



A pitch deck
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Logline: An ominous voice message from a phone scammer compels mild-mannered nerd Adam Undergrove to take the biggest risk of his life so far: tracking down who is behind those infuriating extended warranty spam calls, and putting an end to them once and for all.

Dramatic Question: At what point can one take problems that are so much larger than themselves into their own hands, because the powers that be won't solve them?

Synopsis: Adam is at the end of his rope with infuriating spam calls from scammers who insist on trying to sell him an extended warranty for a car that he doesn't even have. But one day, he receives a mysterious extended warranty voice message that sounds different than the rest. This time, the scammer on the other end of the line seems to recognize his name and begins to back peddle in a panic--almost as if the person leaving the voicemail knows him and begins to feel guilty for trying to scam him--in a way that's completely unsettling and creepy.

This sends Adam on a wild goose chase to find out not only who is the person who left him this voicemail, but also, to find out who is behind those massive sting of extended warranty spam calls and if he can make them stop for good--not just for himself--but for all of us.

Over the course of the series, his roommates also begin experiencing unusual patterns in their everyday lives that lead them to believe they may be in closer proximity to a large robocall ring than they initially imagined.

For instance, Adam's roommate, Ned, is approached by their neighbor, Angela, because she keeps hearing the sounds of multiple voices talking and phones ringing through a hole in her bedroom wall that sounds like it could be coming from a secret office in their apartment building -- but she can't trace the source. To make matters even weirder, a strange man keeps following Ned around the city.

Similarly, Conrad becomes suspicious when a group of older, Italian men in suits begin moving in next door to his workplace and he eavesdrops on them talking about warranties. As if that weren't enough, Conrad also finds a cryptic flyer on the ground for customer service representatives who must have "excellent phone skills" and "knowledge of cars" which sends him on a mission to get an interview and find out if this is an employer recruiting employees for a potential phone-scamming scheme.

The season finale ends with Adam and roommates to a small town in the middle of nowhere, where they finally track down who left the cryptic voicemail in an explosive, shocking, twisted, and unexpected finale.

Format: Mini TV series, 21-25 minute episodes. Limited series, 2 seasons.

Audience: millennials & zoomers, dark comedies with elements of mystery and/or detective work: (Search Party, Bored To Death, Monk), technophiles (Silicon Valley, The I.T Crowd), bro-centered comedies (Master of None, Workaholics) edgy dramedies (Weeds, Baskets).

Tone: dramedy/thriller/mystery

Themes: confusion/miscommunication, robocalls, scamming, money, characters trying to take control of their lives/feeling lost and/or directionless, sexuality, relationships, death, grandma issues

Leading character descriptions:

Adam Undergrove: 27-year-old cis straight male from Northern New Jersey. Studied marketing and advertising in college. He was hired as a Inside Sales Rep at Liberty Bell Insurance who gets laid off in Episode 2 and later gets a job as a companion to an elderly woman named Gretchen through his old friend from high school, Carly, who he runs into on the streets.

Adam is extremely type A, socially awkward, hot-headed & also spacially unaware/physically clumsy. He hates getting spam calls, slow walkers, waiting in line, and having his time wasted. He's not very social. Everyone he surrounds himself with are people he went to college with, including his roommates Ned and Conrad and his girlfriend, Olive. Him and his family are not particularly close.

In the pilot, after his housewarming party, Adam wakes up to Olive's intern, Unity, in his bed. Paranoid they've slept together (although Unity insists they haven't), he comes clean to Olive. Olive makes it clear to him that she thinks he is incapable of doing anything adventurous or bold and is bored in the relationship which mortally wounds him.

This metaphorical kick in the shins, as well as getting an extremely creepy extended warranty voicemail where it sounds like the scammer actually knows him, leads him on a mission to a) prove to Olive and his friends that he is bold and adventurous b) find out who is behind these robocalls.

