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Summary

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OR

In a world where your soulmate's first words appear on your body on your 20th birthday, Shane Hollander is disappointed to have gotten such a mundane word. Ilya Rozanov is thrilled.

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Notes

Dedicating this fic to my dear friend Gine who has always supported me with everything that I do and who kept telling me I needed to stop making her sad with my Hollanov amnesia fic (which you can read [here](#) if you so felt inclined). Gine, a happy Hollanov fic just for you, love ya! ❤️

I most definitely put far too much effort into the time stamps in this fic. I am confident at some point you are just going to skip over them entirely, but if you do pay attention, they are there for your viewing leisure with specific thought put into how long it takes to reply based on what was said.

See you on the other side!! x

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

May 10, 2011

Ilya (12:01 AM):

Hollander!

Hollander, it's your birthday!!

Ilya (12:07 AM):

Hollander!!!

Shane (12:08 AM):

Rozanov, I'm WORKING!

Ilya (12:10 AM):

By working you mean traveling after losing, yes?

Shane (12:16 AM):

Fuck you, we still stand a chance.

Ilya (12:18 AM):

Of being swept? Yes.

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Shane (12:54 AM):

It could literally be anyone in the world I've spoken to??

Ilya (12:56 AM):

Maybe. But it's not. It's me.

Shane (12:58 AM):

How do you know? You don't even have your soul mark yet!

Ilya (1:00 AM):

I just know.

And you will know too in 36 days when I get mine.

Shane: (1:05 AM):

Since when do you want to be soulmates, Rozanov??

Ilya (1:06 AM):

Do you not??

Shane (1:08 AM):

We're archrivals??

Ilya (1:09 AM):

Says who?? Stupid reporters??

We can make our own story.

Why be rivals when we can be boyfriends?

Shane (1:12 AM):

Since when are you gay?? I hear about you with women all the time.

Ilya (1:14 AM):

Ha. You pay attention to me. I like this.

But you of all people should know I am not straight.

Ilya (1:19 AM):

I do not know English word. Not all gay. But yes gay. Sometimes gay.

Shane (1:20 AM):

Bisexual?

Ilya (1:23 AM):

I translate. Yes, is right word.

Shane (1:26 AM):

That's great and all, but what makes you think I'M gay??

Ilya (1:28 AM):

Hollander. Do I need to explain how gay works?

Shane (1:30 AM):

Shut up. It was a one time thing.

Ilya (1:31 AM):

Mhmm.

Three times, but okay.

Do YOU like women?

Shane (1:34 AM):

Good night, Rozanov.

Ilya (1:37 AM):

Goodnight soulmate!!! 

Shane (1:39 AM):

Not soulmates!!

Ilya (1:40 AM):

36 days!!

Shane (1:42 AM):

Go away, Rozanov. I need to sleep.

Ilya (1:45 AM):

Sweet dreams! Hope you lose again Thursday!

Shane (1:47 AM):

GOOD NIGHT ROZANOV, FUCK YOU TOO!

Ilya (1:48 AM):



May 11, 2011

Ilya (2:14 PM):
Hollander!

Shane (3:16 PM):
Are you going to start every conversation with my name?

Ilya (3:28 PM):
Maybe.
Probably, yes.

Shane (3:32 PM):
Okay.
What do you want, Rozanov?

Ilya (3:36 PM):
I forgot to ask question yesterday!

Shane (3:38 PM):
Which was?

Ilya (3:39 PM):
Where is soul mark? I know what your soul mark is, but not where?

Shane (3:41 PM):
You're so nosy!
What if I don't want to tell you?

Ilya (3:43 PM):
Then I will seduce you and find out myself??

Shane (3:46 PM):
It's May?? I'm not going to see you in person until November.

Ilya (3:48 PM):
You know next game already?
See? You love me! This is why we are soulmates! 

Shane (3:53 PM):
We're not soulmates, Rozanov!

Ilya (3:55 PM):
We could be! You don't know.

Shane (3:56 PM):
Ignoring that.
Anyways, we both know you couldn't wait until November to find out.

Ilya (4:00 PM):

This is true. So save me trouble and tell me now.
Is nice Canadian thing to do.

Shane (4:03 PM):

For my own sanity, it's on my thigh if you really need to know.

Ilya (4:04 PM):

YES! 😍

I will kiss soul mark on your thigh when I see you next!!!
Is good place for soul mark. Private, but not private for me.

Shane (4:09 PM):

Who says you even get to see it??

I could be having sex with other people for all you know!

Ilya (4:12 PM):

And I could have three arms, but is not true.

Shane (4:13 PM):

WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOW.

Fuck you, Rozanov.

Ilya (4:15 PM):

I keep trying and you keep saying no!!

Shane (4:16 PM):

You are insufferable.

Ilya (4:17 PM):

What is this word?

Shane (4:19 PM):

Look it up.

Ilya (4:25 PM):

This is such rude word!!!

I am such nice man and you call me big word??

I give you best blow job ever and this is thanks I get??

Shane (4:34 PM):

I mean I wouldn't say "ever."

Ilya (4:36 PM):

Who is this person who does better job than me??

Tell me their name!

Shane (4:40 PM):

Why? So you can ask for tips?

Ilya (4:42 PM):

No, so I can kill them.

Shane (4:44 PM):

Jesus, Rozanov.

Ilya (4:47 PM):

They are not your soulmate.

Shane (4:49 PM):

Neither are you??

Ilya (4:50 PM):

I am. You will see.

Shane (4:55 PM):

Listen, I gotta go. We have a team dinner. I don't want to be late.

Ilya (5:00 PM):

Yes, yes, Hollander. Go be good rookie and sit with old men and drink drink you don't like.

Shane (5:02 PM):

I can drink!

Ilya (5:04 PM):

Gingerale does not count.

Shane (5:06 PM):

Fuck you, Rozanov. Bye.

Ilya (5:07 PM):

Bye soulmate!!!

Do not think of me kissing your soul mark at dinner!!

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Shane (8:47 PM):

I hate you.

Ilya (8:50 PM):



Happy thoughts are good for you, Hollander!

Enjoy touching yourself and thinking of me!

Shane (8:56 PM):

You act like you aren't going to touch yourself too??

Ilya (8:58 PM):

Three times since you went to dinner.
Is time for you to catch up.

Shane (9:00 PM):

Jesus.

Ilya (9:01 PM):

No. My name is Ilya.

Shane (9:02 PM):

GOOD NIGHT ROZANOV!

Ilya (9:04 PM):

Good night Hollander.
Good night Little Hollander.

Shane (9:07 PM):

Oh my god.

May 12, 2021

Ilya (6:20 PM):

I am jealous you are in starting lineup.
I am on couch in Boston. So sad. All alone.

Ilya (6:35 PM):

Have you tried to not aim at goalie? You might score more.

Ilya (6:42 PM):

Hollander, I am bored. Do something in game.

Ilya (6:57 PM):

Pike getting boarded is best part of game so far.

Ilya (7:04 PM):

Only 6 shots from Metros in 20 minutes. Do something please??

Shane (7:07 PM):

You do know I am playing a game right now and can't answer, right???

Ilya (7:09 PM):

No, I spend last hour sitting here watching you play for nothing.

I am giving you my thoughts for break.
Your welcome.

Shane (7:14 PM):
You're*

Ilya (7:15 PM):
What is "you're"?

Shane (7:16 PM):
It's shorthand for "you are."
Your is used to show possession, like "your sticks are over there."
But if you can say "you are" and it makes sense, "you're" is short form.
Like "you're out of the playoffs and I'm not."

Ilya (7:21 PM):
Why does English have so many rules??
Stupid fucking language.

Shane (7:23 PM):
I wish I knew.
You aren't going to say anything about my sick diss?

Ilya (7:24 PM):
I am sitting naked on my couch while you play playoff hockey.
I know, Hollander.

Shane (7:26 PM):
Wait, why are you naked??

Ilya (7:27 PM):
Not important.
Have good second period!
Try to do something so I don't fall asleep!

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Ilya (7:37 PM):
Are you thinking of me naked? Why you not score yet?

Ilya (7:45 PM):
Is playoff hockey, but why is this game so boring??
How did Metros even make playoffs? So bad.

Ilya (7:59 PM):
Finally!!! Hollander, was supposed to be you who score, not them!

At least game is not boring now.

Ilya (8:12 PM):

Hollanderrrrrrrrrr. Stop aiming at goalie!!

Ilya (8:24 PM):

If I had microphone in your ear, I will tell you to shoot better.

Ilya (8:28 PM):

Why are you aiming at children behind net? They will not help you win.

Ilya (8:32 PM):

OMG even Pike is aiming better than you.

Ilya (8:37 PM):

This is why I am number one player and you are number two.

Shane (8:43 PM):

YOU are sitting on your couch and I am in the second round of the playoffs.

