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## Summary

Inspired by a discussion in the Heated Rivalry Jumbotron

HS AU Hollanov where a tradition says that if you win enough tickets to get the big bear prize and give it to your crush you'll start dating. Shane is trying to win it for Rose because his friends can't believe they aren't dating yet. Ilya is also gunning for the bear, but who he's wanting to give it to may be a surprise.

## Notes

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Ever since Rozanov showed up at Shane's high school they've been rivals in everything. At least, that's how it's felt to Shane thanks to the exchange student blasting past everyone else on their hockey team and jockeying for the same position Shane has played his entire life. They don't really share any classes, and yet it feels like the guy is always around.

Tonight isn't about Rozanov though. Not his annoying laugh or his smirking smile or his fake flirtatious jokes or his stupid Greek statue curls and body. No tonight is about the biggest tradition of the school carnival, being the first person to get enough tickets for the giant bear.

Every year the same giant stuffed bear is up for grabs, its the highest ticket price item at the carnival. Tradition says that whoever wins it and gives it to their crush will end up together. Even Shane's homeroom teacher believes it since he ended up marrying the girl he gave the bear to when he went to the school.

Shane knows exactly who he's going to give the bear to, Rose Landry. She's so cool, an actress that stars in all the school plays and musicals. They met when Shane and her got assigned a group project last semester. She was the first girl Shane ever really got along with, and his friends like Hayden and J.J. had been egging him on to finally ask her out. Shane wasn't really sure if he would have done it on his own, but it felt like everyone was just waiting for it to happen and he felt like it it ever was going to, this was the perfect opportunity.

Of course rumor was in the school that Ilya was also going after the bear, likely to give to his girlfriend Svetlana. Shane didn't really get that, he didn't think Ilya and Svetlana were even dating, just friends, but maybe Ilya was having the same problem of his friends pushing him to ask her out finally. It was normal, even if Ilya only seemed to hang out with the seniors from the hockey team like Cliff.

Not Scott though, Scott liked Shane more, was training him up for the captain spot once he graduated.

The night of the carnival arrived and Shane was excited. Well, he was anxious and a bit nervous, but that was basically the same thing as excited right? Either way he had his plan and now all that stood in his way was Ilya fucking Rozanov.

He wasn't gonna let him beat him.

He and Rose started out at the ball toss, Shane taking out one of the towers of bottles on his first try. He wasn't in baseball, but he still had a pretty good throw. Of course as he was getting his tickets he noticed Ilya winking before closing one eye and taking a shot on the shooting range. He got the high score and was getting tickets too.

Shane shook his head and motioned for them to continue on.

As the afternoon bled into evening, the cover of night came, booths now illuminated by twinkling lights strung all over the back parking lot and fields. Shane and Ilya seemed to be neck and neck all night, strolling from booth to booth, gathering a bit of a following of their friends and some that just were interested in their little rivalry.

Shane only needed a few more tickets to get the bear, he was so close. He was currently working on trying to find the right duck in the pond to win his last amount when he heard a loud ding and whipped around. He saw Ilya laughing as he hoisted the hammer above his head and shouted something in Russian. The bell had been ringing from the strength test machine which Ilya had just won.

"Fuck, I gotta find that duck now!" Shane said, quickly going through them all.

"Shane you really don't need to win," Rose said from beside him, "it's just a silly little contest."

"No, I have to win. I have to beat him." he said, then turned to her, "And you know, to get the bear." he didn't want to imply he wasn't doing it for her. It wasn't about just beating Rozanov. Definitely more about winning the bear to give to her. She shrugged and smiled at him as he finally found the right duck. Grabbing his tickets he raced off to the prize booth, catching sight of Ilya running ahead of him in the next lane over.

He wished he was on his skates right now, he'd surely beat Ilya on the ice. Alas, this was on pavement and Shane wasn't quite as fast here, making it to the booth just after Ilya.

Ilya turned to him and gave another of those frustrating winks, handing his tickets over to the man and receiving the giant purple bear in turn.

