

VIRAL MONSTER: Series 1

"THAT'S NOT ENOUGH"

*Episode 102*

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FADE IN:

"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

Galatians 1:10 NIV

TITLE CARD:

"VIRAL MONSTER"

INT. KIERA'S ROOM - DAY (1)

Kiera abruptly awakens in her bed. Sits up, looks around. Catches her breath. Stares in thought.

KIERA

What happened?

Slightly dazed. She slowly rolls out of the bed. Exits the room.

INT. KIERA'S BATHROOM - DAY (2)

She walks in and flips on the LIGHT SWITCH. She stares at herself in the MIRROR.

KIERA

I don't know what happened?

I swear there was some weird ugly monster staring back at me yesterday.

Kiera's eyes and mouth open wide.

KIERA (CONT'D)

That's it. I remember now. It was these weird lights.

Kiera puts her hand back on the LIGHT SWITCH. Eyes the mirror. Flips the SWITCH off.

KIERA (CONT'D)

One.

Turns on the light. Stares at herself.

KIERA (CONT'D)

Hello?

(sarcastically mocks)

Where are you ugly monster. Roarrrrrrr!

She laughs after her failed performance. FLIPS the SWITCH OFF a second time with a count...

KIERA (CONT'D)

Two.

Turns the LIGHT back on. Smacks her lips and rolls her eyes. Shakes her head.

KIERA (CONT'D)

Oh my God. This isn't working. Come out you ugly monster.

(strong jump scare to mirror)

Roarrrrrrrrr!

As she jumps towards the MIRROR, her REFLECTION jumps back... Keira's mouth drops.

REFLECTION

Oh my God! Please don't do that!

The Reflection gathers herself. Kiera's mouth open wide.

KIERA

What? --Who are you?

The Reflection straightens up.

REFLECTION

I'm going to pretend you didn't just ask that.

KIERA

Is this real?

REFLECTION

As real as it gets.

KIERA

Wait a minute... I don't know what's going on. How am I talking to myself?

REFLECTION

You seem to have made a deal with the devil... or that monster thingy. I'm here to save me. -Save you, save me.

KIERA

Save me?

REFLECTION

No, save me.

KIERA

Me?

REFLECTION

No, save me. --I can do this all day.

KIERA

So, you're trying to save yourself?

REFLECTION

Yes.

KIERA

Then, who are you?

REFLECTION

I'm you?

KIERA

You're me?

REFLECTION

(cookie jar song)

Couldn't be... "Then who stole the cookies  
from..."

The Reflections laughs hysterically. Kiera raises an  
eyebrow.

REFLECTION (CONT'D)

I couldn't help myself. You know how we  
are. --Anyways...

She stops laughing. Clears her throat.

REFLECTION (CONT'D)

Look, after you made your deal with the  
viral monster, you kind of pushed me away.

KIERA

The viral monster?

REFLECTION

Yeah. ...and you pushed me away...?

Brief pause and comedic stare.

REFLECTION (CONT'D)

Anyways, luckily I was able to catch you  
just in time.

KIERA

In time before what?

REFLECTION (CONT'D)

You were about to open the portal again to  
the viral monster.

This right here, you and me, is more like a crack in the portal. One more flip and you would have seen IT.

You don't remember?

KIERA

No, not really.

REFLECTION

You opened the portal and made a deal with the Viral Monster for more likes and views. It has the power to increase your social media likes. But you really don't need it.

KIERA

(excitedly)

I have more likes?

Kiera holds her head down in thought. Smiles.

REFLECTION

Listen, don't get too excited. It always costs you something. But you don't need it, Kiera. Do you hear me? Hey, do you hear me?

Keira speaks herself.

KIERA

I need to go see what I've got now.

Thanks.

Kiera runs out.

REFLECTION

Kiera! Wait! It's not worth it.

The door closes. The Reflection pauses for a moment.

REFLECTION (CONT'D)

(prayer hands)

Oh my God. God, please help me, help her,  
help us, out of this horrible situation.  
Amen.

Her Reflection walks away.

INT. KIERA'S ROOM - DAY (3)

Kiera dashes into her room. Jumps onto her bed, grabs her PHONE. Checks her social media posts...

ON SCREEN: Kiera's social media profile. A new POST emerges. A BLACK SQUARE with a LARGE RED VM in the center. Posted Yesterday at 10:32 pm.

KIERA

Wait a minute. What is this? I can't see my content.

She examine THE POST. Her eyes suddenly widen with a huge smile. She grabs her mouth.

KIERA

Oh my God! No way!

ON SCREEN: 10K LIKES 99K VIEWS

Kiera looks at her WATCH. She gets off the bed and starts setting up her RING LIGHT. All smiles.

She turns on the LIGHT. Steadies her mobile device and starts the video call.

