

David barely felt the rain pouring down on him as he rang the bell to Maddie's house. Here he was outside her door in the middle of the night with his heart on his sleeve ready to lay his cards on table. He was going to tell her he loved her and wanted to be with her. He hoped she would feel the same way. He had a feeling maybe she did. Damn it he thought. No answer. He knew she was home because her car was in the drive way. She must be sleeping he thought as he rang the bell again. Then a thought flashed through his mind; what if she isn't alone? He was worried.

David backed away from the door and looked up at her house. "Maddie!" He called out her name. Still no answer. Should he start throwing pebbles at her bedroom window? Nah don't think she appreciate that he thought; and the way his luck was going tonight he would probably break it. He retraced his steps back to her front door this time pounding on it. His voice got louder as he banged on her door. "Yo! Maddie!" He rapped harder. He was getting completely soaked from the deluge of rain. "Come on! Open the door I got something important to tell you!"

Even though that murdering blonde he ended up following tonight instead of Maddie had made him face full force his real feelings for his blonde partner he couldn't truthfully say he didn't already know how he felt deep down; it was just bringing those feelings to the surface that he had trouble with. He knew he was smitten with Maddie as soon as she stepped foot into his office almost three years ago. Tall, blonde, serious, and icy was not his usual type. David usually went for uncomplicated women who loved to have fun and party. No strings attached were fine with him but this blonde had him wrapped around her little finger before he knew it. David could see in Maddie's eyes that she felt something for him too. Oh yeah, he knew she wanted to strangle him most of the time but there was something else; something tender and wistful that he could see when she looked at him. There had been times in the past when circumstances had opened the way to a different road for their relationship but neither had been willing to step onto that road first. So here he was, taking the first step on that busy highway. David only hoped it led him where he wanted to go and not drop him off the side of a cliff into a dark pit he couldn't climb out of.

Finally, he heard footsteps approaching the door. His heart began to pound in anticipation as he waited apprehensively for Maddie to appear.

Maddie had just fallen asleep. Sleep had been a long time coming as she thought about feelings she didn't quite understand or welcome. For the past couple of days she had been feeling moody, edgy, and fidgety. She was tired of her same old bor-

ing life; getting up early; going to work; coming back home and getting into bed at the end of the day. *Alone*. Why all of a sudden was she pining for a man? Is that what she wanted? A man? Any man? Did she really mean what she told David that she wanted to go and find a nameless man and bring him back to a hotel and be *bad*? She remembered David's face when she told him how she felt. He had looked horrified. But Maddie thought she saw hurt underneath his shocked expression. Was it wishful thinking? Did she want just any man or were her sights set on some green eyed devil that she spent much of her life for the past three years wanting to strangle? Was David the man she really wanted to unlock her chastity belt? She wondered why she told him what she was feeling. Was she hoping he would tell her he was the man she needed? Well that hadn't happened. So here she was, in her bed alone *again*. She finally had fallen into a fitful sleep, she was dreaming of crooked smiles and green eyes when she was pulled out of her slumber by loud pounding on her front door. Maddie wasn't sure but she thought she heard David calling to her. She thought she may still be dreaming but she got out of bed and raced downstairs anyway. The voice got louder. She reached her door and peeked through the peephole and was surprised to see a soaking wet David raising his arm to continue pummeling her front door as he called her name. Maddie threw the door. "David! What the hell are you doing here? It's 4:30 in the morning! You are going to wake the neighbors. They won't appreciate it and I sure don't appreciate it either." Her voice was coated with annoyance as she stared into his eyes; blue on green.

Suddenly, all of David's intentions flew out the window when he was faced with the flesh and blood woman he now knew he was madly in love with. How could he just blurt out his feelings to her? How about if she didn't feel the same way? He was confused and scared as he stood shock still staring at her in her silk nightie and robe. He suddenly felt very distracted by her body as his eyes drank in the way her nightgown clung to her curves.

"I asked you a question David! Why are you waking up the neighborhood pounding on my door at this time of the morning? David?" Her blue eyes bore into him.

David forced his eyes away from her curves to Maddie's face. "Huh? What? Umm I was worried about you." Was all he could manage to squeak out.

