

SOS

Episode 14 – First Date

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INT- Arc University - Coffee shop – Afternoon

ALEX and NOAH are sitting at a table in the dead centre of the coffee shop.
NOAH puts his middle finger into the cup and leaves it there.

NOAH
This has gone cold.

ALEX puts his hand across the table and puts his finger into the top of the coffee. HE quickly pulls his finger away burnt.

ALEX
What are you talking about?
That is hotter than mine and I can't drink mine yet.

NOAH calls over the waitress.

NOAH
Can I get another coffee please?

WAITRESS
Sorry sir is there something wrong with your coffee?

NOAH
No, I just left it a little long. Can I have another?

WAITRESS
Sure, would you like me to take that one?

NOAH
No, ill still drink it.

WAITRESS leaves.

ALEX
You're a weird guy.

NOAH
Ow, Shawks.

ALEX

Why didn't you let her take that one?

NOAH

Cause I want it now.

ALEX

You've gone nuts.

(beat)

NOAH

Alex would you go out on a date with me?

ALEX

Hu? What are you talking about? I've spent everyday with you for two weeks.

NOAH

Yeah, I know. But we never got to do the whole 'go on a date, get dressed up, go out' part.

ALEX

What? You want to do that?

NOAH

Why wouldn't I?

ALEX

I thought you'd find it boring.

NOAH

Well you were wrong. Will you go out on a date with me?

ALEX

Of course. Where do you want to go?

NOAH

Not telling.

NOAH Stands.

NOAH (cont'd)

Ill pick you up at your place at 6:30. Be dressed to the nines!

NOAH pecks ALEX on the lips and exits.

ALEX
What does the nines mean?

Fade to:

OPENING CREDITS

INT – ARC university – Coffee shop – Afternoon

ALEX is sitting alone, the waitress brings the second cup of coffee.
ALEX puts his finger in the older cup and she quickly removes it.

BLAIR enters.
BLAIR sits

BLAIR
Need a bit of coffee mate?

ALEX
Nah, they're Noah's, He just left.

BLAIR
Who's is that one?

ALEX
Noah's it was too cold.

BLAIR puts his finger in it and quickly removes it, burnt.

BLAIR
Is he coming back?

ALEX
Doubt it.

BLAIR
Sweet.

BLAIR starts drinking the new cup of coffee

BLAIR (cont'd)
What's happening?

ALEX
What's 'to the nines' mean?

BLAIR
What?

ALEX
Noah told me to be dressed to the nines.

BLAIR
Oh, up.

ALEX
What?

BLAIR
It means dress up as classy as you can.

ALEX
Oh.

BLAIR
What you dressing up for?

ALEX
First date.

BLAIR
What? You two have been together every minute since the party?

ALEX
Yeah, but nothing formal or anything.

BLAIR
Alrighty then. Where are you going?

ALEX
No idea, I just have to be ready by 6:30.

BLAIR
Have you got a suit?

ALEX
Yeah.

BLAIR
Does it fit?

ALEX
Should do. Why wouldn't it?

BLAIR
When did you last wear it?

ALEX
End of last year.

BLAIR
Shit Alex, you're gonna have to buy one..

ALEX
No. Why, mine is fine?

BLAIR
Do you want Noah to see you in fine?

ALEX
Shit.
This is too hard.

BLAIR
Nah it's not. You just have to *work* to keep Noah, unlike the standard lemmings you used to date.

ALEX
He won't care.

BLAIR
No he won't.
But will you care if you didn't put any effort into your first date?

ALEX
Shit Blair! Why'd you go say that for?

(beat)

BLAIR
You wana go to the city?

(beat)

ALEX
Yeah... Will you give me a hand?

BLAIR drinks the first coffee and spits it out.

BLAIR
That tastes like salmon.

ALEX
Noah, had a salmon sandwich, he had his finger in it.

BLAIR
Yuk.
What about this one?

ALEX
That's new.
When do you want to go?

BLAIR
After class?

ALEX
Sweet.

ALEX jumps up and kisses BLAIR on the cheek.

BLAIR reacts.

