



Episode #01

"Pilot"

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COLD OPENFADE IN:EXT. FRONT OF WCTA AT THE STAIRS

[Establishing shot of WCTA]

RAYAN TALKING HEADINT. WCTA LIBRARY - DAY 1

RAYAN

It's senior year and here I am, thinking "well this sucks" I mean... Don't get me wrong. There's more privileges like going to exclusive events, taking part-time attendance, getting a job.

B-ROLL

[Camera shows various school activities like students going to their classes in passing periods, teachers teaching, etc.]

RAYAN TALKING HEAD

RAYAN

But that just means we become more lazy and teachers become more strict on us, trying to make us

[Rayan bring his hands up to show that he is quoting.]

RAYAN

"ready for college".

RAYAN

I remember back in Freshman year thinking senior year is going to be amazing, but after talking to the seniors from last year, I don't know how I feel.

[looks directly into the camera and yells]

RAYAN

I refuse to make this year a disappointment!

[Camera zooms out and you see Ryan Shih coming from the side]

RYAN P

Hey Rayan. Did you do the summer homework for AP Lang?

[Rayan looks behind to Ryan]

RAYAN

We had homework?

RYAN P

Yeah...You were supposed to read like 3 books and write essays about them... I'm guessing you didn't do it.

[Rayan looks back at the camera]

RAYAN

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END OF COLD OPEN

ACT ONEFADE IN:INT. MS. COMPTON'S ROOM

[Ms. Compton walks up on the stage and goes to the microphone]

MS. COMPTON

Okay, class, today, we have a new student. Please welcome Chris Ramirez

[Camera pans to the right and sees Chris walking up]

CHRIS

Uh hey. I'm Chris. I came from Miami...

[Camera cut to JC while Chris is talking. JC is talking to Jolena and Michelle, Camera cuts back to Chris staring straight into it]

CHRIS TALKING HEADINT. MS. COMPTON'S ROOM - FBLA STORE

CHRIS

First things first: I hate when people interrupt me.

ANTONIO

So what do you think of the new guy?

JOLENA

I think he's cute.

MICHELLE

Go talk to him.

JOLENA

What?? No, I haven't had my eyebrows threaded in like a month

MICHELLE

Who cares???

ANTONIO

I think the guy is pretty cool.

CHRIS TALKING HEADINT. MS. COMPTON'S ROOM - FBLA STORE

CHRIS

The urban dictionary definition of "high school" is "Torture. Plain and simple." My past high school experiences have basically been spot on with that definition, but I'm hoping that after transferring to this new school, I can prove the definition incorrect for once.

JOLENA TALKING HEAD

JOLENA

All of the guys dig me, but they're just too shy to admit it. I mean look at me. I've got it all.
[Spins around for the camera]

You can't deny it.

[Jolena hair flips]

INT. MS. COMPTON'S ROOM

[Rayan and Ryan enter the room. Camera pans to Michelle, who notices Ryan coming up. Michelle blushes]

RYAN P

Hey Michelle. Umm.... How's the weather down there.

MICHELLE

It's.... Uhhh....

JOLENA

If you ask me, it's pretty hot in here. I think it's because of the new kid.

[Camera pans over to Chris, chowing down on a Poptart, looks over to the camera mid-bite]
[Camera goes back to Michelle, Ryan P, Jolena, and Antonio, Jolena bites her lip]

RYAN P

Got a crush on the new kid, eh?

JOLENA

Who doesn't?

RYAN P

Dang, the way he is chowing down over there is pretty attractive. (Sarcastic)

RYAN P TALKING HEAD

INT. MS. COMPTON'S ROOM - FBLA STORE

RYAN P

I really don't understand why everyone is so attracted to the new guy. Like honestly ladies, you've got the whole package right here.

[Ryan P points at himself]

For real though, I think I saw Michelle blushing when I walked in. Does that mean I'm in?
(Asking cameraman)

INT. MS. COMPTON'S ROOM

[Rayan notices Chris eating a Poptart and is about to get up and leave, but Rayan stops him]

RAYAN

Woah... You're the new Kid. Christina, no. Christopher, right? Let me introduce myself. I'm Rayan, basically the most desirable guy at this school.

[Camera pans over to Ryan P, hearing what Rayan said to Chris. He smirks and shakes his head]

CHRIS

Okay. One. Don't call me Christopher. Only my mother and people that I respect can call me Christopher. Two. Don't flatter yourself. Three. Get on with it. What do you want? My lunch money?

