

the proposal

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Summary

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Bood: The Shane Hollander who just generally puts up with you and seems mostly happy about it?

Ilya: It does boggle the mind.

Ilya: But yes, I'm almost certain of it.

Notes

***Update** I posted this yesterday right when ao3 came back online for 30 minutes but you couldn't give kudos or leave comments, so I'm reposting today. If you managed to read yesterday, there's a new scene and I've tweaked some of the conversations, so it might be worth a reread ❤️*

Once again, just don't think too much about the timeline and everything will be fine!

Also make sure you have creator's style turned on so this has any chance of making sense lol

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

The Originals

Today 10:36 AM

There's something I need to talk to you both about.

Mom

Honey, we know you're gay already, remember?



Dad

What's up, kiddo?

I want to talk to you about marrying your son.

Mom

Is this Ilya?

Dad

You want to marry yourself?

NO.

Ilya. I want to ask Ilya to marry me.

Mom

Oh, Shane. That's incredible news!

Dad

I wondered when you two would make honest men out of each other.

But I always figured he'd be the one to do it.

Well, since the only part of his biological family that's around sucks, I wanted to talk to you about it before I proposed.

Mom

Are you asking for our permission to marry Ilya?

No! God, no. That's stupid. He can make his own decisions.

I just. Want your support. It means a lot to both of us.

Mom

Of course you have our support! Nothing would make us happier.

Dad

You don't need it, but you have my full permission to marry our Russian bisexual son.

Did you really need to clarify that?

Dad

Yes. Because we have two sons.

Mom

Someone turned on the water in my eyes 

My boys. All grown up.

I'm thirty, Mom.

Mom

I know, I know! Sometimes it's just still hard to believe you two managed to find each other.

Dad

Since before rookie season!



Practice is starting. I'll call you later.

Mom

Yes, please do! We need to finalize those contracts for the foundation.

Mom, I'm going to propose to my boyfriend. Can you just not for one day?

Mom

No.

Love you.

Love you, too.

Dad

Love you three.

Get it?



Besties + Hayden

Today 4:30 PM

I need your help with something, but it's a pretty big secret

Hayden

How big are we talking here? Like bigger than keeping your forbidden relationship a secret for all that time?

Jackie

Ignore him. How can we help?

I'm going to propose to Ilya.

Jackie

!!!! Shane, that's wonderful!

Hayden

Huh. I always figured Rozanov would be the one to propose.

I don't get why everyone is saying that.

Hayden

Are you sure you want to do this? You haven't committed yet, you can still back out.

Fuck off, Hayden

Jackie

Be helpful, Hayden, or I'll start giving Ilya more things to make fun of you about.

Hayden

What?! It's a big decision. Just want to make sure he's sure.

I think making long-distance work for years and also keeping it a secret for most of that time tells you I'm sure.

Jackie

Now that we have that established (even though it didn't need to be), how can we help?

I'm not sure how to do it.

I looked up some ideas online, and I found hot air balloons, jumbotrons, helicopters, and skywriting

Hayden

Where the hell were you looking for ideas?!

That dumb Tick Tock app. Ilya's always on it, so I figured there might be some good stuff on there.

Jackie

Oh, Shane.

Sweetie.

Thank god you came to me.

So, let's just say we're definitely not doing any of the things you found online.

I feel like something more lowkey might be more up your alley. Is there a specific place you can think of maybe you'd like to propose at?

I mean, we both love the cottage.

Jackie

Yes, that's perfect!

Quiet, secluded. No one risks interrupting.

Hayden

Yeah, out there, no one will know your shame.

Jackie

I think now would be a great time to remind you that we don't have a prenuptial agreement.

Hayden



Sorry, Shane. I'm done. For now.

Jackie

Okay, so we have a place. Now we need the how part.

What are you thinking? Over a nice dinner? Maybe at sunset on the dock?