CODA arrives, ALEX kisses CODA on the cheek.

ALEX (TO CODA)
Gotta get to class sweetie.

CODA
Bye.

CODA sits across from BLAIR

CODA (cont'd)
G'day McDougal, what's he so chirpy about?
No wait, let me guess, Noah.

BLAIR
He's asked Alex out on a first date.

CODA
But they have been together for two weeks.

BLAIR
Go figure, something Noah came up with.

CODA Looks to the coffees.

CODA
Who do these belong to?

BLAIR
That ones fishy and that to Alex

CODA
Alex coming back?

BLAIR
Doubt it.

CODA
Good.

CODA sips Alex's coffee.

CODA
Does Alex have a suit?

BLAIR
We're going to get one after his next class.

CODA
Can I come?

BLAIR
Sure.

JEN walks in.
JEN Sits

JEN
Is this coffee for me?

BLAIR
Nah, its fishy. Order another one.

JEN calls the WAITRESS over.

WAITRESS
Yes?

JEN
Can I have a skim Latté please.

WAITRESS
Would you like me to take that one?

JEN
No it's fine.

WAITRESS rolls her eyes and leaves.

JEN(cont'd)
What's new?

CODA
Noah asked Alex out.

JEN
They've been together for weeks.

BLAIR
On a first date.

JEN
Oh.
That's sweet.

BLAIR
Well I don't get it.

CODA
Neither do I.
Or why Alex has to buy a new suit for it.

JEN
He is? Oh, that's lovely.

CODA
How?

BLAIR
Because he has too.

CODA
Sounds like a waist of money too me.
Alex can't afford a new suit.

BLAIR

Yeah he can. His scholarship pays for all the clothes he needs.

JEN

Really, Oh my god, no wonder there is no female football teams.

CODA

It pays for required clothes.

BLAIR

Yep. Suits are required for all sport functions.

JEN

Can I come?

BLAIR

Can't see why not.

WAITRESS brings JEN her coffee.

JEN sips it.

WAITRESS

Should I clear the table?

BEN enters

BLAIR

No it's fine.

WAITRESS shakes her head.

BEN Sits

BEN(to the fishy coffee)
Does that belong to anyone?

CODA

It was Noahs.

BEN

He gone?

JEN Nods.

BEN sips the coffee and makes a face.

BEN(Cont'd)
YUK! That tastes like cold fish.

BLAIR chuckles.
BEN looks to the waitress and gestures to the coffee.

BEN (mouths)
Can I have another one?

WAITRESS Shakes her head. Walks to the table.

BEN
Can I have a long black?

WAITRESS grabs the fishy coffee.

WAITRESS (under her breath)
Idiot!

BEN (to group)
So what's happening?

BLAIR stands.

BLAIR
Lets just short circuit this. Why don't you come to the city this arvo?

BEN
Sure.

BLAIR Exits.
BEN takes his coffee.

BEN(con't)
What's happening in the city?

FADE TO BLACK:

FADE IN:

INT. TRENDY MEN'S STORE – CITY – AFTERNOON

ALEX stands in a jockstrap in the middle of the store.

CODA is holding several suits. BLAIR and BEN are wearing Suits. JEN is arguing with the store owner.

JEN

He needs, something with a better line down the back.
French cut.

STORE OWNER

His shoulders are too big for a French cut. I'd have to knee the suit, to stretch it.

JEN

Then knee it then.

STORE OWNER

Not until he buys it!

STORE OWNER walks to ALEX.

STORE OWNER

If you just chose something, I can make it fit you.

ALEX

Show me something that doesn't make me look like a waiter.

STORE OWNER

How much do you want to spend?

ALEX

I don't care. It's my first date with my boyfriend, I just want to look hot!

STORE OWNER

First date with boyfriend?

Don't you go on a first date to get a boyfriend?

ALEX

Yeah, we've been together for a while. But he wants us to have a proper first date.

STORE OWNER

That is nice. Maybe something in plane black then?

ALEX

No, Noah hates plane suits.

STORE OWNER
NOAH?
Noah Jones?

ALEX
Yeah.