You aren't anything.

Ilya (8:45 PM):

Rude. But fair.

I would not aim at goalie though.

Shane (8:49 PM):

I'm trying, Rozanov!! He's pretty fucking good if you haven't noticed??

Don't act like I'm not trying, the pucks just aren't going in for me yet.

Ilya (8:54 PM):

Did you forget you are number two player ever? You can score.

Shane (8:55 PM):

I am not the number two player ever.

Ilya (8:56 PM):

Yes. I am number one player ever. You are number two ever. Is simple.

Shane (8:57 PM):

And yet you are naked on your couch and I am drinking a Gatorade in the dressing room.

Ilya (8:59 PM):

I have pants now. My dick was cold.

Shane (9:00 PM):

Rozanov! I'm trying to play a game here!

Ilya (9:02 PM):

Have you tried to score too? Might make game go faster.

Shane (9:02 PM):

I hate you.

Ilya (9:03 PM):

No you don't.

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Ilya (9:05 PM):

You are back on screen, Hollander. You look angry.

Are you angry at me?? Number one nice guy to Shane Hollander??

Ilya (9:21 PM):

HOLLANDER YOU NOT AIM AT GOALIE!!

See?? I tell you, not aiming at goalie will make puck go in!!!

Ilya (9:24 PM):

I want to be playing hockey.

I am naked again. Just so you know.

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Shane (10:04 PM):

What? No more commentary after my goal?

Ilya (10:07 PM):

I am not that big of an asshole.

Sorry you lost.

Maybe next game.

Shane (10:17 PM):

We're down 3-0 in a best of 7 series.

I thought you'd be happy.

Ilya (10:21: PM):

Am happy Metros lose.

Am not happy you lose.

Shane (10:24 PM):

How thoughtful.

What's the difference?

Ilya (10:28 PM):

Metros is not soulmate.

Shane (10:30 PM):

Neither am I?

Ilya (10:32 PM):

You are. You will see.

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Shane (10:46 PM):

Do you think I cost us the game?

Ilya (10:47 PM):

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Shane (10:50 PM):

By hitting the goalie with my shots so many times.
If I had aimed better we might have won.

Ilya (10:55 PM):

Is same for all of team, not just you, Hollander.
20 players on team, but only you scored for Metros tonight.
You are best Metro player.

Shane (11:00 PM):

Not good enough to help us win.

Ilya (11:02 PM):

Not yet, but soon. You will be Stanley Cup Champion one day.
Maybe not this year. But soon.

Shane (11:07 PM):

That was...surprisingly sweet.

Ilya (11:09 PM):

I am an asshole, yes. But not all the time.
Get some rest.

Shane (11:13 PM):

I don't even know if I can sleep.
I'll probably just play all my mistakes over and over again until I pass out.

Ilya (11:15 PM):

Is not good for you, Hollander.

Is sad to lose, yes. But you are good player. You will be okay.
Lots of good players are not champion.
Look at me.
We will both be champions.
You are only 20. Give it time.

Shane (11:20 PM):
Do you really believe that?

Ilya (11:22 PM):
Of course. My soulmate is not a loser.
He will be champion.
And I will be champion so my soulmate is not with loser too.

Shane (11:25 PM):
How can you be so sure that we are going to be soulmates?
You've never said anything about this any of the times we've been together.

Ilya (11:30 PM):
Is just a feeling.
Since I first met you I knew.
Hard to explain.

Shane (11:34 PM):
Not trying to be rude, but how do you know and I don't?
What am I missing?

Ilya (11:36 PM):
Because you have other things to look forward to.
I don't.

Shane (11:38 PM):
Rozanov...

Ilya (11:44 PM):
Good night, Hollander. Next game will be better.

Shane (11:47 PM):
Wait. Don't go.

Shane (11:50 PM):
Rozanov?

Shane (11:59 PM):
Okay.
Good night, Ilya.

May 14, 2011

Shane (7:05 PM):

You're awfully quiet tonight.
I haven't heard from you in two days.

Ilya (7:08 PM):

Yes. Sorry.
Was worried maybe I was distracting you.

Shane (7:10 PM)

No.
I, um...I was kind of looking forward to it tbh.

Ilya (7:12 PM):

You were?

Shane (7:14 PM):

Idk. Kind of?
Yes.
That probably sounds stupid, but...

Ilya (7:15 PM):

But?

Shane (7:16 PM)

Idk.
I was thinking about what you were probably typing the whole period.
"Hollander, stop aiming at goalie!!"
"Hollander, aim better!"
"Good hit, Hollander."
"Hollander, stop being boring please."
Made me want to play better knowing you were watching.

Ilya (7:19 PM):

Is...that good?

Shane (7:20 PM):

Is what good?
Your comments or that I was thinking about you?

Ilya (7:21 PM):

That you were thinking of me on bench?
I don't want to be bad distraction.

Shane (7:23 PM):

You aren't.

Bad, I mean.

A distraction, maybe. But not a bad one.

Ilya (7:25 PM):

Okay.

I will be better for second period.

Go score goal, Hollander.

Remember. Second best player ever.

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Ilya (7:31 PM):

You are smiling on bench.

You really are thinking of me.

Is nice. To not be bad distraction, I mean.

Ilya (7:37 PM):

Jones is such an asshole player.

If I was on ice with you I'd punch him so he'd leave you alone.

Ilya (7:40 PM):

Actually, you would be mad at me for taking penalty.

But I would do it if you asked.

Ilya (7:49 PM):

I refuse to cheer for Pike goal.

Why couldn't it have been you who scored??

Why did you have to assist??

Ilya (7:54 PM):

Why is Pike still smiling?

Goal was five minutes ago.

He has such a dumb face.

How has no one punched it yet?

Ilya (8:02 PM):

HOLLANDER!!!

Wow, second best player ever with best goal in series!

Goal from behind the net, wow.

I am very impressed.

Ilya (8:07 PM):

You are still smiling.

Shane (8:20 PM):

I still can't believe that went in!!
I don't even know what came over me.
I swear I heard you telling me to shoot, so I just took a chance.

Ilya (8:22 PM):

Yes, I was.
Yelling at you to shoot I mean.
That was very nice goal.
Goalie was so mad.

Shane (8:25 PM):

No one wants to be scored on from behind.
But fuck did that feel good!!
All the guys were telling me good job on the bench.
Even Coach said he was impressed.

Ilya (8:27 PM):

He would have to be blind or stupid to not be impressed.

Shane (8:29 PM):

That's still throwing me off, you know.

Ilya (8:29 PM):

What is?

Shane (8:30 PM)

You being nice to me.
It's nice.

Ilya (8:32 PM):

When am I ever not nice to you?
Why do you think I am such a bad guy?

Shane (8:34 PM):

I don't think you are a bad guy.
But even you call yourself an asshole player.
Everyone knows you chirp guys and get under their skin.

Ilya (8:36 PM):

But is not game, Hollander?
We are texting. We are friends.
Why would I be mean to you here?
On ice, maybe. But this isn't ice, this is text.
Have I ever been mean to you when we were together?

Shane (8:38 PM):

I mean...no.

Ilya (8:39 PM):

Okay, so why are you surprised that I am nice??

It's so frustrating.

Go focus on game.

Shane (8:40 PM):

Wait, Ilya.

I didn't mean anything bad by it.

I'm sorry.

Shane (8:41 PM):

Ilya?

Shane (8:42 PM):

Fuck.

Ilya Rozanov: Call (10:41 PM: 0:06 Seconds)

Ilya Rozanov: Call (10:44 PM: 0:06 Seconds)

Shane (10:45 PM):

Ilya.

Please answer.

I'm sorry.

I didn't mean to hurt you.

Ilya Rozanov: Call (10:50 PM: 0:06 Seconds)

Ilya (10:52 PM):

Shane. Stop calling.

Shane (10:54 PM):

Ilya!!

Listen.

I'm so sorry.

I don't know why I said all that.

You're right, you've always been nice to me when we are together.

I was thinking about it the entire third period and you are absolutely right.

I didn't mean to hurt you. I shouldn't have said that.

Looks like Shane Hollander has been the asshole this whole time.

Ilya (10:59 PM):

Yes. About time you see this.
Ilya Rozanov is nice guy.
Shane Hollander is asshole.

Shane (11:01PM):

Yes! He is!
And he's really sorry.
I really am sorry, Ilya.
I'll do whatever it takes to make it up to you.

Ilya (11:04 PM):

Were you really thinking about this for whole period?

Shane (11:05 PM):

Yes.
I only know we won because the guys were celebrating as the clock was running out.

Ilya (11:07 PM):

This is why I didn't want to text you.
I don't want to be distraction.

Shane (11:08 PM):

You aren't a distraction.
I'm just an asshole.
You've been nothing but nice to me since we met.
Well...maybe not the first time.
But every time after that.
And on the ice is different.
I'm sorry, Ilya.
How can I make it up to you?