Ilya did joke the first time we went to the cottage together that one day he'd fill the dock with candles and ask me there. Or I also have a rowboat we like to take out on the lake sometimes? Maybe that could work too.

I can see if I can feel out what he might like more.

Jackie

Perfect. Those are both great! Personal, private, and very you guys.

And when were you thinking? Soon?

A couple of weeks, I think? We both have a weekend off, and I think it could work if I can convince him to go out there. I thought about doing it in the summer, but I'm tired of waiting. We've been together for years. I'm ready.

Hayden

That would almost be sweet if it didn't also make me want to vomit.

Didn't you say you were done?

Hayden

I said for now.

It's later.

Jackie

I get it, Shane ❤️ you two are perfect together.

Hayden

I wouldn't go THAT far.

Jackie

Do you want to handle everything on your own, or would you want help with everything?

Hayden

He definitely needs help.

I mean, I would love it if you can, especially since we're traveling so much the next couple of weeks, but you have so much going on, I don't want to add to it.

Jackie

I would absolutely love to help! Let me send you a list of things we need to get done, and we can tackle it from there. Sound good?

Yes. Thank you, Jackie.

You're the best. Seriously.

Hayden

What about me?

Jackie

You're really going to ask that?

Hayden

Okay fine. But can I actually be helpful for a second?

Not sure you're capable, but go ahead.

Hayden

Shane. I love you, but you have GOT to be cool about this. Especially if you want it to be a surprise.

Ilya notices shit. He'll pick up on it if you're acting weird.

When am I not cool about things?

Hayden

Uh. Only every day of your fucking life.

Jackie

You'll be fine, Shane!

Plus, I'm helping, so. It'll be amazing.

Right.

It's going to be fine.

Everything will be fine.

Jackie

And Shane?

Stay off social media in the meantime, okay?

Gladly.

The Grown Ups

Today 3:30 PM

I need your advice.

Bood

Guys. Guys. Roz has sent out the bat signal! Avengers assemble!

Hayes

Okay, I'm going to choose to ignore everything that is wrong with what you just said, but we will circle back after we help Roz.

What's up, Roz?

Barrett

Yeah, what's up? You never ask for advice...

You're usually the one fixing our shit.

It's because I have my life together. Unlike you losers.

Or I thought I did.

I think Shane is going to break up with me.

Bood

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Barrett

The Shane Hollander who started a charity with you and named it after your mother?

Bood

The Shane Hollander who just generally puts up with you and seems mostly happy about it?

It does boggle the mind.

But yes, I'm almost certain of it.

Hayes

Well, what makes you think that?

Is he doing something specific?

I don't know, he's just...being weird.

Barrett

You're going to have to be waaaay more specific.

Bood

Yeah, he's kind of a weird guy in general.

Not in a bad way at all. He's just our pretty, neurotic flower.

He's perfect.

And he's going to break up with me.

And then I will lose my ability to play hockey and get deported back to Russia and thrown in jail where I will spend the rest of my miserable life.

Hayes

Okay, maybe we take just a couple of steps back for a second.

Dykstra

Sorry, I'm late to the party.

That sucks, Roz.

But hey, I have a killer playlist for you if it happens.

Hayes

READ THE ROOM, EVAN

Bood

Shit, you just got first-named, Dykstra

Barrett

Can we get back to Rozanov, please?

He's clearly in crisis. And I would like for him to not end up in a Russian prison.

Yes, my life is falling apart, but I am not so far gone I will willingly listen to your music,

Dykstra

Hayes

First of all, no one is going to a Russian prison.

Lisa and I would gladly divorce, and I'd marry Roz before I'd let him get deported.

Bood

Damn. Hazy really said performative allyship WHERE?

Hayes

And second, Roz, I know you're freaked out, but can you tell us a little more about what's going on?

He came to visit yesterday and was kind of jumpy when I would ask him things.

He was on his phone a lot. I swear I saw him on TikTok.

