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Summary

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Join ELLE as we ask our favorite celebs a set of 10 questions — they can answer truthfully, or take a shot instead. Cheers!

SHANE:

(coughs) God, that tastes like battery acid, are you sure that's even alcoholic?

Notes

This was inspired by a very real "challenge" done by ELLE magazine on their YouTube channel, I mostly watched Ian Somerhalder & MGK's for inspo lol, but I tinkered with the format a bit, (I also took inspo from The Cut's 'truth or drink' & the hot ones challenge

(and the "script format" is inspired by all of the other amazing & fantastic social media AUs I've seen in the tag lately, which inspired me to write something fun & easy!)

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

INTRO

Enter **SHANE HOLLANDER**, dressed in a black crewneck sweatshirt with an embroidered Canada flag and “Hollander” stitched underneath the collar, paired with jeans.

SHANE:

Hey guys, I’m Shane Hollander, and I’m here to ‘pour it up’ with ELLE Canada here on Thirst Trap - is that - did I say it right?

(INSERT & CUT to short clips of close-ups of different kinds of shots in various shot glasses on a clear bar top table, with the accompanying neon pink glowing “Thirst Trap” logo hanging up in the background.)

SHANE:

(reading off the cue cards) So, I’ve got ten questions here, with ten shots - and the more well, uh, out there the question is, the crazier or heavier, the drink is supposed to be, so this should be a walk in the park.

So, the choice is to answer honestly or take the shot, which seems pretty idiot-proof, right?

NO RIM (DRINK ONE - MARGARITA MIX)

Do you have any tattoos the media doesn’t know about or, if not, would you ever get a tattoo, and if so, what of?

SHANE:

Sorry to disappoint, but I’m not hiding any secret tattoos. A lot of the guys on the team have these crazy sleeves, I mean (gestures from shoulder to wrist), for their kids or their wives, or whatever, and everything's super detailed, I think they’re pretty cool.

I uh, would maybe go for a number that means a lot to me, maybe somewhere (gestures to upper thigh) or (gestures to collar bone)

(PRODUCER, off screen: What numbers?)

SHANE:

It wouldn’t be a secret tattoo if I told you what they’d be, then would it?

Can I still drink to try it, even if I've answered the question, or does that go against the rules?

(**PRODUCER** *enthusiastically agrees from behind cameras*)

SHANE:

(*sniffs the shot glass*) Alright, this one doesn't even look that bad. We're starting things off easy, right? Is it Mountain Dew? (*takes the shot*)

(*to CREW behind camera*) Definitely not Mountain Dew. So, it's just straight up mix without the tequila? Really? *Gross*, who approved that?

PURPLE HAZE (DRINK TWO - CRANBERRY JUICE & BLUE GATORADE)

What was your worst subject in high school?

SHANE:

I wasn't a big fan of art, I liked painting and clay but I sucked at sketching and still lifes, I can only really draw stick people still to this day.

MINTY FRESH (DRINK THREE - RUMPLEMINZE)

Rank your fellow Metros Players in order of who you think is the best to the worst on the team.

SHANE:

Oh, well you *know* I can't answer that, that's like asking a mother to rank her favourite children and say who's their least favourite! As captain, I don't play favourites, I *can't*, they're all the best!

I have to drink *again*?

SHANE:

What in the hell *is* that anyway? (*takes the shot*)

(*coughs*) Tastes like toothpaste!

GREEN THUMB (DRINK FOUR - LIME JUICE & WHEATGRASS JUICE)

The MLH has quite a following and a popular female fan base, and we're sure plenty of admirers have slid into your DM's, have you ever hooked up with a fan before?

SHANE:

Oh, uh, no, not a fan, nope. You're asking me why *not*?

Well, because, uh on the road we have to sleep in these tiny hotel rooms and we're usually roomed together with someone else from the team, so it doesn't really leave a lot of room for uh, *those kinds* of things, with a roommate, not usually.

(Camera close-up on Shane's face as he lingers reading the cue card)

SWEET HEAT (DRINK FIVE - PINK WHITNEY VODKA)

Read through the last five messages in your contacts.

SHANE:

Guys, seriously? I'm unfortunately a very boring person, with the least exciting Messages folder, and so I think my last DMs were probably asking one of my teammates over for pizza and to play 'Chel in my living room, but - I'm not reading them out for you all line for line, you weirdos, so-

(takes the shot and immediately crumples his face in slight disgust.)

SHANE:

(coughs) God, that tastes like battery acid, are you sure that's even alcoholic?