Ilya (11:14 PM):

It's okay, Shane.
I forgive you.
I was just feeling sorry for myself.

Shane (11:16 PM):

Why?
Because you aren't in the playoffs?

Ilya (11:18 PM):

Something like that.

Shane (11:20 PM):

I'm sorry.
You will be next year.
I know you will.

Ilya (11:22 PM):

I hope so.

Maybe my Dad will stop being disappointed in me.

Shane (11:23 PM):

Your Dad is disappointed in you?

Ilya (11:25 PM):

Yes.

All day today he tell me.

"Should be you in playoffs, not number two pick."

"Why they pick you as number one when you cannot even get to playoffs?"

Shane (11:27 PM):

That's awful.

There's 23 players on a team.

You can't get the team to the playoffs on your own??

Ilya (11:29 PM):

Tell that to my Dad.

Shane (11:30 PM):

Wait...

Where are you right now??

Ilya (11:32 PM):

There we go.

Shane (11:33 PM):

Holy shit, you are in Russia.

What time is it there for you right now??

Ilya (11:35 PM):

7:35.

Shane (11:36 PM):

AM???

Ilya (11:36 PM):

Yes.

Shane (11:37 PM):

Jesus, Ilya. Have you even slept??

Ilya (11:40 PM):

No.

I was watching the game.

Shane (11:41 PM):
Even the third period?

Ilya (11:43 PM):
Yes.
Even third period.

Shane (11:45 PM):
Fuck.
I feel extra awful now.
I'm really sorry, Ilya.
I wish I could see you.

Ilya (11:50 PM):
What would you do if you could?

Shane (11:52 PM):
Normally I'd say suck your dick.
But right now I kind of just wish I could hug you.

Ilya (11:54 PM):
I would like that.

Shane (11:55 PM):
Which part?

Ilya (11:55 PM):
Yes.

Shane (11:56 PM):
Ha.
Okay, well.
Next time I see you, we can do both.
If you'd like that is.

Ilya (11:58 PM):
I would like that, yes.
Very much so.

Shane (11:59 PM):
Okay, well, deal then.
Pencil me in for November 7th.

May 15, 2011

Ilya (12:01 AM):

You remember the date?

Shane (12:02 AM)

I remember everything when it comes to seeing you.

You should get some sleep, Ilya.

I hope your day goes better.

Ilya (12:04 AM):

Thank you.

You should go celebrate with the team.

Shane (12:05 AM):

I'm okay.

I'd rather talk to you.

Ilya (12:09 AM):

Should I watch the game tomorrow?

Shane (12:10 AM):

Only if you want to.

But I'd really like it if you did.

Ilya (12:12 AM):

Okay.

Talk to you tomorrow, Hollander.

Shane (12:14 AM):

Sweet dreams, Rozanov.

Shane (12:29 AM):



Ilya (12:31 AM):



May 16, 2011

Ilya (6:24 PM):

Why did you not tell me you were hurt???

Ilya (6:35 PM):

That is third time I have seen you wince when taking shot.

When did you get hurt??

I don't remember seeing you get hurt. I would notice.

Ilya (6:44 PM):

Next time I see Jones I am going to break his face.

They know you are hurt. They are trying to use injury against you.

Ilya (6:50 PM):

What is point of Pike if not to protect you??

That is second time someone has hit you into boards.

Shane (7:06 PM):

I'm okay. Mostly.

I didn't want you to worry.

Especially not after I was being such an asshole.

Ilya (7:07 PM):

When did this happen??

Ilya (7:12 PM)

Shane?

Shane (7:13 PM):

Sorry.

Medical staff were freezing my ribs.

Ilya (7:14 PM):

Are they broken?

Shane (7:15 PM):

Thankfully, no.

It was that slapshot from the point that I blocked in the final two minutes of the game on

Thursday.

Came up under my padding and caught me in the ribs.

One fractured, one bruised.

I'll live, obviously.

Hurts like a bitch when I shoot though.

Ilya (7:17 PM):

I can tell.

You should tell your team to protect you.

You are no use to them in medical room.

Shane (7:19 PM):

Ha. That's funny.

That's basically what Coach just said.

Ilya (7:21 PM):

Coach is smart man.

Be careful please.

I know you won't not play because I would not stop either.

But try to avoid big guys trying to hit you, yes?

Shane (7:23 PM):

Yeahhhhhhhh.

I definitely didn't mean to wince as obviously as I did.

Jones saw and told the bench.

They've been after me ever since.

Ilya (7:24 PM):

Hm. Looks like Jones and I will be having date in October

Shane (7:24 PM):

Normally I'd tell you not to go after anyone.

But in this case...

Just be careful.

Ilya (7:25 PM):

Yes.

I will make him regret going after you.

Shane (7:28 PM):

Because we're soulmates?

Ilya (7:29 PM):

Something like that.

Be careful in second period please.

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Ilya (7:41 PM):

Your team is playing like shit.

Half focus on protecting you.

Half focus on giving other team puck.

Ilya (7:49 PM):

Is good we don't play on same team.

I would be kicked out of game by now.

Ilya (7:56 PM):

Sigh.

That was bad goal.

Ilya (8:04 PM):

That was also bad goal.

At least you were not on ice.

Though...you are not playing much this period.

Ilya (8:11 PM):

Is only time I will ever say this.

Good job Pike.

Shane (8:20 PM):

Screenshotting and making that my lock screen immediately!

Ilya (8:21 PM):

Ha ha.

Very funny.

At least Pike boarded Jones.

Too bad he got back up.

Shane (8:24 PM):

What did you want him to do? Kill the guy?

Ilya (8:25 PM):

I mean, it's option.

Shane (8:26 PM)

No killing!

If we win, I want to win because we are the better team.

Not because we had to kill a guy to get there.

Ilya (8:28 PM)

Why not both?

Kill Jones AND score more goals.

Win win, yes?

Shane (8:30 PM):

Ilya.

Ilya (8:31 PM):

Shane.

Shane (8:31 PM):

No killing.

That's final.

Ilya (8:33 PM):

What is saying you Canadians have?

Party pooper?

Shane (8:34 PM):

Need I remind you that you yourself boarded me the last time we played each other?

Ilya (8:35 PM):

I don't know what your talking about.

You're*

Shane (8:36 PM):

Mhmm.

Ilya (8:37 PM):

I kissed it better after at least.

That should count for something, yes?

Shane (8:38 PM):

Yes.

5 points for Slytherin.

Ilya (8:38 PM):

What the fuck is Slytherin??

Shane (8:39 PM):

From Harry Potter??

Do they not have Harry Potter in Russia??

Ilya (8:40 PM):

Omg Shane, be boring later!

Go win game!!

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Ilya (8:45 PM):

Well.

That is not best start to period.

Is only 3-0 though.

Lots of time to score goals.

Ilya (8:54 PM):

I meant your team score goals, not their team.

Ilya (8:59 PM):

Next time we play Metros, I am punching every player who did not protect you.

Ilya (9:02 PM):

I want to say something nice so I am not just negative, but your team is making it hard.

Ilya (9:09 PM):

You look sexy angry. Does that count?

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Ilya (9:34 PM):

I'm sorry, Shane.

Next year.

May 17, 2011

Shane (10:14 AM):

Hey.

Sorry I didn't text you back last night.

Was feeling pretty miserable.

Figured I wouldn't be good company.

Ilya (10:38 AM):

It's okay.

I would have done same thing.

How are your ribs?

Shane (10:43 AM):

Sore.

But they'll heal.

Hopefully only a few weeks.

Ilya (10:45 AM):

Yes. Hopefully.

Did you fly back to Montreal already?

Shane (10:48 AM):

Yeah.

Flew back last night.

Pretty quiet flight.

Ilya (10:51 AM):

Flight back from Toronto after missing playoffs was same.

Few people played cards, but most people were quiet.

Shane (10:54 AM):

I'm so disappointed.

Not how I thought my first playoffs was going to go.

Thought I might have played a little bit better.

Ilya (10:57 AM):

Shane.

You scored 5 goals in two rounds and got 3 assists?

You are rookie.

You played amazing.

Even got hurt for team.

Don't be hard on yourself.

Shane (11:00 AM):

I bet you would have played better.

Ilya (11:01 AM):

But I didn't.

I didn't even make playoffs.

Shane (11:03 AM):

You scored more goals than me in the regular season though.

I bet if you had been in the playoffs you would have gotten 6 goals and 4 assists.

Ilya (11:05 AM):

It is not a competition, Shane.

We are not talking about "would have."

You did score. I didn't.

You may have lost in playoffs, yes.

But be proud for getting there.

And it was only one more goal.

Shane (11:10 AM):

Yeah. Sorry.

You're right.