Bood

Hollander was on TikTok? Okay, that is weird.

I didn't even think he knew what that was.

Barrett

Maybe he just wanted to catch up on the latest trends?

Dykstra

You've been spending too much time with Harris.

Barrett

No such thing.

Maybe he's just stressed out, though. The season's ramping up and I'm sure he's got a lot of pressure on him.

Shane is always under pressure.

He could be a diamond factory, this is nothing new.

Bood

So, he was just kinda jumpy and on his phone a lot? Sounds like maybe he was just having an off day, man.

Shane's like stupidly in love with you. I truly don't get it, but he is.

Dykstra

Do you think he could be cheating?

Hayes

For fuck's sake, Evan.

Dykstra

What?! Men are idiots!

No, I am not worried about this.

Hayes

Bood literally just got done saying how stupidly in love with Roz Shane is.

Bood

Yeah, that seems even less likely than him breaking up with you.

Barrett

Did you...ya know when he was in town? 🙄

Of course we did. We are both too good looking not to.

Barrett

Can't argue with you there.

Dykstra

I'm telling Harris.

Barrett

He'd be the first to agree with me. Especially about Shane.

Hayes

I don't want to downplay what you're feeling, Roz, but if he's DTF then he probably was just having an off day.

And you can always just talk to him about it.

It's not that easy.

Shane overthinks how much water he uses to brush his teeth.

I don't want to panic him if I don't need to.

Hayes

Then maybe just test the waters a little bit.

Tell him you've been thinking about the future or something and see how he reacts?

This is good. He is a planner. He'll like that.

I knew at least one of you would be useful.

Barrett

Hey!

Bood

OFFENSE.

Dykstra

I get it, dude.

Hazy is willing to divorce his way more accomplished wife to keep me out of prison.

What did the rest of you have to offer?

Barrett

I ranked second behind your boyfriend in that Cosmopolitan poll about the sexiest NHL players.

Bood

I feed you fucking excellent food all the time.

I guess you are somewhat pleasing to look at, Barrett, and I would miss your chicken, Bood.

But Dykstra, you're still useless.

Dykstra

Again. I get it.

Shane 🤔❤️❤️❤️🤔🍆

Today 11:24 AM

I miss you ❤️

I have been thinking about our future recently.

It will be so nice when we can finally be together for real.

Would you say your fingers are pretty regular sized or are they larger?

What?

Your fingers. Are they normal sized or bigger?

Uh...bigger I guess?

You don't seem very sure.

I mean, you would know better than me 😊

Can you be serious for once?

How am I supposed to judge the size of my own fingers?!

Just try. Please.

According to ilyarozanovsmash on Reddit, my hands are very large.

Many other users seem to agree.

K

Can I ask why you are asking?

Just curious.

Hey, also, if you had a choice between fire or water, which would you choose?

Is there a point to this question or are you just curious about this, too?

Just answer.

Fire.

Are you okay?

Yes, I'm fine.

Why wouldn't I be fine?

Of course everything is fine.

Are you trying to convince me or yourself?

There's nothing to convince anyone about.
Gotta go. Game's in a couple hours.

Lose for me  love you

Definitely not.



The Grown Ups

Today 11:42 AM

Hayes

Hey Roz you ran off so quick after the game last night I didn't get to ask how your talk with Hollander went.

Bood

I'm guessing from the way you played it didn't go well.

Yes, I talked to him.

Told him I missed him and that I was thinking about our future.

He didn't say anything about it. Just started asking if I thought my fingers were large.

Dykstra

Wut?

Bood

I have no idea how to spin that one.

Barrett

...wouldn't he know better than anyone?

EXACTLY.

Dykstra

Wut?

Barrett

Do you need one of us to explain the mechanics of gay sex to you or are you still confused about the finger size question?

Bood

That's an image I could have gone my whole life without envisioning.

Dykstra

I don't think there's any country songs about that...

Hayes

That's borderline homophobic, Bood.

