

SOS

FIRST DATE – Part 2

ALEX is waiting at a table in a restaurant awkwardly.

The waitress clears plates and exits.

ALEX sits waiting at the table.

NOAH enters, ALEX is relieved.

ALEX

Where the hell have you been?

NOAH

Divining the bathrooms. They're about three k's away.

ALEX(whispers)

Everyone is staring at me!

The waitress even kept grinning at me.

NOAH

Have you looked in a mirror lately?

ALEX

No, I'm used to getting looked at. This is freaky.

NOAH

Silence of the lambs?

ALEX

I wouldn't be surprised if they all started eating each other.

NOAH

Calm down big fella.

Maybe they're just happy for you, because you're with me.

ALEX

So why do they stop it when you're around.

NOAH

Intimidation.

ALEX

What?

NOAH
True. You're a wide eyed ruralite.
I'm a shrewd city boy.
None of them would have the guts to stare at me!

ALEX
What crap!

NOAH
Are we doing desert, or are you training?

ALEX
Desert at the movies!

NOAH
At the where?

ALEX
We're going to the movies.

NOAH
Since when?

ALEX
Since it's a first date. First dates involve dinner, and a movie.

NOAH
Oh really?

ALEX
In this case I am the expert. You've never dated.
Let's go, the next sessions at ten.

NOAH
Eiy eiy!

NOAH signals the waiter for the bill.

ALEX
See that got everyone's attention.

NOAH
Yeah, I accidentally let out the hint of a smile.

ALEX
You perv.

NOAH

As if.

ALEX

I saw it, you were thinking dirty and there was a crack in your façade.

NOAH

My façade?

ALEX

Don't think I haven't figured you out pretty boy.

NOAH

Ok then, out with it.

ALEX

Your brash, in control, know it all façade. It's completely fake!

You're as screwy as I am, you just are a very good actor.

NOAH

Oh dear, my secret is out.

ALEX

Yep!

And your secret self is the sexy one. I'm using you to get to him.

NOAH grins

ALEX(cont)

Another crack! In one night, on just the first date. I'll have you asking me in for coffee tonight.

NOAH

Your not getting coffee after four o'clock ever again. On Thursday you were buzzing around until two am.

WAITER arrives with the bill

NOAH sign's for it and thanks him.

ALEX

Can we stay at yours tonight?

NOAH

I thought you wanted to see a movie.

ALEX
Yeah, after that.

NOAH
Sure, why?

ALEX
I just don't want to think about eventually being dropped off tonight. It means that it's going to end. I don't want it to.

NOAH
Alex, something tells me that there is more going on in your head than me dropping you off?

ALEX stands and walks around to NOAH.

ALEX
Come on, we'll miss the movie.

NOAH
Alright.

THEY exit the restaurant, the crowd secretly watches them.

EXT. RESTAURANT – CITY – NIGHT

NOAH and ALEX walk along side by side.

ALEX
Can we hold hands?

NOAH laughs and shakes his head.
NOAH takes ALEX by the hand.

NOAH
You don't need to ask Alex.

ALEX
Better that I do for now.

NOAH
Ok.

(beat)

INT. CAR PARK – CITY – NIGHT

NOAH

What with the sleep over please?

ALEX

Hu?

NOAH

What's behind asking if you can stay half way through the date?

ALEX

Oh. Umm.

(beat)

How do you feel when you go to sleep at night?

NOAH

Tired?

ALEX

No, I'm trying to explain what I am thinking.

NOAH

Just say what your thinking then, that'll be fine.

ALEX

I get scared when I go home that you'll forget about me. That something will come up and you won't be thinking about me as much as I am thinking about you.

NOAH

I don't know how you have the guts to say half of this stuff. I hate you going back to the dorms, there are fifty people there so much better looking than me. I keep thinking you'll figure that out.

ALEX

As if! I hate going back to the dorms.

NOAH

Don't then.

ALEX

Ok.

NOAH
Live with me.

ALEX
Noah, I can't do that, I can't just welch off your mum.

NOAH
I'm not asking you too. I'm asking you to mooch off me.

ALEX
Noah, I pay my own way. And I can't afford your house.

NOAH
What if you move out of the dorms? Have one of the spare rooms like Blair does.
Or better yet, share my room.

(beat)

ALEX
Are you sure?

