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## Summary

During their time at the cottage, Shane and Ilya do a lot of things together, including a puzzle. Ilya isn't exactly the biggest fan but Shane still loves it.

How the hell is Hayden involved?

## Notes

Hihi hello everyone, I've been obsessed so here is a small fic before I start with the long ones after my exams

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Spending time at his cottage is Shane's favourite pastime activity in the summer.

Ilya and him do whatever comes to mind. Field hockey, swimming, soccer, video games, anything they can compete in.

But Shane also has things he can do by himself, used to being alone in his cottage to wind down from the season. He brings a box to the dining table and takes a seat.

Ilya, who is still eating breakfast, takes one look at the box and groans, "Hollander, I am not fucking doing a puzzle with you."

"Did I ask you to do it with me?"

"No."

"Great, so you're not hallucinating things. I can do this by myself but you are welcome to join."

Shane dumps the pieces onto the table and starts sorting through them. First the border pieces, then specific colours.

His boyfriend finishes his breakfast while watching with clear disdain. When he comes back from putting away the dishes, he lets himself fall into the chair next to Shane and sighs.

"You are so fucking boring, Hollander. If I leak this to press, they stop giving you all those cool ads. This is complete waste of time together."

Despite his words, he presses an over-the-top kiss to his cheek and starts 'sorting' the pieces.

"What the fuck do you think you're doing, Rozanov?"

"I help," he replies in an almost innocent tone. Normally Shane would think it's adorable but he takes his sorting very seriously.

"You're not helping, you're fucking up my sorting. That piece does NOT belong in the green pile."

"It's fucking green, Hollander."

"It's the grass! Only the bushes and trees go into the green pile."

If Shane didn't know any better, he would think Ilya is pouting at his annoyance.

"Grass is green, bush is green, who cares." He throws the piece across the table, earning a light slap from Shane on his thigh.

In silence, they sort through the pieces and start on the border together. Shane usually prefers puzzling by himself because he likes the quiet control he has and it is simply satisfying to strategically find pieces that belong together. It's calming.

But with Ilya silently trying his best to find fitting pieces, he finds he likes the company. It's domestic and he's always found Ilya's look of concentration incredibly hot. Though, it is also endearing how serious he takes Shane's hobby, despite finding it boring and a 'waste of time'.

Shane takes on the sky while Ilya gets to do the bushes and trees, often swearing under his breath. Or, well, not under his breath.

"For fucks sake, why does this not fit?! Picture matches but pieces say no!"

Strangely endeared, Shane chuckles at his outburst. "That's how it is sometimes. But I promise you the correct piece is somewhere in that pile."

"How are you so calm? You sit on same pieces for 20 minutes and call it fun? Is this *seriously* what you call fun? This is torture! I can show you *much* better fun."

At his last sentence, Ilya suggestively wiggles his eyebrows, earning another laugh from Shane.

"Later."

"It sounds like promise. Good. A present for my efforts."

Amused, Shane continues puzzling. Ilya tries his best but at some point he puts his arms on the table and hides his face in them in frustration.

"This is NOT relaxing. You are madman, Shane Hollander. You're actually having fun, da?"

Shane places the piece he is holding and then cards his fingers through his boyfriend's blond locks. It's one of his favourite things to do and Ilya loves it just as much.

"I am having fun. Especially because you're here. But it also wouldn't be a problem if you wanted to do something else. You're free to do whatever you want, you know I wouldn't be mad."

He can see the hesitation in Ilya's eyes. He meant what he said. He loves doing it together, simply because he loves doing stupidly normal things with Ilya. Because, finally, they get to do it.

But he wouldn't be mad or sad if he decided to quit. He's honestly surprised Ilya has been holding on for this long. He's not exactly the type to do things he doesn't like.

With confidence, his boyfriend replies, "Ilya Rozanov does not quit. I finish this. With you. It's still time together, even if there is much better things to do."

Shane suppresses the urge to say 'Awww' out loud because he'd surely get shit for it. Really getting to know Ilya had been one of the best things his life had to offer. He can be an asshole, yes, but when he cares, he cares deeply. Ilya has been indulging Shane in his antics, only making comments when he knows Shane can take them.

He makes sure Shane is okay, cares about his opinion. They banter, they talk and there isn't one second where Shane has to doubt any of Ilya's intentions because he is honest to a fault which is something he appreciates deeply as he struggles with social interactions and reading intentions a lot.

With Ilya, he doesn't have to worry. The way they met, the way everything happened, had shaped their relationship into one of honesty. Not when they banter, they obviously don't mean everything they say there but Shane knows Ilya is always honest and if there is something Shane needs to know, he'd tell him.

Like his disdain for puzzling. "I cannot fucking find this fucking piece."

Trying to take a look at what piece Ilya is searching for, he bends over the puzzle.

"Hm, it's pretty much a square and there are three noses, that shouldn't be that hard to find."

That seems to set Ilya off.

"Not hard to find?? I search for 5 minutes and you tell me it's 'not hard to find'?? Fuck you, Hollander."

Offended, Ilya turns to look at him. His annoyance is obvious, even to Shane. His face then morphs into one of utter confusion.

"And why are you analysing like in maths class. This is a picture. The puzzle is cats so you search for cats. See? This cat is grey so look for grey piece."

"So why can't you find it if you're now an expert on puzzling?"

"Fuck you."

Weirdly endeared by Ilya's annoyed expression while still searching for the piece, Shane snaps a quick photo of him and then a selfie of him smiling happily and Ilya straight up glaring at the puzzle.

He should frame them.

Miraculously, they finish the puzzle. As he is proud of what they did, Shane takes a picture of the finished puzzle before instructing Ilya to put it back in the box.

"Hollander, we just spent *hours* on this, now you want me to destroy it?"

Shane shrugs. "I thought I'd give you the honours after you were ragebaited by it."

"Was not! I don't even know what that means." With his arms crossed, he turns away from Shane, showing him his back.

"Sure. Guess I'll do it by myself." He starts disassembling the puzzle, knowing Ilya will join him in a few seconds. And he did.

It's sweet how he doesn't let Shane do it by himself. It means he cherishes their time together as much as Shane does.

“I should send Hayden a sign that I’m still alive. I’ve... kind of been ignoring his messages.”

Ilya rolls his eyes and is already making himself comfortable on the couch again. “Tell him to learn how to play. Needs improvement.”

“I will not, thank you very much for the insight no one asked for.”

Pulling out his phone, Shane thinks what to text for a second before selecting the photo he just took and a short ‘hey, look at what I just did :)’ before throwing his phone to the side and joining his boyfriend on the couch.

# Hayden Pike

**Today, 01:37 PM**

Shane, why is Ilya Rozanov with you?  
And why the hell do you look so happy about it?  
Is this a call for help?  
Shane????

## End Notes

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