

Noah's Arc – episode 10 – Deep breath.  
Song – Crush - Gavin DeGraw

FADE IN

EXT. ARC UNIVERSITY – Entrance - MORNING

NOAH walks towards the gates to a silhouette at the entrance.

ALEX stands waiting he turns to see a silhouette walking towards him.

NOAH focuses on ALEX, breaths in deeply and mentally prepares himself.

ALEX focuses on NOAH, Breaths in confidently, shitting himself.

NOAH presses forward.

ALEX shakes it off.

From twenty metres away NOAH gives a big wave.

ALEX

Morning ma man! How'd ya sleep?

NOAH

Can't complain, wish I was still there. You?

ALEX

You know, stuck awake pining for you as always.

NOAH

Yeah? You too hey, maybe you should talk to Blair, you can keep each other company.

ALEX

I'll give it a try.

BLAIR arrives unnoticed.

BLAIR

You two are so adorable...  
Just cut the foreplay and get down to it already!

beat

ALEX

Your gagging for it thumper.

BLAIR

I think I'll leave that up to you two love birds hey?

BLAIR pushes them both to start moving.

ALL enter ARC

NOAH and ALEX abuse BLAIR hidden from each other.

BLACK OUT.

OPENING CREDITS

INT. ARC GYM – WEIGHTS ROOM – MORNING

NOAH is lying on a bench, BLAIR is spotting him. ALEX sits opposite covertly giving BLAIR silent abuse.

NOAH

Alright already Blair! Shut up! The innuendoes are boring, get a life!

BLAIR

Calm down...Geez, you dish it out too man. Just getting some of my own back, saves time getting the two of you at once.

NOAH

Well you got me now, shut up.

BLAIR

FINE.

Awkward silence.

ALEX

So. What's the plan for this weekend?

BLAIR

Shit, I forgot!

I'm having a party at mine tonight. Final bash at the pad before I move into Noah's.

NOAH

Trying to make sure your bond is well spent hey?

BLAIR(smiles)

Something like that.

ALEX

I'm in, anything to get me out of the dorms.

BOTH look at NOAH.

BLAIR

Noah?

ALEX

Coming man?

NOAH

Nah, I think ill just have a quiet one I think.

BLAIR curses discretely.

ALEX

Come on grandma, sleep some other time.

BLAIR

Yeah, don't be such a little bitch.

NOAH

Don't push me Blair, just back off.

ALEX

Bathroom.

ALEX exits.

BLAIR

Noah, come on.

NOAH

No Blair! My god, just shut up. What are you trying to do, embarrass me until I crack.

(beat)

I've seen Alex five times since I got back, and you haven't let up.

BLAIR

Then just say something to him already.

NOAH

What do you think is going to happen at this party??

(beat)

I'll tell you!

Alex will find some pretty chick and bugger off with her. Then I'll have an extra special weekend, getting very drunk and feeling stupid. Great fun plan Blair.

BLAIR

Well your just gunna have to get over it. You owe me a favour.

This is it.

You're coming, because I want you there, for once it isn't about you.

ALEX returns

NOAH

Fine!

ALEX  
Wadi miss?

BLAIR  
Noah's coming Saturday.

ALEX  
Wuw, how'd you swing that one?

BLAIR  
Blair wants, Blair gets.

ALEX  
Nu Ah, no way.

BLAIR  
Just watch it Lex, you might be coming in a dress if your not careful.

ALEX (Scared)  
*Sure!*

ALEX hits BLAIR covert to NOAH.  
FADE OUT.

INT. BOTTLE SHOP – Service counter – Midday

BLAIR and ALEX are ordering drinks for the Party

BLAIR  
Make it two party mixes.

ALEX  
Whoa, son. Who's coming to this thing?

BLAIR  
Anyone that gets a rise out of Noah.

ALEX  
What, why?  
Leave him alone man.  
Are you keen on him now too?

NOAH  
No man, but you are, and I am gunna get him so drunk even you'll have a shot.

ALEX  
Blair, fuck. His dad just died  
(Beat)  
You've gotta be kidding, what are you planning?

