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Summary

Ilya: You take classes on sexuality in Canada?

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Harris: But the whole queer narrative still sucks.

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Where Jonny Kim is every Asian mom's wet dream and every Asian Offspring's worst nightmare, Ilya wants to change the queer narrative (one hockey player at a time?), and the sacred Asian institution that is the Mandarin buffet must be preserved.

Ilya is one of the girls and that's the canon I'm going with. Takes place after Shane joins the Centaurs.

Notes

Nothing here is real or serious. This was written for my own amusement.

Not beta'd; we die like my team's playoff dreams. I needed Lisa to be Asian. For plot reasons. No Asians were harmed in the making of this. Mad respect for Jonny.

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

Ottawa WAGs + Harris + Shane

Lisa: This Thu, 6pm at Mandarin, Orléans location

Lisa: WAGs only, no kids please, unfortunately not that kind of party

Lisa: The boys can figure out one night on their own

Priya: im in

Priya: what are we celebrating

Priya: and where are we going after

Priya: need deets so i can back your play

Lisa: By boys, I mean Harris, Shane, and Ilya are of course invited

Lisa: The other boys can fend for themselves

Ilya: Is this new restaurant? I never been, what dress code?

Ilya: Oh I see, is buffet

Harris: I'll join as soon as I'm done with work.

Shane: Ilya and I are free, although I'm not sure they want hockey players at an All-You-Can-Eat place.

Shane: We eat a lot of food.

Priya: poor shane

Lisa: They will be honoured. They won't even charge you. You will have to fight the manager to pay, like a good Asian.

Lisa: And put your signed jersey along with your picture on the wall next to Jacky Chan and Yao Ming.

Priya: 🤔

Ilya: I want to be next to Jacky Chan.

Ilya: I am better sexier hockey player, I will look good next to Jacky Chan.

Lisa: Or you can be next to Ronny Chieng's picture, he's arguably more your Vibe

Ilya: I don't know this Ronny person but will search for videos.

Lisa: Or maybe don't...

Shane: I'm also not sure the food fits into my diet plan.

Lisa: They have sashimi

Shane: Oh okay, I've never been.

Shane: Sure, sounds good.

Shane: Actually, I'm not so sure about eating sashimi at a buffet.

Lisa: OMG Shane, it's fine, have you never been to Mandarin growing up?

Shane: Um, no? Should I have?

Lisa: OK, my bad. Just checked on Dr. Google. You guys didn't get a Mandarin until like 5 years ago.

Lisa: BUT you have had other Asian buffets right?

Lisa: You know, when your mom tells you to skip lunch so you can eat more? Always go for the seafood first. Never under any circumstances are you allowed to eat rice

Lisa: You def eat the sashimi. You eat ALL the sashimi!

Shane: ...no?

Lisa: You know what...? You are right. Yuna Hollander would never.

Lisa: She is our queen and way too classy

Shane: I eat Japanese food at home sometimes. Or at restaurants.

Shane: I just don't think it's a good idea to eat questionable raw fish at a buffet. You don't know how long it's been sitting there and who's touched it! We have a game this Friday.

Lisa: Alright, fine, but where else are you going to stuff yourself full of greasy fried noodles swimming in oil and bad sushi?

Lisa: Chicken balls with neon pink sauce

Lisa: The colour is so bright that it blocks evil spirits and drowns out all your sorrows

Shane: Um, I don't eat any of that stuff? They sound unappetizing, and terrible for you?

Ilya: Yes I will come. Sounds like important to learn, how you say, coping mechanism.

Ilya: Maybe make new tradition. Something to do in cold and boring Canadian winters.

Shane: Ilya!

Lisa: SHANE!!!!

Ilya: On days with no hockey only. Hockey is never boring.

Ilya: For many reasons, of course my sexy husband is most important reason.

Ilya: Good games always get Shane very excited, if you know what I mean. 😊

Shane: Thank you, Ilya. No one wants to hear about this. Again.

