

VIRAL MONSTER: Series 1

"THE MIRROR MONSTER"

Episode 101

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FADE IN:

"The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice."

Proverbs 12:15 NIV

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD PARK - DREAM SEQUENCE - DAY (1)

Bright light shines over the neighborhood park. Calm and peaceful sounds merge into the distance.

KIERA GRANT (14), African-American, female, pretty, swing back and forth at the playground. She smiles and looks around at the scenery.

A group of TEENAGE GIRLS appear behind the SWING-SET. Kiera continues to swing...

Suddenly, they appear in front of the SWING-SET.

Kiera stops abruptly. She walks out of the SWING towards the GIRLS. Eyes move left to right as she looks on...

KIERA

Hey, what are you all doing here?

The five females, CHASITY HOLMES (15), SURI JACOBS (13), ALICE JORDAN (15), SHERRY JENKINS (12), approach.

SHERRY

Why did you do this to us?!

CHASITY

Yeah, Kiera! Get us out of here!

SURI

We're trapped. Did you know that?!

ALICE

Help us get free, Kiera! Hurry!

They continue to badger her. Kiera shrinks to the ground in fear.

KIERA

I am your friend.

Everything's going to be okay.

Let me fix this.

Please...

They continue to approach and crowd around her on the ground. Kiera cries out.

KIERA (CONT'D)

Leave me alone!

Get away!

No, no, no...

The GIRLS laugh hysterically...

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INT. KIERA'S ROOM - DAY (2)

Kiera abruptly awakens in her bed. Sits up, looks around. Deep breaths in and out. Chest pumping. Palms her forehead.

After a beat, Kiera gets out her bed and exits the room.

INT. KIERA'S BATHROOM - DAY (3)

Kiera walks through the door and gathers herself in the mirror. She stares for a moment at her face and hair. Slowly frowns.

Washes her face and brushes her teeth.

One last stare... Exits.

INT. KIERA'S ROOM - DAY (4)

Kiera settles into her room. Picks up her phone and stares at a recent SELFIE POST from the neighborhood playground.

ON SCREEN: 5 VIEWS 2 LIKES

Kiera rolls her eyes and takes a deep breath. Holds her head down and gazes her room.

She stands up and moves her RING LIGHT close to her. Prepares it. Turns on the LIGHT. Steadies her mobile device and starts a video call.

INT. FRIENDS VIDEO CONFERENCE - DAY(5)

ON SCREEN: SUMMER GIRLS MEET UP

Five squares cover the screen. Each friend slowly loads their live video into a square. Kiera loads first into the top middle square. The rest of them come in after a beat.

Suri, Sherry, Alice and Chasity.

SHERRY

Hey you guys. What's going on?

SURI

Nothing here.

ALICE

(uninterested)

Same. I am sleepy though.

Chasity rolls her eyes.

CHASITY

O.M.G! I'm peachy.

ALICE

(under breath)

Oh lord, I can't believe I agreed to this.

Kiera slightly holds her head down.

SURI

Kiera, you look a little sad. You good?

KIERA

Um... I'm fine. But...

It looks like none of you liked my latest post. What's up with that?

SHERRY

What you mean, none of you? I liked it.

KIERA

But Sherry, you were the only one.

ALICE

I didn't see it.

SURI

I didn't know you posted something.

CHASITY

I saw it.

I'm sorry to say, I just didn't like --
LIKE it. You understand, right?

SHERRY

Oh my God.

SURI

Wow. That's messed up Chasity.

CHASITY

What? We can't be honest? I gave you a
new view. That should count towards
something.

KIERA

I need you to just LIKE it, okay.

SURI

You know I'm not on social media that
much, but I'll LIKE it for you.

KIERA

Okay thanks.

What about the rest of you?

SHERRY

You my girl, so I will UNLIKE and LIKE it
again for you. I'll help you out.

CHASITY

O.M.G. Why do you want everyone to LIKE
your posts so bad? I mean, urgh.

Chasity rolls her eyes. Kiera rolls her back.

KIERA

Because... Urgh.

SURI

Chasity, please leave her alone.

ALICE

Yes, please Chasity.

CHASITY

I'm the only one telling you the truth. I mean... Kiera, you just don't got it boo.

SHERRY

Oh, no she didn't.

SURI

What? No, Chasity. That's not right. You can be so mean sometimes.

CHASITY

(playfully innocent)

What? Was it something I said?

ALICE

(under breath)

This is horrible.

SHERRY

Why would you say that Chasity? Like, for real? Just because you made a deal with the mirror monster, doesn't give you the right to be mean.

KIERA

The what?

