

David was leaving the house with Maddie's father to go to the Country Club where the exchanging of wedding vows and the reception would take place later that day. Alex was talking to David about how happy he was that Blue Moon had become so successful and how he hoped his daughter would choose to stay home with his grandchild for a few years and let David run the business. Alex told David he knew how stubborn Maddie could be but he felt strongly that a mother should be home with her child; and he hoped David could talk some sense into her. David knew that Maddie was intent on coming back to work at least part time but he didn't want to get into it with his father-in-law. David was making all the right responses at the correct time but he was listening to his father-in-law with half an ear; his mind was on what had transpired last night with his wife and all that mess with Annie. David didn't know what Maddie's mood was today since he hadn't seen his wife all day. When he woke up this morning he woke to an empty bed; Maddie had already left with her mother to get their hair and nails done. He was hoping that Maddie wasn't still harboring doubts and anger over what had happened between him and her cousin but by her behavior this morning he figured she still was. She didn't even kiss him goodbye when she left and she always woke him up with a kiss before she left their bed. David hated what he had done; it wasn't David Addison that had behaved in such a despicable manner but some other man who had inhabited his body; not even a man but a demon. He knew he had been dead wrong and thought he had made it up to Maddie over and over again in the last year. Guess I was wrong he thought unhappily; David didn't know what reception he was going to get from his complicated wife and he was more than a little nervous. He was going to try and make things up to his wife so they could have a good time at the party. He wasn't going to let Annie ruin the weekend for them.

When David and Alex finally arrived at the country club David didn't see Maddie. Virginia ran up to her husband and son-in-law with a happy greeting.

David hugged his mother-in-law tightly. He smiled down at the elegant older woman. "Wow you look beautiful." He told her.

Virginia smiled up at her handsome son-in-law. "Thank you David."

"Is Maddie around?" David wanted to know.

"Last I saw her she was walking around making sure everything was ok."

Alex smiled at his wife as he engulfed her in his arms. “You go find your wife son; I want to spend some time with mine.” He winked.

David turned to walk away and saw Annie entering the room through the corner of his eye. He quickly walked in the opposite direction and out into the hall where he found Maddie coming out of the ladies’ room. The way she looked nearly knocked him off his feet. She was wearing a light blue cocktail dress that floated around her long legs; the dress stopped about 3 inches above her knees and showed off those legs halfway up Maddie’s creamy thighs. The top of the dress was sleeveless and molded across Maddie’s fuller breasts; her shapely shoulders were bare and screamed to be kissed by his lips. David swallowed hard. Even after all these years. Maddie’s beauty still had the ability to take David’s breath away. His eyes widened as he stared at his wife with undisguised lust. “Whoa babe. You are stunning.” David placed his hand over his heart. “You’re killing me here.”

Maddie looked up when she heard David's voice. He looked as handsome as ever in his new suit. Maddie threw him a half smile. “It’s working then.” She tried to walk passed David but he grabbed her arm and pulled her against his body. “Where you running off to? We’re not finished here.” David’s voice was liquid gold. His lip trailed across Maddie’s bare shoulders to that spot on her neck that she was sure was connected by wires directly to her loins.

Maddie shivered as she felt David’s excitement against her stomach. Even though she was still hurt and angry she couldn’t help molding her body tight to his. A soft moan escaped her lips as he moved against her with his body. “David people are around.”

He chuckled deep in his throat causing her heart to pound in her ears. “I don’t see anybody but my sexy wife.” He told her as he cupped her backside with his hands pulling her close against him. “I want to make love to you right here, right now.” He teased pushing her against the wall and kissing her deeply. Maddie was lost in his kisses. Their little tryst was interrupted when the door opened and an elderly lady walked through on her way to the bathroom. She noticed their embrace as she passed and before she walked into the bathroom she gave them a broad smile and wink. “Enjoy that young man.” She told Maddie as she closed the door behind her. Maddie and David laughed as they reluctantly pulled apart and straightened their

clothes. "Tonight you'll enjoy me alright." David promised as he took her hand and led Maddie into the party room.

Maddie missed David while she was out with her mom. She regretted not waking him with a kiss this morning before she left but she still had been harboring some residual hurt and anger from the previous night but as the day wore on Maddie couldn't remember why she had felt so angry. She couldn't wait to get to the party to see her husband. She held on to David's hand tightly as he led her down the hall to the party room.

The exchanging of vows was being performed by the minister who had presided over the Hayes' wedding 45 years ago. Father Joe was in his seventies but still as alert and spry as he was all those years ago. He was thrilled when Alex had asked him to perform the ceremony and eagerly accepted; not many people stayed married anymore and that was one of the things that made the usually jovial minister sad. Father Joe had become a good friend of Alex and Virginia over the years and had watched Maddie grow up into a beautiful woman.

Alex saw Maddie and David entering the party room and led them to Father Joe who was standing by the front of the room getting ready to perform the ceremony. His eyes lit up when he saw Maddie approaching. "Maddie!" He cried as she hugged the old man tightly.

