

SOS – Episode 06 – Fall Hard

EXT. CODA’S HOUSE – ROAD – NIGHT

BEN and ALEX are walking up the road towards Coda’s house.

BEN

What are we going to?

ALEX

Something Jen wanted us to be at.

BEN

Why?

ALEX

I think you should ask Jen that.

BEN

Why?

ALEX

Ask her.

BEN

Right

(beat)

What have you heard about Blair?

Doesn’t he live with Coda?

ALEX

He is living at Noah’s now.

BEN

Fuck I hate him.

ALEX

Why?

BEN

Don’t you?

ALEX

No.

BEN

He rubs his money in everyone's face.

ALEX

How?

BEN

Oh, I have a new Jeep.
Come over to my ninety room mansion.
Look at my wallet full of money.

ALEX

He isn't doing that on purpose.

BEN

Bullshit he's not.

ALEX

Trust me, he doesn't think that way.

BEN

How would you know?

ALEX

He went to one of those super elite, rich kid schools.
It's just normal to him.

BEN

I think you five are the only ones who actually put up with him.

ALEX

Maybe, but that's our choice.

BEN

Did you see how he acted to that black guy in the quad?

ALEX

Yep.

BEN

It was offensive.

ALEX

Well why don't you just get offended for everybody in the world then?

BEN
What?

ALEX
He wasn't offended.
He hangs out with Noah a lot.

BEN
Someone will hit him one day.

ALEX
I really hope I see it when they try.

BEN
What?

ALEX
Blair and I can't take him together.
Neither could three bar thugs.

BEN
He'll eventually piss off the wrong person.

ALEX
I think you should just let up on him.
(beat)
Anyway, Jen loves him, if you want to keep any chance with her, drop it.

BEN
Really?

ALEX
Yessum.

BEN
What do you see in him?

ALEX
He was nice for no reason.

BEN
What?

ALEX
First time I met him.

BEN
Aren't you afraid he did it because you're hot?

ALEX
No

BEN
He is gay Alex.

ALEX
So.

BEN
Aren't you nice to people that you don't know but think are hot?

ALEX
Yeah, but that is to score.

BEN
Exactly.

ALEX
But he wasn't just nice to me.

BEN
Blair?

ALEX
And, Coda and K... and Jen.

BEN
I still think he's a dick.

ALEX
That's because you care about money...

ALEX and BEN walk through CODA's front gate, and up to the door.

CUT TO:

OPENING CREDITS.

FADE IN:

INT. CODA'S HOUSE – ENTRANCE – NIGHT

CODA abruptly opens the door startling BEN and ALEX.

CODA pushes past them dragging a passed out DRUNK MAN.

CODA drags him to beyond the front porch.

CODA drops the DRUNK MAN.

CODA turns pushes past BEN and ALEX.

CODA
You going to come in?

BEN
What happened?

CODA
He tried to pick a fight with Noah.

BEN
What did Noah do?

CODA
Laughed.

BEN
What?

CODA
Jen punched him out.

ALEX
What?

CODA
Just come inside hick.

CODA vanishes inside.

ALEX and BEN stare, then follow.

INT. CODA'S HOUSE – LIVING ROOM – NIGHT

JEN and NOAH are dancing stupidly to: MELANIE – BRAND NEW KEY.

CODA looks at them, chuckles and heads for the kitchen.

ALEX looks on and smiles.

BEN look at them in shame.

BEN
What the hell are they doing?

ALEX
Having fun.

BEN rolls his eyes.

ALEX walks over to a few footy guys and is handed a drink.

ALEX continues to watch JEN and NOAH.

BEN walks up behind JEN.

BEN
What are you dancing to?

JEN
Funny sixties music.

BEN
Why?

JEN
Because weeee want to!

BEN
What happened, why did you hit someone?

NOAH
HA!
She slammed him.

JEN Beats her chest.

JEN
BO YUK AH SHA baby!

JEN body slams into NOAH.

NOAH falls back over a pot plant.

JEN
Oh shit.

JEN laughs and turns to BEN.

JEN
The dickhead told Noah he should get his gay hands off my arse.

BEN
And?

NOAH stands.

NOAH
I need another drink.

JEN Nods.

JEN
I hit him.

BEN
Just for trying to help you out?

JEN
No!
Obviously, for staring at my arse.

BEN
Oh.

NOAH walks over to the alcohol.

ALEX is pouring a drink.

NOAH
Make that two, and would you get Sam in to play it again.

ALEX
Do I look like a bar tender?

NOAH
Do you think I care?

ALEX
Ben thinks you're only nice to me because I am hot.

