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Summary

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Following Crowell's resignation, the MLH are finally allowed to play in the Olympics again. Everyone anxiously awaits the announcement of Team Canada's 2026 roster.

Notes

baby's first social media / "multimedia" fic please be niceys to me...

there are some canon changes here and they are as follows:

- Canada won gold in Sochi because not even Kip's banana blueberry socks can defeat sheer Canadian willpower. Sorry buddy.
- I'm not a hockey or indeed international sports expert so there might be factual errors in here.

title is from "heave away", canada's goal song for the 2023 world juniors and arguably the best goal song they've had in the WJC so far.

fuck genAI.

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

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@hunterisms

if my game changer scotty isn't on the roster i'm [redacted so crowell's snipers don't get me]

@mlhprnightmare

girl he cant afford those he doesn't have a job anymore <3

@hunterisms

u right my bad. i'll burn down the hockey hall of fame

@barrettsbff

isn't hunter retired?

@platonicwife24

team canada you have one job and one job only

@platonicwife24

omg wait rozy..... team canada you have two jobs

@centaursdogwrangler

PUT MY BOY HAAS IN COACH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Shane's not thinking about it. He's *not* thinking about it. He has a gold medal under his belt from Sochi already, and the satisfaction of having beaten the USA for it – he'd been right, after all, silver was a great look on Carter Vaughn – and then Crowell'd put his foot down and banned the whole League from going to the Olympics for twelve fucking years.

In a way, it'd taken the pressure off. He hadn't had to worry about anything other than getting Montreal to the Cup, hadn't been waiting around for a call that he wasn't sure might come. Shane is a good hockey player. He knows that. He knows he's one of the best in the League, knows his worth to a team. Still, having the entire League stuck watching the Olympics at

home had made things ... relieving, almost. It hadn't been that he wasn't picked. It was that they couldn't pick him.

Not that he's thinking about it.

"You think Russia will get over their bullshit and call me?" Ilya asks, sprawled out sideways on their living room couch. Shane had picked that one out – even before everything, before getting outed, before he moved back to Ottawa, when Ilya was first in town and needed furniture for his new house on the Ottawa River. It's a big, deep-seated thing, that takes up half the room. Shane loves it. "If we are not banned, obviously."

He does not love trying not to think about whether he and Ilya will be playing against each other in the Olympics. He loves even less the idea of Ilya not getting to play at all. They started jumping through all the hoops for him to get citizenship, and they have the pictures his mom took at Ilya's ceremony to prove it, but there's a whole ... thing, with the IOC. Ilya's played for Russia once already, they have a whole rule about not playing for more than one country except in extenuating circumstances. Although, his country getting banned from the hockey tournament and also not wanting anything to do with him on account of him being bisexual probably counts as extenuating circumstances, as far as Shane's concerned.

Of course, Shane hasn't looked any of this up. Because he's not thinking about it.

"We?" he asks, leaning over the back of the couch to peer at Ilya. "I'm pretty sure they're not gonna kick Canada out."

Ilya smiles up at him, crooked and fond. Shane has a sneaking suspicion that Ilya cares about the Olympics about as much as he cares about hockey all the time – which is to say, he cares, he loves it, it's his job that he makes insane amounts of money to do. But it's not his whole life; he's got friends outside of it, now, he's got Anya, and he - to Shane's half-surprise - loves Ottawa. It's not Shane's whole life either, not anymore, not the way that it used to be. He still thinks about it all the time, still would rather watch SportsCentre highlights and read his strategy and hockey history books and player memoirs more than anything else. But it's slid firmly into second place, now.

Which is why he's *not* thinking about it. He isn't.

