

CHAPTER 9 - FIRST GIFTS

KODA'S POV

Jax was pissed, that was obvious, and I had to admit, so was I...

This was bullsh*t, waiting a few days was going to be torture, not to mention the fact that others would think we didn't want her.

But how could I not? Just looking at her was making me hard. How had any man ever resisted her?

I looked at her with longing, "You're really a virgin?" I inquired again.

Madelyn smiled shyly and nodded.

"I don't think I've ever met a Lycan who chose to wait for their mate." I commented and looked at my brother, who glared at me grumpily before looking back at our girl.

"How old are you, Madelyn?" He asked, "You're what, 18, 19?"

"I'm 21." She answered, "Actually, today is my birthday."

"Seriously?" I said with excitement, "Today is our birthday too."

"Really?" She smiled.

"Yes," Jax answered, but then he looked at me excitedly, "Wait right here, do not touch her." He repeated my words from earlier and rushed from the room.

Maddie looked confused and a little upset by his abrupt exit, but her reaction made me smile.

"He'll be back." I told her as I heard him go into our home ooe. I knew what he was doing, he was getting her a gift. "So, we share a birthday. We'll keep the yearly ball going then, only we'll turn it into a birthday and anniversary party rather. He a ball to nd our mate."

"You know," Maddie said thoughtfully, "If my mother really is your aunt, then that technically makes us family and now we also share a birthday, people might think that's all a little odd."

I laughed and ran my ngers through my still slightly damp hair as I heard Jax laugh from the ooe.

"We might keep the whole family thing to ourselves for now," I told her and reached out my hand. "Come here."

Maddie didn't hesitate as she placed her hand in mine and I smiled happily as I led her to the sofas by the re place.

"Are you cold?" I asked as we sat down, "I can start the re?"

"No, I'm okay, thank you."

"Do you want?" I hesitated, I didn't want to upset her again, I'd done enough of that today. "Do you want to talk about your mother's death? It must have been dicult to nd that out, especially on your birthday."

'Don't upset her!' Jaxson linked me.

Madelyn froze for a moment before she shook her head.

"I'm not ready to talk about that," She told me, "And no offense, but I don't really know you or Jax yet, it's not easy for me to open up to people. I've never had anyone to lean on, it's going to take me a little while to get used to having a mate or mates."

I felt a twinge of rejection again, but she was right. We were strangers afterall. The only difference was that I'd always had Jaxson to lean on, Maddie had been all alone.

"Take your time," I told her gently as I pulled her face to mine, "But just know that you're not alone anymore, and we'll always be there for you."

"Thank you." She smiled as I pressed my lips to hers again.

My goddess, she tasted incredible. I slowly kissed her, taking great pleasure in her soft moans as she kissed me back.

Without realizing what I was doing, I grabbed her hips and pulled her into my lap and ran my ngers through her soft blonde hair, pulling her closer. I could feel my c*ck hardening underneath her and so did Maddie because she pulled back blushing bright red.

"Koda," She scolded me and climbed off my lap and sat beside me again. "Stop!"

I laughed as Jaxson walked back into the room holding two boxes.

"I have no control over it, Maddie." I laughed. She was looking down shyly at her hands on her lap.

"Over what?" Jax asked but when I pulled a cushion over my lap he laughed. "Oh," He smirked and sat down, "You're going to have to get used to us being hard around you, Madelyn. You're extremely attractive. I've been hard since I rst saw you."

Madelyn looked up at him with wide eyes, making me laugh again.

"Anyway," I said and took Maddie's hand, "We have something for you."

"Happy birthday," Jax held up the two boxes for her to take.

"What is this?" She asked with a cute, confused frown.

"They're your birthday presents," I told her, "Open them."

Maddie took the boxes with trembling hands. Was she upset again?

She looked down at them, "Who were these actually meant for?"

"What do you mean?" Jax asked.

"We just met, and you didn't know it was my birthday. Why would you have gifts?" She said, "They were clearly for someone else." She stared at me angrily, what had I done now? "Did you get these for Blake?"

"Of course not!" Jax said in disgust as he brushed Maddie's hair back, revealing her neck. "I'd never golet that id*ot a gift, they're for you."

"Over the years, we've been collecting gifts for our mate," I told her, "Just little things that we thought she'd like or stuff that caught our eye. I swear, they were always intended for you."

"Really?" She seemed so lost, "No one's ever given me a birthday present before, no one's ever given me a present at all."

"Never?" Jax asked. He seemed calm, but I knew he was just as enraged as I was.