Priya: actually please tell me more

Priya: spare no details this time

Shane: No.

Ilya: I must listen to my husband or he takes away sex.

Shane: 😏

Shane: Ilya, you are from Moscow, which is in fact considerably colder than many Canadian cities.

Ilya: Shane, we have vodka.

Ilya: And moy pomidor, you forget we first meet in Regina, nothing but cold and empty prairie, like my marriage.

Shane: What the actual fuck Ilya!

Ilya: You would know if you ever read anything not hockey yes?

Ilya: Everything is cold and dark, and then everyone dies. Perfect Russian story. Very Dostoevsky no?

Ilya: And now I read Canadian stories, is same. People writing about the hills are cold and empty, like my faith in humanity.

Shane: Where did you even learn all this?

Ilya: Tumbr.

Ilya: Not about Russia. Is about terrible Canadian weather. Russia I already know.

Lisa: 🤔

Priya: legit

Harris liked this message.

Lisa: Credit where credit is due: Rozy is not wrong. Remember reading Timothy Findley in high school?

Lisa: Forever traumatized by the Wars.

Priya: i didnt read it

Priya: just googled the synopsis for class

Priya: lowkey still left me with scars

Shane: I don't think I've read any of his work?

Lisa: Sometimes I forget you hockey boys go to different schools.

Lisa: That's good. Less trauma. At least emotional ones.

Lisa: Nvm. I forgot about the toxic hypermasculine hockey culture.

Lisa: So just different trauma.

Lisa: The trenches are cold and empty, like my faith in humanity – there, I summarized it for you.

Lisa: FYI The trenches are both real and metaphorical. This is why we can't have nice things.

Ilya: So is like good Russian literature, everyone is trapped and no one is happy.

Shane: Um...

Harris: Well, arguably his work is an integral part of the early 20th century Canadian gay identity and explores aspects of gender and sexuality that were considered ahead of his time.

Shane: Um... I don't know what any of this means?

Harris: Fine, I took queer studies in undergrad and had to read it for class.

Harris: Queer work is often sad, isolating, depressing, and I hate that narrative.

Ilya: I'm confused.

Ilya: You take classes on sexuality in Canada?

Ilya: And Shane still didn't know he is gay?

Ilya: Or he didn't know because he missed class?

Lisa: 🤔

Lisa: I wish!

Lisa: But sadly, no.

Harris: Most people take classes on sexuality and gender identity if they already have an interest in the topic.

Harris: I was a gay theatre kid in high school and university.

Harris: But the whole queer narrative still sucks.

Ilya: I understand now. That's why is important for us to change this "narrative" no? The Irina Foundation is trying to do this. So queer is not sad or depressing.

Harris: 🙌

Lisa: 🙌

Priya: 🙌

Selena: I just came back from shopping.

Selena: Lisa, ma chérie, who hurt you?

Selena: Do we need to put a hit on Wyatt?

Lisa: I'm fine. Well, I'm not fine.

Lisa: But it's not Wyatt.

Cassie: Babes!

Cassie: Are you ok?

Cassie: You want to go to Mandarin on a not a long weekend, non-holiday weeknight...

Lisa: No. Maybe? I don't know, am basically running on fumes right now

Lisa: AITA? *taking a deep breath*, so...

Lisa: I checked my phone this morning after spending a day and half at the hospital

Lisa: I'm in my street clothes, desperately needing a shower, and just want to sleep for 100 hours

Cassie: Hugs babe.

Lisa: My mom sends me this article link with a comment: do you know Johnathan Kim?

Lisa: I shouldn't have clicked on it with more caffeine than blood in my system. That is on me!!!

Lisa: Apparently this dude was a navy seal, then became an emerg doc – graduated from Harvard, of course

Lisa: And now he's going to fucking space!

Lisa: No doubt all the Asian moms are questioning why did they even bother with their useless, non-astronaut children...