"Worried?" Maddie repeated.

"Uh listen Maddie do you think I can come in out of the rain? I'm pretty wet here." David asked as he shook water off of himself like a dog trying to dry its coat.

Maddie finally opened the door just enough to allow David to pass through. He was leaking water all over her floor. She looked at him; shaking her head. "Maybe it would be a good idea if you get out of those clothes so you don't catch a cold." Maddie suggested.

David threw her a lascivious look. "Fast worker. I like that." He was very nervous so as was his style he joked. Maddie didn't look like she found it funny. Oh well, he thought, this isn't going the way I had planned.

Maddie flashed him a filthy glare. "Wait here while I get you some towels to dry off."

David waited nervously for Maddie to return. He was thinking he made a big mistake in coming here tonight. He decided he would dry off then call a cab. He didn't have the courage to lay his heart on the line with her.

After what felt like hours but was in fact only a few minutes Maddie came back with an armful of towels which she threw at him. "Dry off Addison." She ordered. "And hand me those wet clothes. I'll stick them in the dryer." Maddie turned her back to him. "I'll go and put on some coffee to warm you up."

David remained silent as he watched her silk clad curves walk toward the kitchen. He knew what he wanted to warm him up but it didn't seem the right time to mutter a lewd remark. David shrugged out of his shirt and jacket, kicked off his pants and tied one towel around his waist as he used the others to wipe himself dry.

A few moments later Maddie headed back toward the living room; she nearly dropped the cups she was holding as David strode into the kitchen, they nearly collided. He was wearing just a towel draped low on his waist. Another towel was being used to dry his face and hair. Her eyes were drawn to David's muscular torso. She had never seen David like this. True she had seen him in a sleeveless t-shirt and heart boxers but here wearing just that red towel he was oozing sexuality. This felt very intimate. She couldn't stop her eyes from reaching lower passed his flat stomach and imagining what was under that towel. Maddie caught her breath as her fevered brain pictured those muscular arms around her pulling her close to his hard body...

Maddie was pulled out of her fantasy by David's voice. "Yo Maddie. You there?" David was thrilled and flattered as he noticed how his almost naked body was making Maddie feel. He could see a red stain appearing on her neck and creeping

over her body. He laughed to himself. Maybe she wasn't as ice cold as he thought. This night could turn out interesting if he played his cards right, he thought smugly.

"Um well. Yeah just take these cups and I'll bring the coffeepot into the living room. You can drape the throw that's on the back of the couch over you if you are feeling chilly." Maddie told him as she picked up a tray holding the coffee pot, creamer, and sugar and headed to the living room right behind him . Her eyes fell on his tight butt covered only by the towel and she almost dropped the tray. What was happening to her she thought worriedly as she tried to calm the heat in her body and the fire in her loins.

She didn't see the smirk playing on David's mouth. "Nah, I'm fine. Actually it feels a bit warm in here to tell you the truth." He practically drawled.

Maddie ignored him as she placed the tray down on the table in front of the couch and threw the throw blanket at David as he sat down. He smirked at her and tossed it aside as he poured himself and Maddie coffee. His eyes couldn't help but be drawn to Maddie's silk night gown once again. Even through the robe she had on which was loosely tied around her body her breasts were quite visible through the almost see through material. He could see the outline of her nipples and he felt weak. He was wishing that he could will the nightie off her body. David felt himself becoming aroused and tried to push those thoughts aside. First things first, he thought. I gotta tell her how I feel and then see where we go from there.

Maddie poured the creamer in her coffee then turned to hand it to David and almost dropped the pitcher in his lap as she looked down and noticed David's arousal under the towel. Her face grew hot. She looked away fast but felt her cheeks burning up. "So David why are you here?" Maddie asked stirring sugar into her coffee and avoiding looking at him.

David realized Maddie could see his erection through the towel. He felt slightly uncomfortable as he tried to hide his arousal with his hands. He grabbed the throw and placed it over his lap. He saw her cheeks turn bright red. He hoped her cheeks were turning red from excitement and not shame. David knew he had to say something . "I told you I was worried about you."

"Worried? Why? About what? And whatever is it why couldn't it wait till this morning at the office to talk to me?"

