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Young, gifted and single

THE dating game can be a long and painful road, with nothing to show for your efforts.

And it's now getting harder for British Asian women – with Asian guys opting to marry girls from the sub-continent.

Some guys want to please their parents' high expectations by marrying a girl in touch with her roots, who is more content with bringing up the children instead of pursuing a career.

As a result, more girls are in need of a desi Cupid to help them find a husband. Dating websites and speed dating events are some of the ways girls are looking for Mr Right.

So are the guys to blame for their sexist attitudes and reluctance to wed a fiery British Asian girl? Or are the girls at fault for wanting their own version of Superman?

EE investigated by hitting the dating scene.

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Horror at the hands of healers

PARENTS 'DECEIVED' TO CURE ILL KIDS

DESPERATE Asian families are visiting unqualified 'spiritual healers' to try and cure their child's disability.

Families are splashing out hundreds of pounds on these healers in the hope their child's autism or learning disability can be cured, campaigners have told *Eastern Eye*.

Some healers in Britain carry out spells using black magic and may beat the child to rid it of 'evil spirits' – an experience which can leave the child traumatised.

There are fears this situation will get worse as the government looks to slash public spending, which will impact the

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money spent on disabled support services.

Campaigners called for carers to get more support as National Childcare Week drew to a close on Monday (19).

Glasgow Central MP Anas Sarwar is lobbying work and pensions secretary Ian Duncan Smith for a fairer deal for family carers who get just £53.90 a week.

Campaigners fear more people will experience the same ordeal as Ijaz, who was sent to a spiritual healer to try and cure his learning disabilities.

The 24-year-old told *EE*: "My family sent me to an expert in black magic in Birmingham. He did like an exorcism where he pressed his hands on my face and chest to try and cure me."

"He was doing religious chants and gave me religious verses to keep in contact with my body. It did not work, and my family were devastated."

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