Ned Jackson: 27-year-old questioning cis male who works as a waiter. Studied business in college and has dreams of opening his own restaurant, but has been stuck in waiter hell. He tries way too hard to be cool, and everyone can tell. He is trying to become an influencer and get paid by IHOP. He takes Instagram pictures of breakfast food. Ned is a romantic at heart and wants to settle down. While Ned does get pulled into the mystery of who's behind the extended warranty calls, his main goal is to become famous and find his true love.

Conrad Harris: 27-year-old straight cis male who works as a real estate agent at Brooklyn Bohemia Group and is constantly bullied by his boss, Evan. Studied English in college and then realized he didn't want to teach, so his degree became useless. Conrad is in the process of getting sober after his father's suicide which forced him to confront the reality that he is an alcoholic. He meets a woman named Nanette at his first meeting in the pilot, who becomes his love interest. While similar to Ned, Conrad does get pulled into the extended warranty mystery, his main arc revolves around being a better person and focused on personal growth--in hopes that these things will bring him purpose, which he lacks.

Olive Clark: 29-year-old queer cis woman who works as a Senior Copyeditor at Harper's Bizarre who has a disability. Studied writing, interned at Harper's after their senior year. Olive is headstrong and independent but also values security. Later in the series, after she breaks

things off with Adam when she meets Chase, an extremely wealthy non-binary trans masc finance executive at a student loan company who ends up being her dream man. Before the finale, Chase asks her to move with him to San Francisco. She says yes.

Nanette Newberry, 28 years old transfemme of color. She works as a barista during the day, and has her own Etsy store at night where she makes her own jewelry. She was raised as a Jehovah's Witness in Pennsylvania, and her parents disowned her when she learned she was trans. Nanette is deeply emotional but also light-hearted, and has so much love to give--she's just scared of getting hurt. She falls for Conrad immediately but tries not to get her hopes up.

Angela DeAngelis, 31-year-old straight cis woman. Born and raised in Brooklyn, she works as a bookkeeper for her dad's Italian restaurant in Little Italy. Angela is extremely Italian and extremely New York. She overreacts to everything and is full of piss and vinegar. She is limited in her education and at certain moments is a little dense, but she is extremely passionate, caring, and leads with heart. She has been with Jasper for five years and has a five-year-old son from her previous relationship named Jeffy.

Jasper Judson, 32-year-old "straight" cis man of color. Born and raised in Bed Stuy, Jasper is tough as nails. He has a temper and is extremely aggressive and a total Alpha. However, Jasper has a very high-stress job at a hotel in Chelsea which has turned him into a walking zombie. He works insane hours and doesn't have much time to spend with Angela. Angela is his world, his moon, and his stars, and he just wants to make her happy.

EP 1: The night after a rowdy housewarming party in Adam, Conrad and Ned's new apartment, Adam is awakened by his phone ringing. It turns out to be an extended warranty spam call, which irritates him. Then, he rolls over and finds a strange woman named Unity has slept over in his bed. Panicked, he confesses to his girlfriend, Olive that he blacked out and is horrified he cheated. She assures him he's not **bold** enough to cheat on her and to boot, that she's dissatisfied in their relationship. Meanwhile, Ned hooks up with Unity and Conrad attends his first AA meeting, where he meets a pretty woman named Nanette who he instantly falls for. On the way home from Olive's apartment, Adam gets an unsettling voicemail from an extended warranty scheme that sounds like the scammer actually knows him but tells him to "ignore this message" out of distress. When he plays the voicemail to Conrad and Ned, they are weirded out, but are not sold that it is anything more than a scam. Adam vows it will be his mission to find out who left this voicemail and who is behind this ring of extended warranty scammers. Ned questions Adam if he's **bold** enough to do such a thing, and that's when Adam decides he is, in fact, **bold** enough for the challenge--and he won't rest until the mystery is solved.

