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Summary

Ilya and Shane agreed to come out to their teams separately. The Bears take it well and promise to have Ilya's back, but they have questions.

aka a bunch of well meaning straight (?) guys asking about how things work

Notes

Used this for the chat coding: [Fictional Messenger](#).

This timeline is set for the start of the season (or whenever they would all be back in the locker room) after the cottage! Ilya and Shane agreed to share that they're queer with their teams, and if the team takes it well, they can share that they have a boyfriend, with potential for sharing the name of said boyfriend in the future

Names are pulled from book canon and show canon, as I needed more people in the group chat

Fuck AI, up the ass

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

Chapter 1: Bears Boys

Chapter Notes

I loved writing this. I used the last name only names from the show to be the rookies, since the ones from the books are established players

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

Cliff Bar

@Rozy thanks again for telling us today, if anyone gives you shit, let us know

St-Simon

yeah thanks roz

Oregan

thx roz, that couldn't have been easy to share

Dubek

thanks for trusting us

St-Simon

we have your back

Rozy

thank you for being nice, was a bit scary

Zadonsky

always roz, gotta take care of our captain <3

wait that's a platonic heart

St-Simon

lmfao you idiot it's fine to send hearts

Connors

sending hearts doesn't make you gay

right? @Rozy

Rozy

i don't know, send more to find out

Zadonsky

.....for real?

Sebbin

one of you take one for the team and send hearts

Hammersmith

dumbass he's messing with you, an emoji can't magically make you gay

Varkov

does sending half a heart make you bi

St-Simon

are you kidding?

Varkov

sorry, was that bad timing for a joke?

Cliff Bar

I want you all to know that Roz is cackling in the car right now

Sebbin

are we allowed to ask questions?

Varkov

what kind of questions?

Sebbin

idk, just like. how it works or whatever

Hammersmith

what do you mean

Sebbin

how do you know if you'll like a guy more than a girl or a girl more than a guy

there are too many options

St-Simon

do you think bi people are just fucking anyone they find attractive

Hammersmith

have you met Roz

St-Simon

good point

do you think bi people who are not Roz are fucking anyone they find attractive

Sebbin

maybe?

Connors

do you fuck anyone you find attractive

Sebbin

no....

Varkov

why not

Sebbin

because talking to people is scary

Hammersmith

you're so adorable rook

Sebbin

hey!

Rozy

marlow dropped me off, you all have questions?

Chapter End Notes

Cliff is 100% the person to type at red lights. couldn't figure out timestamps but cliff starts the convo before getting in the car to take ilya home. why is he taking ilya home? idk i just really wanted him to tell them team that ilya was cackling

Chapter 2: Bears Boys

Chapter Notes

they're trying their best

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

Rozy

i see, go quiet when i answer

Sebbin

we're not ignoring you!

Oregan

yeah!

Rozy

but no questions?

Oregan

Yes questions!!

St-Simon

we just wanted to make sure we weren't asking the same questions

Rozy

okay, i make deal. everyone gets one question that i will be serious about

go

St-Simon

did you tell us cause you have a boyfriend

Rozy

will it be an issue if i do

Varkov

NO

Hammersmith

nope

Rozy

okay, yes

Connors

yes to boyfriend?

Rozy

is that your question

Connors

it's a follow-up

Rozy

fine, yes to boyfriend

Connors

GUYS CAP ISN'T SINGLE

Hammersmith

yes we all saw the same message

Cliff Bar

I have a question

When do we get to meet the boyfriend?

Rozy

not yet. soon. maybe. depends

St-Simon

what about jane

Rozy

what about jane

Hammersmith

you and jane have been fucking for years, did you drop her for the boyfriend

Carmichael

why did he stop replying

Varkov

Roz

Connors

@Rozy

Carmichael

where did he go

Hammersmith

oh fuck was he two timing

Varkov

roz get back here

Sebbin

did you break jane's heart

Rozy

i had to get permission

St-Simon

.....

for what

Rozy

jane is boyfriend

Connors

oh

jane was girlfriend but now boyfriend?

Zadonsky

I know this one, she's trans!

Sebbin

He you idiot

Zadonsky

sorry he's trans

Rozy

no jane is not trans

Sebbin

but

jane is boyfriend?

Carmichael

WAS JANE ALWAYS A GUY

Rozy

.....yes

St-Simon

holy shit no wonder you were so weird about it

Connors

so what, you were fucking jane and everyone else and now you're exclusive?

Rozy

exclusive?

Varkov

like just jane, no one else

Rozy

duh, that's why jane is boyfriend

Oregan

good for jane

St-Simon

yeah for putting up with his ass all this time

Dubek

who takes it

Rozy

do i ask if you fuck a woman or if she fucks you

Dubek

no?

Rozy

then stupid question

Dubek

Sorry Cap

Zadonsky

how does a woman fuck a guy

Varkov

do you need the birds and the bees talk

Zadonsky

I KNOW HOW SEX WORKS

Oregan

obviously not

Zadonsky

roz said if she fucks you
how does she do the fucking

St-Simon

I mean
Pegging is an option

Zadonsky

pegging?

Hammersmith

no one tell him

Zadonsky

why not??

Cliff Bar

google it

Zadonsky

oh
oh i see
um
i have to go

Hammersmith

Bet he's embarrassed his dick got hard

Zadonsky

am not!

St-Simon

embarrassed or hard

Zadonsky

neither?

Dubek

can gay guys do missionary

Rozy

yes, why not

Dubek

well

cause

it's in the back

Rozy

so?

Dubek

how does that work

Rozy

i feel bad for your girlfriend

Dubek

you said you'd be serious!!

Rozy

i am serious

Sebbin

wait can lesbians do missionary

St-Simon

What is wrong with you?

Sebbin

it's a valid question!!

Cliff Bar

I can't believe I'm saying this, but some of you need to watch gay porn

Chapter End Notes

forgot to add in all the names for this chapter when i uploaded the first chapter so yay for posting the second chapter within an hour of the first lol

Chapter 3: Bears Boys

Chapter Notes

I've decided that Cliff is the only one using proper capitalization over text, everyone else has auto-caps turned off on their phone

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

Connors

what does it feel like to bottom

Rozy

don't know. jane loves it though

Connors

ask jane then

Rozy

okay hold

Connors

what should i hold

St-Simon

ugh stop with the dad jokes

Oregan

wait if two guys have kids, does that mean double the dad jokes?

Connors

duh

Oregan

nice

Rozy

i have to quote

"it feels amazing if it's done right. you have to prep and use a lot of lube but it's worth it.
super intense"

everyone say thank you jane

St-Simon

thank you jane

Connors

thank you jane

Sebbin

thank you jane

Cliff Bar

thank you jane

Varkov

thank you jane

Oregan

how do you know if you're gay

Rozy

do you want to suck a dick

Oregan

not really

Rozy

then you're not gay

Oregan

what if it's a really nice dick

Rozy

okay maybe a little

Zadonsky

is pegging the same as bottoming

St-Simon

lol he came back after "research"

Zadonsky

shutup, something came up

Varkov

yeah it did

Connors

leave him alone he can't help it

Rozy

it depends on who strap is connected to

Sebbin

what does that mean

Cliff Bar

You need to do more research

Sebbin

i swear i don't mean this in a bad way but how do you know you won't want boobs or pussy in the future

Rozy

is serious question?

Sebbin

yes?

Rozy

hm

i like both but i only need one other cock. would be okay without pussy forever if i have jane

Connors

damn roz that's weirdly romantic

Dubek

what about boobs

Rozy

his boobs are perfect

Sebbin

he has tits?

Rozy

everyone has tits. his are perfect

Hammersmith

they're called pecs on men Roz

Rozy

pecs, tits, same thing

Zadonsky

I THOUGHT OF ONE

Carmichael

oh boy

Connors

here we go

Zadonsky

it's a good one i promise

Connors

do we place bets now or later

Varkov

nah give him a chance

go on

Zadonsky

can you suck your own dick

Varkov

dude

i take it back, no more chances for you

St-Simon

you don't need to be gay to suck your own dick

Zadonsky

you don't?

St-Simon

no? just flexible and blessed

Zadonsky

huh

okay

oh my mom is calling

St-Simon

he's totally going to try it and be disappointed isn't he

Carmichael

definitely

Cliff Bar

I think we should hold off on questions until we get answers on what Zaden discovered

Chapter End Notes

babies of the team with their own group chat next chapter (had to research how many rookies can be on a hockey team, internet said more than 2 isn't great so can't be rookies of the team)

Chapter 4: We Aren't Babies

Chapter Notes

decided that chapter names are the names of the group chat being shown (otherwise known as I couldn't figure out the coding to make the group name appear)

tiny babies of the team have their own group chat where Zadonsky is the POV we're seeing, he is a delightful little himbo baby (in my eyes) so everyone gets nicknames

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

Zasky

guys

Beck

called it

knew he would end up here

Sebb

what

Zasky

what exactly does flexible and blessed mean

flexible mostly makes sense

but why blessed

Oregano

lmfao you're totally going to try it aren't you

Zasky

no!

Sebb

liar

Zasky

okay i thought about it

a little

Oregano

blessed means your dick is long enough to reach your mouth if you are flexible enough
to bend towards it

Zasky

oh

is it like yoga

Oregano

wtf does that mean

Zasky

like you have to stretch first to get limber or whatever

Oregano

idk probably?

hear me out

Sebb

nope

Oregano

no for real!

hear me out

we all trust each other, right?

Beck

right

Zasky

yeah

Sebb

yep

Oregano

okay so

i know we're all curious

Beck

about?

Oregano

sucking your own dick

Zasky

google says it's called autofellatio

Oregano

sucking your own dick sounds better than that
i also known that admitting it to the elders is terrifying

Beck

they would never let us live that down

Oregano

exactly
so we make a pact

Zasky

like a blood pact?

Oregano

no stop asking things like that what is wrong with you today

Zasky

i ran out of adderall

Oregano

lmao that makes sense

Sebb

dude

Beck

get that fixed

Zasky

i was going to!

i got distracted by roz coming out

Oregano

i refuse to respond till you call your doctor

Zasky

but what about the pact!

