

BLUE WATER HIGH - EPISODE 3

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EXT. BLUE WATER BEACH - SHORE

ESTABLISHING BEACH SCENE. SURF TEAM ARE TRAINING ON THE BEACH. THEY LOOK HOT AND TIRED.

MATT (V.O.)

Life. It's all about proving yourself.
Finding where you fit in.

SIMMO

Ok, guys. Time for cool down.

TEAM GATHERS AROUND AND BEGINS COOL DOWN.

MATT (V.O.)

Just when you thought you had it all figured out, a whole new world comes at you. New people, all waiting to judge you. To see where you fit in. It's important stuff.

FLY GRABS HER TOWEL FROM HER BAG AND WIPES THE PERSPIRATION FROM HER FACE. SHE CHECKS HER WATCH.

FLY

We're going to be late for school.

EDGE

So what, it's our first day. I'd rather train.

PERRI

Are you serious? I'm beat.

SIMMO

Get used to it. The training gets tougher. Didn't want to scare you on your first day.

SHOT OF TEAM REACTING.

HEATH

You mean, we're going to be late for school every morning?

SIMMO

Once you're used to the routine,
you'll get faster. As of tomorrow,
once that alarm goes off, there's no
more dragging your feet around like
you did this morning.

PERRI

Aye, aye, Captain.

SIMMO

You didn't think this was going to be
a holiday did you?

ANNA

(mumbling under her
breath)

I was hoping.

EXT. BLUE WATER HIGH SCHOOL - MORNING

KIDS HANGING AROUND SCHOOL YARD.

ANNA

How come no one cared that we
were late this morning?

BEC

The school surf team was late too.
It's traditional for the new Solar Blue
surfers to compete at the interschool
surf competition.

MATT

Yeah, and?

BEC

Didn't you know about it? It's on this
Saturday. All the kids train like mad
for it.

PERRI

Sounds good. I'm in.

HEATH

Isn't it a disadvantage competing
against Solar Blue surfers?

BEC

They have rules. My brother Joe is captain of the local surf team.

BEC SPOTS JOE AND WHISTLES FOR HIM TO COME AND JOIN THEM.

EDGE

I can't see the point in competing against local surfers. If they were any good, they'd have made it into the Academy.

JOE

That's the point. They'll give you hell here if you don't compete cause it will prove that you think you're too good for the rest of them.

EDGE

Well, we are.

MATT

No, Edge, you're missing the point. It's about fitting in. You can't walk around thinking that you're better than everyone else.

EDGE

That's dumb. We work our tails off to surf better than anyone else and then we're supposed to pretend that we're no better than them?

MATT

Sort of.

EDGE

Get real. I don't need to prove nothing to nobody. I'm out.

EDGE WALKS OFF.

ANNA

What's Simmo think about it?

BEC

He's cool

ANNA

Ok.

FLY

Yeah. Ok.

EXT. BLUE WATER BEACH - AFTERNOON

THE TEAM ARE ON THE BEACH TRAINING. SIMMO IS WORKING THEM HARD. JOE AND HIS TEAM HAVE HIT THE WAVES.

HEATH

Come on, Simmo. The surf's pumping. We need to get out before the wind wrecks it.

SIMMO

Who's training who here?

HEATH

We've been at it for an hour already.

PERRI

What's the matter, can't you handle it?

HEATH

I'd rather train in the water. I can't stand letting good surf go to waste.

SIMMO

You're playing by my rules now. You'll get your chance in the water when training's over. Getting into peak physical fitness is a huge advantage, not to be overlooked.

THE TEAM TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO WATCH JOE AND HIS TEAM IN THE WATER.

EDGE

That's the difference between them and us. Lifestyle versus profession. Dreaming about it and living it are two different things.

MATT

What do you know?

ANNA

He's right.