"Well you said some crazy things to me tonight before you skipped out of the office yesterday. You were ranting about getting reckless with a total stranger. I didn't want you to get into trouble. So that's why I'm here"

"Trouble? Why would I get into trouble? I'm a big girl David! I can take care of myself!"

He looked at her. "You don't know what's out there. I told you lots of crazy people."

She looked back at him with a frown. "There's lots of crazy people in here. What do you really want David? Seriously you couldn't have called me on the phone to see if I was ok?" She stared into his eyes. "Or did you think you were going to catch me doing something with someone?"

He ran his hands through his hair. "No, no. I don't know. Geez Maddie. Ok fine so, tell me what happened to you tonight?"

"Me? I think I should be asking you that question. You looked like you rolled around in mud and got into a scuffle or something." She shook her head. "What happened to you tonight David?"

"I followed you that's what happened."

"You followed me? Followed me where?" She was getting angry. "What gives you the right to follow me? And why did you follow me?"

"I told you I was worried about you. Ok . You said some things you'd never said to me before."

Maddie was fuming. "So what if I did? I'm a grown woman David . I can go where I want and see who I want and I can even have sex with whoever I please, whenever I please!"

Now, David was starting to get angry. What the hell was she talking about? "Oh so now you are going to start sleeping around?"

"Well maybe I am. I'm sure I can get some tips from you! You seemed to have turned sleeping around into an art form!"

"You don't even know what you are talking about. And so what if I have had my share of women? I'm a man !"

"So what the hell does that mean? You're a man? So what? Women can't do those things?"

"It just means men are different than women. That's all. And *Good* women don't sleep around!"

"Are you *kidding*? I hate you David Addison. You are a sexist, unfeeling swine! As I told you at the office you and all you men believe it's fine for man to go out and have a one night stand with someone but if a woman does it it's wrong." She glared at him with blue ice.

David nodded his head. "Damn right it's wrong!" He glared back at her with green glaciers; green on blue. "Ya know what? Fine! You go ahead you do whatever the hell you want with whoever you want . Sorry that I was worried about you. Thanks for the coffee. I'm outta here!" Without thinking that he was only clad in a towel David stormed out of Maddie's house.

Maddie couldn't help but laugh when she thought of a towel clad David on the other side of her door. She knew he would realize in a moment that he wouldn't get far and be begging her to come back inside. She was right.

David started pounding on the door loudly. "Yo! Maddie! Let me back in!" David called. "I need my clothes! Maddie come on. I'll put on my clothes on and be outta your hair fast."

Maddie counted to ten then she went to the door and opened it. She would have made him wait a bit longer but didn't want to wake her neighbors and take the chance of someone calling the cops. She looked at David , he was once again soaked to the skin. The towel was molded perfectly to his body. She could see David's manhood even more clearly. The wet towel was leaving nothing to the imagination. She felt her mouth go dry. Maddie quickly looked away.

David walked into the foyer once again dripping water all over her marble floors.

"Do ya think you can check on my clothes?" David asked.

Maddie walked away without a word. David was standing by the door freezing. That throw sure looked good right about now he thought. Maddie came back and handed him his clothes plus another dry towel. David dried off his chest and shrugged into his shirt. She was standing there silently just watching him. David was about to drop the wet towel around his waist to the floor. He looked at Maddie who was staring at him. "Ummm do you mind?" He asked as he went to pull on his pants.

Maddie turned away and walked into the living room. She felt her heart racing. Why was she staring at him like that so openly? She didn't know what to do.

David wondered why Maddie was staring at him the way she was. He didn't know what to do. He didn't want to leave but was afraid to stay. He figured it probably would be best to leave and forget this night happened. "Hey should I call a cab or can I take the car home?" He asked her as he buckled his belt.

Maddie looked at him standing at her door with his shirt unbuttoned, and his pants still a little damp and his hair a wet mess and she felt a pull in her heart. She wanted him to stay but figured it was probably best if he left and they forget this night ever happened. "No a cab isn't necessary. You can take the car and just pick me in the morning. But why not wait til the rain lets up a bit. Come in and finish your coffee."

"You sure?" He asked her. "It's kinda late."

