"Viral Video"

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INT. SEAN’S ROOM--DAY

Seana and Nico finish tying Sue and Lisa to their chairs. Sue and Lisa are currently still under Sean’s trance.

NICO
Why are we tying them up if we have them tranced?

SEAN
A safety precaution. We still don’t know how the people I hypnotize get un-hypnotized without the key word.

NICO
What’s the key word?

SEAN
Beetlejuice.

Sue and Lisa wake up.

SUE
What the?

LISA
Sean? Nico? What’s going on?

SEAN
Ugh, Nico, look what you made me do.

Sean takes out the pocketwatch.

SUE
It’s you!

Sean holds up the pocket watch and lets it spin in front of them.

SEAN
Shut-up.

Lisa and Sue obey. They look dazed.

NICO
Maybe you should ask who Squirt is?

SEAN
I’ll come up with the ideas, Nico!

Sean turns back to Lisa and Sue.

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SEAN
Who is Squirt, the super boy?

INT. DAN’S CAR--DAY
Dan drives, his speakers blasting Barbara Ann. He belts out along, incorrectly.

DAN
Saw Betty-Lou, saw Mary-Sue, saw Susie-Q but I knew she wouldn’t do, Barbara Ann!

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Dan continues singing, when his cell phone rings. He turns down the music and answers it.

DAN
Hello?

EXT. STREET--DAY
Wanda Withers scoots down the street angrily clutching a newspaper in one hand and a cell phone against her ear in the other.

WANDA
Hello, Squirt?

INT. DAN’S CAR--DAY
Dan is caught off guard.

DAN
Um, yeah? I guess. Yeah, that’s me.

EXT. STREET--DAY
WANDA
This is Wanda Withers, Truth Seeker. Yes, hello. Did you happen to see this mornings paper?
INT. DAN’S CAR--DAY

Dan starts to talk:

DAN

Yea-

EXT. STREET--DAY

WANDA

Well there was an article in it, apparently written by me that I have no recollection of writing. Not only that, I have no recollection of the past day. All I remember is-

INT. DAN’S CAR--DAY

DAN

Where are you Wanda? We should talk.

EXT. STREET--DAY

WANDA

I’m walking down Sycamore street.

INT. DAN’S CAR--DAY

Dan looks confused.

DAN

...I’m driving down Sycamore street.

Dan looks out his window and sees Wanda looking back from the sidewalk. He pulls over, and gets out.

DAN

Hey!

WANDA

I’m on the phone!

DAN

No, it’s me, I’m Squirt!

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WANDA
You’re Squirt?

Dan realizes he’s blown his cover. He snaps his fingers.

DAN
Shoot.

INT. SEAN’S ROOM--DAY

SEAN
Dan?! Dan Adams is Squirt?!

NICO
Well, he’s been friends with Rufus for a while, and, uh, Squirt sort of looks just like him so it’s not really that big of a stretch...

SEAN
Dan Adams couldn’t tie his own shoes if his life depended on it! He’s the one that’s been screwing with my plans? He’s my big rival? He’s the Batman to my Joker?

NICO
Ha. That makes Rufus Alfred.

SEAN
Quiet Nico, I have another question: How, Susan, does Dan do it? How does he stop my trances?

SUE
Water in their eyes.

SEAN
What?! Water? Well that’s just great! Of course the one normally useless power Dan Adams has becomes the Achilles heel to my own ability.

NICO
Simmer, Sean.

SEAN
Don’t you tell me to simmer, Nico. You don’t know what it’s like. You don’t know how it feels

(MORE)
SEAN (cont’d)
to have something great, only to
have it destroyed by some total
ass.

NICO
But we’re getting revenge, Sean,
that video’s going to be really
popular, and everyone who watches
it will spread that viscous rumor
about-

SEAN
A rumor, Nico? A rumor? Our big
villainous act is a rumor? How
weak is that? No, turn on the web
cam. We’re making a new video.

NICO
What?

SEAN
We aren’t going to just ruin
Rufus’s life—We’re going to take
it from him.

Nico frowns.

INT. RUFUS’S LIVING ROOM—DAY

Gigi sits watching the fashion channel. Rufus walks in with
the newspaper. Gigi’s accent is as heavy as ever.

RUFUS
Apparently, Gigi, there’s a new
Youtube video that will simply
change your life.

GIGI
Mine specifically? I did not know
I was that big a deal here yet.

RUFUS
No, like, anyone that watches it.