Just feeling pretty shit right now.

Mind is spiralling a bit.

Ilya (11:14 AM):

Yes. I can tell.

Let's talk about something else then.

Shane (11:18 AM):

Okay. That's a good idea.

How's Russia?

Is it nice there in May?

Ilya (11:20 AM):

Russia is fine.

Dad is asshole.
Brother is asshole.
Weather is fine.
Is raining today.

Shane (11:24 AM):

I didn't know you had a brother.

Do you like the rain?

I know some people don't, but I love it.

Sometimes when I am back in Ottawa I like to go to my parents cottage when it rains and sit
on the dock.

It's really peaceful.

Probably my favourite place on Earth.

Ilya (11:30 AM):

Shane.

You are so boring.

Who watches rain on a dock??

Shane (11:32 AM):

I bet you'd like it more than you think.

It's calming.

Sometimes we all need a little calm.

Ilya (11:34 AM):

Not too much though.

Sometimes wild is good.

Shane (11:36 AM):

Is that why you drive a sports car?

And sleep with so many people?

Ilya (11:38 AM):

Kind of.

Is...I don't know English word.

Chase is good sometimes.

Shane (11:41 AM):

You like the thrill?

Of driving fast and convincing someone to sleep with you?

Well. Maybe convincing isn't the right word.

I imagine people are pretty willing.

Ilya (11:44 AM):

Yes. Thrill is word I was thinking.

And you, Hollander?

Are you considered willing?

Shane (11:47 AM):

Fuck you, Rozanov.
You know the answer.

Ilya (11:50 AM):

Yes.

Shane Hollander is always willing.

But just for me.

Such a good boy.

Shane (11:54 AM):

Why are you being such a dick?

Ilya (11:57 AM):

Why does that make me a dick?

Are you ashamed to sleep with me?

Is good. That you are willing.

Is sexy.

I love it.

Shane (12:00 PM):

...
You do?

Ilya (12:02 PM):

Yes. Of course.

Everyone thinks they know you.

But only I really know you.

You are so willing.

Always on his knees for me.

All I have to do is ask.

It drives me crazy.

Think about it all the time when I am alone.

Think of your lips.

Think about kissing you.

Think about fucking you.

Shane (12:08 PM):

Fuck, Ilya.
Are you alone?

Ilya (12:10 PM):

Yes.

I am in my room.

Door is locked.

Shane (12:12 PM):

Tell me.
Tell me what you'd do to me if you were here.

Ilya (12:14 PM):

Mmm.

Where are you right now, Hollander?

Are you naked?

Are you thinking of my hands on your body?

Shane (12:16 PM):

Fuck.

Yes. I'm alone.

Just in my living room.

I'm...still dressed.

Ilya (12:18 PM):

Take your clothes off.

All of them.

Then touch yourself.

I want you to rub your cock and think of me.

Shane (12:21 PM):

Fuck.

I wish you were here.

My hands don't feel the same.

Ilya (12:22 PM):

Yes.

I would take you apart.

Lie behind you on your bed.

Put cock between your big thighs.

Use you to get off.

And you would be good for me.

You would take it.

And you would ask me to touch you, but I wouldn't.

And once I cum between your legs.

I would use my cum to open you up.

And then I would push into you and fuck you so hard you forget your name.

Fuck Hollander.

Wish you were here.

Want to fuck you so bad.

Shane (12:28 PM):

Fuck, fuck, fuck.

Ilya.

Please.

Don't stop.

So close.

Ilya (12:30 PM):

Good job Hollander.

Yes, that's my good boy.
You take me so well.
Love the feeling of you around my cock.
So tight.
So sexy.
Fuck, I love your body.
Be good for me.
I want to see you cum.

Shane (12:34 PM):
FUCK!

Ilya (12:35 PM):
Show me.

Shane (12:36 PM):
What??

Ilya (12:36 PM):
You heard me.
Show me.

Shane (12:37 PM):
You want me to take a picture of myself covered in my own cum???

Ilya (12:38 PM):
Yes. Show me.
I want to see you.

Shane (12:39 PM):
Um. Okay.

Shane (12:42 PM):
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Ilya (12:43 PM):
Fuuuuuuuuuck.
So good for me, Hollander.

Shane (12:45 PM):
Your turn.
I want to see you now.

Ilya (12:46 PM):
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Shane (12:47 PM):
Fuck.
That's so hot.

Ilya (12:49 PM):

Yes.

Just for you.

Only do this with you.

Shane (12:50 PM):

Come on.

I'm sure you sext with other people.

Ilya (12:51 PM):

No.

Not true.

Only you.

Shane (12:54 PM):

Why?

Because you think we are soulmates?

Ilya (12:55 PM):

Maybe. I don't know.

But is different with you.

Has always been different.

Shane (12:58 PM):

I don't either.

Sext other people, I mean.

Just you.

Ilya (1:00 PM):

Good.

I am going to go now though. I am very tired.

Good night, Shane.

Shane (1:02 PM):

Oh yeah. I forgot about the time difference.

Sorry, I'm being so selfish, you didn't even sleep.

Good night, Ilya. I hope you have sweet dreams.

Ilya (1:04 PM):

I will.

I will dream of you.

Shane (1:05 PM):

Oh.

I, um.

I like the sounds of that.

Shane (1:11 PM):



Ilya (1:12 PM):



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Shane (9:54 AM):

Hi.

Ilya (10:15 AM):

Hi.

Why do you sound nervous?

Shane (10:18 AM):

How can I sound nervous?

We're texting.

Ilya (10:20 AM):

And yet...

Shane (10:21 AM):

Idk. Maybe a bit.

This is just new, I guess.

The whole texting each other thing.

Ilya (10:23 AM):

We text?

Shane (10:24 AM):

We text to coordinate a hook-up.

This texting just to text each other, that part is new.

Ilya (10:26 AM):

Ah.

You are overthinking things I see.

Shane (10:30 AM):

A bit.

Sorry.

Ilya (10:34 AM):

Don't be sorry.

I am happy to hear from you.

Shane (10:35 AM):

You are?

Ilya (10:36 AM):

Yes.

I thought you realized this by now.

Shane (10:38 AM):

Soooo...you are okay with this?

If I text you just because?

Ilya (10:40 AM):

I would not answer if I wasn't.

Shane (10:41 AM):

That's...fair.

Um.

How was your day?

Ilya (11:00 AM):

Sorry for delay, my agent called.

Is funny you type "um" in your messages.

That is third time you have done it.

It is cute.

Shane (11:08 AM):

You think it's cute that I write um?

Ilya (11:09 AM):

I find lots of things you do cute.

It's annoying.

Shane (11:11 AM):

Why do you find it annoying?

Ilya (11:12 AM):

Because no matter how hard I try.

You say one word and I am soft mushy puddle.

I like to be in control.

But with you...

Not so good at being in control.

Shane (11:14 AM):

Oh.

Shane (11:18 AM):

Can I ask you something?

Ilya (11:20 AM):

I imagine you will ask whether I want you to or not.
So yes. Ask away.

Shane (11:24 AM):

When did you decide you wanted to be soulmates with me?
I said this the other night, but...you've never hinted you wanted that before?
I mean, anyone in the world could be your soulmate.
Why would you want me?

Ilya (11:30 AM):

I mean, is not completely true.
Every person gets one soulmate.
Cannot have anyone.

Shane (11:33 AM):

You know what I mean.
I know we don't get to pick our soulmates or anything.
But were you serious? About wishing that yours will be me?

Ilya (11:36 AM)

Is not something I would joke about, Shane.

Shane (11:37 AM):

Okay, but why?
Why me?

Ilya (11:38 AM):

Who would you choose then?
If you could choose your soulmate.
Who would it be?

Shane (11:40 AM):

That wasn't the question, Rozanov.

Ilya (11:42 AM):

No. But I don't understand your question.
Is it so bad if I want it to be you?

Shane (11:44 AM):

No, of course not.
I just...

Ilya (11:45 AM):

You just?

Ilya (11:55 AM):

Shane?

Shane (11:59 AM):

Sorry. I'm just in my head right now.
If I tell you something, will you promise not to make fun of me?

Ilya (12:01 PM):

Normally I would say no.
But this sounds serious.
So yes. I promise.

Shane (12:02 PM):

Thank you.

Shane (12:06 PM):

I...

I don't know.

I never really thought too hard about soulmates growing up.
I mean, I know we're taught when we're kids that we all get one when we're 20, but...
I don't know. I just never thought I would.

Ilya (12:10 PM):

You did not think you would get soulmate?
Why?
Everyone gets one.