Maddie laughed. "No, actually it is kinda early. It's almost 5:30 David."

David nodded and slowly walked toward the couch and sat down. He couldn't stand the thought of leaving without saying *something* to her about his feelings.

"So where did you follow me to David?" Maddie wanted to know his motivation behind his actions.

"I lost you at Metropolis." He leaned his head back and shook his head. "That's where it got crazy." He laughed. "Some other blonde stole your coat and hat. Am I right?"

"Yes." Maddie realized he really did follow her. She waited to hear what else David had to say.

"Well, I followed that blonde. I thought she was you." David picked his head up and took a sip of coffee. It was cold. He placed the cup back on the coffee table. "I found her with some guy in some hotel room." David ran his hands through his already messed up hair. "I thought it was you and I and I felt sick and worried." He ran his hand over his forehead. "I was watching through the window when the guy pulled me in and long story short I got knocked out. Next thing I know I wake up next to a dead man with a gun in my hand."

Maddie was shocked. "David! What happened? Where was the blonde you thought was me?"

"I'm getting to that. Anyways, I wind up in jail and who is in the cell next to me but you guessed it her." He stood up and began to pace. "She told me she was the one who killed that guy who happened to be her husband. She also told me something else. Something I already knew...I think."

"What did she tell you David?"

David got scared. How could he tell her how he felt? What the hell was he doing? He was going to ruin their friendship and she would probably fire him. David tried to think of a way out of declaring his feelings.

"Nothing. Anyway, she confessed and I was released and I just wanted to make sure you got home."

Maddie was annoyed. He was holding something back and she wanted to know what it was. "So that's it?"

"That's it."

"So you followed me all around just because you were worried about me?"

David nodded.

"And why were you so worried about me? There has to be more to it than that David. Tell me what am I to you David? A partner? A friend? *More* than a friend? What David?"

David didn't know how to answer. Here he was with another blonde, this time the right blonde; trying to get him to admit his feelings. "God Maddie. I guess I'm in care with you." David blurted out.

Maddie was confused. "In care with me? What does that mean David?"

David just stood there silently. He didn't know what to say.

"David? What does it mean?"

He shook his head. "Nothing. It means nothing. Forget I ever said it. Rewind the last five minutes of your life."

"No, I don't want to! You said it! You can't *unsay* it David!" She approached him and looked into his troubled eyes. She could tell he was nervous and her heart felt funny in her chest. "Does that mean that you like me? That you want me? That you *love* me?" She hoped he would say what she wanted to hear.

David turned away from Maddie for a moment. He ran his fingers through his hair. He was nervous. Then he turned back to her. "Yes. Yes I love you. Okay? Happy now? So just give me time to find another job."

He loved her? Did she hear right. Wait he's leaving Blue Moon? Maddie was happy and confused. "What the hell are you talking about Addison? Why would you need to find another job?"

"You're gonna fire me aren't you?"

"And why the hell would I do that?"

"Well, I just told you that I am in love with you. It might get awkward..." His voice trailed off.

She smiled at him. "Not if I'm in care with you too."

"What?" Was she trying to say she loved him too. He felt hopeful.

"Not if I love you too you big dope." She laughed at him. She knew he needed to hear those words from her.

David looked at her closely. He stared into her eyes; green on blue. Did she mean what he thought she meant? Could it be true that she was in love with him too? David had to pinch himself to make sure he wasn't dreaming. David felt his body relax, he hadn't even realized how tense he was. He smiled at her with that crooked grin that captured her heart from the beginning. "You love me too?"

"Yes, David I do. But I don't understand why didn't you say something sooner to me?" She asked him point blank. "You had your opportunity yesterday when I said those things to you."

David shook his head. "I don't know Maddie. I don't know. I guess I didn't realize how much I loved you until that nutty blonde made me see how I felt. And I really didn't think you would want to me to say I would be happy to unlock your chastity belt." He grinned at her. "I think I would have gotten a slap for that. Right?"

She smiled back. "I don't know David. Maybe I was waiting for you to say something to stop me. But you didn't."

"I tried."

"You didn't say what I wanted to hear."

"Maddie I guess I was scared and stupid. And after what happened with the kiss in the garage I figured you didn't want me."