ALICE

Huh?

SURI

What now?

CHASITY

I did not make any deal with the mirror monster; I just accept me for me. I'm the only LIKE I need. You should try it.

KIERA

What is this mirror monster?

SURI

Don't worry about it. It's not real. Don't believe the myth.

CHASITY

It's real if you THINK it is. Right?

ALICE

(yawns)

I'm so sleepy.

KIERA

How do I find this mirror monster?

SHERRY

You can search for it. It has to be online somewhere.

SURI

Girl, you don't need that.

SHERRY

Yea, you really don't. I'm sorry I brought it up.

KIERA

Well, I need something to happen because you guys aren't helping me enough. I need my content to go viral. Okay.

ALICE

(sarcastically low)

Nooooooooo.

SURI

What will going viral do?

KIERA

Make me feel better.

ALICE

Ice cream makes me feel better.

CHASITY

What are you, like... three years old?
O.M.G.

SURI

(mocks Chasity)

"O.M.G."

Sherry laughs out loud.

ALICE

(yawns, low voice)

I'm still sleepy.

Can y'all hear me?

KIERA

I just don't feel good about anything.
Maybe this can turn things around for me.

SHERRY

I'm sorry I brought it up. Chasity was
just talking cray-cray.

SURI

Yeah, don't worry about her.

ALICE

I'm going to sleep soon...

Alice lays her head down, closes her eyes.

SURI

Did you say something, Alice?

Alice opens her eyes wide. Everyone looks at her. She lays her head back down. Closes her eyes.

CHASITY (CONT'D)

Well, it's time for me to go. I have important things to do. You know?

Never mind, you don't.

Until next time. Bye-bye.

SURI

Alright, have fun everybody.

They start logging off the call.

SHERRY

Bye.

(to Kiera)

Hang in there Kiera. We'll talk later.

Kiera nods, then hangs up.

Alice abruptly lifts up her head, then drops it.

ALICE

Hello?

Hello, anybody here. -Good night.

BACK TO:

INT. KIERA'S ROOM - DAY (6)

Kiera turns off the RING LIGHT. She sits on her bed for a moment. She gets up and paces back and forth.

A beat.

Kiera grabs her LAPTOP off her DESK and gets comfortable on the BED. Opens her LAPTOP and begins to search...

KIERA

Okay, let's see if we can find you mirror monster.

She types in the search box: "Mirror monster viral content"

The screen light wraps her face as she continues to browse. Eyebrows disgruntled.

A beat.

A smile suddenly emerges from Kiera's face.

The viral content website shows a LARGE BIG RED VM. She scrolls down the page past a bunch of content. She reads aloud.

KIERA

"Welcome to the world of the Viral. Where all of your social media desires will be granted. Read the riddle below to begin your journey."

Kiera raises her eyebrow. Laughs out loud.

KIERA (CONT'D)

This is so cheesy. What crazy weirdo created this website?

Doesn't matter anyway. I need my content to go viral. So, what do I have to do?

Kiera scrolls down more. A riddle appears.

ON SCREEN: "Look in the mirror to unlock the key, turn your light off this many times, that number is three."

She repeats a few times.

KIERA

"Look in the mirror to unlock the key, turn your light off this many times, that number is three."

Looks up in thought. She sets the laptop off to the side.
Exits the room.

INT. KIERA'S BATHROOM - DAY (7)

Kiera enters, turns on the light and stares into the mirror at herself. Contemplates for a moment. Repeats the riddle.

KIERA

"Look in the mirror to unlock the key,
turn your light off this many times, that
number is three."

So, I turn off the light three times...

Kiera puts her hand by the light switch. Continues to look at herself in the mirror. Starts to count while turning on and off the light each time. Slowly...

KIERA

One.

Two.

Kiera turns her head towards the LIGHTSWITCH. Her reflection puts up her HAND and quickly shouts.

REFLECTION

No wait!

She flips the light off one last time.

KIERA

Three.

--Wait. Who said that?

Kiera flips the switch back up. The light remains off.

Kiera tugs on the doorknob.

KIERA

Oh God. What did I do?

--Hello?

Suddenly, a red light slowly fills the room. A weird sound of laughter fades in.

Kiera's eye frown as she stares into the mirror. The red light gets increasingly brighter.

KIERA

What is that?

A DARK vague MONSTER begins to stare back at her. It slowly comes into focus. Eyes Kiera with glowing marks on its face.

MONSTER

(speaks in foreign language)

(Waiting I've been for you.)

Kiera's mouth stretches wide with a scream.

KIERA

Ahhhhh!

FADE OUT

THE END