EP 2: Adam gets fired from his job at Liberty Bell Insurance as an Inside Salesman due to a company-wide lay-off and a poor sales performance. Olive gets a promotion at her job at Harper's Bizarre and breaks up with Adam because she feels she can't handle the pressure of the new promotion and be a good partner to him. Conrad sees a group of older Italian-American businessmen moving in next door to his workplace and eavesdrops on

them talking about a “warranty” as movers move boxes labeled “phones” inside. Angela, the neighbor next door, comes to Ned and asks him to help identify the sounds of a mysterious noise coming through a crack in her wall. The noise sounds like they could be coming from a secret office somewhere in the building, as it seems to be mostly phones ringing and people talking. Once Ned goes back to Angela’s apartment to investigate, things begin getting steamy between them...

EP 3: Nanette, Conrad’s love interest from the AA meeting pilot, gets recognized (and dead named) by a former classmate which makes her question if she “passes” well enough for Conrad to be interested in her. A mysterious man begins following Ned. Adam meets Cara, a street cleaner outside of their apartment. He learns Cara is an ex-con whose former roommate in prison, Debbie, used to make scam calls for money which sparks his interest in trying to befriend her so he can learn more.

EP 4: Adam goes to a fundraising party for CompanionCare, a companion service that matches companions with senior citizens, as they are currently hiring and he wants to get a job with them. He reluctantly enters a raffle lottery for prizes, where he ends up winning tickets to get a reading from a local medium named Starr Ryder. Olive meets a wealthy new beau named Chase who saves her from getting scammed on the streets and sweeps her off her feet. Angela confesses to Ned she has a partner, but they continue having an affair anyway. Conrad sees a perplexing flyer seeking customer service reps with “strong knowledge of cars” with only a phone number to call and no other details.

Adam promises Cara that he’ll leave her alone about Debbie if she goes with him to see Starr, the psychic, and the reading is totally inaccurate--however if the reading is accurate, they have to go find Debbie. Cara agrees. A man still continues to follow Ned.

EP5: The boys begin putting their findings together Law and Order style on a bulletin board with thumbtacks, red string, and notecards and realize that all of these escapades are painting a larger picture.

Starr gives an incredibly accurate reading to both Adam and Cara, which freaks Cara out. After getting the creeps from the reading, Cara doesn’t want to be involved, but they reach an agreement where Cara agrees to find Debbie. Chase offers to fund Olive’s dream of starting her own magazine. Nanette comes out to everyone as trans in an AA meeting.

EP6: Angela’s partner, Jasper, finds out about the affair. He offers to Ned that they both date Angela together (but not date each other) since Ned clearly makes Angela happy and Jasper’s job is too consuming for him to satisfy Angela as much as she needs. Adam hits it off with his companion, an old woman named Gretchen. Conrad and Nanette define their relationship and decide to hold off dating until they’ve finished a year in recovery. Ned is finally confronted by the man who has been following him, and it turns out it is his long-lost half-brother, Hector.

EP7: Adam finally gets the same scammer from the pilot on the phone after she calls Gretchen’s phone, and she hangs up before he can get any real dirt. Angela, Jasper, and Ned agree to track down the source of the weird office noises together as a bonding activity for

their newly formed throuple by eavesdropping on their neighbors. Hector and Ned decide to join forces and try to become social media influencers. Conrad learns that the job listing on the flier is a dead end. During a power outage in the apartment building, Angela, Jasper, and Ned have a threesome in the dark...this time with male-on-male contact.

EP8: Adam, Starr, and Cara visit Cara's old friend, Peg, in prison. Peg trades Debbie's address for a pack of cigarettes. Conrad goes to the job interview from the flyer, and it turns out the job is to be a salesman at a new used car dealership. Ned, Angela, and Jasper finally trace the sound of the calls to an apartment building on the top floor, only to find it's a volunteer rotary club made up of retirees phone banking to raise money for children with cancer. At work, Conrad comes clean to his boss, Evan, about what he thinks is happening next door. The two of them demand the Italian men next door tell them what's going on, and they inform them that they're a start-up debt collection agency and become extremely offended that Conrad assumed that just because they're Italian-American means they were participating in criminal activity.

