

Scene Context:

Tom and Noah have just slept together for the first time, but only after Noah relented and handed his phone to Tom, so Tom could feel safe that he wasn't being recorded or would be otherwise 'outed'. While there is clearly a spark and attraction present, the trust is still missing as Tom and Noah feel out the beginnings of a potential relationship.

TOM
You never told me where you're
from.

Noah props himself up, narrowing his eyes at Tom.

NOAH
Australia.

Tom rolls his eyes in return.

TOM
What *town*, idiot.

Noah pulls away and sits on the edge of the bed.

TOM
Whatever you think I was thinking,
you can stop worrying, because I
wasn't thinking it.

Noah considers Tom carefully as he pulls on his jocks.

SMASH TITLE: ROUND 7 - FAMILY

NOAH
(half-forgiven)
Broken Hill.

Tom rolls out of bed and pulls on his jocks, too. He stays close to Noah, almost hovering over him.

TOM
Country boy? Okay..!

Noah runs a finger along the inside band of Tom's jocks.

NOAH
Dad got a visa for one of the
mines, so they left Malaysia and
came over here. Then they had me.

TOM
Good folk? Bad folk?

Noah releases the band - it SNAPS back onto Tom's taut skin.

TOM
Ouch. That bad, huh?

Won over by Tom's playfulness, Noah soon relents.

NOAH
Mum's into the *Cult of Dad*.
Dad's into Jesus.
It doesn't get much worse...

Tom frowns and sits on the edge of the bed close to Noah.

TOM
Religion?

NOAH
He also likes to hit the bottle.

TOM
Right.

Noah picks his nail polish to keep himself from falling apart.

NOAH
And my mum.

Noah dares to look across to Tom, who is ready and waiting.

TOM
Wow. Geez. Okay.
I'm sorry, Noah.

NOAH
Yeah. It is what it is.
Which is shit.

TOM
Did they have an issue with you
being...

Tom nudges Noah playfully.

TOM
You know...

NOAH
A twink? A firefly? A Harry Styles
stan? Yes they know I'm queer.

PRE-LAP: A custom ringtone that sounds like impending doom.

Tom's phone lights up on the bedside table. It's an incoming call from 'Mumzilla'. Noah raises his eyebrows at the name.

NOAH
Does she?

Tom quickly silences the call and flips the phone over.

NOAH
You're not close?

TOM
Close? I can't get away from the
woman.

The RINGTONE RETURNS. Tom dumps it in the bedside drawer and sits beside Noah.

TOM
She's only after some contract
renewal gossip for her brunch club
with the other footy mums.

A LOUD VIBRATING SOUND emanates from the drawer.

TOM
She always calls three times.
It's fine.

Noah and Tom both stare at the VIBRATING DRAWER.

The VIBRATING finally stops.

TOM
You still see 'em? Your folks?