

Vincent Short is the Lift's resident heartthrob and a source of endless frustration. He may be blessed with great looks and natural talent, but heaven forbid he do something so gauche as *make an effort*.

This is not to diminish his non-Blaseball achievements. Short is a Japanese river otter, a species once on the brink of extinction but now thriving across the country. Their population rebound is thanks as much to Short as to anyone; the laconic pitcher is quite prepared to take a practical paws-on role in the appropriate circumstances.

With his sleek, sinuous physique and slicked-back fur Short is a smooth mover in any context. His characteristic cool detachment also lets him deploy a repertoire of corny pick-up lines secured by at least five distinct layers of irony. While very much his own otter, the riverbank Romeo allows himself to be considered part of the Lift's mallrat clique. Team-mate [[Stella Wolfe]] insists that Short is "actually a sweetheart, a genuine starry-eyed romantic". True or not, Wolfe might be the only person ever to have seen him without sunglasses.

Coaches and splortswriters agree that Short could be a huge player on-field as well as off; if only he delivered his yeah-whatever fastball with the same élan as the fractional head-tilt that *Vlogue* calls "devastating".