Shane (12:14 PM):

This probably sounds stupid, but my whole life, I've always had to do what others wanted me to do. What I ate. What I wore. What position I played.
I've always just done what I was told.
Go to practice. Go to the game. Workout. Travel.
It's always been like that.
I guess at some point I started wondering how a soulmate would fit into that world.
And I know that not everyone gets a romantic soulmate.
Lots of people find their soulmate and it's totally platonic.
But...I don't know.
Just with how crazy my life is, just feels like what are the chances I would actually even find my soulmate? And would they even want to be with a hockey player?
Feels stupid to be in the NHL looking at soulmate boards trying to find words I recognize.

Ilya (12:28 PM):

Ah. Yes. I understand this thinking.
I think maybe we are more similar than we thought.

Shane (12:29 PM):

You do?

Ilya (12:30 PM):

Yes.
You and I, we are similar, but different.
Hockey is your life.

For me, hockey is...
Escape.
From Russia.
From my family.

Shane (12:34 PM):
Oh.
Do you not like hockey?

Ilya (12:37 PM):
No, I love hockey.
But I love it because I am good at it.
Good enough to get drafted.
Good enough to go to North America.
That was what I wanted.
So I practice.
I train.
I work hard.
But not for same reason you do.

Shane (12:40 PM):
So where does your soulmate fit into this?

Ilya (12:44 PM):
My family does not understand me.
My Dad is police.
My brother is police.
In Russia, soulmates are not same as Canada.
In Canada, all soulmate bonds are accepted.
In Russia, only man-woman soulmate bonds are accepted.
Soulmate Board in Russia does not accept anything else.
If you are different, they kick you out.

Shane (12:51 PM):
Your family would kick you out if your soulmate was a man??

Ilya (12:53 PM):
My family would kick me out for lots of things if not for my money.
That one would just be more...final.

Shane (12:55 PM):
That's awful, Ilya.
But why would you want me to be your soulmate then??
You would lose your family if it were me.

Ilya (12:57 PM):
Yes.
But maybe is not a bad thing.
You are right, I do fuck a lot of people.

It's fun. I like to have sex.
But I always go home alone.
And in Boston I am always alone.
No texts from my family.
No good luck messages.
No good game messages.
Just calls when I do bad job.
For me...soulmate is maybe escape.
Maybe find someone who would be proud of me.
Someone who would tell me I did a good job.

Shane (1:04 PM):

I would tell you that you did a good job.

Ilya (1:06 PM):

I know.
Is why selfishly I hope it is you.

Shane (1:10 PM):

You never answered my question earlier.
About why you'd want it to be me?

Ilya (1:17 PM):

I do not know if I know myself.
I am always confused when I am with you.
Feel things I don't usually feel.
Is stupid to dream, I know.
7 billion people on this earth.
What are chances I find my soulmate when I am 18?
What are chances he introduces himself to me out in cold?
And yet...
I still dream.

Shane (1:20 PM):

I don't think it's stupid.
To dream, I mean.
You should ask me again.

Ilya (1:24 PM):

Ask what again?

Shane (1:27 PM):

Who I would choose if I could choose my soulmate.

Ilya (1:32 PM):

Okay Shane Hollander.
Who would you choose if you could choose your soulmate?

Shane (1:36 PM):

The same person who's first word I hope is already on my thigh.

Ilya (1:45 PM):

Then I guess we are hoping for same thing.

Shane (1:47 PM):

I guess we are.

27 days.

Ilya (1:49 PM):

Now who is counting?

Shane (1:50 PM):

Shut up.

I gotta go, I'm meeting up with my parents for a bit.

Text me sometime maybe?

Ilya (1:52 PM):

Yes. I will.

Have a good day with your parents.

Shane (1:54 PM):

Thanks.

Talk to you later.

Ilya (2:08 PM):



Shane 2:11 PM):



May 22, 2011

Ilya (11:01 AM):

Hello Mr. Rookie of the Year 🥰

Shane (11:04 AM):

Shush you.

We both got nominated.

Which, congrats, Ilya. I'm proud of you.

Ilya (11:05 AM):



You too, Shane.
But we both know you will win.

Shane (11:08 AM):



I thought you said it wasn't a competition?

Ilya (11:10 AM):

I mean, normally yes.
But this is literally competition.
Cannot be two rookies of year.
Just one.
And it will be you.

Shane (11:14 AM):

We had almost identical seasons, Ilya.
It could literally be either one of us.
Not that other dude though. Fuck that guy.
It will for sure be one of us.

Ilya (11:17 AM):

Ha! Yes. Obviously will be one of us.
Two best players.
But will be you who wins.
Same number of points, but you took your team to playoffs.

Shane (11:20 AM):

Would you be mad?
If it were me?

Ilya (11:26 AM):

Mad? No.
Disappointed for myself? Yes.
But I can be happy for you and sad for me at same time.
Would you be mad if I won?

Shane (11:27 AM):

Same answer I think.
I'd be proud of you, but sad that I lost it.
I think both can exist together.

Ilya (11:30 AM):

Yes. We are in agreement.
But selfishly, I am more happy about date than nomination.

Shane (11:34 AM):

The date?

I don't think I noticed, one sec.

Shane (11:37 AM):

Oh! The awards are on your birthday!

Ilya (11:38 AM):

Yes.

I am looking forward to it.

Shane (11:40 AM):

We could celebrate together if you wanted?

I mean, we'll probably both be in town the night before, right?

Shane (11:50 AM):

Ilya?

Ilya (11:54 AM):

Sorry. Yes.

I thought you would never ask.

Shane (11:55 AM):

You had me worried there for a sec.
Thought maybe I said the wrong thing.

Ilya (11:57 AM):

No. Was opposite.

I am not used to people wanting to be with me on my birthday.

Needed a minute.

Shane (11:58 AM):

Oh.

Well I do.

Want to spend your birthday with you, I mean.

If you aren't too tired from the travel, we could stay up until midnight together?

And, um, see what your soul mark is?

If you'd want?

Ilya (12:00 PM):

You did it again.

Shane (12:04 PM):

Did what?

Oh. I guess I do write "um" a lot when I type, don't I?

Ilya (12:05 PM):

Yes. Is very...

Cute, but not cute?

Like when you try really hard?

Shane (12:07 PM):
I think you mean endearing.

Ilya (12:08 PM):
Yes. I think that sounds right.
You are very endearing to me, Shane Hollander.

Shane (12:09 PM):
Well.
You are very endearing to me too, Ilya Rozanov.

Ilya (12:13 PM):
I am glad.
I must say goodbye now though.
I am going out with some friends.
Going to a club.

Shane (12:15 PM):
Oh.
That...sounds fun
Hope you have a good time.

Ilya (12:16 PM):
Does it? You sound not so sure.
You will not ask me not to sleep with anyone?

Shane (12:17 PM):
I don't think I have the right to ask that of you.
You should have fun. You deserve it.
Mr. Rookie of the Year.

Ilya (12:18 PM):
You are sweet, Shane.
Have a good day.
Talk later.

Shane (12:19 PM):
Talk later.

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Ilya (4:09 PM):



Shane (4:58 PM):
Get some sleep, Ilya.
Sweet dreams.



May 25, 2011

Ilya (9:14 PM):
Shane.
Tell me something fun.

Shane (9:21 PM):
Hey!
What are you doing awake
Isn't it like 5 in the morning for you?

Ilya (9:23 PM):
Yes, but I cannot sleep.
So...tell me something fun.

Shane (9:24 PM):
So you came to the boring Canadian for something "fun"?

Ilya (9:26 PM):
Ugh. You are right.
Should have texted Scott Hunter.

Shane (9:27 PM):
Oh shut up.
I can be fun.

Ilya (9:28 PM):
Mhmm.
Says man who literally called himself boring Canadian two seconds ago.
So convincing, Hollander.
Fine, tell me something boring.

Shane (9:31 PM):
I feel like your idea of fun and my idea of fun might be different.

Ilya (9:32 PM):
This is for sure true.
What is your idea of fun?

Shane (9:34 PM):

Well, I mean, I feel like your idea of fun is going to clubs and driving fast cars.

I'm a bit more simple.

I was just lying in bed reading.

I'll get back to training in a few days, but for now just wanted to relax.

Ilya (9:36 PM):

Hollander. Do you hear yourself??

Shane (9:37 PM):

I mean, no. We're texting.

Bit of a silent exercise if you hadn't noticed.

Ilya (9:38 PM):

Shane.

That was actually funny.

I'm so proud.

Shane (9:39 PM):

Oh fuck off.

I can be funny.

Ilya (9:40 PM):

Yes, I know this.

You say this like I have never spoken to you before.

But now I must know.

What are you reading?

Ilya (9:48 PM):

Either you are reading again or too embarrassed to tell me.

Which is it, Hollander?

Shane (9:50 PM):

Listen. It's a good book.

Ilya (9:51 PM):

I am already bored and you have not even told me title yet.

Shane (9:53 PM):

It's called "The Mind-Muscle Connection: Learning to Strengthen Your Workouts."

