

One day a new baby cub was born and her name was Mattie. She grew up in a hunting world; there were always hunters. But instead, this one day it was Mattie's birthday. The day was weird, but she knew she had to find a new hiding place. She found this one hiding spot that is so good that no hunter would ever find her. But even then she is just a cub, and it is still scary.

Mattie grew up and was five years older. She is old enough to get her own food. Her favorite food was fish and berries. She would eat them all day all night if she could. She had them for every single birthday. But one day she came home very excited that it was her birthday. When she walked to the cave door her mom pulled her in the cave and said, "Quiet". Mattie said "OUCH! That hurt". BE QUIET! Momma said, there are hunters outside. But Mattie said, they never hunt on my birthday. Momma said now they do so let's get everything that we need. "Ha mom, I had picked some food when I was walking so we are good", Mattie boasted.

They were walking and walking for hours and they found another good hiding place. They camped there, and were safe for now, but still had to keep a look out for hunters. Mattie said I did not want my birthday to go like this at all. And so a hunter was looking for them because he was their owner so he looked and looked. He stopped to take a nap because he was looking and looking for hours. SNAP!!!!SNAP!!!! He jumped up and saw mama and Mattie and said come here don't be afraid. He told mama and Mattie, "I'm your owner". They jumped on him and started to play with him and he said I only hunt deer ok. The bears said come and join us with a feast in our cave. They showed him where their hiding place is and they ate berries and fish.

Seven years later, and she is about to turn 13. Her mom had to leave her with the hunter. Mattie was going to miss her but she had the hunter. So the mom had left a note and it said "I will bring you something for your birthday". Mattie was so, so, so overjoyed at school and could not stop talking about it. Once she got home she thought it will be a big party. BUT!!!There wasn't. She looked around for the hunter, but he was not there. So she had decided to look for mom herself so she walked and looked for hours. She saw a pond and decided to stop and fish for some lunch. It was going to get dark soon so she knew that she needed to find a safe hiding space for the night. It was hard to fall asleep by herself in the woods. She woke up early, ate some berries, and started to walk. She saw a sign that said Mamma Bears Spa. She giggled at herself that she had stopped so close to her mom's shop. She went in and ran to her mom. Mamma asked, "where is the hunter?" Mattie told her mom the story about how he wasn't there and how she slept in the woods. Just then the hunter walked in and saw Mattie. "Young lady I've been looking everywhere for you"! I was out getting your birthday dinner, and when I got home you weren't there"! The hunter told her how worried Mattie had made him. The hunter hugged Mattie and said that all that mattered is that they were safe and together. He surprised Mattie with a dinner of all her favorites. Mamma bear gave Mattie a beautiful necklace. In the end Mattie had another great birthday.

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