"Father Joe!" Maddie smiled at the old minister. "How nice to see you! I was so happy when my dad told me you would be performing the ceremony today!" Maddie turned to David. "I'd like you to meet my husband David Addison." David shook hands with Father Joe who was looking him over thoroughly. "You are one lucky young man to win the hand of Maddie."

David nodded. "Believe me Father, I thank God every day for her." David winked at Maddie. "Every day."

Maddie beamed and took David's hand in hers forgetting any anger or hurt regarding the past. "I'm lucky too." Maddie smiled at David.

Father Joe smiled happily. "Well I hear congratulations are in order. Your parents told me you are expecting a child. They are so happy that they are going to be grandparents!"

Maddie looked over at David who was looking at her with love emanating from his green eyes. "Yes Father we are very happy too."

Father Joe smiled happily. "I am so happy to see two people so obviously in love. Treat each other with love and respect. Talk to each other; fight and yell but always make up and make love as often as possible." The old minister winked at them. "Then you will always be happy."

Maddie and David laughed as the minister walked toward the Hayes' who were ready to exchange their wedding vows again in front of their friends and family.

Maddie dabbed at her eyes with a tissue as her parents kissed after the ceremony was over. She was so happy they were still together and seemed to be so much in love. She looked over at David who was watching her parents kiss. "David."

David turned when he heard Maddie say his name. "Maddie."

"I'm sorry I was so foolish last night." Maddie tried to explain. "It's just that..."

"I know. Forget it." David cut her off. He didn't need to hear her explanations he was just happy that she was his happy wife again. He pulled her to him and kissed her deeply. "I love you." He whispered in her ear. "Only you."

Maddie smiled into those emerald eyes that she admitted captured her heart from the first time she gazed into them. "Me too."

"I missed our morning kiss this morning." David whispered into her ear.

Maddie felt bad. "I did too." They both leaned in again for another kiss.

"Come on let's go have some fun babe!" David looked into his wife's beautiful blue eyes. She nodded back at him.

Maddie and David walked over to their table and both stopped dead in their tracks. *Annie*. She was seated at their table talking to one of Maddie's older cousins Mary; both women looked up when they noticed Maddie and David staring down at them. Mary jumped up and hugged Maddie tightly. Maddie returned the hug; she had always loved Mary who had always seemed more like an aunt than a cousin since she was almost 15 years older than Maddie. "Maddie!"

“Mary! So wonderful to see you! It’s been years!” Maddie exclaimed. She turned to David. “This is my husband David Addison.” Maddie loved introducing David as her husband. “This is my cousin Mary.”

David smiled and hugged Mary. “Nice to meet you.”

Annie watched the scene unfold and planned on how she would make trouble between the happy couple. She sat silently as the little reunion played out.

“My husband Hal just went to get us drinks. He should be back shortly.” Mary told Maddie and David. “I don’t think Hal has seen you since you were a teenager!” Mary grinned. “And I was just telling Annie how I was looking forward to seeing you again and meeting your husband.”

Maddie avoided looking at Annie when she heard her voice. “Yes I was just telling Mary I was lucky enough to make David’s acquaintance before you two walked down the aisle together.”

David felt nauseous. Why the hell did this bitch have to come back into their lives now? Or ever for that matter? He hated her.

Annie looked up at David and Maddie trying to catch their eyes; she was noticing how they were avoiding looking at her and practically ignoring her and that was just fanning her flame of revenge. “Right Dave.” Annie’s voice was soft and sweet. “I was happy to get to know you.”

David coughed uncomfortably. “Oh yeah sure.” Was all he could choke out. This was going to be a long night.

David made sure to sit as far away from Annie as possible. The table was shaped in a rectangle and usually sat 10 people but a lone chair was added to the table to accommodate Annie, five on each side, six on the other. In the next few minutes the rest of the table guests started to arrive; all Maddie’s cousins and all with their husbands and boyfriends except Annie who was alone at the party. David was happy that the other cousins began to all talk and introduce themselves to him and Annie was forgotten. For the moment.

David made sure to keep Maddie away from the table as much as possible. They danced and mingled and only sat at the table to eat. Maddie and David spoke with

her cousins and had a good time as they ate while avoiding Annie as much as possible. If anyone noticed they were keeping their distance from Annie no one was uncouth enough to mention it.

Maddie was doing her best to avoid looking at Annie and instead she was concentrating on having a good time with David and her other cousins. She was smiling at something her cousin, Maggie said when David grabbed her hand and pulled her onto the dance floor excusing himself and Maddie with an “I love to dance with my gorgeous wife.”

Maddie laughed as David wriggled against her to a fast song pulling her along for the ride. The next song was a slow one she loved; it reminded her so much of her and David’s relationship. David pulled her against him as she put her arms around his neck enjoying their closeness.