RAYAN

You don't really think I'm like that, do you? I'm just here to make a new friend! What do you say? (Tries to shake hands with Chris)

CHRIS

Hmm, whatever you say. (Shakes his hand but looks at him with confusion)

CHRIS TALKING HEAD

INT. B BUILDING HALLWAY - OUTSIDE MS. COMPTON'S ROOM

CHRIS

You know the quote "Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer?" I still haven't decided what I consider Rayan to be. (Chris looks into the classroom to see Rayan right there, waving and smiling. Chris looks back at the camera in disappointment)

RAYAN TALKING HEAD

INT. B BUILDING HALLWAY - OUTSIDE MS. COMPTON'S ROOM

RAYAN

Here are the best ways to make friends. Offer to buy their lunch. Buy them surprise gifts. Pay their school fees.

[Looks away from the camera, scratching his chin]

So uhhhh.... Basically, you are buying your friends. Yeah.

INT. G BUILDING - DURING LUNCH

[WHOLE CREW except Chris, Ryan Ng, Justin, and Noah are sitting at a table, eating lunch. Chris walks up to the table.]

RAYAN

Hey Chris, why don't you join our table? You could meet the rest of our group.

[Rayan starts pointing to each person, naming them]

RAYAN

That's John, JC, Ryan, Michelle, Jolena, and Crysty-Ann-

CHRIS

Uh.. thanks...

RAYAN

So Chris... do you buy lunch or-

CHRIS

I bring my own.

[Chris pulls out his lunch bag]

RAYAN

Oh okay... Well I mean I could always buy you lunch.

CHRIS

Why?

RAYAN

Because that's what friends do.

CHRIS

Was that a joke? Do I look like a charity case? I don't need your handouts.

[Camera zooms on Rayan's face, disappointed. Ryan Ng comes towards to the table and Rayan sees him]

RYAN N

Oh Hey! You're the new guy, Chris. Hi, I'm Rya-

RAYAN

Dude... nobody asked you to come over here. Just get out. No... Just leave.

CHRIS

There's two Ryans?

RYAN P

Yupp.

RAYAN

No, there's only one Ryan. At least one that matters.

RAYAN TALKING HEAD

INT. LIBRARY

RAYAN

I've known Ryan... Well the other Ryan, since 4th Grade. We were never exactly friends, you know. I think it was during my 11th birthday party, I decided to invite my entire class, which included Ryan. When it finally came down to opening his present, I got a dictionary.

[Pauses and looks directly into the camera]

RAYAN

A DICTIONARY. What was he thinking? Did he think my birthday party was a joke? Did he think I was a joke? He was looking at me, smiling, like he was mocking me. And I did what any 11-year-old kid would do: I threw that dictionary right at him. Sure wiped the smirk off his face.

RYAN N TALKING HEAD

INT. LIBRARY

RYAN N

I only gave him a dictionary because he was struggling with those spelling tests we had back then, but he slammed it into my face. My face was in a cast for 6 months. My septum is deviated.

[Tilts head back and pushes his nose up]

INT. G BUILDING - DURING LUNCH

[Michelle's phone rings. It's a text from Adrian]

MICHELLE

Oh shoot. I have to go. Ms. Compton needs me at the student store.

[Michelle gets up and leaves. We see Ryan P looking at her while she leaves]

RYAN P

I'm gonna go too.

[Ryan P also gets up and leaves. Camera pans to Jolena and Crysty-Ann, looking at each other, nodding]

JOLENA TALKING HEADINT. LIBRARY

[Jolena is fangirling]

JOLENA

THERE'S SOMETHING BETWEEN THOSE TWO. I NEED TO KNOW. Hey, will you tell me if you see anything happening between those two?

[asks the cameraman.]

CRYSTY-ANN TALKING HEADINT. LIBRARY

CRYSTY-ANN

I SHIP THEM SO HARD. I think I'm gonna go into cardiac arrest. (ad lib lmao)

INT. G BUILDING - DURING LUNCH NEAR THE DOORS

[Ryan N walks to Noah's table which has an extra seat. Noah is eating alone]

RYAN N

Hey Noah, can I sit here?

NOAH

No.

RYAN N

Why not?

NOAH

Someone has already taken that seat.

RYAN N

Who?

[Noah proceeds to lounge on both chairs. Camera pans to Ryan N's bemused face]

INT. G BUILDING - DURING LUNCH

[Chris is eating some fancy food, while Rayan is eating school lunch.]

RAYAN

So uhh....Chris... Tell us about your life. I mean what're your hobbies?

CHRIS

Well, I used to play segway polo, was pretty competitive in horseback riding, was ranked number one in the state for underwater basket-weaving...

CHRIS TALKING HEAD

INT. LIBRARY

CHRIS

I'm not actually rich. It's just an act. You know.... I have to give a good first impression. I can't have them knowing what I ACTUALLY used to do back in Miami.

[Chris constantly tapping the desk and sniffing]

EXT. G BUILDING - END OF LUNCH

[Rayan, JC, and Chris leave the cafeteria. Justin walks by and bites into an orange, peel and all]

[Chris looks confused and glances at the camera]

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWOINT. B BUILDING HALLWAY - OUTSIDE MS. COMPTON'S ROOM

[Michelle is about to enter Ms. Compton's room, but Ryan P comes in]

RYAN P

Hey...