Oregano

nope. no pact till you get your shit fixed

Zasky

fine, hold on

Chapter End Notes

this is dedicated to my doctor sending my adhd meds to the wrong pharmacy

Chapter 5: We Aren't Babies

Chapter Notes

hee hee hee hee hee

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

Zasky

okay they're sending my script in
pact now?

Oregano

say please

Zasky

i hate you

Oregano

no you love me

Zasky

whatever
please

Oregano

good boy

Zasky

STOP THAT

Oregano

lmao it's so easy to get you riled up though

pact idea

we all know we're curious

so we agree. all of us. if we try it. we tell each other

Sebb

we don't have to do it?

Oregano

nope

just if you do

share

even if you find out you can't

Beck

i can agree to that

Sebb

same

Zasky

yeah i guess

Oregano

all in agreement, pact is in place

now

have any of you already tried

Beck

sooooooooooooo

fun fact

i tried that years ago

Sebb

and?

Beck

and what

Oregano

could you?

Beck

i could kind of touch it with my tongue then i gave up

Oregano

lmfao just bent in half wiggling your tongue towards your dick

Beck

hey
you try it and see how hard it is

Oregano

oh i already have

Beck

what the fuck
share

Oregano

only like an inch or so
it was weird

Beck

damn better than me

Oregano

two of you are being very quiet

Sebb

i'm reading

Oregano

@Zasky

whatcha doing bud

Beck

i bet he's trying it

Oregano

ayo book nerd, speak up

Sebb

i have not tried it

Beck

are you going to

Sebb

idk

Beck

two of us have admitted it

Sebb

it feels like that doesn't count for the pact

Oregano

tf why not

Sebb

cause you both said it was a while ago
pact seems like if any of us try it after the pact is formed

Oregano

fuck
he's got a point

Beck

god dammit
fine i'll go "read" hold on

Sebb

what is wrong with us

Oregano

we are being supportive of creative minds

Sebb

what does that even mean

Oregano

who knows, put your phone down and see if you can suck your dick

Chapter End Notes

next chapter will go back to main chat before coming back here

Chapter 6: Bears Boys

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for [notes](#)

St-Simon

anyone heard from Zadon?

Connors

better question, anyone heard from the babies?

Varkov

the fact you called them babies and none of them spoke up is worrying

Hammersmith

what could they be doing

St-Simon

i mean

we know what Zadon is doing

Connors

lol do you think they're all trying it

Cliff Bar

Guys, we're starting to cross the line here

Connors

what line, it's called being curious

Cliff Bar

You're speculating about if the babies are sucking their dicks right now

Connors

correct

Cliff Bar

That's the line

Stop speculating

Maybe Roz coming out encouraged them to do some thinking about themselves

That's none of our business until/unless they want to say something

Carmichael

cliff you can totally suck your own dick can't you

Cliff Bar

I am not dignifying that with an answer

Rozy

I can

St-Simon

stfu for real

Rozy

is weird. Jane does it better

St-Simon

of course he does

Hammersmith

if the babies are busy, can we go back to questions

Rozy

i dont care

Connors

is a prostrate orgasm real

Varkov

dude

Connors

it's a legit question!

St-Simon

i need you to purchase an aneros. for science

Connors

a what

St-Simon

look it up

Connors

what the fuck is that

St-Simon

the answer to your question

Varkov

either you buy it or it gets mysteriously placed in your locker

Connors

wtf

St-Simon

your prostate is a gift

use it

Hammersmith

isn't that gay

St-Simon

no you dumbass

Hammersmith

but it's up your ass

Connors

so?

Hammersmith

and that's gay

Connors

no it isn't

Hammersmith

yes it is

Connors

pegging exists for a reason

Hammersmith

yeah but don't bi guys do that

wait

@Rozy

Rozy

do not ask

stupid question

you can enjoy your prostate without being gay

Cliff Bar

Touching your ass doesn't make you gay

Connors

wanting to touch another guy's ass might mean you're gay

St-Simon

please tell me you're still cleaning your ass in the shower

Varkov

please say that

please

Hammersmith

the water just runs down as i clean

St-Simon

you dirty mother fucker

Hammersmith

fucking rude, i'm not dirty

St-Simon

CLEANING YOUR ASS IS NORMAL

YOU FREAK

Cliff Bar

Be nice

Hammersmith

yeah be nice

Cliff Bar

Oh no, not to you, go clean your ass you weirdo

Hammersmith

what the fuck

Cliff Bar

I refuse to continue this conversation until you report back with a squeaky clean ass

Chapter End Notes

so sorry to Hammersmith for being the scape goat in this chapter. i've heard conversations just like this before and one of them had to take the fall for being the gross straight guy

Chapter 7: Bears Boys

Hammersmith

clean

Cliff Bar

Did you use soap

Hammersmith

yes fuck off

St-Simon

good

now do that every time you shower

Hammersmith

fine

St-Simon

question time again?

Varkov

if you go out for dinner, who pays for the meal

Connors

wait that's a good question

cause society says the man pays

but you're both men

Rozy

huh

we make bet usually

Varkov

about?

Rozy

about who pays

Connors

seriously?

Rozy

yes, very competitive

Carmichael

makes sense cap would date someone just as competitive

Varkov

do you ever not make a bet?

Rozy

maybe depends on which house we're at? if i go to his, he buys meals, he comes here, i
buy meals

Varkov

that's surprisingly reasonable

Carmichael

can you both get beard burn

Rozy

no

Carmichael

why not

Rozy

he can't grow beard

Carmichael

roz how young is he...

Rozy

young? no. bad genetics

Connors

oh

Carmichael

okay

St-Simon

roz since you're bi, is anal different with a guy than a girl

Hammersmith

you're assuming he's had anal with a woman

Connors

he's a freak, he would find other freaks

Hammersmith

good point

Rozy

yes and no?

St-Simon

explain

Rozy

you have to be careful with woman and can go harder with a man. most men are more prepared

Hammersmith

is sucking dick fun

Rozy

the best

you should try

Hammersmith

nah i'm good

Varkov

are glory holes real

Rozy

what

Connors

a glory hole

Rozy

what is that

Connors

uhhhhhhhhhhhh

someone else answer that

Cliff Bar

@Rozy google would be better than any of us

Rozy

what the fuck is that

have not seen

have not used

sounds like porn

Varkov

do you feel safe with us in the locker room?

Rozy

yes?

Varkov

i mean like, is there anything we can do to make you more comfortable around us?

Rozy

no?

Connors

we just want to make sure we aren't doing anything that could hurt you, even on
accident

Rozy

so sweet. best team

nothing i can think of

idea though

you know what you hear teams say on ice

maybe check homophobes harder from now on

Varkov

deal

Cliff Bar

Done

Hammersmith

got it

Connors

absolutely

St-Simon

they won't see it coming

Connors

that's what he said

Chapter 8: We Aren't Babies

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for [notes](#)

Beck

reporting back

i am not flexible enough for this

Oregano

same, my muscles are getting in the way

Beck

okay brag about your abs

Oregano

i'm not!

Beck

you are

Oregano

maybe a little

thing one and thing two, alive?

Beck

they could be busy

Oregano

still

Beck

i meant with real life

Oregano

meh

excuses

we made a pact

they agreed

Sebb

i don't want to talk about it

Oregano

YOU AGREED TO THE PACT

Sebb

i know

Oregano

would you feel better if we promise not to ask questions

Sebb

maybe?

Oregano

i promise i will not ask any question other than could you do it

Beck

i make no promises

Oregano

dude

Beck

what

Oregano

we are being supportive

Beck

fine i promise to not ask questions unless they're needed

Sebb

okay

Oregano

so could you do it

Sebb

sort of?

Beck

.....

.....

klujasDFHIJGASDUIHAGSRHUJI

Oregano

you good?

Beck

i can't ask questions

i promised

Oregano

why are you keyboard smashing

Beck

UGGHHHHH

WHAT DOES SORT OF MEAN

THAT'S A QUESTION

IT'S A NEEDED QUESTION

Sebb

um

um

i guess

blessed but not fully flexible?

Beck

oh

Oregano

that's okay

Beck

good for you

Oregano

okay thing two your turn

@Zasky are you alive

Beck

what if he got stuck

Oregano

how would you get stuck

Beck

idk pull a muscle or something

what if he's stuck bent in half

Sebb

oh god
is that possible

Beck

the internet says it is

Oregano

do we need to go on a rescue mission

Beck

to do what exactly?

Oregano

to save Z

Sebb

from?

Oregano

uhhhh
himself?

Beck

so you're telling me you want us to break in to his apartment to make sure he isn't stuck
after trying to suck his dick

Oregano

not break in

i have a key

Beck

why do you have a key

Oregano

not important

Beck

what the fuck

Sebb

i think he would rather die than be caught like that

Oregano

okay what if only one of us goes

Sebb

not it

Beck

i mean

i live closer

but i don't really want to see that

Oregano

i see how it is, leave the guy with the key to check

Beck

logically

yes

you have the key

we don't

therefor

you check

Oregano

fine, i'll update you guys in a bit

Chapter End Notes

i've been hinting at something with the babies of the team *wink wink, nudge nudge*

Chapter 9: Baby &3

Chapter Notes

does this make sense in the canon HR universe? absolutely not. does this make sense in the hockey universe? idk, probably not. does it make sense in my head for these lovely little cubs? absolutely

enjoy <3

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

Or

Baby

are you alive

Z | Baby <3

please do not do a rescue mission

Or

ah so you can read the chat but not reply

Z | Baby <3

it's embarrassing

Or

why is it embarrassing

Z | Baby <3

i don't wanna say

Or

come on you know you can tell me anything

Z | Baby <3

i know

Or

so say it

Z | Baby <3

no

Or

say it or i'm coming over

Z | Baby <3

you're coming over anyways, it's your night to cook

Or

i'm aware

but if you are stuck, i am giving you plenty of time to admit it

Z | Baby <3

i am not stuck

Or

butttt?

Z | Baby <3

i did not get stuck

Or

so you did try it!

Z | Baby <3

yeah

Or

and

Z | Baby <3

and what

Or

could you do it

Z | Baby <3

yes.

Or

BABE

I WANT TO SEE

Z | Baby <3

NO

NO YOU DON'T

IT IS NOT SEXY

Or

oh please, everything you do is sexy

Z | Baby <3

no it isn't

Or

i beg to differ

Z | Baby <3

shut up, you have to say that

Or

no i don't

i mean it

and i want to see

Z | Baby <3

no

Or

what if i promise to do that thing with my tongue that you like

Z | Baby <3

oh god

after dinner?

