

VIRAL MONSTER: Series 1

"WHATEVER IT TAKES"

*Episode 103*

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FADE IN:

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves..."

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"VIRAL MONSTER"

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

Quiet. Peaceful. Vacant. The wind blows the empty swings back and forth.

Kiera walks slowly around the park. An invisible figure appears in the distance.

Then close... Kiera looks.

Suddenly... Chasity jumps out on edge.

CHASITY

Help me! Get me out of here!

Wait a minute. It's you. What did you do to me? How did I get here? You better tell me. This is not going to make things better for you. You treat your friends like this? No matter how hard you try, you will never be like me.

(laughs)

You want more likes. You lose if you don't like the one person that matters.

CHASITY (CONT'D)

You better get me out of here or you're going to regret this!

INT. KIERA'S ROOM - DAY (2)

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

KIERA

What happened?

Slightly dazed. Kiera slowly gets out of the bed and exits the room.

INT. KIERA'S BATHROOM - DAY (3)

Kiera walks in and turns on the LIGHT SWITCH. She stares at herself for a moment. She brushes her teeth and washes her face.

Stares a little more. Holds her head down with eyes closed, then up, shakes. Opens.

KIERA

You know you just gave up another friend right?

Nods.

KIERA (CONT'D)

She didn't support me. So, you did what you had to do. -Let's go see if it paid off.

Kiera smirks and exits the bathroom.

INT. KIERA'S BEDROOM - DAY (4)

Kiera walks in and sits on her bed. She picks up her phone and examines.

Holding her phone, she scrolls to the latest POST. There is a LARGE BLACK SQUARE with a RED VM in the center. Kiera's eyes widen. Below the POST reads: 99K LIKES 395K VIEWS.

She smiles. Jumps out of her bed. Lifts her hands high and... dances.

She settles down and grabs her RING LIGHT. Sets up for the video call.

INT. FRIENDS VIDEO CONFERENCE - DAY(5)

ON SCREEN: SUMMER GIRL MEET UP

Five squares cover the screen. Kiera's video loads into the top middle square. Chasity's square is already loaded with her ROOM visible covered with RED. Kiera checks it out.

Sherry and Alice's videos load into the chat room. Kiera is all smiles.

KIERA

Hello! How you doing today?

SHERRY

Um. Hey. What's going on?

ALICE

Where's Suri?

KIERA

I have some great news. Check out my latest post. You will not believe it.

The girls pause for moment. They look down at their DEVICES.

ALICE

Whoa! That's a lot.

This is insane.

SHERRY

Kiera, how in the world were you able to get this many likes and views?

KIERA

Because, I'm awesome of course.

SHERRY

Something isn't right.

ALICE

Where's Chasity? Something is seriously going on in her room.

SHERRY

Yeah, I see her video. But something's off.

ALICE

Why is it red, Kiera? Have you seen her?

KIERA

No, I haven't. -But did you see my latest post? I mean isn't that great.

ALICE

You don't care about Chasity? What's up with that, Kiera?

KIERA

Hold up guys. Are you not paying attention to what I'm showing you? I'm so excited! I'm going to get a million views soon. No thanks to any of you.

ALICE

Wow. It's like that? Are you serious right now?

SHERRY

This is not like you Kiera. It's like you don't even care about your friend. Not even us?

KIERA

Whatever. Chasity has been so mean to me and now you guys act like you care about her more than me.

SHERRY

Did you do something for this to happen?

KIERA

No.

ALICE

Come on Kiera. You have so many views and now Chasity is missing. You must of had something to do with it.

KIERA

Why are you guys ganging up on me. It's like something good happens to me and you ignore it. Are you my friends, or not?

SHERRY

Of course we're your friends.

KIERA

Then why aren't you happy for me?

ALICE

You should be concerned that one of your friends is missing.

SHERRY

Yeah. A good friend would be concerned.

KIERA

A good friend would celebrate with me in my success. Right?

ALICE

Not like this. This is just not right.

SHERRY

Okay. Let's not gang up on Kiera.

KIERA

You know what Sherry, it's fine. I see who my true friends really are.

Suri enters the call. Her video loads into her square. She keeps her face close to the camera with a huge GRIN repeating vague words.

SURI

Lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie, lie...

SHERRY

Hey, Suri. Are you okay?

She continues. Kiera stares, then mutes her video.

SHERRY

Something is going on. Chasity was doing the same thing when we spoke yesterday.

ALICE

Yep. I remember. I'm sure you did this.

SHERRY

Oh my God. This is like Deja vu.

ALICE

You did something to Chasity and Suri.