Bood

It's not meant to be! I don't want to think about any of you idiots having sex with ANYONE.

Hayes

Fair point.

Barrett

Did Hollander say anything else?

He asked me if I would prefer fire or water.

Dykstra

If I didn't know for sure I was sober right now, I would seriously question if I was because none of this conversation makes any sense.

Bood

Maybe he borrowed one of Hayes' comics about Aquaman and the Human Torch or something.

Hayes

Zane Boodram.

Did our talk the other day mean NOTHING to you?!

Dykstra

Shit, you got full named, Bood.

Barrett

I think you just need to talk with him, Roz. There's got to be some logical explanation for all of this.

Will he be in town soon?

This weekend, yes.

I guess it's time we actually talk.

How inconvenient.

Hayes

Seems like the best option. Maybe everything is getting lost in translation of text messages.

It's easy enough to do.

I hope you are right.

Barrett

And hey, if it doesn't go well, I can have Harris make a reel of you that makes you look stupid sexy for Instagram.
That'll help you feel better.
...can he do that anyway?
Should be easy to find footage.
Barrett
I'll see what I can do.

Hayden Pike

Today 3:18 PM

Hey, do you want to go ring shopping with me tomorrow after practice?
Sure?

Wow. Not even going to pretend to be happy about it.

You know I was hoping we'd moved past this. It's been years, Hayd.

I get Ilya's not your favorite, but I love him and I'm going to fucking marry him, and I just wish my best friend could get on board with that.

Woah.

That was a lot.

You didn't even give me a chance to say I just needed to ask Jackie about her plans.

Oh, shit. Sorry.

I think I'm just a little on edge.

Ya think?

I thought you were going to be cool about this.

I'm trying.

This is just the biggest thing I've ever done.

And by the time I see him to ask, it'll have been two weeks since we've been together, so I'm freaking out a little bit.

I'm shocked.

Hayden.

You know he's going to say yes right?

Like there's no world where that idiot tells you no.

I know that, but sometimes I feel like I don't KNOW it. You know?

Not really, but I'm not exactly known for my emotional intelligence so 🙄

And for what it's worth, I don't hate Ilya.

He's an asshole, but he's our asshole.

Not that I want to do anything to his asshole. That would be weird.

For me anyway. Not you. Since you're into that.

Oh my god, Hayden.

I love you both. A lot.

But if you tell him that I will deny it and go on a two week vacation where you have to watch all of my kids.

I'm screenshotting this to show him.

You're never hearing the end of it.

Oh, look at that, looks like I'm booked up tomorrow and can't come ring shopping with you.

Fine. I won't show him.

Wow. Crazy how fast my scheduled cleared.

But if the jeweler thinks we're a couple, you're buying me lunch.

I would have bought you lunch regardless.
Dammit.

Shane 🙄❤️❤️❤️🙄🍆

Today 11:42 AM

Hey, let's go to the cottage this weekend.

Why?

Because we have the weekend off, and I thought it would be nice?

Why do we need a specific reason?

You love the cottage.

Yes, just seems like a fast trip.

We do not normally go in the middle of the season.

So that means we automatically can't?

I didn't say that.

Are you alright? You don't seem alright.

I'm fine.

Just want to go to the cottage, that's all.

Ask nicely and maybe I will consider.

Seriously?

I am serious about all things.

Jesus. Fine.

Would you please come to the cottage with me this weekend?

Of course, Shane. I would love to.

See how easy that was?

Would have been easier if you'd just said yes to begin with. Can you meet me there Friday night around 6?

But then I cannot mess with you.

I'm looking forward to it. I've missed you.

Can you meet me there Friday night around 6?

We will not go together?

No, I have some things to take care of before I leave, so it'll be easier to meet you there.

What things?

Just things, Ilya.

You'll find out eventually.

Okay.

You're sure you're alright?

I said I'm fine.

I'll talk to you soon, okay?