*I was a fool to ever leave your side
Me minus you is such a lonely ride
The breakup we had has made me lonesome and sad
I realize I love you
'Cause I want you bad, hey, hey*

*I spent the evening with the radio
Regret the moment that I let you go
Our quarrel was such a way of learning so much
I know now that I love you
'Cause I need your touch, hey, hey*

*Reunited and it feels so good
Reunited 'cause we understood
There's one perfect fit
And, sugar, this one is it
We both are so excited
'Cause we're reunited, hey, hey*

*I sat here staring at the same old wall
Came back to life just when I got your call
I wished I could climb right through the telephone line
And give you what you want
So you will still be mine, hey, hey*

*I can't go cheating, honey, I can't play
I found it very hard to stay away
As we reminisce on precious moments like this
I'm glad we're back together
'Cause I missed your kiss, hey, hey*

*Reunited and it feels so good
Reunited 'cause we understood
There's one perfect fit
And, sugar, this one is it
We both are so excited
'Cause we're reunited, hey, hey*

*Yeah, yeah, yeah
Ba-a-a-by*

*Lover, lover, this is solid love
And you're exactly what I'm dreaming of
All through the day
And all through the night*

*I'll give you all the love I have
With all my might, hey, hey*

*Reunited and it feels so good
Reunited 'cause we understood
There's one perfect fit
And, sugar, this one is it
We both are so excited
'Cause we're reunited, hey, hey*

Maddie felt David kissing her neck. “David, everyone is watching.”

“No one is watching and any way what if they are? You ashamed of me?” He whispered as his onslaught on her neck continued making it hard for her to respond. She just sighed. David took that as an invitation to continue. “I can’t keep my hands off of you.” He told her in that voice that could turn her to mush.

“David.” She warned playfully. “Be a good boy.”

“But I’m not a good boy.” David’s voice lowered. “And you love it.” His voice thick as honey.

Maddie sighed as she pulled his head up and covered his mouth with hers. “You are my bad boy Addison.” She told him her voice laced with desire.

“Can we leave?” David asked as he pushed his hardness against her causing her to gasp.

“No, David.” She laughed. “Not yet. Slow down boy.”

“Oh I’ll be slow alright. I’ll fuck you slow all night long.” David purred into her ear. “And since your parents are staying at the hotel for the night you can scream as loud as you want. Over and over all night.” David threw her that half crooked smile that made her blood boil.

“I do not scream.” Maddie told him seriously.

“Yes you do babe.” David countered. “And I love every high C you hit. And when you scream out my name I get so hot.” He licked her ear. She shivered again.

The happy couple didn’t even realize the song was over until they heard someone snicker next to them. They saw that almost everyone was watching them. David smirked as Maddie’s face turned bright red. The room burst into laughter as David bowed playfully and then escorted Maddie off of the dance floor.

“Well you always manage to make yourself the center of attention.” Maddie shook her head.

“You mad?”

“No of course not.” Maddie leaned into him and kissed him on the corner of his mouth. “I’ll be right back just want to visit the ladies’ room to freshen up and fix my makeup.” She playfully swatted his arm. “Some green eyed devil seems to have kissed it all off.”

“You don’t need any make up. You’re drop dead beautiful just the way you are.”

“To you maybe.”

“Nope to anyone with eyes.”

“Be that as it may Mr. Addison, I still need to fix my hair.” Maddie winked as she turned to walk away. David watched her sexy rear end as she walked away and missed another blonde making a bee line to the ladies’ room after Maddie.

Maddie was sitting at the vanity reapplying her make up when she saw Annie enter the bathroom. Maddie pretended she didn’t see her as she put on a fresh coat of lipstick. She wasn’t happy when Annie sat down on the stool beside her. “Maddie, we haven’t had one chance to catch up on old times!” Annie told her as she put on her own lipstick.

“We have nothing more to say.” Maddie stood up.

“Really?” Annie laughed.

“I really don’t need to hear you, who doesn’t know *my husband* at all, tell me how wrong he is for me.” Maddie told her. “He loves me and always has. *You* were a mistake.”

Annie looked at Maddie with an evil glint in her eyes. “Oh did he tell you that?” Annie shook her head. “Bet he didn’t tell you what he told me about you! Maybe you should know the things that you do that bother David.”

Maddie looked at Annie hatefully. “What are you talking about?” Maddie asked. “Why am I asking you? I don’t give a damn.” Maddie began to head for the exit when the words that Annie through at her stopped her dead in her tracks.

“Really? How’s the pact making going?”

Maddie spun around. “What?”

“Pacts! As I heard it you made up more pacts than the head of the Geneva convention.” Annie laughed. “We had a good laugh about that!”

Maddie felt like she couldn’t breathe; her stomach was tied in knots and she couldn’t swallow over the huge lump that suddenly appeared in her throat. “What are you telling me?”

“Just telling you all the wonderful things the man who has *always* loved you told me when we were um together; usually in bed.”

