

= Naz Mehmet =

Nazan " Naz " Mehmet is a fictional character from EastEnders : E20 , an Internet spin @-@ off from the BBC soap opera EastEnders , played by Emaa Hussen . Naz is a main character in series 2 , where she is joined by brothers Asher (Heshima Thompson) and Sol Levi (Tosin Cole) , and Stevie Dickinson (Amanda Fairbank @-@ Hynes) . Naz is torn between two worlds : her traditional Muslim family life and modern London life . She loves and respects her family but also loves to party . She falls in love with Sol despite being engaged to Ekin Beg (Hemi Yeroham) by arrangement . This leads to Naz and Sol falling out and she sleeps with Asher , but eventually reunites with Sol . She is described as confident , strong , fiery and a troublemaker . Hussen briefly reprised the role in series 3 .

= = Storylines = =

Naz arrives in Walford having bought a fake ID from Fatboy (Ricky Norwood) , but she is angry that the photo looks nothing like her and the age is too high , so she steals her money back from him . He chases after her but she is rescued by Sol Levi (Tosin Cole) . She removes her makeup and changes into plain clothes to return home but hears her father (Nayeef Rashed) shouting so leaves . She meets Sol and his older brother Asher (Heshima Thompson) , and goes with them to Stevie Dickinson 's (Amanda Fairbank @-@ Hynes) flat where Stevie allows them to stay . Naz and Sol begin to bond , and she kisses him to avoid being seen by Ekin Beg (Hemi Yeroham) . However , Ekin later finds her and takes her to her parents ' house where it is revealed that Naz and Ekin are to be married . Naz and Sol almost kiss twice but are interrupted both times , the second time by the arrival of Ekin , who tells Naz 's friends they are engaged . Naz and Sol argue and she says she is not engaged to Ekin but then says she is , leaving Sol angry . She then discovers it is Stevie 's birthday and arranges a surprise dinner party for her . Stevie tells her that Sol likes her and she should kiss him , but he insults her because Ekin has inadvertently led him to believe Asher and Naz are seeing each other .

Naz and Asher go clubbing and get drunk and high on drugs , and though Sol sends her an apologetic text message , Asher deletes it before Naz sees it . Naz and Asher end up having sex , but he abandons her afterwards and Sol finds her and apologises . They reconcile but she feels guilty . The next day they wake up after spending the night in the same bed , and Naz later watches Sol at dance rehearsals . Asher returns a necklace to Naz , and Sol sees this . He confronts her about it and she reveals she had a one @-@ night stand with Asher but it meant nothing to her . She insists she did not receive Sol 's text message but he is still angry . In an attempt to get Naz and Sol to reconcile again , Stevie pretends to swallow the key to the flat 's front door , leaving them trapped . Naz reveals she is going to Turkey to meet Ekin 's family and Sol angrily says she can stay there . When left alone , they get close again , but Asher interrupts them when he returns . Stevie drops the key revealing she did not swallow it and Sol thinks Naz was in on the plan so he sarcastically tells her to enjoy Turkey before leaving . She returns home and prepares to leave for Turkey but her father discovers she has escaped through a window . She returns to the flat but her father and Ekin come after her and try to take her back home . Sol stops the car and Naz gets out and they kiss . Later at the dance @-@ off , she and her father talk and he finally accepts her choice of boyfriend .

In series 3 , Naz and Sol are seen briefly together , and they are still a couple .

= = Creation , development and characterisation = =

Naz is one of four main characters from series two of EastEnders : E20 , created by its team of thirteen writers , along with Asher , Sol and Stevie . Newcomer Emaa Hussen was cast in the role , and said : " It 's a really exciting place to start my career . I 'm from East London and a big fan of EastEnders , which is one of the reasons I wanted to do the show . " Hussen said she was offered the part as the producers saw something " authentic and real " in her and that she could play the

character how they wanted , and said she is similar to the character in some ways , adding that she enjoyed playing a strong character and felt like Naz as soon as she got into costume . The character and casting were announced on 28 July 2010 . The show 's producer , Deborah Sathé , said " I am [...] proud of what the writers have achieved . [They] have created four new faces for [Albert] Square and their reaction to Walford life is really exciting . "

The character , of Turkish descent , is described as being " torn between two worlds " , which Hussien explained are her traditional family life and modern London life . Naz is a family girl who has reached a point in her life where she wants to have fun , but is also a daddy 's girl , the apple of her father 's eye . He sees her as a perfect student . She has a good relationship with her parents and is respectful of them , doing what they want , even though they do not know her very well . She loves her family but they do not understand her or what she wants . Hussien opined that Naz would be a good girl if her family did understand her more . What Naz wants is to be like everyone around her and to be able to pick her own boyfriend , but being from a Muslim family means she is unable to . She tries to keep each side of her life secret from the other , but more of each side is seen as the series goes on , and they eventually meet , leading to bad consequences . Hussien opined that this is a common real @-@ life situation that is rarely portrayed on television , so girls would be able to relate to the character . Naz likes to make everyone happy but ultimately is more likely to think about her own happiness ; she likes to get her own way .

Naz believes that her new friends can take her away from her home life . She falls in love with Sol , which Hussien said leads to Naz having to make a difficult decision as Sol is " the wrong person " . Naz turns out to be not as strong as first expected , and she puts up a wall . Hussien said that there is something about Sol that attracts her , and as she is stronger than he is , she sees it as taking him in and teaching him . Sol falls for Naz very quickly , and Cole said they have never met people like each other before . Naz is a party girl who loves to have fun , but causes trouble and drama , such as when her argument with Fatboy in episode 1 leads to a fight between the main characters of series 1 and 2 . Hussien said that this was her favourite scene to film . Not everyone gets on with Naz straight away . She is confident and fiery , she has a strong power and people listen to what she has to say . Emer Kenny , who played Zsa Zsa Carter in series 1 of EastEnders : E20 and was one of the writers , introducing the characters in the first episode , said that although Naz was her favourite character to write for , she found it a challenge as she is funny but not a " clown " like Fatboy . Kenny compared Naz to Zsa Zsa , saying she is clever but cool , feisty , sassy and able to outwit Fatboy . Kenny also admired the character 's costume and makeup , saying she looked perfect and was exactly as she imagined her to look .

= = Other appearances = =

Naz is one of four characters from series 2 who has an official profile on social networking site Twitter , along with Stevie , Stevie 's boyfriend Olly Manthorpe @-@ Hall (Joshua McGuire) and Fatboy , where it is revealed that the character works in a kebab shop during the summer holiday . Further posts on Twitter allude to the storyline running up to the start of the series , such as Naz buying the fake ID from Fatboy . Naz also appears in extra video content on the E20 website . In one video , she attempts to take a photo of herself to use on her fake ID . In another , Stevie and Naz have a picnic in the park , and Naz makes a video of Stevie , hoping to make Olly jealous , but Stevie ends up with cake on her face . In another video , the four friends play a drinking game in the café . Another scene features Stevie and Naz talking about kissing , and another features a nightmare scenario of her and Ekin getting married in a Las Vegas wedding chapel .