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Summary

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Notes

Hey folks! I am going literally feral over HR fic right now for the first time even though I've read the series probably five times in the last five years. I've been loving to group chat/ reddit fanfics so I figured I'd write one of my own!

Timeline should be book compliant but specific dates are hard and I'm bad at math so apologies in advance. I am also only a part-time reddit connoisseur and abysmal at HTML, so please give me grace on any faux pas or spacing mistakes. There are some authentic typos that I left in on purpose, and probably some that I left in by accident. That's life!

Hope you enjoy!

See the end of the work for [more notes](#)

- Inspired by [r/help In love with my boyfriend, not sure what to do about it?](#) by [leaveittome](#)

r/relationshipadvice

u/situationship24 - January 21, 2017

The guy I've been hooking up with for 6.5 years might have feelings for me

Burner account because I really don't want him to find this.

I (25M) have been hooking up with this guy (25M), let's call him Ian, for almost 7 years. We started working for rival companies in the same year, and pretty much had instant chemistry. We work in a really conservative industry and I don't know of anyone who is openly gay, even if I know there are probably other closeted people. Because of this, we've kept it a secret the whole time. Not to mention that we often end up in direct competition at work regularly! No one knows I'm gay, and no one knows we've been hooking up.

This felt like it was working pretty well for us, but in the last year I think something changed and now there might be feelings involved? I mean, I know how I feel, but I think he might maybe feel the same.

Here are the best examples I can think of:

1. For work it's common to use last names only, and so that's what we call each other in private too. But a couple months ago when we were hooking up, he called me by my first name for the first time ever. I called him by his first name too and it felt really intense. I kind of got spooked and ran away but I feel bad about that.
2. He stocks my favorite drink in his fridge, even though I've only been to his house once.
3. He's started opening up and talking about his family for the first time, which is clearly hard for him.
4. He keeps asking me to come over when we won't even have that much time together, or when it's kind of inconvenient for one of us. Almost like he just wants to see me whenever he can?
5. We spend much more time cuddling now than we did before.
6. He asked me to stay the night for the first time.
7. I tend to be a lot more paranoid about getting caught than he is, and even though he teases me for it, I've noticed he's always more careful about the things I point out afterwards, like he is humoring me.
8. When we're hooking up it's um different. Please don't make me elaborate.

So I need advice. Do you think Ian likes me back? Does it even matter if we can't actually come out? What do I do if he DOES like me back?

Comments:

u/whatisaname92

First of all, firing you for being gay would almost definitely be illegal. Are you based in the US? Talk to HR, record the conversation, and get a good lawyer.

u/karamellow

I'm a second year law student and this is correct. OP if you're in the US it is not legal for them to fire you for having a boyfriend.

u/situationship24 [OP]

I live in Canada

u/karamellow

It's illegal there too bestie

u/dekethedeke

I feel like this shouldn't be a problem as long as you aren't sharing company secrets or anything? Short of corporate espionage, I think you're probably in the clear to date if you wanted to.

u/situationship24 [OP]

We really can't, it's complicated.

u/dekethedeke

dude, it's just work. Maybe there are other reasons you're saying that, but is your job really important enough that you're willing to just never be happy?

u/zipzapzop

OP is way overthinking this for sure

u/ChrissyPlusThree

It sounds like he does like you back! Doing little things for you, wanting to spend any time you can together! I'm a little confused on the last name/first name thing, but I'm going to categorize that as giving you a pet name! I say go for it!

u/situationship24 [OP]

Yeah? I'm worried I'm reading too much into it.

u/ChrissyPlusThree

The only way to know for sure is to ask!!

r/AmITheAsshole

u/russianyellow - January 30, 2017

AITA for not telling someone I love them because I am worried about my immigration status?

First, sorry my english is bad. I have written this three times but I think is worse now so I will send anyway. Google translate is hell.

I (25M) am from Russia and am in America on work visa. I am also bisexual and in love with a man (25M), we can call him Shawn. It is secret, and we have been hooking up for 8 years. He does not know I love him. We cannot date, so is not fair to even think about.

Problem: I worry he loves me too. Three months ago when we were together I said a thing that showed my feelings maybe, and he left very quickly. Shawn is easily frightened. He went on dates with a woman, which is fine but I think difficult for me. They break up. The last time we are together, he asked if I feel what he feels. He did not explain what feeling he means, but I think yes. This cannot happen.

I want him to be mine, but I would never be able to go home to Russia. They could fire me for being something with Shawn, and I would be deported. Russia is not good to gay people, even if they are bisexual. So I tell him we cannot be anything. I try to explain Russia, but I do not know what he understands. His work means he also cannot be gay, so it should work, yes? Be fine the way we are.

But when I tell my friend (24F) she says this is not fair to us. She is Russian, so she understands Russia. She says we do not have to be secret from each other. That I am being asshole for pretending I do not love him.

I am asshole often, so this is possible. But is it fair to us to be in love in secret? Seems worse. Feels bad this way, but could be worse, I think. I do not want things to be worse for him.

AITA?