Maddie shook her head as tears lled her eyes. "Thank you, I love them."

I laughed and reached over to wipe the tears from her eyes. "You haven't even opened them yet."

Maddie shocked me by gripping my face and kissing me and then Jax who looked as surprised as I was.

"I don't care." She smiled a huge, breathtaking smile, "I still love them."

"Open the boxes, my darling." He said but then he frowned and shook his head.

"What?" I asked him.

He laughed and shrugged, "I keep trying to come up with a good term of endearment for Madelyn but I don't like anything yet." He answered and Maddie giggled, goddess I loved hearing that sound. "I will keep trying, come on Madelyn, open your gifts!"

She smiled and placed one of the boxes down on her lap and opened the smaller one to reveal a pair of diamond earrings.

"Oh," She said, "They're beautiful, but..."

"What?"

"I don't have my ears pierced."

I looked up at her ears to nd that they were pierced. I'd never met a woman who didn't have her ears done.

"Sh*t," Jax said, "I didn't notice. I'll get a different present."

"No," She quickly closed the box and held it to her heart, "I want them."

I smiled, "We'll get your ears pierced tomorrow so you can wear them."

"Ok." She said happily and placed the earrings on her lap and picked up the bigger one and opened it to reveal a gorgeous matching necklace with small blue gems in between the diamonds.

"Do you like it?" I asked as she ran her ngers along it.

"It's beautiful," She answered, "But I... I feel a little guilty, I don't have anything for either of you."

Jaxson laughed and kissed her cheek. "Madelyn my love, you are the greatest birthday present we've ever been given."

Maddie blushed a little, "Will you put it on me?"

"Of course."

I picked up the necklace as Jaxson pulled back Maddie's hair and I clipped the necklace in place around her slender throat.

"Gorgeous," I stated as Jax's let her hair fall.

"It suits you," My brother said happily.

"I've never worn something so expensive before." She told us and touched the necklace nervously.

"Well, it's the rst of many expensive things we'll be buying you, so get used to it." Jax told her.

"Do you truly like it?"

"Yes, it's so pretty." She answered me, "I love the blue gems."

Ha... I looked at Jax who glared playfully at me.

"Maddie, I have to ask you a question." I took her hands on mine and she looked at me nervously, "And it's a very serious question, so you have to promise to tell me the truth, okay?"

"Ok." She nodded, looking very serious.

"What is your favorite color?"

Jax laughed and punched my arm, "You complete id*ot!"

Maddie looked at me on confusion, "That's your very serious question?" She asked and raised her eyebrows up at me in amusement.

"You have no idea how serious, please tell us."

"Um... I guess it would be blue."

"Yes!" I kissed her hands before I stood up and bowed in my brother's face.

"Yeah yeah, shut up!" Jax shoved me and laughed.

"I don't understand." Maddie looked between us.

I laughed and explained about our bet and Maddie looked at Jax with a sad smile.

"I'm sorry." She said sweetly and kissed his cheek.

"You can make it up to me later." He commented and looked over her tempting body.

Maddie leant back blushing again but then she yarned.

"Sorry, I didn't really sleep well after I rejected Scott."

I suppressed a growl, I didn't want her talking about that piece of sh*t.

"That's alright," Jax gently reached over and touched her face, "You must have been feeling awful today. Most people react very badly to a rejection."

"It was worth it." She yawned again, "I would never be his mate. I was actually planning on running away and going rogue, but I thought I'd have at least one fun night before I snuck away. I never imagined I'd meet the two of you or that I'd be so lucky. It hasn't exactly been the theme of my life."

"One day soon, we'd like to know about everything you've been through." I told her. "And it will be the theme of your life from this moment on."

She smiled, but didn't say anything, she mustn't believe me.

"Are you still in pain?" Jax asked.

"No," She answered happily, "All the pain vanished when I kissed the both of you."

"Really?" I said a little smugly, "I guess we should keep kissing you then."

"I agree." Jax smirked at her, "We'd hate for the pain to come back."

We both leaned in but she giggled and placed her hands on both of our chests to stop us.

"Can we hold that thought until tomorrow? I'm really tired."

"Sure," Jax said easily, which confused me. I didn't want to go to sleep, I was enjoying being with our mate and I knew he was too. "The sooner we go to sleep, the sooner the 48hr deadline runs out."

Oh, so that's why he doesn't care. I laughed and shook my head.

"How about we have a nice long shower and get into bed?"

Maddie frowned at, "But you just took a shower?"

I smiled, "If I'm not allowed to touch you tonight, I'm going to need another one."