BLAIR  
I'm not planning anything, I just think Noah needs. Some friendly assistance.

ALEX  
Don't say anymore! You do anything to hurt him...

ALEX Exits

Ext. BOTTLE SHOP – Carpark – MIDDAY

ALEX exits the bottle shop and heads to his car  
BLAIR pursues

BLAIR  
What? Come on man, I'm not gunna hurt him... FUCK!  
Just trust me.

(Beat)

ALEX  
Yeah, ok man. Just go easy.

BLAIR  
Maybe you should try making a move?

ALEX  
Dude!  
(beat)  
He'd just laugh at me.  
(Beat)  
You see how he used to look at the chicks I'd take home.  
He thinks I'm a cave man, I couldn't land him with a...

BLAIR  
How do you know?  
At least he likes guys, there's a start. And on appearance alone, you do seem to have that going for you. Besides, I've never heard you like this. He's just another chick, just a boy one.

ALEX  
No he isn't. Your straight, and even you know that isn't true.

BLAIR  
He's human.

ALEX  
If that's true, we're pygmy's.  
You see that too, don't ya?  
When you look at Noah you see future too, right?

BLAIR  
Nah

ALEX  
Bullshit, Don't lie.

BLAIR  
Alex, that's just what he wants us to see.  
I really think Noah is just a good actor.

ALEX  
That's bullshit to. Even when he flipped out he was beyond anyone I know.  
You were there!

BLAIR  
Fine.  
I was just trying to make you feel better.  
(beat)  
You must know your nothing to shabby either.  
If you want the truth? Noah would be a damn fool to pass you up. Dumb as you are  
sometimes.

(beat)

ALEX  
Your gayer then me!

BLAIR  
Eat shit. You just can't handle an emotional moment.

ALEX  
Sure, and maybe you're just really a woman.

BLAIR rolls his eyes

BLAIR and ALEX walk to the car. ALEX hits BLAIR in the arm, BLAIR hits him back.

PARTY MUSIC crescendo is heard

FADE TO:

EXT. BLAIR'S HOUSE- GARDEN – NIGHT

NOAH Walks to the front door.

INT. BLAIR'S HOUSE – Living Room – NIGHT

There is no furniture anywhere, pillows litter the floor, people are already trashed, passed out, and dancing. In the corner of the room there are six crates of alcohol. One crate is already full of empty bottles.

BLAIR opens the front door, tipsy.

BLAIR  
DUDE! What kept ya?

NOAH  
Last I heard you were starting at nine?

BLAIR  
Yeah well, the piss arrived at four and the rugby boys were all here so we figured go for it.

NOAH walks past BLAIR, to the crates. BLAIR locks door.

BLAIR(cont'd)  
What's wrong now?

NOAH turns swigging from a full bottle of Tequilla.

NOAH  
Nothing, just didn't realise I'd have so much catching up to do.  
I only saw you this morning.

NOAH swigs again.

BLAIR  
Fuck YEAH! Now that's what I'm talking about.

NOAH  
I'm in morning!

KNOCK AT DOOR

NOAH heads for the door.

NOAH (cont'd)  
What you locking it for?

BLAIR stares at the alcohol.

BLAIR  
Good point.

NOAH whips the door open and walks away.  
CODA, JEN and BEN arrive. ALEX follows seconds later.

NOAH walks back to Dance floor.

NOAH  
CODA!, Grab a bottle and dance with me!

CODA salutes.

CODA  
Yes sire, anything more?

NOAH  
Yep, don't back chat.

CODA heads for the crates.

JEN  
What about me?

NOAH turns on his heal

NOAH  
Do you need to ask?

JEN  
Ben grab me a bottle of Bicardi and find me?

BEN nods keenly and goes.

JEN jumps over to NOAH.

ALEX waits alone.



NOAH goes to turn.

ALEX  
What about me?

NOAH is puzzled

NOAH  
Since when are you a dancer?

ALEX  
Well I've never been a loner.

ALEX steps too close to NOAH

NOAH  
Good.

ALEX  
Maybe I should have a drink first.