Ilya looked wild carrying the massive bear on his shoulder, and for some reason instead of turning to Svetlana he marched right over to Shane.

"Is he coming to gloat?" Shane whispered to Rose, not seeing how she rolled her eyes and hid a laugh behind him.

Shane fidgeted a bit as he stood there watching Ilya approach. The man stopped in front of him, smiling again.

Then Ilya handed the bear to Shane. "For you."

Shane took it, if only because having a bear almost larger than his body thrust upon him is so unexpected. "What?"

"Is for you."

Shane shakes his head then. "No, Rozanov there's been some kind of misunderstanding. You're supposed to give this to a girl."

"Huh?" Ilya says, giving Shane a look.

"You give it to a girl. That you want to ask out?" Shane tries to clarify.

"So tradition is... Only for guy and girl?" Ilya looks perplexed once again.

"Well, uh, not exactly. Sorry, I think something is still not translating. You give this to someone you're romantically attracted to? Like, that you want to kiss?"

Ilya perks up at that, "oh, you give bear, then give kiss?"

Shane smiles, finally feeling as if Ilya understands. "Yes, that's right."

"Da," Ilya says, then grabs Shane by his jacket and pulls him into a deep kiss.

For a moment Shane stands stock still before finally kissing back. Soon they're making out, drawing gasps and whoops from the small assembled crowd of the carnival. Shane nearly drops the bear and that's the only thing that brings him back enough to stop the kiss.

"Roz... Rozanov?" He says, face all flushed making his freckles stand out in stark relief, eyes hooded and pupils blown.

"So, we are boyfriends now, yes?" Ilya asks, there's a smug smile on his kiss swollen lips, but there's an apprehensive tension in his eyes as if he worries it might not be accepted.

"I... you, you like... me?" Shane stutters out.

"Yes Hollander, is not what giving bear and kiss means? Asking to be boyfriends?"

It takes Shane a moment to absorb what's happening, but the ghost of the press of Ilya's lips lingering makes him bold. "Ok. Ok, yes."

"Yes?"

"Yes."

"Yes!" Ilya laughs, grabbing Shane and drawing him into another deep kiss, this time clutching at him like hes ached to touch since the moment they met. Maybe Shane did too, he just didn't let himself realize it.

When its all over he turns to Rose, finding her smiling at him. "I... I had planned on," he starts, but she just waves a hand in the air.

"You were going to give me the bear right? Because that's what everyone else wanted you to do?"

"I... I mean I guess? But I do like you a lot Rose, you're like, my best friend. Besides Hayden," he amends as Hayden smacks him in the arm as he walks by.

"We weren't meant to be Shane. But there is one thing you can do for me."

"Anything."

Rose leans in closer to whisper, "get Ilya's friend's number for me?"

Shane turns to where Ilya is back with Cliff and Svetlana laughing. "Cliff?"

That seems to make Rose laugh, high and bright. "No silly. Svetlana."

Shane is shocked for all of two seconds before a grin spreads on his face.

"Oh so we really were not compatible."

"Not even a little Hollander," she laughs, pushing him back towards Ilya, "now go, get your man, and that number for me."

Shane heads back over to Ilya, a little anxious, a littler nervous. No, that isn't right. He's excited.

“Hey Rozanov. Uh, Ilya?” he says, not used to using his first name.

“Hello boyfriend Shane.”

Shane flushes scarlet at that. “I, yeah, that’s a thing now, I guess.”

“Yes, it is. And you flush so pretty when I call you boyfriend, boyfriend.”

Shane tries to duck away but Ilya captures his lips, one hand on his chin to tilt their faces together.

“We go on Ferris wheel now?”

“Uh, if you want to?” he says, not sure where that plan came from.

“is only place we can be alone for a bit.”

“Alone?”

“Yes,” Ilya says, “I do not think you want people around when I tell you all the things I want to do to you. Will make even big bear blush.”

“I...” Shane gulps, then smiles. “Ok, yes, yeah, Ferris wheel, lets go.” he reaches for Ilya’s hand, twines them together, and they set off.

## End Notes

Second Hollanov fic already? What a surprise.

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