

David and Maddie Addison were going to Chicago for a happy occasion. Maddie's parents were renewing their wedding vows after almost 45 years of almost wedded bliss. The plane ride to Chicago was much different for Maddie this time around. First she wasn't alone and second she was going home for a happy occasion not escaping from David to think over their relationship. Maddie couldn't even recall what she had to think about back then. Things were so clear for her now. Well, maybe she was just trying to forget all the fears and insecurities she felt about David. No man had ever made her feel so wild and passionate; so out of control. Making love with David was like an outer body experience. She had never felt as free as when they were making love. But once the light of day dawned all she felt was shame and embarrassment that she could behave that way. Maddie knew that David had her in the palm of his hand but she didn't think he felt the same way. She knew he cared about her probably even loved her but she was terrified that the love and passion she felt for him was not what he felt for her. And she didn't trust him. She didn't believe that David Addison could be monogamous for long so she pushed him away. She knew she was at fault but he had been no angel either. Maddie didn't want to think about that. Instead she thought about the happy reason they were going to Chicago. Maddie was thrilled that David was accompanying her to the party as her husband. She never wanted to go to Chicago without him again.

She looked over at the man in the plane seat next to her. Maddie watched David sleep; even in slumber he still had a half smile painted over his lips; lips that Maddie ached to kiss awake. Instead, she stared at his profile with her blue eyes full of love; his drop dead looks still caused her stomach to flutter after all these years. What a rollercoaster ride they had been on these last six years but luckily they had both loved each other enough to give their relationship a second chance. Not that the year since they reconciled had been easy; it was never easy with them but this time around they worked at talking things out and not burying their feelings and emotions from each other. They were very different people and both of them had to compromise in order to live together. Maddie shook her head. Her house was difficult to keep neat and clean since David moved in. He left wet towels on the bathroom floor, threw them on the freshly made bed; she even found his wet towels on the kitchen table! And David who had become an excellent private investigator had a hard time locating the dirty clothes hamper. Maddie spent a lot of her time picking up dirty socks and tripping over his sneakers and shoes. David insisted on setting up his stereo system in her pristine living room. She liked music too but not as loud as David played it. She sighed deeply. There were other little things he did that drove her crazy like leaving dirty glasses in the sink and putting his feet on the coffee table but she put up with them because she knew she couldn't live without him. The six months he was gone was an agony she didn't want to repeat.

Maddie yawned. Her sleep cycle was also turned upside down like her neat house. They hardly slept. David was a night owl and liked to watch TV and listen to music into the early morning hours and he usually wanted her near him. Or they went to bed early but sleep was usually the last thing on their minds. Maddie shivered as she thought about the way David made love to her. He was insatiable but she wouldn't want it any other way. And she couldn't believe the things he made her try that she had come to love. When once she was mortified by the feelings he invoked in her now she thrived on them; she craved the sexual satisfaction only he could give her. So in a nutshell her careful orderly life had been turned upside down by the green eyed man beside her and she wouldn't want it any other way. She was blissfully happy with her disordered life.

Maddie laid her head on David's shoulder; she put her hand on his muscular thigh and smiled as she gazed at the diamond sparkling on her left hand. Mrs. David Addison. Who would have guessed after what happened with her cousin, the dissolution of their partnership and the six excruciating months they were apart that they would ever find their way back to each other? As David would say it was kismet. Thank God for Agnes' and Bert's wedding that had helped them find their way back to one another.

Maddie couldn't believe how much had happened over the last year. Not only were they now husband and wife but they were expecting a baby in 6 months! Maddie put her hand on her stomach. She had gotten through the first trimester without the gut wrenching morning sickness that had plagued her with her first pregnancy but sometimes she thought it had to do with the different emotions she was feeling. The first time she was having a baby she had been nervous, scared and insecure; pregnant and unsure of who the father of her child was; while now she was a happily married woman secure in David's love. Sometimes she had to pinch herself to make sure she wasn't dreaming. She put her arm around David's waist pulling the blanket up and snuggling up to her husband.

Suddenly, she felt David stir. "Maddie." He whispered in that voice that had complete dominance over her body, heart and soul.

"David." She hugged him tighter.

"I love you babe." He told her as he drifted off again.

Maddie smiled as she looked up at him. She placed her head back on the spot of his shoulder that she knew had always been meant for her. Her head fit perfectly

there. She closed her eyes and hoped to get some sleep before they landed in Chicago.

Maddie was thrilled that her parents were still going strong after her father's indiscretion a few years back. It had hurt Maddie to her inner core that her stand up father had cheated on her mother. Sometimes Maddie wondered if her father's infidelity was a big part of the reason she kept pushing David away. She had figured if a solid, down to earth businessman like her father could cheat on his wife what hope did she ever have expecting immature, unreliable, party boy David Addison to stay true? In hindsight Maddie couldn't understand how she had fought against her love and attraction for David with such vehemence. She buried her feelings under denial and fear until the whole façade collapsed at her feet when David began his fling with her traitorous cousin Annie. Maddie shook these unwanted thoughts out of her head. This was a joyful time and she would not allow these awful memories to mar her happiness. After all this time the way David had treated her during that bitter time between them still hurt her deeply. Of course she had forgiven him but it could not as easily be forgotten. True they hadn't been a couple but the nasty spiteful way David had treated her was a nightmare. Of course, David had apologized and tried to explain his cruel actions but she still bore the scars of the wounds he had inflicted. His nasty words and actions and lack of remorse is what had driven her to end their partnership. Sometimes Maddie could still hear the bitter words they had thrown at each other during that bitter fight that had led to the dissolution of their partnership. But in the end things had worked out; now their love for each other was something neither took for granted. Their relationship was stronger than ever. They may never forget what happened but their love helped them forgive and find each other again. Thank God Annie was in China with her husband Mark and would not be attending the ceremony or reception. Maddie couldn't bear the sight of her cousin who she hadn't seen since Annie left with her husband Mark after the mess with David. Since then she heard from her mother that Marks's new job had jet setting all over the world. Maddie never spoke of her fears of seeing Annie with David and David never asked if Annie would be at the party so Maddie didn't bring her up. She was in the past, both of their pasts and she would stay there. Still, Maddie didn't think she could bear the sight of her.