Okay.

Bye.

Jackie's Worst Half

Today 3:52 PM

Hayden Pike.

Ilya Rozanov.

What is wrong with Shane?

What are you talking about?

I know dumb is your natural state, but can you at least try to be helpful for once!
God, you're an asshole.
Why do you think there's something wrong with Shane?
He has been weird ever since I saw him last. Jumpy. On his phone all the time.
Asking me to drive myself to the cottage and asking weird questions my finger size and fire.
Oh.
So, you do know something.
Of course, I do. I'm his best friend.
He tells me everything.
It just now dawned on you that you know something?
I've got a lot going on. Sue me.
For the five dollars you make being the 15th best player on your team? No thank you.
What would he tell you that he wouldn't tell me?
We are boyfriends.
Is it so hard to believe I'm important enough to him to share everything with?
Yes.

Pike.
Hayden.
Best friend of my lover.
Ew.
Please give me something here. I am panicking. He's not himself and I don't understand why.
Listen, I can't tell you. Just wait until this weekend.
For what? I do not understand.
You will. Soon. I promise it'll all make sense. But until then that's all I can give you.
Just when I thought I couldn't hate you any more than I already do.
Tell Ruby congrats on the science fair win.
Will do.



❤️ Wifey ❤️

Today 5:07 PM
Shit. Jackie.

Remember when I told Shane to be cool?

He wasn't. At all.

Rozanov knows something is up.

What do you mean? How do you know that?

He text me in a panic, asking what was wrong with Shane.

I guess he's been really jumpy and moody.

Okay, well that's not all that surprising considering.

It's Shane.

Did you reassure him?

Um.

Not exactly?

What do you mean not exactly?!

I told him I couldn't tell him anything!

And to wait for this weekend.

But that implies there's something to BE TOLD.

I mean yeah, but I didn't say what it was!

Men are useless.

If Ilya's panicking, he's assuming the worst.

And you probably just managed to freak him out even more.

I was just trying to help!

What can I do to make it better? Should I talk to Shane?

NO.

It's taking everything I have to keep him even remotely calm. And obviously that's not even working.

No, just stay away from him as much as you can. There's no reason to panic him, too.

If one of them tries to talk to you about anything else, for the love of god, send them to me.

Okay. I'm sorry. I really was trying to help.

Hayden. Love of my life and father of my children.

I say this with all the love in the world.

Stop. Helping.

Okay 🙄

I love you ❤️

I love you, too.

I was just trying to make sure he had a good proposal.

You're so sweet.

And he will. Because I'm in charge.

I'm starting to think you should be in charge of everything.

It's so cute that you think I'm not already.

The Grown Ups

Today 8:04 PM

Chat.

It is over for me.

Hayes

Did you forget your Netflix login again?

I thought you wrote it down last time.

No. It's Shane.

He wants to go to the cottage this weekend so he can break up with me.

Bood

He told you that?!

He did not have to.

It's so obvious.

And I spoke with Pike and he was no help. Only said I would find out what was going on this weekend.

Hayes

Who?

Hayden Pike. Shane's terrible choice for a best friend.

Hayes

Oohhh. Right. That guy.

Barrett

But what did Hollander say exactly?

Like word for word so I can help you here and also tell Harris later?

He told me we should go to the cottage this weekend.

We almost never go during the season.

And then he tells me he will meet me there because he has THINGS to do.

Dykstra

What things?

He told me I would find out eventually.

And we never drive separately.

Dykstra

Do you think maybe he's like planning your murder or something?

Maybe that's what the fire and water question was about!

Hayes

I swear to god, Dykstra, you are one step away from getting kicked out of this chat.

Clearly he wants me to have my own car so I can leave after he dumps me.

Hayes

But why would he take you all the way out to there to dump you?

Wouldn't it be easier to just do it here?

So you think he is going to dump me?!

Hazy. You're the voice of reason, here. If I've lost you, then I have no hope.

