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Summary

Shane comes out to Hayden.

Hayden maybe makes a few connections in the months that follow.
(missing scene)

Notes

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“Okay” Hayden sighs, leaning back on the bed as he watches Shane grab his stuff, “I know you get weird about it. But like, obviously you’ve been hooking up with this Boston Lily for a while now - and obviously it’s serious”

“Okay?” Shane pauses, looking at his friend.

“So why can’t I meet her? Like, invite her over for dinner. We’ll do a double date - she can meet with Jackie and they can complain about all the things that go with dating a hockey player”

Shane takes a deep breath - and he knows it’s time.

“It’s complicated” he says, taking a step away from the door and sitting on his bed, Hayden adjusts himself.

“Complicated?” he asks, sitting on the bed so he can look at Shane, “Like what?”

“Lily is a fake name” he starts, “So people wouldn’t know who she really is.”

“Holy shit, Shane. Is she married? Because that really doesn’t sound like you dude” Hayden says.

“No - uhm - he’s not” he says softly, watching as Hayden registers the pronoun.

“Oh”

“I - uhm - I’m gay” he says, looking down at his feet.

“I had no idea”

“That was kind of the point” he says, “I’m sorry”

“Why are you sorry?” Hayden frowns, “Like, I don’t care that you’re gay. I’m just sad that shit is gonna be difficult for you because of this.”

“You’re not mad at me?”

“Uh, no?” he frowns, “Wait - so that’s why you and Rose Landry didn’t work out? That makes so much sense. She was so into you, I could legit not figure out how you fumbled that one.”

“She’s actually the first person I came out to” Shane says, “Well - she invited me to a dinner and then pretty much told me that I’m gay”

“I’m sorry, are you telling me you were so in the closet someone else had to get you out?” Hayden laughs, “Oh - that’s gold!”

“The woman has great insight” Shane says, feeling a weight lift off him at Hayden’s reaction.

“So this Boston Lilly - is a dude?” he asks, Shane nods, “What’s his actual name?”

“Ah - well. He’s not out yet - so I’m gonna keep that one to myself” Shane says, Hayden shrugs and to Shane’s relief - he doesn’t push the issue.

“But you trust him?” Hayden asks, “He’s a good guy?”

“He’s good to me” Shane says, “And well - there’s not that many options out there for closeted hockey players if I’m honest.”

“So - I am not going to get any details?” Hayden asks, “That’s not fair dude, I tell you everything about Jackie!”

“Yeah - and I wish you didn’t” Shane says with a laugh, “I mean - there’s not much to say?”

“What’s he like? What do you like about him?” Hayden asks, sounding genuinely interested in him.

“Ah - uhm” Shane sighs, “He’s really patient with me I guess? When I get in my head or whatever, he notices right away and pulls me back. When we first were together - he kept asking if I was okay with everything? Asking for my consent, made me really feel at ease”

“Sounds like he’s a good guy” Hayden says, Shane nods, “I hope I get to meet him one day”

“I hope so too” Shane says, “But I’m pretty sure you’ll hate him”

“Can’t imagine that” Hayden laughs.

Hayden leans back, “So - you’re not heading out?” he asks, glancing at Shane.

“Head out where?” he asks, as if he hasn’t been sneaking out for almost a decade every time they’ve played in Boston.

“Uhm - your guy?” he asks, “Seriously, what is going on here?”

“Oh” he says, “We broke up”

He says it so carelessly and Hayden doesn’t know what to make of it - it seemed so very serious a year ago - and now it’s over?

“Oh - that sucks dude. What happened?” he asks, trying to be a supportive friend.

“I guess the long distance got to us” he says, “It’s fine”

He dismisses it, and Hayden knows him well enough not to push the issue. He also knows him well enough to know this isn’t the whole story.

“Hey, you wanna come over for dinner after training?” Hayden asks Shane as he changes into his tracksuit, “It’s been a while!”

“Can’t” he says, “I’m driving to Ottawa tonight”

“Again?” he asks, “Weren’t you there earlier this week?”

“Uhm - yeah” he says, “My parents live there”

“Ok” he frowns, “Because you seem too excited for someone visiting his parents - you sure it isn’t some guy you met?”

“Yes” he says, but he’s blushing, “We’ll have dinner another time”

He gets that nagging feeling again that he’s not getting the entire story, and he wants to ask something else but Shane gets a text and he isn’t paying attention anymore as he gets up and takes off, checking his messages, “See you next week” he shouts over his shoulder as he practically runs out. Yes, definitely a guy.

“I still can’t believe Rozanov traded Boston for Ottawa” Jackie says as they’re watching some hockey highlights that night, Hayden laughs and she looks at him.

“What’s funny?” she asks, and he shakes his head.

“No, it’s just - some dumb thing that popped up” he says, but at his wife’s expression he goes on, “So, Shane used to meet up with someone back in Boston - every game he’d take off to be with his Boston Lily, which we now know it a guy of course. Anyways - last game in Boston he stays in. Tells me they broke up, really avoiding the subject to be honest. And this afternoon he couldn’t get out fast enough - said he’s driving to Ottawa”

“Visiting his parents?”

“That’s what he said” he laughs, “But he forgot that he told me they’re on a trip right now. And now, I just thought - Rozanov. He was in Boston - and he’s now in Ottawa, and I thought - imagine if he’s Boston Lily! Which is hilarious”

“No, what would be really hilarious” Jackie says, laughing along with him “Is if you ask him”

“Okay - yes! I will ask him next time after training”

End Notes

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awards instead of getting an early closure

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