Anyway, Maddie cuddled closer to David and tried to think happy thoughts. David had proposed to her a few weeks after they had reconciled. Maddie remembered her parents' happiness when she called them with the news. Maddie supposed they had known how unhappy she had been without David although she would never admit to them. Her mother had sounded more devastated than Maddie when she had told her mother David was no longer at Blue Moon. Virginia had tried to pry

out of Maddie the reason for David's departure but Maddie only told her that they couldn't get along with each other anymore. She could not bear to tell her mother about David and Annie. She felt too ashamed; too hurt to even speak about it to anyone. A smile came to Maddie's face when she remembered David placing the ring on her finger at their wedding ceremony. Maddie, who still had memories of her 'unwedding' to Walter Bishop, had insisted on a small reception for their immediate families, close friends and of course the Blue Moon staff. Everyone had a wonderful time. Maddie floated through that day on cloud nine. She knew David was pinching himself to make sure it was real throughout that euphoric day. Maddie looked up at David who was still sleeping peacefully. Some nights Maddie woke up with tears on her face after a terrible dream that she and David had never gotten back together. Maddie knew she would be miserable without the green eyed devil at her side despite how much he annoyed her on a daily basis. She put her head back on his shoulder laughing to herself about her crazy feelings about David. She secretly hoped the baby would be a boy with David's emerald eyes and crooked grin but she hoped he would have her sensible personality. As long as it was born healthy she prayed desperately. Maddie felt herself finally drifting off just as David was opening his eyes.

David wondered how long he had been asleep. He looked at his watch and realized he had been asleep for about an hour. David yawned and as he stretched he put his arms around his wife. His breath still caught as he looked down at the most drop dead gorgeous woman he had ever seen. His wife. David held her tighter and felt Maddie moving closer to him. He loved the way her head fit perfectly on his shoulder. He laughed to himself as he remembered another time when Maddie had followed him to New York. On the way home she had asked to borrow his shoulder...David recalled how confused he had been when she had shown up in his hotel room. He realized then that Maddie did care for him as more than a partner and friend but he was still too cowardly to do anything about it. They had wasted so much time being too scared and too stubborn to reveal their true feelings to each other.

David smiled as he watched his wife sleep. He took note of Maddie's beautiful long eyelashes and her perfectly rosy soft lips. He wanted to lean down and kiss her awake. Instead he just continued to look down at her in awe. David gazed at Maddie's left hand which was resting on his thigh; just seeing that band of gold on her left finger shot a bolt of joy over his body. She was finally his! David was still amazed that Maddie was his wife. After everything they had been through over the past six years things had finally worked out for them. The sixth months they were apart after the dissolution of their partnership still caused David nightmares. They

were the worst months of his life. At least when Maddie had been gone for almost five months he had high hopes she was coming back to him but after the vicious fight and the end of their partnership David had believed it was truly over; that is life was truly over.

David had blamed himself. His indiscretion with her cousin Annie was the lowest point for in his life. He remembered how cruel he was to Maddie. How could he have been meaner to the woman he loved than he had ever been to anyone in his life; even his worst enemies? He had just been so hurt and frustrated that he had just lashed out. He admitted to himself he had gone with Annie to hurt Maddie; hurt her as she had hurt him in so many ways over the years. And instead of apologizing to Maddie about what he had done he had instead been smug and unrepentant. It was a terrible time in his life.

David knew that they would never have reconciled if they hadn't been separated and realized that they couldn't live without each other. He had to thank Agnes and Bert every day for getting married and asking him, no begging him, to come home to be a part of the wedding. David held Maddie tighter as he recalled how nervous he was to return to Los Angeles and see her. He figures she hated him. He didn't know how he could bear to see her again. Since he was the Best Man and Maddie was the Maid of Honor they were forced to spend almost every day together during the week before the wedding. Slowly, during that week they had worked their way back to one another. They finally took the opportunity to clear the air of everything that had kept them apart for so long. Both finally bared their souls and gave their hearts to each other. David had professed his sorrow over what he had done. He was the luckiest man alive; Maddie had forgiven him for his stupidity.

Maddie mumbled something in her sleep. It sounded like his name. David played with her golden locks as he thought about their relationship. He knew that they would never see eye to eye on most things but they had learned to compromise. There was still screaming and door slamming occasionally, okay more than occasionally, but they always made up. They still fought over cases and his lack of office decorum but now they added the annoyances of living together to their daily arguments. David tried to be neat and not leave his dirty clothes and sneakers all over the house; he tried to put the towels in the hamper or on the drying rack, he tried to clean up the crumbs he left on the kitchen counter but sometimes he forgot. It was hard for both of them living with someone when they had lived alone for so long but it was getting easier. And despite their fights and screaming matches David could no longer go to sleep without Maddie by his side. He was hooked and he wouldn't want it any other way! And they tried never to go to sleep angry at each

other. No matter how angry Maddie was David could usually sweet talk her and seduce her when he got her into bed. And boy their sex life was still as hot and intense as the first time they were together. Their sex life was amazing. Maddie was so open to him this time around willing to satisfy him in every way and taking full pleasure in the ways he pleased her. He had been with dozens of girls over the years but none of them could come close to Maddie. David couldn't believe that as great as the sex had been between them it was actually getting better. And now filled with pregnancy hormones Maddie was insatiable. David's eyes fixed on her still flat belly. His child was growing inside. David tried not to think of the other baby whom Maddie had lost but it was hard not to remember. It was such a difficult time for them; and after they had found out it had actually been David's son for some reason they had drifted further apart than ever...then barely six months later he had used Annie to wound Maddie again. He had been an ass!

He knew that Maddie had never fully divulged to her parents why they had broken up and the reason he had left. He was happy that her parents had no clue about his fling with their niece or his treatment of their daughter. Maddie's mother seemed to be crazy about him, David smiled to himself. He and Virginia had clicked the first time they met all those years ago when he had discovered Maddie's father was cheating on his wife. Luckily, the Hayes seemed to put their marriage together and they were going stronger than ever; just like him and Maddie. Anyway, David knew that Virginia would not feel the same about him if she knew about what he had done to her daughter; and Alex would probably refuse to ever look him in the eye. Hell, Maddie's father would never have let his precious daughter marry him if he had done how cold and mean he had been to Maddie during that horrible episode with Annie. Annie; the name was bitter on his tongue so he never ever spoke about her and Maddie never mentioned her either. All David knew was that he was ecstatic that she would not be attending the party that Alex and Virginia were throwing to celebrate forty five years of marriage and the renewal of their wedding vows. It was going to be a wonderful weekend without the fear of seeing Annie. David had overheard Maddie on the phone to her mom talking about how Annie was now living in China with her husband Mark and would not be attending the party. David knew Maddie was relieved she would not have to face her cousin or see them together. It would be very awkward to be around his ex-lover with his wife. David pushed these thoughts out of his mind. Instead he thought about their second chance at love and at parenthood. Maddie was having his baby and this time around they were in it together from the beginning. His heart was filled with joy as he held on to Maddie and tried to watch the movie.

