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Summary

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+ Everything happens back to back. The boys don't take a break until summer

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Ilya hadn't been himself for a while now. But their schedules didn't help them to actually talk about serious stuff when one of them flew away or had practice.

Anytime they meet Shane would forget about this concern and drown in their lustful time together.

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It all happened too fast for Shane to catch up.

It was just a party

And Shane didn't realize that it wasn't just the party it was everything.

They both said many things.

Things both of them regretted.

They had their biggest fight they had in years

And Shane didn't hold back. He fired back. He didn't hold back and said some nasty things to Ilya.

Why did he ask him ?

Why did he push for the answer ?

Why did he push him ?

WOULD YOU CHOOSE ME?

He was an asshole

He had been crying since he left Ilya.

Would Ilya choose shane? Really!!

He already did!!!

Ilya gave so much for them.

He had left a great team to move to Ottawa and be closer to Shane. God, he made his boyfriend move to his hometown.

Away from the friends he made in Boston, even the complicated friendship he had with Svetlana.

He had friends and family that supported him and expected Ilya to be cool that his friends and family accepted him as Shane's boyfriend??

It was true that Ilya only had people that were from Shane's side as friends.

Their fight really wasn't about the party

It was because Ilya wanted...no, he needed to breathe.

Ilya and shane had talked briefly, both had games elsewhere not having the time to meet and talk. Only from facetime that was limited by the schedules.

But it was enough to give them some air to breathe.
But they would talk when they were both home.

Ilya was in America for a game and would be back the day after tomorrow.

Shane was in Montreal getting ready for the next game.

BREAKING NEWS: IS ILYA ROZANOV AND SHANE HOLLANDER IN A SECRET RELATIONSHIP?!

Are the two star players of NHL Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov actually dating?!?!

[Picture of the commercial they did years back]

Was their rivalry a facade just to hide their relationship?

Let's be real we all heard the rumor that Shane Hollander is gay and don't start in the comments that Ilya Rozanov is 100% straight. Have you heard the term Bi?

Their rivalry was built cause their teams had been enemies from the start of time but it changed after Hollander got hurt. The reaction of Rozanov in the ring was fucking something. And there was a rumor that Rozanov visited him at the hospital afterwards.

[Video of the game Shane got hurt]

They have a foundation together and do camps together. Their rivalry is only on the ice but outside you would say they are besties. But there are many things that lead to this conclusion.

That your favorite hockey players are together for years if not from the start.

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It was bad.

The article had many reasonable things along with a very smart selection of photos. It seemed believable. But it was also dangerous cause they weren't in the same country at the moment.

First it was yuna and David calling them.

Then their agent.

Then the league.

Ilya wanted to fly back to Canada to be there for Shane, but it looked suspicious.

Ilya had a game in some hours and he would fly back to Canada right after the article.

It would look more suspicious that way.

"I can not play when i know you will be scrolling all over internet to see if anyone posts something else. It is not important game. I can fake injury" Ilya explained

"Ilya it's better that you stay. It will seem weird for you to come back when you can play and laugh at the interviews, that some fan made up a story about their ship" Shane explained them so simply.

Ilya knew that Shane didn't mean anything and anxiety was talking but he did feel his heart squish a little.

He sighed defeated and asked "what the league said? Will we deny anything? Make statement?"

Shane groaned "they said as soon as possible we post a statement to deny everything and as Crowell said even if it's true i don't want to know. It's better that it's just a rumor and nothing else"

Ilya wanted to punch a wall "I don't want to know what he thinks. All i want is to be there with you. Are you ok?"

"I'm in a grey area. One side says I don't need to panic cause we were careful and didn't have reviling photos. And the other is already dead from anxiety" he ended with a nervous laugh

Ilya leaned on his window inside the hotel

"Hear what i want you to do after we close the phone. I want you to visit your parents and watch the game have fun and cheer for your boyfriend. And definitely not look at your phone. I'm sure your parents would like the same"

He felt shane smile when he answered "Dad suggested the same and mum makes plans"

"Good. I will feel better if you see me win" Ilya said

"Good luck Ilya" shane said

"Stay strong for me a little longer, sweetheart" and ended the call with a smug face "and i don't need luck"

His teammates didn't push for an answer. But he could feel their support even if they didn't speak.

Troy only said something that he knew from the start and Ilya had cursed him in Russian.

Troy only laughed "not insulted if i don't understand, man"

That set a better mood for the team.

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They won the game and were cheering in the locker room when coach Wiebe got in to announce that they would be leaving that night cause a storm would reach Canada and they didn't want to risk staying in America.

Or that's what they'll tell the reporters.

They were close to Montreal when Ilya woke up from his very uncomfortable nap when a turbulence happened.

He didn't fully understand what was happening when suddenly the plane dipped. He screamed with everyone on the plane.

He thought of Shane.

That even when their secret was partly out they wouldn't be able to live it. He thought of Shane alone and couldn't think of anything else but the very sad outcome.

When the plane found it's balance but still trembled like he was, he grabbed his phone and found no signal cause they were on a fucking plane and used the wifi to text from Instagram.

I am thinking only about you right now. A million memories. Thank you for those.

Whatever happens, I am with you. Safe in your heart. I believe it.

I love you always

He had tears running but he didn't care. He touched his chest trying to find the cross. He prayed.

A little more time please we are so close

Shane read the messages when he woke up the next morning. The storm was heavy outside and thunders made him tremble even more.

He immediately called Ilya but he didn't pick up.

He went crazy. He ran grabbed keys and ran outside. He didn't even dress up for the cold storm.

His mind was rising fast and he couldn't open the car. He couldn't see the buttons from the rain and blurry eyes.