Comments:

u/beefjerkybruh

NTA but I think you should still tell him

u/karamellow

How is this the second reddit post I've seen this week about getting fired for being gay?? I know things work differently in Russia and it might still be safer for OP to stay in the closet, but your job in the US *cannot fire you* for being gay. It is super illegal. Also NTA.

u/VonMcVon

Well they CAN fire him, it would just be illegal and they'd have to hire him back if he sued. But idk how that works if you've already been deported. So yeah NTA that shit is scary af

u/leftwingdinging

I think you're wrong, unrequited love is agony. Secret love is hard, but you and your partner can shoulder it together. I like the phrase, "shared joy is double joy, shared sorrow is half sorrow." You are NTA for being afraid, but you shouldn't let fear hold you back.

u/russianyellow [OP]

I like this phrase as well.

u/leftwingdinging

Good luck, dude. I'm rooting for you!

u/swingmajestic1112

I've read the comments but I disagree, I think you're TA for making a one sided decision that will affect both of you. You say that you love him, but he's probably hurting right now because he thinks you don't care. That's total asshole behavior, go sit in a corner and think about what you've done. Then man up and stop being a piece of shit.

u/fourfourfour

wow someone is big mad, who pissed in your cheerios?

u/swingmajestic1112

Fuck off

r/MontrealVoyagers

u/dekethedeke - April 12, 2017

Holy shit

[img]

That's definitely a concussion at LEAST. Pike posted that Hollander was conscious when they were taking him off the ice, so that's something.

Also... okay don't downvote me into oblivion, but I respect the way Rozanov checked on him immediately and seemed really concerned. For all that I hate Boston, that's good sportsmanship.

Comments:

u/shmacksh ticks

Rozanov sucks and I hate him and also he might be an alright guy deep down. Like, REALLY deep.

u/pucknut1978

Fucking traitor, we're basically out for the playoffs and now you're being Rozanov's bitch?

u/checkcheckcheque

I don't think I've ever seen that many downvotes in this sub and idk if it's because you were a dick or because you dared to doubt the Voyagers can make to the playoffs it without Hollander

u/dekethedeke [OP]

I mean we probably can't but you're not supposed to SAY that

u/TylerMTL25

That's pretty much Boston though, total assholes but good people when it counts. I hope Hollander is okay!

r/relationshipadvice

u/situationship24 - April 12, 2017

[UPDATE] The guy I've been hooking up with for 6.5 years might have feelings for me

I DID IT!!!! you guys said that I should ask him if he likes me too and I did but he didn't say anything back but I know now that's cause he's Russian and it's illegal to be gay there I think. but the way he's acted since then makes me pretty sure he likes me so thank you all!! we still can't tell anyone obviously but I'm gonna incite him on vacation with me and I'm so happy. thank you guys!

Comments:

u/lobeltomopop

OP is definitely drunk but you know what? Good for him.

u/situationship24 [OP]

actually I am super concussed and on a lot of pain meds

u/la_so_ra

omg what happened??

u/lobeltomopop

I feel like you should not be on reddit right now...

u/P_connor

Is this supposed to be a happy update? Now what, you get to date in secret MAYBE, and only if this guy can get over himself to actually admit he likes you?

u/zipzapzop

Your post history is basically all you complaining about being alone so maybe focus on yourself dude. Not every relationship has to look the same.

u/karamellow

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u/med-somniac

Thanks for the update! You should avoid looking at screens for a while until your concussion gets better. Also until you have slightly better impulse control :)

u/situationship24 [OP]

ur not my mom

u/situationship24 [OP]

but yeah she agrees

[this comment was deleted]

u/crucible_no_tongs

gtfo, homophobes can go suck big ones (you'd probably like it too)

r/NHL

u/insertcoolnamehere - June 3, 2017

Good for Scott Hunter 🏳️‍🌈🏳️‍🌈🏳️‍🌈

[img]

I don't know who that dude is but congratulations Hunter! Your boyfriend is super hot!

Comments:

 **u/AutoModerator**

Comments have been turned off on this post. Please refer to the rules of **r/NHL** and [contact the moderation team](#) with any questions.

u/pucknut1978

Why are the comments saying hockey is full of gays? One player kisses a guy and suddenly you're all woke and shit

[this comment has been deleted]

u/dwayne_1000

Stats don't lie dude, there are definitely more

[this comment has been deleted]

u/checkcheckcheque

Idk who keeps reporting all the comments calling this dude out for being a you-know-what (oh we don't allow swearing in the HOCKEY subreddit now??? wild) but they suck.

[this comment has been deleted]

u/situationship24

I was watching with my parents and I don't think I'll ever forget that moment. This is a total game changer for closeted hockey players.

u/russianyellow

Yes. Is what hope feels like.

u/dekethedeke

Oh my god **u/karamellow** sorry to tag you out of nowhere but the accounts interacted! This has got to be an elaborate months long storytelling thing, right?

u/karamellow

OMG thank you!! I don't know but I'm here for it 

u/atthecentre365

Love is Love <3

u/bazingadude

Yeah, good for him. Who gives a shit if he has a boyfriend? Dude just won the Stanley Cup, he can kiss whoever he wants. Hell, I'm a straight guy happily married for 17 years but if Scott Hunter wanted to kiss me I wouldn't say no. My wife's a huge Admirals fan, she'd understand.

u/FShot2113

bro what

u/bazingadude

Just confirmed: "Anything that helps the Admirals keep winning is fair game" - my wife

u/shmackshticks

Compared to this couple none of us are real sports fans and I think we just need to learn to live with that.

u/anything4thewin

speak for yourself

End Notes

Thanks for reading!!

I might add another chapter later if inspiration strikes, but for now this feels like it wraps up alright.

If you enjoyed my lil fic, shoot me a comment (they make me extremely happy) and maybe make a suggestion for more reddit names for if I *do* write a part two (coming up with usernames was dummy hard, pls do not judge me).

Finally, if you love reading HR fanfic, you should go write some! Seriously, if we have to wait until 2027 for season two then we will need to make our own food, but I believe in us



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