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UNDUE INFLUENCE

INT CAFE

DAY

We open in a small cafe. SUZE is working as a waitress, serving tables. Her heart isn't in it. As we see her working we hear the announcement about the internet returning. SUZE comes to life

SUZE

Yes!

SUZE heads to the counter, removes her apron and throws it to the cafe owner.

SUZE (CONT'D)

That's me out of here. See ya!

SUZE marches towards the door, as the owner calls after her.

OWNER

What about the rest of the shift?

SUZE waves bye bye over her shoulder. As she nears the door she pulls out her phone and records in selfie mode.

SUZE

SUZE SEZ is back fans. Quick review of Sonny's Cafe. If you're thinking of coming leave your taste buds behind. The food is bland and the staff are disinterested. Or at least they were. See you back online with more new content.

SUZE smiles as she exits.

INT DVD SHOP

DAY

SUZE walks through the door of the DVD shop just as a conversation is taking place.

ANDREW

New shelving. If it's something more adult you're looking for might I suggest the second truly great Western of the 21st century, Open Range. You see the final gunfight is quite possibly the greatest in all of cinema...

SUZE (INTERRUPTING)
I did a reaction to that movie a while back. It was really good....in fact it was one of my best posts. Any earnings from my content?

ANDREW hands over a tenner. SUZE looks despondent.

SUZE (CONT'D)
Is that all?

SUZE spots a fellow content provider in the shop and heads over.

SUZE (CONT'D)
Babe, have you heard the news?

FRIEND
Yep. Internet is coming back. Are you working on content?

SUZE
Damn right I am. Assuming our channels have been retained. I had half a million followers and regular income. Better than the scrapings from these DVDs. What about you?

FRIEND
Don't see why not. We need some new ideas.

SUZE
Yeah. I'm going to have to come up with something. The last year has been a nightmare. I tried a few things before we found the DVD shop. Disaster!

We cut to flashback scenes of SUZE trying to do live reaction content.

INT CINEMA NIGHT

An action movie is showing on screen (NAILS). Suddenly SUZE stands up in front of the screen. She starts giving her reactions to the onscreen action.

SUZE
Hi, SUZE SEZ here with my reaction
to NAILS, a female led action
flick.

A cinema patron stands up

PATRON
Will you shut up? I'm trying to
watch the film.

Unexpectedly, the rest of the audience shout him down. The cinema is full of SUZE SEZ fans. They have been invited here by SUZE to listen to her content. They turn on the patron and tell him to shut up. Even throwing food at him.

AUDIENCE
Shut up you old fart.
Come on SUZE, what do you make of
it?

THE ORIGINAL PATRON STORMS OUT MUTTERING TO HIMSELF AS SUZE RESUMES HER REACTION.

EXT STREET DAY

Second flashback. A busker is singing and playing guitar. Cash is occasionally dropped into the busker's open guitar case. SUZE then sets up next to the busker and drops a hat in front of her. SUZE starts reacting to the busker and commenting on her performance.

SUZE
SUZE SEZ here on the streets of
Newcastle. Reacting to this busker.
She's not bad. Good guitar
technique and an interesting song.
I'm getting into it.

The busker is visibly annoyed.

BUSKER
Do you mind?

SUZE
What's your problem? I'm giving you
a good review.

Someone listening to SUZE drops a coin in her hat.

BUSKER
You're kidding!

The disgruntled busker packs up her gear and storms off.

We cut back to the DVD shop.

INT DVD SHOP DAY

SUZE

Yeah, that didn't exactly work out.
Have you got any ideas? We need to
hit the ground running.

FRIEND

I'll have to think about it. Needs
to be something contemporary.

The two part, still puzzling over ideas.

EXT STREET DAY

SUZE is out and about on the streets. She has decided to
interview the public about the imminent return of the
internet.

SUZE

SUZE SEZ here, out and about
gauging peoples response to the
imminent return of the internet.

SUZE begins interviewing passersby.

SUZE (CONT'D)

Hi, what are your thoughts about
the return of the internet? Are you
excited?

1ST PASSERBY

Can't wait. I want my streaming
services back. And online gaming. I
wanna get my crew back online.

A young female comes running up to SUZE.

YOUNG FEMALE

Oh my God, you're SUZE SEZ. I love
your content. Are you going back
online?

SUZE

Yeah, that's why I'm here. I'm
recording new content. Asking
people what they're looking forward
to when the switch on happens.

YOUNG FEMALE

Well obviously you SUZE. I love your stuff. Wait! Does this mean I'm going to be in a SUZE SEZ post? Yeah, amazing, woo!

The next interview SUZE is questioning a sleazy looking guy.

SUZE

So, what have you missed while the internet has been down?

SLEAZY GUY

Oh, hook up dating sites for sure. When the internet was live I was hitting up bitches all over the place. Since it went down I've been on a dry spell drier than a mummy's pocket. Say, are you err single?

SUZE gives an awkward grimace to the lens and the camera cuts.

The next interview is with an older member of the public.

SUZE

What's thrilling you about the return of the internet?

OLDER PERSON

I don't think I am thrilled. Look around you. Shops are thriving. Banks have reopened branches. The High Street is booming.

Another person is interviewed.

SUZE

Any opinions on the big internet switch on?

INTERVIEWEE

As a parent I've been really happy without the internet. The kids have really engaged with me instead of having their heads bent over a screen. They've been outside playing, taking up sports. It's been great for their physical and mental health.

SUZE

Things have taken a turn. Let's see what our next interviewee has to say.

SMART INTERVIEWEE

I work in insurance and I can tell you there has been a huge reduction in fraud. Internet scams are a thing of the past. And with ransomware etc no longer a thing, it must have saved millions, if not billions.

SUZE then sums up in a piece to camera.

SUZE

Well, that didn't go as expected. I assumed everyone would be thrilled to see the internet return. Some interesting opinions, things I hadn't even considered. Maybe things were better when the web was down? That's something I never thought I'd hear myself saying. Certainly food for thought.

SUZE stares into camera. There is a thoughtful look on her face until.

SUZE (CONT'D)

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THE END