Or

yes

Z | Baby <3

for as long as i can stand?

Or

yes

Z | Baby <3

okay

Or

okay i can see?

Z | Baby <3

fine

Or

i'm so hard right now

Z | Baby <3

what is wrong with you

Or

what, i can't think about how hot it is that my boyfriend can suck his own dick?

Z | Baby <3

shut up

speaking of

Or

sucking dick?

Z | Baby <3

no, boyfriend

do you think we should tell roz

Or

nah i think we're selling it well in the main chat

Z | Baby <3

okay but maybe tell roz separately? so he knows he's not alone?

Or

ah

good point

we can tell him after practice tomorrow

Z | Baby <3

what about the rest of the team?

Or

what about them?

Z | Baby <3

i mean, they seem to not care about roz

Or

yeah but that's someone who isn't on our team

what if we tell them and they trade one of us

Z | Baby <3

sue for discrimination

Or

with what money

Z | Baby <3

that's why we should tell roz
you know he'll have our backs

Or

hm
you make a good point

Z | Baby <3

i always do

Or

hush

Z | Baby <3

you love me

Or

i know
say it

Z | Baby <3

i love you

Or

mhm

Z | Baby <3

dude

Or

what

Z | Baby <3

you say it back

Or

well

Z | Baby <3

babe

that's not funny

Or

what's not funny

Z | Baby <3

i'm barricading my door

Or

BABE

NO

I'M SORRY

I LOVE YOU

babe

baby

please

love of my life

Z | Baby <3

what

Or

i'm just messing, you know that right?

Z | Baby <3

hmph

Or

you did not just hmph me

Z | Baby <3

so what if i did

Or

you have an attitude today

Z | Baby <3

so

Or

so maybe i need to take care of that

Z | Baby <3

no you don't

Or

oh yes i do

i'm coming over early

i expect you to be ready for me

Z | Baby <3

fine

Or

good boy <3

Chapter End Notes

my lovely little himbo baby and his sir

Chapter 10: We Aren't Babies

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for [notes](#)

Oregano

he's alive

Sebb

not stuck?

Oregano

not stuck

Sebb

did he get stuck

Oregano

lmao no

Beck

SO HE DID DO IT

Oregano

@Zasky care to answer that

reminder we have a pact

Zasky

i did it

Beck

AND

Zasky

i could do it

Beck

AND?

Zasky

it was weird

Beck

cool

good for you

Oregano

did you guys see the main chat

Sebb

no why

Oregano

they figured out what we were doing

Zasky

bullshit

Oregano

okay they guessed

Sebb

we are not going to confirm

Oregano

or deny?

Sebb

we could deny

Beck

if all four of us deny that is suspicious

Sebb

so we throw one of us under the bus?

Oregano

no you idiot

we all neither confirm nor deny

Beck

that might work

Sebb

i feel like we've bonded

Zasky

huh?

Beck

why?

Sebb

it's like team bonding

but for us

Oregano

because we all tried sucking our dicks?

Beck

don't phrase it like that, that sounds like we had an orgy

Sebb

we could

Oregano

what the fuck

Zasky

no

Oregano

we could not

Beck

i literally have a girlfriend

Sebb

okay so a threesome

Oregano

do you even want to do that

Sebb

not really

but if we come up with something even bigger they will forget about the sucking dick thing

Oregano

so your solution is to go from sucking your own dick to fucking two of us??????

Sebb

you know i can see how that sounds bad

Oregano

you think???

Beck

no offense to any of you but i don't want a threesome
or an orgy

Oregano

same

Sebb

yeah that might have been a dumb idea

Oregano

oh really, you think??

Sebb

is there anyone on the team you would fuck

Beck

what are we even doing
we're all straight
right?

guys?

am i making assumptions...

Oregano

i'm gay

Sebb

woah

Zasky

um. yeah. same

Sebb

double woah

Beck

holy shit

thanks for sharing

Sebb

oh no

Oregano

?

Sebb

did we make you uncomfortable with the sucking dick thing

Oregano

nah

like you said

team bonding

in a very fucked up way

Sebb

i support you guys!!

Beck

same, congrats

Zasky

congrats for what?

Beck

being gay?

Oregano

why congrats?

Beck

idk isn't that what people say?

Zasky

what people?

Beck

the internet?

Oregano

you're lucky you're pretty

Beck

hey!

what does that mean

Zasky

exactly

Sebb

does roz know?

Zasky

no we want to tell him in person

Beck

we?

Sebb

both of you?

Zasky

oh

yeah

we're dating

Beck

WEHATGFS

WHAT

WHAT DO YOU MEAN

Oregano

you see, when two people really love each other

Beck

NOT THAT

HOW LONG

Zasky

a while

Beck

HOW LONG IS A WHILE

Oregano

since the first roadie
we got put in the same room
kind of led from there

Beck

holy fucking shit
wow

Sebb

yay for love

Beck

oh my god roz is going to have a field day

Zasky

a what?

Sebb

he's going to love this

Zasky

you think so?

Beck

absolutely

Sebb

he's gonna make a group chat for the three of you, calling it now

Zasky

why?

Sebb

all the gays in one chat

wait am i allowed to say that

Oregano

say what

Sebb

the gays

Oregano

lmao yeah, it isn't a slur to say gay

Sebb

okay

just checking

Zasky

thank you guys for being chill

we've been worried about the reaction

Beck

if anyone says anything, i'll beat them up

Oregano

no you won't

Beck

i will try really hard to beat them up

Oregano

yeah and you'll get hurt in the process

Beck

worth it

Oregano

lmfao talk valentina

Beck

who?

Oregano

nothing, you're being a good ally

Beck

oh okay

thank you?

Oregano

just keeping being you

Sebb

when are you telling roz?

Zasky

thinking about tomorrow

Sebb

we get all the details right?

Oregano

duh

Beck

should we respond in the main chat?

Sebb

wait

you both were asking dumb questions there

Oregano

yeah cause we don't want people to know

Beck

oh

that's actually a really good plan

Zasky

should we keep it up?

Beck

fuck it, go for it

Oregano

i got you, hold on

Chapter End Notes

a few of you in the comments have referred to the babies of the team as cubs so I am absolutely stealing that, with love <3

just a bunch of little cubs, ugh, I love what I've done with them and what they're becoming as I write

Realizing this is set in late 2017 and I used a meme from 2022.....we'll just ignore that

Chapter 11: Bears Boys

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for [notes](#)

Oregan

@Rozy

Rozy

?

Oregan

question

Connors

one of them comes back with a question while the rest are silent

Rozy

answer

Oregan

How do you decide who's penis is going to open up and accept the other penis?

Carmichael

what the actual fuck is wrong with you

St-Simon

lmfao are you being serious

Rozy

.....

what

the

fuck

@Cliff Bar

Cliff Bar

What did I do

Rozy

you need to share links with the child

Cliff Bar

What kind of links

Rozy

the porn you wtched

Varkov

the what

Cliff Bar

The research links?

Rozy

did you see question

Cliff Bar

Yeah it's called docking

St-Simon

HOLD UP

THAT'S A REAL THING

Cliff Bar

Yeah, if at least one of the penis owners has foreskin

Haha, you all go quiet, I know you're looking it up

Varkov

that looks uncomfortable

Hammersmith

oh my god my eyes

Sebbin

it's like a hug

but for your dick

why is this a thing

Carmichael

IT'S LIKE A HUG?????

Dubek

i can see it

Cliff Bar

I think we need an intervention from ourselves at this point

Especially given how the conversation has been going

So

I am asking a question for everyone except Roz

Rozy

boring

St-Simon

an intervention question?

Varkov

okay

Cliff Bar

Everyone has been very supportive, and that's wonderful, but we are heading into uncharted territory with some of these questions. And some answers. So. @everyone on a scale of 1-10, how gay are you?

Rozy

Cliff Bar

I literally said it's not for you

Rozy

wanted to feel included

St-Simon

2 or 3

Varkov

1

Zadonsky

4

Carmichael

1

Dubek

3

Hammersmith

1

Oregan

4

Connors

3

Sebbin

0

St-Simon

lol the scale starts at 1

Sebbin

oh

5 then

Dubek

lmao how do you go from 0 to 5

Sebbin

it's confusing

Cliff Bar

Hey, judgment free zone here

St-Simon

i noticed you didn't answer

Cliff Bar

6 on a good day

Zadonsky

if you like dick, are you attracted to your own

Varkov

back to questions i see

Rozy

duh, is very nice dick

Connors

oooooooooooooooooooo i know i know

St-Simon

uh oh

Connors

objectively, who is the hottest guy in the league

Rozy

me

Connors

other than you

Rozy

Hollander

St-Simon

boooooooooo

booooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

Varkov

your rival can't be hot

Zadonsky

I mean

have you seen his ads

Connors

hate to agree but he is attractive, if that's your thing

Dubek

@Rozy how often can gay guys have sex

Rozy

daily, multiple times

Dubek

but
what about clean up

Rozy

what about it

Dubek

well
I
you have to clean up there or whatever, right?

Rozy

yes. diet helps as well

Dubek

but if you're doing it often, when do you have time to clean

Rozy

ah

St-Simon

wait fuck that's a good question

Rozy

sometimes mess can happen

lots of fiber helps

Cliff Bar

I think if you want to stick your dick in someone's ass, you need to be mature enough to know you might make a mess in the process

Connors

ew

Cliff Bar

It's just a fact, anal can be messy

Carmichael

speaking from experience?

Cliff Bar

Yes, I have had experience

St-Simon

CAN WE HAVE A TEAM BONDING NIGHT AT A GAY BAR

Oregan

YES

Varkov

you want an entire team of hockey players to go to a gay bar

they'll think we're there to beat them up

St-Simon

or we will look like very good allies

Cliff Bar

We should talk to HR first to see what the optics would look like

Dubek

allyship would be a good look for us

Connors

first NHL team seen together at gay bar

Zadonsky

we know what the rest of the league is like, we would all be called slurs. every game

Cliff Bar

For the love of all things holy, we are not taking a group of giant men to a gay bar
without talking to HR first to make sure we don't end up in tabloids

Sebbin

okay dad

the scale question came directly from [here](#).