Shane (10:00 PM):

It's not that bad, okay?? It's actually pretty interesting.

Ilya (10:04 PM):

Shane. Please.

I beg you.

Please do something more fun.

Do it for me.
Do it for Canada.

Shane (10:07 PM):
Like what?

Ilya (10:08 PM):
I don't know.
Anything!
Hang out with friends!
Play games!
Go to bar and hook up with someone!

Shane (10:10 PM):
First two maybe.
Don't think I'd be interested in that last one.

Ilya (10:12 PM):
And why is that?

Shane (10:17 PM):
Because you're on the other side of the world right now.

Ilya (10:26 PM):
You're right.
You should keep reading.
Save yourself for me.

Shane (10:28 PM):
I always save myself for you, Ilya.
It's literally only ever you.

Ilya (10:30 PM):
I didn't sleep with anyone.
At the club the other day.

Shane (10:31 PM):
Would you have normally?

Ilya (10:32 PM):
Maybe.
But not this time.
I didn't want to.

Shane (10:33 PM):
And why's that?

Ilya (10:35 PM):
Because you are on the other side of the world right now.

Shane (10:45 PM):



Ilya (10:46 PM):



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Ilya (7:02 PM):

Hollander. Please tell me you did something fun today?

Shane (7:16 PM):

I went for a run up Mount Royal today. Does that count?

Ilya (7:18 PM):

Shane, why?

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Shane (11:18 AM):

Did YOU get up to anything fun today?

Ilya (12:24 PM):

Unfortunately, you are rubbing off on me.

And not in good way.

Shane (12:30 PM):

I'll take that as a no?

Ilya (12:33 PM):

Most exciting part of day was also going for run.

There is a castle near my house I like to run around.

Shane (12:35 PM):

Castles are fun!

I mean, we have some cool buildings in Montreal, but not a castle.

Ilya (12:36 PM):

Shane, you are proving my point.

Shane (12:37 PM):

Yeah, I heard it that time.

June 1, 2011

Shane (8:04 AM):

When do you fly back?

Ilya (8:36 AM):

Hello to you too, Hollander.

Shane (8:41 AM):

Sorry. Hi.

How are you?

Ilya (8:43 AM):

I am kidding, Shane.

But hi.

And I have not booked flight yet.

Maybe day before?

Shane (8:47 AM):

That's cool.

I'm debating whether I go early.

I've never been to Vegas before.

Have you?

Ilya (8:50 AM):

No. I have never been.

I did not think Vegas would be your scene.

Shane (8:52 AM):

I mean. I don't really think it is tbh.

But this hot Russian guy keeps telling me I need to be more fun.

So maybe I am feeling adventurous.

Ilya (8:53 AM):

Wait.

You think I am hot?

Shane (8:54 AM):

I have eyes, Ilya.
I know what you look like.
Of course I do.

Ilya (8:56 AM):

You have never made comment about my looks before.

Shane (8:57 AM):

Oh.
Well I thought it was pretty obvious that I think you're beautiful.

Ilya (9:01 AM):

You think I am beautiful?

Shane (9:02 AM):

Yes.
I do.
Very much so.

Ilya (9:04 AM):

Wow.
Um.
Thank you.

Shane (9:05 AM):

Now who is using "um"?
Are you flustered right now, Rozanov?

Ilya (9:06 AM):

Shut up.
I can feel you smiling all proud from here.

Shane (9:07 AM):

Are you blushing?

Ilya (9:08 AM):

No, I am not blushing.
Russians do not blush.
...it's just hot in here.

Shane (9:10 AM):

♪ It's getting hot in here, so take off all your clothes ♪

Ilya (9:11 AM):

Shane.
Who is man texting on your phone?
Are you taken by ghost?

Who is this fun guy?
I barely recognize him.

Shane (9:14 AM):

Oh fuck off.
The word you are looking for is possessed.
And I don't know.
Just in a good mood I guess.

Ilya (9:17 AM):

Is there reason for good mood?
Did you do something fun?

Shane (9:20 AM):

No. It's just...

Ilya (9:21 AM):

It's just?

Ilya (9:28 AM):

Shane?

Shane (9:29 AM):

It's June.
So...
14 days.

Ilya (9:31 AM):

Be honest, Shane.
Do you have countdown app on your phone?

Shane (9:32 AM):

No.

Ilya (9:32 AM):

So yes?

Shane (9:34 AM):

I hate you.

Ilya (9:35 AM):

No you don't.

Shane (9:37 AM):

No I don't.

June 2, 2011

Ilya (12:51 PM):

Shane.

Shane (1:06 PM):

Mm?

Ilya (1:11 PM):

Yesterday.

Were you asking me if I wanted to go to Vegas early?

Shane (1:15 PM):

I mean.

I wouldn't be against the idea.

Ilya (1:17 PM):

Me either.

Unfortunately, my father is hosting gala on 13th.

I will not be able to travel until 14th.

Shane (1:20 PM):

Oh. That's too bad.

Ilya (1:24 PM):

I could...stay after, maybe?

I mean, we will already be there.

If you wanted.

Shane (1:26 PM):

I do want.

Very much so.

Ilya (1:30 PM):

Okay.

I will book flight tomorrow.

When do you need to leave by?

Shane (1:36 PM):

I have a commitment back in Ottawa on the 21st.

So I have the 15th to 20th open.

Ilya (1:40 PM):

I will book flight until 20th then.

Shane (1:41 PM):
Wait, really?

Ilya (1:42 PM):
Yes.
I will see you soon, Shane.

Shane (1:55 PM):


Ilya (1:56 PM):


June 4, 2011

Shane (11:08 PM):
I would like you to know that today I went to a bar with my friends.
AND I had a beer.
Well two. But still.

Ilya (11:09 PM):
I am so proud, Hollander.
Bring tear to my eye.
Are you tipsy?

Shane (11:11 PM):
No.
Well. Maybe.
A little.
Not too crazy though. Just a light buzz.

Ilya (11:14 PM):
I would like to know what tipsy Shane Hollander is like.

Shane (11:15 PM):
Loud I think.
Louder than normal anyways.

Ilya (11:16 PM):
Oh, so instead of mouse quiet, you are rat quiet?

Shane (11:17 PM):
Ha!
That's actually pretty funny.

Ilya (11:18 PM):

I am funny guy, Shane.
I thought we went over this.

Shane (11:20 PM):

I'm not usually laughing when I'm with you, Rozanov.

Ilya (11:22 PM):

No. You are not.
Usually you are too busy moaning around my dick.

Shane (11:23 PM):

Fuck.
I've been thinking about your dick all night.

Ilya (11:24 PM):

Oh?
Tell me, Shane.
What were you thinking about with my dick?

Shane (11:25 PM):

Tasting it.
I love the weight of your dick on my tongue.
Love the way it feels in my mouth.

Ilya (11:26 PM):

Fuck, Hollander.
Keep going.

Shane (11:28 PM):

Love the way you sound when I suck the head.
Love the taste when you cum in my mouth.
Love when you fuck my throat.
I want to practice so I can go deeper.
Go all the way down to the bottom.
Want to feel you in my throat afterwards for days.

Ilya (11:31 PM):

Fuck.
Hollander, I am so close.
Don't stop.

Shane (11:33 PM):

Bet I could make you cum twice with just my mouth.
And then I'd let you fuck me.
I think I'm ready now.
Want to feel you after.
I bet you'd take care of me.

Ilya (11:35 PM):

Fuck, Shane.

I would take such good care of you.

Would fuck you so good.

Make you feel it for days.

Make you cum with just my cock.

Would not even touch your cock.

Just fuck you with mine.

Shane (11:38 PM):

Fuck, I want that so bad.

Want to feel you.

Want to see your face when you finish.

Ilya (11:40 PM):

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Shane (11:41 PM):

Fuuuuuuuck.

Me too.

[IMG_1221]

Ilya (11:43 PM):

Shane.

That was so hot.

You are not boring Canadian.

I take it back.

Very sexy Canadian 😍

Ilya (11:50 PM):

Hollander, you fall asleep on me?

Shane (11:52 PM):

Sorry, yeah. Got really tired after my orgasm.

That was great.

Came so hard.

Ilya (11:54 PM):

Get some sleep, Shane.

Make sure to drink water before bed.

We will talk soon, okay?

Shane (11:55 PM):

Okay.

Good night, Ilya.

I'll try to dream of you. ❤️

Ilya (11:56 PM):

Good night, Shane. ❤️

June 5, 2011

Shane (2:07 PM):
10 more days.

Ilya (2:38 PM):
10 more days!

June 7, 2011

Ilya (1:15 PM):
I never asked you when you booked your flight for.

Shane (3:11 PM):
Oh!
Sorry, I was out with a friend from high school. Didn't see your message.
I get in on the 14th. Like 3 PM I think.
Leave on the last flight on the 20th.

