VIRAL MONSTER: Series 1

"OUT OF FRIENDS"

Episode 104

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FADE IN:

"An unfriendly person pursues selfish ends and against all sound judgment starts quarrels."

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"VIRAL MONSTER"

EXT. SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY (1)

The sun sits in the middle of the sky shinning down over the beautiful neighborhood.

Quiet. Peaceful. Several houses scattered into the distance.

Kiera closes in from the distance. Skips down the sidewalk with joy. She approaches the neighborhood park.

Goofs around as she shares her thoughts...

KIERA (V.O.)

Things are finally starting to go my way. I'm getting closer and closer to my goal. No thanks to any of my friends. I asked them to do one thing, just like my post. I mean, how hard is that?

It's only hard if you don't like me. That seems to be the reason. So, I did what I had to do to get to this point.

Approaching one million likes! I have one friend left. Kind of. I mean, maybe. I was a little mean to her last time we spoke. She's the only one left to prove she really supports me. If she doesn't, well, you know what's going to happen...

Kiera runs up the LARGE JUNGLE JIM and goes down the SLIDE.

She runs around the MERRY-GO-ROUND showing a huge smile. She switches her position multiple times to continue the fun.

She makes a SNOW ANGEL on the ground.

She runs around in circles in the grass. Does cartwheels, jumping jacks, and whatever else comes to mind.

She takes a few SELFIE POSES with her PHONE.

She SWINGS.

Kiera makes her way back down the street.

INT. KIERA'S ROOM - NIGHT (2)

Kiera enters her room door. She settles in. Lies on the bed, stares at the ceiling for a beat.

Kiera grabs her phone, unlocks it. Examines.

ON SCREEN: Selfie image from the park. 1 LIKE 3 VIEWS Kiera's mouth drops.

KIERA

What is this? I don't understand why I'm not getting more likes and views. Urgh!

Kiera cries out for a quick moment. She gets up and paces around her room. She falls onto her bed, face down into her pillow. Screams into the pillow.

KIERA

Aaaaaaaaahhh!

Kiera sits on the edge of her bed.

She starts a phone call to Sherry. Kiera bites her thumb and her leg starts shaking.

ON SCREEN: Calling Sherry...

[RING]

[RING]

No answer.

Sherry's voicemail picks up.

SHERRY (V.O.)

Hey, hey, hey. You reached Sherry. I cannot answer the phone right now because... I'm busy. Sorry. Please call back later.

(imitates beep sound)

Beeeeeeeeep.

KIERA

Oh my God! Sherry what are you doing? Answer the phone please! This is very important. I need your help now.

Sherry's voicemail message comes back in with laughter...

SHERRY (V.O.)

(voicemail recording)

Ha, ha, ha. That wasn't the real beep. It's on the way. But if this is Kiera, No, I'm not liking your post anymore. Everyone else, leave a message...

[REAL VOICEMAIL BEEP]

Kiera's face freezes. She slowly moves the PHONE from her ear and stares at the screen. She talks into the phone like a walkie-talkie.

KIERA

Okay Sherry. I see how it is. You're just like everyone else who pretends to be my friend. You know exactly what happens next. Bye-bye.

Kiera frowns and tosses the phone on the bed.

Exits the room.

INT. KIERA'S BATHROOM - NIGHT (3)

Kiera dashes through the bathroom door and shuts it. She approaches the sink and stares into the MIRROR.

KIERA

This is it. It's time to get my one million likes.

Kiera places her hand on the LIGHT SWITCH. Flips the light off. The count begins...

KIERA (CONT'D)

One.

Flips the LIGHT SWITCH back on.

Then back off.

KIERA (CONT'D)

Two.

Flips the LIGHT SWITCH back on. Her REFLECTION is holding her head down on the SINK. Sobbing.

REFLECTION

Why are you doing this?

KIERA

Oh my God. Why are you crying?

REFLECTION

You're about to give up your friend Sherry. Why? For some stupid likes and views?

KIERA

I don't have any friends. Not anymore. And yes, for likes. One million to be exact.

REFLECTION

Why do you need one million likes?

KIERA

Because I deserve it.

REFLECTION

You're just going about it the wrong way. You have no idea what you're doing or what's going to happen. Please stop this now!

KIERA

No. Sherry already showed me her true colors. Just like the other girls. So, I'm going to get what I deserve because they don't want to help me.

Reflection pleads to Kiera.

REFLECTION

Please don't. You only need one.

Kiera places her hand by the LIGHT SWITCH.

KIERA

One... million. -Bye-bye.

REFLECTION

No!

She flips the SWITCH off.

KIERA

Three.

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

Kiera's eye frown as she looks into the mirror.

A 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 want one million likes.

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MONSTER
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(speaks in foreign language)

(More no?)

KIERA

What do you mean?

MONSTER

(speaks in foreign language)

(More?)

KIERA

Um, one million.

MONSTER

(speaks in foreign language)

(No.)

KIERA

How much more can I get? Two million?

MONSTER

(speaks in foreign language)

(More.)

KIERA

Three million?

MONSTER

(speaks in foreign language)

(Me understand. Deserve you get.)

KIERA

Okay. Now you're talking.

MONSTER

(speaks in foreign language)

(Friend me name --another.)

Kiera stares.

KIERA

Sherry.

[BLACK SCREEN]

EXT. SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD AREA - DAY (4)

All five friends surround Kiera and approach her personal space.

CHASITY

You still don't got it. I bet you think you're doing something good. Fake likes! Ha. Ha.

SHERRY

Why did you give up my name?! You are supposed to be my friend. I warned you not to do it. Get us out of here!

ALICE

How dare you throw us away. You should be ashamed of yourself. I want to go home.

SURI

Some friend you are. You made a deal with the devil! How are you going to get out of that? Devil!

They approach closer and closer as they continue to taunt her. They reach out their hands.

INT. KIERA'S BEDROOM - NIGHT (5)

Kiera lies in bed on her back with her eyes closed. She suddenly awakens. Eyes quickly opens and she sits upright.

Rubs her eyes and wipes her face down with her hands.

She grabs her phone and unlocks the screen. She examines.

KIERA

Okay, let's see what the result are now.

Kiera accesses her social media page on the PHONE. She looks at the latest POST. A LARGE BLACK SQUARE with a RED VM directly in the center.

ON SCREEN: 1M LIKES 20M VIEWS

Kiera's mouth drops. Eyes open wide.

She jumps off the bed and does multiple celebration DANCES.

After a beat, Kiera grabs her RING LIGHT and places it by the bed. Steadies her mobile device and starts the video call. Turns on the LIGHT. Kiera joins the meeting.

INT. FRIENDS VIDEO CONFERENCE - DAY(6)

ON SCREEN: SUMMER GIRL MEET UP

Five squares cover the screen. Kiera loads into the top middle square. The rest of them are already loaded. Rooms empty.

Each of the friend squares are covered completely RED.

The girls are nowhere to be found in their video. No Chasity, Suri, Sherry nor Alice.

KIERA

I have some good news guys!

Hello!? Anybody there? Come on you guys, where are you?

Anyone there?

She holds her head down for a moment. Looks up and her eyes open wide.

KIERA

Who do I share my success with?

I'm out of friends.

FADE OUT

THE END