David heard the pilot announce they were approaching Chicago. He felt Maddie stir against him. "Hey Sleeping Beauty time to wake up." David kissed her. "We're almost here Princess."

Maddie woke up slowly; she looked up into David's green eyes as he looked down at her lovingly. "Hey." She yawned. "I can't believe I slept that long. Why didn't you wake me sooner?"

David leaned down to kiss her again. "I figured you and Jr. needed the rest. This is gonna be a busy weekend." David's hand went to her still flat stomach. Maddie placed her hand on top of his.

"I guess we both needed the sleep. Are you excited about being here?" Maddie looked up at David.

"Yeah pretty excited. Hope I get your family and friends approval."

"Oh David don't be silly. Everyone loves you everywhere you go. You're not really worried are you?" Maddie loved the nervous, unsure part of David.

"Nah me worried no way." He lied. "But yeah, I am lovable. You sure love me."

"Yes I do very much." Maddie assured him as she touched her hand to his cheek. "I love you Mr. Addison."

They kissed again. "I love you too Mrs. Addison."

The plane landed safely and the happy couple took a cab to Maddie's childhood home. David was starting to feel uncomfortable as the cab drove through Maddie's neighborhood. All the houses were large with beautifully landscaped, sprawling lawns and from what he could deduct large backyards. This neighborhood was a far cry from where he had grown up in the South Philadelphia area where the houses were small and close together with postage stamp sized lawns which were usually brown and dead.

Maddie squeezed David's hand. "Everything okay baby?"

David's smile lit up his whole face causing his emerald eyes to twinkle with joy. Maddie hardly ever called him baby and his heart flipped anytime she did. His

green eyes were sparkling with happiness. “You know how much I love when you call me baby, babe.” He admitted as he squeezed her hand back.

Maddie’s smile matched his; her blue eyes filled with joy and love looked at David. “Really?” She teased. “*Baby.*” She leaned over and covered David’s mouth with hers. “We’re almost at my parents’ house.” She told him looking up into the green eyes that mesmerized her. “Are you sure you’re okay?”

David nodded. “Of course I am. Do bears bear? Do eggs get laid? Do math majors multiply?” He joked.

Maddie laughed. “I remember the first time I heard ‘Do bears bear? Do bees bee?’”

“Fell in love right then and there.” David smirked.

“Hardly.” She giggled. “I thought you were quite mad.”

“I was and still am *quite* mad...about you.” David winked at her revealing green magic.

Maddie saw the cab was just a few blocks from her house. “My parents are on cloud nine that we’re here. I haven’t been home since...” Maddie stopped. She didn’t want to bring up those awful months they had been separated due to her insecurities and fears. That had been the beginning of the end for them. Maddie thanked the fates once again that their love had been brought back from the brink of death.

David knew the last time Maddie had gone home. Those months nearly destroyed them but he thanked God that they were able to find their way back into each other’s arms. “I know.” David squeezed her hand again. He picked up her hand and kissed it gallantly.

Finally, the cab pulled into a long expansive driveway. David looked through the window at Maddie’s childhood house. It was a two-story colonial style house, pristine white with black window frames. The house oozed money and style. David felt out of his element but then he looked over at the blonde by his side and knew if Maddie chose him to be her husband he must have some redeeming qualities.

The cab driver got out and opened their doors and carried their luggage to the front door. Maddie used her key and opened the door. David took the luggage from the driver, tipped him and followed his wife into the house.

Virginia and Alex were waiting for them and ran over to welcome them to their home. Virginia threw her arms around her daughter as she perused her figure. "And where is my grandchild hiding in that flat belly? You have to feed her more young man." She teased David. He winked at Maddie. Maddie laughed and hugged her mom tighter. "Hi mom it's so great to be home for this wonderful occasion."

"There's my little girl!" Alex exclaimed happily.

"Hi Daddy!" Maddie said in a little girl voice. She ran over to hug her father.

David stood there and took in the family reunion between Maddie and her parents.

"Oh David it's so wonderful to have you to welcome you to our home. Come give your mother in law a hug."

David smiled and walked over to Virginia and hugged her. "It's nice to be here Mrs. Hayes."

"Oh please call me mom! You're family now!"

David smiled with joy. He was touched. "Umm. Ok *mom.*'

"David."

"Mr. Hayes, nice to see you sir." David held out his hand and his father-in-law shook it firmly.

"Call me Alex." Maddie's dad told David. He looked sternly at the younger man. "I don't know why you wouldn't let me pick you up at the airport?" Alex chimed in. "I mean it's not every day that my daughter and her husband come to Chicago!"

"I didn't want you to have to drive all the way out to the airport in all that traffic." Maddie explained. "The cab was fine."

Virginia was looking at her daughter and her husband with concern. "You must be tired from the flight. Come and sit." She motioned to the sofa. "I'll have Carmelita bring us a fresh pitcher of iced tea. You must be thirsty."

Alex frowned. "Well maybe David wants something stronger." He looked at David. "David?"

"I'll take a beer if you have it sir."

Alex called out to the maid. "Could you bring out a pitcher of iced tea and two beers please?"

Virginia sat in the chair opposite from the sofa where David and Maddie were seated. "Carmelita is making us a delicious dinner. Your dad wanted to go out but I told him you would most likely be tried after your long trip."

"Great I'm glad you talked dad into staying home tonight. I just want to relax with you and chat."

David looked around the spacious and elegant living room. A smile came to his face as he looked at all the pictures of Maddie that decorated the walls and almost every available surface. He made a mental note to look closer at the pictures after dinner. He gazed at an adorable picture of Maddie at about two years old with a headful of blonde curls laughing at the camera and wondered if their baby would be a little girl he could spoil. Daddy's little girl. Or maybe their baby would be a little boy. It really didn't matter as long as it was a healthy and happy child. He already loved the little dividend with all of his heart.

"Oh Maddie I'm just so excited you are both here! Aren't you Alex?" Virginia exclaimed.

"Of course I am." Alex smiled. "We don't get to see our beautiful daughter as much as we'd like."

Carmelita came in with their drinks. Virginia noticed that David was gazing at a picture of Maddie as a little girl. She smiled. "She was a very happy child David."

David's turned his head toward Virginia. "She looks like she was a very happy little girl." He looked at Maddie. "And I want to make sure she is a very happy big girl."

Maddie smiled up at him.