"You idiot! You're the one who said to forget it first. Actually you said that the kiss covered you for the next time you left me for good."

"Well, that's what I thought you wanted to hear! You've had me jumping through hoops for three years lady!"

"Well, maybe that kiss was too soon for us. But after we came back from NY..." Maddie looked at him with clear blue eyes. "I thought maybe..." Her voice trailed off. "But you still never made a move. Why David?"

"Why? Damn Maddie you're not easy to figure out. Did you ever give me any indication that you wanted me? That you would accept my advances? Nope." David ran his hand across his forehead. "What's a guy to do? But now well...." David felt his heart beat faster. "Sooo I guess here we are two people who are in care with each other."

"C'mere stupid."

David walked toward her slowly. He had dreamt of taking Maddie in his arms and loving her so many times that he felt nervous and unsure. How far was she willing to go? Should he stop with a kiss? Look at me, David laughed to himself. Mr. Spontaneity planning his moves. David decided to throw caution to the wind as he enveloped Maddie in his arms and covered her mouth with his. "I love you Blondie." He whispered into her mouth.

Maddie saw the uncertainty and nervousness in David's eyes as he approached her and it made her love him more. David Addison was actually nervous. When he put his arms around her she felt protected and safe. And when his lips found hers she could swear she heard a symphony. David's mouth on hers, his tongue playing with hers was making her senses reel. She returned his kisses with a passion she had never felt before. The feelings she was experiencing with just kisses rocked her to her very core. She had never desired a man before with this raw heat that she was feeling for David. Of their own free will she found her hands tangle in David's hair as she pulled his mouth closer to hers. "I love you David Addison."

Those words coming from Maddie's mouth were music to David's ears. His entire body tingled and vibrated with desire as they exchanged hot wet kisses. David had never been much for kissing. Kissing to him had always been just a necessity to get to the good parts. But kissing Maddie was different. It felt so intimate. So passionate. So wonderful. He could kiss her forever. His arms pulled her closer to his body so that they were almost welded together. David pulled away from Maddie's lips to trail kisses all over her face and neck first to her cheek over to her ear, down her neck and then repeated the same on the other side of her face.

Maddie was enjoying the way David was kissing her face and neck. She began to run her hands over David's chest as her mouth soon followed. Her tongue forged a path of heat from his mouth, over his neck, passed his shoulders, to his chest. Maddie reveled in the feel of David's hard chest under her mouth; the hair tickling her chin as she planted slow lazy kisses over him.

"Oh God Maddie!" David gasped as he felt her mouth trailing down until she reached his chest. Her tongue flicking over his nipples was driving him mad. He had never been so aroused in his entire life. His manhood was almost pushing a hole through his pants. David was nervous to touch her. He couldn't believe that he, David Addison, was as worried as a 15 year old boy, with his first girl. But passion over ruled his fears as his hands began to wander over her body. When she

didn't slap his hands away he grew bolder; peeling her robe away, pulling down her nightgown and finally holding in his hands what his eyes had desired for so long. He lovingly caressed her as his mouth nuzzled her neck. David noticed one particular spot on the back of her neck right below her hairline. Every time he touched her or kissed her there it made her cry out with pleasure. David's tongue slid back and forth over that spot as his hands caressed her breasts.

When David's mouth found that spot on the back of her neck Maddie felt her knees buckle as the blood in her body began to boil. She couldn't stop the cries of pleasure she heard coming from her mouth as David's mouth and fingers played over that spot. How could she have not even known that spot existed until David Addison found it? "Oh David." Maddie moaned as he pulled off her robe and bared her breasts. When his hands touched her she felt as if the top part of her body was on fire.

David grew more secure as Maddie's moans and cries spurred him on. In one fluid movement he pulled off Maddie's nightgown pulling her nude body against him. He could feel the heat of her body even through his clothes. His hands ran up and down her body finally landing on the core of her womanhood. David gasped as he felt the proof of Maddie's desire as he stroked her lovingly. "I love you so much." David purred in her ear.

