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Summary

Once upon a time, a teenage Ilya Rozanov closed the elevator door on Yuna Hollander. Nearly a decade later, he and Shane sit on her couch. Realisations ensue.

Notes

Ilya shuts the elevator door on Yuna in episode 1 of HR. This doesn't happen in the book, so I'm wondering if it's purpose was contained to ep1, or if it's a clue for the ep 6 conversation between Shane, Ilya's and Shane's parents to play out differently from the source material/book canon. This little ficlet explores the idea.

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Yuna Hollander looks warily at Shane and Ilya perched nervously on her couch.

"When did this start?" She says with suspicion, wafting her hand over them as she says 'this'.

Shane grips Ilya's hand even tighter as he fumbles through a vague answer.

"Years ago, mom. I get this is new for you, but it isn't for us".

His parents appear unconvinced, unsurprising given Shane's recent girlfriend and Ilya's own reputation as a ladies' man.

Ilya clears his throat. He looks at Yuna directly with his serious face, and speaks in his serious voice.

"Mrs. Hollander. You know the start."

Ilya holds heavy eye contact with a frowning Yuna as she rethinks every public interaction and event Shane and Ilya have had over the last decade. Shane and his dad look between them, utterly bewildered, until-

"No," she breathes, blanching in shock, eyes going impossibly wide.

Ilya nods.

"And all this time..?"

"Yes," Ilya says, "secret."

David looks as lost as Shane feels. Shane has no idea what is happening, but suddenly Yuna is launching herself at him and Ilya, wrapping them in tight until each of their faces squish one of her cheeks.

"Ok, you two, what did I miss?" David asks, when she finally releases them.

"Ilya shut me out of an elevator the night after the CCM shoot Shane's rookie year."

David's jaw hits the floor.

"You did what?!" Shane shrieks, turning on Ilya, who only shrugs.

"Rookie year..." David mumbles dazedly.

"Well, Ilya," she says, seemingly testing the name in her mouth, "I think you'd better call me Yuna."

It takes only three days for Ilya to become the favourite son.

End Notes

The work title “this is going up” is what Ilya said to Yuna from the elevator :)

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