Maddie was trying not to show Annie how much what she had just told her was making her feel. A vivid picture of David and Annie in bed, sated after lovemaking, snickering over her and her foibles came to mind almost knocking Maddie off of her feet. How could he laugh at her with another woman? Especially her cousin? Before Maddie could get her bearings she heard Annie speak again in that insincere voice that made her itch to slap her. "Yeah, he hated how you made him always promise to forget the sex with him never happened. He told me it made him feel like less than a man and he loved how I enjoyed being with him." Annie laughed. "I never forced him to make a *pact*."

Maddie remained silent. Annie continued. "He sure had a lot to say. How you never laughed; how you were always too serious and wrung the fun out of everything." Annie could see she was hurting Maddie. "How your house was more like a museum than a real home. How you always put him down. Basically how you made him miserable."

Maddie found her voice. "Really dear cousin, it seems for a man who wanted to be with you he spent an awful lot of time talking about me." Maddie laughed ironically. "Didn't you wonder why he always had my name on his lips?"

Annie shook her head. "Think what you want but that guy is no good. You'll see." Annie stood, staring Maddie straight in the eye. "I still wonder why he married you after those lousy things he said about you. I think you two deserve each other. You're both nuts!" Annie headed for the exit.

"You really shouldn't talk about my husband like that!" Maddie's voice was low and angry. "Whatever happened between you; whatever he said about me is in the past." Maddie told Annie. She was furious and hurt over what Annie and told her David said about her but she would die before she let Annie know how she really felt. "We love each other and are going to have a baby so really Annie back off" Maddie threw her an evil glare. "And fuck you."

"Fuck you too." Annie threw back as she strutted out of the room with her head held high.

Maddie couldn't bear to see anyone; especially David so she sat down at the vanity and put her head in her hands. She needed to put herself together before she reen-

tered the party. Maddie didn't want anyone to see she was feeling hurt and angry especially not her parents.

David was wondering what happened to Maddie. He headed toward the ladies' room and stopped dead in his tracks when he saw Annie stomp out with a smirk on her face. David raced to the bathroom and stuck his head in "Maddie!" He called but received no answer in return. David was sure Maddie was still in there so looking around to make sure no one saw him he snuck into the ladies' room. He walked in and saw Maddie sitting at the vanity with her head in her hands; by the way her shoulders shook he realized she was crying. "Maddie?" David approached her putting his hands on her shoulders. "What's the matter baby?"

He winced when he felt Maddie throw off his hands. Her head snapped back to look up at him and he was taken aback by the look of hurt and anger in her blue tear filled eyes. "Get away from me!" Maddie growled. "I hate you!"

David looked at her like she had three heads and that look made Maddie angrier. "Go away David. Leave me alone! Go chase Annie maybe you can share a laugh at my expense again!" David didn't hear what she said he was too busy trying to get close to her. Maddie stood up and headed for the exit. David grabbed her arm but she pulled her arm out of his grip. A woman and a little girl entered the bathroom. The mother looked shocked to see a man in the bathroom and grabbed her little girl close to her. Maddie threw David a bitter look as she left the bathroom; David followed on her heels.

"Maddie! Wait!" He cried as he followed her out of the bathroom.

Maddie was trying to get away from David. She didn't trust herself to be within striking distance of him. How could she stand to look in those mocking green eyes ever again? Maddie raced outside the country club. She stood against the wall and tried to catch her breath as she tried to stop her tears.

David caught up to her. "What are you saying? Why are you running away from me? What did I do now?"

Maddie reached out and slapped David across his face. "I hate you. Go away you!"

David wiped the blood off his lip. "What the hell is up with you now?"

“I told you to leave me alone. Go mock me with Annie.” Maddie glared at him.
“Seems you and her spent many a night laughing at me. How nice!”

Maddie’s words penetrated David’s brain; he was momentarily at a loss for words. Shit. What the hell did Annie tell Maddie? David knew he had said some terrible things to Annie about Maddie but he had been so bitter and hurt. That might not be much of an excuse but it was the truth.

“What did she tell you?” David inquired nervously.

“Enough!” Maddie couldn’t bear to look at her husband. “How could you?”

David ran his hands through his hair. “I’m sorry but I was just so angry and hurt. I wasn’t me. I told you that. Forgive me.” David pleaded.

“Forgive you?” Maddie shook her head. “You even told her about the pacts? I feel so humiliated.” Maddie couldn’t help it as the tears shot out of her eyes. “Even though we may not have been together as a couple we were still partners; and I thought we were friends.”

“Yeah we were *pals*. Right?” David’s voice was bitter.

Maddie heard the edge to David’s voice and that made her fury grow stronger. “Oh so now it’s my fault?” Maddie asked in astonishment.

“I didn’t say that; did I?”

“Are you kidding me?” Maddie’s eyes were wide in shock. “You fuck my cousin and laugh at me behind my back and it was my fault!”

“Stop putting words into my mouth! I never said it was your entire fault. It was both our faults Maddie!” David’s voice was dangerously low. “I admitted to you that I was wrong to do what I did and you said you were wrong too. I thought we put it behind us! Let it go! I can’t change the fucking past. OK?”

