



A Very Birdie Birthday | Hawks x Listener
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(Audio begins with the sound of one of Hawks's feathers, a latch undoing and the sliding balcony door opening from another room. The listener is hiding in the living room, Hawks is talking in the bedroom so his voice is muffled)

Hawks: Whew...Huh? Weird. I coulda sworn they were in here...Birdie? You here? **(curious)** Living room seems like...Hm. Their heartbeat's a little fast but...they don't seem to be hurt. **(low sigh)** that's a relief...okay, let's get into some comfortable clothes..

(shuffling and ruffling for a moment, then soft footsteps as he walks in)

(amused, playful) Hmmm now I gotta say, I'm a little nervous....it's prettty dark in here...is there a certain someone trying to ambush me maybe?

(pause, laugh) Now that was a giggle...**(a little louder, playful)** Biiiiirdie~ I know you're in here! Where are you hidin' huh?

(light flick, party horn)

(startled, flap) Whoa! Oh geeze you scared me! **(pause)** Wait...whoa...what's all *this*?

(pause) It's for my birthday? **(fondly)** Aw Dove...did you do all this for little old me?

(shifting as he gathers them into a hug) Mmmmn! Nah. I don't like it...I *love* it.. Heh. I got kinda blasted with presents and stuff from my fans today, but this? This is something I get to have for myself! So of course I love it!

Hm? Oh! Heh, well y'know it is being a celebrity. Fans give you gifts, you gotta hand 'em over so that they can be checked over for security breaches. You'd be surprised at some of the *weird* stuff folks'll try and give me.

Oh yeah. I've had people give me burner phones with their number in it, **(uncomfortable)** uh..articles of clothing? **(huff, amused)** There was even one time someone literally used their quirk to shrink themselves and put themselves in a box and had their friend give it to me. **(laughs)** that was uh...an *interesting* day to say the least.

(huff, small peck) Mn. But this? This is much better than getting swarmed by fans all day. Lemme get a look at your hard work~

(footsteps as he walks around, impressed whistle) Check out the decorations! Pretty cute gotta say...**(teasing)** How'd you get those up there all by yourself huh?

(laughs, playfully) Hey now, I was just asking~ To be fair, you and ladders don't really have a good working relationship. Remember last Christmas?

(small swat, laughter) Hahahowww~ Easy there Dove, don't beat me up! You gotta be nice to the birthday boy!

(kiss) But...genuinely...thank you Birdie. I've..heh...never actually had a birthday party before. **(chuckle)** Nope. Never. Not even when I was a kid. Heh, back then we were too poor for that kinda stuff and I didn't go to school, so I didn't really have friends my age to celebrate with. **(sigh)** And now that I'm older...Usually for me it's just another day of work...just with an uptick of possibly suspicious gifts and freebies but...yeah.

So this? **(softly)** this is...the best gift anyone's ever given me, I hope you know that.

(pause) Ohh it gets better huh? I can't wait to see!

Hold onnn just a minute.. Didn't we just celebrate Christmas? What's with those presents under the tree? **(Surprised)** *For me?* You really went all out, huh..

Well Birdie, consider me surprised. I don't know what I did to deserve you, but I thank my lucky stars every day for you. **(Soft peck, soft noise as he hugs them)** Hmm..

Oh? I gotta sit huh? Okay~ I gotta say you got me all curious.

(footsteps as the listener moves to the kitchen to collect his cake, his voice a bit further away) Where ya goin? **(laughs)** Alright I'll be patient...Eh? Cover my eyes? I dunno Birdie...how do I know you're not gonna prank me huh?

(laugh) I do trust you, promise! Okay, eyes closed. No peeking!

(match strike as they light the candle, happy birthday instrumental playing on their phone as they walk back to the livingroom)

(laughing) Aw my very own birthday song! Man this day just keeps getting better! Can I open my eyes now?

(soft gasp) Whoa...now *that's* a cake! It looks amazing!! Aw with the little bird candle on it too~ Haha! Ohh it smells like...**(sniff)** Dark chocolate and espresso? Oh man I'm *drooling*...

Oh! Right, gotta make a wish first. Hmm let's see here...**(he pauses a moment in thought before he blows out the candle, laughing)**

Not bad for my first time blowing out a birthday candle huh? Now! Let's get a piece of this cake!

(the audio cuts out with Keigo laughing and the clinking of silverware on the plate, fades back in with a contented sigh)

Whew...oh man that was good. I can't say I've ever gotten to eat a whole cake by myself before! Even if it was just a little one. I guess you're right, it wasn't ALL by myself...you helped~ Even if you got frosting all over your mouth.