Chapter 12: Papa & Cubs

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for [notes](#)

Rozy

am glad you told me

but

you have issues

Oregan

excuse me?

Rozy

"How do you decide who's penis is going to open up and accept the other penis?"

YOU ARE GAY

WHY ASK

Oregan

ah

see

we had a plan in place

Rozy

a plan

Oregan

yes a plan

Rozy

what is plan

Oregan

we wanted to make sure we came across as stupid straight guys

Zadonsky

straight guys who know about docking apparently

Oregan

roz didn't even know

and he's queer

Zadonsky

omfg

roz

you're totally gonna try it now aren't you

Rozy

no

Zadonsky

you are!!

your poor boyfriend

Oregan

that's assuming the boyfriend doesn't know what docking is

Rozy

he doesn't

Zadonsky

how do you know

Rozy

i asked

Oregan

dude

did you explain after asking

Rozy

no

Oregan

so you made him look it up?

Rozy

he won't

he overthinks

probably thinks it has to do with a ship

Oregan

i am begging you to tell us what happens after you try that with him

Rozy

oh so i have to share sex life with baby gays

Zadonsky

not if you don't want to

Oregan

yeah we don't want to overstep

it was just really nice to see the team's reaction to what you said yesterday and we felt
brave enough to tell you

Rozy

am i the first?

Zadonsky

um

no?

Rozy

no? why not?

Oregan

we accidentally told the other younger players

Rozy

why accident

Zadonsky

um

we used the word we to refer to both of us

Rozy

how

Oregan

what do you mean

Rozy

what context

Zadonsky

oh you know

just

stuff

Rozy

no no no you must share now

Oregan

we made a pact

Zadonsky

NOT THAT

Rozy

?

a pact?

Zadonsky

NO PACT

Rozy

yes pact?

Zadonsky

ABSOLUTELY NOT

sorry roz his phone has been confiscated temporarily

Rozy

i see

i will find truth

Zadonsky

Beck made a comment about all of us being straight and we didn't respond then came out separately

then accidentally referred to us as "we" for coming out to you

so then they asked why it's "we"

and we told them

and then today we told you

that's it

Rozy

hmm

there is more

Zadonsky

no there isn't

Rozy

we'll see

Zadonsky

you won't

anyways

Oregan

i can't believe you don't know what docking is

Zadonsky

wait

roz do guys get circumcised in russia

Rozy

not usually

Zadonsky

so you have foreskin

Rozy

yes?

Oregan

so did you not know the english word docking or the entire act itself?

Rozy

have not done before

Zadonsky

will you be doing it in the future

Rozy

might

depends on jane

Oregan

his name isn't actually jane, right?

Rozy

no, fake name

Zadonsky

do we get to know his real name?

Oregan

do we get to meet him?

Rozy

maybe

one day

very secretive

Zadonsky

it's cause of russia?

Rozy

yes. cannot go home once public

very scary telling team

what is there is a mole

Oregan

if anyone leaks it, i'll kill them

Zadonsky

dude

Oregan

in minecraft

Rozy

minecraft?

Oregan

oh it's just a saying

so the cia agents in our phones know it's a joke

Rozy

there are agents in phone????

Oregan

probably? all our data is in the air

i doubt there's anyone actually looking at everything we do

but they could access it if they wanted

but the joke is that if you do something jokingly incriminating on your phone, you tell
the agent to look away

Zadonsky

roz?

you good?

is he okay?

roz the agent isn't real

Oregan

probably

Zadonsky

oh god what if he's freaking out

roz

@Rozy

there is no agent

Oregan

probably

Zadonsky

stop that!

you're not helping!

Rozy

no agent?

Zadonsky

no agent

Rozy

how to encrypt phone

Zadonsky

are you asking us

Rozy

yes

Zadonsky

uhhhhhhhh

idk google it?

wait

maybe don't

new phone?

burner phone?

Oregan

no he'll look like a drug dealer

Zadonsky

oh

yeah don't do that

Oregan

roz it's fine

besides you have him saved as jane right

Rozy

yes

Oregan

then if anything happens, people will think he's a girl

so double fine

Rozy

i guess

Zadonsky

we need to take you to a gay bar

Rozy

that is public

Zadonsky

oh. right

Oregan

whole team?

Rozy

still public

Zadonsky

even that counts?

Rozy

yes, it shows support

Oregan

fuck

i'm sorry man

Zadonsky

but

are you serious with jane?

Rozy

yes. been many years

Zadonsky

do you want to go home?

Rozy

no. nothing left

Oregan

shit, yeah, your dad died didn't he

Rozy

yes

Zadonsky

what if you soft launch things?

Rozy

soft launch?

Oregan

yeah like doing small things to let the world know, like showing up at a gay bar with the team, posting subtle pics of two dinner plates, holding a hand but no face, stuff like that

Rozy

hmm

i will talk to jane first

see what jane thinks

then

only then

discuss gay bar

as whole team

Oregan

okay, jane approval, then HR approval, then gay bar

Zadonsky

sounds like a plan

Chapter End Notes

not me looking up 'ilya rozanov circumcised' to make sure i had the right information

thinking about maybe doing a chapter showing ilya and shane talking about team reactions? not sure yet. originally this was only going to be about how boston would react before ilya moves but this is an AU, so i could do whatever i wanted here in their universe

Chapter 13: Jane+Lily

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for [notes](#)

Lily

i am sorry your team is terrible

Jane

They're not terrible, they're just processing

Lily

they have had time to process

still being terrible

Jane

It's new to them! They need time to figure it out

Lily

what is there to figure out

you are gay

you have been gay

end of story

Jane

Yes but they are now looking at it in the lens of dealing with a gay guy in a locker room

Lily

what, they think you will come on to them

Jane

Maybe

Lily

stupid, you only come on to me

Jane

They don't know that either

Lily

not safe to share that?

Jane

I haven't said I have a boyfriend. I wanted to wait to see how they reacted to just me first

Lily

and we see how that is going

terrible

then my team

is asking about docking

Jane

What is docking?

Lily

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Docking_\(sex\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Docking_(sex)).

Jane

What the fuck

Why are they asking about that?

No, why do they know about that?

Lily

guy who asked was overcompensating

Jane

??????

For what?

Lily

he has boyfriend on team

Jane

What...

Lily

two cubs are dating

Jane

Is this a joke?

Lily

is serious!

they felt brave to tell me earlier today
and explained that they asked dumb questions to fit in

Jane

Fit in?

Lily

yes, with the rest of the straights
with dumb questions

Jane

Is that why you asked me how it feels to bottom yesterday???

Lily

yes, one of them asked

Jane

Is your whole team gay??

Lily

ah, no? maybe? very curious
they asked who pays on dates since man always pays

Jane

What did you tell them?

Lily

that we bet on it

Jane

They're fine with it? All of it?

Lily

of course

Jane

They know about Jane, that was one thing, but they're asking you more? Do any of them have an issue with it?

Lily

not yet. one is gross though

Jane

Gross how?

Lily

he did not wash his ass. he thought that was gay

Jane

Oh that's common

Lily

what

Jane

Have you never listened to guys in the shower? They make such a big deal about touching their ass to clean it

Lily

it's part of your body, you clean body in the shower

Jane

Yes, but for some guys touching your ass is automatically gay

Lily

you have shitty team

with shitty ass

i will keep in mind for future chirps

Jane

ILYA

You cannot do that, they would question who told them

Lily

i will blame Hammersmith

Jane

Why him?

Lily

he is the one with a shitty ass
although the team forced him to clean

Jane

What

What is wrong with your team?
How did they force him to clean his ass??

Lily

ah. they refused to ask more questions until he cleaned

Jane

They held questions back for that??

Lily

yes, they have been good
will let you read chat next time we see each other

Jane

I'm glad your team is being supportive

Lily

i wish your team was also being supportive

Jane

Me too

Chapter End Notes

AO3 being down for all of Sunday was rough, so maybe two chapters today! Have to finish writing the next one first

Chapter 14: Bears Boys

Chapter Notes

man AO3 did not want this chapter to go up either. all the love to the volunteers that run this website

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

Connors

@Rozy as a guy, how do you determine who gets what position

Varkov

wrestling match, winner tops

Connors

no way

Varkov

idk, maybe they do, it's Roz

Carmichael

they bet about dinner, they probably bet about that too

Varkov

what, like if Roz scores, he gets to top?

Cliff Bar

You do know that vers is a thing, right?

Dubek

what is that

Cliff Bar

Versatile? It's kind of like being a switch but vers is for top or bottom and switch is more for BDSM

Oregan

all hail the sex god

Dubek

hail the sex god

Cliff Bar

I am not a sex god, I just do my research

St-Simon

about gay sex?

Cliff Bar

About any sex

It's good to be knowledgeable about these kind of things

Zadonsky

should we even bother asking roz, it sounds like you have all the answers

Varkov

i mean roz is the one having gay sex

St-Simon

it's just sex, why does it have to be called gay sex

Varkov

cause he's gay?

Rozy

i am not gay

Hammersmith

huh?

Carmichael

you literally just came out to us

Rozy

i am bi, not gay

Connors

isn't that the same thing

Cliff Bar

Don't even get me started on that

Rozy

i am bi, so i am queer

Varkov

so we would call it queer sex?

Zadonsky

no that sounds like it could be misinterpreted as a slur somehow

St-Simon

it's just sex, you don't need to specify what kind

Hammersmith

i have a question

Connors

oh no

Hammersmith

what, i can't ask a question

St-Simon

you can't even wash your ass

Hammersmith

HEY

Varkov

he's not lying

Cliff Bar

Let him ask

Hammersmith

roz did you ever hook up with Hunter

Rozy

that's disgusting

Sebbin

i think that's homophobic

Rozy

i don't care about the gay thing, why would i have sex with an old man

St-Simon

he's only a few years older than some of us

Rozy

exactly, a dinosaur

i would never

i did talk to him after the kiss thing

Varkov

did you tell him about you

Rozy

about me yes, about jane no

St-Simon

why not

Rozy

we were not official yet

Oregan

wait

when did you become official

Rozy

during the summer

St-Simon

is that why you disappeared for two weeks???

