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MISSION IMPLAUSIBLE: What undercover reporter Neel Shah lacks in riches, he makes up for in moxie

A few weeks ago, when we [first reported](#) about a nauseating Manhattan speed dating event that would [require](#) male participants to meet an annual income threshold of \$500,000 (with at least a million in the bank) and females to submit five pictures to prove their hotness, we wondered, "What kind of schmuck would pay \$500 to meet a bunch of gold diggers?" And we were determined to find out. Last Wednesday, *Radar* armed "Sultan" Neel Shah with a hidden camera and a ridiculous cover story, and sent him in to swim with the sharks. Our imposter was able to slip into the action at [Bruno Jamais Restaurant](#) when one of the millionaires left his seat to go to the bathroom. Unfortunately, technical difficulties rendered the video footage useless. Shah did, however, manage to dupe one of Paula Zahn's CNN correspondents into interviewing him on camera. We waited patiently for a week and, on Valentine's Day, the segment finally aired: Neel Shah, aka the "Cumin Baron of Calcutta," aka Bollywood producer, makes his appearance at minute 2:29.

[After the jump, exclusive photos of the event and transcripts from Shah's speed dates with New York's greediest beauties.]



HUNTING SEASON Animal-print frock, plunging décolletage, deep tan: hallmarks of the cougar in its prime.

Carley *A slinky brunette from Connecticut*

NEEL SHAH: How are you doing?

CARLEY: Good, good. You?

Fantastic. Nice to be surrounded by people like us, right?

Ha ha. Yeah. So I'm trying to stay away from the "what's your job/what do you do for a living?" question—it gets boring after a while. Tell me something interesting you did this week.

Hmm. Can the interesting thing be job-related? I work a lot.

Ha ha. Okay.

Well, have you seen *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion*?

Yeah, I love that movie.

I'm trying to secure financing for a Bollywood re-make. We're currently looking for someone to play the Lisa Kudrow roll. I just met with her this week to see if she'd do it. The ditz blonde thing plays really well in India.

Makes sense.

Yeah, they're all poor over there. It takes their minds off the poverty and stuff. So what brings you here?

Well, I saw the ad in the *New York Post* for this. At first I was like, "Who would actually come to these things, shallow people?" But then I thought about it and was like, "Well, I'm like that!"



JO, MILLIONAIRE Staten Island native Alissa Jo has appeared in *FHM*. This guy does a good job pretending to care about her acting aspirations.

Alissa Jo [*Part-time model*](#), fashion student, 20

Hi. Nice Sidekick. Never seen one like that before.

That's because it's customized with Swarovski crystals.

Damn. How much did that run you? If you don't mind me asking, of course.

Of course not. Like \$400.

Not too bad. So what brings you here?

I saw an ad for it and decided to sign up. I dunno. Everyone here kind of sucks.

Tell me about it.

Yeah. Did you meet that guy at Table 17? He was like, four times my age, and checked out every single girl who walked by. I was like, "Hello, you're gonna get your turn with them in like, 3 minutes." What an asshole.

He got really pissed when I called him "Sir" while he was talking to some girl before. Wait, how old are you?

I'm 20.

So you weren't kidding when you said he was like four times your age.

Nope.



PASS THE STAPLER 400 moneyed bachelors applied for 40 spots. Blondie looks thrilled that Milton from *Office Space* made the cut.



SMALL TALK So like, I was gonna wear something classy, but then I decided that a midriff-bearing crop-top sweater zip-up was more the evening's pace.

LINDSAY *Self-proclaimed "socialite"*

NEEL SHAH: Hi, Lindsay. How's it going?

LINDSAY: Good. Yourself?

I'm great. This is pretty exhausting though. So what do you do?

I'm a socialite.

Interesting. What does that mean?

I just hang out at Hotel Gansevoort, Level V, and Tenjune. I know like everyone there.

Me too. Love those places. Do you go anywhere else?

No.



HOT OR NOT Fake Paris Hilton is that rare individual who manages to pull off being more loathsome than real Paris Hilton.

NATALIE *Professional Paris Hilton impersonator*

Hi, Natalie, nice to meet you. I've seen quite a lot of you on the Internet.

Yeah, I get photographed a lot and stuff.

I see. So I have a project I think you'd be great for. Have you seen *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion*?

Yeah. It's hot.

Great. So I'm a producer, and I'm looking for someone to cast in the Lisa Kudrow role for a Bollywood adaptation.

What's Bollywood?

It's like Hollywood ... with a B. Anyway, I'd love for you to audition.

Cool. I'm also producing an album right now. Can I sing in the movie?