NOAH

Ben thinks people with money are evil.

ALEX

That's true.

NOAH

Then why does he desperately want to be rich?

ALEX

Because rich people get to avoid questions.

NOAH

Do we?

ALEX

You didn't answer my question.

NOAH

Because you didn't ask a question.

ALEX

Are you only friendly because I'm hot?

NOAH

I'm rich, you said I can avoid questions.

ALEX

Come on.

NOAH

You're distinctly pretty.

ALEX

Right.

NOAH

The question is, do you think I am completely vapid?

ALEX

No.

NOAH

That's a lie.

ALEX
No it isn't.

NOAH
Then why do you have to ask if I am only nice to you because you are pretty?

ALEX
I'm confused.

NOAH
Well this friendship is over.
I only wanted you for your mind.

ALEX
I'll shut up now.

NOAH
Why?

ALEX
A closed mouth gathers no foot.

NOAH
What a boring world that would make!
(beat)
How about a drink?

ALEX
Oh, yeah...
What would you like?

NOAH
You, to let me to the Bicardi.

ALEX
Oh, sorry.

ALEX turns, gets the bottle and gives it to NOAH.

NOAH
Trying to get me drunk?

ALEX
Hu?

NOAH
I'm not a punk band.
A glass would probably suit better.

ALEX
Oh, shit sorry.

ALEX skulls his glass.

NOAH
Are you tuning some hottie to take home?

ALEX
Do you think I am totally vapid?

NOAH
No.
But aren't you afraid the chicks you take home are?

ALEX
No.

NOAH
Then why would you worry if I was?

ALEX
I can't keep up with this.

NOAH
That's a lie too.
You keep up better then everyone.
And you're much more convincing that you don't.

ALEX
You like to keep people on the back foot so they don't scrutinise you too much.

NOAH
You learn quickly.

ALEX
You constantly take focus off yourself.

NOAH
You can't take a complement on your mind.

ALEX
You're diabolical.

NOAH
I take that as a complement.

NOAH turns with his bottle and leaves.

ALEX follows him.

ALEX
I thought you weren't a punk band?

NOAH
Yes.

ALEX
You're holding a litre bottle.

NOAH
Captain complement is guarding the glasses.

ALEX
Drunken alliteration...
Very clever.

NOAH
You're wasting valuable hook up time... you'll end up having to take me home...

ALEX stops and blushes deeply.

ALEX Continues.

ALEX
After that much booze I'll have to carry you.

NOAH
Maybe that's why I was nice.
I needed a drunk chauffeur.

ALEX
You're quite cut about that aren't you?

NOAH
Yep.

ALEX
Why?

NOAH
Wouldn't you be?

ALEX
Why?

NOAH
Pretend I am Jen.

ALEX
Ok.

NOAH
Alex, are you only kind to me because of my big rack?

ALEX
Oh.

NOAH
A ha!

ALEX
Sorry.

NOAH
Don't be sorry.

ALEX
What should I be then?

NOAH
Nothing.
I am just trying to figure out why you would even ask?

ALEX
What?

NOAH
Well...
You're not insecure.
You're not low on friends.
You're not narcissistic.

ALEX
It was just a question?

NOAH
No it wasn't.
It was saying something.
Something about us. No.
Something about me.
Maybe something about me to you.

ALEX
What are you talking about?

NOAH
Well, what is it that could provoke you, to conduct an inquisition into my motivations?
ALEX panics.

ALEX
You're thinking to much into it.
Ben just...made me insecure and I wanted to ask.

NOAH
You must really think much less of me then I thought.

ALEX
No, I just hold you to a higher standard.

NOAH stares embarrassed and shocked.

(beat)

NOAH
Who would have thought your foot in mouth comment would hold such poetic irony.

(beat)
Sorry for being a dick.

ALEX
That's fine.

NOAH grins nervously and walks over to JEN.

ALEX walks into the next room and rests on the wall.

Where no one can see, ALEX puts his left hand to his head, and tries to shake some sense into himself.

CUT TO:

INT. CODA'S HOUSE – LOUNGE ROOM – NIGHT

SONG: James Morrison – This boy.

CODA is sprawled over the large couch on her own.

Three people are squashed into the Two seater couch.

NOAH Walks over to CODA.

NOAH
Move.

CODA
No.

NOAH sits on top of CODA.

CODA
Noah! Get off.

CODA pulls her legs out from under NOAH.

NOAH settles on the couch.

CODA Plonks her legs down on NOAH.

NOAH
What are you doing?

CODA
Rewriting the fourth symphony.

NOAH
Does Blair inspire you.

CODA flinches and turns to NOAH.

