

Kethan

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I can't think of a single anecdote about Kethan without smiling and/or grimacing (from embarrassment). Kethan is the master troll, understanding exactly what and how to push a person's buttons and make the whole room laugh. Having known me for quite some time, and watching me squirm during several of horror movies, Kethan knew very well that my least favorite feeling is being spooked. On several occasions in his room, I'd be distracted by one of his monitors playing a comedy show we'd watch together - Nathan For You. All of a sudden, I would here a ghost-like voice almost whisper "Pavi is Poltergeist" with a strange accent, always followed by that signature Kethan giggle. The first time this happened, I damn near jumped out of my seat and looked around for a speaker or toy that could be producing the sound. Obviously, I found nothing out of the ordinary. More giggles from Kethan. "KETHAN WHAT WAS THAT TELL ME RIGHT NOW." "Pavi is Poltergeist." More Kethan giggles. This excruciating cycle would repeat roughly every 10 minutes throughout whichever episode of Nathan for You we were watching. After several occasions just like this, Kethan finally revealed that he was typing in "Pavi is Poltergeist" into the automated computer voice on his desktop, making me feel incredibly smart for having caught that. In retrospect, reading this story may not be nearly as entertaining as the memory, but even in his little pranks here and there, Kethan produced an abundance of laughter through his weird sense of humor, lasting to even the present as I giggle writing and reminiscing about it. Happy birthday, K! Thanks for the laughs, miss you everyday.