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TV's loverboys don't seem to enjoy their stint for long

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The handsome, chocolate-faced actors whom we get so fond of on TV's soaps, manage to ditch the viewers big time when they find a lucrative role on another show, on another channel.

Amarr Upadhyaya left *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi* for a supposedly promising career in films. Rajiv Khandelwal had a tiff with Ekta Kapoor and opted out of the show that made him everybody's favourite – *Kahiin To Hoga*.

Mihir Mishra, the actor who was most loved for his role as Dr Rahul in *Sanjeevani* on *Star Plus*, too got tired of playing the Mr Nice Guy. Currently, the actor is playing a totally negative role in *Zaara – Sahara One's* popular serial.

The question is, can we blame these men for their decisions? Many of them start out with whatever roles they can get their hands on, and move out of their mentor's den after reaching a saturation point.

After all, chocolatey looks don't necessarily allure them to do sugar-coated roles on the small screen. How long can you play a lover-boy? It's the same logic Rajeev Khandelwal applied when he left *KTH* to do *Left Right Left*. The actor had a strong urge to do an action-oriented show.

But the question remains, how many of these 'opted-out' actors do well in their new assignments? Although Rajeev was appreciated by everyone in *SAB's Left Right Left* tough-boy character as Rajveer Singh, it was never the same as *Kahiin To Hoga*. He was not just a handsome lead actor in *KTH*, but enthused life to this new character in a style never seen before. The actor has now moved on to make a film debut.

The dashing Iqbal Khan also followed the same track as his peers. After wooing the nation as Angad in *Kaisa Yeh Pyar Hai*, he's playing a pilot in *Star One's Chhoona Hai Aasmaan* as Flight Lieutenant Abhimanyu Adhikari. But there are possibilities of the actor being liked for the role as his personality suits the character perfectly. Plus, it's not an out-an-out action role – it's a love story, after all.

Let's see how the trend goes this time!!