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Arjun Gupta

William "Penny" Adiyodi, "The Magicians"

Arjun Gupta stars as William "Penny" Adiyodi, the proud outcast of the group in the midst of a healing journey, on Syfy's breakout fantasy drama "The Magicians." Based on the bestselling novels by Lev Grossman, the sophomore season will make its highly-anticipated return on Wednesday, January 25 at 9/8c.

Gupta made his television debut on Showtime's hit series "Nurse Jackie," opposite Edie Falco. He portrayed 'Sam,' a part of the hospital's nursing team who, like Nurse Jackie, had a fondness for prescription pills, alcohol and sex. He and his cast mates were nominated for a 2013 SAG Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series. In his feature film debut, Gupta worked alongside Uma Thurman and Minnie Driver in Motherhood (Killer Films). Other film credits include The Ossining Project, opposite Christian Camargo and Bobby Cannavale; Hairbrained starring Brendan Fraser; Stand Up Guys starring Al Pacino and Chris Walken, and the Lifetime original movie Baby Sellers opposite Jennifer Finnigan and Kirstie Alley. He also produced and starred in the play Dead Fish at Here Arts Center, and can be seen in the webseries "The Walker," starring Carey Mulligan, Zoe Kazan, Lily Rabe and Gabourey Sidibe. Gupta can also be seen in the independent feature The Diabolical, a paranormal thriller that premiered at the 2015 SXSW Film Festival.

Most recently, Gupta appeared on the ABC hit show "How To Get Away With Murder," opposite Viola Davis. He played 'Kan,' a law student and Legal Aid volunteer who gets involved in a love triangle with a member of Davis' team. Gupta can also be seen in the independent feature The Diabolical, a paranormal thriller that premiered at the 2015 SXSW Film Festival.

Born and raised in Tampa, Florida, Gupta is a graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He co-writes and produces the podcast "American Desis" with comedian Akaash Singh, and is the artistic director and co-founder of the LA-based Ammunition Theatre Company.