Maddie threw him blue death rays. “No not ok! You made a fool out of me! You mocked me! How could you tell her about the pacts?” Maddie couldn’t wrap her mind around what David had done.

“I told you I was bitter and hurt. I was so angry at you.”

“So you screwed my cousin and made a fool out of me by laughing at things you didn’t like about me and making a mockery of our relationship by telling her about the pacts!” Maddie shouted. “Fine. I can’t talk about this now. I don’t want my parents to notice I am missing or that anything is wrong. I don’t want to ruin their cruise. So do me a favor and just back off.” Maddie pushed past him and went back into the country club leaving David to stare after her upset and hurt.

David followed Maddie into the country club a few minutes later. He saw Maddie talking with her parents and a group of their friends. He wasn’t sure if he should go over to Maddie or stay away. He was just standing there thinking when Annie sidled up to him.

“Hey Dave.” Annie broke through his thoughts. “Penny for your thoughts.”

David glared at her with green ice. “What is it you want Annie?” David spat at her. “I’m not sure what game you’re playing but you need to back off. Leave us alone. Why the hell did you tell Maddie all those things?”

Annie shrugged. “Just thought she should know the kind of man she married. One who would laugh at her behind her back. Nice guy huh?”

“I don’t understand what you are trying to do.”

“I’m not trying to do anything Dave. Like I just told you I want my cousin to have her eyes wide open when it comes to you.” Annie poked him in the chest with her index finger. David stepped back like he had been burnt. “Maybe Maddie should have married Sam.”

“Sam?” David asked curiously. “Sam is history.”

“You sure of that David?”

A knot formed around David’s heart. “What are you saying?”

Annie looked at him closely. “I bet you think Maddie hasn’t spoken to Sam since he left LA.” Annie smiled up at David. “Well sorry to be the one to tell you but Maddie has spoken to Sam quite a few times on the phone.” Annie seemed to be thinking, “And if I’m not mistaken he even went to LA to visit her about a year or so ago.”

“And how the hell would you know about any of this?”

“Sam and I are friends. Didn’t you know that? I know all about what happened between the three of you; some from Maddie and the rest from Sam.”

David turned on his heels and walked away from Annie. He couldn’t believe his ears. Was Maddie still in touch with Sam? How could she do that to him? She knew how he felt about Sam Crawford. David itched to drag Maddie away from her little group and demand the truth about Sam but he knew he had to wait.

Maddie’s fury grew when she saw David chatting with Annie. She had the urge to run across the room and claw Annie’s smiling eyes out. She restrained herself. She mustn’t let her parents see anything was wrong. She wanted them to have a happy second honeymoon. When David reached her side Maddie pretended to be happy to see him. They bade her parents’ farewell and left to go back to Maddie’s parents’ house. The ride back to the house was silent and tense. David was waiting to spring what he found out about Sam on her. How dare she get mad over something that happened when they weren’t together when she was lying to him all the while?

David pulled into the driveway and got out of the car. He waited for Maddie to open the front door. They entered the house and Maddie headed to the stairs leading to the bedrooms.

“Rushing upstairs to call Sam?” David asked with a bitter edge to his voice.

That stopped Maddie in her tracks. Slowly she turned around to face her husband. “What are you talking about?”

“You know *exactly* what I’m talking about!”

“No I really don’t.”

David glared at Maddie. “Annie told me a thing or two about you. She really is a wealth of information.”

Maddie shook her head and turned to walk up the stairs David following at her heels. She tried to shut the bedroom door on him but he pushed himself into the room. His face was inches from hers. “So how often do you talk to him?” David

sneered. “Mr. Perfect. Why did you marry me Maddie? Did he withdraw his proposal?”

Maddie pushed David away and stepped away from him. “It’s not like that David!” Maddie shouted. “He called me once or twice to see how I was doing.”

“And I heard he came to see you!”

“When you were in Philadelphia he came to Los Angeles for business and called me to have lunch.” Maddie’s face was white with anger. “How dare you question me about anything I did during that time *Mr. Fuck Anything That Walked Addison!*”

“That was different!”

“Yeah how?”

“So you slept with him while I was away?” David’s voice was unbelieving.

“I didn’t say that! Leave me alone!”

“Fine I’ll leave you alone.” David grabbed a couple of pillows and a blanket and threw them on the floor. “I’ll sleep on the floor. Wouldn’t want you to ruin your wet dreams over Buck Rogers.”

“I loathe you!” Maddie slammed into the bathroom.

“Fine!” David yelled loudly as he tried to find a comfortable spot on the floor. There wasn’t one. He tossed and turned all night long.