STORE OWNER
You are going out with Noah Jones?
Hillary has not spoken of you.
Come.
None of this will do.
Come through to the show room.

ALEX smiles.
The STORE OWNER locks the front door and walks a rear door.
The GROUP go to follow.
The STORE OWNER stops them.

STORE OWNER
No. Only him.
He will come out and show you shortly.

JEN looks offended.

ALEX shrugs to them.
ALEX follows STORE OWNER to the show room.

INT. SHOW ROOM – CITY – AFTERNOON

ALEX walks through into a large room with a catwalk and suits in glass cases.

The SHOP OWNER walks over to a suit in a Glass case. Unlocks the case and carefully removes the suit.

STORE OWNER
What is your name young man?

ALEX
Alex Williams.

STORE OWNER
Alexander?

ALEX nods.

STORE OWNER
I am Trip Vonus.

ALEX
Nice to meet you.

TRIP
Now. This suit Alexander, is a Gucci original. It was worn six weeks ago by Ashley Parr on the Milan stage. He would be close enough to your size. It is Italian wool, lined with Italian silk. The fabric weave is embossed floral, and is laced with Jade spun thread. It is your perfect suit.

ALEX
I doubt I can afford that.

TRIP
Certainly you can.

TRIP walks past ALEX to a rack of shirts, HE picks a white silk, with blue tone lines squiggled over it.

TRIP
Put this on.

ALEX Puts on the shirt and the fumbles with the pants.

TRIP calls out to the back of the store.

TRIP (cont)
Wendy! Jeff!

WENDY and JEFF walk over to trip.

TRIP(cont)
VIP Date.

ALEX Looks around with one pant leg on.

WENDY, JEFF and TRIP are all studying him.

CUT TO:

INT. TRENDY MENS STORE – CITY – AFTERNOON

JEN AND CODA are putting different suits up to BEN And BLAIR.

ALEX enters through the door.

JEN hears the door and spins.

ALEX's Hair has been cut and styled. HIS Skin looks perfect. HE is Wearing the shirt, the suit and A slip on pair of Prada shoes(no socks).

JEN SQUEALS.

JEN rushes to him.

JEN

Oh my god!!! That is a Gucci original, and they are the new Prada business loafers!
You look perfect, that suit is perfect, you look perfect.
How much did all of this cost?

ALEX Grinns like an idiot.

CODA

What happened to your hair? And your face?

ALEX

I have no idea, Wendy said my hair felt dry, so she treated it and cut it. And Jeff pulled out my eyebrows and cleanserised my face?

BEN

What is back there?

JEN

This suit is one of a kind!

BLAIR

You look good mate.

BEN

So, what's it going to set you back?

ALEX

He said it was a gift to Mrs Jones and her wonderful boy for all of their help.

BLAIR

They are giving it to you?

ALEX

Trip said that Hillary would not let him pay her. AND that I must be his gift to her.
I tried to say No. He said that the suit was now mine.

JEN

This suit is wor...

BLAIR (interrupting)

JEN!

ALEX

What?

BLAIR

Don't ask Alex, just accept it and make sure you tell Hillary and Noah.

JEN

What about the shoe's and the belt and the shirt?

ALEX

All included.

TRIP walks out with two bags full of things.

TRIP

Take these my boy. And come back any time you need anything, you are a marvel to
dress.

ALEX

Thankyou so much Trip. This is astonishing.

TRIP

Noah will love it. But please do not tell Hillary, this is a silent gift.

ALEX

I can't lie to Noah.

TRIP

Certainly not. Just tell him a friend helped you get it, and come back when you need
another trim.

TRIP moves to unlock the door.

The GROUP leaves.

BLAIR(to trip)

Thankyou, this'll make their week.

EXT. TRENDY MENS STORE – CITY – EVENING

JEN is looking through all of the bags.

JEN

There is shampoo, product, skin toner. All Lancome.
AND THREE MORE SHIRTS!

ALEX

I can't keep all of this

JEN

The hell you can't!

CODA(to ALEX)

Let someone pamper you. Enjoy it.
Most of us will never get anything like it! Show that you appreciate it.
Ask her about it all?

