

and here's to my real friends

Posted originally on the [Archive of Our Own](https://archiveofourown.org/works/77641156) at <https://archiveofourown.org/works/77641156>.

Rating:	Mature
Archive Warning:	No Archive Warnings Apply
Category:	M/M
Fandoms:	Heated Rivalry (TV) , Game Changers Series - Rachel Reid
Relationship:	Shane Hollander/Ilya Rozanov
Characters:	Shane Hollander , Ilya Rozanov , Ottawa Centaurs Team Ensemble (Game Changers) , Zane Boodram , Luca Haas , Evan Dykstra , Wyatt Hayes , Nick Chouinard , LaPointe (Game Changers) , Troy Barrett , Harris Drover
Additional Tags:	Centaurs Group chat , Shane Hollander Loves Ilya Rozanov , Ilya Rozanov Loves Shane Hollander , POV Shane Hollander , Ilya Rozanov is a Menace , Hollanov Adopting Luca Haas Agenda , Texting Fic , Post-Book 6: The Long Game (Game Changers) , Chatting & Messaging , Shane Hollander/Ilya Rozanov Relationship Timeline Reveal , Ottawa centaurs found family , Ottawa Centaurs as Family (Game Changers)
Language:	English
Stats:	Published: 2026-01-13 Words: 1,616 Chapters: 1/1

and here's to my real friends

by [writinginasnowglobe](#)

Summary

Shane loved the Centaurs. He really did. They felt like a second family, and Shane would never take that for granted.

They had one flaw, however. Boundaries, for some reason, seemed to be a foreign concept to the entire team.

Notes

hello hello so this is just a fun little group chat fic idea i had !! i will always push my hollanov adopting luca haas agenda whenever i can 😊

also this is set in the same universe as my from the cottage fic so maybe will add more to this later ? who knows but hope you enjoy !! also general disclaimer that no part of this was generated by ai, this is all from the chaos in my brain !!

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

CENTAURS 🏆🏅🏏 (+harris)

Bood

link attached

guys twitter is saying holzy and roz have been together since they were rookies 🧠 🧠

there's no way that's true right??

Dykstra

the more important question here is why you're lurking on the hollanov hashtag

Chouinard

tf is hollanov

Luca

hollander + rozanov

its their ship name

LaPointe

you seem to know a lot about hollanov haas 🧠🧠

Bood, Chouinard, Dykstra, and 3 others emphasized this message

Hayes

you were lurking on the hashtag bood you don't get to call out haas

Luca emphasized this message

Bood

lurking is fun that's not the point

can we go back to my question

SINCE ROOKIE SEASON??!

Barrett

has this team not learned to ignore what the internet says

and that people are sometimes insane

Bood

no

Chouinard

no

Ilya ❤️

no

Dykstra

no

Barrett

okay wow i'm just gonna leave

Troy Barrett has left the chat

Ilya ❤️ has added Troy Barrett to the chat

Hayes

I just read through the thread and honestly...I could see it

Dykstra

there's no fucking way

since they were EIGHTEEN??

Chouinard

you're telling me you guys actually think holzy and roz were a thing back when the rivalry was so bad they had merch for it

...cmon 🧠

Bood

RIGHT

but that thread was so mf detailed i was almost convinced

LaPointe

well when'd they actually get together

Bood

huh

i don't think they actually ever said it

Dykstra

roz was just here where'd he go

Hayes

@Roz we need you

Chouinard

i got 50 that it was when they announced the foundation

Bood

nah i'd bet earlier

50 on all star 2017

Hayes

i'm going 2014

when they presented that award together

the tension was insane

Barrett

is this really who we are

betting on our own teammates

Dykstra

well they're not saying anything so yes

put me down for 2017 but later than all star

LaPointe

imma say 6 months after the foundation

Barrett

you're all forgetting an important detail

rose landry

Bood

FUCK i forgot about her and shane

LaPointe

said no one ever

Chouinard

how did holzy pull rose fucking landry anyway

Harris

have you seen shane

Bood, Hayes, LaPointe, and 1 other laughed at this message

Ilya  emphasized this message

Hayes

anyway that was what

2016?

doesn't matter i'm sticking with 2014

Bood

@barrett and @haas you still haven't bet

Barrett

i'm not doing this

Luca

same

Dykstra

BORINGG cmon it's just for fun anyway

not like we're gonna post the real hollanov timeline on twitter

Bood

actually we should

@harris i have an idea for our next post

Harris

no ❤️

also i already know the answer

Chouinard

WHAT

HARRIS YOUVE BEEN HOLDING OUT

Hayes

harris?!?? the betrayal 😞

LaPointe

HOW????

Dykstra

this is for the super secret thing holzy and roz won't talk about isn't it

Harris

no comment

Chouinard, Bood, Hayes, and 2 others disliked this message

Barrett

50 for 2013

Bood

hell no you're out now

not when your bf knows

LaPointe

changing my bet to 2013 for no reason btw

Chouinard

haas cmon it's just you left

just say a year

Luca

idk it feels a little weird to bet on our captain's relationship

Ilya ❤️

is okay baby haas we all know of your rozanov poster above your bed and your crush on me
only natural, everyone has a crush on me

Luca disliked this message

Luca

shane is my favorite now

and 2009

"Ilya," Shane stressed, breathing out a sigh as he scrolls through the Centaurs group chat. They're both in bed, sitting up on the headboard and pressed against each other. Their legs, under the duvet, are tangled together comfortably. Shane pushes his glasses up on his bridge, fighting the urge to throw something at Ilya.

