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Summary

Shane, Troy, Ilya, and Harris do a Q&A for Centaur's social media.

Notes

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"Everybody ready?" Harris asked, as he gave the camera one final check to make sure all four chairs were in view.
"Da," Ilya said, with a hint of impatience in his voice. "Same answer as when you asked two minutes ago."
"Sorry," Harris said, sitting down, "I want to make sure everything is perfect, since I won't be behind the camera on this one." Harris was dressed in a similar Centaur's Polo to the other three, but his said 'STAFF' under the Centaur's logo.
"Why aren't you behind the camera for this one?" Shane asked.
"Because they wanted to do You and Ilya, and then me and Troy as couples. So we're having Luca read the answers. I'll still edit the video and all that. Don't worry, none of the questions are really serious, and it will be short since it's going to be shown pregame." Shane was still unsure about being in a Q&A video about their relationship for the Centaur's Pride Night game, but Harris looked as uneasy as he did, so he figured he could handle a few questions. As long as Ilya behaved, that is.

Harris put on his social media face and addressed the camera, "Hello everyone! It's Harris here with Troy, Ilya, and Shane. We thought it would be fun to answer some of the questions you had for us as three out queer hockey players in the NHL and an NHL Team Director of Communications/Social Media to help get everyone hyped up for our Pride Night Game this Saturday. Since I am going to be part of this interview, we've invited Luca Haas to be our question reader. Say 'Hi', Luca!"

"Hi everyone!" Luca said, waiving, even though it was only the other four who could see him.

"Alright, let's start. What is the first question?"

"Ilya, if Shane were an animal, what animal would he be?"

"Hmm, that is difficult," Ilya said, rubbing his chin. "I think he would be a kitten."

"Why a kitten?" Shane asked, confused.

"Because you cling to me like you have claws, and when you're sad, you get that 'sad kitten face' that makes me want to kiss it away." Ilya shrugged.

"Aww, that's cute," Luca said.

"It is cute," Ilya said, nodding his head in agreement. "Wait, I show picture so you know what I mean," Ilya started to pull up his phone.

"Ilya, please don't show any photos of me," Shane mumbled, hiding his head in his hands.

Ilya must have found the photo he was looking for. "Look up, Shane, I want to compare the kitten to you, please, baby?"

"Fine," Shane said, unable to say no to Ilya when he used that voice. Ilya smiled and held up the phone next to Shane's face.

"See? You could be twins!"

"Alright, next question," Harris said, clapping his hands. Shane shot him a grateful look and mumbled, "Thank you."

"Troy," Luca said, "Next question for you. What first attracted you to Harris?"

"His openness with who he was. I had recently broken up with my previous boyfriend while we were both deeply closeted, and had left my previous team under not-so-ideal circumstances, and I was in a not-so-great place mentally and emotionally. Then, when I got transferred to one of the worst teams in the league, Sorry Roz, it was true, and I had the league's jerk bad boy as a captain, I met this man who was not only openly queer, but was welcomed and loved by the players and staff of the Centaurs. At the beginning, I was a little scared of you because you were living the life I was scared of, which I didn't think I could have. But then some asshole Russian revealed that he is really a big romantic and told me to

get my head out of my ass and to try and be happy.Then, that asshole Russian became my best friend somehow."

"Stop," Ilya said, "You ruin my image," but Shane and everyone else in the room could tell he wasn't really bothered by it.

"Roz, you turned in your bad boy card on your wedding day when you cried dancing to Rhiana," Troy said, making Luca and Shane laugh.

"Babe, that was so sweet," Harris said, reaching out to take Troy's hand, who lifted them up to place a kiss on their intertwined fingers.

"The beard was hot too," Troy said with a shrug. This caused Ilya to laugh so hard he almost fell off his stool, and Harris to blush so deeply that his face started to blend in with his beard.

"Moving on before Harris gets anymore embarassed, Shane, this next question is for you," Luca said, "Ilya loves his cars, what is one fact about his cars that nobody knows. Either about the cars he had before or the ones he has now."

"Hmm, let me think. There's not really much that the public doesn't know about Ilya's car obsession. He likes anything fast, expensive, and sporty. That ESPN garage tour from your Boston era gave a pretty good insight into your obsession." Shane said.

"You watched that?" Ilya asked, surprised. He had almost forgotten that he even filmed an interview with ESPN and his old vehicle collection.

"Of course I watched it, it was about you," Shane said, his face blushing slightly.

"That's kind of gay, sweetheart, watching a special program about your biggest rival." Ilya joked.

"I guess it's a good thing I'm kind of gay for you, Rozanov," Shane said, flipping his husband off. "I've got it, he only ever uses one scent of air freshener. You would think it would be something classic like "new car", but it's the one that's supposed to smell like an old-fashioned barbershop. You've never told me why you chose that one, but it's been in every vehicle of yours that I've ridden or driven in."

Ilya was quiet for a second, which was very unlike him, and made the other men concerned. Eventually, he spoke, "It reminds me of my father," he said quietly, which made Shane look over concerned. Ilya never really talked about his father, even with Shane. Shane knew that he was not a nice man and had died from Alzheimer's, but that was about all Ilya had shared with him. "I never had a good relationship with him, but it takes me back to my childhood, and back before things got bad."

Shane got up and hugged Ilya, who pulled his husband into his lap. Harris worried that the cheap chairs they used for interviews wouldn't hold two full-sized hockey players, but was glad it didn't even shake. He would let them have this. He looked over at Luca, who nodded and scrolled on his phone for the next question. He thought he had given the more personal questions to him and Troy, but sometimes things just come out.

"Alright, last question, Harris, what was the last movie that made Troy cry?" Harris smiled; he was going to embarrass Troy, but he had given his permission before.

Harris smiled, thinking of their last date night and the movie Harris had convinced Troy to watch. He pretended he only liked action movies, but Harris knew he had a soft spot for animation. "Oh, y'all are going to love this. He was an absolute mess after we finished *K-Pop Demon Hunters* this week. At the end, he was so silent, I thought he hated it, but then I looked over, and he had tears falling down his face. Sorry, babe," Harris said, looking at Troy and pressing a quick kiss to his cheek.

"Can you blame me? All that girl power?" Troy said, looking like he was about to cry again at the memory. The boys were never going to let him live this down. But Harris knew no one would really be an ass about it. He knew the majority of the team had already seen it, either with their kids or on the recommendation of those who had children.

"Alright, that was the last question, say "bye" everybody!" Luca said from behind the camera. The other men said their goodbyes and waved at the camera.

"Thanks, everyone," Harris said, getting up from his chair, clicking the camera off. "I'll get this edited and send all of you a copy for final approval." Shane, Ilya, and Luca all mumbled their acknowledgement, and Ilya invited him and Troy to join them for lunch, but Troy declined, telling them that Luca needed family bonding time alone with his dads, making Ilya respond that he needed some bonding time with Harris while waggling his eyebrows.

End Notes

Timelines? Never heard of her.

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