Hayes

No! I just mean it would be weird to go to all that effort to break up with you.

Why would he make you drive your own car to a remote location in the middle of bumfuck

Ontario to break up with you?

Okay, maybe he is going to murder you.

Oh, god.

How did it go so wrong?

How did he go from being the love of my life to wanting to kill me?

Bood

I mean...have you met you? 🤪

What am I supposed to do?!

Bood

I dunno. Don't go maybe? Make him talk to you here instead of driving all the way out to the cottage?

Dykstra

But what if he isn't going to break up with you and just wants a nice weekend with you at your favorite place?

Hayes

You can't go from suspecting murder to suggesting a nice weekend. Pick a lane, dude.

Barrett

I think you should go.

You trust him. You love him. So lean on that. Don't give into the fear of it all.

I lived in fear for so long, and I know you and Shane did, too.

Don't let it win again. It's not worth it.

Bood

Aww. Troy.

That would actually be really sweet if I also wasn't semi-convinced Roz is about to get murdered.

Barrett

Well.

I tried.

Hayes

Harris will be so proud.

Fine. I will go.

And I will try to talk with him while we're there.

Hayes

We'll all be rooting for you!

And praying for your safe passage home or onto the next life.
If I am murdered, it's been mostly an honor knowing you 😊

Jackie Pike

Today 9:18 AM

Candles came today! We should be all set ❤️

Holy shit. It's actually going to happen.

It sure is, my darling friend!

So, you and Hayden and I will go in my car and set everything up beforehand.

I've got your dinner ordered from the restaurant in town and we'll pick it up on the way in and keep it under warming trays for you guys.

Hayden and I will keep out of the way and get some pictures for you while it happens and then we'll sneak out and head to your parents for the night so you and Ilya can celebrate 😊

All you need to worry about is packing and the ring!

Was Ilya okay with driving himself?

I think so.

Mostly.

Probably not. We've never not driven together so I think he was a little put off by it, but hopefully it'll be worth it?

He'll forget all about it as soon as he gets here!

Seriously, Jackie thank you.

I'd be a wreck without you.

Okay, I'm still a wreck with you, but it's a lot better than it would be.

Seriously, we're so glad to help!

And really we should be thanking you for giving us a night away from the kids.

Always happy to help you escape your parenting responsibilities.

Ilya is so lucky to have you 😊

No, I'm definitely the lucky one.

The Originals

Today 9:02 AM

Mom

Today is the day!!!!

Dad

My darling, I had no idea you were such a fan of World Radio Day.

Mom

Oh, David. Not now.

Our sons are about to get engaged.

That sounds really weird.

Mom

How are you feeling, honey?

Nervous.

But ready.

Dad

It's going to be wonderful, son. We're so proud of you both.

Thanks, dad.

We'll see you tomorrow for lunch.

Love you both.

Mom

Love you! Good luck!!

Thanks.

Wait.

Why do I need luck?

Do you think he's going to say no?

Mom

No, no, no. Honey. Absolutely not!

It just came out. I didn't mean anything by it, I swear.

He's going to say yes and you're going to get married and have a beautiful life together.

I promise.

Dad

Would have been easier if we were just celebrating World Radio Day.

Shane 🙄❤❤❤❤🙄🍆

Today 5:56 PM

I'm about fifteen minutes out.

Okay. Let me know when you're here and I'll come out and get you. Don't come in on your own.

Shane. I love you so much.

I know things have been weird, but can we try to talk them out this weekend?

Wait what?

What are you talking about?

I'll do anything to fix whatever it is, you just have to tell me.

Anything.

Why are you being so weird?

Stop texting and driving! I'll see you in a few.

Why is Jackie's car here?

OMG are you breaking up with me to be with Jackie?!

Wait. You're gay.

Oh god. Oh fuck. NO.

Shane you cannot leave me for Hayden.

This is worse than my worst nightmare.