NOAH
Have I ever struck you as trepidatious?

ALEX
No.

NOAH
Live with me?

ALEX
No.

NOAH
Fine. Come home tonight and never leave.

ALEX
Ok.

NOAH and ALEX walk over to the Car.

FADE to:

INT. CAR PART – CINEMA – NIGHT

NOAH and ALEX walk away from the Car.

ALEX

How does this pass for a first date if we have already decided to live together?

NOAH

We are moving at a fast pace.

ALEX laughs

ALEX

You idiot.

THEY enter the Cinema

INT. CINEMA – FOYER – NIGHT

NOAH holds the door open for ALEX

ALEX

So we are living together now?

NOAH

Yep. After the movie we'll go to the dorms to pack up all of your stuff and take it to my house.

ALEX

Why tonight?

NOAH

Because, now that it is decided I want it done, I don't want to wait.
I want you living with me now.

ALEX

Won't patience make it better?

NOAH

No. It's the weekend tomorrow and I don't want you to have to leave at all until uni starts again.

ALEX

Where has this come from? An hour ago you were cool, calm and normal. Now you have become clingy and intense.

NOAH

You were the one insistent on breaking the façade.

ALEX
Don't get me wrong, I like it.
I just didn't expect you too feel the same way I do. It feels like you're taking the thoughts
out of my head.

NOAH smiles.

NOAH
Well then, what about a first date kiss?

ALEX
That's supposed to happen when you drop me off.

NOAH
Didn't we just decide that that wasn't going to happen?

ALEX
This is such a weird first date.

NOAH smiles
ALEX moves in.
THEY kiss.

RICK enters.

RICK runs at ALEX and knocks him over.

RICK
No one wants to see two faggots in public.

ALEX
What the fuck Rick.

NOAH grabs RICK by the collar and throws him over onto his back.

NOAH
Want to try that again? This time not attacking from behind.

ALEX stands
RICK stands

RICK
Get the fuck out of public, kids can see you.

ALEX
Shut up Rick, your way out of your league.

NOAH
Back off Alex, two on one isn't fair.

ALEX
Noah, just leave him be.

NOAH
No. He attacks you, he attacks me!

RICK
You want to fight, let's fight.

NOAH pushes ALEX aside.

ALEX waits

RICK lunges at NOAH

NOAH steps aside and knocks RICK back to the ground

RICK gets back up.

NOAH stands still.

BLAIR enters

RICK takes a boxing stance and approaches NOAH.

BLAIR grabs RICK.

BLAIR
STOP RICK!

RICK
Get off me.

BLAIR
You can't win Rick, if you manage to hurt Noah you'll end up against me and Alex.

RICK
You're taking a fags side?

BLAIR
Every time!

BLAIR Flings RICK away, and joins NOAH and ALEX
CODA appears at the top of the stairs.

RICK
All of you can go to hell.
You'll get yours, you fags will die of aids.

BLAIR hits RICK square in the nose.

RICK stumbles to the ground, his nose bleeding.

RICK
You broke by dose.

CODA runs down the stairs.

CODA
Now leave before you get something else broken.

RICK up and scrambles out of the cinema.

BLAIR looks at his fist. It is sore.

NOAH stares at BLAIR

NOAH
What did you do that for?

BLAIR
So you didn't have to.

ALEX still waits

NOAH stares at BLAIR

BLAIR(cont)
How is the date going?

NOAH hugs BLAIR

NOAH
Great up to and including now.
Dinner, a fight and a movie. I couldn't ask for more.
(beat)
Oh and Alex is moving in with me.

BLAIR
That's great, congrats Alex

NOAH
Alex?

ALEX stands in thought.

NOAH
Alex, what's wrong?

ALEX snaps out of it.

ALEX
Nothing. I am fine.

NOAH
No your not. Lets head home.

ALEX
No. Lets see the movie.
(to BLAIR and CODA)
So, we'll talk to you tomorrow?

ALEX takes NOAH's hand and leads him up the stairs.

NOAH looks back to BLAIR and mouths 'thanks'.

INT. CINEMA – TICKET COUNTER – NIGHT

ALEX walks to the counter.

ALEX
Noah, can you get me a frozen coke, a large popcorn and an ice cream.

NOAH
You pig, we just ate a huge dinner.

ALEX
It's the movies. Besides popcorn isn't filling.

NOAH
Alright.

