



Simon Pegg is seen in a scene of "Mission: Impossible - Fallout" with costar Rebecca Ferguson.

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"Social media makes you incredibly narcissistic. I see people who I know on social media, and I don't like them on social media. It's slightly false, too, because you're essentially editing and redacting your own existence to make yourself look as good as possible. It engenders such ego-driven narcissism that it made me feel a bit icky, so I left."

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written by people who weren't that age, speculating on what people that age did' and they thought they just went around drinking in wine bars and saying the word 'shag.'

"Jess and I were living the life of Tim and Daisy, so we thought: Let's write about our lives, about smoking weed and playing video games, and what do you know? Lots of people seemed to feel the same way. The improvisational skills that I picked up on the likes of 'Big Train' or writing two seasons of a sitcom with Jess, that helped me self-generate and write my own stuff and with the can-do attitude required to get these things made. You learn as you go."

As for what's next, Pegg's keen to keep things fresh and redefine audience expectations by staying true to himself.

"I'm interested in telling stories that mean something," he said. "The film I'm hoping to make, there's lightness and whimsy in it, but it's certainly not a comedy. I try to take inspiration from everyone I've worked with. Watching Edgar (Wright) and working with 'Fallout's' Chris McQuarrie and Steven Spielberg, you pick up so much just by shadowing and getting a feel for their technique, but you also have your own instincts, as well, which are worth following.

"I've submitted myself for pigeonholing without really meaning to. I get called a comedian all the time, but I haven't been a comedian for 20 years. Sci-fi nerd is something I've been in the past, too, but it's not the be-all and end-all of everything I want to be. I think I'm going to go through that Steve Martin period of people saying: 'Why don't you do anything funny anymore?' I'd quite like to branch out."

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