

VIRAL MONSTER: Series 1

"UNFRIENDLY SUCCESS"

Episode 105

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FADE IN:

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

LUKE 6:31 NIV

TITLE CARD:

"VIRAL MONSTER"

INT. KIERA'S ROOM - NIGHT (1)

Kiera lies there flat on the BED, stares at the ceiling.

KIERA (V.O.)

I finally got what I wanted. What am I going to do now? All of my friends have disappeared because of me. Did something bad happen? What if it was me?

Is that what I wanted? Really? It's just not the same when I can't share my success with my friends.

MR. GRANT (40), male, African-American, handsome, knocks on the room door.

[KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK]

KIERA

Who is it?

MR. GRANT

It's me.

KIERA

Oh, come on in daddy.

Mr. Grant enters through the door and sits on the edge of her bed.

MR. GRANT

Man, you've been sleeping a lot. I'm a little worried about you. Is everything okay?

KIERA

Um, I'm not sure. I'm second guessing myself on some decisions I made about my friends.

MR. GRANT

Oh, so your conscious is eating up at you?

KIERA

Just a little.

MR. GRANT

Well, that could be God trying to pull you in the right direction.

KIERA

How do you know?

MR. GRANT

I think God is all about helping others, not just ourselves.

KIERA

So, I shouldn't sacrifice my friends to be successful?

MR. GRANT

No, I don't think you should.

Would you want your friends to do the same to you? That's the real question.

KIERA

Well, maybe not.

MR. GRANT

Remember, success is not a destination.
It's change that occurs inside of you.
You're the only one you need for the
success you're looking for.

Kiera holds her head down.

KIERA

Okay daddy.

MR. GRANT

Think about it.

Mr. Grant gives Kiera a hug and slowly gets up and walks to the door. He turns around and begins singing WHITNEY HOUSTON - GREATEST LOVE OF ALL...

MR. GRANT

"I believe the children are our future
Teach them well and let them lead the way
Show them all the beauty they possess
inside..."

Mr. Grant puts a little extra on that last part. Kiera laughs as he closes the door on the way out.

She lies on her back and stares at the ceiling.

KIERA (V.O.)

All I wanted was to get one million likes.
I got it. But I don't have friends
anymore. Would I want someone to sacrifice
me or our friendship the same way?

No. But I hope I didn't hurt anyone.

Kiera quickly sits up.

KIERA (V.O.)

Wait a minute. What did happen to my
friends? They just disappeared and I have
no idea if something bad happened. Oh my
God.

Kiera picks up her PHONE and examines. She slides her finger across the PHONE SCREEN a few times.

She stares. Eyes and mouth wide open.

KIERA

What is this? This can't be right. No way I've gone this viral.

Kiera reviews the latest POST. A LARGE BLACK BOX with a RED VM in the center.

ON SCREEN: 1B LIKES 49B VIEWS

Kiera's eyes open wide. She frowns and slowly sets the PHONE down on the bed beside her. She places her hand on her forehead.

KIERA

This doesn't make sense. -I don't even know what to do.

After a beat, the PHONE rings.

[RING]

ON SCREEN: INCOMING CALL... ASHLEY JENKINS

Kiera answers.

KIERA

Hello?

INT. JENKINS RESIDENCE - DAY (2)

ASHLEY JENKINS (7), female, African-American, holds the PHONE to her ear, staring into the distance. Eyes slightly frowned.

ASHLEY

Kiera?

KIERA

Is this Ashley? What's going on?
Everything okay?

ASHLEY

There's something strange going on here.

KIERA

What is it?

ASHLEY

It's Sherry.

KIERA

(frantic)

What happened to Sherry? Is she okay?

ASHLEY

I don't know.

KIERA

Where is she?

ASHLEY

She's in her room. It sounds like she's making a weird noise. Her door is closed.

KIERA

Did you knock on the door to see if she would answer?

ASHLEY

I'm too scared to.

KIERA

Why are you scared?

The bottom edge of the ROOM DOOR has a bright RED LIGHT shining through. The sound of mumbled words come from the background.

ASHLEY

There's a scary red light coming from underneath.

KIERA

A red light?

ASHLEY

Can you help me? I don't know what to do.
Should I call 9-1-1?

KIERA

No! Don't call anyone. I'm going to fix
this Ashley. I will figure this out.

ASHLEY

Please hurry. I'm scared...

Ashley slowly holds the PHONE to her side, and she
continues to stare at the DOOR.

INT. KIERA'S ROOM - NIGHT (3)

Kiera tries to call Sherry.

No Answer.

She puts the PHONE on her BED and gets up to move the RING
LIGHT close to her.

She sets up for the call.

INT. FRIENDS VIDEO CONFERENCE - NIGHT (4)

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
are completely empty.

No Chasity, Suri, Sherry nor Alice.

Each of the missing friend squares are completely RED. The
girls are nowhere to be found.

KIERA

Hello!? Anybody there?

Sherry!? Suri!? Come on guys stop
messaging around. Where are you?

Suddenly, a large VM slowly appears over their videos.
Kiera's eye widen, then frowns.

Kiera gets off her bed and exits the room.

INT. KIERA'S BATHROOM - NIGHT (5)

Kiera enters through the doors and closes it shut. Stands
in front of the MIRROR. Stares. Right hand moves towards
the LIGHT SWITCH.

Flips the SWITCH off.

KIERA

One.

Turns ON the light.

FLIPS the LIGHT SWITCH off a second time..

KIERA (CONT'D)

Two.

Flips the SWITCH back ON. In the mirror, Kiera sees the
back of her Reflection. The Reflection sobs.

Kiera observers.

KIERA

Hey.

REFLECTION

I know what you're about to do.

KIERA

Why are you crying?

REFLECTION

Because you never cared about me. That's
why you started all of this. Wanting
likes and treating your friends like that.

KIERA

What are you talking about?

The Reflection turns around.

REFLECTION

You will never understand until you know how valuable I am to you.

KIERA

What does that mean?

REFLECTION

You can't beat the viral monster until you do.

KIERA

I'm going to get my friends back. I don't want to deal with IT anymore.

REFLECTION

You already made a deal. Did you get what you wanted?

KIERA

Yes. No. --Not really.

The lights starts flickering.

REFLECTION

We're running out of time.

KIERA

What? What's happening?

REFLECTION

The portal is opening. IT knows you want to break your deal.

I can't stay here.

KIERA

How does it know? What do I do? I need to find my friends.

REFLECTION

Follow the light to find me.

The Reflection moves to the door. Kiera stares.

KIERA

Where are you going?

The Reflection disappears. The lights continue to FLICKER. Suddenly goes dark black.

A RED LIGHT emits from the mirror and bounces off of Kiera's face.

The VIRAL MONSTER vaguely appears. It's face glows. Speaks a foreign language.

KIERA

Where are my friends?!

MONSTER

(Satisfied you not?)

KIERA

No, I want my friends back.

MONSTER

(Me you gave. Work they make happy you.)

KIERA

What do you mean they work? Where are they? I want them back.

MONSTER

(No.)

KIERA

Please. I don't want this viral stuff
anymore. What do I have to do to get them
back?

MONSTER

(Come. Find out.)

The MONSTER reaches forward and grabs Kiera.

Kiera's body is pulled into the MIRROR.

FADE OUT

THE END

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