NOAH  
Those crates better not be the only alcohol you brought.

BLAIR(off)  
Nah that's the first half.

NOAH is joined by JEN and then CODA, they move towards the dance room.

NOAH(cont'd)  
Bugger this, let just dance here.

THEY dance.

CUT TO:

INT. BLAIR'S HOUSE – KITCHEN – NIGHT

BLAIR is failing to blend some drinks.

ALEX  
Littl' help?

BLAIR  
Please, this bender won't sit still.

ALEX  
Your toasted!

BLAIR  
Nah, just my hands won't walk so well.

ALEX  
They usually don't.

BLAIR  
I need another drink.  
Take care of this.

ALEX  
What's in here?

BLAIR  
Just tequila and ice I couldn't remember what else to put in.

ALEX  
Put in what?

BLAIR  
Someone wanted margarita's?

ALEX tends to the blender.

BLAIR Exits.

CODA Enters.

CODA  
*You*, are going to dance?

ALEX  
What of it?

CODA  
You don't dance.

ALEX  
Yes I do.

CODA  
What's going on? Who are you trying to impress?

ALEX

I'm not here to score! I'm just having fun.

CODA

Geez mate, testy.

ALEX

Get a life!

CODA

No, I'm quite happy interfering.

ALEX

You might want to find someone more interesting.

CODA

Billy! You have never been a sulker.

(beat)

Who is it?

Oh.

It must be someone big, to humble Mr Ego himself.

ALEX

I'm just having a good time.

CODA

I never thought I hear this. You just apologised, just for being yourself?

A morose look crosses ALEX

CODA(cont'd)

Billy, what is this?

ALEX

It's nothing.

I'm right as rain.

ALEX pours the unaltered contents of Blair's blender mix, into a shaker and walks off.

CODA(cont'd)

Oh, don't take your toys and go home.

ALEX(off)

Fuck off!

CUT TO:

INT. BLAIR'S HOUSE – “DANCE FLOOR” – NIGHT

ALEX joins NOAH & JEN who are dancing, and BEN who is standing awkwardly.

ALEX takes a slug of the shaker and sourly shakes off the taste.

NOAH swigs some more Tequilla, HE hands ALEX a half empty bottle, ALEX gives the shaker to BEN.

BEN skulls it.

ALEX Skulls some Tequila from the bottle.

ALL dance.

CODA joins.

BLAIR watches from afar.

CODA (to JEN)

Alex is acting wierd, (whispers) watch after him hey...

JEN nods.

JEN dances to ALEX.

ALEX skulls more tequila, the bottle is about a quarter left now.

JEN(to ALEX)

Can ya dance hick!?

ALEX

Lets find out wench.

JEN and ALEX start slowly.

CUT TO:

ALEX Drops the empty bottle.

(10 minutes later)

JEN and ALEX drunk air shag each other, breaking into hardcore grope dancing.

NOAH watches, stops dancing and heads for the crates.

BLAIR(still watching) approaches ALEX.

BLAIR(wispers to ALEX, JEN can hear)

Your blowing any chance you have.

ALEX stops, searches for NOAH.

JEN leaves and goes over to CODA.

JEN(to CODA)  
Whatever is up, Blair knows.

CODA  
Perfect!

CODA grabs BLAIR on his way past.

BLAIR  
Oi!  
(beat)  
What up?

CODA  
Alex is in a bit of a state?

BLAIR  
Nah, he'll be fine.

CODA ushers BLAIR to the corner.

CODA  
Well, he's either suicidal or somehow doomed.

BLAIR  
He's fine. Just love fucked.

CODA  
For who? I know you know!

BLAIR  
Yep, and it's huge. You'll never guess, and you'll die from curiosity.

CODA Broods.

CODA  
This is what I get for being direct hey?

BLAIR  
Curiosity killed the cat.

CODA  
Drink some more and I'll get it out of you.

BLAIR  
I haven't had any yet.

(beat)

CODA  
What!?  
What are you planning?  
What's going on, why did you plan this party so late?

BLAIR  
Necessity.  
You're not getting anything from me, so just enjoy the suspense for a change.