EXT. BOARDING HOUSE (STOCK SHOTS)

ESTABLISHING STOCK SHOTS OF BOARDING HOUSE - LATE AFTERNOON TO EVENING

INT. BOARDING HOUSE

THE TEAM ARE EATING DINNER WHEN SIMMO AND DEB WALK IN.

DEB

Hey, guys. How'd the first day at school go?

PERRI

Sweet.

DEB

Thanks for looking after Anna, Bec. I heard you took her under your wing.

BEC

Do you have spies at the school?

DEB

It's my job to look after you. I'm just making sure the transition runs smoothly. It's one thing to move to a new school, but a new country and a new school must be tough.

ANNA

Thanks, but I'm fine.

DEB

Great. Now, we can move on to more serious business. Andrew, the boss at Solar Blue will be coming here on Saturday morning with contracts for you to sign.

MATT

But the surf comps on Saturday morning.

DEB

What surf comp?

BEC

The annual inter-school surf comp.

DEB LOOKS AT SIMMO.

SIMMO

What?

DEB

Can I speak with you in private,
please.

DEB MOTIONS FOR SIMMO TO FOLLOW HER OUT THE
DOOR.

INT. BOARDING HOUSE - HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

DEB CLOSSES THE DOOR BEHIND HER.

DEB

What's with the school surf comp?

SIMMO

The new kids from Solar Blue
compete with the school surfers
every year. It's like an initiation into
the school. They've been doing it for
years. Why, what's the problem?

DEB

Do you bother to read any of the
paperwork we send you?

SIMMO

You mean the novels. I switch off
after the first paragraph. I thought
my job was to train these kids. If
you have something to tell me just
tell me.

DEB

Solar Blue forbids any of the kids
from competing in comps other than
those approved by the company.

SIMMO

Since when?

DEB

If you'd read the new prospectus they sent you a month ago, you'd know all about the changes.

SIMMO

How many changes are there?

DEB

It would pay you to read it. The company can't afford any more losses. Insurance has doubled and they're not prepared to cover accidents that occur outside the approved competitions.

SIMMO

Fine, I'll read the prospectus and *you* can tell them to forget the school comp. I'll see you later.

SIMMO WALKS OUT. DEB BREATHES A BIG SIGH AND RE-ENTERS THE ROOM.

INT. BOARDING HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

THE KIDS ARE CLEARING THE TABLE/WASHING UP.

MATT

So, what's happening with the surf comp?

DEB

Sorry, guys, but your contract states that you'll only be allowed to surf in competitions approved by Solar Blue.

BEC

That sucks.

MATT

Why?

DEB

We can't afford for any of you to get injured in a competition that's not been approved. You won't be covered and you'll end up thrown out of the Academy. It will be up to your parents to pay your expenses.

SHOT OF KIDS REACTIONS.

DEB (CONT'D)

Sorry, guys. But it's not that important. You've got bigger fish to fry.

INT. BOARDING HOUSE - POOL ROOM - LATER

HEATH AND EDGE ARE SETTING THE POOL TABLE UP FOR A GAME. PERRI, ANNA AND FLY ARE SITTING ON THE LOUNGE. MATT WALKS IN AND SITS ON THE EDGE OF THE LOUNGE. BEC IS FURIOUS ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO SURF IN THE SCHOOL SURF COMPETITION.

BEC

I can't believe we're not allowed to surf in the school comp. My friends will give me hell if I don't. There's already tension since I joined the Academy.

FLY

Well, after what happened to me at the selections, I can't afford to risk ending up in hospital again, especially if my parents have to pay. I'd rather face hell at school than what my parents will do to me.

BEC

I've seen how they treated anyone in the Academy who didn't compete in the past.

MATT

What did they do?

BEC

One guy had his head flushed down the toilet and all his stuff kept getting stolen.

PERRI

Don't they report these things to the Principal?

BEC

That only fuels the fire. They reckon if you can't fight your own battles, you're not worth spitting on.

HEATH

It can't be worth getting kicked out of the Academy.

BEC

Maybe not for you but with Joe not getting into the Academy and him being captain, I just can't back out of this comp. We have to find a way around this.

