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## THE-CAMERA SECRETS...

from top to bottom. Besides that I love just spending time at home. I am kind of an OCD person so love cleaning my house. I also go for drives, meet friends, play poker and read a little bit. I love travelling a lot.

### It's really awesome that you play poker...

I played poker in Las Vegas also when I went. (Laughs) I played the first night and lost \$300, then the next day I went again and I recovered my \$300.

### All the fans seem to know everything about you; is there something they don't know?

I think they know everything about me because I have been quite open when it comes to my life and people wanting to know stuff. (Laughs)

They should know that I have put on weight. I am really trying to lose it and don't know how. All the old aunties look at me and say: 'You look so nice'. Then I meet friends who say: 'Oh dude you have put on weight, you need to lose it', and I say: 'Yes I know that'.

### Do you have a secret talent?

I cook a lot and very well. I made a great mushroom soup the other day and various other dishes.

But something that I really want to learn now is baking. I'm just waiting to settle a bit and I'm going to learn. We've just shifted into a new house so have been setting up and doing things, so have not been able to get time to learn. Time has gone so fast.

### Have you made any New Year's resolutions?

I don't make New Year's resolutions. If I want to make a change I can make it right now instead of waiting for New Year's to happen. So I don't usually make any.

But if I have to make one, I want to get more serious about my health and start working out. I just find it boring; I can't get myself to go to workouts. In fact I'm trying to find a new trainer.

### What is the best piece of advice that anyone ever gave you?

Someone said that there will be ups and downs in our industry, which works more on word of mouth than contracts. So the nicer person you are, the better work you will get. So make sure you stay grounded, always give your best and be nice.

### What inspires you?

I just want to do better than what I did yesterday. I think that inspires me, along with people appreciating me, when they say they are missing me. Also the way all my fans voted for me when I was on *Jhalak* and *Eastern Eye's* sexiest list. It just inspires me too that I can do better than before.

My mum is also a great inspiration because she is very supportive in every single way. When I do something good she tells me, and when I am wrong she tells me too. Today what I am, the credit goes to mum.

### Finally, can you give a message for your fans?

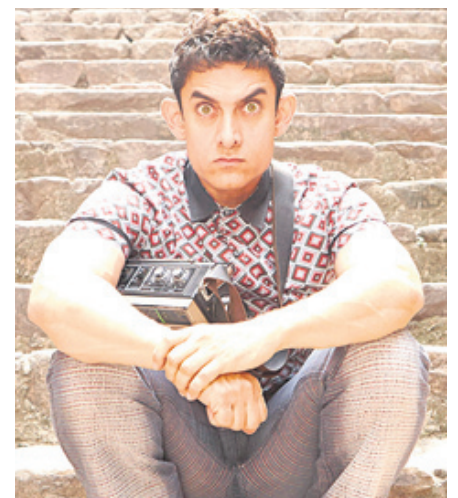
Thank you so much for everything, and I say this genuinely and from the heart. I am not adding any sugar coating on it.

You guys are the best. I could have never been here and the kind of person I am if it wasn't for you guys.

I hope that I am always myself and not another person when I speak to you. Thank you so much and I love you all.

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## PK and the single Asian woman

32! SINGLE! Well there must be something wrong in your stars. Have you tried fasting on a Wednesday or going to see this priest who will be able to tell you what is wrong with your horoscope? Perhaps by wearing this stone on your middle finger it will help you find a husband?

I was born a Hindu and I'm sure what I have described is similar to many single Asian women out there who are in their 30s and not married. Now don't get me wrong, I was born into a Hindu family, I do believe in God and think having belief is wonderful.

It brings you peace and gives you faith, but I'm more spiritual than religious. Like, there is no more a peaceful and spiritual place for me than in a temple with the smells of agarbatti and diyas, listening to beautiful Hindu hymns, and that general feeling of peace I would imagine comes at any place of worship. But I just don't take it to a level where it takes over my life.

I recently saw the movie *PK*. Aamir Khan is a wonderful actor who makes movies that are always thought-provoking. While *PK* continues to be controversial for reasons I don't want to go into in this column, it made me think because of the way it covers religion. I am 32 and extended family members always make comments like the ones I stated at the beginning of this post.

But how can stars, fasting or speaking to a particular 'manager' of a God find you a life partner? Correct me if I am wrong but they can't, can they? What I do believe is everything that is meant to happen will, whether that is finding my life partner in the next year or 10 years, or perhaps I'm meant to be single forever, who knows? But what I do know is the universe will only give me what I am meant, destined and deserve to have.

Recently fellow *EE* columnist Mita Mistry said to me: 'Be the best version of yourself, find joy from within because positivity breeds positivity'. Just adopting that attitude really made a change in my life. I see people around me getting married and having children, and that used to bother me, but now I think it will happen when it is meant to.

Just have faith, don't pay money to some rip off priests who say they can do something for you. Make these changes yourself by just changing your attitude. I'm not saying abandon religion. I think believing in God is wonderful and I always will, but being positive and having faith will make such an impact in your life that you won't seek to find happiness in someone else.

So step back and let what is meant to happen fall into place. You're more likely to find a life partner on a dating website than you are by fasting on a Tuesday.