Adam, Starr, and Cara drive out to the address provided, which turns out to be Debbie's mother's house in Pennsylvania. Debbie's mother informs them that Debbie had a mental breakdown, lives in a tent off the grid, and is completely incoherent. Adam, Starr, and Cara get into a huge clash where they all accuse each other of wasting each other's time. They drive home in silence, seething with anger at one another.

EP9: A Thanksgiving episode. Right before Thanksgiving, Adam makes paper turkeys with Gretchen, and it becomes clear that Gretchen is showing signs of dementia. At Nanette's Thanksgiving dinner, her roommate Tara announces she and her partner Allison are getting married and are moving in together. At Conrad's Thanksgiving, his mother, Lila, announces that she and Conrad's stepfather, Victor, are adopting a young girl from China. At Olive's Thanksgiving, Chase announces he's gotten a new job and asks her to move to San Francisco with him. At Ned's Thanksgiving, Jasper shares that the threesome overwhelmed him and that he wants to close his relationship with Angela, causing a distraught and heartbroken Ned to leave and spend Thanksgiving with Hector.

At Adam's Thanksgiving, Adam's younger brother, Isaac, proudly boasts that he secured a management position at Vector Marketing selling Cutco knives. When Adam informs their family Vector Marketing is a widely known MLM, Adam's mother, Sally, accuses him of being jealous of Isaac's good news and puts Adam down. All hell breaks loose, and Adam leaves and takes the train back to New York.

When he arrives at Penn Station, he runs into Unity at a Dunkin Donuts waiting for a red-eye train. When he asks where she's going, she tells him she's going to visit her recently widowed Uncle Phill in D.C who her family is estranged from. She reveals they're estranged from him because they're super liberal hippies, and since Phill is politically "moderate" and works for the FTC, they hate him. Then - a lightbulb goes off - the FTC is in charge of going after robo scammers. Adam begs her to let her go with him, and she reluctantly agrees.

Ep 10: Unity, Uncle Phill, and Adam all have a belated Thanksgiving dinner. Adam tries to get Phill to help him, but Phill shuts Adam down, insisting that he wants to enjoy his holiday and not talk about work. While Phill is sleeping later that night, Adam breaks into his phone and

sees an email thread about an investigation for a potential roboscam coming from the Bristol Bay Lighthouse in Bristol, Maine. As Adam is screenshotting the emails to himself, Phill wakes up, blind with rage. Adam flees Phill's house, calls Ned and Conrad and tells them he has a hot lead on a roboscam ring. They all meet back up in the city, rent a car, and take a road trip to the lighthouse in Maine. They spend the night in a motel, where three of them finally emotionally release all of the difficult things they've endured in the past months with their relationships and respective struggles. The episode ends with them in a giant cuddle pile with a greater appreciation for their friendship with one another.

Ep 11: Adam, Ned, and Conrad go to the Bristol Bay Lighthouse. There is a small annex next door to the lighthouse, which, when they go inside, appears to be a Museum for Miniature Lighthouses run by two locals named Jeb and Greta. Just when all hope is lost, Conrad takes a book off of the bookshelf in the back, and it becomes revealed that the bookshelf is actually a fake door that leads to a secret passageway. The boys pass through the secret passageway, which leads to a small office where they discover an older woman sitting alone, making phone calls. Her voice is unmistakable--it's the woman from the pilot. Adam immediately confronts the woman, who as it turns out...is actually Adam's grandmother, Annie, who he assumed to be dead. Annie explains to him that she was abducted shortly after he was born by criminals. She convinced them to spare her life, so they branded her and forced her into a life of crime with them. Adam is disgusted, hurt, accuses her of being a liar, and threatens to turn her in. As a way of shutting them up, Annie offers all three boys envelopes full of thousands of dollars full of cash if they join her. They all look at Adam. The season finale ends on a suspenseful cliffhanger.