What in the world?

For fuck's sake Ilya.

I'm coming out to get you.

The Grown Ups

Today 2:28 PM

Bood

Has anyone heard from Roz?

I'm starting to worry maybe he is actually dead?

Hayes

I haven't.

Barrett

Me either.

Dykstra

Not me. But that cottage is remote, so maybe he just doesn't have a lot of service out there?

Barrett

Yeah, but he sends us so much annoying shit from there in the summer, so I don't think it's that.

Fuck, now I'm worried, too.

Hello.

Hayes

Oh, thank fuck.

Bood

ROZ.

Are you okay?

What's going on.

I am fine.

I have a small announcement.

Barrett

Whatever happens we're here for you.

Dykstra

I wasn't kidding about that playlist.

Hayes

Yeah, and I have a ton of weed just waiting for a good reason to get us all baked.

I am afraid this is more of an expensive vodka kind of announcement.

BECAUSE I AM ENGAGED.



Shane Hollander and I are getting MARRIED.

Bood

WHAT? Oh my god!

No fucking way!

Hayes

Hold the fucking phone!

Are you serious?!

Barrett

I knew it was all going to be okay ❤️

Dykstra

That's incredible, Roz! I'm so happy for you! I'm so glad he said yes!

How'd you ask him?

He did not say yes.

I said yes.

Barrett

Wait, what?

Shane asked you?

Hayes

Wait I'm sorry, Shane Hollander asked you to marry him?

Bood

Roz got proposed to?

Dykstra

I didn't think Hollander had it in him.

According to the ring that barely fits on my finger, yes. He very much did ask me.

Barrett

Ohhh, the finger question makes so much more sense now.

Why does no one think my beloved future husband Shane would propose?

Barrett

Um. Well.

I...honestly don't know?

Bood

Yeah, I just kinda always assumed it would be you.

Hayes

I don't think I want to really examine why I always assumed it would be the opposite.

I don't think I would like the answer.

I feel like I'm pretty evolved, but this makes me feel like I'm not?

Oh, boy.

Dykstra

Yeah, can we just promise we'll work on ourselves and be better?

I cannot even bring myself to care about your bigotry.

Because I'm getting marrieeeeeddd!!!!!!

Hayes

Really happy for you man. This is the best news.

Bood

So happy you're not dead OR broken up with.

Barrett

How did he ask?

He covered the dock at the cottage with candles.

Bood

THE FIRE!

Who knew context could be so helpful.

Yes.

He has been a wreck keeping this from me.

Everything was a big misunderstanding.

Dykstra

That definitely tracks.

Bood

What did I tell you? Pretty, neurotic flower.

My pretty neurotic flower ❤️

Hayes

You're going to be absolutely insufferable until the wedding aren't you?

Until the wedding.

Sure. Yes.

Hayes

Sigh.

You've been through enough.

I guess we'll allow it.

Ilya ❤️

Today9:42 AM

Shane.

Shane.

Shaaaane.

Yeah?

We're getting married.

I know. I'm the one who asked you, remember?

A fact no one seems to believe.

I'm still insulted even my own parents stereotype me as a bottom.

If they only knew what a little freak you actually are 😈

Let's maybe keep that between us.

Like until the sun burns out, please.

Fine. I will honor your wish to not tell the world how incredible you are in bed.

And here I thought I couldn't possibly love you any more.

I talked with Wiebe today.

About?

He's in agreement we could use more depth at center next season.

Is that so?

Mhmm. Just in case any upcoming free agents on teams with terrible teammates were interested.

I'll have to keep that in mind if I come across anyone.

Will you be heading this way soon?

Yeah, I'm just packing up now.

Hurry. I need to fuck my fiancé.

Then stop texting me so I can put in a plug and drive to you, Rozanov.

Fuccckkkkk.

Are you sure I cannot tell the world how freaky you are?

If they don't even think I'd propose to you, I don't think they'd believe that either.

