



Minaret Academy



The show

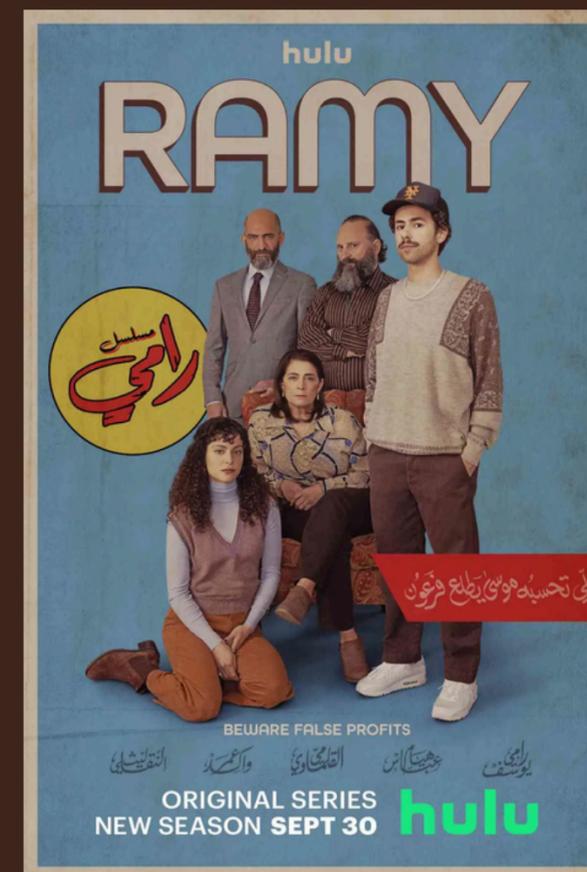
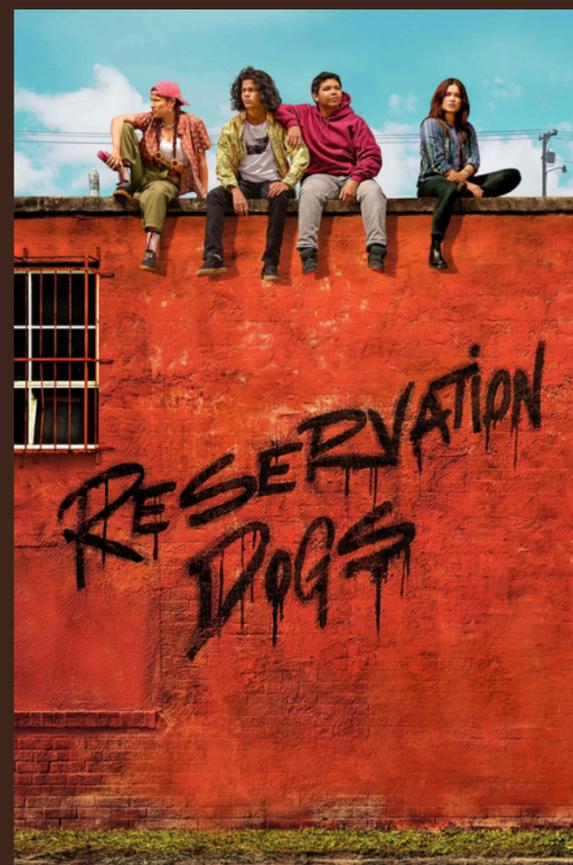
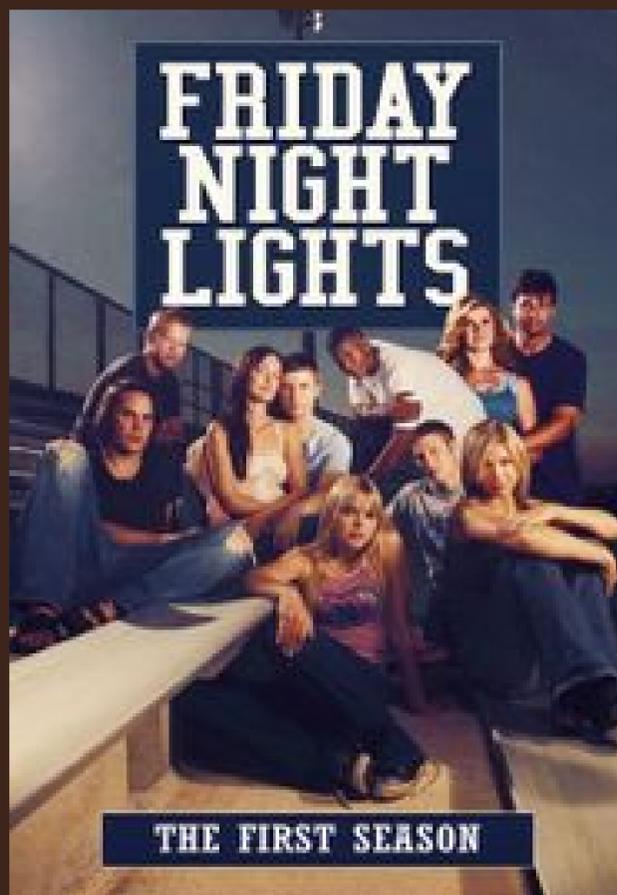


