Jimmy Neutron used to be one of the most well-known Nickelodeon franchises from the 2000s. Sure you have heard of the movie made back in 2001 before the TV series was made. Let me tell you how I encountered an unknown and obscure episode of the said series.

It was around 2004 when I was 11, and my family and I got home from the trip to the cinema to see Disney and Pixar's "The Incredibles", which was released that year. I was in the living room, searching through channel after channel until I noticed that Nickelodeon might be airing a new Jimmy Neutron episode at that time. Excited to see it so I go to the channel. It's still airing some commercials and promos so I waited patiently. But then, a promo for a new Jimmy Neutron episode came up with the narrator saying.

"Coming up next. It's a brand new episode of Jimmy Neutron. If you watched this special episode once, it will never air again on television. Only on Nick."

"That's odd?" I thought to myself. "Nickelodeon was airing a special episode of the show and will never be aired again? What was the deal?"

I pressed on. The strangest thing is that it doesn't start with the intro we come in love with. Except it was static and silent. As the static faded, it showed the title card called, "Shlegs". It was on a black background and the white text was in a Rusty Hearts font. The quality however looks like it was ripped onto a VHS tape.

"Shlegs?" I muttered. "What is this? What does that mean?"

Such a pretty strange title for a Jimmy Neutron episode, so I pressed on. In the background, it was playing some sort of quiet dark ambiance along with the episode. After the title card faded (without the credits), it showed Jimmy in his living room, all alone in the dark, except with some light illuminated from the TV. He was sitting on the couch, watching TV as per usual.

But what's odd about how Jimmy looked as the camera zoomed into him? He was… noseless. Not like graphically cut off or anything, but his nose just wasn't even on his face. It made me think of Mandy from The Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy. I continued. As the camera zoomed into Jimmy. He turned around to see where a window or door would be. He said the first thing in this episode.

"ICE CREAM!" said Jimmy.

The oddest thing is that he wasn't even voiced by Debi Derryberry, which use to voice the 11-year-old male protagonist. It sounded like some unknown 5-year-old boy who had gone through a bad life. After Jimmy said that, it cuts to a window. It was almost dark outside as it was daytime, probably a sunset on a cloudy day. I heard what sounded like a distorted jingle of an ice cream truck. Then, an ice cream truck appeared along with its jingle, stopping at where Jimmy's house could be.

It cut back to the interior of the living room where Jimmy was sitting on the couch. Jimmy got off the couch and ran toward the door as the camera zooms in. The quality of the episode was starting to corrupt as if the signal broke or might've been a VHS tape that was age-tampered or broken. After he opened the door, it cuts to a view outside, which is the neighborhood, where the ice cream truck appeared. Jimmy got outside the house and ran towards the ice cream truck as the screen gets more and more messed up.

Then it went to static as the jingle faded to the sound of the static. The static however got weirder. It was turning red, and what was in the sound of static sounded like a woman screaming fading in slowly. But what makes it worse is that the TV is smoking and sparking. It felt like it began to explode.

“Okay, what is happening?” I said worriedly. “This is not good.”

Then, the TV explodes. I survived the explosion, but then my mother came downstairs to see what happened.

“What happened?! Are you okay?!” my mother asked worriedly.

“I’m not sure.” I answered, “Maybe it’s because of some surreal Jimmy Neutron episode that just only aired on Nickelodeon, and was never going to be aired ever again.”

“And what was the episode?” my mother asked.

“It was called… Shlegs.” I answered nervously.

“Shlegs?” my mother said curiously, “What was this episode?”

“It started with Jimmy sitting on the couch.” I concluded, “the odd thing is that he had no nose. Then some ice cream truck appeared outside and Jimmy was running towards it. The quality of the episode however looked like if it was recorded from a VHS tape that seemed to be broken.”

My mother seemed to believe me about what had happened in that episode. We even got a new TV after the incident.

I’m pretty sure it might’ve been a hallucination or a real event. It made me feel like I won’t look at Nickelodeon the same way again. Pretty sure that they air strange and surreal episodes of known shows that would never get to be aired again on the channel, and are known to affect TVs when they were showing. As of the incident, questions were popping up in my head.

What was that episode about?

What does it have to do with the episode’s title?

Was it an episode that never got to be finished?

Why does it look like it was recorded onto a corrupt VHS tape?

How did it cause the TV to explode as it was showing?

Video: Jimmy Neutron - Shlegs