BLAIR exits.

CODA Pursues

CODA  
Blair McDougal, come back here.

CUT TO:  
INT. BLAIR'S HOUSE – LIVING ROOM – MIDNIGHT

JEN, BLAIR, CODA, NOAH, ALEX and BEN are in a circle of cushions on the floor.  
BLAIR is all but naked  
JEN has the remnants of her pony tail in her hand.  
CODA is covered in flour and leaves.  
ALEX is no different.  
BEN Is no different.  
NOAH is brooding, wet.  
An empty wine bottle is between them.  
A CROWD has gathered around them.

JEN  
Just spin the bottle faggot.

NOAH  
Bite me!  
I hate this game.

JEN  
Yeah well, it wasn't so bad when you cut my hair off.

JEN turns to reveal her significantly shorter hair.

BEN  
Just go.

NOAH spins.

The bottle lands on ALEX.  
CROWD cheers.

FOOTBALLER  
Cain him Liam!

BLAIR Nudges him.

ALEX Hesitates.

ALEX  
Ok!  
What to do?

(beat)

CROWD yells

ALEX  
Shut up!  
(beat)  
I know.

BLAIR(interrupting)  
Nah, Wait.  
You've had your turn Williams.  
My go!

CODA  
Nah, bullshit it landed on him.

BLAIR  
House rules. My house. My go.

ALEX is released.

ALEX  
Yeah, that's cool.

BLAIR  
You sure about that buddy?

ALEX  
Yeah.

BLAIR  
Good. NOAH! I dare you to kiss Alex for 10 seconds!

ALEX and NOAH fix gaze on BLAIR, shocked.

Indignant, BLAIR checks with CODA, CODA solves her earlier curiosity.

Refocusing on NOAH, BLAIR shrugs at him.

Refocusing on ALEX, BLAIR discretely mouths “go for it”

CODA is shocked.

JEN and BEN are in the dark and along with the CROWD, they cheer.

ALEX refocuses on NOAH, they stare at each other, BOTH scared.

ALEX  
Alright...  
I'll kiss Noah.

NOAH shrinks, ALEX is resolved, he seems to become carefree.

NOAH panics to BLAIR

NOAH  
What are you doing?!

BLAIR  
Just go for it, Noddy.

NOAH turns to ALEX, then looks back at BLAIR.

BLAIR Nods him on.

NOAH moves to ALEX.

NOAH closes his eye and breaths.

ALEX turns to NOAH, eyeballs BLAIR once again.



NOAH and ALEX lock eyes.

THEY kiss lips.

BLAIR  
Go for tongue!  
ONE!  
TWO!

ALEX raises his hand to NOAH'S neck. THEY continue to kiss.

Some of the CROWD disperse.

BEN cringes slightly.

BLAIR stares at his watch.

BLAIR(cont)  
THREE!

CODA hits BLAIR

CODA(interrupting)  
Shut up.

BLAIR is checking his watch.

“8 seconds”

NOAH raises his hand to ALEX'S neck. The kiss intensifies.

BLAIR  
TEN!

NOAH and ALEX continue to kiss.

BLAIR checks his watch “15 seconds”

Recognition spreads through the CROWD, Most are stunned.

JEN and BEN Gape.

JEN smiles at them and stares

BLAIR grins and turns to CODA.

Watch reads 20 seconds.

BLAIR(to CODA)  
I did that.

CODA hits BLAIR.

CODA  
You knew this would happen.?

WATCH reads “30 seconds”  
NOAH and ALEX are still kissing.

BLAIR  
The told me they were in love with each other last week.

CODA  
Nobody tells me anything.

BLAIR  
That’s because you want to know.

WATCH reads “40 seconds”

The CROWD have completely dispersed and broken into small gossip groups.

JEN is watching happily, Ben is trying to grab her attention.

(beat)

CODA  
How long do you think this will go on?

BLAIR  
I don’t know they are pretty drunk. WAIT. Go get a pen we’ll start a pool.

CODA  
NO!

BLAIR  
JOKE!