NOAH gestures in the direction CODA was staring.

BLAIR is standing next to BEN talking to two football players.

CODA
What?

NOAH

Well, you aren't looking at Ben.

CODA

I wasn't looking at anyone.

NOAH

You women are hilarious.

CODA

Shut up Noah!

CODA tries to Leave, NOAH holds her.

NOAH

You all claim to be more mature.

CODA

Let me go.

NOAH

And you, twenty-five years old, still tease the boy you like.

CODA

Shut up.

NOAH

Why be embarrassed?
You like him, it's obvious.

CODA

I'm worried about him.
He did live here for two years.

NOAH

So that's why you've been annoyed.

(beat)

I stole him away!

CODA

That was necessary.

NOAH

But it still annoys you.

CODA
So what, it does!

NOAH
It is a very bad time.

CODA
I'm the psychologist here.

NOAH
I know.
(beat)
He isn't letting her go.

CODA
I don't need your advice.

NOAH
You're getting it anyway.

CODA
I'll hurt you.

NOAH
I have no problem hitting girls.

CODA
You and Ike Turner would get along.

NOAH
I actually think you would be a perfect match for Blair.

CODA
Really??

NOAH
Even more than Kimberly.

CODA
You can't tell him.

NOAH
I won't.
But you shouldn't either.
And for now you should let it go

CODA

You think I don't know that?

NOAH

I think you should work on getting him to notice you.

CODA

What?

You said...

NOAH(interrupting)

I said now isn't the time, and you shouldn't say anything.

(beat)

You've waited this long, he'll notice you when he is ready.

(beat)

But when he does notice you, make sure he really notices you.

CODA

What do you mean?

NOAH

You won't let him notice you now.

CODA

What are you saying?

NOAH

You are confident, strong, smart, and whenever you get noticed you undermine yourself.

CODA

No I don't.

NOAH

Yes you do.

What's it called in psych?

Self-Handicapping.

CODA

Bullshit!

NOAH

Yep.

Like when you don't study for a test, so when you fail it is because you didn't study? Not because you're dumb.

It protects your self-esteem.

CODA

So, how does that have anything to do with me?

NOAH

You wont exercise, you wont diet.
Then when a guy doesn't like you, you say it is because you're fat.
It protects you.

CODA

Get Fucked Noah!
Why don't you ever date?

NOAH

This is the first time I've ever had friends.

CODA

Don't cop out on that.

NOAH

You're welcome to define my psychoses.
I wasn't trying to be mean.

CODA

What makes you think you have the right...

NOAH

Don't say it Coda!
I'm well practiced at being blunt, I won't regret it.
You will beat yourself up for weeks.

CODA

What would you know?

NOAH

I love you for your personality.

CODA

In a very depressive asexual way.

NOAH

Exactly, I need nothing from you and I still want to be around you.

(beat)

You're worthwhile.
Blair thinks so too.
So does Alex, and Jen.

CODA wipes tears away from her eyes.

CODA

Why do you have to be such a dick?

NOAH

Because I'm alone too.

I figure, if I can help you, at least my friends will be happy.

CODA

You're happy.

NOAH (brightly)

I know.

CODA

I really hate you sometimes.

NOAH

Hate is a great part of being friends with me.

CODA

It is motivation to get away from you.

NOAH

People say you shouldn't do things for others, you should do them for yourself.

(beat)

Any reason is good for me, as long as it gets done.

And it feels like giving when you do it for someone else... Not selfish at all.

CODA

What if I wait too long?

NOAH

Blair isn't going anywhere.

CODA

But someone will come along.

NOAH

I'll get married before he dates.

CODA smiles.

CODA

On the first of October.

NOAH pushes her legs off.

NOAH
When politicians are honest.

NOAH stands.

CODA
See you later Ike.

NOAH
Don't beat yourself up before I get the chance.

CODA
I'll remember that.

NOAH
Talk to me one day without me forcing you...

NOAH walks away.

CODA looks over at BLAIR and stares.

CUT TO:

EXT. OPEN ROAD – NIGHT

SONG – FRANK SINATRA – HERES TO THE LOSERS

NOAH, ALEX, BLAIR and BEN are staggering along the side of the road.

BEN isn't wearing a shirt.

BLAIR
I can't believe she kicked us out.

BEN
When staircase caught fire I knew it was coming.

ALEX
That was an accident.

NOAH
Lighting the frisbee wasn't.

BLAIR

It was too easy otherwise.

ALEX

I figured it was over when your shirt caught up.

BEN

I forgot I spilt my drink earlier.

NOAH

How much damage was there?

ALEX

Not too much.

