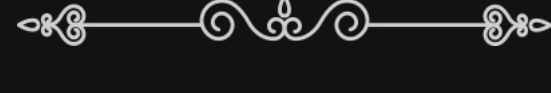


## My Professor Is My Alpha Mate (Lila)

#Chapter 144 - Dancing



Lila's POV

"I have nothing to say to you," I said between my teeth. "What are you even doing here?"

"Everybody has been talking about this event for weeks," Matty answered with a shrug. "I'd be stupid if I didn't come."

"Then go and enjoy the banquet. I'm working," I told him as I turned away.

I was about to walk in the opposite direction, but he grabbed onto my arm firmly, keeping me still.

I pulled my arm out of his grasp, nearly knocking him over in the process. I haven't needed to fight anyone in a long time, but I wasn't opposed to fighting him if needed. There was nothing Matty could say that would justify what he had done.

"Don't touch me," I growled, and I could feel Val about to pounce at any moment.

"Look, I just wanted to apologize for the other night..."

"You mean when you drugged me?"

"Yes."

"Why did you do it?" I asked, peering up at him.

It was a question that's been on my mind since that night. I knew Matty didn't like me from the beginning, but I thought he was finally opening up to me and willing to give me a chance.

"I don't know. I didn't think I'd be able to get you any other way," he shrugged casually.

"What did he just say?!" Val growled, fury boiling through her.

I was in disbelief as well.

"You're disgusting," I said through my teeth and just as I was about to turn away, he grabbed my arm again.

I whipped around to face him, unable to hide the glowing eyes of my wolf. His eyes grew large as he stared into mine. I knew my powers were probably circulating around me and he could see them, if not feel them.

"Let me go," I growled, my tone darkening.

He did so immediately, only this time, Enzo stepped in front of me, blocking his view of me.

"Do we have a problem?" Enzo asked his tone just as dark and fierce.

I hadn't realized that others were now looking in our direction. This was becoming a scene and if Cassidy-Ann saw this, she wouldn't be happy.

"Who raised you to treat women like that?" Enzo asked, keeping his eyes on Matty.

"I just wanted to talk to her," Matty explained, lowering his tone.

I could tell he feared Enzo.

"You are the son of a Beta; I can feel your Beta energy. You should learn to respect your Alphas," Enzo said to him.

Enzo was significantly taller than Matty and he looked down on him like he was nothing more than a bug.

"Yes, Alpha," Matty said, lowering his gaze.

"Apologize to Lila right now."

Matty looked at me and I saw no ounce of remorse in his eyes, only resentment. It sent a chill down my spine.

"Sorry, Lila," he managed to sputter. "I didn't realize your boyfriend would come to your rescue like this."

My face grew hot as I looked up at Enzo. It seemed like Matty's words didn't faze him whatsoever.

Enzo grabbed onto Matty's arm, clutching it tightly in his grip.

"Let's go. I'll escort you off the property."

"I paid money to be here!" Matty growled as he struggled against Enzo's hold on him.

"Should have thought about that before you decided to be an asshole," Enzo said in return.

He pulled Matty towards the exit and this time most everybody was watching, silently and shocked.

Once they were out of sight, they all turned to me with their questioning eyes.

"Lila, what the hell happened?" Cassidy-Ann asked as she approached me.

She looked completely mortified and I felt awful that something like this happened during her huge event. This banquet meant so much to her and I ruined it.

"I'm so sorry, Cassidy-Ann," I said to her, lowering my gaze. "I never intended that to happen. That guy was just being a huge jerk and Enzo was getting rid of him."

She stared at me for a moment longer and then peered in Enzo's direction who had just returned from escorting Matty out.

He was walking in our direction and the closer he got, the quicker my heart continued to beat.

"He's so noble," she said lovingly before turning back to me. "Please, try not to cause any more scenes. Now I need to do damage control."

"I promise there will be no more scenes like that," I assured her.

She glanced at Enzo and put her hand on his arm.

"Save me a dance later?" She asked, before turning away and walking towards a group of business-looking men.