Maddie fared no better in her comfortable bed. She was heartsick over what was happening between her and David. She kept placing her hand on her belly hoping that would make her feel closer to David but it only make her feel lonelier and more unhappy. Why did Annie have to come around when things were going so well? Maybe their marriage wasn’t as strong as she thought. Annie’s little bits of information were pulling them apart. What made her even mention Sam? Just to make trouble Maddie realized; the same reason she told Maddie all about what David had said all those long months ago. Maybe I was wrong to get so upset. Maddie thought but she didn’t think she was. The idea of David mocking her and laughing about her with Annie tore her apart. And now David was under the notion that I

had slept with Sam during those months he was away. Well what if I had? David was gone and I was alone. But Maddie hadn't slept with Sam; she hadn't even kissed him. Sam had called to ask her to dinner. And they ate. He asked about David and Maddie admitted things had turned sour for them. Sam had brought up the idea that they should get married but Maddie had turned him down flat. She didn't love Sam. She loved David. She glanced over to where he was lying on the floor. She could see he was still awake but her pride and her hurt wouldn't allow her to reach out to him. He needed to come to her.

David was thinking along the same lines as he lay awake in the dark. How dare she be mad at him when she had kept in contact with Sam? She knew how he felt about Sam but she didn't seem to care. Why did she still talk to him? Or did she? Annie never told him if Maddie was still talking to him. David didn't know. He glanced at his wife lying on her back in her bed; he saw she was wide awake. He ached to go over and hold her but his pride and hurt wouldn't allow him to reach out to her. She needed to come to him.

The plane ride home was silent; both ached to reach out to the other. When it had become so difficult once again to open up and share their feelings? They had promised each other that they would talk things out but what was there to talk about?

Maddie told David how hurt and humiliated she felt over how he had made fun of her with Annie. Talking about it wouldn't help. David had told her he was sorry and even explained the reasons behind his cruelty but it still stung. Maddie fought the tears that threatened to fall and kept her chin up. She had to think of the baby. She still loved David and always would and she was trying her best to try and bury what Annie had told her. It wouldn't be easy but she would try and remember what a great husband and lover he was. The past was the past; that's what David kept reminding her.

David was also battling with the information Annie had told him about Sam. How the hell could she keep in contact with him? David hated to mistrust Maddie. He knew he had to lay his cards on the table and talk to her about what Annie told him. Even though he had worked on his communication skills and laying his heart on the line it still didn't come easy to him. But in order to put their marriage back

on track he knew he had to step up to the plate. He looked over at Maddie who was flipping through a magazine and vowed he would make the first move. “Penny for your thoughts?” David asked with a teasing lilt to his voice.

Maddie turned to David and caught herself staring at those green eyes that seared her heart and soul with their deep intensity. “Not even worth a penny.” Maddie gave him a half smile but David could see it was filled with sadness. He hated himself for putting sadness in her eyes instead of the joy he had become use to.

David reached for Maddie’s hand and was happy she clasped her fingers through his. Later, David thought, when they reached home they would talk.

David carried their luggage up to their bedroom while Maddie followed behind him. He threw the suitcases on the floor and sat heavily on the bed his eyes on Maddie as she headed for the bathroom. “Maddie.” David called after her.

Maddie stopped but didn’t turn to look at David. She knew they needed to talk; she wanted to talk but another part of her wanted to escape and bury her head in the sand. But that wasn’t an option she realized; she had run away before; she had buried her head far into the sand and that nearly cost her David. She couldn’t take that chance again. Slowly, she turned to face David who was staring at her with green lasers. What could they say to each other to erase the past? But maybe the past could never be erased but it could be written over. “David.”

“So maybe we can talk. I thought we were getting good at talking and not running away or screaming at each other.”

“I thought so too.”

“So let’s talk then ok?”

“Ok.” Maddie agreed in a small voice.

“So how often do you talk to him?”

Maddie shook her head. “David! I don’t talk to Sam anymore!” She stared at him with anger in her blue eyes. “I would never make a fool of you by talking to Sam while we are married!” She averted her eyes. “I would never humiliate you; can’t say the same for you with me.” She threw at him. She sat down heavily on the bed.

He knew she was right. He had wanted to humiliate her; hurt her. He had been a bitter, desperate, unhappy man back then. He ran his fingers through his hair as he began to pace the bedroom. "You're right Maddie. I was dead wrong. I told you over and over I was an angry desperate man. I guess just talking about you; even if it was to tell her bad things kept your name on my lips. I never wanted her but I didn't think you wanted me anymore and that killed me. I was a dead man." David stopped pacing and stood over Maddie. He reached down and tilted her head up so he could meet her eyes. "I was dead cause I need you to live." David's eyes were wet with unshed tears. "Don't you know that?"

Maddie saw the tears in David's eyes and something within her broke causing her to sob brokenly. "David."

David pulled Maddie up into his arms. He hugged her close to him as his eyes begged her to tell him the truth. "So please tell me what really happened with Sam and I promise I won't bring it up again." David wiped the tears off Maddie's face with his thumb.