Virginia took the picture off of the mantel and handed it to David. David took it from her and looked at it closely. “Maddie was a beauty even then. I sure hope our child takes after her in the looks department.”

“Oh like you don’t have a drop dead gorgeous mug.” Maddie swatted his arm.

“True.” David teased. “Anyway these pictures are amazing. They capture Maddie’s childhood beautifully.”

"Mom was taking me to have my pictures taken professionally since I was an infant." Maddie said laughing.

"Yes well she just loved the camera. Maddie was always smiling."

“What happened?” David quipped. Maddie through him a half serious dirty look and he winked at her.

“My mother never entered me into any beauty contests or anything when I was a child. A teacher at my high school who had been a photographer told me I should be a model. He even gave me the name of a friend of his who owned a modeling agency.”

"Maddie surprised us when she told us she wanted to be a model. She had always been shy and standoffish but we decided to allow her to give it a shot." Virginia told David.

“But I told Maddie if her grades suffered even a little I wouldn’t allow her to model anymore. We told her she needed to have a good education too. Isn’t that right Maddie?”

"Yes Daddy you were very strict with my school work. I always got top grades in school."

David couldn't believe he was sitting in Maddie's parents' living room chatting about Maddie's modeling career. Sometimes he thought that his life with Maddie was a dream and he would wake up in the bed of some strange babe he picked up in Richie's bar in Philly to try and get Maddie out of his system. But it wasn't a dream. It was real. They were married and Maddie was thrilled to be having his

baby. David was happy and so was Maddie. Maddie took David's hand in hers and rested her head on his shoulder.

Alex was glad to see his daughter so happy and obviously so in love with her partner and husband. "So David is this your first trip to Chicago?" Alex asked.

"Yes sir. I mean, yes Alex it is." David looked down at Maddie. She smiled at him. This was like a dream Maddie thought. David was in her parents' living room. Who would have thought that would have ever have happened a year and a half ago when David was in Philadelphia and she was running Blue Moon alone? Not a day went by during the six months they were apart that she didn't ache for him. But a miracle had happened that brought them back together. Now they were married and she was pregnant with David's baby. She knew this was a second chance for both of them.

"Well I wish you were staying longer than the weekend." Virginia told her daughter and her husband. Virginia was filled with joy that Maddie seemed so happy with David. It had been a long, troubled road for them but the fates had smiled down at them and finally led to a happy ending.

"Yes we do too Mom but you know how it is running a business."

"Well we'll come out next to visit. Help you get ready for the baby." Maddie's mom beamed.

Alex nodded. "And we are thinking of buying a small condo for extended visits to see the baby."

"Oh that would be wonderful!" Maddie was overjoyed that her parents were thinking of buying a second home near her.

"Now let's not talk about that now." Virginia smiled at them. "You both must be tired."

Maddie looked up at David. She was tired. Actually, she was always tired lately but she knew that was due to the baby. A short nap before dinner sounded wonderful. "You know mom we are really tired. If dinner isn't for a bit I think I'd like to get our stuff upstairs and maybe take a short nap."

David was glad Maddie suggested a short nap. He was tired and he also wanted to get some alone time with his wife. He had this strong need to hold her in his arms.

David and Maddie excused themselves and went up to Maddie's childhood bedroom where they would be sleeping for the weekend. David walked in and flopped down on the bed. He looked around the room with a wide grin. "Wow! So this is the room Maddie Hayes grew up in." He chuckled. "I'm sitting on the bed where you slept every night for eighteen or so years." He sat up and shook his head. "Plus the four and a half months you spent here 'thinking.'" David threw out but not nastily.

"David." Maddie warned she didn't want to ruin the weekend. She felt ashamed and looked down.

"Sorry babe. It just slipped out of my mouth. I didn't mean anything by it. You know that right?" David said as he stood up and walked slowly toward Maddie backing her against the door. He pinned her against the door trapping her with his arms on either side of her head. He tilted her chin up so he could look into her blue eyes.

"Yes I know." Maddie said as she looked into David's green eyes.

"Good. Now why don't you be a good girl and slip out of those clothes?" He bent his head close his mouth almost touching her lips. "And get comfortable babe." Maddie shivered. She couldn't get enough of her sexy husband. "Oh David." She moaned as her mouth covered his; her tongue playing over his gums and teeth.

"God Maddie." David moaned in to her mouth . His hands started to undress her.

"I thought we were going to take a nap." Maddie said between kisses.

"Are you that tired babe?" David knew what her answer would be.

Maddie shook her head as she ran her fingers through his hair.

David laughed. "Now for that nap. Just make sure the door is locked babe. Don't want your parents walking in on us as we umm nap." He winked suggestively.

"No that wouldn't be a good thing." Maddie agreed with a wink back .

She pulled herself away from David's arms for a moment and turned to lock her bedroom door. Maddie turned around to face David again. "David?" She said his name and he smiled at her with that crooked grin that could turn her to mush.

David stared at his wife. Her face was flushed and her lips were red from the kisses they had just exchanged.

David smiled at his wife as he pulled her back to him and pushed her against the door. He unbuttoned the blouse she was wearing and took it off her, then he undid the front clasp on her bra. Her breasts sprung out into his waiting hands as he pulled off her bra in one quick motion. David gazed down at her breasts which were fuller and the nipples darker from her pregnancy. He bent his head and began to kiss her enlarged nipples.

Maddie began to moan louder as she felt David's mouth on her overly sensitive breasts.

David shushed her. "Keep it down babe. Your parents don't need to hear how loud you get for me."

"Loud? Me?" She moaned but lower this time. Maddie's hands were eagerly working on the belt buckle of David's jeans and unzipping his pants.

"So Mrs. Addison can you tell your husband if there have been any other boys invited up to your room?" David's voice was muffled due to the fact that his head was buried in Maddie's cleavage..

"A lady never tells." Maddie smiled as her hands wrapped around David's hardness. She stroked him gently as he lifted his head and leaned into kiss her neck.

David pulled away and looked into her eyes so full of desire for him. "Oh you'll tell me alright when I'm done with you." He raised his eyebrows. "No secrets babe." David turned her around and backed her up to her bed. Maddie's knees hit the bed and they fell onto the bed together. David was lying half on top of her. He gazed down into the face he dreamed about for years before she was his. They both looked at each other. They each saw the love mirrored in the other's eyes.

David began to remove Maddie's pants; he slid them down her long legs along with her panties. She helped him out of his jeans and as he pulled off his t-shirt. Finally, they were both naked. Skin to skin.

"I love you so much babe."

"I love you too Addison."