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Cens' playoff hopes secured as NHL midseason nears

OTTAWA – The Ottawa Centaurs are set to face the Montreal Metros on Saturday, after beating the New York Admirals

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Will Rozanov be chosen for Team Canada? Listen in for our thoughts! <http://bit.ly/3Lp9ZQa>

@platonicwife24

mitc asking the REAL questions

@shaydensdivorce

aren't there rules against this? rozanov played for russia in '14

@platonicwife24

omggggggg who the hell cares worry about the mlh never letting your man retire even though he's 43726 years old

@barrettsbff

cens for canada!!!!!!!!!!!!!! and switzerland <3

@centaursdogwrangler

LETS GOOOOOOOOOOOOOO PUT MY BABY OUT THERE

@OffsideIcingPod 

How will Roger Crowell's ousting impact the MLH's future participation in the Olympics? Catch our upcoming interview with the man himself to find out!

@mlhprnightmare

omg give this dead horse a rest already

@platonicwife24

they dont even know hes been found dead in miami lmaoooo

@barrettsbff

what the hell is going on why are we talking about that old bitch

@hunterisms

doesn't he have a timeshare in florida to terrorize

@shaydensdivorce

man who's not in hockey has some bullshit to say about keeping hockey in hockey

@centaursdogwrangler

[IMG: [family_guy_nobody_gaf](#)]

Shane's phone rings at 8:07am, Eastern Standard Time, on New Year's Eve. Every other time his phone's rung, he's freaked out about it, even though Farah's reassured him about a hundred times by now – many of them over the phone – that he's a shoo-in for the team. He hasn't been watching the speculation about it, hasn't been looking at any of the rumours about any of the other teams. Luca is, if possible, even more on edge about it than he's been; he hasn't heard yet from Switzerland, either. Shane knows this because Luca's called Ilya no less than six times in the past two weeks about it.

“Hello?” Shane says, because he's been refusing to look at the caller ID for about a week, now, just in case. He doesn't want to get his hopes up; knows he's considered an older player, knows that there are people online talking about how he's geriatric or whatever it is that people are calling him on social media lately. It doesn't really bother him, except for how hard Ilya had laughed at a post on Twitter – X, whatever – that said *'orange is the new black? more like rozy is the new hunter'*, which had felt kind of second-hand insulting since he and Ilya are the same age.

“Mr. Hollander? It's Andy Jameson.”

Oh fuck.

Shane can feel his heart rate kick up, knows from the dizziness that his blood pressure's spiked. “Yes,” he says, a ringing in his ears, the sight of Ilya's head popping into his peripheral vision. Is Ilya holding his phone? “Sorry, yes, hi Andy.”

“Sorry to call you so early.” Like Shane hasn't been up for three hours doing everything humanly possible not to stare at his phone. “Is Mr. Rozanov with you?”

Shane blinks. Jameson continues, “If he is, would you mind putting me on speakerphone?”

[A video of several young hockey players representing Team Canada's men's hockey team plays; each young boy, standing in a Team Canada-branded dressing room, announces the name of the Olympic athlete that will be joining the hockey roster. The roster starts with its goaltenders.]

YOUNG BOY ONE

Cole Anderson – Brandon, Manitoba

YOUNG BOY TWO

Jacob Corcoran – Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia

[This continues through the roster, in alphabetical order by position, each young boy playing the role of the hockey player they're announcing, ending with the forward lines. A young Japanese-Canadian boy appears on screen.]

YOUNG BOY SEVEN

Shane Hollander – Ottawa, Ontario

[The video continues through the roster, naming newer players, most from MLH teams across the League.]

YOUNG BOY TEN

Ilya Rozanov – Moscow, Russia

[As the young team finishes naming the Team Canada Olympic men's hockey roster, the video flashes through all of them once more.]

YOUNG HOCKEY TEAM

Go Canada Go!

[The final shot of the video is of the young team crowded together in the dressing room as if posing for a picture with their gold medals.]

@HockeyCanada 

From the grassroots to #MilanoCortina2026 ... Canadian hockey's next generation unveils CAN's Men's Olympic Team

Du hockey local aux Jeux de 2026... La relève du hockey canadien dévoile la composition de l'équipe olympique masculine du CAN

@TeamCanada | @EquipeCanada

[\[Video Attachment\]](#)

@hunterisms

world's oldest team in the making?

