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Hudson Williams Faces Candid Question About Connor Storrie

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A trailer for the Canadian interview series The Assembly shows actor Hudson Williams being asked whether he has ever felt something for his Heated Rivalry co-star Connor Storrie that was “more than friendship.” The preview does not reveal Williams’s response to that question.

The question is part of a preview for Williams’s appearance in the second season of The Assembly, which CBC says begins on November 1 on CBC TV and CBC Gem. The show’s format puts public figures in conversation with autistic and neurodivergent interviewers, who ask direct questions about their lives and work.

What the trailer shows

The clip includes questions about Williams’s sex life as well as more personal topics. One interviewer introduces a question about his sex life, and Williams responds, “Hell yeah!” The preview also includes the question, “What do you like to fantasise about?” and Williams replying, “That’s a good one.”

The question about Storrie follows those exchanges. It is phrased as a question about Williams’s feelings, rather than as a claim about the actors’ relationship, and the trailer leaves the answer undisclosed. Neither the question nor the preview establishes that Williams and Storrie have a romantic relationship in real life.

The trailer also shows a more reflective moment. Asked about loneliness, Williams says that when he is “falling down that hole of being lonely,” friends and family are “like the climbing pegs that you pull yourself back into life by.” That statement is separate from the question about Storrie; the preview does not connect the two.

The series and its season-two guests

The second season is scheduled to run for six episodes, with CBC listing Williams among its guests alongside Zach Galifianakis, Jay Baruchel, Marie-Philip Poulin, Ashley Callingbull and Lights. CBC says the season premieres Sunday, November 1, at 9 p.m. on CBC TV and CBC Gem, with episodes released weekly on CBC Gem.

The show's interview style is built around unscripted, direct questions. PinkNews describes the format as involving 30 autistic and neurodivergent adults interviewing celebrities, while CBC's season announcement confirms the programme's returning interviewers and celebrity lineup. CBC executive Jennifer Dettman said the interviewers bring "a fresh, honest energy" to the talk-show format.

On-screen chemistry and real-life boundaries

Williams and Storrie play Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov, the central couple in Heated Rivalry. The question in the trailer may attract attention from viewers familiar with the actors' on-screen romance, but the scene provides no answer about Williams's personal feelings and does not verify anything about either actor's private life.

For now, the confirmed news is that Williams will appear on The Assembly and that its trailer includes the question about Storrie. The episode itself is due to air with the season launch on November 1; the trailer alone does not disclose how Williams responds.

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