A coming-of-age story about two cousins in their senior year at an Islamic school, each seemingly headed in opposite directions in life, yet longing to follow the path the other is on.

A rift forms between the two cousins when one of them, against everyone's expectations, enters the school's highly competitive Quran competition, threatening to take what the other cousin feels is his only path forward in life - a full-ride scholarship to a prestigious Islamic seminary.

Comps

Similar to how Friday Night Lights dramatizes the sport of high school football, this show would dramatize the competitiveness of Islamic school Quran competitions.



The Pilot



Hamza, an aspiring writer, dreams of leaving his community to attend college and pursue journalism, believing he can best serve from the outside. However, his parents want him to follow a traditional path by attending an Islamic seminary and taking on a leadership role within the community. Hamza resents his cousin Ismael, whose wealthier family affords him greater opportunities. When Ismael's sister, Nour, is forced to leave home, Ismael begins questioning his materialistic life and grows disillusioned. Tensions rise between the cousins, culminating in a Quran recitation showdown that deepens their rivalry and challenges their familial bond.

Hamza Mayet

To Hamza, his future feels like a box his parents have constructed—one that keeps him tethered to the community they expect him to serve.

Yet, Hamza dreams of stepping outside those boundaries to make a difference beyond his small world. His cousin Ismael's carefree approach to life irritates him, but he's also jealous that Ismael has the opportunity and freedom to pursue whatever he wants for his future.



Ismael Mayet

Disillusioned by his materialistic family environment, Ismael feels lost and purposeless. He's tired of the condescending and judgmental attitude he constantly receives from his cousin Hamza. He decides to enter the Quran competition as an attempt to search for purpose and to prove to Hamza that he can be just as good if not better than him when it comes to practicing the faith.



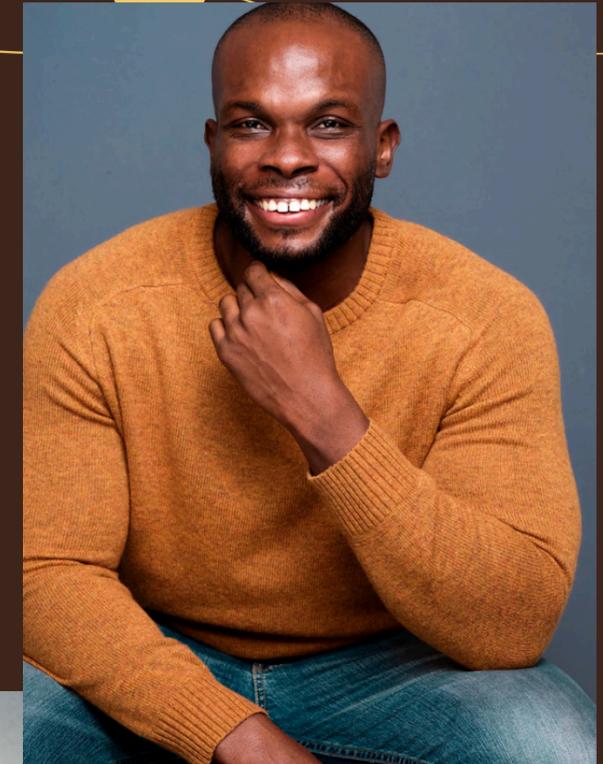
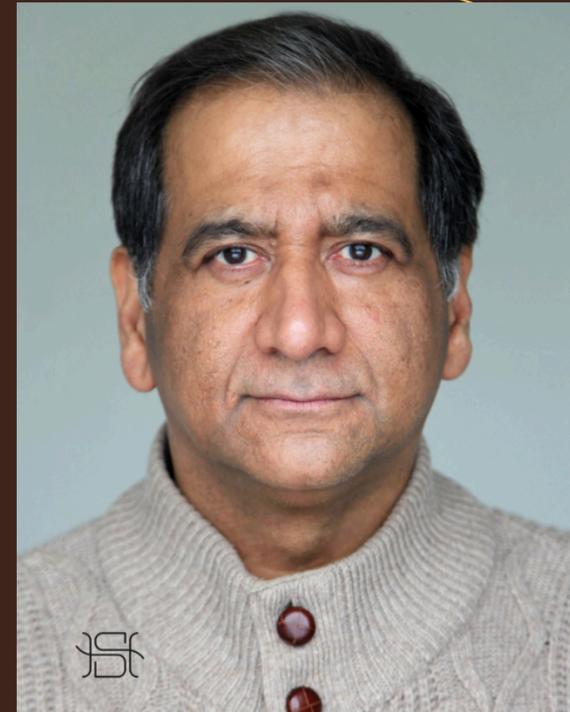
Nour Mayet

