



Doppelgänger

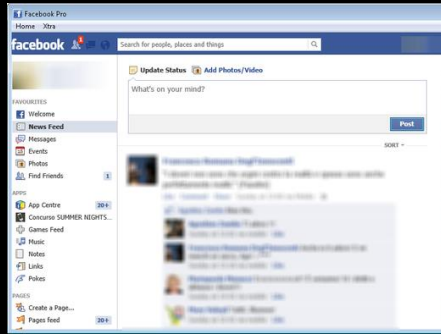
Mystical thriller

Logline: **desktop-thriller** based on Dostoevsky's novella **The Double**, a 90 minute live stream by **17 year old pranker Josh**, whose life is upheaved by a mysterious **Doppelganger** from the Internet. Can the protagonist prove he is the **real one**?

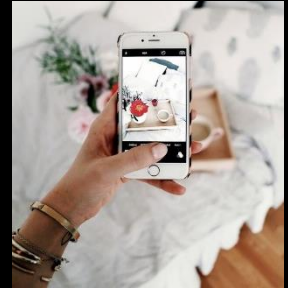




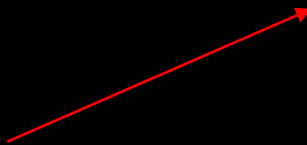
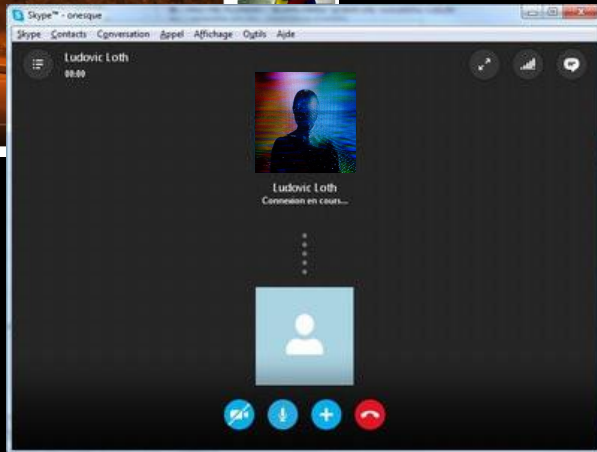
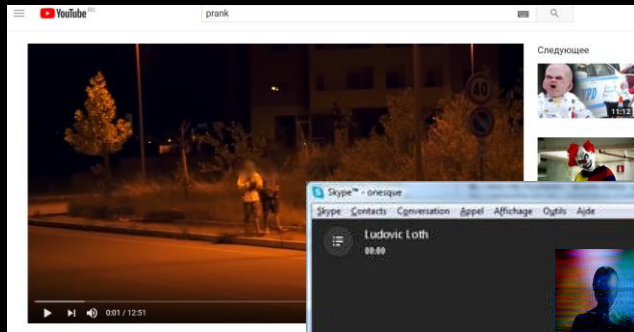
Josh