ALEX Nods.

CODA

And show it all off!

ALEX Nods.

FADE TO:

INT. ALEX's DORM – NIGHT

ALEX paces the room, uncertain and scared.

ALEX stops and stands with one foot up on his bed. He leans onto it.

ALEX looks still perfect from the store, his jacket is on the back of a chair. HE looks like a model from a magazine.

ALEX looks to the clock. The clock reads 5:45.

ALEX looks to the phone in his hand. He hits the connect button and places the phone to his ear.

The phone rings.

CUT TO BLACK:

ALEX's Mother LEA answers.

LEA(VO)
Hello?

ALEX(VO)
Mum?

LEA(VO)
Baby! It's wonderful to hear from you.

ALEX(VO)
Its good to hear you too darlin'.

LEA(VO)
What's wrong?

FADE UP:

INT. ALEX's FAMILY HOME – KITCHEN - DAY

ALEX is wearing the same clothes, but is at his family home. Sitting across the kitchen table from his LEA. ALEX and LEA don't look at each other while they speak.

ALEX
Mum, I need to talk to you.

LEA
Of course hun, what's the matter?

ALEX
I need to tell you something, but I'm worried you will be disappointed in me.

LEA
Don't be ridiculous. You couldn't ever do anything to disappoint me, baby.
You're my star.

ALEX
Mum, what would you think if I didn't ever get married like Mark, Jane and Ann?

LEA
Sweetie, what are you talking about?

ALEX
Mum, I have met someone.

LEA

That's wonderful baby, why are you being so morose?

ALEX

Mum, it isn't the person you think.

LEA

Hon, stop with the mum's and just tell me.
I've never known you to be uncertain, what's got you so worked up?

ALEX

I am in love. With one of my friends...

(beat)

LEA

Have you told Noah how you feel yet?

(beat)

ALEX crying

ALEX

Yeah mum, I did.

LEA

Oh honey, it's ok. I knew how you felt the moment you said his name.
Don't you dare feel embarrassed or ashamed. I love you darlin', you deserve everything
you want.

(beat)

How did he react?

ALEX

I think he feels the same way too.

LEA

Then sweetie, what are you upset about?

ALEX

Well, It's just that, I didn't want, to tell you, because I thought, you'd be disappointed.

LEA

Hon, I am overjoyed that he feels the same. He would have really been an idiot not to
love you back.

ALEX

I'm sorry I didn't tell you sooner.

LEA

Alex. Stop this now! This crap isn't you.

(beat)

Don't you remember dresser?

ALEX

Of course I do.

LEA

Do you remember the day you found him?

ALEX

Yeah.

LEA

The day you brought dresser home, you were 4 and I thought your head was going to pop. You went around the house introducing him to every family member, then proceeded to tell each of us a complete story about all of his amazing traits. That dog was the mangiest, grubby dog I had ever seen. But you loved it on sight, and the second you told me his name, I knew from your voice that it was true love. And that we'd be stuck with Dresser forever.

(beat)

The first time you mentioned Noah, there wasn't a question in my mind. Alexander, I am your mum, don't you think I had you figured out before you did?

ALEX

I spose.

ALEX snuffles

LEA

So what made you call me today?

ALEX

Well, we started seeing each other two weeks ago. But today Noah insisted that we needed to have a first date, otherwise we'd be doomed.

LEA

How sweet.

ALEX

Well then, he told me to dress to the nines and left.

(beat)

I had no idea what to the nines meant. But Blair came along and filled me in and talked me into buying a new suit.

In town the suit guy new Noah's mum and gave me this really expensive suit for free and dressed me way way up, hair, shoes, belt everything.

Now I am just waiting for him to pick me up.

LEA

Sweetie that's wonderful. So what's the problem?

ALEX

I guess I just felt bad for not telling you. And that a suit man knew before you did.

LEA

Don't be simple. I knew before all of them. I raised you boy, I knew from day one.

ALEX

Really?

LEA

Of course.

ALEX

I should have told you though.

LEA

You have now is what matters, but when are you going to tell yourself?

ALEX

I'm not sure I believe it all yet.

