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THIS UP-AND-COMING ACTION HEROINE IS READY FOR ANYTHING

by Lisa Arcella

It's not easy to typecast actress Navi Rawat—and that's OK with her. The 26-year-old played a pregnant teen on *The OC*. Now she's solving crimes on the CBS drama *Numb3rs* and fighting monsters this month in *Feast,* the winner of *Project Greenlight,* Bravo's series about filmmaking. Just don't call her a reality star.

on her hot career

What's cool about your *Numb3rs* character?
I like that she's an educated, intelligent woman who's defined by her work, not by any particular relationship with a man.

Was making a horror movie fun?
Oh, yeah—I loved making *Feast.* I didn't enjoy the reality part that they aired on TV, though. They take situations out of context to make it part of their storyline. I'm an actor, not a reality-TV person, so that was kind of strange.

You're part German and part Indian. Do you think your background affects casting?
I embrace it. Obviously there are roles I'm not going to be right for—if they want someone who's all-American, then that's not me—but I've gotten to play a multitude of parts and ethnicities and be more of who I am as a person because of it.

on hot men

Do you find you mostly date actors?
I'm not dating any more actors! Well, I should never say never, but I don't *want* to. I want a guy who does something different than I do.

on hot style

What was your first big splurge?
I bought myself a black Dolce & Gabbana coat.

Anyone whose fashion sense you admire?
Sienna Miller has really good style.

on hot plans for the future

Do you ever have any downtime?
Yes! I love watching *Nip/Tuck.* It takes place in Miami [where I'm from], so it's nostalgic.

Where will you be 20 years from now?
I don't want to say what my game plan is, but I'm really into visualizing my future.

What adjective would best describe you?
Intense!

✳ **PSST!** NAVI BONDED WITH BEN KINGSLEY (ALSO HALF INDIAN) WHEN SHE PLAYED HIS DAUGHTER IN *HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG.*