Lisa: She then sends me another message: maybe your friend Pat knows him, since he also works in the ED?

Lisa: No mom, we don't know him! The furthest Pat and I are considering traveling to is Milan, to do some real damage to our bank accounts!

Lisa: Argh...

Cassie: Oof.

Cassie: That's rough.

Priya: going to milan is the right answer here

Priya: you save lives and whatever

Shane: I'm so sorry Lisa.

Harris: You are slaying it QUEEN!

Lisa: She's probably texting her church group as we speak to see if anyone has connections to his family.

Lisa: I just want to scream into the void...

Lisa: Thanks guys

Priya: fuck that

Priya: leave on read

Lisa: It's like, no matter how hard I try, there's some better Asian Offspring out there impressing your mom

Lisa: How do you do it Shane?

Shane: Um... I work really hard and play the best hockey I can?

Lisa: Sorry Shane that was a rhetorical question

Lisa: I didn't mean it that way

Ilya: Is easy play best hockey.

Ilya: Win 3 stanley cups.

Ilya: Marry hot husband.

Ilya: But sometimes hot husband becomes favorite son. 🧒

Lisa: 🤔

Lisa: Well, I've done at least one of those right

Shane: I question my life choices every day.

Ilya: ❤️😈🍆🍑😏

Shane: 😏

Ilya: I'm sorry your mama thinks Wyatt is better child.

Lisa: You know that's not what I meant

Lisa: But you are not wrong 😂 My parents are very impressed by Wyatt in massive gear playing a sport they don't understand and rarely watch

Lisa: It's all about the bragging rights

Lisa + Shane + Ilya

Lisa: Shane. I want to apologize.

Lisa: I didn't mean to question you and that was uncalled for.

Lisa: 😭

Lisa: I'm so sorry!

Shane: You really don't have to Liz!

Shane: I wasn't upset.

Lisa: Me dealing with my shit doesn't mean I can dump it on you

Lisa: I wasn't... actually mad at my mom...

Lisa: My parents are wonderful, they've given up so much to get me to where I am

Lisa: It was just me venting, mostly, probably because I got no sleep last night, and the stars aligned enough to create a dumpster fire, but we were all out of fire extinguishers so we just dumped more oil on it hoping it will just burn itself out

Lisa: And I normally don't even do this in the WAGs chat, I have another chat with a different set of friends where we specifically vent about this sort of thing, but I just wanted my comfort neon orange chicken balls and my friends with me...

Lisa: Okay I'll stop my word vomit now...

Lisa: Sorry

Shane: I'm sorry too.

Shane: I know what it's like to carry all that on your shoulders all the time, worried about disappointing people, worried about not being enough.

Ilya: That's why you don't carry everything yourself!

Ilya: Friends help, team and WAGs all help, I help, yes?

Ilya: I am strong hockey player, I carry both of you on my back! 💪

Shane: ❤️

Lisa: 🙄

Lisa + Shane + Ilya

Lisa: Update re: the Jonny Kim SITUATION (TM)

Lisa: My parents came by on Saturday

Lisa: Mom went all abuela from Encanto aka no apologies or I love yous (did not expect her to that would be weird), but she brought me cut fruit

Lisa: In 3 large glass containers!!!

Lisa: And I went to work as Wonder Woman today, so... I take my joy wherever I can find it



Shane: ❤️

Ilya: 🤔

End Notes

- The Mandarin buffet is a venerable Ontarian institution and that's the hill I'm willing to die on
- They do have a wall of celebrity photos at their other locations but Google tells me the Ottawa locations are "classy" and "upscale" and don't have the celebrity wall. What?!
- Literary interpretations taken from this [Tumblr GOLD](#).
- I have no idea if moms or Asian moms in general are drooling over Jonny Kim's many accomplishments, but if you are ever curious, his life story is inspiring.
- I ugly cried after Canada women's hockey lost in the finals. Let me have my buffet chicken balls.

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