You put it out quickly.

NOAH

It was a pretty stupid thing to do.

BEN

It was your idea.

NOAH

I know, but I thought the door was shut.

ALEX

It was.

BLAIR

And we had the hose ready.

BEN

I should have said something when Jen opened the door.

ALEX

When she screamed, your face was priceless.

NOAH

She was behind me, it spooked me.

ALEX

Your ears completely dropped when you watched it sail past into the house.

NOAH

You just stood there.

BLAIR

It seemed like such a good idea at the time.

BEN

It was, just next time we should pick an open field.

ALEX

And gloves.

BLAIR

Gloves?

What's the point of fire then?

NOAH

To burn your fingers.

ALEX

Oh?

I just thought it was so we could see it.

BLAIR

No, it was to make it harder.

BEN

It did make it easier to see it.

ALEX

That makes more sense now.

NOAH

Do you think she'll talk to us again?

ALEX

It didn't do that much damage.

BLAIR

She told me it was time I got my stuff out.

BEN

She's been whinging to Jen about that for weeks.

NOAH

Yeah, she has.

ALEX

How much do you think a new staircase would cost?

NOAH
It was just the rail.
It'll just be the insurance excess.

BEN
I doubt insurance covers fire Frisbees.

BLAIR snorts laughing.

ALEX
What?

BLAIR
Just imagine the phone call.

ALEX smiles, miming a phone.

ALEX
Good morning, I was playing Frisbee in the back yard and my stairs caught fire.

(beat)

Well the Frisbee flew through an open door.

(beat)

The frisbee.

NOAH laughs

(beat)

Well it was on fire.

(beat)

It makes the game harder you see.

BEN chuckles

(beat)

I really don't think that language is necessary.

(beat)

So is your mum.

ALEX laughs.

NOAH
It was my idea, I'll cover it.

ALEX
No way, we all were in it.

BEN
No.
I like that idea.

BLAIR
I can't let you take that man.

BEN
I can.

NOAH
I'll find out what it and let you guys know.
You can pay what you want.

ALEX
You better tell us.

BLAIR
Yeah.

NOAH
Ok, don't care if you want to pay or not.

BEN
I'm not paying.

ALEX
We've established that.

BLAIR
It was a good game.

NOAH
Isn't the road to the dorms the one we just past.

BEN
Oh shit.

BEN turns.

BEN walks away.

BLAIR
Alex?

ALEX
I'm staying with you two.

NOAH
Fair enough.

BLAIR
You gunna ask?

ALEX
No.

BLAIR
So you're just expecting a bed.

ALEX
Yep.

BLAIR
Maybe you should ask.

ALEX
I don't need too.

BLAIR
Since when.

NOAH
Since I said he didn't have to.

ALEX
Hillary did too.

BLAIR
Oh.

ALEX
Feel stupid?

BLAIR
No.

ALEX
Want Noah all to yourself hey?

BLAIR
Nope, do you?

ALEX

Oh yeah baby, always, everyway.

BLAIR

Ew.

NOAH

Are you two done?

ALEX

Yep, I think we've beaten that one to death.

BLAIR

It went a bit to far.

NOAH

What's on tomorrow?

ALEX

Sleep in!

BLAIR

Not in the Jones house.

NOAH

That's for sure.

ALEX

What, why?

BLAIR

Saturday, Hillary will have us up at seven.

NOAH

Can't miss breakfast.

ALEX

That isn't so bad.

NOAH

I don't want a hang over.

ALEX

Drink heaps of water then.

BLAIR
Make sure breakfast is greasy.

NOAH
Are we gyming tomorrow?

ALEX
After breakfast.

BLAIR
I'm not.

NOAH
Wus.

BLAIR
I have to be in the city by nine.

NOAH
Oh yeah.

ALEX
Why? What for?

NOAH Thumps ALEX.

BLAIR
The will reading is tomorrow.

ALEX
That's really late.

BLAIR
Yeah, Her dad held it all up.

ALEX
Oh.

NOAH
Want us to meet you after?

BLAIR
You could come if you want.

NOAH
Yep, Alex too?

BLAIR
Yep.

ALEX
Rightio.

NOAH
We can do gym in the afternoon.

ALEX
Yeah ok.

BLAIR
That'd be good.

ALEX
I really burnt my finger badly hey.

NOAH
On the Frisbee?

ALEX
No, on the staircase.

BLAIR
How?
Noah put it out.

ALEX
Yeah... I touched a nail afterwoods.
It was still hot.

ALEX sucks on his pinky finger.

NOAH and BLAIR laugh at him.

CUT TO BLACK:

END CREDITS.