

Kumail Nanjiani

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I approximated the Black Friday experience at home by hurling myself into a wall a number of times and then ordering online.

~Kumail Nanjani

Just because you saw a vampire doesn't mean that a snowman or a Loch Ness Monster also exists.

~Kumail Nanjani

We only hear success stories. You don't hear about the hundreds and hundreds - the overwhelming majority that don't go anywhere. This is a more realistic portrayal of what happens in startups.

~Kumail Nanjani

The plan was always to come to America, because Pakistan's a scary place. They don't have religious freedom. It's very poor, and there's a lot of violence and corruption.

~Kumail Nanjani

I think being funny had something to do with feeling like an outsider, not feeling cool - insecurity.

~Kumail Nanjani

The whole religion of Islam is based on reward and punishment and reward and punishment, and it becomes a part of how you think of everything. Even yourself.

~Kumail Nanjani

I thought of America as this crazy, happy, exciting place where everybody's rich and there's stuff everywhere. Compared to Pakistan, it's not untrue.

~Kumail Nanjani

I was extremely shy and had a terrible fear of public speaking. But I had fallen in love with stand-up.

~Kumail Nanjani

I am a very nerdy guy. I understand that it's easier to cast me as a nerdy guy than an action star - although I would love to be an action star!

~Kumail Nanjani

It's not like I listened to music and then stopped. I still don't have a real appreciation for music because I didn't really start listening to it until my 20s.

~Kumail Nanjani

I moved to New York first and was really apprehensive about moving to L.A., but I really, really like it.

~Kumail Nanjani

On stage I just have to be myself. In acting you have to be so many other people.

~Kumail Nanjani

It wasn't until I moved to New York that I decided to make a conscious effort to be myself.

~Kumail Nanjani

I never really got into game shows. The easiest one is Wheel Of Fortune because you just have to know words, and for the most part everyone knows words.

~Kumail Nanjani

Im from a family of doctors, and I think they really wanted me to be a doctor. I even sort of assumed I would be a doctor.

~Kumail Nanjani

I love constructive criticism. I love getting notes when I'm acting. I love

them telling me what to do. I don't always agree with it, but I really need it.

~Kumail Nanjani

I would say I try to make my comedy really personal. I try to tell stories that happened to me, experiences from my life.

~Kumail Nanjani

Living in Pakistan, you didn't have a sense of how huge and varied America was, geographically.

~Kumail Nanjani

I think, you know, a lot of the business of comedy is taking your personal experiences and making them relatable to other people.

~Kumail Nanjani

I love, love, love the street-cart food. Gyros are like a meat-flavored fruit roll-up. A meat roll-up.

~Kumail Nanjani

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