(beat)

WATCH reads “50 seconds”

BLAIR (Cont'd)  
Any time now.

NOAH and ALEX finally open their eye's, THEY continue to kiss.

CODA  
Oh, my god, you have no idea what a can of worms you've opened cupid.

BLAIR  
Meh.

CODA kisses him on the cheek.

BLAIR wipes it off.

BLAIR(cont'd)  
What was that for?

CODA  
You're a beautiful kid McDougal.  
(beat)  
I still can't believe you set this all up.

WATCH reads "130 seconds"

BLAIR  
Noah my best friend. He deserves Alex.

CODA is baffled.

CODA  
What a man!

BLAIR  
Shut up.

CUT TO:

NOAH starts to push away from ALEX.

THEY look at each other.

The room has changed. BLAIR is sitting with a group in the corner.

BLAIR(off)  
That was like twenty minuets, Get A Room!

Still looking at each other, NOAH and ALEX blush.

NOAH  
Wanna have a walk?

ALEX(too quickly)  
Yeah...  
Where too?

NOAH  
My place?

ALEX(confused)  
But your mum's there, and that'll take hours.

NOAH  
Yeah.

ALEX Smiles brilliantly.

ALEX  
Sounds good.

NOAH pushes up, holding ALEX'S Gaze.

NOAH pulls ALEX up.

The small gossip groups are pretending not to watch them.

JEN is smiling at them still.

NOAH notices JEN

NOAH  
Nothing better to do?

JEN  
Beats pay per view.

NOAH(to ALEX)  
We've really gotta leave.

JEN(to ALEX)  
Scoore!

ALEX is deeply embarrassed.

NOAH  
Shut up.

JEN  
I...

NOAH(interrupting)  
Shut it!

JEN Smiles

ALEX and NOAH make for the door.

BLAIR  
Gym tomorrow?

ALEX & NOAH  
YEAH.

NOAH and ALEX exit.

FOOTBALLER Approaches BLAIR

FOOTBALLER  
You working out with *two* fairies now?

BLAIR shakes his head and rolls his eyes.

BLAIR  
Yep.

CODA pushes the FOOTBALLER over.

CODA  
Come again?

BLACK OUT:  
CUT TO:

EXT. MAIN ROAD – NIGHT

NOAH and ALEX walk along, ALEX Agitates plants and hedges as he passes them.

NOAH walks silently

NOAH  
You know.  
There was something really suspect about that party from the beginning?

ALEX  
What do you mean?

NOAH  
I think Blair planned this whole thing?

ALEX  
NO, nah, he couldn't have.

NOAH  
It's all too convenient. I only told him I liked you two weeks ago.

ALEX  
What?  
You liked me? No jokes?

NOAH  
Yeah.

(beat)

ALEX  
You like me still?

NOAH  
Yeah.

ALEX  
No way!

ALEX smiles brilliantly.

NOAH (cont'd)  
What'd you think, I don't like you?

ALEX  
I thought you were treating me different because you thought I was stupid.

NOAH  
You're not stupid! What gave you that idea?

ALEX

Just how you would help me. And, how you would never tell me off like Blair and everyone.

NOAH

Yep, that is hate if I ever saw it?

ALEX

Shuddup.

NOAH

What about you?  
You're not gay?

ALEX

How do you figure that one?

NOAH

I've actually seen you full force man, remember.

ALEX

Shit.

(beat)

Well on that logic, *you're* not gay.

NOAH

Hu?

ALEX

I've never seen you shag anyone.

NOAH

So it's not counted as gay now, to grope with dudes at parties?

ALEX

Nah, that's normal.

NOAH

So this is just regular business for you?

ALEX(quickly)

No, never.

This is a first.

NOAH

Right.

ALEX  
I'm not sure what's happening.

NOAH  
So, are you gay?

ALEX  
I suppose I am.

NOAH  
Since when?

ALEX  
Well I only told Blair I liked you about two weeks ago.  
(beat)  
So since Friday ten days ago.

NOAH  
Ill remember to mark that on the calendar.

ALEX  
I did say liked, past tense.

NOAH  
Damn.  
What about future tense?