The keys fell from his hands when his phone suddenly rang.

He didn't think he answered "yes!!"

"Shane c...hear me??" It was Ilya but the signal was trash

Shane felt million weights off of his shoulders

"Ilya!!!! Oh my god you are ok? Tell me you are ok!! Where are you!! Can you hear me. I'm coming to the airport!!" He yelled and didn't care if someone heard him.

"I'm fine.... don't come..... I'm....taxi I'll b...here in five" the call ended and shane felt the silence like a blanket. He didn't hear the rain or the cold or that he was fucking bear foot. Or that he was crying like a baby in the middle of the street.

Ilya was ok

He was ok

And was coming home

He breathed hard and fat tears fell from those eyes.

He thought of the possibility that...

Ilya had written him. His last words were him. Ilya was thinking of him.

And those words mean nothing if Ilya Rozanov wasn't alive.

If Ilya wasn't alive then Shane wouldn't be alive.

He wouldn't be able to breathe that word would be grey.

Ironically it poured more rain. He was soaked but he stayed on the pavement waiting.

When he saw the taxi pull over and saw Ilya standing there alive he crumbled.

Ilya was already running

"Baby" Ilya cried too knelt and took Shane's face in his hands. He wiped tears but new ones kept coming and he kissed him.

"Don't" Shane said with horsed voice from all that crying

"What?" Ilya asked

"Don't you dare die before me" Shane leaned to rest his face on Ilya's neck.

"I don't plan on doing that any time soon, sweetheart. Never, not without your permission"

Shane chuckled before sob again.

"Let's go inside. You'll catch a cold. I know you've been waiting. A hot shower to clean you, da?" He got Shane in his arms and went inside.

Yuna and David were awake and didn't bother them for hours.

When they were both ready to socialize with their parents they moved to the couch in very comfy clothes and snuggled together with something hot in their mugs.

Yuna got a photo that would be on a wall someday.

"It was hell of a flight but we made it. I really felt I would die"

Shane made a disapproving noise but continued to drink his tea.

"I don't want to break it for you but Farah called. The league is ready to post a statement but needs your approval. She is asking if you gonna go along or.."

They didn't answer anyone and just went to their house and spent the day together.

Ilya had slept after lunch since adrenaline started to wear off after so many hours.

He woke up in an empty bed and decided to get up and look for his boyfriend.

Ilya got down the stairs to find the living room full of candles, electric candles. And Shane was standing by the end of the stairs.

"Did you wait here until i got up? What's this?" He asked

"I couldn't sleep and i thought and thought a lot about our relationship. I think we wasted a lot of years hiding our relationship. I don't know what will happen to our careers but there's nothing in my life that matters more than you Ilya" Shane smiled at him and took his hand in his then knelt to one knee.

"Shane" Ilya's eyes went wide when he saw the box ring

"I choose you, Ilya. I will always always choose you. And that's why i want us to go public. No more hiding or pretending. Even if everyone turns their backs on us"

Both of them started tearing up "So dramatic Hollander" Ilya smiled and let Shane continue He took a breath and spoke "Ilya Rozanov, my love, will you marry me?"

Ilya didn't answer and just stared at Shane with tears running.

"Emm i know it can be intense after what you've been through but you didn't answer" Shane said smiling nervously

Then Ilya snapped back into his body and laughed "yea, Hollander" he leaned down and kissed his fiance "I'm saying yes!!"

"Oh" shane said with a blush on his cheeks and a happy grin on his face. "Yeah!!" He stood up and fell into ilya's arms.

They kissed murmuring lovely words to each other.

"Where's my ring?" Ilya asked when they broke apart to breathe.

The next morning they had a meeting with Crowell to discuss what they would do.

"Here i have what our statement will be. Read it, please. I'm sure everything will be as it used

to be after that. That article had no clear evidence to accuse you of something so ridiculous" Ilya slammed the paper on the table. In his hand a brand-new golden ring shined.

"Actually we thought that this article was a stepping point for us to go public and announce our relationship. Our agent has already prepared a statement. I have it here. You might want to read it, it's impressive"

Farah had place word and terms very delicate. Saying that they were ready to go public and that their relationship would be a stepping point for more LGBTQ+ people to join and interact with hockey. And they hope for the support from the league and fans of the sport they all love.

Cromwell really did read it and thought.

"She is really clever. But we will contact her and see if we can change some things"

"I'm pretty sure she will not back down" shane said "but yeah we will publish this statement and maybe do an interview to clear some things "

The old man was fuming but agreed at the end.
Shand and Ilya walked out holding hands and smiling at each other.

The season had ended and everything worked out, except Shane's team which ended up losing Shane to Ottawa.

They really accepted him with open arms and Shane felt a lot better with a team that supported him.

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It was summer and they stayed in the cottage for the first weeks of their vacation to rest up from the season....

And well get married

It was a lovely and simple ceremony with many friends and family. Where Ilya and Shane could finally tie the knot before Scot and Kip as Ilya stated very proudly.

After the training camps, the newlyweds left for their honeymoon. They visited many countries with many lovely hours spent inside their hotel rooms.

Shane was anxious to be openly out at first but it helped that they were in different countries where reporters didn't really care for them.

Of course Ilya didn't help with his anxiety when he attacked Shane with public make outs in alleys constantly.

Which Shane grew to like them but still grew worried they would get fined for public disruption.

To which Ilya replied with "of course your moaning mess would be public disruption. No one would be able to handle such lustful sight"

Thank god they didn't get fined

The rest of their summer was spent in the cottage preparing for next season and having lovely sex on the dock or beside the fire at night while a loon would still scare Ilya enough to check around.

The season would soon start and they would both be ready to fight together.

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