ALEX hands NOAH cash.

ALEX nods NOAH to take it and go.

NOAH turns and heads to the snack bar.

ALEX waits in line for the tickets.

CUT TO:

INT. CINEMA – ENTRANCE LINE – NIGHT

NOAH and ALEX stand holding a popcorn, a drink and an ice-cream each.

THEY are slowly progressing in the cue. Not talking.

INT. CINEMA – THEATRE – NIGHT

NOAH and ALEX sit together in the back row.

ALEX places his hand on NOAH'S and entwines fingers.

ALEX
Sorry I didn't help before.

NOAH
You didn't need to help me Billy.
Why were you so quiet?

ALEX
I didn't know who's side I was on Noah.
When he was talking, I remembered thinking those same words before I met you.

NOAH
Alex...

ALEX
I don't know who I am anymore.
(beat)
I don't agree with being gay. I hate myself Noah. I wanted to beat me up.
(beat)
Say something.

NOAH
I know what you mean.

ALEX
What?

NOAH
I know what you're going through. There is so much torture in being gay, especially
when you're who we are.

ALEX
Who are we?

NOAH
We were once what society calls perfect, young white males.
Members of the ruling minority. We have to give that up.
(beat)
To be ourselves we have to become pariah's.
(beat)
Or we have to live a lie.
And never love.

ALEX
I don't know...

NOAH
Or you listen to idiots that clam god says we are evil and wrong.
That we will burn in hell.
(beat)
On some days all of those things mean more to you then anything else.
On other days you see through them.
(beat)
But on he other hand I look at Blair.
(beat)
I'm not going to say what I believe Alex. You have do what you want.

ALEX
I am.

ALEX pushes the arm rest between them out of the way and puts an arm around NOAH.

NOAH
What about your head?

ALEX
I'll get past it.
Besides. You don't need a bodyguard.

NOAH
I'd like one though.

ALEX
Hire Blair, he's good.

NOAH
Are you still moving in.

ALEX
Der.
I said I was uncertain about me, not you.

Previews end, Movies commence.

NOAH
Shhh, it's starting.
What are we seeing any way?

ALEX
Wolf Creek.

NOAH
You bastard!

ALEX
Shhh, it's started.

ALEX munches on some popcorn. NOAH cowers in his chair.

INT. CINEMA – FOYER – NIGHT(after the movie)

NOAH exits the cinema looking rattled.
ALEX walks out rubbing his arm.

NOAH
What the hell is wrong with you!
I HATE scary shit!
There is a reason I don't come to movies with you and Blair.

ALEX
My arm agrees with you.

NOAH
I could care less about your arm.
I won't sleep for a week!

ALEX

I've never had my arm squeezed so hard for so long.
My hand is completely numb.

NOAH

Shut up. You're lucky I didn't break it.

ALEX

I'm not sure you didn't.

NOAH walks ahead.

ALEX

Noah!

NOAH

Hurry up!

ALEX

Just slow down will you.

NOAH

No. I want to get in my car as fast as I can! I won't let any of these demented horror
watchers get me.

ALEX Laughs

ALEX

Calm down, it's just a movie.

NOAH

Walk faster pretty boy!

THEY exit the cinema.

EXT. CINEMA – Car PARK – MIDNIGHT

NOAH searches the vistas fervently.

ALEX laughs at his intensity.

ALEX

Noah, come here. Let me drive.

NOAH

I don't know why you watch that shit. It's foul.

ALEX
Because I like it.

NOAH
Your bent Alexander Williams, Bent!

ALEX
Yes, and I'm driving. Give me the keys.

NOAH
Fine.
Don't forget we have to pick up your stuff.

ALEX
Noah, it's the middle of the night.

NOAH
I don't care, if I won't be sleeping neither will you. This is your fault.

ALEX
Are you really that worked up?

NOAH
We just spent two hours watching a man hack up three innocent people, and they tried to pass it off as a true story.

ALEX
Fine. We will go get my stuff.

NOAH
And don't you go sneaking up on me. I'm likely to take your head off and it'll be your own fault.
And Hillary is going to kill you!

ALEX
Why?

NOAH
You tell her what movie you made me see and you'll know why.

THEY approach the car

FADE TO BLACK:

FADE IN:

INT. NOAH'S ROOM – MORNING

ALEX'S boxes are all over the floor. ALEX's new suit is neatly placed on a chair.
NOAH's suit is all over the place.