Rozy

yes, spent time with jane
met the parents

Varkov

oh my god he met the parents
he is serious

St-Simon

okay so gay bar when

Rozy

i want to talk to jane first

St-Simon

will you bring him if we go??

Rozy

no, but if we go, we will end up on the news. it will be public for all of us. reporters will
be rude and nosy
want to make sure jane is safe and secure first

Sebbin

wait that's really sweet

Cliff Bar

We also need approval from HR and the PR team first.

St-Simon

it's both of them now??

Cliff Bar

Yes, HR to protect us, PR to protect our public image

All of us have seen/heard the reaction to Hunter, if you're serious about us going to a gay bar, every single one of us needs to be prepared for that same kind of reaction. To the entire team

Oregan

fuck the media, i want to go to a gay bar with all of you

Rozy

let me talk to jane before HR and PR

Chapter End Notes

this was supposed to be a one or two chapter text fic with funny reactions that the team has, how have I turned it into this??

I would need to do research on this so idk if it will happen, but thinking of potentially doing a chapter where the group chat is the HR/PR people and their reaction

Chapter 15: Jane+Lily

Chapter Notes

HR/PR chapter will exist in the future, can't say when for sure. Thank you for all the love being shown <3 <3

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

Lily

Моя любовь

Jane

That's me

Lily

have you thought more on what we talked about

Jane

The gay bar or the coming out?

Lily

both

Jane

I'm still not ready to come out publicly. I'm sorry

Lily

shitty team with shitty ass

Jane

I refuse to acknowledge that

Lily

cause true

Jane

It takes time

Lily

not that much time

what does management say

Jane

Oh

Um

They warned me about being a distraction

Lily

I will kill them

Jane

You can't say that

Lily

in minecraft

Jane

In what?

Lily

internet joke baby gays taught me
to distract agent in phone

Jane

Your agent is in your phone?

Lily

no, CIA

Jane

What

Lily

it would be easy if they explained
i could add you to groupchat
as Jane?
to start with?

Jane

I don't know

Lily

they are like us

not rivals

but two players

Jane

They would only know me as Jane?

Lily

of course. until you are ready

they can keep secret

Jane

Okay. I might not say much

Lily

you are so brave

Я тебя люблю

Chapter End Notes

The urge to have Shane join them in Boston but then the realization that that would mean Ilya needed to do something quick about his visa

Shane joining the Bears in this universe: WOOOOOO

Realizing that means Ilya potentially needing to deal with American citizenship:
BOOOOOOO

Realizing this would also mean never meeting the Centaurs: BOOOOO *SOB*

Shane gets to experience the baby gays next chapter!

No idea where this fic is going. I write a chapter, proofread/edit, run through Fictional Messenger, proofread/edit, copy and upload the HTML, proofread again, then post.
Nothing is concrete for future chapters lmao

Chapter 16: Papas+Cubs

Chapter Notes

This somehow became the longest chapter of the series?? Enjoy <3

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

Rozy

hello children

your papa has a very important question

Oregan

we are grown men cap

Zadonsky

and you aren't our dad

Rozy

you wound me

Oregan

what's up

Rozy

you can keep a secret?

Oregan

that feels like a dumb question given you know about us

Rozy

you can keep a jane secret?

Zadonsky

ooooooooo what kind of jane secret

Rozy

jane needs to be around more queer people

and i have permission

if you both keep mouths shut

to add jane to this chat

Oregan

LHJFSADUOHGSFDBKBJ

Zadonsky

breathe babe

Oregan

WE CAN KEEP MOUTHS SHUT

OMFG

WE WANT TO MEET JANE

PLEASE

Zadonsky

will we be the first to interact with jane?
from the team?

Rozy

yes, you are both first
cliff knows more details but he has not talked to jane
i expect good behavior, yes?

Oregan

aye aye captain

Zadonsky

AYE AYE CAPTAIN

Rozy added Jane to the conversation

Rozy

good behavior
jane, meet cubs

Oregan

HI JANE

Zadonsky

hello jane

Jane

Hi

Oregan

we don't bite

Zadonsky

you don't

Oregan

we don't bite others

wait, cap, does jane know

Rozy

about?

Oregan

us

Jane

He told me

Zadonsky

good, no hiding here

Oregan

jane you have no idea how fun it is to fuck with the minds of straight men

Jane

Excuse me?

Oregan

the team doesn't know about us, right? so we have been asking the dumbest questions about sex to throw off the scent

Jane

Why?

Zadonsky

it started out as a tactic to make sure we wouldn't out ourselves but now it's entertaining

Jane

There's questions about sex in the team's group chat?

Rozy

yes i told you this

Jane

I thought it was just one or two, there's multiple questions?

Rozy

yes, little cubs asked about docking

Jane

Oh this is them

Oregan

YOU TOLD HIM ABOUT THAT

Rozy

of course

Oregan

jane my apologies for our behavior

it's just really fun seeing how straight jocks react to things like that

Jane

Your team was fine with that question?

Zadonsky

yeah? why wouldn't they be?

Oregan

lmao they had to look it up first

sebb said it looked like a hug for your dick and that got everyone rolling

Jane

Everyone was laughing?

Zadonsky

not in a making fun type of way

Oregan

yeah then marlow had us all rate ourselves on a scale of 1-10 on how gay we are

Jane

In the team group chat?

With everyone?

Oregan

yes?

Zadonsky

i know that hockey has a reputation but our team is surprisingly really chill about it

Oregan

ughhhhhh gya bar when

Rozy

gya

Oregan

gay**

Rozy

gya bar

Oregan

shut the fuck up, it's a typo

Rozy

how dare you speak to your papa like that

Oregan

YOU'RE NOT MY DAD

Rozy

of course not, i am papa

Oregan

YOU'RE NOT MY PAPA

Rozy

jane our children don't love me

Jane

Our??

Rozy

if i am papa, you are also parent

Zadonsky

i refuse to call you papa

Oregan

jane did roz tell you about how we all reacted to finding out that "jane" and his
boyfriend were the same person

Jane

He said the team took it well

Zadonsky

i take full responsibility for this but when cap confirmed that jane and boyfriend were
the same, i said you must be trans

Jane

What?

Zadonsky

yeah like jane was girlfriend but now jane is boyfriend sort of thing

Jane

They were fine with that?

Oregan

yeah? really, our team is great, just a bit dumb when it comes to anything that's not
hetero-normative

Rozy

hetero-normative?

Jane

I'm also lost

Zadonsky

eeeeeeee babe babe babe we get to teach the elder queers something

Rozy

elder....

Zadonsky

slightly older than us queers**

Rozy

better

Oregan

here this might help <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heteronormativity>

Rozy

oh

fancy word for straight people

Oregan

yes and no

it's straight people who also have never had to think that anything in the world isn't also straight

it's a lot more nuanced than that but close enough

Jane

Your team chat is full of straight men asking about gay sex?

Rozy

Моя любовь

we have been over this

it is just sex

Jane

Whatever, your team has been asking about men having sex with each other?

Zadonsky

i know we just met but you've asked that more than once

is it really that shocking?

Jane

Yes.

Oregan

oh fuck a period, he's being serious

wait, jane, should we use he/him or she/her to refer to you in the chat

Jane

He is fine

Oregan

just he?

Jane

Oh. He/him is fine

Oregan

please tell me you know about pronouns

Jane

I know what pronouns are

Rozy

jane is here to experience baby gays

Zadonsky

i think i should resent that but oh well

jane did you have a bad experience with a team in the past?

sorry in advance if i'm overstepping but you do seem really shocked about our team dynamics

Jane

I'm an athlete as well. I came out to my team the same day as Ilya

Oregan

ohhh fuck, another athlete!! what sport?

Zadonsky

oh no

Oregan

what?

Zadonsky

context clues

Oregan

oh

oh jane

Zadonsky

your team didn't react well, did they?

Rozy

shitty team

Oregan

jane i'm so sorry, i understand your reaction now
if it was the same day, then it's been a little bit
has it gotten better?

Jane

It's fine, they're getting used to it

Zadonsky

what about management, or your coach?

Rozy

minecraft

Oregan

oh

Zadonsky

minecraft?

Oregan

remember what we taught him?

Zadonsky

oh

OH

fuck that, what sport is it so i know who to boycott

Jane

Why would you boycott?

Zadonsky

fuck supporting a team that can't support one of their athletes, in this day and age?? who cares who you're fucking if it isn't hurting the team

Rozy

you made your father cry

Zadonsky

why are you crying?

Rozy

when will you learn i am papa

Oregan

is jane father then??

Zadonsky

wait fuck, jane, don't cry

Oregan

how do you know he's crying

Rozy

we are on the phone

Zadonsky

jane please don't cry

Oregan

yeah, they're not worth your tears

Zadonsky

shit how bad is the team then

are we really the exception for hockey?

Oregan

what about Hunter's team?

Rozy

he said most are fine about it

didn't sound like all though

Zadonsky

fuck we are the exception

there's at least three queers on our team

Rozy

more than the dinosaur

Oregan

does it always have to be a competition between you two

Rozy

yes

Oregan

fair enough

Zadonsky

jane, you don't have to tell us anything, but we have your back

and i know our team would too

Oregan

yeah, they mean well, they're just a little dumb about it

Jane

Thank you. That means a lot

I'm not ready to share more details about myself, but if/when I am, I would feel comfortable telling both of you

Zadonsky

fuck now i'm gonna cry

Oregan

we're here for you jane!!

Rozy

love you little cubs

Oregan

yeah yeah, love you too

Zadonsky

love you cap!

Rozy

PAPA

Zadonsky

NO

Chapter End Notes

all the feels over this chapter. I just really want this version of Shane to experience other team dynamics. imagine coming out to your team and they tell you to get back in the closet then you get to witness your boyfriend's team asking about docking, and they're not malicious about it? i would break so fast

Chapter 17: Bears Boys

Chapter Notes

heeheeheeheehee

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

St-Simon

GUYS

IM GONNA HAVE A BF

Hammersmith

how many of you are there

Cliff Bar

Smithy, I am side eyeing you right now.

Varkov

congrats! we support you!

St-Simon

wait

OH FUCK NO NO NO

I AM STRAIGHT

I LIKE BOOBIES

Carmichael

god you guys suck at references

White Chicks, right?

