

VIRAL MONSTER: Series 1

"FOLLOW THE LIGHT"

Episode 106

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FADE IN:

Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going."

JOHN 12:35 NIV

TITLE CARD:

"VIRAL MONSTER"

EXT. SUBURBAN FOREST - DAY (1)

Green leaves create a large overhead wall. The sky hides behind the plethora of tree branches.

Sunlight seeps through. A dirt road travels into the distance.

Kiera lies there flat on the ground. Eyes closed. She slowly awakens. Looks around. Breathes slowly in and out for a moment.

KIERA (V.O.)

What happened?

Where am I?

This place looks like I'm a long way from home. I think the Viral Monster wants me here. I need to find my friends.

Kiera stands up.

She slowly starts walking down the dirt road. She spins her head around looking in all directions.

She examines the area.

Kiera approaches a wide area with a huge SELFIE IMAGE floating up in the air of herself. Her mouth drops as she stares up at the image.

She walks past the IMAGE and approaches a larger area with surrounding trees.

She continues to enter the area. Ahead, there is a weird row of people with their heads down moving their arms quickly.

Kiera slows down and pauses for a moment. Stares.

She approaches the first person in the row from behind. Chasity's face appears with her head down staring at a DEVICE.

CHASITY

(repeats)

Like, like, like, like, like...

KIERA

Chasity? What are doing?

Chasity looks up at Kiera with a possessed face, EYES SOLID WHITE.

CHASITY

Isn't this what you wanted Kiera?! I'm your slave now. All the LIKES you want. Are you happy?!

Chasity bursts into a maniacal laugh. Kiera frowns and continues to walk forward briskly.

Suri's head down performing the same actions as Chasity.

SURI

(repeats)

Like, like, like, like, like...

KIERA

Suri? --Oh my God.

Suri looks up at Kiera with a possessed face, EYES SOLID WHITE.

SURI

Chasity wasn't enough, huh?! You really don't care about anyone but yourself. Selfish! Selfish! Selfish!...

Kiera's eyes open wide, and she continues forward.

Alice's face appears with their head down staring at a DEVICE. Kiera slowly approaches.

ALICE

(repeats)

Like, like, like, like, like...

Kiera stops.

KIERA

Alice?

ALICE

Some friend you are Kiera! I knew you would do this to us! I knew you had something to do with this! I don't like this part of you!

Kiera steps back and covers her mouth.

KIERA

I'm so sorry. I didn't want this. I didn't want this to happen to you.

Kiera continue forward. Sherry's face appears with her head down staring at a DEVICE.

KIERA

Sherry?

Sherry looks up at Kiera with a possessed face, EYES SOLID WHITE.

SHERRY

(repeats)

Like, like, like, like, like...

KIERA

Oh my God, Sherry!

I'm so sorry about this.

SHERRY

Isn't this what you wanted Kiera?! I'm your slave now. All the LIKES you want. It's just never enough for you!

Sherry bursts into a maniacal laugh.

Kiera frowns.

KIERA

Sherry, I'm going to fix this. I will make it right.

Kiera turns around and takes off running. Eyes focus straight ahead. She runs fast...

EXT. SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD - DUSK (2)

Several houses align perfectly down the street. Cars paralleled parked in multiple spots.

The sun begins to set.

Kiera approaches from a distance. Running non-stop down the sidewalk.

She swings her arms quickly from front to back, taking quick breaths.

She comes to a halt. Bends over with her head down. Deep breaths in and out.

The sun touches the horizon in the distance.

Kiera eyes the neighborhood LIGHT POST. The LIGHT POST slowly turns ON. The light shines bright over the street.

Kiera stares. The LIGHT changes to RED. The rest of the LIGHT POSTS in the neighborhood also turn.

Kiera quickly looks around and takes off running down the sidewalk. The entire atmosphere is RED.

EXT. DOUBLE STREET - RED LIGHT POST ALLEY - NIGHT (3)

She runs to an stops at a tall LIGHT POST in the middle of a long double STREET. Split by a large grassy area. Kiera catches her breath.

