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## Summary

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## Notes

I know we're expressly shown otherwise, but I was a paranoid baby gay once and I choose to believe that Shane and Ilya are very careful not to use names/gender indicators, at least if they know the other one is in public. You just wouldn't be able to use their texts as an effective storytelling tool if you did that.

Half of these usernames are brought to you by the migraine I've had for the last three days. The other half have been pilfered from other social media fics I've read. So if you think you recognize one you're probably right.

Brought to you in part by [this post](#). Thank you to those who helped me track down the post!

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

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[image description: Two photos of Shane Hollander on his phone. They are zoomed in enough to make out the texts on his screen. Transcript of observed text messages below]

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[end transcript]

**@m0therpuck3r** anyone else feeling kinda sick after reading Hollander's texts? I know pro athletes are p much always dicks, but I guess I bought his good boy shtick...

**@shanesfreckleslover** I guess I thought the racism I know he's had to deal with would have taught him some empathy.

**@AntiGardSquad** Troy Barrett's a brown man and one of the biggest asshats in the league, why should Hollander be an exception

**@justbfkngnrml** now how are you gonna be a mama's boy and talk to your girlfriend like that

**@AMEfan5eva** girl, mama's boys are the WORST #Freedom4Lily

**@HolzMVP4vr** idk, i feel like we shouldn't be canceling him off a handful of texts? we have no idea what the context is

**@PlayneJayne** in what context is it okay to blow off your girlfriend when she's obviously upset and asking for support? #Freedom4Lily

**@FlowerFreedom69** he called her a drama queen, accused her of just having a bad hair day when she's clearly freaking out about something, and made fun of her spelling. in the space of two shitty nightclub pictures. girl, I know he's hot and rich, but get real #Freedom4Lily

**@smoothiemvp** it really is Hunter or no one if you want to be a hockey fan, huh #Freedom4Lily

**@stephkanee2** maybe if Hollander was gay he'd find some basic decency #Freedom4Lily

**@slaisyreal** Shut up before you summon an article saying Hunter's actually a serial killer or something

**@metro2theend** I don't know why so many people are freaking out about this. He's a hockey player, it's not his job to go running to comfort his girlfriend every time she breaks a nail. It's not like he's being violent or whatever

**@105canwin** I hope your wife divorces you and leaves you with nothing

**@81even2ottawa** your dick will fall off in seven days

**@queenierosie** Do you guys think this is why he and Rose Landry broke up? Maybe his publicist put pressure on her to keep quiet about what he's really like

**@hockeypockey** you think a hockey player can put pressure on ROSE LANDRY to not call him a dick? did you see her takedown of Brady Armstrong? woman ain't afraid of no thing

**@Rose4Oscars** they were seen hanging out literally last week, i've gotta assume he doesn't talk to her the way he talks to lily. lily, girl, if you see this, you deserve better!!!! #Freedom4Lily

**@CensWillWin** you can literally see Andrews from Vegas making out with a girl who looks young enough to be his daughter in some of the pictures from last night, but sure. lets cancel Hollander for some bitchy texts

**JJ:** Ok, 1 - why didn't you tell me you had a girlfriend? I would have stopped trying to set you up. 2 - my man. If you don't like her, just dump her. I will keep trying to set you up.

**Shane:** What?

**JJ:** Oh, you haven't seen yet? Figured your agent would be all over with this. [link]

**Shane:** Jesus.

**Shane:** It's not what it looks like.

**JJ:** So you didn't tell your girlfriend she's being dramatic and you don't have time for her nonsense?

**Shane:** No! We were kidding around, she wasn't actually upset. And I left right after those texts to go call her. Remember? You made fun of me for calling it a night so early.

**JJ:** ...I vaguely remember this.

**Shane:** Considering you were drinking that shit Comeau brought to the table straight from the bottle, I'm not surprised.

**Shane:** Thanks for the heads-up, I need to make some calls.

**Lily:** wow. u are so mean to me :(

**Shane:** Shut up. This is literally all your fault.

**Lily:** now u tell me shut up :(

**Lily:** first you do not care when billboard destroys your beauty, now u do not let me speak

**Shane:** As though anyone on earth can stop you from speaking.

**Lily:** :)

**Lily:** u say the sweetest things

**Lily:** what is plan? twitter wants to hunt you for sport i think

**Shane:** Yeah, I just got off the phone with Farrah. She says people are PISSED.

**Shane:** You know, I'd be less annoyed about this if I didn't know there's TONS of guys being way worse way more publicly and no one's saying dick about them. They're sure as fuck not getting passive aggressive emails from the commissioner.

