

## 35 Chapter 35 I am protecting Meredith

Author's POV 1

Meanwhile, in Meredith's hospital ward, Carter Cruz and London Quinn look at her worriedly, not at her physical condition, but thinking about of Max's interest in her.

"What are we going to do?" Carter asks Landon. "You know I adore Meredith and she's always been the only daughter-in-law I've ever wanted."

"Carter you are my friend, but she is my daughter. That son of yours doesn't deserve her," Landon said, coming to Meredith's bed and stroking her forehead lightly.

"He is her mate, so the gods believe something else." Carter said blowing the information in the air.

"What?" Landon asks almost falling off his feet. "Impossible!"

"That's what we said too, but that's perfect, don't you think? What didn't work out for us seems to work for the gods and our kids will eventually be together in the end, just as we wanted from the beginning. "Carter begins to say, rejoicing in happiness.

**"The Moon Goddess will bring my daughter-in-law back. Exactly where she belongs"**

But Landon smiles at him and, looking back at Meredith, says to Carter:

**"I wouldn't be so sure about that. Maximillian has a lot of bills to pay to Mer. And believe me, Mer will collect them all, she will make him pay for everything. She is different now. I am her father and I am very proud of her."** London said.

**"A human and an alpha!"** Carter said: **"It was just our desire to be related and to protect Meredith, but in the end it looks like it was the best idea ever. Will you let Max approach her? Because it seems to me that he wants her this time."** Carter asks.

**"Who am I to oppose a mate bond? I will defy the gods doing it, but believe me, Carter. He must convince her!"** Landon says, pointing to Meredith and laughing.

**"Goddess, how much more fun I will have! I have to tell Olivia!"** and immediately leaves the hospital ward and continues laughing.

Meanwhile Max woke up. Maybe those humans have managed to give him a sedative, but he is an alpha and this can only work for a few minutes on him, until Stark manages to

annihilate the effect. Now even his wounds looks better and seeing where he is immediately jumps out of bed and wants to get out of the ward. But on the way to the door he sees James snoring with his mouth open and walking towards him he looks around and sees that new doses of sedative are being prepared on the bedside table.

**Grinning diabolically he took one and put it in his IV.**

**"Now, this will give me a few more minutes," he said to himself and immediately left the ward and looked for Meredith. He sees Landon talking on the phone and easily sneaks in, but surprise! He is not alone with Meredith. Carter stays with her.**

**"Dad, what are you doing here?" he asks a little upset that he can't be alone with her.**

**"I am protecting Meredith, what does it look like to you?"**

**"You can go, dad. I am here now and is my duty as her husband to protect her." Max said and immediately sits down next to her bed.**

**"Don't you forget anything?" Carter asks, looking at him as if he's grown another head.**

**"Is there more?" Max asks.**

"She is your ex-wife..." Starts Carter but immediately Max turns to him and almost screams at him.

"Don't you start too!"

"But she is your ex-wife, son. That's exactly what she is. And from what I've seen, she doesn't want you back. You fucked up royally. "Says Carter and then stands up.

"No, she was ugly back then. But now she is beautiful! And now she is..." but he doesn't have time to say anything that immediately London enters the salon and says:

"And because you think so, and you relate to then and now ignoring the fact that in the past she was the same Meredith, that's exactly why I'm going to make sure she doesn't accept you in her life again. You don't deserve her. "

And Carter smiles at him knowing that this is just a façade to get Max's mind into his head.

"The goddess thinks otherwise!" Max says immediately, seeming to have an answer to everything.

"But my daughter is a human so she has the freedom to choose if she will ever want you or not. For the first time, I realize how privileged people are. Don't you think so, Carter? When the gods pair them with someone unworthy they can

think about it without the pressure of the mate bond. "

And Carter approves making Max to boil in his own blood.

"Dad! I'm trying to get you an honorable daughter here and what are you doing? 'Max asks in horror.

"He is doing the right thing" suddenly James appeared in the door.

"Did you do anything to me while I was sedated?" he asks Max and both Carter and Landon looks in shock at Max.

"Me? Of course no! I was here all the time "Max said and immediately looked at Meredith but before he could say anything she starts to move a little and her eyelashes and eyelids start to shake slightly.

All four men gathered around her bed so when she opened her eyes she almost had a heart stroke seeing everyone bent over her.

"What the fuck?!?" she asks in panic.

"She's back!" James said. "She is fine."

"Sweetie," London said. "Are you alright?"

"Can you move away a little?" she asks "you take all the air." and immediately she tries to get up,

but both James and Max hurry up and catch her trying to help her put her pillow up and out of immersion they go head to head screaming in pain.

"What are you two doing?!?!" Meredith yells at them. "Are you trying to kill me?"

"Give me the pillow!" James said.

"No, it is my duty to help her!" Max said to him.

But already annoyed at the top, Meredith gets up on her own even if the pain is killing her and pulls the pillow out of their hand and places it on her own, leaving them both speechless.

"Get out!" she said angrily.

"But, Mer ..." James starts to stutter.

"No, it's my duty to be ..." Max starts to say but he doesn't finish anything because immediately Mer starts screaming at them.

"Get out, both of you!" and she is really angry right now, with James for acting like a five year old boy and with Max because she remembers what happened at the party. What bravery on him! His duty?

"Why are you two still here?" she asks pointing to the door and both of them leave their heads and go outside.

"How are you, Meredith?" Carter asks smiling at her.

"Much better now that the decibels in the room are back to normal." and she smiles at them.

"Why did they have bruised eyes?" she asks remembering the way they looked like a few moments ago.

"Those two fools fought while you were unconscious." Landon said.

"And you left them?" Meredith asks in shock.

"Dad, I'm fine. Don't worry, it's just claw marks and this... she said pointing to her thigh where Frederico Castellano stuck his claws will heal.  
"This will heal soon"

"Meredith," Carter said after a while. "Max found out about who you are."

"Shit, so was not a bad dream!" she asks.

"No, he knows that you two were married. And you want to know something funny?" Carter asks her.

"Shock me, Mr. Cruz!" she said.

"He wants you!"

"...." she stay with her mouth open.

"What are you going to do?" Landon asks.

And Meredith just looks at them and puts her arms on her lap, sighs and shrugs as she says:

"I will do nothing. Now that he knows I can act the way I want. I can visit my family when I want, and about Maximillian Cruz, he can go to hell because after that damned party he will have a chance with me when hell freezes. "

"You are hurting my feelings with this Mr. Cruz." Carter said but he smiles at her. "So you're not rejecting him?" Carter asks her.

"He is an alpha and I will hurt him too much, he will be too vulnerable and no matter how unbearable he is, I don't want to hurt him. I am not the bitch he thinks I am. " Meredith said.

"So what's your plan?" Landon asks.

"To ignore him!"