"What?" Ilya's smirk was almost audible, and Shane tilted his head towards his husband, a subtle glare in his eyes. "Is true, he had poster of me in his room. He told me."

"That doesn't mean you have to embarrass the kid."

"He loves us, is okay."

Shane rolled his eyes, nudging Ilya's shoulder lightly in retaliation. Before he could say anything though, both of their phones started buzzing in rapid succession. He had no doubts that it was the group chat, now that Ilya had stopped simply reading the texts with a growing smile and actually responded.

Ilya confirmed it. "They're asking when we became a thing. Very curious about it."

Shane loved the Centaurs. He really did. After how his time with Montreal ended, after unwillingly losing pretty much all of his friendships besides Hayden and JJ, he was naturally afraid of the dynamics of a new team. But the Centaurs were nothing like his former team, and Shane had never been part of a locker room that felt like this. Easy and supportive. Actually friends, *outside* of hockey.

And the Centaurs had accepted him just as easily as they had Ilya, even though it took a bit for Shane to truly open up with them. Now, though, they felt like a second family. And Shane would never take that for granted.

They had one flaw, however. Boundaries, for some reason, seemed to be a foreign concept to the entire team.

Shane, who had been exasperatedly reading the texts with Ilya, let out a sigh. “Why is our relationship important enough to bet on? Don’t they have better things to do on the weekend?”

Ilya gave him a look, one that Shane could read easily now. “Like team bonding, for them.” The Russian lifted one of his hands and stroked it gently over Shane’s cheek, moving it back to tuck a stray strand of hair behind his hair. “Is fun, no?”

And well, Shane could admit that reading through their teammates theories of when they got together has been kind of funny. Especially the ones from before they had publicly come out as friends. Luca, though...he had gotten very close to the truth.

“Haasy was the closest.” Ilya’s thoughts seemed to echo his own. “Must be because he was always staring at me.”

Shane half-heartedly smacked Ilya’s stomach. “I’m surprised Harris didn’t say it yet.”

Ilya shrugged. “He is good friend. We said FTC was secret for now, he said okay. They’ll know soon.”

Soon was next week, which Shane was trying not to think about too much. The docuseries was important to them, and although he knew the Centaurs would love and support the idea, the years of secrecy and sneaking around still lingered in his brain sometimes.

Their phones buzzed again before Shane could dive into a mini-spiral, and Ilya snorted quietly and started to type. Shane braced himself, and glanced down at the chat.

CENTAURS 🏆 🏅 🏆 (+harris)

Dykstra

rozy lurking in the chat and not saying anything

such an asshole

Barrett

and you are...surprised by this?

Bood

holzy is also prob reading this if roz is

@HOLZY ANSWER US

Chouinard

they're probably both in bed reading this together and giggling

Bood, Luca, Dykstra, and 3 others emphasized this message

Ilya ❤️

image attached [Ilya and Shane in bed, Ilya's head tilted onto Shane's shoulder sideways for the picture, a large grin on his face. Shane has his glasses on, looking at the camera with a deadpan stare.]

correct

LaPointe

holzy how do you live with him

Ilya ❤️

~~because my dick is too good~~

Ilya ❤️ unsent one message

Dykstra

LMAOO holzy shut that down so quick

Chouinard

he's got rozy on a leash

LaPointe, Dykstra, and Hayes emphasized this message

Ilya ❤️ disliked this message

Bood

hi hello can you two stop just reading and actually answer us so we know who won the bet

Barrett

why are you so invested man

Bood

BECAUSE I WANNA KNOW

i need to know for mental peace

Dykstra



Bood

hi guys this is cassie! can someone pls put zane out of his misery before he loses his mind
thanks xx

Chouinard

LMAO

Hayes

LMAOO

Ilya ❤️

didn't know you cared that much about us <3

Bood

ignore that sorry

anyway

what's the answer 😊

Me

you're all insane

Luca

that's what i said

Dykstra

we all know hollanov basically adopted you haasy it's okay

You and Luca disliked this message

Ilya ❤️ loved this message

Ilya ❤️

okay okay

will give you truth

drum roll

Barrett

who tf taught you that

Harris



Ilya ❤️

summer before rookie season *[message sent with confetti]*

Bood

HOLY SHIT

Chouinard

what the fuckkk

Hayes

wow

i have no words

LaPointe

it's been OVER A DECADE?!

Dykstra

no fucking way that fan was actually right

Luca



Me

congrats luca you were the closest

Bood

losing my shit

this whole time

even during the rivalry

Chouinard

hold up you guys were together since you were EIGHTEEN

Ilya ❤️

no not together

fucking

Me

ILYA

Ilya ❤️

sorry i love you moy pomidor ❤️

Bood

hey not in the gc get a room

Dykstra

they're already in a room this is like...weird foreplay for them

Ilya ❤️ emphasized this message

You disliked this message

Hayes

okay that's more than i wanna know about your sex life thank you very much

let's end this here pls

all the money goes to haasy

Luca liked this message

Barrett

agreed

Luca

thanks guys! here's a drawing of hollanov from the all star game in 2017 as celebration ☺

You, Ilya ❤️, Hayes, and 5 others loved this message

Bood

next thing you know we're gonna find out haasy is the fan that wrote that thread 🧠

Chouinard

the way he had that drawing ready to go i believe it

Harris

luca do you have something to tell us

luca

Luca

sorry my sister is calling goodbye



End Notes

luca haas being a secret hollanov stan my beloved <3

Please [drop by the Archive and comment](#) to let the creator know if you enjoyed their work!