ALEX  
I don't know? Maybe.

NOAH  
Just a little bit?

ALEX  
Just a little lot.

(beat)

NOAH  
So, Blair knew we liked each other two weeks ago?

ALEX  
Yeah, but who cares. Now we know too.



NOAH smiles

NOAH  
Back to Blair.  
You realise he set us up.

ALEX  
Who cares?

NOAH  
I feel so used.

ALEX  
Come on, build a bridge.

NOAH  
I had no idea he was so diabolical.

ALEX  
Please get over it. I'm getting bored.  
Can we just make out some more?

NOAH smiles

NOAH  
How you doin'?

(beat)

ALEX  
What are you waiting for?

NOAH  
I can't believe I am gunna make out with Alex Williams.

ALEX  
Yeah I know.. your lucky day.

NOAH  
Damn straight!

BOTH Giddy, they move in to kiss.

ALEX  
Not anymore.

BLACK OUT:

CREDITS

INT BLAIRS HOUSE – LOUNGE ROOM - MORNING

People are asleep all around the floor. BLAIR is sitting in a bean bag with a glass of milk. Ruefully CODA walks up to him and flops beside him.

CODA  
Mornin'.

BLAIR  
Hey.

CODA  
Big night?

BLAIR  
Nah, didn't even drink.

CODA  
I wish I didn't

BLAIR  
No you don't.

(beat)

CODA  
I hate Alex, and I hate Noah.

BLAIR  
Why?

CODA  
Two, hot, sweet guys.  
And they go off and get together.  
Where's the justice?

(beat)

They're gunna be having the best sex, whenever they want, that really sucks.

BLAIR  
Coda! Ew.  
Noah has never been sweet.

CODA

Well think about it. They're male, guys are always keen. So they, actually, have it on tap.  
And, they train constantly, so they are fit as.  
It just sucks.

BLAIR

Coda, Please.

CODA

It's just such a waist. They could easily please many needy women. But no, they're all  
selfish and want to be happy. WHAT CRAP!

BLAIR

Get a life.

CODA

Well you set them up, what did you think would happen?

BLAIR

Well I know they won't be discussing it with me.

JEN joins them.

JEN

Can you imagine what hot sex Alex and Noah are going to have.

BLAIR

I'm trying not to.

JEN

Get a grip.  
And they like each other.

BLAIR

Are you really that interested?

CODA

Blair, what if we talk about two girls?

BLAIR

Even that's weird.

JEN

You'd love it.

CODA  
Deal with it.

JEN(to CODA)  
Did you have the same dream I had.

CODA  
God, I hope so. It would be a shame if you didn't.

JEN  
A footballer's strength and a rower's stamina.

BLAIR  
I'm leaving.

CODA  
Chime in anytime Blair.

JEN  
I'm sure you have better insights than us.

CODA  
Yeah, you train with them.

BLAIR  
No, go jump.

CODA  
I'm just dreading when I see them next.

JEN  
Yeah I know, it's all I'll think about.

CODA  
Do you think they're awake yet.

BLAIR  
Look, they wouldn't have even done anything.  
It's Noah.

CODA  
Rot! Not even Noah would say no to Alex. And Alex doesn't know what brakes are.

JEN cackles

JEN  
They're both men!  
(beat)  
That sucks.

CODA  
I know.

BLAIR  
I'm leaving.

BLAIR stands.

JEN  
Aw, where to diddums?

BLAIR  
I'm training with your synergistic wet dreams in twenty minutes.

CODA  
You already spoke with them!

JEN  
You skanky little bitch. You know the goss and you're holding out.

CODA  
He knew they were hot for each other two weeks ago.

JEN  
Fiend!  
Didn't your mother teach you to share.

BLAIR  
Noah texted me half an hour ago. You can read it, it just says gym forty five mins.

BLAIR leaves

JEN(to CODA)  
Wanna go to the gym?

CODA  
Great call.

JEN and CODA get up and follow.

CODA(cont'd)  
(yells)  
Blair Wait!

CODA trips over a passed out footballer.

BLACK OUT.

THE END