David's fingers started to tease her, he gently traced her nipples with his fingers which were already hard and engorged from his lips and tongue. David's fingers trailed down to her slightly protruding stomach. Maddie began to squirm against his hand. His fingers teased her inner thighs but didn't touch her most intimate area. He was teasing her causing her to writhe on the bed; he could hear the soft noises deep in her throat.

David could tell she was holding in her cries. "Gotta hold in your cries babe ok? Gotta be quiet sweetheart. I know it will be hard to do." David smirked broadly.

Maddie was wriggling on the bed trying hard not to scream out his name. Trying to hold back her cries of ecstasy. David started to kiss her round breasts; gently kissing his way down to her belly. He placed loving angel kisses all over her slightly swollen stomach. David didn't think he would have even noticed the slight bulge if he didn't know that their baby was growing inside her. His mouth traveled lower and he slipped his tongue into her most intimate place. Maddie's hands were in his hair; pulling him closer to her. She loved how he made her feel. David worked his magic on her, kissing and licking her until she couldn't hold back any longer. She felt herself explode deliciously. Maddie's body vibrated with her orgasm. David felt her vibrations as he kissed his way up and covered her body completely with his.

David slowly entered her. Maddie opened herself up to him and wrapped her legs around his waist. David started the pace for them; he moved his hips around and around in a slow circular motion. He was teasing her by pushing himself inside of her all the way and pulling out then back in again over and over gently. Maddie loved how he teased her; it drove her crazy with lust. Their mouths sought out each other as they kissed. Maddie nipped David's lips and he teased her back sucking on her tongue until she was begging him to make her come. She felt it deep inside ready to explode yet again. David could tell she was ready, he was so close so he sped up his thrusts while he hungrily kissed her mouth to smother her cries of pas-

sion. He felt himself pulsate deep inside of her. They held on tight to each other whispering words of love and devotion.

As they came off the high of their coupling David rested his forehead on Maddie's as they looked deep into each other's eyes and souls. They were one in every way possible. David pulled out slowly of Maddie and he heard her sigh. He saw in her face how she hated to lose the closeness they had when they were one. He rolled onto his back and pulled her close to him. Maddie rested her head on his chest. David held her tightly to him. He spoke first. "So I really could use a nap about now." A playful smirk covered his voice. He looked down at her. Her eyes were closed but she had a big smile on her face.

"Me too." Maddie whispered her head resting peacefully on David's chest. She snuggled closer to him, her leg draped over his possessively. They were both asleep in minutes, sated and happy .

An hour later there was a soft knock on Maddie's bedroom door.

"Maddie, David. Dinner will be on the table in a few minutes."

David woke when he heard the knock. He nudged Maddie who was starting to stir in his arms. "Hey babe your mom just knocked said dinners almost ready."

Maddie stretched next to him. He watched her as she opened her eyes; she was so beautiful, her hair a mess from their love making and short nap. "Wow we slept an hour. I will say I am a bit hungry now."

David laughed "You are always a bit hungry these days. Seems junior has a good appetite."

"Are you making mock of my appetite?" Maddie asked jokingly.

David laughed as she slapped him playfully. "Ok I admit it I'm hungry too."

"Well we better make ourselves presentable for dinner." Maddie leaned in to kiss David .

"This is already a great weekend isn't it?" David grinned happily.

"Yes it is. And I am sure the rest of the weekend will be even better." Maddie was looking forward to the ceremony and reception celebrating her parents' years together. She hoped someday that would be her and David.

Carmelita had outdone herself with the dinner the family had just enjoyed. Pot roast, strained potatoes, glazed carrots and corn were the highlights of the menu. Everyone laughed and teased Maddie about her lumberjack appetite. Maddie made believe she was offended but everyone knew she didn't mind the playful teasing about her appetite. Maddie was happy how David fit into her family so well. David could charm anyone she thought but she knew that David truly liked her parents. They ate with relish enjoying stories about Alex's company, Virginia's charities and of course David and Maddie's life in Los Angeles

David was entertaining everyone with stories of Blue Moon and the crazy cases they had been involved with recently. Maddie loved watching David's mouth as he spoke and laughed. His lips were so kissable. As she listened to David talk about the agency and the wacky cases that always seemed to come their way Maddie thought about how their lives could have been so different if Agnes and Bert hadn't forced them together during the week before their wedding. The Violas were getting along wonderfully and were taking a trip to Europe soon to celebrate their one year anniversary. Maddie smiled and her hand instinctively went to her stomach when she thought about how her one year anniversary as Mrs. David Addison had been spent. They had discovered she was pregnant the day they were married a year. That was the best present they could ask for.

Carmelita was pouring coffee when the front doorbell rang.

"I wonder who that could be?" Virginia asked.

Alex shrugged looking at his watch. "It's almost 8 o'clock. We usually don't receive visitors this late."

"I'll get it mom." Maddie laughed as she rose to answer the door. "Sure 8 is so late." She teased.

David chuckled. "Look who's talking?" He teased Maddie. "Miss turn in by 9:30 Hayes; well now Addison."

Maddie smiled at her husband. "Yes I miss those days." Maddie saw David's eyes turn serious and hurt for a second. "I was kidding David." She told him as she strode to the front door and opened it. Maddie's grin left her face when she saw the blonde who was standing on the doorstep. "What are you doing here?" Maddie's voice was far from friendly.

"Who is it dear?" Virginia called out.

Maddie ignored her. "I thought you were in China?"

Annie smirked at Maddie. "China was boring. I'm looking for some fun."

"Still all about the fun?" Maddie had an edge to her voice that Annie couldn't miss.

Annie had a different type of fun in mind. She couldn't believe it when she had heard that Maddie had gotten back together with David Addison and they were actually getting married. A couple of years back Annie had thought Maddie and David's relationship was buried under a huge pile of hurt, anger and distrust. Annie remembered how her cousin had tried to hide her hurt and anger when Maddie found Annie and David together at the hotel. Maddie had told her that she was over David and they were only business partners which Annie didn't really believe but she had come into town to have fun and David seemed like the type of guy who was all about the fun. She thought they had something good going and was even planning to leave Mark, move to LA and pursue a serious relationship with David Addison. That is until he caught him with another woman. She realized she should have taken Maddie's warning about her wild and unreliable partner more seriously. At the time she thought Maddie was just spouting lies about David because she was jealous but Maddie was saying the truth. Annie had learned the hard way. She wound up going back to Connecticut with her husband with a deep anger at David. When she heard Maddie and David were back together and getting married, Annie was filled with a red hot anger. She hated to be used and made a fool of which she felt David had done. Plus, Annie had always been jealous of her model cousin so she was envious that she had actually caught David Addison. For how long she didn't know but Annie figured she could push things along in a negative way and have some fun at the same time. "Speaking of fun is that green eyed devil with

you? I heard he's your husband now." Annie shook her head. "Good luck with him."