St-Simon

DUH

Sebbin

why are you gonna have a bf

Rozy

what is bf

boyfriend? no

best friend? maybe?

St-Simon

you all suck

it means bitch fit

Connors

should you be saying bitch

St-Simon

it's a reference, fuck off

fine, whatever, rephrase, I AM GOING TO LOSE IT

Cliff Bar

Are you okay? Did something happen?

St-Simon

HOW HAVE NONE OF YOU SEEN IT

Varkov

what am i missing

Oregan

are you talking about Ottawa?

St-Simon

YES ABOUT OTTAWA

THEY STOLE MY IDEA

Dubek

oh that

Cliff Bar

The city or the team?

Dubek

the team

Cliff Bar

What did the team steal from you?

St-Simon

WHY ARE YOU ALL SO BORING, CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA MORE OFTEN

Varkov

wait what the fuck

they did steal your idea!

Zadonsky

why am i seeing photos of the centaurs at a gay bar

St-Simon

THAT SNEAKY LITTLE THIEF

WHY DOESNT HE COME UP WITH HIS OWN IDEAS

Oregan

.....am i bugging or is that also a reference

Zadonsky

it's a reference

Oregan

you're telling me we could have been watching musicals with Vicky this whole time

Dubek

who cares about that, we wanted to go to a gay bar first!

Rozy

it was a competition?

Dubek

i mean. no. but yes?

Rozy

we are losing competition?

Connors

there's nothing to lose, they just beat us to it

Rozy

i am talking jane into it now

Sebbin

is he coming??

Rozy

no, but the public will know we went. if i go, it is public

St-Simon

that doesn't mean you're coming out though, it's just a bar

Rozy

Russia does not care

Varkov

oh

Cliff Bar

Talk to Jane, we'll give HR a heads up

St-Simon

WE'RE GONNA BE SUCH GOOD ALLIES

Chapter End Notes

setting things up for the future

St-Simon is that one guy where his reactions are constantly references to things he's watched/seen/heard, but in the sense of the ones that became an earworm, not ones that are typically well known (i had that scene from White Chicks stuck in my head when I started writing this at two in the morning, while giggling to myself)

this would not exist until this fic is complete, and i don't know when that will be, but i might make this a 2 part series, where the second part would be social media reactions to things the team(s) start doing once the ball gets rolling. no promises, i might do it, i might not

Chapter 18: Comms+HR

Chapter Notes

Massive thank you to [chungledown-bimothy](#) for walking me through what the perspective of HR might be for something like this

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

Diana

I think I'm dreaming

Todd

Why?

Diana

Tell me why Cliff Marlow just walked into my office with a spreadsheet breaking down the optics of why it's a good idea for the team to go to a gay bar together

Helen

I think you're dreaming

Todd

No way

Jerry

You're lying

Diana

I swear

Jas

Was it a prank?

Diana

It didn't seem like a prank

Todd

What did you tell him?

Diana

I'm pretty sure I sat there with my jaw on the floor without saying a word

Helen

You had to have said something

Diana

Duh, eventually

Jas

And??

Diana

I told him that nothing in their contracts says they can't do that, as long as they don't commit any crimes

Todd

Did he say why they're wanting to do this?

Diana

It was heavily implied that they want to be supportive. And something to do with Ottawa

Helen

Oh yeah, the Centaurs got photographed at a gay bar last night

Jas

Are they thinking it's a competition of who can be more supportive?

Helen

Honestly? Who cares? A bunch of jocks are wanting to show support for a marginalized community and we all know how that community has been treated the last few months

Jas

You're so real for that

Todd

Is this a weird workaround of showing support for Scott Hunter?

Diana

Maybe? I did tell him that they didn't need my permission to go, since it's not an official team event

Helen

Yeah just a bunch of jocks invading a gay bar

Like that won't be threatening

Diana

I got the impression from the spreadsheet that they're prepared for that

Todd

Did he say when they're going?

Diana

They're aiming for this weekend

Jerry

Oh god the poor interns

Steven

yes the poor interns

they need to fund my caffeine addiction at this point

Crystal

i talked to the social media intern for the centaurs earlier, someone save me from what's coming

Helen

Both of you will be okay, this sounds like an all hands on deck situation

Todd

Someone needs to tell the boss

Helen

Not it

Diana

I already emailed him

Figured a heads up was the least I could do

Jas

There's no way he made an entire spreadsheet just because of the Centaurs

They've been planning this

Helen

Wonder why

Todd

Maybe one of them is friendly with Hunter?

Jerry

Or maybe one of them came out

Diana

Let's not speculate

They know to come to us if things are going to be public

Until then, we keep our mouths shut

Steven

i wonder if i can talk them into bringing me with them. for photos

Diana

Cliff should still be here, go find him and ask

Steven

on it!

Diana

We're all on board with this, right?

Of course

Todd

No issues from me

Crystal

oh my god twitter is going to blow up

Jerry

My sister is queer, it's nice to see support like this from guys you wouldn't expect

Diana

Everyone keep an eye on your emails, we'll back them up if anything seems weird from higher up

Chapter End Notes

I read through the Bruins staff directory to figure out how many people might be in a group chat like this for a hockey team. Could easily be 20+ and I did not want to come up with that many fictional names so I went for basic. What do each of these OCs do? No clue. 2 are social media interns, Diana is Senior Human Resources Manager, and the rest fill in blanks between Human Resources and Communications

Chapter 19: Night at the Gay Bar

Chapter Notes

mixed chats for this chapter, enjoy <3

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

Cliff Bar

Has anyone seen Steven?

Varkov

who is steven

Cliff Bar

The social media intern we brought with us

Sebbin

we brought an intern?

St-Simon

dude it's been thirty minutes

are you already that drunk

Sebbin

no?

Connors

why is that a question

Sebbin

not drunk

so loud

Rozy

steven is in the bathroom

Cliff Bar

Are they okay?

Rozy

steven is good, they wanted a break from us

Carmichael

are we missing the babies too? i only have eyes on Sebb

Dubek

i am babysitting

St-Simon

at a bar? you brought a baby?

Dubek

wtf no

Sebbin

then what baby are you sitting

Dubek

^^^^^^^^^^

Connors

awwwwww Beck is being the responsible baby

Dubek

you do realize we are all in our twenties

Varkov

so young and free

St-Simon

I NEED TO FIND THE DJ

Carmichael

wait where is Beck, i only see Sebb and no Beck

Dubek

Sebb isn't the only one who needs it

Connors

oh yeah Zaddon and Oreo are here

Rozy

steven was talking with them earlier

i am sure they are fine

Dubek

yeah they are fine

Varkov

.....

something seems fishy

Sebbin

are there fish here

Cliff Bar

Someone please get Sebb some water

Hammersmith

oh god my eyes

Cliff Bar

Smithy what's wrong now

Hammersmith

some twink has people taking shots off them

St-Simon

WHERE

Dubek

nowhere

he saw wrong

no twinks here

Connors

i can see at least 5 from where we're at

Rozy

correct no twinks here

Sebbin

they're so pretty

Dubek

oh god i lost sight of Sebb

St-Simon

LIVING YOUNG AND WILD AND FREE

Carmichael

how did you already get the dj to play that

St-Simon

I AM SO PERSAUSIVE

Rozy

it is my second language and even i can tell that it spelled wrong

Cliff Bar

Grab water for Vicky too

Connors

Roz where did you jacket go

Varkov

better question, where did you get a crop top
i swear he had on a normal shiort when we came in

Sebbin

it wqs no underneath

stevn said

Dubek

are you with steven now

Sebbin

yerasf

Dubek

does anyone have steven's number

actually, nvm, i'll go find them

Connors

Marly who is that 🙄

Varkov

did you say Marly

Connors

look in the corner behind the speakers

Carmichael

has anyone ever seen him move like that

Varkov

GET SOME MARLY

Connors

i am seeing things i dont tink i should be seeing

St-Simon

SHOTS SHOTS SHOTS SHOTS SHOTS

Sebbin

so so sp preetteyu u knwor?

Varkov

who is pretty

Dubek

he is compromised, no questions

Varkov

what are you, his lawyer?

Dubek

.....yes

Sebbin

pretey pouty lipas

Connors

i am learning things about our team tonight

Varkov

why does it seem like half the team has gon emissing

Connors

think we should implement dont ask dont tell for tonight

Varkov

deal, come dance on the bar with me

St-Simon

I AM DOWN FOR THAT

We Aren't Babies

Beck

WILL YOU TWO STOP HUMMING EACH OTHER AND HELP ME

Sebb

so so petery

Beck

yes yes, steven is very pretty, please leave your hands above their waist
and get off your phone you weirdo

Sebb

preety

Zasky

why can't i grind on my boyfriend

Beck

what if someone posts photos

Zasky

who is going to recognize us
they will pay attention to the older guys first

Beck

it's a gay bar but we're still in Boston, this whole fucking town knows us

Zasky

meh

Beck

not meh, i promised to look after us!!
smithy saw you earlier!

Zasky

he called me a fucking twink
do i look like a twink??

Oregano

my twink

Zasky

I AM NOT A TWINK THANK YOU VERY LITTLE

Beck

smithy just learned the word and he thought you were a twink

Zasky

fuck off

Oregano

beck beck, we're calling a cab and heading out, you good with sebb?

Beck

i am one breath away from pulling him off of steven

Oregano

steven looks into it

Beck

not the point, sebb is not sober enough to be acting like this in public

Zasky

good point

Oregano

you get sebb, we'll grab steven and get them dropped off on our way home

Beck

on it

Chapter End Notes

Steven is non-binary btw!

will either do a jane+lily chapter next or a morning after roll call

Chapter 20: Bears Boys

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for [notes](#)

Cliff Bar

Sound off

Everyone alive?

Rozy

so alive

Dubek

i'm up, sebb is passed out on my couch

Zadonsky

we made sure steven got home safe

in case anyone was wondering

Hammersmith

i called it a night when i couldn't find anyone

Carmichael

i'm feeling great

Hammersmith

you drank more than most of us

how are you not hungover as fuck

Carmichael

drank an equal amount of water to the drinks i had

Hammersmith

boring

Cliff Bar

@Zadon did all the babies leave together

Zadonsky

yeah we called it a night when sebb got too drunk, we're all good

thanks dad

Cliff Bar

Not your father

Rozy

SO YOU WILL CALL HIM DAD BUT I CAN NOT BE PAPA

Zadonsky

correct

Cliff Bar

Do I want to know?