KIERA

So, you guys don't care about my new content? My success?

ALICE

Nope.

KIERA

Alrighty then. I think I have heard enough from you.

SHERRY

Hold on Kiera. Let's try to figure this out.

KIERA

You have fun fixing the friends you seem to care about more. I'm going to keep winning. Bye-bye.

Kiera drops.

INT. KIERA'S BEDROOM - DAY (6)

Kiera sits on the bed for a beat.

KIERA (V.O.)

I cannot believe them. The moment something good happens to me they act like they don't want to celebrate me. But I don't care. I'm so close to reaching my dream. Nothing can stop me now. I'm going to get what I deserve.

Kiera gets up and exits the room.

INT. KIERA'S BATHROOM - DAY (7)

Kiera walks in and immediately puts her hands on the LIGHT SWITCH. Looks herself in the eyes.

Flips the LIGHT SWITCH off.

KIERA

One.

Flips the LIGHT on. Turns it back off.

KIERA (CONT'D)

Two.

Flips the LIGHT SWITCH back on. She eyes her emotional REFLECTION.



REFLECTION

You need to stop this. Now!

KIERA

No, I don't think so.

REFLECTION

You are losing your friends. Can't you see that?

KIERA

My real friends would support me. Bye-bye.

REFLECTION

No, wait-

Kiera flips the LIGHT SWITCH off. The room becomes dark.

KIERA

Three.

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

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

The BLACK vague MONSTER stares back at her. It slowly comes into focus. Eyes Kiera with glowing marks on its face.

MONSTER

(speaks in foreign language)

(Satisfied you not?)

KIERA

No. I need more likes.

MONSTER

(speaks in foreign)

(Greedy you.)

KIERA

What do I need to do for a million?

MONSTER

(speaks in foreign)

(Names more.)

Kiera closes her eyes, opens with a frown.

KIERA

Alice.

INT. KIERA'S BEDROOM - DAY (8)

Kiera suddenly awakens. Tries to control her breathing. Slowly looks around the room.

She grabs her DEVICE and logs onto her social media page to check the latest POST.

Her eyes open wide and creates a huge smile. She covers her mouth.

ON SCREEN: A LARGE BLACK SQUARE with a RED VM in the center. Below: 499K LIKES 1.6M VIEWS

Kiera looks at her WATCH. She gets up and grabs her RING LIGHT and turns on the LIGHT. Prepares for the video call.

INT. FRIENDS VIDEO CONFERENCE - DAY(9)

ON SCREEN: SUMMER GIRL MEET UP

Five squares cover the screen. Kiera loads into the top middle square. The four other video streams for Suri, Alice and Chasity are available, but they are NOT present. Their videos are covered in RED.

Sherry enters the call.

KIERA

Hey Cherry! You will not believe what happened today!

SHERRY

Hey Kiera. What's going on with the girls? Did you talk to them already?

KIERA

Don't worry about that. You have to checkout my latest post. Oh my God. It's amazing. Take a look.

SHERRY

Oh Lord. Let me see.

Sherry grabs her DEVICE and examines.

KIERA

You see it?

SHERRY

What!?

How did you get so many views? This is crazy.

KIERA

I know, right? This is like the best day ever. I'm finally getting what I deserve.

SHERRY

What did you do, Kiera?

KIERA

Nothing. I earned this. Don't hate on me because people like me. None of you supported me.

SHERRY

I've always supported you. You know that. But this does not seem right.

KIERA

You see... Something good happens to me and you always try to make it negative. I mean, I'm winning and you're losing.

SHERRY

Are you serious, Kiera? I can't believe your head has gotten so big. You have all these likes and views and you don't even care about your friends.

KIERA

My real friends support me.

SHERRY

I'm your REAL friend.

KIERA

You don't sound like it. You sound just like everyone else. You're like these other so-called friends who act like they want to be a friend.

But I don't need you either.

SHERRY

What did you do with our friends?

KIERA

Nothing. They didn't want to support me so...

SHERRY

You made a deal with the mirror monster thing didn't you?

KIERA

I did what I had to do. What does it matter? Do you support me in my success or not?

SHERRY

I do support you.

KIERA

You don't sound like it.

SHERRY

What does that mean?

KIERA

It means you're becoming like these other girls you seemed be so concerned about.

SHERRY

What do you want?

KIERA

I want a million likes.

SHERRY

You don't need a million likes.

KEIRA

Yes, I do.

SHERRY

Are going to sacrifice me to get a million?

Sherry stares. Keira stares back without a blink. Sherry eyes widen.

KIERA

Whatever it takes.

Hangs up the call.

FADE OUT

THE END