ALEX and NOAH are asleep on top of the still made bed. Wearing only briefs.

BLAIR enters.

BLAIR sneaks up to NOAH'S ear

BLAIR(yells)
WAKE UP!

NOAH lifts his head suddenly and takes out BLAIR.
BLAIR yelps, NOAH Curses. ALEX is startled up and falls off the bed.

BLAIR rubs his face. NOAH Rubs hit head.
ALEX is on the floor disoriented.

NOAH
Bugger off Blair. That really hurt.

BLAIR
Your telling me. I should have thought it through some more.

ALEX
What just happened?
Why am I on the floor?

BLAIR laughs.

BLAIR
It was worth it though.
(beat)
What is all of this shit?

NOAH
It's Alex's Stuff, he is officially moved in.

BLAIR
In to a mess!
So, what happened after last nights boxing match?

NOAH
ALEX made me see Wolf Creek.

BLAIR

Your busted, your gunna get into so much trouble when Hillary find out.

ALEX

Why, it's just a movie?

THEY all start going through boxes.

BLAIR

I don't know the full story, but I nearly got kicked out for bringing home silence of the lambs.

ALEX(to NOAH)

What's your problem?

NOAH

I hate scary shit.

My dad once made me watch the original house of wax, and then went out. When they got home the house was sealed with furniture, and I had shot a hole in the north wall with dad's riffle.

BLAIR

See, I told you he was a freak.

NOAH

I told you I was a freak too.

ALEX

Damn. Maybe this moving in should just be temporary.

BLAIR

Like hell!

Your not ever going too leave this place. Wait until you meet the fridge and the pantry...

ALEX

Really?

BLAIR

Hell yeah.

NOAH

Blair wears jumpers just to keep warm in front of the fridge while making up his mind.

ALEX

When do I get the tour?

HILLARY stands at the door.

HILLARY

When Noah's room doesn't look like a brothel.

BLAIR

HA!

HILLARY

Your's better be neat too Blair.

NOAH

HA!

HILLARY

I had an interesting call from Trip Pardue this morning?

NOAH

Yes?

ALEX

I think I can explain that.

HILLARY

No need Alex. I got the whole story from Blair at breakfast.

ALEX

We missed breakfast?

What time is it?

NOAH

11:30

ALEX

Crickey, that's late.

I thought you said you wouldn't sleep?

HILLARY

Why wouldn't he sleep?

BLAIR

Alex made Noah see Wolf Creek.

HILLARY

Well, That was stupid!

ALEX
I didn't know.

HILLARY
No excuses, you are just going to have to handle the backlash.
I won't be helping, in fact until further notice I will be sleeping with ear plugs in.
(to BLAIR)
I suggest you do the same Thumper.

ALEX
Why?

HILLARY
When it happens you'll know.
I have to go, I need to get into town. Will you all be home for dinner?

BLAIR
Yep.

ALEX looks to NOAH

NOAH
Yep.

ALEX
Yep.

HILLARY Exits.
BLAIR Exits.

BLAIR(off)
Gym at 1?

NOAH(yells)
Yep, should be done.

FADE TO:

EXT. JONES HOUSE – POOL – NOON

ALEX is sitting on a towel on the side of the pool naked with a baseball cap covering his penis.

NOAH is in the lap pool, swimming laps.

BLAIR walks out onto the deck.

BLAIR

Jesus Alex, put some clothes on.

ALEX

No, I don't want a screwy tan line.

BLAIR

And I don't want to see your wang.

ALEX

You can't.

BLAIR

Barely

ALEX

Get used to it.

HILLARY walks out.

HILLARY

Jesus Alex.

ALEX peak's open one eye.

BLAIR

That's what I said.

ALEX

I don't want to get a weird tan line.

HILLARY

Are you naked under that cap?

ALEX

Yep.

BLAIR

Disgusting isn't it?

HILLARY

Well, at least he is on a towel.

CODA Barges in.

CODA
Jesus Alex.
(beat)
Why not get rid of the hat?

HILLARY
It is a shame isn't it.

BLAIR
Hillary!

ALEX
Ha.

CODA
God I wish there were a sudden strong gail.

HILLARY
This is ridiculous.

BLAIR
Exactly, let's...

