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Author's POV 1

"Sweetheart" Carter mindlinked Meredith the next day in the morning. "Can you take Max with you and come to the training room? Your father is here"

"What?" she asked and jumped from the bed.

'What's going on?' Max asked grabbing her arm and pulling her back in bed, making her sit over his naked body.

"My father is here," she whispered. "Something happened." and her heart almost stopped saying this.

"What do you mean he is here?" and Max helped her to get out of the bed and both of them ran to the closet and took something on them, without taking a shower.

"Max," and Meredith already has tears in her eyes. "What if this madness is not over yet? What if we made plans for nothing," and she touched her lower abdomen closing her eyes.

"Hey, look at me" and Max pulled her to his chest and lifted her chin and kissed her lips.

"You have me, no matter what's going on, you have me and you will always have me no matter



what. I am yours forever. Am I clear? We are together in this.”

“I am scared, for the first time in my life, I am scared.” and she looked at him, but Max just pulled her and placed her head at his chest.

“Everything will be alright” Max whispered and bent a little to kiss Meredith, but he stopped when someone knocked on the door.

“May I come in?” They heard Cara from behind the door and Max opened the door for her just to see her, holding her babies in her arms.

“Sam said that I should come and look for baby Theo because you need to be at the training room.” and she is blinking at them visibly nervous.

“She is sleeping,” Max said. “Theo is in her room” and thanking Cara they left.

It took them ten minutes to reach the training room, and those minutes where the most difficult moments they lived, because when they were under “assault” they knew the enemy, but know...this is just too much.

“We are together in this” Max said again, holding her hand in his hand as they stood in front of the training room.

“Together” Meredith whispered and let Max



push the door.

In front of them Landon, Carter, Grandpa Cruz and James are staying serious but at the same time with some happiness glowing on their faces. Just beside them are Luke, Sam and Francoise. Even if Francoise has no status in the pack, being so powerful and so close to the boys, made him worthy to stay with them and no one can contest that.

He is a damned alpha. He is almost as powerful all Max is and he is just a newborn.

But when they look around, Max and Meredith saw the the training room, that looks a lot with a stadium where can stay at least two hundred peoples, the entire stadium is full with alphas.

Some of them were in Hamilton with them, but the others ..they didn't know them.

"What is going on?" Meredith asked her father.

Landon came closer and he looked at Max and then at Meredith.

"Nothing dramatic." he told them to calm them.

"You can't say that," Meredith said "I feel like a criminal on a court trial"

"What is going on, father?" Max asked Landon, but Grandpa Cruz talked before Landon to answer.

"They want your mate. That happened!"

And let me tell you...for the first time in his life, Max poops in his pants. He went completely white and if Meredith wouldn't be there to hold him he would have fallen on the floor.

"Will you shut up, father?" Carter said and came to Max, tapping his shoulder.

"No one will take your mate. He was just joking." and gave an ugly look to the old man.

**"What are you doing old man?" he asked grandpa
"Do you want to start a war here?"**

"They are here for you, Meredith but not to take you away from Max" and he said that looking in his son's eyes.

"You should listen to them" Landon said, coming closer and turning around he signaled one alpha to approach.

"Luna Cruz " the man said, bowing in front of her and making her feel strange for doing this and she bows a little too, making the man blush and look down in the ground.

"What is going on, Max?" she asked through their mindlink and came closer to him, holding his hand tight but Max just looked in her eyes perplexed.

"Luna, we are here with all the alphas in the



world. Yesterday some of them met you and after you went home, they called the rest of us and told us what they saw.”

“I assure you that I am not a danger for any of you” Meredith said sweetly making the man smile.

“We know that you are not.” and looking around he sighed.

“We searched for you. After your parents had you some of us searched for any trace of you, we wanted to protect them and you, but we didn’t know that your parents hid in Canada. So when Bradley found you, he had no idea that we were looking for you. We searched in Europe , because it was the last place where your parents were seen, but we searched in vain . Just after many years we found out that they were killed here and the first thought was that you were killed too. So we lost the faith and thought that the greatest blessing we could ever receive as werewolves was lost.”

“I don’t understand what you are talking about” Meredith said growling a little and cuddling on Max’s chest.

“We made a mistake two hundreds of years ago. We let the royals leave our world and live alone. Back then we thought that we don’t need them, that we can do it by ourselves. We thought that

we are strong, and we are Luna Cruz, but not as we should be.”

And all the alphas stood up.

“We didn’t even tried to protect them, we thought that if we will let the hunters to hunt the royals, they will not focus on us anymore, but when we heard that even your parents were gone we lost our hope, the remorse took our hearts, we should have done more for them.”

“Look alpha..” Max said. “You’ve lost me” and he started to laugh. “And I suppose that my Luna is confused too. What the fuck are you talking about?”

And all the alphas looked at him with their mouths open because he spoke with a lot of confidence, without giving a shit or fearing anything.

“We want you back!” the alpha said and all the alphas approved.

“Are you kidding me?” Max asked, looking at them.

“Mark my words. She is MINE!” and he growled at that alpha making him shiver, because after he mate with Meredith, after she marked him without realizing Max became stronger than any alpha around. He was already one of the most powerful in the world but having her beside him



transformed Stark, but he didn't notice that, because he was never looking for more power. All he wanted was Meredith.

"You are at package, Alpha Cruz," the man said. "We already know that wherever she goes, you go too" and this time the alpha laughed. "Your father already told us that this could go wrong and you could break my legs before to finish what I need to say."

But this time Meredith is the one who raised her voice.

"My husband is right" and she looked straight in his eyes. "Cut the crap!" and she signals him to start talking.

"I said that we want you back, but the reality is that we need you. Losing your royals permitted those like Manganiello to terrorize us and kill us like some fucking animals. Only he alone, without counting the members of his gang, killed over two thousand werewolves."

And hearing that Meredith face twitches in pain, thinking at the drama that that jerk created for nothing all over the world, just for fun.

"I know that we made a mistake a long time ago, we lost hope but now we found it again. Please, take your place back and rule. We swear that this time we will protect the royal family, but we

need guidance and we need to know that in this world exist a law even for those of our kind. People like Manganiello must be eliminated and we don't have the strength alone to fight with them, people like alpha Castellano must know that in this world no matter how strong you are, you will pay for your sins."

"Are you nuts?" Meredith said looking at them, while Max just looks at the whole audience.

"You are asking a lot, from my wife" he said in the end and leaving them perplexed he just said. "She will think about it."

But Landon and Carter and as well Grandpa Cruz stepped in and said:

"There is nothing to think about, Max" and looking at Meredith he said : "This is your destiny, sweetheart. This was the reason why your parents died defending you."

"But I don't want to leave any of you " Meredith whispered.

"You can live wherever you want Luna Cruz." and with pleading eyes the alpha said " Even here in Canada, there are a lots of places in this world that were held by your family. We will give it back to you. "

"I don't know" Meredith whispered and looking in Max eyes she said to him:



"I don't want this ,Max"

"But dad is right, Mer" and he kissed her lips.

"It's your destiny"

."Still...I don't like it".

Max caressed her cheek and whispered.

"I am here, no matter what. Just remember that."
and he kissed her again.

"Together?" she whispered.

"Together."

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