LEA

He must really be something, this Noah.
I will have to meet this boy.

ALEX

He is mum, and you will. But you'll have to be ready for him. He's clever, really clever.
Makes Mrs Kaptioner look like a too bit drongo.

LEA

You be careful sweetie. If I recall he is also very rich, don't get too swept away.

ALEX

Mum rich doesn't cut it, he is loaded! But he doesn't care about any of that, as long as it's still there.

LEA

At least you sound brighter.

ALEX

Yeah, talking about Noah does that.

LEA

That's what your dad said too. You know he figured it out about three seconds before you introduced them in March.

ALEX

What!? He didn't say anything.

LEA

He isn't simple either sonnyjim.

ALEX

I'll have to remember that.

LEA

What time is Noah picking you up??

CUT TO:

ALEX sitting on the bed in his dorm.

ALEX checks the clock; 6:26

ALEX

Oh, shit. At 6:30. I gotta go mum.

LEA

Alrighty. You be careful darling. We love you.

ALEX

Love you too ma.

Tell dad he's a filthy liar.

Bye.

LEA

Bye.

ALEX Disconnects the phone

ALEX runs into the bathroom.

ALEX runs back out with a toothbrush in his mouth.

HE checks himself in the mirror, straightens his shirt and hair back to perfect.

HE runs back into the bathroom.

HE runs back into the room with a towel to his face then throws it onto the bed.

HE Rummages through one of the bags from Trip.

HE Pulls out a spray cologne, and sprays some under his shirt.

HE Pulls his jacket on, and does up one button.

HE looks into the mirror and takes a deep breath

ALEX
Ok. I'm gay now.

NOAH knocks on the front door.

ALEX looks at the clock and smiles.

The clock has just struck 6:30.

ALEX opens the door.

The door opens to reveal NOAH. NOAH looks adorable, HE sees ALEX and his JAW drops.

NOAH
Wow.

ALEX
You like?

ALEX spins.

NOAH is wearing a suit and tie, and looks very classy.

NOAH
You look phenomenal!

ALEX grins.

ALEX
You don't look half bad yourself.

NOAH

You wouldn't like to go out on a date with me would you?

ALEX

Nah, I don't want to get my clothes dirty.

NOAH

Oh. Ok. Ill try the guy next door then.

NOAH goes to leave.

ALEX

The hell you will.

ALEX grabs his keys and closes the door.

THEY walk together away from ALEX's

EXT. ALEX'S DORM - NIGHT

NOAH

This may be from left field, but Prada isn't releasing those business loafers until summer.
Where did you get them??

ALEX

Just a friend.

NOAH

Same friend, that gave you the Gucci suit?

ALEX

Yep, one and the same.

NOAH

You wouldn't want to introduce me would you?

ALEX

No, he's pretty private.

NOAH

Oh really? I've never met a private hair dresser.

ALEX

I never said he was a hair dresser.

NOAH

You didn't say he sold Lancomé either.

ALEX
He doesn't

NOAH
Well someone does, because my boyfriend smells of Lancomé eau de toilette, has one
inch less hair, and it is full of moisture glaze.

ALEX
That's very scary.
(beat)
Maybe you should just go with it.

NOAH
Really?
I suppose it isn't every day you go on a first date with a hotter guy than the Gucci poster
boy.

ALEX
No it isn't

NOAH
I told Trip not to go overboard because you'd get a big head.

ALEX
What?
You planned this.

NOAH
Down to the letter.
How would it be a first date without some serious lying.

ALEX
Oh, when I get out of this suit your going to cop it!

NOAH
Bit worried you'll hurt your precious new Gucci are you?

ALEX
Yes. And I must look proper for this splendid evening.

NOAH
Oh, jolly good.

ALEX smiles

ALEX
Oh, and I told the folks today.

NOAH
Told the folks?

ALEX
About you and me.

NOAH smiles

NOAH
So I'm the wicked son snatcher.

ALEX
Completely satanic cradle snatcher, to be precise.

NOAH
Ok, ok. Enough of that.
Tell me all about your day.

FADE to black.
The end