Before Maddie had a chance to answer Annie swept passed her and strutted into the dining room.

David nearly dropped his mug when he saw who had just arrived at the Hayes' residence. *Annie*. What the hell was she doing here? He thought she was in China or Japan or some Oriental country with her husband. David looked at Maddie who was staring at Annie with loathing and he felt his stomach drop to the floor. This wasn't going to turn out well was his gut feeling. *Shit*.

"Annie! How wonderful to see you!" Virginia exclaimed. Maddie had never mentioned to her parents what had happened with David and Annie. She was too ashamed and too hurt; also she knew if her father found out it would not bear well for David.

Virginia enveloped Annie in her arms as Alex professed his happiness on seeing his niece.

"Uncle Alex!" Annie threw her arms around Alex and kissed him on the cheek. "I missed you all!"

Maddie kept glaring at Annie and it didn't escape her mother's attention. She knew that something had happened between her daughter and Annie but she didn't think it was something that would cause Maddie look at Annie with such distaste and discord.

David reluctantly stood up as Annie approached him with a huge smile covering her overly made up face. How could he have ever been attracted to this woman?

Alex was wearing a huge smile. He addressed David. "This is our beautiful niece Annie."

David nodded. "We've met." David gave her a chaste peck on her forehead and sat down uncomfortably.

"Really?" Alex was curious. "Maddie never mentioned it. When did you meet?"

Virginia could detect a tension between the three young people.

“It was nothing dad. A long time ago.” Maddie glared at David. He shrugged his shoulders. Maddie had the urge to smack him. She may have forgiven his indiscretion with her cousin but she had never forgotten her feelings of desolation and mortification. True, they weren’t a couple at the time but it rattled her that he had thought it was fine to have a relationship with her cousin and shove it in her face. Never mind the nasty, cruel way he treated her. She pushed these memories away or she thought she would scratch Annie’s eyes out and pummel David to death.

David could see the steam rising from Maddie despite her fake smile. His nightmare of seeing Annie again was coming true. He suddenly felt ill. Things had been going so well he hoped things wouldn’t change now that Annie had reappeared.

“Sit down have some coffee and cake.” Virginia showed Annie to the chair beside David. Annie deliberately pushed the chair closer to David and pushed her thigh against his. He moved away quickly she noticed and didn’t like that one bit.

Alex and Virginia were questioning Annie about China and Mark. “Oh Mark and I haven’t been getting along for a while. I want to settle down and have children. Mark loves traveling all over the world.” Annie feigned sadness.

“You’re a beautiful young woman.” Alex told her seriously. “I’m sure before you know it you will meet someone who is on the same page as you. Children and a family are very important in life.” Alex nodded toward Maddie and David. “Virginia and I are looking forward to our first grandchild entering the world in a few months.”

Annie felt a bitter jealousy crawl over her body. Her dear cousin was pregnant with David’s baby? What a nice family she thinks they will make. I really should show Maddie what kind of a player she actually married.

David moved his chair closer to Maddie who was seated on his other side. He tried to grab her hand under the table but she pulled away wordlessly. What was with her? So Annie’s here? It’s not like I’m gonna screw around with her again. Really. David was getting annoyed. He had apologized to Maddie about what he had done. He knew he had been dead wrong but he couldn’t change what happened in the past. He had promised Maddie he would spend his life making it up to her and he was trying.

Maddie yawned. She needed to get away from Annie or she would lose it. She knew that it would be uncomfortable and disturbing to see Annie but she didn't realize what heart wrenching, angry, bitter feelings seeing her would bring up. Why did Annie have to come and ruin the weekend? Maddie stood up. She grabbed her coffee cup planning to take it into the kitchen to start cleaning up hoping it would end this little family reunion. Maybe, Annie would get the hint and leave.

"Maddie don't worry about cleaning off the table you need to sit and relax. I can do it." Virginia said.

"Mom really it's fine. I can take care of it. You relax. It's getting late I'm sure you don't want to deal with this in the morning. Carmelita is gone for the night and I can do it." Maddie grabbed her mom's coffee cup too."

David stood up. "I'll help you honey."

"No David I don't need your help." Maddie told him firmly with an edge to her voice. David got the hint. He stood there feeling uncomfortable. He tried to catch Maddie's eyes.

Maddie didn't look at her husband. "I like keeping busy. I'm pregnant not an invalid." She needed to get away from the scene before her. She knew there was a possibility that she would see David and Annie together one day but she just didn't think it would be now. She hated seeing them together. A white hot jealousy filled her when she saw in her mind's eye Annie sitting up in bed naked, covered by a sheet when she had brought Chinese food to David who she thought was on a stake out with Viola. And instead of David being full of remorse or regret he had been spiteful and mean to her. How could she forget the feelings of jealousy, embarrassment and anger she had felt when she tried to escape from David and Annie?

Maddie walked in to the kitchen and proceeded to place the coffee mugs in the dish washer. She stood at the sink thinking. She placed her hands on the sink counter to steady herself. Maddie thought she might burst into tears at any second and that was the last thing she wanted Annie or her parents to see for different reasons. All she knew was that she would not ruin her parents' party because of Annie. Maddie thought she and David had hashed everything out. David had begged her forgiveness and she had forgiven him but she could never forget and seeing Annie in the same room with David was bringing all those terrible memories to the surface. Maddie tried to remember all the good times over the past year; she held her hand

to her belly and thought about the second chance they had gotten. She didn't want their relationship ruined by her slutty cousin but at that moment it was so difficult to remember why she had ever taken David back.

David sat back down at the dining room table.

"Oh don't worry son. Our daughter is one tough girl. She knows when to take it easy. "

"That's the truth Alex. Maddie is one hell of a woman. She amazes me every day."

Annie rolled her eyes discreetly. She didn't fall for David's devotion of Maddie. Why was her cousin so trusting of him after what he had done to both of them?

"You know Auntie Virginia I'm going to help Maddie. Maybe we can catch up with each other. It's been ages since we've spoken." Annie looked at David and smiled.

David didn't like this one bit.

When Annie entered the kitchen she noticed Maddie by the sink. Annie could tell by her face that Maddie was very upset. She loved it. She didn't feel one bit sorry for her dear cousin.