(playful kiss) Hm~ Tasty~ **(laughs)** Okay okay! I'll stop~ You're just so cute when you get flustered like that Birdie.

So present time huh? No complaints here. **(shuffling as the box is handed to him)** Alright, let's see here...Oh man, this one's kinda big.

(paper ripping open and he pauses) Whoaaa~ This looks fancy~ **(fabric shuffling)** Oh man it's a hoodie! Nice and thick too. I love it! Nice colors too heh~

Huh? Oh, turn it over? **(fond)** Aw! It has a spot for my wings! **(laughs, playfully)** Birdie...is this cuz you're tired of me wearing the sweaters I borrow from you hiked up my back cuz I don't want you cuttin' holes in them? **(snickers)** Okay that's fair, but no this is *really* nice baby...I love it! I'm gonna try it on right now!

Let's see...we unbutton this part...oh! It folds down like a flap! That's cool! **(fabric shuffling)** Mmf! There we go...Huh, even fits my big wings easy...Need to get a couple more of these if I'm being honest. Think you can button me up Dove?

(fabric shifting as the listener buttons up the flap) Ooh~ I thought it was gonna be kinda tight and annoying on the base of my wings but nah, it's way comfy~ **(small flap)** Hm...Thank you Birdie..I think I found my new favorite hoodie...

Oh? One more? **(pleased)** Alright, hit me! **(rustling as the box is handed over)** Ooh, now you've got me all curious...I wonder what this could be..

(paper ripping, lid being taken off of a box)

It's...a bracelet...**(shifting as he picks it up out of the box)** Love the gold. The style's really nice too. Heh, it's got our initials on it! Aw, that's cute! Oh? It's a *locket*?? Well now I gotta open it.

(small click as he does so, voice soft as he reads the inscription) "To the wind beneath my wings...love you always, Your Birdie.." **(a little teary)** And..there's a picture of us, heh...I remember this one. When we spent that whole afternoon just being couch potatoes...It was the first time I'd ever done something like that.

(teary laugh) No no! I'm okay Birdie I just...**(sniffle, sigh as he collects himself)** I've never..had anything like this before y'know? It's just a new feeling is all. But I promise I love it...I'll cherish this with everything I have.

Here...how about you help me put it on huh?

(The listener fiddles with the clasp and fixes it into place) Heh, I love it...it's really sleek lookin'...you've got good taste baby~

(pause)

You got it that way so I could wear my gloves over it? **(amazed)** Haha, you really thought of everything didn't you? **(pleased)** This way...I can keep a part of you close and my handlers won't notice at all...since they don't ever see me without my gloves anyway.

(kiss) Cute *and* clever, aren't you just the whole package huh? **(laughs)** Thanks birdie...this really is the best birthday I've ever had. Sorry it took so long to get a chance to celebrate it with you...

(sigh) Yeah, the Commission doesn't really care if it's my birthday or not...believe me, being stuck on a plane last year was NOT the way I wanted to spend it. I barely got Christmas with you..but...I guess getting my birthday too was too much to hope for.

(happy hum and kiss) But hey, we lucked out this year~

(soft sigh) Who knows...come this next year? Might not even have to worry about this kinda thing anymore. **(chuckles)** Ah, it's because of those UA kiddos, Endeavor's son and his friends...the kid who destroys his fingers and that blasty kid? Yeah...heh, that whole class is gonna give the HPSC a run for their money when they graduate.

Epecially those three...man...they're gonna shake everything up, all the way down to the foundation and honestly? It's about time.

I'm more than happy to step back and let those kiddos run things for a while...I think we have a bright future ahead of us with them stepping in y'know?

(hums and tugs them closer) Yeah I know Birdie...it's wishful thinking, but hey...sometimes that's all we can do y'know? And wishes are powerful things. They give us hope for better times.

Thank you again dove...for this, for my very first birthday party~ Haha, it's gonna be hard to top this...and I'll never ever forget it.

Hm? Haha! That's a good idea, next time we'll invite some guests! Rumi'd love to come...Tsunagu and Endeavor too...I know I'd like Tsukiyomi to come...maybe let him bring his friends from his class.

I think you'd like 'em, even if they are a little intense sometimes haha especially that blonde kid. He's a pretty big handful...but eh, sometimes a big handful is what you need in a world like this.

(contented sigh) This really was the best birthday ever...Can't wait to have another one with you....