Ilya (3:22 PM):
Yes. Same.
Unfortunately, I arrive on late flight.
I think 10:30 PM by time I get in.

Shane (3:26 PM):
That's okay, right?
I mean, we should still be together by midnight hopefully.

Ilya (3:33 PM):
Hopefully, yes.

Shane (3:35 PM):
I'm looking forward to it.
Seeing you that is.

Ilya (3:36 PM):
You are looking forward to seeing me or "seeing" me? 😊

Shane (3:38 PM):

Ha!

I mean both, but I meant just seeing you.

I'm...

Ilya (3:42 PM):

You're?

Shane (3:43 PM):

I'm looking forward to spending your birthday with you.

And...you know.

Finding out if we're soulmates and everything.

Ilya (3:45 PM):

Yes.

I am looking forward to spending my birthday with you also.

Even if I lose award.

Shane (3:49 PM):

Oh yeah.

I actually forgot about that part.

I guess that's why we're going to Vegas, isn't it?

Ilya (3:51 PM):

You are cute, Shane.

Yes, that is why we are going to Vegas.

So you can be Mr. Rookie of the Year.

Shane (3:53 PM):

I know this might sound stupid.

But I actually don't care about the award.

Well, okay, that's a bit of a lie.

I DO care if I win or not, I worked hard this year and I hope I get it.

But...I don't know.

I'm more excited to see you I guess?

Though I won't lie to you. I'm pretty scared.

Ilya (3:58 PM):

Scared? Why scared?

Scared of me?

Shane (4:00 PM):

No, of course not. I could never be scared of you.

Ilya (4:01 PM):

Then what?

Shane (4:04 PM):

Ever since you texted me on my birthday, I haven't been able to stop thinking about it.

Ilya (4:05 PM):

Stop thinking about what?

Shane (4:06 PM):

Omg Ilya, just wait.

I'm trying to get my thoughts together!

Ilya (4:06 PM):

Sorry. I'll wait.

Shane (4:10 PM):

Look, I wasn't expecting you to text me at all on my birthday, let alone to ask me what my soul mark was.

At first I was surprised you cared. But then...

I don't know.

The more you texted the more I realized I was looking forward to it?

Like I'd check my phone to see if you had messaged and I was always disappointed when you hadn't.

And when you said you wanted to be soulmates with me...

I'll be honest, at first I thought you were just being an asshole.

I definitely didn't think you were serious.

But I don't know. You changed my mind pretty quick and I realized I liked the idea of us being soulmates.

I feel...safe with you.

I honestly didn't think that was something I was allowed to have.

And I've been looking forward to Vegas ever since I realized I'd get to see you.

But the closer we get...

Ilya (4:17 PM):

The more scared you get that maybe we are wrong?

Shane (4:17 PM):

Yeah.

Ilya (4:19 PM):

Yes. This is how I feel also.

I still don't know why I texted you on your birthday.

I mean, I got into fight with my brother right before I did, so I was feeling sad.

Maybe I was just looking for comfort.

But I don't know why I am so honest with you.

Every time I am honest with how I feel, I get more scared that you will run away.

But you never do.

And that also scares me.

Shane (4:25 PM):

The first time I sent you a heart it took me like 15 minutes to work up the courage.

I was worried you would leave me on read.

Pretty sure I stared at my phone until you replied.

I was glad you answered almost right away.

Ilya (4:27 PM):

Yes. I thought it was too good to be true.

Wanted to answer before you tried to take it back.

Shane (4:29 PM):

I'm glad you did.

I actually think I would have taken it back if you hadn't answered pretty much right away.

Pretend like it was a mistake.

Ilya (4:30 PM):

I am glad you sent it.

Shane (4:31 PM):

Me too.

What happens if we are wrong though?

What happens if we aren't soulmates?

I mean, with everything you told me about your family, wouldn't you want to try and find your actual soulmate if it isn't me?

Ilya (4:34 PM):

I have thought a lot about this lately.

I am like you.

The more I think about us as soulmates...the more I like it.

I don't know how to answer that question, Shane.

Yes, I want soulmate.

But I also want you.

I don't know what to do if they are not same thing.

Shane (4:40 PM):

Do you think you would look if we aren't?

Like search through the soulmark boards?

Ilya (4:42 PM):

I think so, yes.

But...I think I would tell them that we can not be romantic.

It would be nice to know who soulmate is of course.

But we do not need to be lovers just because we are soulmates.

Shane (4:43 PM):

Wait, you would??

Like...you'd be okay with not being romantic with them?

Ilya (4:45 PM):

If I was romantic with you, then yes.

If you and I are not thing, then maybe I consider it.

Shane (4:46 PM):

Is that something you want?

To be romantic with me, even if you have a soulmate?

Ilya (4:50 PM):

Shane, all I want is you.
Since first time you introduce yourself.
Has always been you.
Even when I sleep with other people.
Men. Women.
All I think about is boring Canadian with beautiful freckles.
And a weak backhand.
Is very annoying. Hard to focus on lover.

Shane (4:54 PM):

Weak backhand???
Really??

Ilya (4:55 PM):

Yes, is why I score one more goal than you.
Why is that what you focus on and not rest of messages?

Shane (4:57):

Sorry.
I'm just a little overwhelmed right now.

Ilya (4:58 PM):

In good way or bad way?

Shane (4:59 PM):

Good.
Really good.
I really wish I could kiss you right now.

Ilya (5:00 PM):

I also wish for this.

Shane (5:01 PM):

Soon though, right?
Like that's something I can do when I see you next?

Ilya (5:03 PM):

Yes. Very much so.
I will be very offended if you don't.

Shane (5:04 PM):

Well we wouldn't want that, would we?

Ilya (5:05 PM):

No, we would not.

Shane (5:07 PM):

I just realized what time it is for you.

Get some rest, Ilya.
I'll see you in 8 days! ❤️

Ilya (5:08 PM):
7 for me.
Good night, Shane.
Thank you for choosing me back. ❤️

Shane (5:09 PM):
Your soulmate ain't got nothing on me! ❤️

Ilya (5:10 PM):
Unless it's you.
Then I might pick my soulmate.

Shane (5:10 PM):
I can live with that.
Good night, Ilya.

Ilya (5:12 PM):
❤️❤️

Shane (5:12 PM):
❤️❤️

June 10, 2011

Ilya (1:01 PM):
5 more days!

Shane (1:01 PM):
5 more days!

Shane (1:02 PM):
Wait...
Did we...
Did we send that at the exact same time??

Ilya (1:04 PM):
I think so, yes.
Soulmates?

Shane (1:05 PM):
Soulmates.

Ilya (1:06 PM):



Shane (1:07 PM):



June 12, 2011

Shane (4:02 AM):

I have decided that even if we aren't soulmates, that I could take whoever it is in a fight.

Ilya (4:04 AM):

Shane.

It's 4 in morning for you.

And I have already told you that I will choose you.

Why are you saying this?

Shane (4:05 AM):

I can't sleep.

Keep thinking how I'll react if it's not me.

So if it's not me and you find the person who is your soulmate.

Just make sure they know that I could take them.

Ilya (4:06 AM):

Shane.

Have you ever punched anything in your life?

You have almost no penalty minutes across your career.

Shane (4:08 AM):

I mean...no.

But I'd do it for you.

Defend your honour and everything.

Make sure they know I mean business.

Ilya (4:10 AM):

Okay, or you could just kiss me and tell them I am taken for?

Shane (4:13 AM):

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I did not consider this.

Ilya (4:14 PM):

Go to sleep, Shane.

Get some rest.

I will see you in 3 days.

Wait...2.

I will see you on 14th, not 15th.

I was doing math for 15th.

Shane (4:16 AM):

Oh yeah!!

I was doing the same thing.

But you get into Vegas on the 14th, just late.

This is great news!

Ilya (4:18 AM):

Ha! Yes. Very good news.

Now sleep please.

I want you rested for everything I want to do to you. 😊

Shane (4:19 AM):

Fuck.

How am I supposed to sleep now??

Ilya (4:20 AM):

Touch dick and think of me obviously. Then sleep.

Shane (4:21 AM):

Of course I am going to think of you.

Who else would I think of??

Ilya (4:22 AM):

Good night, Shane.

Sweet dreams, as you say.



Shane (4:23 AM):

Good night, Ilya.

2 more days!



June 14, 2011

Shane (12:04 AM):

I forgot to ask what time your flight was out of Moscow.

So just in case, safe travels today ❤️❤️

Ilya (12:05 AM):

Thank you. ❤️❤️

I am just at airport.

Plane will be boarding soon.

Shane (12:06 AM):

Is it a direct flight?

Ilya (12:07 AM):

No. We go to New York first. Then plane to Vegas.

Shane (12:08 AM):

That's a long travel day.