@centaursdogwrangler

bffr right now look at your user

@mlhprnightmare

roger crowell found deader than ever in miami!!!!!!!!!!

@platonicwife24

omg do you think they'll share a room

@shaydensdivorce

proof that some so-called “hockey fans” only care about one thing

@platonicwife24

look at my team dawg we’re never going to the playoffs again <- you every day

@barrettsbff

its okay everyone troy called me and told me he didn’t want to play anyway

@raiderseass

WHERE is my SON CLIFFORD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

@ShaneHollanderOfficial 

Honoured to join @TeamCanada for #MilanoCortina2026! Looking forward to getting back out there and making everyone proud!

Je suis honoré de rejoindre @EquipeCanada pour #MilanoCortina26 ! J’ai hâte de revenir sur la glace et de vous rendre fier !

@platonicwife24

gold looks good on you!!!!

@centaursdogwrangler

my bilingual king <3

@barrettsbff

am i canadian now

@24_ vozlyublenny 

BEST DAY OF MY LIFE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

@24_ vozlyublenny 

except wedding day obviously

@24_ vozlyublenny 

wedding 2 in Italy????????????

@24_vozlyublenny 

BEST DAY OF MY LIFE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

@princesssveta 

girl calm down

@IlyaRozanov81 

Thank you to @TeamCanada @EquipeCanada for choosing me to play at #MilanoCortina2026, I will not let you down!

@24_vozlyublenny 

harris standing over my shoulder making me post this like scary gay shadow

@ManInTheCreasePod 

Team Canada has officially been named for #MilanoCortina2026! Listen in on Saturday for our complete breakdown ... of all the shocks, snubs, and shoo-ins!

The video has clearly been filmed on the banks of the Ottawa River. There's snow on the ground and ice on the trees, and in it, Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov squeeze themselves into the camera's frame. An eagle-eyed viewer could guess that Rozanov has an arm slung around Hollander's shoulders.

"Hi everyone. We're very excited to play for Team Canada this year—"

"And forever," Rozanov adds. The video cuts out on a broken-off laugh.

"We're so excited to represent Canada," Hollander continues after the cut, "and so grateful for all the support that you've shown us both over the years." He looks to Rozanov, who nods like he's been given a cue.

"Thank you for always cheering us on, we hope we will bring home gold," he adds. "Go Canada!"

After seven takes, Shane deems the video acceptable for social media and posts it on his official account – also his only account. Ilya retweets it and uploads it to his Instagram.

Shane's rewatching the scrapped takes when Ilya re-emerges from his social media spiral, and he crawls across the giant living room sofa to plant his head in Shane's lap, staring up at him. "Should have posted the one where I said I wanted to test the bed integrity."

“Oh my god,” Shane laughs, and Ilya’s heart swells at the sound of it, “if they’re cardboard again I’m sleeping on the floor.”

Welcome back to Man in the Crease, your one-stop hockey shop. And to the 2026 Milano Cortina Olympics, where the main story has been Canada’s undefeatable dominance in Men’s and Women’s Hockey alike. Could we be looking at dual golds for our teams? Stay tuned for all the coverage!

End Notes

i saw the team canada men's hockey announcement and was like wow hope hollanov makes the cut! none of the real social media posts, videos, or headlines that i've modified for this fic have been written by me - they are all used for fanfiction purposes only and i don't represent any hockey organizations or newspapers.

thank you to [aequitas](#) for ilya's locked account handle and for coming into this hockey yaoi brainrot along with me. <3

if you're from the show or a social media professional looking for fics to show people from the show please scroll away from this i'm begging you.

EDIT (3.28.26): i've locked this work to only be available to registered users and have enabled comment moderation. this is a fairly small fic so i don't anticipate the level of hyper-scrutiny that other HR fics have received, but nevertheless i want to keep it as locked-down as possible.

Please [drop by the Archive and comment](#) to let the creator know if you enjoyed their work!