David's hot breath in her ear and his hands on her body were bringing Maddie close to the edge. Her body was grinding against David as her hands unbuckled his belt and slowly pulled down his zipper releasing his manhood into her eager hands. When she heard David moaning her name it brought her over the edge as her body shuddered in spasms of desire. Her orgasm vibrated through her entire body. She had never felt such an intense climax in her life. It felt never ending as she pushed herself against David in ecstasy.

David felt Maddie's climax and that nearly led him to his own but before it happened David began to recite baseball stats in his head. He held Maddie close as his mouth kissed her deeply until her climax subsided. David's stomach recoiled in dread as Maddie pulled away from him. He tried to lead her to the couch but she resisted. "No David."

David felt as if he had been slapped. "No?"

Maddie saw the hurt and puzzlement on David's face. She could just imagine what was going through his mind. She grabbed his hand and led him to the stairs leading

to her bedroom. "I want our first time to be in a bed David." She told him softly. "I want it to be special."

David's smile lit up the room. "Your wish is my desire." David lifted Maddie into his arms carrying her up the stairs to her bedroom; stopping on each step to kiss her and profess his love.

Maddie giggled as David lifted her into his arms. She couldn't believe she didn't even feel shy over her nudity but David's eyes were gazing at her with such love and adoration that she felt comfortable being naked. David had kicked off his pants so he was also naked as he carried her to her bedroom.

David gently lay Maddie down on her bed as he lay beside her. His eyes scrolled over her body with desire. "You are so beautiful." He told her as his fingers pushed a stray tendril of hair off her face. "Have I mentioned that I am completely, madly, crazily, happily in love with you Maddie Hayes?"

Maddie's heart was singing in joy as she saw the love in David's eyes and listened to the words on his lips. She reached over and ran her fingers over the stubble on his face. "And I love you David Addison...completely, madly, crazily, happily..." She leaned in to him kissing him deeply.

David returned her fervent kisses as his hands returned to pleasuring Maddie's body. He wanted to learn all about this beautiful woman's body and what pleased her. She began to writhe under his hands as he touched her everywhere. He finally lifted his body over hers. David looked deeply into her eyes; smoldering green into blazing blue. "Are you sure baby?" David asked softly. He wanted to make sure before they crossed that line completely. Her hand guiding him into her was all the answer he needed.

"David. David. David." Maddie heard herself cry out his name as he made slow delicious love to her. Her entire body was an inferno of fire. The feel of his hard body on hers, his hips grinding into her almost lazily was driving her wild. She wrapped her legs around him as she felt her body ready to convulse. She didn't even realize her nails were digging into David's back as she pulled his body closer to hers.

David felt Maddie's nails scratching his back; he felt her loins pulsating around his manhood and knew she was close. Her cries of passion intensified as he began to pleasure her with short deep strokes which pushed them over the top into violent tremors that neither had ever felt so intensely before.

As they came back to earth David wrapped Maddie in his arms. She leaned her head against his chest as she played with David's chest hair. They were both feeling shy with one another. David bent his head so that his mouth was close to her ear. "Do you know how much I love you Miss Hayes?" David pulled her tight to his body. "More than my life."

Maddie's shyness left her as she heard David's words in her ear. She smiled up at him. "I love you too."

David smiled back at her. She looked so beautiful satiated with love; her cheeks were flushed and her hair all tousled. She looked so young and happy. "Any regrets baby?" He asked her running his hands over her body. He couldn't get enough of this magnificent woman. He felt her head shake.

"No, not a one." She told him softly. "How bout you fella?"

David laughed deeply "Are you nuts? I love you. I've never felt this way about anyone before."

Maddie stared into his beautiful green eyes. "Me neither." She admitted as she boldly began to kiss his chest, trailing soft kisses over his belly until she reached his hardness. Maddie began to make love to David with her mouth. She heard his gasps of delight and felt his fingers brushing through her hair.

David thought he had died and gone to heaven when Maddie's started her trail of kisses down to his hardness . When her mouth found him he tangled his hands in her hair as his body bucked against her. With one quick movement David flipped Maddie over so that his mouth could pleasure her as well.

He felt her moans vibrating through his manhood as he licked and kissed her most intimate place. David knew he was close; he wanted to make love to Maddie again so he gently pulled her around until they were face to face. The passion in her eyes filled him with joy. David drew her closer to his body as he pushed into her. Their lips met as their bodies joined together. It didn't take long for them to whirl out of control .