MICHELLE

Hey...

RYAN P

Sooo, I was wondering.... There's a new movie coming out. Doctor Strange. If you're not like busy or anything on Saturday, maybe we should watch it. Together.

MICHELLE

Hmmm I have to check my calendar.

[Michelle pulls up her phone and also blushes]

MICHELLE

Yeah. I'm free.

RYAN P

Okay. Sweet.

[Michelle goes into Compton's room. Ryan P looks into the camera and smiles. Emmett shows up and scares Ryan P]

EMMETT

You know... most high school relationships don't last for more than 2 weeks. Only 15% of high school relationships lasted longer than that.

RYAN P

Oh my god. Where did you come from?

EMMETT

I have been lurking in the shadows, duh. Is that even a question? I'm just telling you right now. It's not worth it.

RYAN P

Trust me, it is. I have been trying to get her to notice me for the longest time and finally, she has. Why wouldn't I go after her?

EMMETT

Pshh...You're an idiot.

INT. MS. COMPTON'S ROOM - FBLA STORE

[Michelle enters the store and sees Izzy, waiting for her]

IZZY

Seriously?

MICHELLE

What?

IZZY

Stop being so desperate. You're trying too hard. And you're blushing too much. Stop it.

MICHELLE

Who's saying I'm desperate? All I did was accept Ryan's invite for the movie.

IZZY

This is why you will never have a successful relationship in your life. You're pathetic.

[Izzy walks out of the store]

MICHELLE TALKING HEAD

INT. MS. COMPTON'S ROOM - FBLA STORE

MICHELLE

What just happened there? Like honestly, I've never talked to her in my life.

[Michelle asks the cameraman.]

RAYAN TALKING HEAD

INT. H HALLWAY - OUTSIDE MRS. ASLIN'S ROOM

RAYAN

Alright. You know how I have the reputation for being the most desirable guy at school?

Yeah, well even the most desirable guy at school has been having his girl troubles. So I went to the guy that I could trust the most about this stuff: Justin.

JUSTIN TALKING HEAD

INT. H HALLWAY - OUTSIDE MRS. ASLIN'S ROOM

JUSTIN

Everybody at the school knows to come to me for dating advice. In the past 3 years here at West Tech, I have had a total of 14 different girlfriends. We don't count number 15. Turns out number 15 was actually a dude. I know right? Came out as a surprise for me too.

INT. MS. ASLIN'S ROOM

[Rayan and Justin enter Aslin's room.]

JUSTIN

Okay...Remember everything that I've taught you. You are now on your own, young Grasshopper.

RAYAN

Yes master.

[Both of them bow to each other. Rayan walks to the middle of the classroom and does a mating call (weird noise) Camera pans to Justin and Emmett, who are both nodding.]

EMMETT TALKING HEAD

INT. H HALLWAY - OUTSIDE MRS. ASLIN'S ROOM

EMMETT

Hmm.... Bold choice, the African Honey Badger's mating call. Fun fact, the African Honey Badger is the most fearless animal in the world. Rayan is basically telling the world that he is the one in charge here. Thing is, that mating call is often mixed up with the African Honey Badger's war call. That's what happened last time I used the call. I just couldn't control myself. Left 8 people in the hospital.

INT. MS. ASLIN'S ROOM

[Rayan continues to do the mating call. He looks over to a girl sitting in the far corner of the class, giggling. It is Arline. Rayan sees her and stops. Right after causing the scene, Mrs. Aslin kicks him out and sends him to the Dean's Office. Noah sits there, judgmentally.]

NOAH TALKING HEAD

INT. MRS. ASLIN'S ROOM

NOAH

I knew that everybody at this school was weird. But what in the world was THAT.

RAYAN TALKING HEAD

INT. DEAN'S OFFICE

RAYAN

I think I have just found my soulmate.

[Rayan looks off into the distance, completely lost for words, while the lady in the Dean's Office continually calls his name.]

CHRIS TALKING HEAD

INT. MRS. ASLIN'S ROOM

CHRIS

Well, here we are, at the end of my first day here at West Tech. And honestly, I feel like it hasn't been too bad. I think I can finally disprove that urban dictionary definition of "high school."

[Mrs. Aslin walks up, says "Hey Chris, since you haven't been here for the last couple years, we need to keep you up-to-date on the things you've missed in Graphic Design. Here you go." Mrs. Aslin gives Chris a giant stack of papers. Chris looks at the camera in disbelief.]

CHRIS

Yep, I have disproved the definition for sure. "High school" isn't just "Torture. Plain and simple." It's much, much worse than that.

[Chris looks down at the giant workload one last time.]

CHRIS

Wish me luck.

[Chris does a fake laugh, almost like he is going insane or like he wants to kill himself.]

END OF SHOW