A beat.

She eyes down the pathway of the street and sees several LIGHT POSTS into the distance. Her eyes widen.

Kiera walks...

The MONSTER appears from behind the POST she walked past. It slowly walks out and steps in behind Kiera.

It speaks in a foreign language.

MONSTER

(Welcome.)

KIERA

You need to let my friends go. Now!

MONSTER

(Satisfied you not?)

KIERA

No, I'm not. Can you just let them go?! Please?

MONSTER

(No. They're mine now. This is what you wanted.)

KIERA

No. I don't want this. It was a mistake. I wanted REAL likes. Not what you're doing to my friends.

MONSTER

(You no choose how. Only fulfill your desire. Did I not?)

KIERA

You did, but I don't need it.

MONSTER

(What need you?)

KIERA

I realized trying to force my friends to like my posts, steals our friendship. I need my friends back.

MONSTER

(Need you likes from others.)

KIERA

No, I don't.

Kiera looks around and then far down the street. She sees a small WHITE LIGHT.

The MONSTER eyes Kiera.

KIERA (CONT'D)

They're not the ones that need to like my post. I know exactly who does.

--Me.

Kiera takes off running away from the Monster, down the long street of LIGHT POSTS.

The Monster growls, eyes Kiera running into the distance. It walks behind the LIGHT POST and disappears across the line.

Kiera continues to run.

She runs faster and faster towards the LIGHT.

EXT. DOUBLE STREET - WHITE LIGHT POST ALLEY - NIGHT (4)

Kiera arrives at the LIGHT and approaches her Reflection standing there looking back at her.

REFLECTION

I'm so glad you found me.

KIERA

Me too. --I was a little lost and didn't know where to go.

REFLECTION

Don't worry about that. You found me.

KIERA

I followed the light.

REFLECTION

That's the key to this whole thing.

Speak your truth.

The Reflection eyes widen.

The Monster steps out from behind the LIGHT POST.

REFLECTION

Oh my God.

KIERA

What?

Kiera looks back. Quickly turns back around.

REFLECTION

It's coming.

KIERA

Look, I know it wasn't right to give up my friends like I did. I put desire for myself ahead of everything and everyone... Including you. I realize now that nothing else matters in this world more than you.

The Reflections wipes her eyes as she slightly sobs.

KIERA

I'm sorry for how I treated you. I like you. No, I love you.

REFLECTION

I love you, too.

MONSTER

(Noooooooooooo!)

The MONSTER runs towards them.. Kiera hugs her Reflection. The MONSTER fades away.

A great WHITE LIGHT surrounds them and fills the air.

INT. KIERA' BEDROOM - DAY (5)

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

Kiera gets out her bed and exits.

INT. KIERA'S BATHROOM - DAY (6)

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

Washes her face and brushes her teeth. One last stare..

KIERA

I like you. No, I love you.

You are awesome.

You are enough, just like you are.

You are a masterpiece in progress.

You are the master of you own destiny.

You are unstoppable.

You are the hero of your story.

You are the creator of your own reality.

You are a miracle in the making.

Kiera smiles and exits.

INT. KIERA'S BEDROOM - DAY (7)

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

5 VIEWS 2 LIKES

Kiera takes a deep breath. 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 the video call.

INT. FRIENDS VIDEO CONFERENCE - DAY(8)

ON SCREEN: SUMMER GIRL 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?

KIERA

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.

Suri slightly holds her head down.

KIERA

Suri, you look a little sad. You good?

SURI

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.

SURI

But Sherry, you were the only one.

ALICE

I didn't see it.

KIERA

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.

KIERA

Wow. That's messed up Chasity.

CHASITY

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

SURI

I need you to just LIKE it, okay.

KIERA

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

SURI

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.

SURI

Because... Urgh.

KIERA

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.

KIERA

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.

ALICE

Huh?

KIERA

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.

SURI

What is this mirror monster?

Kiera's eyes open wide and her mouth drops.

KIERA

No, no, noooooooooooooooooo...

FADE OUT

THE END