Rufus sits in front of his computer, and pulls up
Youtube. Gigi walks over.

RUFUS
Here it is.

Rufus presses play. Sean appears on the screen.

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SEAN
Hello America.

Rufus pauses it.

RUFUS
What?! Sean Siller? I’m writing a letter to the editor!

Rufus gets up and storms off. Gigi presses play. Sean pulls out his pocket watch.

SEAN
See this? This means I own you.

Gigi looks dazed. The video get bizarre—their are flashes of the pocketwatch, flashes of sean, flashes of stock footage of death, and flashes of Rufus—and it’s all set to some bizarre sounding music. Sean talks over it as well.

SEAN
Find Rufus. Find him. Kill him. Use whatever necessary. Do not fear the law. Overcome your obstacles. Find Rufus Charleston, and kill him. He’s been a bad person. Find Dan Adams. Find him and kill him. They’ve been deceiving you. (Etc.)

Gigi, dazed, stands up from in front of the computer, grabs a pencil, and sharpens it before heading off in the direction of Rufus.

GIGI
Rufees...

INT. RUFUS’S KITCHEN--DAY

Rufus sits writing a letter. His cell phone rings.

RUFUS
This is Rufus Charleston, may I ask with whom I’m speaking?

INT. CLOSET--DAY

Nico stands in a closet, on his cell phone.
CONTINUED:

NICO
Rufus, it’s Nico-

INT. RUFUS’S KITCHEN--DAY
Rufus frowns angrily.

RUFUS
Nico Tamberelli? If you’re calling to gloat I’ll have you know-

INT. CLOSET--DAY
Nico rolls his eyes.

NICO
Just shut up and listen, I don’t have long. Sean’s gone crazy—No. Shut up and listen Rufus, this is important! He’s the one that’s been hypnotizing people. The video, the one on Youtube, it’s gonna make people try to kill you!

INT. RUFUS’S KITCHEN--DAY
Gigi enters, holding the sharpened pencil above her head, dagger style.

RUFUS
Right, Nico. Very fun-

Rufus sneezes, lunging forward and causing Gigi to just miss stabbing him through the neck.

RUFUS
-Holy Shit! Gigi, what are you doing!

Rufus left the phone on the table, but he can still barely hear Nico:

NICO
He’s got Sue! Rufus, he has Sue and Lisa!

Gigi stabs the phone.

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RUFUS
Oh-my-god, Gigi, we are sooooo over.

EXT. STREET--DAY

Dan and Wanda walk down the street.

DAN
So you think you were hypnotized by this villain and that the Youtube video from the article is supposed to hypnotize, like, lots of people?

WANDA
If you want to waste time paraphrasing the truth, yes, that is what I think. To get down to buisness, i have this.

Wanda wipes out a piece of paper with a fairly accurate pencil sketch of Nico.

WANDA
I had this drawn up back at the paper. I already have them issuing a statement in an update issue on stands at five, but I think that may be too late. This is, i believe, the accomplice to the hypnotist.

DAN
That's Nico! From school! You think he's doing all this?

WANDA
God, you're slow. No, I think he's the accomplice. Who is he, who does he hang around?

Dan's phone rings, he pulls it out and answers it.

DAN
Hello?
INT. CLOSET--DAY

Nico is still in the closet with his phone.

   NICO
   Dan, it’s Nico, I have something important to-

The closet door opens. Sean stands there.

   SEAN
   What are you doing?

   NICO
   Um...

Sean holds up the watch.

EXT. STREET--DAY

Dan and Wanda stand. Dan has his phone to his ear.

   DAN
   Nico? Nico? Hello?

Dan closes his phone and puts it back in hs pocket.

   DAN
   He, uh, hung up. He sounded like he was trying to tell me something.

   WANDA
   Maybe he was trying to tell you--The Truth!

Wanda looks directly into the camera.

CLOSING TITLES: "Squirt!"

INT. RUFUS’S KITCHEN--DAY

Gigi pulls a knife out from the knife block. Rufus looks around, sees a vase with flowers, pulls the flowers out and throws the water at Gigi.

   GIGI
   What the hell Rufees?!

   RUFUS
   Honestly, you probably deserved that. Case in point: I’m going to save Susan, so, well, ciao!

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Rufus waves and runs out the door, where a group of dazed looking citizens await him with various weapons. He snaps his fingers, as if to say:

    RUFUS
    Well, shoot.

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