Annie walked closer to Maddie and placed her hands on her hips. "Well well well whatever happened to your warnings of staying away from David Addison? Didn't you say something about him being bad for your health?" Annie snickered. "Ph and toxic and not normal. Remember?"

Maddie flinched when she heard Annie's voice. She saw the smirk on her cousin's face. Maddie did warn Annie about David but it wasn't because she was afraid Annie would get hurt. Maddie knew Annie was a big girl and could take care of herself. If her cousin got hurt it was her own fault. Annie was a married woman. She wasn't supposed to be fooling around with David at all. She got what she deserved Maddie believed.

Maddie knew that she was jealous. She didn't want David with Annie and despite what she told him Maddie couldn't bear to think of any woman in David's arms; smiling up in to his green eyes. Even though like David said intellectually she had known it was over between her and David her heart and soul and body still yearned

for him even though she would die before she would admit it. Maddie never thought David would give up on them but what did she expect? She still could not understand why when David had suggested they dance together more often she had politely declined. She could still see how his face dropped when she told him “No thanks.” David had tried to hide it but she knew him but before she had a chance to tell him that she didn’t mean it that she would love to dance with him every night Bert Viola had interrupted them on the dance floor. That was the end. Next thing Maddie knew David was involved with her lying cheating, traitorous cousin. Maddie had never felt her heart ripped to shreds in the way it had when David had run out of his bedroom after Annie leaving her alone on his bed. She remembered the desolation and shame she felt when David left. She never wanted to feel like that ever again. The pain was excruciating.

"Why did you come here Annie? Why aren't you trying to work things out with Mark?"

"Please I tried to work things out with Mark for years. But unfortunately a tiger never changes its stripes. That was why I was so shocked when I heard you were marrying David." Annie snickered. "God Maddie that man is a player if I ever saw one. Why did you ever get together with him again after all the awful things you told me about him?" Annie seemed to think for a minute. "Were you desperate? I mean we know you aren't getting any younger but I bet Sam's proposal was still open."

"How dare you!" Maddie's voice was dangerously low. "My relationship with my husband is none of your damn business! David is a good man and he treats me like a queen." Maddie threw her a look that should have slain her on the spot. "You know nothing about our life, our marriage."

Annie laughed "Oh please I know all I need to know about him and you're messed up relationship. I know his type. I wonder why he married you."

Maddie was furious with her cousin's nerve. "He married me because he loves me. He's always loved me. And I've always loved him. He's the father of my children." Maddie said her hand placed tenderly on her stomach.

"He's a player dear cousin. He probably loves half of the women in LA. Yes he's handsome and funny and fun and sexy and exciting to be around but you'll find out it's all an act. Oh you're a novelty to him and a challenge I'm sure . He'll get bored of you one day. Maybe not today or tomorrow but give him time. I found him all

over some young girl that day in his apartment you know that. He knew I was coming back there he didn't care. He tried to apologize but I wasn't going to be some dumb blonde and take him back like you did. "

"First of all David planned to have you catch him with what you thought was another woman. She was actually a girl from the office who David told they were working on a case." Maddie laughed ironically. "David wanted you to go back to Mark. He was done with you." Maddie had enough. "And stop lying Annie. I know David didn't say he was sorry cause he wasn't. He wanted to end things with you. And it worked."

"I don't believe you." Annie told her.

"I don't care. It's true." Maddie smiled. "Even then David loved me."

"Yeah sure that's why David said so many horrible things about you."

The two women stopped their quarrel when David walked into the kitchen.

David saw in Maddie's face how upset and angry she was. He looked at Annie with green marbles. "What's going on? What did you say to my wife?"

"What did I say to her? Well I said the truth of course. And I'm not done yet!" With that Annie walked out of the kitchen.

David turned and looked at Maddie who was staring back at him with eyes full of hurt and anger. He remembered that look in her eyes, it was the same look she had the night she surprised him at the motel the night of the Sapperman stake out; the night she found him and Annie together. He wanted to take her in his arms and tell her it was just a bad dream. But it wasn't.

"Is everything ok? Are you ok? " David asked with concern in his voice.

Maddie just stared at him. Part of her wanted to run to him and ask him to hold her and never let her go but the other half couldn't deal with him right now. She needed to get away from him before she said something she would regret. Maddie walked passed David without a word.

Maddie walked out into the living room where Annie was talking to her parents. Maddie just stood there and didn't say a word.

"Oh Annie it was wonderful to have you here!" Virginia gushed. "We are so glad you came home for our party. Maddie isn't it wonderful to have your cousin here? What a happy day we will have tomorrow."

Maddie didn't say anything.

Annie just looked at her with a Cheshire cat smile.

"Well Aunt Virginia I am so happy I came too. Family is very important to me."

Maddie wanted to strangle her. Family was important to her? Maddie couldn't forget how she had flung herself at David. OK to be fair she did tell Annie that they were only business partners but Annie knew their history together! She should have kept away from him! Annie even knew that Maddie had just recently lost David's baby! But did she care? Maddie's stomach clenched when she realized David hadn't cared either.

"Maddie darling are you ok?" Maddie's mother sensed something was wrong; she saw Maddie's face was pale and she seemed tense and very upset.

"Mom I'm sorry did you say something?"

"Yes dear I asked where David was ? Honey are you feeling ok?"

"What? Oh I'm really tired from the long flight."

Virginia nodded. "Of course you need your rest especially since you are carrying my grandchild!" Virginia smiled at Maddie.

"Yes I think we all need a good night's sleep. Busy day tomorrow. " Alex said grinned at the women.

"Well I best be going. Need to get my beauty sleep. See you all tomorrow at the Country Club. " Annie looked at Alex. "Can I use your phone to call a cab?"

Alex shook his head . "Nonsense! David will drive you home." Alex looked at Maddie. "Where is your husband."

Maddie felt like something was lodged in her throat. David take Annie home? Alone? No, that wasn't going to happen. She trusted David but she didn't trust Annie at all. But she couldn't have David refuse to take her cousin home. How would that look? She had to trust him. "He's in the kitchen." Maddie found her voice. She looked at Annie who had a smug look on her face.

"No I'll be fine. Let me just call a cab."

"Don't be ridiculous!" Virginia told her. "Where are you staying?"

Annie mentioned a hotel that was ten minutes away from the Hayes' home.

Everyone looked toward the kitchen when David walked out. He stopped in his tracks nervously when he saw everyone's eyes on him.

"Can you drive Annie to her hotel?" Alex asked David.