Maddie sighed deeply. She pulled away from David. "He called me once or twice after..after everything. I told him we were together." Maddie shook her head. "Even if I didn't believe we were together; that was when I was making you promise to..well you know..I told Sam we were a couple. I knew I loved you. Not him. Not ever him." Maddie waited for David to say something but he remained silent his green eyes boring into her. "Anyway," Maddie began to pace around the room as David had earlier. "then he called when you were..away..I told him you left. I don't know why; maybe I needed someone to talk to. Next thing I know he calls me from his hotel here in Los Angeles. He asks me to dinner. Ok, so I go. He asks me to marry him. I practically laughed in his face. I told him no; of course I still was in love with you no matter how hard I was trying to forget you." Maddie shook her head sadly. "How could I even think of marrying another man; loving another man when I had no heart. You took it with you."

"Maddie, sweetheart I am so sorry for everything that happened then and now. I promised you I would never hurt you again; that I would spend the rest of my life making it up to you and making you happy. I despised seeing the sadness in your eyes again and knowing I am the one who put it there. I was a jerk. I can't believe you took me back. I wouldn't blame you if you left me now."

David hoped with his whole heart Maddie wouldn't say she was leaving him because he knew he couldn't live without her.

Maddie looked at David; she saw the fear lurking behind the green of his eyes. It touched her to think that he was afraid to lose her. Didn't he realize she could never leave him? How could he think she would leave him after all they went through? "Do you want me to leave you? Are you tired of me already?" Maddie asked David with her blue eyes boring into his green ones. "I sure hope not cause I'm not planning on leaving you, not today, not ever. You are stuck with me fella." Maddie placed her hand on David's cheek. "David don't you know that I need you to *live*?"

David felt as if a huge boulder was thrown off of his shoulder; he was overjoyed. David pulled Maddie to him and held her close. He could feel her relax in his arms. He could hear her soft cries into his shoulder. He shushed her and whispered words of love and devotion to her.

Maddie pulled back and stared into his eyes. "I know it's wrong but since I saw her at my parents' house I can't help thinking of you making love to her." The last word was a sob.

David held her tighter. "Listen to me baby. That wasn't making love. That was just for fun. I love you. Only you.

Maddie clung to David like her life depended on it. It felt so good to be wrapped in his arms. She felt safe, loved. She couldn't hold back the tears and she cried into his shoulder. David pulled back and wiped the tears away from Maddie's cheeks, she leaned her face into his hands; he caressed her cheeks, her eyelids, her lips with his fingers, Maddie kissed his fingers as they tenderly lingered on her lips, David stroked her lips and she darted her tongue out. David was thrilled to see Maddie react this way. She was really becoming a she –devil he thought happily. Maddie leaned into kiss David, the kiss started out slow and tender, then grew more passionate; their tongues met and played a tango in their mouths. They exchanged hungry kisses.

Maddie's hands went for the t-shirt David was wearing and she lifted it out of his jeans and over his head. Her hands wanted to touch him. She loved the feel of his chest under her hands. She caressed his chest all over. David was enjoying Maddie's hands on him; she bent to kiss his neck trailing a fiery path down to his chest taking his nipples into her mouth sucking hard. David threw his head back; he had

his hands in her hair holding Maddie's head close to him. She pulled away and looked up at David; he looked down at her when she stopped her assault on his chest. Her face was flushed; she had that wanton look in her eyes that made his manhood turn rock hard.

David's hands began to unbutton her blouse; Maddie's eyes watched his fingers unbutton her blouse slowly baring herself to him. She helped him slip off her blouse and bra revealing her throbbing breasts. David threw her bra on the floor next to her blouse and his shirt. He loved the feel of her breasts in his hands so round and perfect; they were slightly swollen from her pregnancy and he loved it. David bent over to reach her breasts with his mouth; licking and sucking her nipples until she was writhing with desire. David's mouth slowly inched its way up to her ear. He whispered to her what he wanted her to do to him. "Come on baby, you know I love it when you kiss me here." David took her hand and placed it on the rock hard bulge in his pants. He stood up from the bed and stood in front of her; Maddie looked up at him. She could feel the fire growing in her loins. She reached for his belt buckle then slowly she unzipped his zipper. David encouraged her; thrusting his hips out to meet her hands. "Come on baby. Look how big it is for you." David's voice was like warm caramel.

Just the sound and timber of his voice made Maddie red hot. She imagined she could come just by listening to her husband tell her what he wanted; how good it made him feel. With David's encouragement Maddie was beginning to talk more in bed; she had always been loud and vocal but now she was using her voice to tell him how good he was making her feel; telling him what she wanted. David loved this new side of her and she loved making him happy in bed. She loved knowing she made him feel good. David's manhood sprung into her hands as she undid his zipper causing her to moan with excitement. He helped her pull down his jeans; he pulled down his boxers and stepped out of them. David stood before her in all his naked glory; his erection hard and standing at attention. Maddie reached down to caress his muscular thighs, her hands snaked in between his legs until she reached up to his throbbing member taking it in her hands and holding it and stroking it. David took his manhood into his hand. He gave her a wicked smile as he guided it toward her mouth; rubbing it over her lips. Maddie's tongue darted out trying to catch David's hardness but he was too fast. David took his member and rubbed it on her cheeks; down passed her neck to her breasts. David's other hand was gently stroking her between her legs; he took his member and started to rub it down her neck to the valley between her breasts; he rubbed each nipple with his manhood.