INT. FRIENDS VIDEO CONFERENCE - DAY(4)

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 and Alice.

KIERA

Hello everybody!

SURI

Hey!

SHERRY

Hey, hey. How are you, friend?

KIERA

I'm doing great. Can't you tell?

ALICE

Kiera, you seem very happy.

SURI

Yeah, wow. You're in a really great mood.

KIERA

I know, right?

SURI

What happened?

SHERRY

Yeah, why all the happiness?

KIERA

You will not believe. Check out my latest post on social media. -Go ahead.

ALICE

Not this again...

SURI

What is it? Let me see.

The girls put their heads down to look at Kiera's social media feed.



SHERRY

Whoa! This is awesome.

SURI

Wow! How did you do that?

SHERRY

Girl! What is this?!

KIERA

What is it? What do you see?

SURI

Why would you ask that? You can see it right there.

ALICE

I'm surprised. You have tons of views and likes.

SHERRY

What did you do for all of these views, Kiera?

KIERA

Nothing.

SHERRY

I don't believe you. I know you did something.

KIERA

Nothing. This is all me.

SURI

I don't believe you either Kiera. How you go from two views to thousands?

Kiera frowns.

KIERA

Really, Suri?

Chasity enters the call. Face extremely close to her camera. Stares with eyes wide and a WEIRD GRINNING SMILE.

Kiera looks on and tilts her head.

ALICE

What's wrong with her?

SURI

Chasity, are you okay?

SHERRY

Um... What's going on here?

SURI

This is so weird.

ALICE

I should have stayed asleep.

KIERA

Chasity?

Suddenly, Chasity starts repeating herself over and over again quickly without ceasing. Words distorted.

CHASITY

(repeats)

Lie, lie, lie, lie...

They all stare.

SHERRY

Okay, okay. Um... Kiera. Please mute her.

Kiera pushes the mute button.

SURI

Something's up. I don't like this. Kiera, did you do something?

KIERA

Seriously?

SHERRY

Take it easy. You can't blame her. So,  
let's all calm down for a minute.

ALICE

This is too much, I'm going back to bed  
where I have real nightmares.

SURI

Whatever you did Kiera, you need to stop  
it. We all know you don't like Chasity.

SHERRY

Suri, please calm down.

Kiera, did you do what I think you did?

KIERA

No.

SURI

She must be lying. I know something is  
wrong.

SURI

I'm not staying around for this. You  
better fix it Kiera.

Bye.

Suri drops from the call. Kiera frowns and rolls her eyes.  
The girls stare at her.

KIERA

Bye.

Kiera drops from the call.

INT. KIERA'S ROOM - DAY (5)

Kiera gathers herself for a moment. Palms her forehead as  
she thinks.

KIERA (V.O.)

Yeah, Suri just plucked my last nerve. I can't believe it. I don't know what's going on with Chasity. But, it seems like I always get blamed for something that goes wrong. A good thing happens to me and all of a sudden it turns bad. Sometimes it feels like I don't have any real friends. Urgh. --I need more likes.

She exits the room.

INT. KIERA'S BATHROOM - DAY (6)

Kiera enters and stares at herself in the mirror. She takes a deep breath. Puts her hand on the LIGHT SWITCH.

Begins the count as she flips it OFF.

KIERA

One.

She flips the SWITCH back on. After a second, back to OFF.

KIERA (CONT'D)

Two.

She flips the SWITCH back on. Hand readies to turn back off.

REFLECTION

What are you doing?

Kiera stares back into the mirror.

KIERA

You already know. --I need more likes.

REFLECTION

No, you don't.

KIERA

Yes, I do.

REFLECTION

What happened to your friend Chasity?

KIERA

She's not my friend. She never likes my posts.

REFLECTION

I told you, you don't need likes. You already have over ten thousand likes on your last post. Isn't that enough?

KIERA

No, that's not enough. Sorry. Bye-bye...

Kiera looks over with her hand on the SWITCH.

REFLECTION

No, don't...

Kiera flips the SWITCH off. The ROOM goes dark.

KIERA

Three.

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

Kiera looks into the mirror. The red light gets increasingly brighter. Kiera stares.

A vague MONSTER stares back at her. It slowly comes into focus, slowly speaking in a foreign language.

MONSTER

(Again? Help need you?)

KIERA

What language is that? I know exactly what you're saying. How can I understand you?

MONSTER

(Important not. Ask what seek you?)

KIERA

Okay. --I need my content to go viral.

MONSTER

(Now have enough not?)

KIERA

No. That's not enough. I want more. I need more.

MONSTER

(Friend me name --another.)

KIERA

You need a name of one of my friends?

MONSTER

(Yes.)

Kiera frowns and takes a deep breath.

KIERA

Sure...

Suri.

FADE OUT

THE END