She attended Minaret Academy like her younger brother and is now in her sophomore year of college. Ismael is the only family member she's close with. While she's also navigating her own faith journey, being a few years older, she tries to offer him whatever guidance she can. Despite feeling a bit lost herself, she still tries to be the best older sibling she can be.



Akram Mayet

Hamza's father and the Imam of the community's mosque. Also teaches at Minaret Academy. The Muslim community is growing larger in their city and Akram is struggling to meet the community's demands. He's raised Hamza to be the future Imam but it's a future that his son might not want.



Nadine Kamani

The Director of Financial Operations at a major hedge fund and Ismael's mother. She uses her influential position in finance to secure prestigious futures for both Nour and Ismael at top universities and companies. However, tensions mount as Nour and Ismael begin to challenge her vision, questioning how much of their own values and identities they must sacrifice in the pursuit of career success and wealth.





Quran Competitions?

The word “Quran” in Arabic means – “that which is recited”. The Quran is memorized and recited by millions of Muslims worldwide. Participants competing in Quran competitions are judged by three factors -

- Memorization of the chapter or section being recited.
- Pronunciation and how well the reciter follows the grammatical rules of recitation.
- Style of recitation and voice.

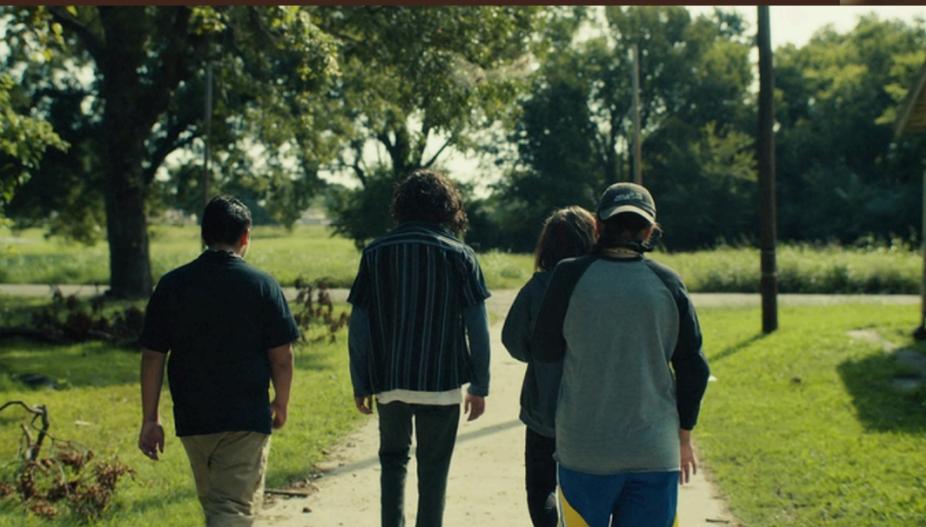


Location / Setting





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