Enzo paid her no attention, but he was staring intently at me.

"Thank you," I managed to say. "For doing that..."

"If we weren't in public, I would have beaten him to the ground," he said, rolling his eyes.

I couldn't help but smirk at him.

"So would I."

We both gave one another amused looks before I heard Cassidy-Ann calling my name to tend to some possible customers.

"I have to get to work," I said to him. "But enjoy the banquet."

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Enzo's POV

If I could go five minutes without Cassidy-Ann hitting on me, that would be great. Especially in front of Lila. I knew it was making her uncomfortable and I didn't want her to feel that way after I had driven a knife through her heart just this morning.

The memory of this morning was still probably heavily on her mind, just as it was mine.

I watched as Lila dazzled the room with her charm and made some sales. I wasn't sure what else to do; I never liked events like this, but I also knew it came with the job.

She had a group of people laughing and I wondered what she was saying to them.

I was taken away by how beautiful she looked. She looked good without dressing up, but her dress complimented her figure and complexion perfectly. I was nearly speechless when she came out of her room this evening dressed like a princess.

Cassidy-Ann kept giving me eyes and I did everything possible to avoid her. Every time she looked like she was about to approach me, I would find someone random to speak to. Usually, another Alpha and we would talk about business.

That went on until Cassidy-Ann decided not to approach me and went in the opposite direction.

As the evening went on, Lila started to look tired.

"Do you take checks as a payment?" One of the Lunas had asked when I walked toward them.

"Yes, mam," Lila said with a kind and yet tired smile on her lips.

She's been working effortlessly all evening and it was growing late. I don't even think I saw her stopping for a minute to eat. This couldn't be healthy for her, and Cassidy-Ann was ridiculous for keeping her working without taking a break.

The Luna wrote out a check and handed it to Lila who placed it in a folder she was holding.

Soon, the Luna joined some of the other she-wolves at the banquet, leaving Lila alone to finish processing the sale on the tablet she held.

"Come on," I said to her, holding out my hand for her to take.

She stared at it questionably.

"What?" She asked. "I'm working."

"You need to take a break."

"I can't. I have more sales to make, and I need to process this check before I forget."

"You also need to eat and refresh," I told her; I wasn't taking no for an answer.

"Enzo—"

Before she could finish that sentence, I was grabbing onto her arm and pulling her toward Cassidy-Ann who was entertaining a group of people.

She frowned when she saw us approaching.

I grabbed the tablet and folder from Lila's hands and handed it over to Cassidy-Ann.

"She needs to take a break. She hasn't eaten and she looks exhausted. I'm here per request of her father to protect her and that's exactly what I intend to do," I said without taking a breath.

She looked at Lila for a moment and then fixed her eyes on me and nodded.

"Yeah, enjoy your break, Lila."

"Thank you," Lila said, sounding relieved.

I kept my hand on her wrist gently and pulled her toward the food on the other side of the room. "Eat something," I ordered her.

Lila was hesitant for a moment, but once she got a good look at the delicious food, she finally began to make herself a plate.

She ate her food quickly and then put her plate down.

"I should get back to work," she said quickly, about to walk towards Cassidy-Ann but then she paused when the band started to play a different tune.

"Oh my goddess... 'she breathed. "I love this song."

I ceased this as an opportunity to help Lila let loose and relax a little. So, I grabbed her hand and pulled her toward the dance floor.

"Enzo! What are you doing?!"

"You'll see," I said, turning to face her.

She looked up at me with large eyes as I started to dance. She was startled at first, but then she broke out into a grin and grabbed onto my hands twirling around delicately. I lifted her off the ground and we spun around the dance floor just as the music beat dropped.

Everybody turned in our direction and watched us in awe; I saw some clapping and dancing around with us.

I wasn't much of a dancer, but for some reason, I was enjoying this. Lila was an incredible dancer; I shouldn't have been surprised though. She was good at everything.

I couldn't help the smile on my face, and I laughed; she laughed too.

At that moment I couldn't help but think to myself, "Having a mate might not be too bad."