Sure. Bollywood movies have tons of songs. Is it like Paris's album?

Better. Because it's ... it's, like, awesome, like, it's totally off the hook. It's not about being like Christina Aguilera or something. It's like, like, "I wear Prada shoes/on 5th Avenue," but it has a really good beat to it.

Sounds amazing. Can you rap?

Yeah.

Perfect. Can you rap backwards? She's dyslexic.

Yeah, totally.

Let me hear you.

Not now.

Oh come on. No one is judging.

I'm performing Saturday. Check it then.



WHO WANTS TO BE WITH A MILLIONAIRE? Perky brunette Lindsay flew in specifically for the event from Dallas. She was fond of asking every date, "What are you passionate about?" She was less fond of the inevitable answer: "Having emotionless sex with attractive but vapid females."



RIDDLE ME THIS "I'm really not here to meet anybody," says Lauren, offering up one of the evening's more popular lines. Her worst date of the night was a 61-year-old real estate lawyer who asked her (and every subsequent girl), "Would you rather feel no pain, ride in a train, or dance in the rain?" He left out, "or hang yourself from a crane."

Lauren *Publicist for a major fashion designer, 22*

NEEL SHAH: Are you enjoying yourself?

LAUREN: I think it's really fun. I'm having, like, so much fun.

I'm glad. Have you had any luck meeting guys so far?

I'm not really in it, for like, 55-year-old men, but it's fun.

Yeah, you seem to be on the younger end of the age pool here. How old are you?

Twenty-two. I've definitely gotten a lot of, 'you're young enough to be my daughter.' You seem young though. How old are you? What do you do?

I'm 24. I've been designing saris in India since I was 7. Do you know what those are?"

Of course. I used to do saris for um.... [Voice interrupted by announcement to move to the next table.]

Like, I also paint and stuff. I do publicity for [redacted female designer].

[Fake Paris Hilton walks by.]

Man. She's trashy. She's got her tits hanging out.

Who? [Redacted female designer]?

No. Fake Paris Hilton.



PERSONAL INJURY Lisa's new lawyer friend (left) later told us that women are attracted to him because he drives a Porsche. He plans to drop \$200 on his date with Lisa to Buddha Bar (really).

LISA *Speech therapist, 23*

NEEL SHAH: Any horror stories so far?

LISA: Ugh—No. 27 is horrible. The second you sit down, he orders a bottle of champagne to the table to try to impress you. And there will be an almost full-one sitting there, but he insists on getting you your own bottle. He must have bought 30 so far. He's a 75-year-old lawyer. But he only drinks water.

KRISTEN *Attorney, East Coast U.S.A.'s Miss New York, Fear Factor alum*

So did you have fun?

Eh. It was a long night.

Did you meet "the one"?

I wasn't really trying to meet anyone.

Then why'd you come to speed dating event?

I didn't have a specific person in mind.

What'd you think of the guys?

Very modern and New York, I guess? It was a little weird having only three minutes with each person, and then having to get up and move. Plus the girl ahead of me was really slow.

Who was she?

Some skank. I dunno. Kidding!

So what do you do? That's the cliché question of the evening. Sorry to ask it.

I'm an attorney. I asked it. I asked every guy, "what do you do, what do you do." Everyone was a lawyer, or in real estate. What do you do?

I'm in film.

Oh really? I'm in film, too.

I thought you said you were an attorney.

I'm an attorney, but I'm also Miss New York, and I just finished an indie.

Also, I filmed an episode of *Fear Factor*.

Wait, so you were Miss New York? Have you met Donald Trump?

No, this is the East Coast U.S.A., not Miss U.S.A. Totally different. But I was I was first runner-up four times for Miss U.S.A.

Was the contest broadcast on TV?

No, but I was on TV for *Fear Factor*.

So what you're saying is Joe Rogan once tried to have sex with you.

He did, actually. But he's really funny. Absolutely hysterical. Wait, so what sort of film do you do? Are you in pornographic film?

Close. Romantic comedies. I just had a meeting with Lisa Kudrow actually.

Oh really? What for?

Trying to get her to star in this Bollywood adaptation of *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion*. Figured she wasn't up to anything now.

I love that movie! Are you looking for anyone else? Maybe Kristen Schmidt?

Huh? Oh. You. Yeah. Lisa has an autistic sister in our version. Interested?

Definitely. We should have dinner next week to discuss me being in your movie.

Sounds good.



QUEEN FOR A DAY Attorney Kristen is a "4-time runner up" to the Miss America contest. And she's currently the East Coast U.S.A. pageant's reigning Miss New York!



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