Whoa? What the hell was this? Drive her home? But how could he say no without anyone knowing there was a history with him and Annie? He looked toward Maddie who was looking at him with eyes of steel. He begged her with his eyes to give him a hint of what she wanted him to do.

"Go ahead David." Maddie told him in a neutral voice but inside she was livid. "Take Annie home. I'm tired. I'll see you in a few *minutes*." She seemed to put emphasis on the word minutes David noticed. Didn't she trust him? Did she think he was going to fuck Annie on the ride to her hotel? What was with his wife? He tried to catch her eye but she wouldn't look his way.

"Fine." David said smiling at everyone. "Where is your hotel?"

Alex gave David directions and the next thing he knew he was driving Alex's car with Annie in the passenger seat. David noticed her skirt was hiked up high on her thighs but he averted his gaze. He drove quickly and silently.

"So David I can't tell you how shocked I was when I found out you and my dear cousin had gotten married." Annie snorted. "Guess you forgot about all those things about Maddie that you said you hated."

He looked at her. "I never said I hated anything about Maddie."

Annie raised an eyebrow. “Well maybe you didn’t use those exact words but making fun of and talking meanly about her didn’t make me think you were too crazy about her.” Annie told him.

David shook her head. “I didn’t mean them.” David knew he had been wrong to make fun of Maddie to Annie and to tell her things that Maddie did that bothered him but he had been so hurt and angry he couldn’t help it; maybe he just wanted to keep Maddie’s name on his lips.

“And since when are you the marrying type?” Annie hissed. “What role are you playing? The loving husband and father to be?”

“I love Maddie. I’ve always loved her. What we did was a big mistake that I have to make up to her for the rest of my life.”

“So dramatic Dave?” She laughed at him.

David threw her a filthy look. “Listen Annie. Maddie and I are happily married and we are having a baby. Leave us alone.”

David was happy when he saw the bright lights of the hotel. He pulled up in front of the entrance to the lobby. “Good night.”

Annie sidled close to David. She put her hand high on his thigh. “Would you like to come up for a visit?” She whispered.

David pushed her hand off of his leg. “No thanks.” He sneered. “You really are a fucking bitch.”

She laughed.

“I won’t tell Maddie about this cause she will pull every hair out of your head and I don’t want her upset.” David stared at Annie with revulsion. “Just keep out of my way.” He practically pushed Annie out of the car and sped away with a bitter taste in his mouth.

While David was away driving Annie home Maddie was pacing around her bedroom. *Ten minutes to her hotel..ten minutes back.* David should be back in five minutes Maddie thought to herself. Just the thought of David and Annie alone in a car was causing her to hyperventilate. She was trying to calm down because surely

a panic attack was no good for the baby. She trusted David she kept telling herself but she couldn't shake the image of Annie naked covered only in a sheet... She had just looked at the clock for what seemed like the millionth time when she heard the car pull into the driveway. She ran into the bathroom to pretend she wasn't waiting for him and counting the minutes until he would be back.

David walked slowly up the stairs; he wasn't sure of the reception he was going to receive from Maddie. He opened the bedroom door with trepidation. He saw that Maddie was changing into her nightshirt.

David shut and locked her bedroom door. "Hey!" He called to Maddie. She didn't even acknowledge he had walked into her room. "You ok? I made it back as fast as I could. Boy am I tired. You must be exhausted too." David rambled on.

Maddie didn't answer. She was busy doing her bed stuff and wouldn't look at him. Despite her best intentions Maddie was beyond upset. She felt like crying and screaming. She kept replaying the Anne and David love fest in her head over and over again.

"Yo Maddie I'm talking to you? Babe what's wrong?" David asked.

Maddie stopped what she was doing and looked up at him. If looks could kill.

"Nothing is wrong David . Everything is wonderful."

"Are you sure? Are you umm upset you had to see Annie here tonight?"

"Upset? Why would it upset me to see Annie here or anywhere for that matter David? She's my cousin, oh wait she also the cousin who fucked my husband. "

"Hey what a second I was not your husband back then; or your boyfriend. We were pals as I remember it. As I recall you wanted nothing to with me; you didn't even want to dance with me." David told her meanly.

"Oh of course David! It's my fault you screwed my married cousin!"

"I didn't say it was your fault. It was no one's fault." He yelled aggravated.

"Keep your voice down Addison. We are not home or at the office this is my parents' house and I don't want them to know anything is wrong with us! They know nothing about you and my cousin and I want it to stay that way ."

"Fine. Let's just go to bed." David started to pull off his jeans.

Maddie got into the bed. "Why did you come back so quickly? I thought you might have let my wonderful cousin take you sight-seeing around Chicago. You know the way you showed her around LA while I was asleep."

David stopped and looked at her. Was she for real? "Not funny."

"I wasn't trying to be funny David ."

"What the hell is with you?" David asked her confusion coating his words. "Where are you going with this?" He ran his hands through his hair. "I thought we dealt with this. I thought you forgave me. I told you how sorry I was. I can't change the past Maddie." David's voice broke on the last word.

Maddie didn't know what to say to him. She knew intellectually he was right; but her heart was telling her something else. Seeing Annie again. Seeing David in the same room with her brought back all the horrible memories that Maddie had buried deep inside. She hated that she couldn't shake the feelings of anger and hurt that those memories evoked in her. Maddie took a shaky breath. "I know David. It's just hard for me. Try to understand." Maddie felt the tears behind her eyes. She blinked them back as she laid down in her childhood bed. She didn't realize how small the bed was with her and David sleeping on it. She moved to the edge of the bed.

"Maddie I....".

"David please I'm so tired. I just can't go 40 rounds with you right now. Tomorrow is a very busy day. I want my parents day to be filled with happiness."

"Yeah of course." David took off his t-shirt and was now clad in only his boxers. He climbed into bed next to Maddie. She turned her back to him.. David shook his head. Was she kidding? They tried never to go to sleep mad at one another. David spooned up behind Maddie and put his arms around her. David wasn't happy when he felt Maddie shake off his embrace.

‘Don’t.’ She told him as she moved as far away from David as she could without falling out of bed.

David couldn’t believe how she had pushed him away. He was hurt and a bit angry at his wife. Well, if that was the way she wanted it he thought to himself bitterly. David turned away and lay on his back. Why was this happening? He thought their marriage was strong enough to withstand anything. Now he wasn’t so sure and that thought turned the blood in his veins to ice. He couldn’t imagine a life without Maddie; especially now that she was having his baby. He sighed deeply as he turned on his side his back to Maddie.

Both lie there silent and awake; so physically close but feeling as if there was an ocean between them. Neither slept well that night.