Sarah



Ian



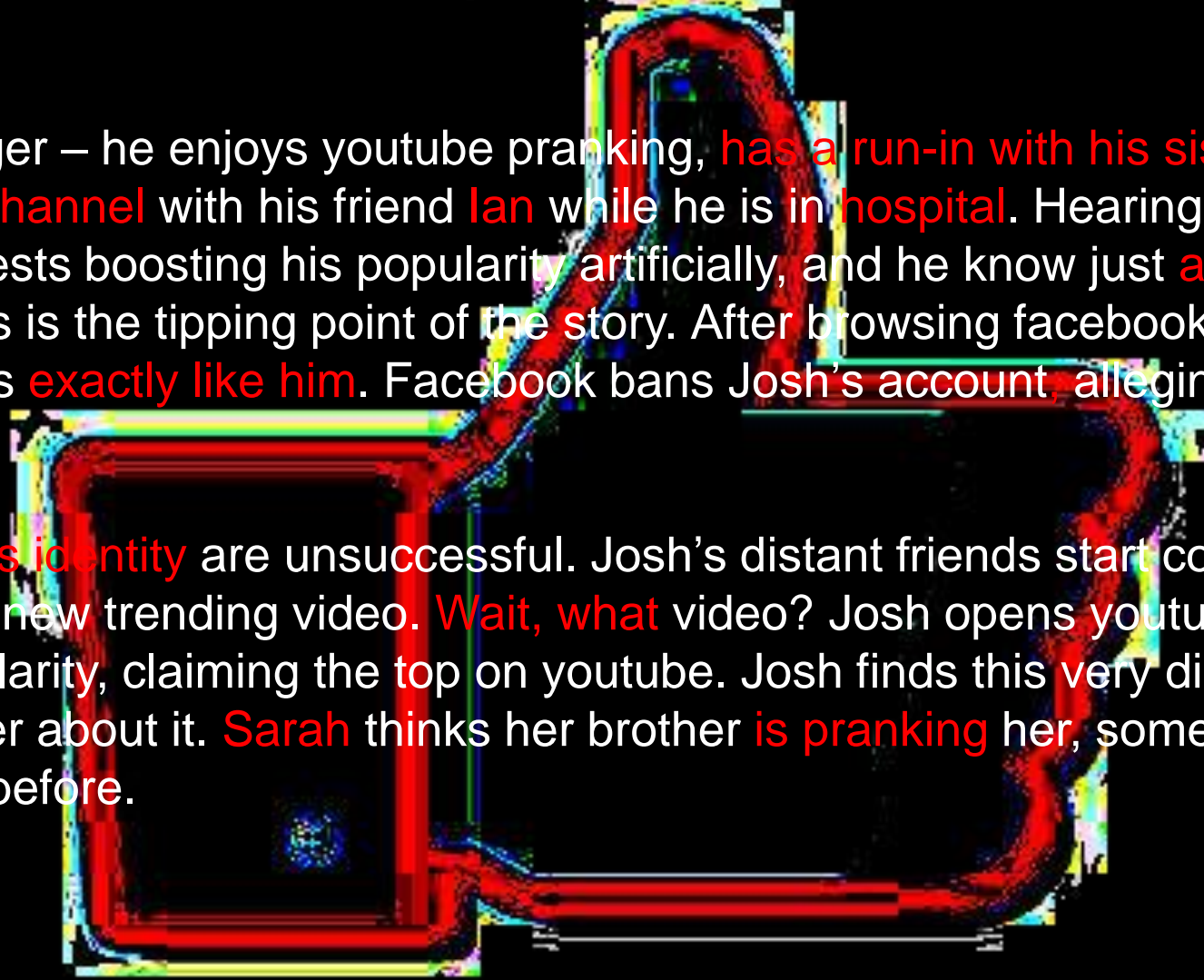
Kate

Computer screen film

Act 1.

Josh is a regular teenager – he enjoys youtube pranking, **has a run-in with his sister Sarah** and mom, and discusses **his youtube channel** with his friend **Ian** while he is in **hospital**. Hearing that Josh longs for internet fame, Ian suggests boosting his popularity artificially, and he know just **a site** for that. All you need **is fill out a form**. And this is the tipping point of the story. After browsing facebook Josh stumbles upon a photo of a boy that looks **exactly like him**. Facebook bans Josh's account, alleging his profile is fake **and is not verified**.

His attempts to prove **his identity** are unsuccessful. Josh's distant friends start contacting him via skype to congratulate him on his new trending video. **Wait, what** video? Josh opens youtube **and sees himself**. The video is surging in popularity, claiming the top on youtube. Josh finds this very disturbing and calls his sister **Sarah** and tells her about it. **Sarah** thinks her brother **is pranking** her, something she'd asked him to stop doing many times before.

