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Iggy Azalea recalls feeling 'deprived of a personal life'

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Iggy Azalea has felt "utterly deprived of a personal life" during her music career.

The 32-year-old rapper has taken to social media to offer advice to aspiring music stars, admitting that her own path towards fame and success hasn't been straightforward.

Iggy - who moved from Australia to the US during her teens to follow her music ambitions - wrote on the micro-blogging platform: "Here's the thing I think everyone working hard toward a dream should know.

"On the road to ur goal there will be moments u feel insane, utterly deprived of a personal life and like everything's falling apart.

"When u reach ur goal... u will still have those moments.

"Its normal. (sic)"

Iggy announced in 2021 that she was taking a break from music for "a few years" to focus on "other creative projects".

However, the rap star later confirmed her return to the music scene via a Twitter post.

Iggy wrote online: "A year ago I was willing to walk away from music because I was tired of the negative energy it attracted.

"But what I've learned is that even when I'm minding my business, y'all gonna be negative AND nosey.

"So if I can't have peace, neither can you.

"I'm coming back. Cry about it. (sic)"

Iggy also returned to touring alongside Pitbull earlier this year.

Iggy Azalea

Comedian Trevor Noah to leave 'The Daily Show' after seven years

Reuters | Washington

Comedian Trevor Noah, host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central, said he was going to leave the program after hosting it for seven years, indicating he wanted to dedicate more time to stand-up comedy.

The 38-year-old comedian - who moved to the United States in 2011 and was born in Johannesburg, South Africa - had big shoes to fill when he took over in 2015 after the exit of longtime host Jon Stewart.

He quickly established himself with his own brand, suited for an era where online influence was often greater than that of content on cable.

His reign on The Daily Show required him to delicately cover some crucial moments in American history, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the Black Lives Matter movement and the 2021 attacks on the US Capitol.

Trevor Noah

"I spent two years in my apartment (during COVID-19), not on the road. Stand-up was done, and when I got back out there again, I realized that there's another part of my life that I want to carry on exploring," Noah told his studio audience late on Thursday. The Daily Show posted a clip of Noah's remarks on social media.

"We have laughed together, we have cried together. But after seven years, I feel like it's time," Noah said.

He ended his remarks by thanking his viewers as his studio audience stood up to applaud him.

Noah, who roasted US politicians and the media at the White House Correspondents Association dinner in April, did not mention his exact departure date in his remarks on Thursday. It was not known who would succeed him.

The key to addressing current affairs through a comedic lens lies in a comedian's intention, Noah said in a 2016 interview with Reuters, adding that he learns from his mistakes.

"I don't think I would ever have been ready, but that's when you must do it, you will not be ready," the comedian told Reuters in the context of having succeeded his legendary predecessor.

Tom Hanks says he's made only four 'pretty good' movies

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Hollywood star Tom Hanks has acted in nearly 100 movies but thinks only four of them are "pretty good".

"No one knows how a movie is made -- though everyone thinks they do," Hanks said in a new interview with 'People', reports 'Variety'.

"I've made a tonne of movies (and four of them are pretty good, I think), and I'm still amazed at how films come together. From a flicker of an idea to the flickering image onscreen, the whole process is a miracle."

Hanks has led some of cinema's most celebrated films over his four-decade career, including 'Forest Gump' and 'Philadelphia', both of which earned him the Academy Award for best actor.

Hanks was also Oscar-nominated for 'Cast Away', 'Big', 'Saving Private Ryan' and 2020's 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood'.

But it's unclear which titles in Hanks' filmography he considers to be the best.

Tom Hanks

Kevin Hart says Will Smith and Chris Rock 'need time to recover'

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Kevin Hart believes Will Smith and Chris Rock should be given some time to "recover" from their Oscars controversy.

The 43-year-old actor thinks the movie stars ought to be given some time and space by the public, after Will hit Chris during the Oscars earlier this year after the comedian made a joke about Will's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith.

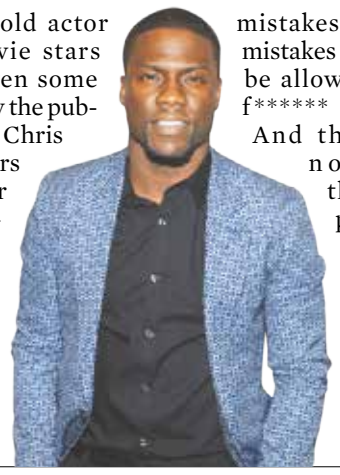
Kevin said: "People make mistakes, and from mistakes they should be allowed time to f****** recover ... And that this is no longer the world's problem, it's Will and Chris's problem. Let them deal with that.

"The world should step out of it and let them recover."

Will, 54, faced heavy criticism following the Oscars controversy.

But Kevin still looks at Will as a trailblazer for black actors in Hollywood.

He said on the 'Drink Champs' podcast: "Will Smith is the reason why the idea of African Americans attached to global IP is normal.



Kevin Hart

Lily James lost 'lots of jobs' due to method acting in 'Pam And Tommy'

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Actress Lily James claims she was left to "s***" and a "wreck" after living in character as Pamela Anderson.

The 33-year-old actress was exhausted by her method acting while playing the 'Baywatch' star, 55, in series 'Pam & Tommy', which chronicled Pamela's stormy relationship with Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee, 59, who was portrayed by 40-year-old actor Sebastian Stan, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Speaking to people, including her mum, in Pamela's voice, Lily blamed staying in character for losing her "lots of jobs" for which she auditioned while filming.

"It was such a screwed-up process. You just have to be patient with yourself. The hours are so long and you feel really burnt out. Your nervous system is just like, shot to s***. I felt like a real wreck at the end of it," the actress said as quoted by The Mirror.

British-born Allen added she felt she had to stay in character as she is so different from Pamela, saying, "The difference from me to her was too extreme to go back and forth. So, I had to stay in this middle no man's land of like Lily/Pamela most of the time. I would totally slip into her voice."

"Even when I went out for dinner and was ordering with the waitress or talking to my mom on the phone, I would be American. I think I've lost lots of jobs - because I keep speaking like Pamela in any audition."

Telling how she spent four hours in make-up every day to transform into Pamela, which included the fitting of a prosthetic body suit, "Of course, there was the physical transformation. Slowly, our incredible team found a balance where I resembled Pamela but also felt like I could act through it."

Lily James

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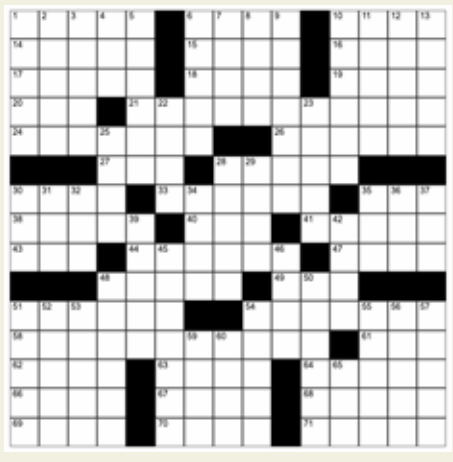

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