Zadonsky

he wants to be called papa, idfk

Connors

i have so many videos to share
you're all old, we closed the bar down

Rozy

who

Connors

me, varkov, and vicky

look at this

(video of St-Simon and Varkov dancing on top of the bar. Connors can be heard giggling in the background)

(video of St-Simon leaning against a brick wall outside. He appears to be snoring while standing)

(inside what appears to be Connors apartment, it pans to show a bedroom. Varkov is passed out, half on the bed and half on the floor. Peering into the connected bathroom, St-Simon is asleep in the tub)

Cliff Bar

Very glad you got them home safe

Are they awake yet?

Connors

nope

Dubek

oh we're sharing images now?

(picture of Sebbin asleep on a couch. both arms are flat above his head and his face is covered by a throw pillow)

Carmichael

that looks so uncomfortable

Zadonsky

is he breathing?

Dubek

yeah the pillow keeps moving up and down, he's good

Cliff Bar

Anyone been online yet?

Rozy

it is not too bad. just a few photos and videos

Zadonsky

yeah nothing scandalous. pretty chill actually

Oregan

i saw a tweet asking if being bears was a prophecy

Hammersmith

how?

Oregan

bear is a term for a husky and hairy gay man
we're the bears and we went to a gay bar

Connors

so marly is a bear?

Oregan

i don't think he's husky enough

Zadonsky

steven said we should plan something with the Centaurs next time we play, we all go to
their bar or they all go to ours

Rozy

we do not own bars

Cliff Bar

We could

Connors

why would we do that

Carmichael

good allies?

Connors

what do any of us know about running a bar

Cliff Bar

Good point. I'll put a pin in it

Oregan

@Rozy how does jane feel about last night

Carmichael

jane was there????

Rozy

no

jane was at home

staying up to talk after i got home

wearing very sexy glasses

Oregan

gross

Carmichael

that's homophobic

Oregan

it is not, i don't want to think about roz doing sexy things

Rozy

it is a very good image, very sexy

you should all appreciate you get to see me in locker room for free

Connors

bet we start a trend of teams going to gay bars

Cliff Bar

The league is too homophobic for that

I could see the Admirals doing it next. Not anyone else though

Rozy

did not know dinosaurs were allowed in public

Hammersmith

we're the same fucking age roz

Rozy

yes but you are not from the time of the meteor

Connors

we should make this a monthly thing
try out a different gay bar each month then rotate

Cliff Bar

There are some livers here that will revolt against that

Rozy

livers are also homophobic

Chapter End Notes

The image of Sebb on the couch is based on a guy I knew in college who would take naps exactly like that, arms thrown above his head and a pillow or blanket over just his face

I don't quite know where to go from here while keeping the chat format. I know what I would like to do with the plot but haven't quite figured out how to get that across over chats. We'll see

Chapter 21: Harris

Chapter Notes

Centaurs social media intern and Bears social media intern!

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

Harris

you're gonna lose our streak

wake up!!

Steven

awake

Harris

streak!!!!

Steven

sent

Harris

THANK YOU

Steven

why are we yelling

too early for yelling

Harris

it's 2pm

Steven

early

Harris

did you have a good night? get good photos?

Steven

oh fuck

Harris

?

Steven

i can't find my phone

or camera

actually

i don't know where I am

Harris

you're texting me on your phone??????????

are you okay? are you safe?

Steven

i have a blanket

so maybe?

hold on

Harris

what do you mean maybe???

Steven?

i will call you, don't think i won't

hello???????????????

Steven

i know where i am now

Harris

that doesn't answer anything!!

Steven

two of the guys let me crash on their couch

they also have my camera

and water

and alka-seltzer

god my head hurts

Harris

do you have a deadline for submitting the photos?

Steven

yeah later tonight

why would you encourage me to have fun after wrapping up with photos

Harris

cause that's what i did when we went out

but that was also because i was the one who recommended the bar for the team

Steven

still can't believe they did that

Harris

there's a reason but i can't say

Steven

will i find out eventually?

Harris

most likely

how did your team pick the bar?

Steven

you know

that's a good question

Marlow was the one who suggested it but it didn't seem like he picked it

it seemed like he took it as a suggestion, did research, then the majority approved it

i told you about the spreadsheet right?

Harris

yes!! did you get pics of it??

Steven

nope, wasn't fast enough

it was so organized

i hate excel but damn it made me want to try

Harris

if they keep going out to places, i bet there will be another spreadsheet

Steven

maybe

how risque can the photos be

Harris

you saw the ones that i got approved

base it around that

Steven

i'm going through my camera roll and apparently drunk me had different ideas than
sober me

Harris

go on

Steven

tell me why i have photos of drunk me and Sebbin

Harris

what kind of photos 🧐🧐🧐🧐🧐

Steven

i'm still looking

Harris

🧐🧐🧐🧐🧐

Steven

so it starts out fine

but it goes from fine to worse to meh

Harris

meh?

Steven

yeah

Harris

why meh?

Steven

uhhhhhhh

so it turns out that drunk me was smart enough to hand the camera off to someone sober
for safe keeping

but then that person started taking photos too

Harris

and??

Steven

i have a photo of me and Sebbin

Harris

AND??

Steven

you know the cliché slow dance image of a couple at prom

Harris

yes.....

Steven

that's what we're doing

Harris

at a bar?

Steven

at a bar

Harris

i'm assuming the music wasn't slow?

Steven

of course not

Harris

so you and Sebbin?

Steven

idk about me and Sebbin

there is no me and Sebbin

i think

Harris

would you want there to be a you and Sebbin? 🙄🙄🙄🙄

Steven

idfk

maybe?

i want to talk to him sober

go from there

Harris

makes sense

I gotta run, i'm back at my parent's for the weekend!

Steven

have fun on the farm!

Harris

always

don't forget to submit the photos!!

Steven

aye aye

Chapter End Notes

Harris gives off vibes that he would care about snap streaks in 2017/2018 so yay for the opening to this chapter

I have a plan for the future of this! This specific fic started because i wanted to show the chaos of "supportive but confused straight guys" and the weird questions straight guys always ask when they find out one of their buddies is gay. BUT. As you can see, if you've made it this far, the team is supportive! Ilya isn't alone! so where do we go from here?

I want to figure out how to wrap up this fic and then make it a series. I have a couple more chapter ideas/plan for this fic before completing it, then the series will (tentatively)

include the backstory chats for how/why the centaurs ended up at a bar, how/why Harris got in touch with Steven, the shitshow Shane is going through, and then either wrap it up or go from there

Genuinely, thank you for all the love being shown to this fic. I did not plan on posting more than a couple chapters and the reaction to it has made me want to write more <3

Chapter 22: Papas+Cubs+Guncle

Chapter Notes

See the end of the chapter for [notes](#)

Rozy

are you gonna tell them

Cliff Bar

Tell them what?

Rozy

how you picked the bar

Cliff Bar

Do I need to tell them?

Rozy

nah

if they ask though?

Cliff Bar

Bernie said I can tell the team if I want to

Rozy

they all think you were with a stranger

Cliff Bar

Yes, because they wouldn't recognize Bernie

Rozy

big man marly is dating the owner of the bar
was going to say mr bar owner but mr isn't right?

Cliff Bar

I think the most accurate would be Mx but Bernie doesn't like that

We've been workshopping other options

Rozy

there is miss mr mrs ms mx?

Cliff Bar

Yeah, Mx is the unofficial/official gender neutral one but it's kind of controversial

Rozy

how do you say mx

Cliff Bar

It's like the word mix but with a softer i

Rozy

how is an i soft

Cliff Bar

The way you pronounce it, something about not putting as much emphasis on the i

Rozy

but bernie does not like it?

Cliff Bar

They're trying out different options since they keep having to introduce themselves to
other business people

Bernie's niece said that they could try out Mage

Rozy

so instead of mr bar owner it would be mage bar owner?

Cliff Bar

Something like that

Rozy

it sounds good

very witchy

Cliff Bar

Ha, I'll let Bernie know that you approve of Mage

Rozy

you should at least tell the baby gays

Cliff Bar

They don't know that I know about them

Rozy

it's their fault for being loud in the room next to you

Cliff Bar

It's every fucking roadie man

How are they not exhausted in the morning?

Rozy

they felt brave enough to tell me

you should be brave enough to tell them you listen to them fuck every trip

Cliff Bar

Dude

Rozy

am i wrong

Cliff Bar

No but I am not listening to them by choice

Rozy

ok

Cliff Bar

I'm not!

Rozy

you are being added to the group chat

heads up

Jane is in groupchat

Cliff Bar

WHAT?

YOU LET HIM MEET THE BABY GAYS BEFORE ME?

YOU TOLD ME ABOUT HIM FIRST BUT I DON'T GET TO MEET HIM FIRST??

Rozy

ah

yes

good point

answer phone, will add Jane to call, introduce you, then groupchat

Papas+Cubs

Rozy

my babies

papa has news

Zadonsky

you are not my papa

Jane

Ilya leave them alone

Rozy

not until they acknowledge their father

Oregan

what is the news

Rozy

our family is expanding

Zadonsky

YOU GUYS ARE HAVING A BABY?????

Oregan

OMFG CONGRATS

Jane

Ilya.

No. No baby.

Rozy

our gay family is growing
our children will gain an uncle

Jane

Are you actually going to add him?

Zadonsky

I require context please and thank you

Oregan

you're adding someone? that's what expanding the family means?

Rozy

of course
be on your best behavior

Rozy added Cliff Bar to the conversation

Rozy updated group to Papas+Cubs+Guncle

Oregan

I have so many questions

Jane

What is a Guncle?

Zadonsky

Gay Uncle

Oregan

CAP

WHY IS MARLY A GUNCLE

Rozy

he is your uncle

Oregan

NO HE ISN'T

Rozy

hmm. agree to disagree

he is also gay

Cliff Bar

I am queer, not gay

Oregan

MARLY IS ONE OF US

Rozy

he also has something to tell you

go on

Cliff Bar

I really hate you right now

Rozy

you love me

Cliff Bar

Whatever

Okay so

Let's just say no one in this groupchat surprises me

Zadonsky

what does that mean

Cliff Bar

I know about Jane already

Oregan

WHAT DO YOU MEAN

Cliff Bar

I know about Jane?