**Lily:** right? kent 'accidentally' left bruises all over his date's arm at gala last week, but no, Shane Hollander is problem for being snarky

**Lily:** andrews was probably cheating on his wife in same nightclub but no one is taking pictures of HIM

**Shane:** Remember my mom's speech about what a high standard I get held to? This is what she meant.

**Shane:** Anyway, I looked over the conversation and I don't think there's anything risky in there, so I'm thinking I'll just share a few more screenshots to give context? If that's okay with you.

**Lily:** obviously is okay. we are careful.

**Lily:** and the fans will agree with me that it is a crime to hide your freckles from the world

**Shane:** I would have thought you liked them to be covered. So you can have them all to yourself.

**Lily:** hmm. good point

**@shanehollander24** It's come to my attention that a member of the press caught a few pictures in which my phone screen can be seen while I was out with my team last night, and parts of a private conversation were shared without my knowledge or consent, or any relevant context. I will not be answering any questions about my personal life or about Lily, but I will share the surrounding messages to hopefully clear up that I was not 'blowing her off.' I love Lily very much and one of the reasons for that is because we can freely snark at each other this way.

[transcript of text messages below]

**Lily:** this is the worst day of my life. worst thing that has ever happened

**Shane:** What happened?

**Lily:** WORST. THING. EVER.

**Shane:** Okay, so this is you being dramatic, not an actual problem

**Shane:** Jesus, don't scare me.

**Lily:** draMATIC????? WHEN A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED AGAINST BEAUTY?????!!!!!!???????

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**Lily:** you hate me, want me to die, i understand

**Lily:** you probably wanted them to do it to upset me specifically

**Lily:** hello???????? u are ignoring me now??????

**Shane:** Jesus, it was two minutes, I was making sure Comeau didn't get vodka all over my phone.

**Lily:** ugh, do not say more. i do not want to know what shitty vodka he drinks

**Shane:** Wow, this is bigger than being pretentious about vodka. Must be serious. Are you going to tell me what you're yelling about yet?

**Lily:** is very serious. you will give me alibi, yes?

**Shane:** Probably not. Ask SV, she'll do a better job anyway.

**Lily:** :( she already said no >:(

**Shane:** lol

**Lily:** who are u. how do u have this phone

**Shane:** Oh my God, I mimic your text speech ONCE

**Lily:** stop. i like your proper grammar texts. is cute

**Lily:** ANYWAY

**Lily:** i need rope. and matches

**Shane:** Do I get to know what the problem is before you get arrested and I never see you again?

**Lily:** you would not break me out?

**Shane:** No.

**Lily:** :(

**Lily:** is photoshoot. you are on a billboard outside the bar

**Shane:** And....? That's happened before.

**Lily:** WHERE ARE THEY

**Lily:** WHO TOOK THEM

**Lily:** WHAT MONSTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS

**Shane:** I have no idea what you're talking about.

**Lily:** YOUR FRECKLES

**Lily:** THEY COVERED YOUR FRECKLES

**Shane:** Ah. I should have known.

**Shane:** Yeah, that happens sometimes. Sometimes they just don't show up on camera, or the concealer is too thick to see them, or whoever is running the shoot thinks I look better without them.

**Lily:** WHO SAYS THIS

**Lily:** I NEED NAMES

**Lily:** I WILL KILL ALL OF THEM

**Shane:** If I leave now and call you when I get back to the hotel, will you calm down before you get arrested for erratic behavior in public?

**Lily:** ...Wear your glasses?

**Shane:** Yeah, I know. Call you in like 15.

[end transcript]

**@AntiGardSquad** Me 5 mins ago: There is no context that's going to make me think it's okay to talk to your gf like that. Me now: I'm sorry Mr Hollander, I didn't realize you are dating Miette's spiritual cousin

**@meemlo4d** you IGNORE lily? you leave her to suffer alone like the cinderella? oh! oh! jail for shane hollander! jail for shane hollander for One Thousand Years!!!!