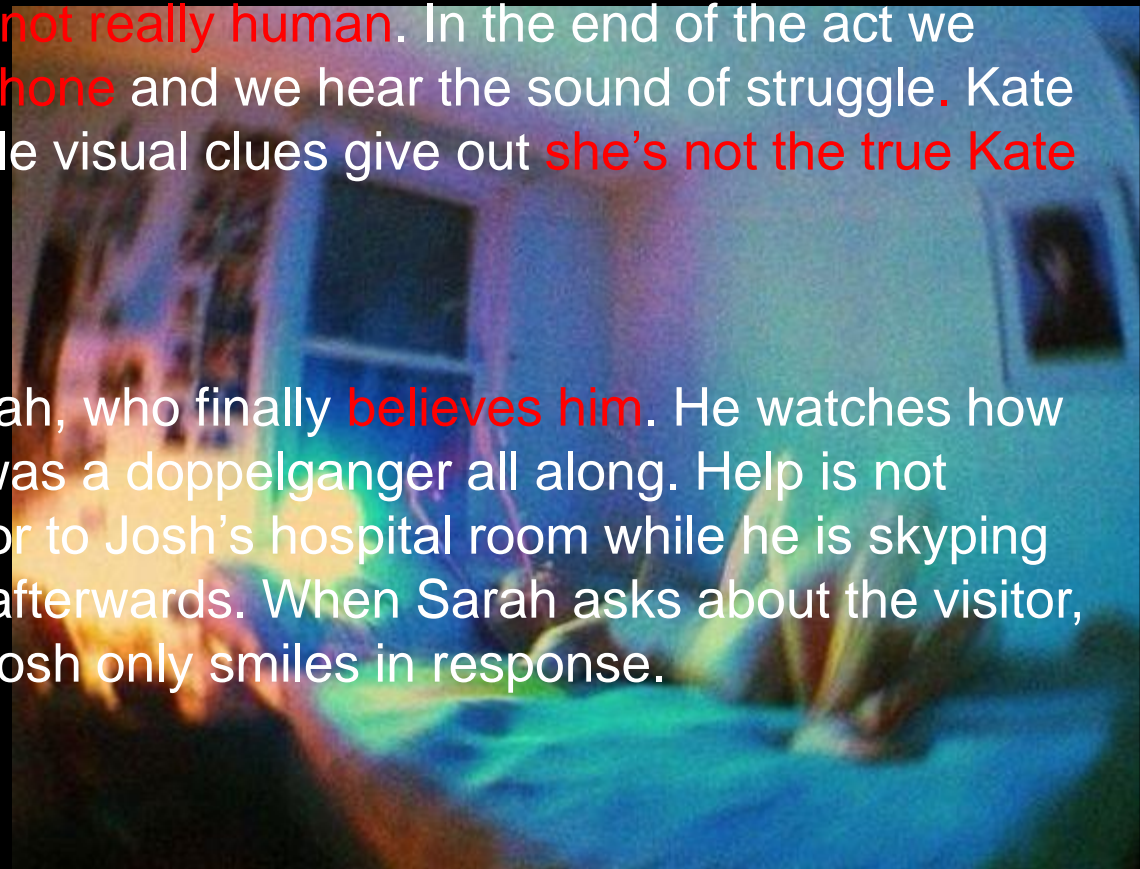
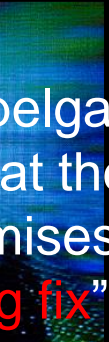


Act 2.

The Doppelganger creates a new racist prank video. **In desperation** Josh uses with Sarah a code phrase that they'd used as kids **to warn each other about danger**, to convince her that **he's the real one**. Kate promises to **follow the double** after he leaves the "1, 2, 3, 4" Sarah says, "**brother and sister will everything fix**" Josh finishes. Then Josh calls his girlfriend Kate, who is at **the big party** with the double. When she confronts the double, **she see his face and its not really human**. In the end of the act we witness the double attacking Kate. **She drops** her **smartphone** and we hear the sound of struggle. Kate picks up the phone and **looks in the camera**, but the subtle visual clues give out **she's not the true Kate anymore**.

Act 3.

Josh calls Ian and pleads for help, tells everything to Sarah, who finally **believes him**. He watches how the double continues **to take over his life**. The twist: **lan** was a doppelganger all along. Help is not coming. In the end of the act someone knocks on the door to Josh's hospital room while he is skyping with Sarah. **Josh gets up to the door and** returns shortly afterwards. When Sarah asks about the visitor, Josh blows it off. Suspicious, Sarah sings "**1 2 3 4**", but Josh only smiles in response.



References



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