Maddie was gasping with her need. "Lay back Maddie" She heard him say. Her eyes were closed as she enjoyed the feel of his hardness on her body. She opened her eyes and found him staring at her with green lasers that almost caused her to come with their intensity. "Come on baby do as you're told." She listened to David and lay back. With one hand David peeled off the remainder of her clothes while his other hand trailed his member over her body. She lay back on the bed naked as he gazed down at her. "You are so beautiful." She looked up at him and reached out her arms wanting to be one with him. He laughed. "Not yet baby. Have some patience." David chuckled deep in his throat causing her to moan his name. He climbed on the bed and knelt between her legs. He took his erection in his hand and started to stroke it in front of her, he knew it turned her on, they had tried many things since they got back together, and their sex life was never boring, always hot. He started to rub his member over her body again until finally he leaned over her and rubbed it over her most intimate place where he loved to please her the most. Maddie writhed on the bed wanting him inside her so badly she knew though he would tease her till she couldn't take it anymore.

"Feels good baby? I know you love it. Tell me baby. Come on Maddie come for me; scream my name." And she did just that. She felt it building inside until she reached an orgasm so intense she felt her body vibrate with the spasms. Maddie screamed David's name, over and over. "You liked that huh? Well I think now it's my turn." David threw her a half smile that made her come again just by looking at him. She knew what he wanted and she was happy to oblige him. David knelt over Maddie's face; he placed his hardness over her mouth. She took it in her mouth gave him pleasure as his hands caressed her all over. He loved the feel of her mouth wrapped around him, so wet and hot; he knew he couldn't hold back and he exploded into a mind bending orgasm that had him thrusting deep into her mouth. When he could find his voice he winked at her. "God Baby that was amazing! I love what you do to me with that mouth of yours. I taught you well."

Maddie lay there trying to catch her breath. David then leaned down to kiss her deeply on the mouth, his tongue licking her lips and her teeth. David positioned himself over Maddie. " You ready baby?"

Maddie nodded. "Yes." David thrust himself inside her; she let out a cry of pleasure. He started the pace slow for them, slow deep strokes as he moved above her; she loved the feeling of his weight pressing her down into the mattress.

"I love you Maddie!" David said as he moved in and out of her picking up speed till he was thrusting hard; she kept up with his pace.

"I love you too David so much." She panted; she was feeling out of control but she loved it.

"That's it babe come on scream all you want. Come on baby tell me how good it feels. Tell me you love how good I fuck you. Cause I sure love fucking you babe. Tell me you love it."

Maddie was calling out over and over "Yes, yes, yes ."

"No Maddie say it, tell me."

She was trying to catch her breath but it was hard to do as he continued to thrust in and out of her. "I love how you fuck me David! Please don't stop."

"God baby I won't. Not ever." He knew he was close. He helped her along with his hands and hardness pleasing her in her most intimate place. She was ready, she felt it again, she felt herself let go and held onto David tightly as she felt him shudder deep inside her. They held onto each other for a few minutes, both trying to catch their breath. David then pulled out of Maddie's tight embrace and rolled onto his back pulling Maddie with him; she laid half on top of him. Both felt hot and sweaty from their coupling. But both felt complete and fully satisfied and loved.

"Wow!" David simply said one word and it spoke volumes.

"Wow is right." Maddie answered back with a smile. She looked up at him. David bent over and captured her lips with his. Maddie pulled back and rested her head on David's chest. Both were quiet for a few minutes.

David spoke first. "You ok? We good now?"

Maddie smiled against his chest. "Yes I'm fine and yes we are very good now."

"Maddie look at me."

Maddie looked up at him. "What?"

"I love you more than life itself. You and our baby are the most important things in my life you know that right? "

"Yes I know that. And I feel the same way David about you and our little dividend." She took his hand and held it on her stomach with hers. He started to caress the bump that was growing there.

"Hey don't get mad but I just want to know something. If we see your cousin at another function what will happen? " She saw the look in his eyes. The look that she saw many times over the years; a look that he was afraid he would lose her .

"You don't have to worry David. It's done. I was wrong to allow my emotions to take control of me. But it was the first time I saw you together after... " Maddie sat up and looked into his eyes.

"Ok." David nodded. "There isn't anything anyone can do to come between us. Not Annie and not Sam. I won't ever allow that to happen. I'm sorry that it has to be there in our past. "

"But that's it! It's the past. David we have the future to look forward to and that's all that matters. The three of us. "

"I love you and our baby so much."

"I love you both too so much Addison."

They kissed a few times. Maddie positioned her head back on David's chest and snuggled in close to him.

"Get some sleep baby, you need your rest." David purred into her ear. David and Maddie happy and secure in their love fell asleep in each other's arms.

