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Summary

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Notes

This is for another amazing prompt for the Fulfill a Crave-ing event! The countdown to episode one is on! I'm on tumblr and Discord @FestiveFerret and we have a new 18+ GCU fanworks server if you want to join! <https://discord.gg/wTKsWjqb>

@morelikebadmirals 11 hours ago

Hollander looks at Rozanov like I look at the baby birds who keep nearly falling out of the nest outside my office window

Shane winced and scrolled to the next post.

@wooozybooozy 11 hours ago

The look of a man who does not trust the trainers

@yesthisdog83 8 hours ago

*the look of a man who knows his man LIES to the trainers to get back on the ice

@hollanderbackgirl 10 hours ago

This is so cute. I think every NHL team should have an enemies to lovers storyline built in.

@puck_bunny99 10 hours ago

I need a man who looks at me like Hollander looks at Rozanov #relationshipgoals

The next post featured side-by-side pictures, one from six months ago, featuring Shane's full-on, fury-filled, this-puck-is-going-into-the-net, super glare, (which he wasn't even aware he had as a look until tonight), paired with a screenshot from yesterday's video. The caption was *Get you a man who can do both.*

Shane's fingers kept scrolling without his permission.

@puckedup 11 hours ago

Okay, I think Hollander is right, though. Rozanov is still favouring his left side.

@areyoulost 10 hours ago

I thought it was his wrist that was injured though, not his side

@puckedup 10 hours ago

Maybe Hollander looks like that because this is a new injury sustained "off the ice" ;)

@areyoulost 9 hours ago

Now that's what I call a lower body inju-

"Okay that's enough of that for tonight." Shane slammed his phone face down on the duvet. At least people weren't being cruel or homophobic, for the most part, but that did little to tamp down the raging humiliation that was swallowing Shane from the inside out.

The thing was: he hadn't known they were filming practice. Harris had set up some promo thing and he'd probably mentioned it at some point, but Shane may or may not have been distracted by his husband in nothing but his under armor and garters and missed that part. So he didn't know they were filming.

The other thing was: the internet was kind of right; Ilya was pushing the limits of what qualified as ready to return. He'd taken a really bad hit three weeks ago that had sprained his wrist and bruised his ribs and he swore up and down that he was ready to rejoin practice, but Shane disagreed. Shane disagreed so vehemently that they'd had to put a pause on their argument about it to get to bed at a decent hour and it had continued all the way to the rink the next morning. Ilya had been cleared to do some light exercises but Shane could tell he was still in a lot of pain.

So, perhaps, Shane had been paying slightly more attention to Ilya than to his drill partner. And perhaps, just maybe, Shane's expression had been a little bit too transparent re: how incredibly anxious he was about the love of his life reinjuring himself. And, perhaps, Harris' post featuring a video of said expression had gone a little bit viral and now the entire internet was talking about Shane spending an entire practice watching his husband like a love-struck hawk instead of, you know, practicing.

So now Shane was sitting alone in their house, waiting for Ilya to come back from PT, and wondering just how much trouble he was in.

Half an hour later, Shane heard the door open downstairs and Ilya greeting Anya, cooing at her while her little nails tapdanced across their floor. "Dearest husband!" Ilya called with far too much glee.

"I'm up here."

Ilya's footsteps made their way up the stairs. He opened the door to their bedroom and leaned in the doorway, arms crossed, smirk pasted on, eyes working their way down Shane's body and back up again. "Thought you might be waiting for me in something skimpy."

"Who even taught you the word skimpy?"

Ilya stalked over to flop on the bed next to Shane. "I have lived here many years now. I know all the words."

"Oh yeah? What does vexatious mean?"

"It means 'Ilya, I am stalling.'"

Shane huffed. "I don't suppose there is any chance you were too busy working hard at rehab to see any part of the internet today?"

Ilya barked out a laugh. "Are you kidding? Steve used the video as my reward every time I did an extra set with my wrist. I spent an hour saving all my favourite screenshots. My phone is full now. I need a new phone."

"That is the richest bro thing you've ever said." Shane kept his eyes glued to the book he'd been pretending to read for the last hour and a half.

"Shane. Sweetheart. My love. Moi zaichonok."

Shane wrinkled his nose. "What? What is it that you want? I'm very busy reading my book."

Ilya shoved the book out of the way and rolled himself on top of Shane, snuggling him close. "That was the cutest fucking thing I have ever seen in my whole life."

"It was embarrassing and I didn't even know I was doing it," Shane whimpered.

"It was adorable."

"The internet spent the whole day mocking me."

"The internet spent the whole day being jealous of me because you are all mine," Ilya corrected.

Shane turned and buried his face in his husband's chest. "What if everyone thinks I'm a joke? That I'm just on the team because you made them bring me here. I want to play, Ilya, I don't just want to be here together, I want to play fucking hockey."

Ilya pressed a kiss to the top of Shane's head. "And you play the best fucking hockey in the league. Well, second best. The team knows it. The fans know it. And also you love me and they all know that too. Finally."

After eleven years of hiding, it *was* pretty amazing to see social media discussing their relationship as if it was just normal, everyday conversation. It sure as shit hadn't always been easy, but here they were, and Ottawa loved them, and Shane still got to play hockey, and he got to love Ilya loudly and openly as he did. Everyone finally *knew*. That was pretty great. Even if it meant sometimes he lost control of his expression.

Shane felt the soft buzzes of Ilya messing about on his phone behind his head. "What are you doing? Are you taking more screenshots of comments?"

"Just one more, sweetheart." Ilya nuzzled in to kiss Shane's neck, then he rolled out of bed. "I am going to give Anya her treat and start dinner. Come on down when you are at a good stopping point in your book." He laughed like the smug bastard he was and walked out of the room.

Shane sat up with a sigh and picked up his phone. Maybe he should just chuck it in the snow and let it freeze. Then he saw he had a notification, a text from Ilya with a screenshot attached.

Ilya: /dt>

I know it too

This time, the image attached wasn't of Shane staring at Ilya, it was of Ilya staring at Shane. Shane was talking to his linemates about a drill they were planning, one arm pointing towards the net. Ilya was leaning back against the boards nearby, water bottle in hand, but he wasn't drinking, he was just gazing over at Shane like a lovestruck teenager. It was the same look Shane saw on the pillow next to his every morning, and Ilya had posted it in reply to the original video of Shane. The internet, predictably, had gone insane.

@glencoco04 32 minutes ago

Wow. If Hollonov put half the passion they have for each other into their game, we're getting a cup this year!

@pucktlist 26 minutes ago

Even a quarter would do it, I think

@pokechecksmokeshow 20 minutes ago

Not even sure we need the rest of the team. The two of them together could beat any other team in the league by themselves.

@2mins4snuggling 9 hours ago

All Star game is just going to be Hollander and Roz looking at each other like that and winning 11-0

@livinginahayes 18 minutes ago

With Chiron in goal

@rainbowfartingcentaur 6 minutes ago

Let's go OTTAWA!

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