**@m0therpuck3r** "shared without my knowledge or consent" some day this man is going to snap and kill a paparazzi and you know what? I will be with him. #Freedom4LilyAndShane

**@FlowerFreedom69** Lily probably will be too, assuming she hasn't already lost her war against the anti-freckle crowd

**@rpuckerf** hang on, can we go back to the part where hollander wears glasses?

**@Holz4Hottest** I haven't even seen them but I just know Lily is so valid for agreeing to calm down if he wears them to video chat her

**@shanesfreckleslover** Lily's right. What monster is making Shane Hollander cover his freckles and how do we make him stop? Lily, you have my sword. #Freedom4LilyAndShane

**@seabiscuitsimmortality** shane using lol and lily stopping the whole conversation to tell him she likes it when he uses proper grammar to text im crine

**@FreeMyMan** no but the way she thought he'd been mugged mid-conversation for a minute. I love them

**@HolzMVP4vr** \*furiously taking notes about how shane apparently texts in full grammatically correct sentences at all times\*

**@81even2ottawa** can't believe shane hollander won't break his gf out of prison after her freckle-induced massacre smh #Freedom4Lily

**@F&J4ATAC** "Jesus, don't scare me." Ok, I think the following snark was like when you get scared by a moth so you have to kill it really hard to regain your dignity.

**@himbolover365** man was ready to deal with an actual crisis and his girlfriend spent ten minutes wailing before she even told him the problem lmao

**@BeeGayDooCr1mz** I love that his solution to Lily trying to commit arson/murder was to offer phone sex. and it WORKED

**@HisThighs** girl have you seen that man? that'd work on me too, goddamn

**@queenierosie** ok, so because you guys agreed that she's being ridiculous it's okay for her bf to treat her like this? fuck you all #Freedom4Lily

**@PlayneJayne** please speak to a human being today. maybe look at a leaf

**@81even2ottawa** i know hollander likes his privacy and maybe lily does too but she sounds so funny... lily please, i will be normal i promise...

**@105canwin** now back to your regularly scheduled insanity... I would like to draw your attention to the fact that there are indicators that english is not lily's first language...

**@CensWillWin** if Roz is dramatically flipping out over Hollander's freckles I will eat an entire hatbox

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## 2 YEARS LATER

**@HOLLANOVERSSTAYWINNING** Hey, now that we've all had a minute to adjust to the #HollanovIsReal news, can we jump back in time a bit to this? [link] Is Lily Ilya? Did Ilya Rozanov crash out about his boyfriend's freckles being airbrushed out of a billboard ad?

**@rozandertruther1st** how does it feel to have the biggest most beautiful brain in the world? you're right, that's gotta have been him, right? That was only two years ago and they said they've been together for 'several'

**@m0therpuck3r** did we try to cancel Hollander for bullying Roz? the guy he p much gets paid to bully?

**@Rivals2Hollanovs** and hollander said "now hold on, the bullying is CONSENSUAL and MUTUAL" we all should have known right there tbh

**@AntiGardSquad** Ilya being the mysterious Lily is hilarious but also making me kinda sad : ( Imagine being so in love and you have to use fake names to text because people can't fathom gay people being good at sports. And then that gets you in trouble too because everyone in your sport is so shitty it's impossible to believe you aren't

**@2tough2die** No fr. I went back and reread the whole conversation Hollander shared and there's no gender indicators ANYWHERE. They must have been being so careful, even when they thought they were alone

**@HolzMVP4vr** it's kinda adding to the 'we're not mad at Hayden' thing for me. idk, it's got me thinking they must just be sick of having to do all that just to have a conversation

**@81even2ottawa** well, that's a not fun answer to the question of why hollander's never made 'lily' public. :/ glad to know i was right about lily being the funniest person alive tho

**@81even2ottawa** wait, wait wait - "Are your curls laying too flat or something?" MR HOLLANDER THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EVEN BIGGER CRISIS THAN THE FRECKELS

**@shanesfreckleslover** Ilya Rozanov threatened to commit mass murder because his boyfriend's freckles were taken away. And he was correct to do so. Ilya Rozanov, you have my sword.

**@105haswon** [@CensWillWin](#) I expect video footage of the hatbox consumption

**@CensWillWin** well good goddamn

## End Notes

Almost every line in this fic has some sort of inside joke that is between me and myself, so if you'd like the director's commentary on a line or easter egg, you can summon my thoughts by leaving a comment.

Also, if you write social media/texting fics with all the coding stuff to make it look legit? You are a stronger soldier than I. I looked at a tutorial and said 'I'm not doing all that.'

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