HILLARY (continuing)
My son is dating the statue of David and I hang around sweaty academics all day. Karma cannot exist.

CODA
I think it's a waste of two perfectly good husbands.

HILLARY
I can see why you would say that.

NOAH Stops swimming

NOAH
Why don't you take a picture?

CODA gets out her mobile

CODA
Great Idea!

CODA starts taking photo's with her mobile

BLAIR
This is wrong!

NOAH splashes ALEX

ALEX flinches sending the hat flying.

ALEX Tries fervently to cover himself.

NOAH drops into the water laughing.

BLAIR laughs

HILLARY (smileing)
Noah Jones, that was nasty!
Entertaining, but nasty.

CODA
Can I move in too?

BLAIR
Never, no way!

NOAH
That'd be too strange.

CODA
Yes but I'd be happy.

NOAH
Right after we move out you can.

ALEX walks over in a towel wrapped very low.

CODA
Alex if you come anywhere near me you'll loose that towel.

HILLARY
I have to prepare dinner.

HILLARY Walks away.

NOAH
Your going to check the security video.

CODA starts

CODA
Let me help you with that Hill.

BLAIR walks out.

ALEX turns to NOAH

ALEX
Feel like a spa?

NOAH
YEP.

ALEX
I don't know what the big deal is. You're naked too.

FADE TO:

EXT. JONES' HOUSE – Paddock – Afternoon

NOAH and ALEX walk bare foot through perfectly trimmed grass, wearing only board shorts.

ALEX
Noah?

NOAH waits

ALEX (cont'd)
What are we?

NOAH thinks

NOAH
We're together.

ALEX
But what does that mean? I know what everyone else thinks it means. I know you think something, and I know I think something. But really we have only even kissed once, and then we were drunk and it was a dare. The second time, an idiot tried to bash us.

NOAH
So you want me to spill my guts first hey?

ALEX
No that's not it at all, it's just...

NOAH (interrupts)
It's ok, I'm happy too.
In truth I am waiting for you to make a move.

ALEX
What why?

NOAH
I'm shocked you actually think you like me. I don't want to scare you off.

ALEX
Hu? You really think I'm better than you, don't you?

NOAH
It's not a matter of thought, you are!

ALEX
No way, No way.

NOAH
Check it out hillbilly. I have all of 6 friends, and one of them is my mum. There isn't a person at uni that doesn't love you, everyone of them grin at you, start conversations, wave.
Whereas me, I'm surprised they aren't diving off the footpaths instead of walking near me.

ALEX
That's just because they're stupid. They don't try to know you.

NOAH
Nope. I know this will sound completely fagish, but when I was a kid I saw the Wizard of OZ

ALEX
So did everyone.

NOAH
Yeah fine, but the wizard said at the end that the quality in a person is found in how much they are loved by those around them.

ALEX
You are loved.

NOAH

You are amazing to watch Alex. You take the time to acknowledge every living thing around you, you do it with such ease and you don't even think about it.

ALEX

That's nothing special.

NOAH

There is no one I have ever seen who can master society like you can. I can't help but love everything about you.

ALEX makes the move and kisses NOAH

ALEX puts his hand over NOAH's neck.

ALEX pulls away.

ALEX

I love you.

I love how you see everything, and you say anything.

I love your directness, your truth and your generosity.

Most of all, I love how everyone loves you completely and that you can't even tell.

(beat)

Your problem isn't lack of love, it's looking for it in people who don't matter, instead of those whom do.

NOAH

I love you.

THEY kiss.

CUT TO:

INT. JONES HOUSE – BLAIR'S ROOM – AFTERNOON

CODA is looking through a pair off binoculars.

BLAIR is reading on his bed.

CODA

They're kissing again.

BLAIR

CODA! I don't care! Just leave them alone.

CODA

Shove it McDougal! They're hot.

BLAIR

I think it's time we find you a boyfriend.

CODA

I perfectly happy meddling. Thank you.

BLAIR

Get a life.

CODA

They're walking around some more.

(beat)

They really are very gay! I don't know how I missed it in Alex for so long.

BLAIR

Maybe I don't care.

CODA

It's gotta be the legs, I was always a sucker for long legs.

BLAIR(writing)

Boyfriend with long legs.

CODA

Ok if we're writing a list.

Must be blonde, or brunett, or red head for that matter...

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END