

Infamous

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INT. JASON'S ROOM - FADE IN - NIGHT

JASON is sitting at his computer desk streaming on Twitch.tv. The room is dim with only the light of his computer illuminating his face, he is playing "Infamous". He's interacting with his audience and having a good time. He hears a thump outside of his bedroom door unexpectedly.

JASON
Tom? David?

OFFICER
(muffled) POLICE!

FREEZE FRAME as officers burst through the door, showing Jason's screaming face. A quick fade to black darkens the screen with text that displays "3 YEARS AGO"

INT. JASON'S ROOM - FADE IN - MORNING

Jason is sitting in his room feeling defeated as he's viewing his analytics for his YouTube channel. CUT to his friend DAVID as he walks into the room behind him.

DAVID

Yo, how's your channel?

JASON

Not good, man. My views are crap right now.

DAVID

I told you, Minecraft isn't relevant anymore.

JASON

I'm missing something, I just don't know what it is.

David smirks and chuckles in the background as he's playing a video on his phone. Jason turns around in curiosity.

JASON

What are you watching?

DAVID

I'm watching Joey Salads. He's pretty funny.

JASON

Says who?

DAVID

Says his hundreds of thousands of subscribers.

JASON

You're lying, Lemme see that.

ZOOM IN on David's phone. He stares in shock at Joey's subscriber count.

JASON

His vids are trash, bruh. Why would people watch him?

DAVID

I don't know bro, but it seems to work. Him, PrankInvasion, Sam Pepper, and a lot of other channels.

JASON

Whatever, imma do me.

DAVID

Aight, good luck with that

David exits the room and Jason begins pondering. He starts searching up various YouTube channels and is in awe as he sees thousands and even millions of subscribers for every channel he sees. FADE OUT on Jason's face as he gives a slight smirk, indicating he's planning something.

INT KITCHEN - FADE IN - MORNING

WIDE SHOT of Jason sitting at the table, taking glimpses at the camera as he's checking his phone. His friend TOM comes out of his room in Jason's direction.

JASON

Yo, watcha up to?

TOM

Uh, getting ceral. Why?

JASON

Eh nothing. Anyway, could you get me a
spoon real quick?

TOM

Sure.

As Tom is getting his breakfast, Jason is glancing over at the camera in anticipation for what's next. He leaves the scene for a moment as Tom returns to the table with the spoon, when BOOM, an explosion of milk and apple jacks spews into his face. Tom stands in awe as Jason comes in laughing hysterically.

JASON

TASTE THE CINNAMON NOW?

TOM

What the hell dude?

Jason grabs the camera and turns it to both of them as he talks to it saying to subscribe and says his farewell. Jason turns off the camera and Tom is furious, grabbing him by his collar

TOM

You got 5 seconds before I ram my foot in
your ass.

JASON

Chill man. Look, I'm trying out pranks.
Imma see if this goes
anywhere and if it
doesn't, I'll quit.

TOM (angrily)
How many views do you think it'll get?
200; 2,000?

CUT to Tom and Jason looking at their YouTube video a week later.

JASON
2 MILLION views.

TOM
Damn man, I'll admit, I'm impressed.

JASON
I know right?

TOM
So I'm guessing you're gonna-

JASON
Continue? Hell yeah.

A montage ensues as Jason is continuing his path of doing pranks with flashes of his subscriber count going up and money signs panning across the screen. The screen reads "1 year later" and then fades into Jason standing and staring happily at his screen, laughing in joy.

INT JASON'S ROOM - FADE IN - AFTERNOON

JASON

What'd I tell you guys? I knew this was gonna work. We got money, fame and even our own clothing line soon.

Tom is seen scrolling through the comments in the background with a look of worry on his face

DAVID

That's dope and all, but I think we should just chill with the pranks, ya know?

JASON

Hell no, we're only getting started. I have ideas that'll cover us for months.

DAVID

(unenthusiastically)

cool.

TOM

David has a point though, we should give it a break for now. Besides, we have other issues to deal with.

JASON

what do you mean?

TOM

You have been seeing the feedback on your vids right?

JASON

The only feedback that matters is the view count and it's only gotten better since we started.

DAVID

yea, but our public image isn't good dude.

JASON

That same public image got us to where we
are today.

TOM

Dude, could you shut the hell up just once
and listen?!

JASON

No! We have a good thing going for us, and
I'm not gonna stop. Now
get the hell out, I'm
gonna be live streaming
tonight.

Jason shoves his two roommates out of his room, slams the door
and locks it. Tom and David look at each other in dismay.

TOM

Wanna play Smash Bros?

DAVID

Yeah.

INT JASON'S ROOM - FADE IN - NIGHT

Is

CUT to Jason playing Infamous on a livestream on his computer,
as he was in the beginning. Somewhere in an unknown location, a
mysterious figure is seen picking up their phone dialing a
number. CLOSE UP on the lower half of their face as they're
speaking

UNKNOWN

Hello? Yes I have an emergency.

CUT back to Jason's bedroom as the police are about to barge in.
Jason is streaming as normal until he hears thumping from his
bedroom door

JASON Tom? David?

OFFICER
(muffled) POLICE!

FREEZE FRAME as officers burst through the door, showing Jason's screaming face.

INT LIVING ROOM - FADE IN - MORNING

All the roommates are sitting in the living room as the police officer explains the situation in confusion.

OFFICER So you're telling me that you got what exactly?

TOM SWATTED! Someone gave a BS emergency just to mess with us!

OFFICER Any ideas as to why?

DAVID Because dick head over here can be a bit of a prick.

JASON Dude!

OFFICER Any enemies or people who might want to harm you?

DAVID Half the audience that he's attracted!

JASON Dude!

OFFICER Have you taken any precautions?

DAVID He doesn't want to.

JASON Who's side are you on?!

OFFICER I feel sorry for you son. But seeing

as your safe and no actual harm has come towards anyone, I'll be on my way.

JASON Thank you officer.

OFFICER Word of advice: notoriety isn't the same as fame, it's more of a burden than anything. Be careful.

The Officer leaves through the front door. The group discuss on the status of the channel.

JASON Is all that really true?

TOM Yeah man, half the comments and feedback has been nothing but anger and hate.

JASON I had no idea, I'm sorry. I promise imma cut the pranks for good and focus on something else.

TOM Dope, what did you have in mind?

JASON Ever heard of prank videos?

Tom and David look at each other in worry

TOM & DAVID OH FU-

CUT away to the credits.