Jab we fret and met

Bebo will work in Imtiaz's next. Minus Shahid, of course!

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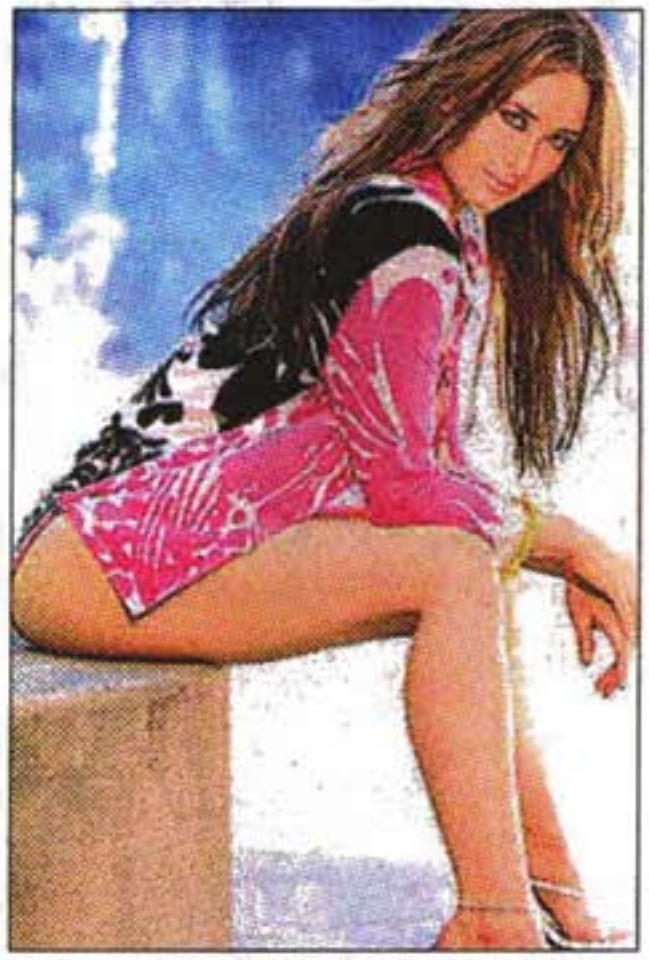
Kareena Kapoor will finally feature in another project of Jab We Met director Imtiaz Ali. The film, to be produced by Ashtavinayak, is likely to have Akshay Kumar and will roll as soon as Imtiaz completes his current film with Saif Ali Khan and Deepika Padukone.

Assumptions?

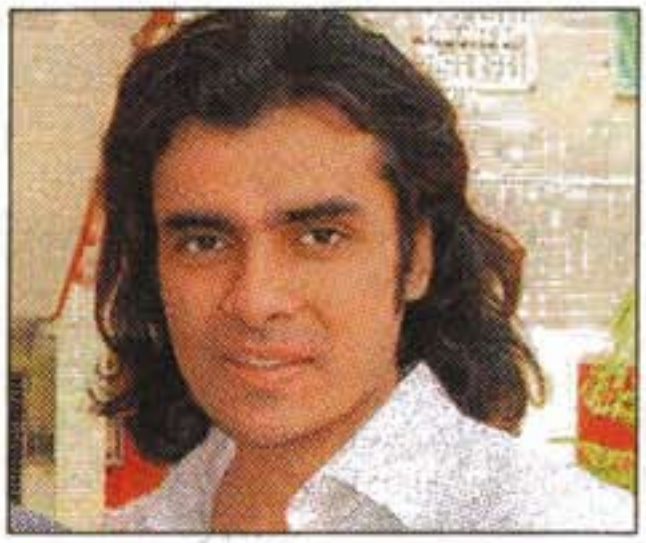
B-Town buzz was that Bebo was extremely upset when Imtiaz, who she refers to as her favourite director, did not cast her in his next flick after their big draw, Jab We Met. Even though it was Kareena's beau's production, Imtiaz preferred Deepika to co-star with Saif. And the outspoken Bebo had even voiced her resentment at an awards event.

Imtiaz, who is back from London after a long schedule of Saif's movie says, "I guess everyone assumed that



Kareena would be part of it. Moreover as Saif is the producer, it was just taken for granted. I have heard that Kareena voiced her displeasure, but she did not directly say anything to me. As a director I have to see what the storyboard demands and accordingly do the casting. It's not that there was any tussle on that front; the fact that we are working together again proves it."

The film will also be penned by Imtiaz. "It's still in the initial stages so I can't divulge much right now. I prefer to work at one project at a time so as soon as I wrap up Saif's film, I will concentrate



WHAT JHAGDA? Imtiaz Ali and (left) Kareena Kapoor

on it. By early 2009, I hope to roll the project with Kareena."

Film with faves

Bebo is presently in the US shooting for Sajid Nadiadwala's Kambakht Ishq. Her secretary Zahid Khan confirms, "Yes, she has said okay to this project. She's pretty excited about it. After all, it's her favourite director, producer and co-star too." On Tuesday, Imtiaz had a meeting with the producers to chalk out the details. Dhilin Mehta of Ashtavinayak, adds "We have discussed the various aspects of the project. After Jab We Met we were looking at working with the same team and here it is."

The only person missing from the Jab We Met unit will be Shahid Kapoor — and for obvious reasons!