Oregan

BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN

Jane

Marlow knows who I am

Zadonsky

I WILL NEVER EVER EVER CALL YOU PAPA
YOU TRAITOR

Oregan

YEAH I SECOND THAT

Rozy

NO MY BABIES NO LONGER LOVE ME

Jane

can we take a second and back up?
Marlow said that no one here surprises him
there are two of you who should surprise him

Zadonsky

omfg
you're right

Oregan

Ilya Rozanov did you just out us

Rozy

I WOULD NEVER

Cliff Bar

He really didn't

Oregan

but
you knew?

Cliff Bar

Yeah, so, maybe next time you want to enjoy a night in on a roadie, double check who
you're sharing a wall with

Zadonsky

please excuse me while i throw myself off a bridge

Oregan

BABY NO

Cliff Bar

I'm pretty sure it's just me, I keep getting rooms next to you, but yes. I've known for a
while

Jane

and you didn't say anything?

Cliff Bar

No? Why would i?

Jane

you don't care?

Oregan

Jane. Sweetie. None of us care

Jane

you're all gay, you wouldn't care

Cliff Bar

The team doesn't care either

Jane

at all?

Oregan

do we need to go over this again?

Marly, Jane doesn't believe us about the team
even after we sent photos from the bar

Cliff Bar

Is the reason for that still the same?

Oregan

Jane's team? Probably. He won't tell us what sport he plays though

Cliff Bar

OH

That's good to know

Yes, sport

Jane plays in an unknown sport

I am so glad I was told that they know that @Rozy

Rozy

slipped my mind

Cliff Bar

Mhm, sure, slipped your mind

Oregan

I'm missing something again

Jane

is Zaddon okay? Did he actually find a bridge?

Oregan

He's fine, he's on the couch pouting

Zadonsky

I AM NOT

Cliff Bar

Are you texting while sitting next to each other?

Oregan

duh

Cliff Bar

Rozy would like for me to share one more thing

Zadonsky

oh god

Cliff Bar

Nothing about the two of you

It's about the bar we went to

Oregan

what about it?

Cliff Bar

I picked that bar because I know the owner

Zadonsky

oh that's cool

Jane

how do you know the owner?

Rozy

yes, how do you know the owner?

Cliff Bar

We're dating

Oregan

HOLD UP

PAUSE

MARLY IS DATING BERNIE????

Cliff Bar

How do you know Bernie?

Oregan

IT'S THE NAME OF THE FUCKING BAR

Rozy

do not speak to your guncle like that

Oregan

HE IS NOT MY GUNCLE

YOU'RE NOT MY DAD

Rozy

correct, I am papa

Oregan

NO YOU ARE NOT

Cliff Bar

Leave him alone

Yes, I am dating Bernie. It's been a couple years now

Jane

Ilya

Rozy

Yes Моя любовь

Jane

Is your entire team gay?

Rozy

baby

queer, not gay

he is still learning, do not mind him

Cliff Bar

It's a pretty open team. Good guys and good staff

Roz runs a pretty tight ship, we don't let guys get away with any bullshit

Oregan

it's part of why it felt safe to be with Z

Zadonsky

yeah it's been a really pleasant surprise

Jane

Ilya

Rozy

yes?

Jane

tell them

Rozy

tell them what?

Jane

about me

Rozy

Are you sure?

Cliff Bar

Are you being serious?

Jane

Fuck this

Hello baby gays

Oregan

Hi Jane

Zadonsky

Hello

Jane

Obviously yes, but you can keep a secret, correct? As if your life depends on it?

Oregan

Of course

Zadonsky

my life will depend on it

Jane

So

The sport I play

It's hockey

Oregan

yoooooooooooo one of us?

Zadonsky

one of us!!

Oregan

NHL or AHL?

Jane

NHL

Oregan

wait.....

Cliff Bar

Will they figure it out or do we tell them?

Oregan

Cap..... everyone says you have a montreal girl

obviously we know he's a guy now

but. you. montreal

Zadonsky

what about montreal?

Oregan

dude

jane

hockey

NHL

Montreal

Zadonsky

okay? so he's on the Voyageurs

OH FUCK WAIT

Oregan

EXACTLY

Zadonsky

NO

NO FUCKING WAY

Oregan

CAN WE EVEN TYPE IT

Rozy

you said CIA would see

Oregan

JOKEFSGFDSFGKNGDAJKPOKARWEKJNWETJNGABKS

HELLO JANE IT IS SO LOVELY TO MEET YOU I AM NOT FREAKING OUT AT
ALL HOLY FUCKING SHIT

Zadonsky

YOUR FUCKING RIVAL

ARE YOU FOR REAL

Rozy

very hush hush

Cliff Bar

I see they're taking it well

Oregan

OH MY FUCKING GOD

PAPA LANDED HIMSELF SHANE MOTHER FUCKING HOLLANDER

Jane

delete that please

Rozy

NO HE CALLED ME PAPA

SCREENSHOT LIVES FOREVER

Jane

delete the text at least please

this is a very big deal for me to share it

Oregan

yes, of course, sorry

Zadonsky

I'M CRYING

THIS IS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE

Rozy

see? it is all okay. it will work out

Jane

we'll see

Chapter End Notes

yay for long notes!

Bernie is androgynous and non-binary. in my head, i'm thinking an older, adult version of the look that young Victor in Yuri on Ice! has, the long hair and the feminine/masc vibes. I realize that there are multiple non-binary OCs in the fic now, but! I am non-binary and will continue to insert non-binary representation if a fic has room for an OC <3

Does a gay bar called Bernie's exist in real life in Boston? Nope! Double checked to make sure. Started okay calling them Ben but hated the idea of being like "oh yeah we're gonna go drink at Ben's." That just sounds like some guy you know, not a bar

I want to do one more read through before determining if one more chapter is needed. Making the timeline switch where the boys reveal their relationship right after the cottage changes a lot of things, especially given how scared Shane is in The Long Game. Hockey is everything for him and he truly believes that the world will end if people find out about him and Ilya. So to take that character and those thoughts and turn it into a fic where he is willingly telling people (RIGHT AFTER THE COTTAGE) means a bit of a switch up in personality. I still think that this version of Shane is scared, especially given how poorly his team behaves at just coming out, but seeing the support system around Ilya is a huge factor in his feelings starting to change. In this universe, Scott Hunter kissed his boyfriend on live TV, Shane spent two weeks at the cottage with Ilya, his parents know and like Ilya, and two NHL teams have been publicly seen out at gay bars. All the while this lovely group of guys exist and are doing their best to be supportive of their captain, in a parallel to what Shane is experiencing.

I can't remember if it was a fic, something I saw on Tumblr, or something I saw on Twitter, but it was about Ilya and Shane coming out the same time/year as the kiss. It would be slightly easier for them to do it then, as the league has been forced to show support for Scott. If Ilya and Shane come out the same time, they will look very bad at walking back all the "support" for Scott. This version of Shane has to be aware of that, in some capacity. And it will be explored in the future of the series!

Chapter 23: Jane+Lily

Lily

I am very proud of you
You did not have to tell them
My brave boy

Jane

It's not fair

Lily

What's not fair

Jane

Why do you get a team that's so supportive
And gay

Lily

Queer

Jane

Queer, sorry

Lily

I know you do not want to talk about team but please know I am here for you

Jane

It's killing me

I hate it

I've never had a day where I didn't want to be on the ice

I woke up this morning dreading the thought of sharing a rink with them

Lily

Oh Моя любовь

You deserve better

Jane

Look at your team

They don't care

You went to a gay bar

Fuck, you have teammates dating each other

And no one says a word against it

Lily

Will you tell me details in person?

Jane

Yes

I'm so sick of hiding

I wanted to retire here

This is my home

Why does it feel wrong to be here now

Lily

We should talk to Mama Yuna
You don't have to put up with this
What about management

Jane

Fuck management

Lily

Woah
Your coach?

Jane

Fuck him too
Said I'm a distraction
Told me to stay in the closet

Lily

Send address

Jane

What?

Lily

Send. Address.

Jane

Mine?

Lily

Your coach

Jane

I am not giving you his address

Lily

Hm

Mama Yuna will help me

Jane

DO NOT TELL MY MOM

Please

Just

Please can we discuss this in person, before making any decisions?

Lily

Ok

In person

Then you will give address

Jane

I will not

Lily

We'll see

You will be okay for a couple more weeks?

Jane

I'll make it

Even if it kills me

Lily

Do not joke

Jane

Sorry

I can do it

Lily

Spend time with Pike

Jane

You're willingly telling me to hang out with Hayden?

Lily

Unfortunately

Jane

Why?

Lily

He is your friend, no?

So let him be a friend

Shoulder to cry on

And if he will not, I will handle

Jane

Stop threatening people

Lily

I have threatened no one

Jane

Saying that you'll handle someone and asking for an address is a threat

Lily

Is not

Jane

Yes it is!

Lily

Maybe I want to handle how Pike deals with friends

Jane

And the address?

Lily

Gift basket

Jane

Liar

Lily

You can't prove wrong

Jane

Thank you

Lily

You're welcome

For what?

Jane

For being there for me even when I don't tell you everything

Lily

You do not have to thank me for the bare minimum

Jane

Still

I know I need to work on communicating

Lily

Is okay. We will learn together

Jane

You're amazing

Lily

We will figure this out. Figure out what it means for you to play hockey

Even if you have to leave shitty team

Jane

I don't want to think about that yet

Lily

Ok, no thinking

It will be okay

Jane

I hope so

Lily

я тебя люблю

Jane

Я тоже тебя люблю

End Notes

We made it to the end! Never thought this would end up being 23 chapters, let alone more than 2. It ran away from me and took a life of its own. Much love to this universe and its version of the Boston Bears. Lovely bunch of queers and himbos

Much love to y'all and all the support being shown. I've turned this into a series, where the next part will be Shane's perspective and then potentially a third part for the Centaurs. Zero promises on anything, I've got a few WIPs I'm working on right now so it all depends on my own motivation to write more. Feel free to subscribe or bookmark the series if you want updates on that in the future <3

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