ON THE HUNT (DRINK SIX - JAGERMEISTER)

Describe a time when you really thought you might die.

SHANE:

Uh, wow, you guys really aren't holding back any punches with these, then are you?

I mean I think everyone's seen the video from that game now at this point, I was just in the wrong place at the wrong time in front of our goalie, it wasn't really anyone's fault and I ended up being on the receiving end of a slapshot from one of the other team's players and - uh yeah it was bad, but what's a dent in the skull when you've got a Cup playoff to get to, right? *(laughs)*

(CUT to clip overscored to music of Shane pushing up the hair over his forehead, showing a faded stitch scar just above his eyebrow, with a brightly stupid grin.)

TWISTED LEMON (DRINK SEVEN - LEMON JUICE & GIN)

If you had to choose, what fellow MLH player would you face off with in a Twitter war?

SHANE:

Oh, that's so *easy*, I won't even have to drink.

Ily - Rozanov.

Dude just sits on his phone in the sauna or wherever he is, and just rage baits *everyone* about *anything*. It's unbelievable, he just makes it too easy at this point.

SUN KISSED (DRINK EIGHT - BLUE CURAÇO & APPLE CIDER VINEGAR)

What's your go-to karaoke song?

SHANE:

I'm not letting mine out, that's top secret, but I'll do you one better by saying that Hayden Pike can do a *killer* rendition of the lead singer of Creed.

I mean, being serenaded with "*Arms Wide Open*" on a bus to Calgary from him is a damn near *spiritual* experience.

(INSERT & CUT TO a slightly blurry iPhone Video clip of Hayden Pike warbling into a kid's neon karaoke mic, holding his phone for lyrics in the other, taken from the aisle of a chartered Metros bus, laughter and heckling in the background)

SHANE:

I really don't trust this colour, this isn't a naturally occurring colour for drinks, you guys, are you sure it's not secretly like Tide or something? (drinks)

That wasn't terrible, but it was a *weird* combination.

DRINK NINE - BEE STING (HONEY & JACK DANIELS)

What is your least favourite city to play in?

SHANE:

Am I allowed to say Boston? God, Rozanov will be sending me hate-mail for this once this goes up, but they've got the absolute worst visitors dressing room in the league! I mean I think I had a ceiling tile fall off once while doing up my skates, and the shower water is always *freezing* it's *that* bad

DRINK TEN - HOT & SPICY (GINGER ALE & CAROLINA REAPER PEPPER FLAKES)

Speaking of social media, you once 'dirty-deleted' an Instagram Live Replay from a vacation because of a mysterious shadow and voice in the background of the video - who is she?

SHANE:

(sniffs the shot glass and looks up with a disgusted look, laughter from crew off camera) Aw, gross guys! What is this, really? Ketchup and ginger ale?

Y'know it should probably be a criminal charge for someone to desecrate a glass of Canada Dry like that.

SHANE:

(squinting to read cue-card) Sorry guys, I didn't bring my glasses with me, dirty delete, what does that -?

(PRODUCER explains in an aside - Shane's face washes with recognition and begins to tug at the collar of the sweatshirt, cheeks slightly flushed)

Is it not super hot for anyone else in here? No?

See, this is why I don't usually drink during the day, because I just turn into a sweaty mess.

(PRODUCER: I think it was during the All-Star Break?)

SHANE:

Again, I'm uh, not the greatest with phones or social media in general, the guys always give me shit for that, my Insta is mostly dogs I see out running while visiting cities or just really good food.

On top of that, I really don't know how to work Instagram Live, not like some of the other guys on the team do, and so it was probably just -

(PRODUCER: Didn't it have like 500 viewers? There were some eagle-eyed fans that pointed out that there were more than just your clothing on the floor in the background.)

SHANE:

(throws back shot as soon as producer finishes explaining)

I - *(coughs)* *(coughs violently)* Oh shit man, did you guys dump a whole freaking pepper into that? I'm usually fine with spice *but* -*(coughs again)*

(PRODUCER: So I'll take it we're not getting an answer or explanation to that one anytime soon?)

SHANE:

(tosses the cue cards off behind his shoulder) God, I feel like my eyeballs are burning... are you sure you don't have any ice cream back there?

End Notes

not beta'd so any mistakes are my own, but comments & kudos are very much appreciated if you enjoyed <3 <3

(also: the mention of boston having the crappy dressing rooms is actually & apparently a very real thing according to some NHL articles from player's complaining year after year lmao)

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