The rest of the night was filled with talking, laughing and more lovemaking until they fell into an exhausted slumber; both sexually satisfied and blissfully happy. The next morning, Maddie woke up first. She hadn't slept much at all but she didn't feel tired. She felt happy and carefree. Emotions that had eluded her for far too

long. She felt complete for the first time in her life. She looked up and saw the reason why. David. He was still sound asleep, snoring lightly. She smiled to herself. She felt so safe and loved wrapped in his strong arms. Maddie placed her head on his chest while she continued thinking of everything that had happened over the past few hours. Life can change in a heartbeat, she thought. Who would have thought yesterday that their lives would change so much over night. For almost three years she and David had been business partners and best friends but now they were so much more. She realized it was a long time coming. There were opportunities in the past when they could have taken that next giant step in their relationship but it hadn't happened. Maybe they hadn't been ready. Who knew? She didn't plan on falling in love with this man but that's exactly what happened. The best part was he loved her back. She knew this was the beginning for them. Maddie knew there it wasn't going to be easy sustaining a relationship between them; they were just so different. It was going to take a lot of work but she was ready for the challenge.

While she was lost in thought David opened his eyes. He was watching her intently afraid to let her know he was awake. He was trying to see how she was feeling after what happened between them last night. David felt deliriously happy; he hoped she was feeling the same in the light of day. From the looks of the smile on her lips he figured she was. "You awake already Blondie?"

She looked up at him with a secret smile. "Just snuggling up to my fella." She kissed his chest. "Hope he doesn't mind."

He smoothed her hair away from her eyes. "Uh No. Can't say he minds at all." David stammered in awe of this new, loving Maddie.

They started at each other for a few moments.

"So did you sleep ok?" She asked him.

"Sleeping wrapped around the love of my life how could I not have slept well."

She raised an eyebrow. "Love of your life huh?" Maddie questioned. "So how are we going to do this David?"

"Do what?"

"This? How are we going to do this? What happens next?"

"Next? Well I think it's obvious. Aren't we together now? A couple? Maddie, sweetheart, I love you. I want you to know I am fully committed to this relationship. To you. To us." He touched her cheek and she leaned in to the palm of his hand. "I can't remember ever being this happy."

Maddie's eyes were shining brightly as she looked up at him "Oh David I love you too. I have never been this happy before either. It feels a bit scary honestly but a good scary if that makes sense."

He laughed and agreed with her. "Yeah I think that makes perfect sense."

He leaned down and captured her lips in a kiss that started out soft and slow and then grew more passionate. Maddie pulled away and looked over at the clock.

"What's the matter baby?" David asked trying to take her attention away from the clock. He knew they should be at work by now but he didn't want to leave Maddie's bed. He was terrified that she would regret their coupling and revert back to the old keep your distance Maddie Hayes. God, he would die.

"It's really late. I didn't realize it was so late." Maddie told him.

"Well I guess we should call Agnes before she worries her curly little head. You can call first. She's use to me being late."

Just then the phone rang. Maddie looked at him. "Oh no I bet that's Agnes now."

She sat up to answer the phone. The sheet slipped off her body . David was happy to see she didn't seem ashamed of her nakedness in front of him. God she was breathtaking he thought.

He figured he had better be quiet.

Maddie picked up the phone. "Hello."

"Oh Miss Hayes I'm so glad you answered the phone. It's past 9:00am. You aren't here and you are always here on time. Mr. Addison isn't here either but that's normal for him. I haven't called him yet."

Maddie laughed as she looked at David. "Oh Agnes I'm so sorry if I worried you. I got to bed real late last night and only just got up. I forgot to set my alarm." David smirked at her and then leaned in to nuzzle her neck.

Maddie was losing her concentration. "Um Agnes. Listen I'm not going to be in for a little while."

"Oh is everything ok Miss Hayes? What do you want me to tell Mr. Addison when he comes in?" Maddie was holding in a moan as David kissed the spot on her neck. She had to push him off her. He laughed quietly not wanting Agnes to know he was there. But then Maddie made a bold move. "David would you mind going downstairs and putting the coffee on? "

David was shocked. Maddie said that loud enough for Agnes to hear. "Sure ok I'll be right back" He blew her a kiss as he walked out of her bedroom.