EDGE

We? My priority is surfing for the Academy. Stay focused and remember why you're here.

BEC

I can't believe they change the rules the year I get in.

INT. BOARDING HOUSE - BOY'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

MATT'S LYING AWAKE IN BED. THE LIGHTS ARE OUT. HEATH AND EDGE ARE ASLEEP.

MATT (V.O.)

Getting into the Academy wasn't enough. Now I've got to prove myself at school. Facing a couple of hundred kids in the school jungle seems a lot worse. If these kids sense fear, they'll eat me alive. It all sounded too easy. Just surf the comp and you're in. You've proved yourself. You're accepted. There's gotta be a way around this.

EXT. BLUE WATER HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

MATT, HEATH AND EDGE ARE IN THE SCHOOL YARD. JOE AND HIS FRIEND SKID WALK UP TO THEM.

JOE

You guys surfing on Saturday?

EDGE

Nuh.

SKID

Why not? Scared of losing your big shot contracts.

EDGE CAN SENSE TROUBLE AND WANTS NO PART OF IT.

EDGE

Nuh, just want to save you the embarrassment of getting creamed.

EDGE WALKS AWAY. SKID SNARLS AT HIM.

MATT

Maybe we could work something else out?

SKID

I don't think so. The comp's your only choice, Mummy's boy?

MATT

What did you call me?

SKID

You heard me.

MATT LUNGES AT SKID. HEATH STOPS HIM.

HEATH

Stay cool, Matt.
(looking at Skid)
You guys have got nothing to lose.
What's in it for us?

SKID

It's your chance to earn acceptance around here. Otherwise, we make life hard for you. Don't think you guys can walk in, take over our beach and school without a fight.

HEATH

That's crazy, man.

JOE

All you have to do is surf the comp and we're even. Show us you've got balls.

SKID

This is our turf and you either play by our rules or life gets ugly for the new kids. You're out numbered.

SKID AND JOE WALK OFF.

MATT (V.O.)

I didn't have to worry about school on King Island. It was just me and Dad I used to dream of breaking free and finding my place in life and now it's time.

EXT. BLUE WATER HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

MATT IS AT THE CANTEEN WITH HEATH. HE GOES TO PULL HIS WALLET OUT AND DISCOVERS IT'S MISSING.

HEATH

What's up?

MATT

I can't find my wallet.

HEATH

Oh, yeah, no worries, mate. My shout.

MATT

No, I'm not messing with you. I'm sure I had my wallet. I'll go check my bag. I'll pay you back, man.

HEATH

No, sweat.

EXT. BLUE WATER HIGH SCHOOL - LATER

MATT IS RUMMAGING THROUGH HIS BAG. HE CAN'T FIND HIS WALLET BUT HE FINDS A PIECE OF PAPER. HE UNFOLDS IT AND READS THE MESSAGE TO HEATH.

MATT

If you want your wallet back, surf on Saturday.

EXT. BOARDING HOUSE (STOCK SHOTS) - LATE AFTERNOON

INT. BOARDING HOUSE - LATER

THE TEAM ARE LOUNGING AROUND AFTER TRAINING. SOME ARE EATING AND DRINKING. MATT'S TOLD THEM WHAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL TODAY. BEC IS ON THE DEFENSIVE.

BEC

Joe wouldn't do that.

MATT

No, but Skid would, right?

BEC

Skid reckons he can beat you guys. He missed the Academy try out's cause his Dad got drunk and smashed him and his board the night before.

PERRI

There's only one way to solve this. We surf on Saturday and whip their butts. Who's in?

SHOT OF KIDS REACTING. THERE'S HESITATION. NO ONE'S JUMPING FORWARD.

BEC

I'm in. I'll never be able to show my face around here if I don't.

FLY

How are you going to surf and sign the contracts at the same time?

BEC

We could surf one at a time while you guys distract Simmo and Deb. Andrew won't be getting here until ten.

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