Hopefully you will still be happy to see me after traveling so long.

Ilya (12:10 AM):

Shane.

I am always happy to see you.

Always.

That will not change just because I am tired.

Shane (12:12 AM):

Yes. I mean...um...same here.

Ilya (12:13 AM):

There we go. "Um" again.

So cute every time.

Shane (12:14 AM):

Shush.

I'm nervous.

My flight isn't until 1.

It's a 5 hour flight, but with the time difference, I don't leave here until the afternoon.

Pretty sure I won't sleep tonight.

Ilya (12:16 AM):

Yes, I was same.

Every time I closed my eyes I got too excited.

Maybe slept an hour or two here or there.

Am hoping I can sleep on plane a bit.

Shane (12:18 AM):

I hope you can too.

Can't believe we find out who your soulmate is in less than 24 hours.

Feels so surreal.

Ilya (12:20 AM):

Yes.

Always thought people were stupid for being nervous for 20th birthday.

Is not like most people know who soulmate is on that day, so seems stupid to be nervous.

But I am nervous, so...

Am not much better than other people I guess.

Shane (12:22 AM):

Well, hopefully you do know who your soulmate is on the day.

Ilya (12:23 AM):

One can hope.

Okay Shane. Plane is boarding.

I will text when I am in New York, but maybe you will be on plane.

Brain is too tired to do math on time zones.

Shane (12:25 AM):

Yeah, don't think I can figure that out either to be honest with you.

But okay.

Safe travels, Ilya.

I'll see you tonight.



Ilya (12:27 AM):

Tonight. 

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Shane (12:47 PM):

Plane is pushing back early.

On my way!

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Shane (3:11 PM):

Just got to Vegas!

Not sure where you are on your travels, but I can't wait to see you.

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Shane (6:35 PM):

Hoping you just forgot to text when you got to New York since I think you should be there by
now...
Or maybe you are already on your way here?

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Shane (10:00 PM)

I am trying not to be irrational here, but really need you to text me that you are okay, Ilya.
Not that I've been googling plane crashes for the last four hours or anything...

Shane (10:15 PM):

Fuck.
You're okay, right??
Please???

Ilya (10:41 PM):

Shane, I am so sorry.
I forgot charger in airport in Russia.
My phone died on plane to New York.
I did not have time to buy new one before next flight.
I am okay. On my way to Vegas now.

Shane (10:42 PM):

Thank fuck,
I've been worried sick!
Wait...
ON your way?
Are you not already here?

Ilya (10:45 PM):

Unfortunately, no.
Plane from Moscow got delayed on runway.
Missed flight from New York.
Had to get new one.
Was very stressful.
But I am coming now.

Shane (10:50 PM):

Oh.
So I won't get to be with you at midnight?

Ilya (10:51 PM):

No. I'm sorry.

I am also disappointed.

Shane (10:53 PM):

Oh.

Well...that's okay.

We can make do.

I'll still get to see you when you get here, right?

Ilya (10:54 PM):

Yes. Soon.

Plane is taking off soon.

I will see you as soon as I can, Shane.



Shane (10:55 PM):

Soon. 

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June 15, 2011

Shane (12:00 AM):

Happy Birthday, Ilya! 

Can't wait to see you!

Ilya (12:24 AM):

I can't wait to see you too 

Shane (12:27 AM):

Huh?

Wait, how are you texting me right now?

Aren't you on a plane?

Shane (12:35 AM):

Ilya?

Shane (12:42 AM):

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You aren't on a plane right now, are you?

Ilya (12:45 AM):

...

No. I am sorry, Shane.

Shane (12:46 AM):

I...don't understand?

Are you not coming?

Did you even get on the plane from Moscow?

Ilya (12:47 AM):

Of course I did.

I just...

Didn't miss my flight from New York.

Shane (12:48 AM):

So why did you lie??

Do you not want to be with me?

You could have just told me?

Shane (12:53 AM):

I'm so confused right now.

Ilya (12:58 AM):

I panicked.

You were so excited.

I did not want you to be sad if we were not soulmates.

I am very good at disappointing people.

I was scared maybe I would disappoint you too.

Shane (1:01 AM):

So you lied?

For what?

Do you not want me to know who your soulmate is?

Oh.

You wanted to see your soul mark on your own.

Just in case it's not me.

Ilya (1:03 AM):

Yes.

I was so scared.

I could not imagine seeing your sad face.

Would break me to see.

So I decide to wait on my own so I could see by myself first.

Be sad on my own if need be.

Shane (1:08 AM):

And?

Are you sad?

Ilya (1:10 AM):

Yes.

But not for reason you might think.

Shane (1:11 AM):

What does that mean???

Ilya (1:13 AM):

Do you remember first words you said to me, Shane?

Shane (1:14 AM):

Um...kind of?

Didn't I just introduce myself?

Ilya (1:15 AM):

Yes.

You did.

Shane (1:17 AM):

I am so confused right now.

What am I missing?

Ilya (1:20 AM):

Shane.

You are my soulmate.

It was always you.

Shane (1:21 AM):

Wait, really??

Why do you sound upset then??

Are you...are you disappointed?

That it's me?

Ilya (1:23 AM):

Don't ever say stupid shit again, Shane.

Of course I am not disappointed.

I cried as soon as I saw words appear.

Shane (1:25 AM):

Then why are you sad??

Ilya (1:26 AM):

Because for rest of my life I will carry your name on my body.

And you will just carry "okay."

I am so mad at myself.

I was just young stupid teenager.

Nervous to be in Canada for first time.

Nervous to be speaking English.

And when cute Canadian boy with beautiful freckles speak to me.

All I said was “okay.”
I wish I had said something better.
Something more meaningful.
So that your soul mark was more pretty.
But because I am stupid, your soul mark is just one boring word.
I am sorry, Shane.
You deserve better soulmate than me.

Shane (1:30 AM):
So we’re really soulmates??
It’s really you and me??

Ilya (1:31 AM):
Yes.
It is really you and me.

Shane (1:32 AM):
Ilya, I really don’t care about any of that.
All that I care about is that it's you.
And even if it wasn’t you.
I still would have picked you.
And if I ever found my actual soulmate, I would tell them that I am spoken for already and
they’d have to deal with that.
I don’t need my soul mark to be anything other than what it is.
I promise you, it’s okay.

Shane (1:45 AM):
I can’t stop crying.
Fuck.
Please hurry up and get here so I can kiss you.
I need to see your soul mark for myself.

Ilya (1:47 AM):



Shane (1:50 AM):

Holy shit.

It's actually us.

Wait.

How does yours have a heart around it??

Mine just says okay??

WAIT!

DID YOU GET A TATTOO OF A HEART AROUND YOUR SOUL MARK?

Ilya (1:54 AM):

Yes.

Is Vegas. City that never sleeps.

I got it not long after I saw your name.

So that anyone who sees my leg knows who I belong to.

Shane (1:56 AM):

Ilya.

You don't belong to me.

You are your own person.

But I REALLY need you to hurry up and get here so that I can kiss you.

Ilya (1:58 AM):

I am almost there, I promise.

I cannot believe it still.

Soul mark is on leg, but it does not feel real.

I do not know what I did to deserve this.
Deserve you.
I promise to make you happy forever, Shane.

Shane (2:01 AM):

Fuck, Ilya.
You made me cry again.
You do deserve this.
You deserve the world.
And I promise to give it to you.
Starting with that kiss and hug I promised you.
And after that?
You can have whatever you want.

Ilya (2:03 AM):

Right now I just want you.
My soulmate.
Fuck.
I am crying too.
Cab driver is giving me weird look.
But whatever. Is Vegas.
I am sure he has seen weirder things than man crying in taxi.

Shane (2:06 AM):

Ha. I bet he has.
At this rate we might be crying too hard to even kiss.

Ilya (2:07 AM):

Maybe.
But is okay.
I will take any kiss, even wet kiss.
As long as it is from my soulmate.

Shane (2:09 AM):

Don't think I am ever going to get used to that.
We're soulmates. ❤️❤️

Ilya (2:11 AM):

Yes. Soulmates. ❤️❤️
You are stuck with me, Hollander.

Shane (2:12 AM):

Wouldn't want it to be anyone else, Rozanov ❤️❤️

End Notes

Well hello there, I'm Jessa, nice to meet you! x

I, once again, started this endeavour by telling myself that I was going to write a "short little fic" and here we are 12,500 words later, soooooo.....success? Failure?

A bit nervous and excited to post this since this style of fic isn't for everyone, so feedback and encouragement are very much welcome. If there's a particular line or section you liked, would love you know what it was!

If you want to connect on socials, feel free to come say hi on [Tumblr](#) or on [Threads](#)! I'm definitely a lot more active on Threads, but feel free to connect wherever, I'm always happy to chat HR! Big love everyone x

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