You're probably right.

The Grown Ups

Today 12:53 PM

Ilya Rozanov added Shane Hollander to the conversation

Ilya ❤️

Everyone welcome my husband Shane Hollander!

Hayes

Ehhhhhhh, Hollander!!

Bood

Ink isn't even dry on the contract yet, but here he is!

Barrett

Shane is here!

You all have had my number for more than a year, this shouldn't be that exciting.

Bood

Yeah, but we didn't care as much about you then.

Hayes

Now you're ✨one of us✨

Ilya ❤️

Yes, now you are actually worth our time.

I'm literally married to you, asshole.

Dykstra

One of us! One of us! One of us!

Barrett

I'm glad you're here, Shane. I think you'll really like being a Centaur.

Thanks, Troy.

Ilya ❤️

God, why don't you two just make out already.

I knew this was going to be a mistake.

Bood

First things first. What are we calling you, Hollander?

Hollzy?

Dykstra

Nah, too close to Hazy.

Why do I have to have a nickname? Troy and Evan don't have nicknames.

Hayes

Barrett doesn't have one because of Harris.

Dykstra kind of has one. We just call him D sometimes.

Ilya ❤️

The D can stand for many things. Dykstra. Dickhead. Dummy. Do not give aux cord.

What does Harris have to do with Troy not having a nickname?

Bood

Harris controls our online presence. We have to keep him happy. So instead of us calling Troy ferret or something, he gets to keep his name.

Barrett

Ferret? What the fuck? That's what you were going to call me?

Hayes

It was considered, yes.

Okay but you know you're famous hockey players, right?

Isn't that more important than your online presence?

Bood

Hockey is temporary. Online shit is forever.

Dykstra



If Evan is just called D, why can't I be H?

Bood

Oh. Wait. I know. Rose Landry was your beard right? We should call you Hollywood 🕶️

NO.

Hayes

HOLLYWOOD.

Barrett

It is catchy.

Ilya ❤️

I do not love the reminder of Shane's ultimate betrayal...

But it is catchy.

WE WEREN'T TOGETHER.

I didn't even know I was gay yet!

Dykstra

Majority rules.

A most warm welcome to Hollywood.

For fuck's sake, I am not doing this.

Shane Hollander has left the conversation

Ilya Rozanov added Shane Hollander to the conversation

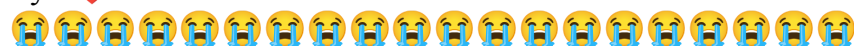
Bood

Back so soon, Hollywood?

I would just like to make it known that I object to that nickname with the highest possible terms.

And I would like to add that I'm only here because my husband informed me he would read every message out loud to me if I didn't come back, and I hear his voice enough.

Ilya ❤️



Dykstra

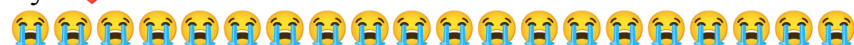
It wasn't THAT mean, Roz. I'd try to hear less of your voice, too.



He's not crying because of that.

He's crying because I called him my husband.

Ilya ❤️



My husband called me his husband.

Hayes

Oh, wow.

Bood

Wouldn't dream of it.

End Notes

I swore I would never write one of these and here I am. Mostly I'm just so entertained that a whole group of men would come to the conclusion Ilya is about to be murdered by his boyfriend than consider Shane is going to propose.

The team's reactions to Shane proposing was inspired by [this tweet](#)

Thank you so much for reading as always, your comments help heal my imposter syndrome, and kudos are love. Feel free to come find me over on [tumblr](#) or [twitter](#) though I mostly just lurk there, I'd love if you come give me a follow.

ALSO, I am on Threads, but my account keeps getting fucking disabled and there's zero recourse for getting it back which is ridiculously annoying. I think their AI system thinks I'm a spam account which so rich in irony my multivitamin laughs at me, but my current account is [here](#).

Until next time!

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