"Umm Miss Hayes did you just say Mr. Addison's name?" Agnes was hopeful. "Is he there too?"

Maddie laughed. "Yes Agnes that's why you don't have to call him. He's here with me."

"Wow really? Miss Hayes that's great great. Right?"

Maddie laughed. "Yes Agnes it is great great." Maddie wasn't going to tell her secretary everything but knew Agnes had been in Maddie and David's corner from day one. Her secretary was a little eccentric but also was one smart lady when it came to them. "We won't be too late. So I trust you all to hold down the office till we get in ok?"

"Oh Yes Miss Hayes. Bye Miss Hayes" Maddie hung up the phone and was lost in thought.

David came back into her bedroom holding two coffee mugs. He had the biggest grin on his face.

"What?" Maddie asked with a smile in her eyes. She knew what that grin was about.

"You do know Maddie that Agnes is gonna figure out why we are together." David set the coffee mugs down on the night stand and slipped back into bed .

Maddie shrugged. "I'm sure she knows why David."

"She is probably telling the whole staff right now. "

"Probably." Maddie nodded unconcerned.

"You don't mind?" Who was this woman?

"No, I don't but what I do mind is you asking so many questions when you should be kissing me "

"C'mere." David voice was as thick as syrup as he pulled her closer to him. They started kissing; fiery passionate deep kisses. David pulled Maddie on top of him. She was kissing his chest as she wiggled on top of him. David thought he was going to blow his mind; he was filled with so much desire for this woman. He knew he would never tire of being with her. David was ready for her again. That was no shock even before last night he always seemed to be in a state of arousal when he was with her. He wanted to make love to her over and over; he couldn't believe she seemed to feel the same way. His hands caressed her body and he could tell she was ready for him too. David entered her and they both let out a sigh of relief as if had been forever since they were one. They made love again tenderly as they whispered words of love and promises to each other. Soon they reached the peak of passion.

Maddie must have drifted off for a while. She felt David's lips at the back of her neck. She smiled. He was spooned up behind her with his arms wrapped tightly around her. She loved how he held her close to him. It was like he was afraid to let her go.

Maddie felt David's hardness against her back. This man truly is insatiable she smiled to herself. "Hmm. David. I hate to interrupt this love fest but I think we need to get ready for work if we hope to get there before everyone leaves. Its past 11."

David kissed that spot that drive her wild. "Ah, do we have to?" He whined.

"Fraid so."

"Ok. You are the boss so I must obey." He teased still working on that magic spot. He felt her shiver.

Reluctantly, Maddie pulled away and sat up. She looked deep into his smoldering green eyes. "Well we have tonight to look forward to ..."

David was thrilled she wanted to continue this tonight. He swore to himself he would never take her for granted. He threw her a crooked grin. "Hey, Goldilocks. Whatcha you say I take you out for a romantic dinner to celebrate...Us..."

"MMMM. That sounds perfect." Maddie leaned into him. "I love you David."

"I will never get tired of hearing those words from you. I love you too baby." His hands tangled in her hair to pull her closer to him. They kissed deeply.

David pulled back first. "Well, I guess I'll jump in your shower."

Maddie looked at him from under her lashes. "Can I jump in with you?"

"Really Maddie. Do you even have to ask?" David smirked. "But sweetheart you do know that if I get you in that shower with me it's probably going to take us twice as long."

"And twice as fun." Maddie laughed.

David did a double take. He started touching her. "What have you done with Maddie Hayes?" She giggled. He got up out of bed and walked around to her side and pulled her up to him wrapping her in his arms. "Well whatever I love this one much better. "

"Well I guess you're stuck with me fella."

"You promise?"

"Promise." She nodded. Then she had to ask him the same. "Well what about you? Do you promise that you'll stick around too?"

"I promise too. Forever."

"Forever is a good word." She leaned into him as their lips met. "A perfect word." She kissed him with all the love she felt. "Good work Addison."

They stared deeply into each other's eyes with all the love inside of them. *Green on blue.* Forever.