

Episode 1: What Are We?

Cheesy MUSIC plays, a synth and saxophone vibe, like a super upbeat 90s TV Special. "Episode 1: What Are We?" with OWN THE AWK logo appears on screen. Luis comes in with a pizza box, as Ahmed sits on the couch.

Luis: Pizza, pizza, pizza... Ready?

Ahmed: Yes.

Luis: Wait until you see it.

Luis opens the pizza box, showing Ahmed what's inside.

Ahmed: Aww... It's a heart.

Luis: Isn't it cute?

LUIS and AHMED are on the sofa, watching TV and eating pizza straight from the box. Ahmed grabs a slice and takes a big bite, only to be hit with the scalding heat. He gasps in pain, hyperventilating.

Ahmed: Oh, hot, hot. Oh, hot.

Luis grabs his phone and snaps a selfie with Ahmed mid-pain, the photo flashing full-screen for a moment. Luis starts typing a caption: "A hot slice for my hot slice @AhmedUnplugged."

Ahmed: You're not posting that, right?

Luis sheepishly shows Ahmed the screen

Ahmed: Crop me out.

Luis: Why? You look good.

Ahmed: I'm not ready for you to post about us.

Luis looks at Ahmed, taken aback and disappointed.

Ahmed: Hey, you need anything from the kitchen?

Ahmed: My mouth is killing me.

Ahmed gets up, leaving Luis alone. Luis sighs dramatically. The TV flickers to an infomercial-style scene with the words "The AwkLine with Shan Boodram" pops up.

Shan: Need to have an awkward conversation with your partner?

Luis turns his attention to the TV. The cheesy PSA graphic on the screen shifts to an infomercial-style scene. "Call Now! THE-AWK-LINE" flash in bold, neon letters with an exaggerated jingle playing.

Shan: Call The AwkLine now.

Luis stares at the TV shocked before quickly grabbing his phone.

Shan: Call us.

Luis dials the phone.

Shan: You've reached The AwkLine where we can help you Own the Awk.

Luis and Shan are shown side by side on the TV in a split-screen.

Shan: Hey Luis.

Luis: I really like this guy and want him to be my boyfriend,

Luis: but he shut down a soft launch of him on my story.

Luis: What do I do?

The words "HOW DO I MAKE THIS OFFICIAL?" flash in bold, neon letters on the TV screen.

Shan: Ah, defining the relationship or DTR.

Shan: Yeah, that can get scary. So instead, focus on DTW, defining the wants.

Super appears on screen saying "HONEST, DIRECT, and OPEN".

Shan: I want you to be honest about what going deeper means for you.

Shan: Next, you're going to be direct about why you want to have this talk now.

Shan: And of course, you gotta be open to Ahmed's needs as well.

The TV flickers, and Shan disappears as Ahmed returns with a glass of milk.

Luis: I'm sorry I tried to post that pic without asking.

Ahmed sits down on the couch next to Luis.

Luis: I just want people to know how much I care about you.

Ahmed holds Luis's hand.

Luis: How do you feel about us being together?

Shan appears on the TV screen.

Shan: Yes Luis. Start with your wants and then be open to his.

Ahmed: I like you a lot, but social media can be messy, you know?

Luis: I get that. But what I really want to know is that we're headed somewhere.

Ahmed: Listen, I love where this is going.

Ahmed: I just want to spend some more time together before we get serious and start, you know, hard launching on social media.

Ahmed: How about we give it a few weeks and see how we're feeling?

Luis: I'm good with pausing on socials, but what about seeing other people?

Ahmed: It's just you, babe.

Ahmed: This pizza is my only hot side piece.

Ahmed grabs another slice of pizza, holding it up with a grin and gives Luis a bite. Cheesy music plays with "Real talk. Real Connection" on screen.

Ends with OWNTHEAWK.org logo.