount of effort!" stated Sazzad Ibne Sayed (not his real name), a photographer by profession. "But then, when I see the result, I think to myself that my job is secure. So, pro tip, leave the work to us, and just enjoy your meal."

Stating that I was asked to write an article would, when questioning people for their reasonings, incite loads of 50-minute-long thought-out 'logical' responses, and we all know that's not the real story. The trick, as it turned out, was to ask them while they were in the middle of their disruptive act of taking everyone's plate and drinks and arranging them together.

"Look, the restaurant worked hard for

these meals. If we don't do our due diligence in preserving them, we are essentially insulting this food," said Friend A. "No, you idiot, the restaurant preferred if we just ate our meals warm and drank our drinks cold!" I thought to myself and moved to the culprit, I mean Friend, B.

"It's to capture the memory of our outing together. Who knows if or when we can meet again," remarked Friend B.

"That's sweet," I thought to myself, and started contemplating, but that feeling didn't last long when I saw this friend post it on Instagram with hashtags #eatyourheartout, #iambetterthanyou, and #ilvinthelife. I looked at my friend, cursing myself for falling for that spiel.



I feel as though Friend C probably gave the silliest, and most satisfying response, "I am just documenting all the food that's going to kill me!"

Wonder how the sentiment is on the other side of the camp?

"I see table 4 has just been served but guess what? They are deep in photo session land, and after 30 minutes, they will call me in to complain about the food," lamented Ashiq (once again, not his real name), a manager of an upmarket eatery in the Tristate area. And sure enough, he was called to say the food deteriorated 'quickly'.

"Well, of course it did! They served you ice cream and it's a hot Dhaka summer. What would you expect after 15 minutes of picture-

taking?" I thought to myself, and by the looks of it, the same thought crossed the manager's mind. But too bad, because a restaurant's policy is the customer is always right.

On that note, here's a fun idea to perhaps curb the "gotta snap what I eat" trend. Restaurants and eateries, maybe hang a sign that gives patrons a 5 per cent discount for not wasting half the mealtime badly photographing your food. And maybe an 8 per cent discount for not bringing out their smartphones at all! Imagine, going out with friends at an eatery and actually bonding over food.

What a novel idea!

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### ARIES (MAR. 21-APR. 20)

Join groups and let your leadership ability shine. Get involved in competitive activities this week. Focus on yourself and your future. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



### TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

Your co-worker's intentions might confuse you. Get involved in financial investments. Develop your hobbies. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



### GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN. 21)

Maybe don't mix business with pleasure. Avoid serious discussions with loved ones. Expect some disapproval. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



### CANCER (JUN. 22-JUL. 22)

You might encounter new romantic options. Don't let your temper get the better of you. Help others solve their dilemmas. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



### LEO (JUL. 23-AUG. 22)

Socialise and you might meet your ideal partner. Be clear about your intentions. Your creative ideas will be appreciated at home. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEP. 23)

Personal problems will affect your productivity. You might meet your next lover through work. Avoid any investments this week. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



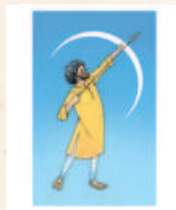
### LIBRA (SEP. 24-OCT. 23)

Face any emotional problems head-on. Your family might need assistance. Don't evade issues or twist the truth around. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



### SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

You will feel uncertainty this week. Spend time alone and re-evaluate your needs. Stay away from situations that could ruin your reputation. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Take advantage of travel opportunities. Don't deceive anyone you don't have an interest in. Throw yourself into your work. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



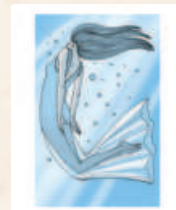
### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Partnerships with creative people will yield results. Voice your opinions. Deal with situations rationally. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



### AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Look into physical recreation. Entertainment could be extremely costly. Travel will be knowledgeable as well as fulfilling. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



### PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Invite your friends over to visit. Sign up for creative courses. Concentrate on your work. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



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