

## 48 Chapter 48 My reputation precedes me

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Meredith looked at Grandpa Cruz and said nothing. She just has tears in her eyes. She looked at her parents, at Max's parents and she was not able to ask the question.

"We didn't know it!" Landon and Carter said at the same time.

"I made the plan with the scholarship to force you to come and work with him, but that's all. I didn't know that the old man stole the divorce documents and kept them until now." Carter continues,

"Give me the documents," Meredith said. "I will send them by myself to the City Hall!"

But right then Max partially transforms into his wolf and shocks her. Before Meredith can take the documents, Stark catches the documents and tears them to pieces in front of everyone.

"Are you nuts!" Meredith asks, looking at him and trembling in fury.

"Now everything is more simple," Max said after Stark retreated. "You are my wife, and my mate! You are mine!"

"Max" Landon said approaching her. " You can't force her!"

"I am not forcing her to love me. I'm not even asking her to live with me, I'm just asking her to remain my wife until she knows what she wants. " Max said gently, but Meredith is still trembling.

"Dad," she said, trying to hold her tears.

"Can you drive me home?" she asks. "I need to be alone."

And London takes her in his arms holding her shoulder and the moment he touches her she bursts in tears, putting her face on his chest.

"Let's take you home" Landon said and looking at grandpa Cruz he just said;

"This is too much grandpa. This was never part of our plan. "

And right when they exit the building Cara and Sam just see Meredith walking in Landon's SUV.

"What is going on? Was she crying? " Cara asks and immediately Sam takes her hand and enters the building, climbing into Max's office.

"Who died?" Sam asks seeing their faces, but Luke just takes him out of the office where Max and his family are discussing.

"What do you mean that they never divorced?"

Cara asked, looking at Sam, after Luke told them the whole story..

"This old and perverted old grandpa!" Cara yelled and started to cry. "He looked so innocent"

Meanwhile at Crescent Moon Pack, in her old room, Meredith stayed in the middle of her bed in the arms of Landon and Olivia and she cried her heart out.

"It doesn't matter how strong I am, they still put me down! I can't stand it anymore! "she said crying.

"James told me about the way our members treated you." Landon said. "You should have told us."

"It doesn't matter anymore, dad. But all this is frustrating. Why did he throw the divorce papers? Why? Meredith asks sighting .

"Because he is afraid of losing you." Landon said.

"He is not! He is just selfish and arrogant! " Meredith whispered, wiping away her tears.

"He is, believe me. I was like him when I was young. Full of me, believing that your mom will take me no matter what but I almost lost her when another man came and told her what she needed to hear. "

"But you are kind and loving." Meredith said.

"He became kind and loving after I rejected him," Olivia said.

"What?" and if she weren't in bed Meredith would fall to the floor now.

"It's a long story but in the end he came to me and told me that he loves me. And I took him back," said Olivia, smiling at Landon. "And It was the best thing I did in my life. He is more than I could wish for!"

London takes her in his arms and kisses her.

"Do you want to listen to the press conference?" Olivia asks.

"Yeah, turn on the TV, please. Let's see what the hell Maximilian Cruz says this time." Meredith said from her father's embrace.

She sees Max with Luke and Sam behind him in front of the MaxLine building.

"When did you get married again?" One of the reporters asked.

"Why do you think I remarried? Max asks him seriously.

"Since yesterday all you have done was to make assumptions. You judged without information and told the story as you wished, tarnishing my wife's reputation."

And looking at the people that gather he says.

**"My wife is Meredith Quinn, daughter of London and Olivia Quinn and we married five years ago, not recently as you would have guessed."**

And everyone present begins to shake. His wife is his ex-wife? What is going on everyone asks.

**"We were never divorced. My wife is very withdrawn. She is the most beautiful woman I met in this life, and she is smart and brave and talented. And also she is the strongest I know, because she was married to me and she didn't collapse, she survived my arrogance, and my stupidity" Max said and Meredith is looking at him with her mouth wide open.**

**"We heard that you are divorced."**

**"It was a misunderstanding. "Max said. "We are still married and I wish that from this moment you will stop with all that gossip you have circulated.**

**She's just wonderful, and she doesn't deserve to be treated the way you did. I don't even deserve to look her in the eye for the way I've behaved over the years. My reputation precedes me, and it's like a slap on my cheek, so what I'm asking you to do is leave us alone so that we can solve our problems, and if you want to help me, it's one thing that you can do. " Max said,**

"Which is?" a reporter asked.

"Pray for me, that Meredith will forgive me and take me back!"

And he walked away leaving the press in amazement, and already viewing the headlines of tomorrow's newspapers "The Angel and The Demon".

And I believe that you already know who's the angel and who's the demon.

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