

THE YANAS



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The Yanas are three female musical performers all named Yana. There's Queen Yahna, a bombastic African American blues, gospel, and soul diva, Janisha, an Asian lounge singer, and Indi-jana, a pretty blonde German violinist, guitarist and vocalist specializing in country music.

The girls live together in a big apartment in Berlin, Germany and together pursue their dream of becoming the next big girl group. They don't exactly resemble Destiny's Child or the Spice Girls, so there is an uphill struggle to make it, but the girls are determined and want success at any price.

Queen Yahna comes from New York City and has wowed German audiences for over twenty years with her exciting live performances. She is also a talented actress and has appeared in Broadway shows like *Ain't Misbehavin'* and *Porgy and Bess* as well as the final episode of Steven Bochco's TV show *Cop Rock*, where she played; you guessed it, a gospel singing diva!

The two other Yanas may not have The Queen's vast experience, but they are just as determined to make it big. The girls are constantly competing against each other which makes for some hysterical moments, like the time Indiana offers to make dinner for the other two who are fantastic cooks and always making delicious meals. Queen and Janisha sit and wait for dinner but become a bit surprised when they don't hear any pots and pans rattling in the kitchen. Their suspicions are well grounded because the door bell rings and they open it to see a delivery boy standing there with an arm full of take-out!

Another amusing scene is when Queen Yahna, who is not exactly petite, becomes stuck in the van that's getting ready to go on tour. She has to be extracted by her roady and demands to be taken to the airport where she will fly to the gig.

There are many other humorous occasions surrounding her tours throughout Germany and Austria.

Janisha is a lounge singer from The Philippines, who performs with her American boyfriend Steve in the numerous hotel bars around town. She also has a teenage daughter who collects assorted rodents, which always seem to die prematurely. Once when they were on vacation in The States, a friend went to feed her rabbits and noticed that two of them were dead. In a panic he went to a toy store and bought two stuffed ones and placed them in the cage hoping the girls wouldn't notice. Queen Yahna offered to make rabbit stew but no one seemed interested.