

My Professor Is My Alpha Mate (Lila)

#Chapter 177 – The Magical Shield



Lila's POV

"I just got off the phone with my school and they excused me from my first classes tomorrow," I said, walking back into Enzo's office.

Ethan and Jack stood in the middle of the office, both pacing back and forth with worrisome expressions.

"What's going on?" I asked, staring around at the three men.

"What's going on is Enzo wanting to just run into Paul's not-so-secret hideout without an actual plan," Jack said, rolling his eyes and folding his arms across his chest.

"We need to think of a way of getting safely in and out," Ethan exclaimed.

"I'll present myself to him and he will let Enzo's mom go," I said as I walked toward Enzo sitting behind his desk.

He didn't look pleased with my response.

"We aren't doing that," Enzo said, grabbing my hand and pulling me onto his lap.

He held me tightly against him, wrapping his arms strongly around my waist. I felt his warmth as he kissed the back of my neck, nuzzling his nose into me and taking me in.

"I'm getting her back without putting you in danger," Enzo told me; then he looked at Jack. "Get the warriors ready. We are attacking."

My stomach clenched.

"You are going to get yourself killed," I said, standing up quickly. "Are you insane?"

"I refuse to sit around and do nothing," Enzo growled walking toward the doorway.

"We need a better plan," I said, shaking my head. "I think this is a bad idea and a complete suicide mission."

"How are we going to get in the doors of his hideout?" Ethan asked, making Enzo freeze.

They couldn't attack if they couldn't get in, Enzo's eyes flickered over to me.

"They will open the door if Lila is there," Enzo said. I won't let her go inside though and another warrior will be keeping watch of her."

I wanted to protest against Enzo putting himself in danger, but I knew it wouldn't do any good. He was going to do what he wanted to do anyway. I sucked in a sharp breath and nodded, agreeing to the plan.

As soon as we reached outside, we shifted and ran in the direction of Paul's hideout which wasn't far past the North border.

All the gamma warriors surrounded us as we ran through the forest. I felt Val being energized by the moonlight.

"I feel our mate's energy," Val breathed, and I could tell she was on top of the moon. Being with our mate was all she'd ever wanted and now I could finally provide that for her.

We broke through the forest and entered rogue territory. Almost right away the aura around the atmosphere changed drastically leaving an uncomfortable shiver down my spine. Paul's hideout was nothing more than a rundown warehouse-looking building and the only indication of anyone being there were the few cars that sat out front.

"She's inside," Enzo said from the front of everybody in a low growl.

"Their car is there too" Ethan pointed out through the mindlink.

He went toward the main entrance, and I followed behind with Ethan and Jack, Paul and his crew needed to see me in order to open those doors.

Enzo growled loudly, his growl loud enough to shake the earth. It worked to get their attention; the door was opening a couple of dark-looking wolves stepped out of the hideout. They kept their heads lowered as if they were going to attack at any moment.

"Where's Paul?" Enzo growled, impatience running through him.

"Give us the girl and we will let your mother go," one of the wolves growled.

"That's the one... I can sense smell her," the other wolf said, his yellow eyes darting in my direction.

Enzo stepped in front of me, blocking their view of me.

"My mother first," he said in a low and threatening tone.

"That's not how this is going to work," the wolf said, growling loudly. Without warning, he lunged at Enzo.

Enzo lunged back.

These wolves weren't nearly as big as Enzo; I knew Enzo could take them easily. Even without Jack and Ethan's help. It was what was waiting on the inside of that building that worried me the most.

I was told to stand back and out of sight by countless warriors who shielded me from the attack. It was me they were after and everyone there had sworn to Enzo to keep me safe.

I could no longer see what was happening in front of me and panic began to set.

"Let me through!" I pleaded to the warriors.

Enzo's voice got more distant and soon the warriors were shielding me and running into the building after Enzo, Ethan, and Jack. Only a couple of warriors stayed behind, I'm assuming on Enzo's orders.

I wanted to run in too and help him. But the warriors stopped me closely.

"We have orders to keep you out here, Miss Lila," One of the warriors stated.

I didn't care; my main thought was to get to my mate. Val was growing anxious, and it was painful to listen to. We could feel all of Enzo's emotions with such intensity.

"Lila, we might be able to put a shield around them to keep them from getting hurt," Val said quickly.

"What? Why didn't you tell me that sooner?"

"Because I'm not sure it's possible. But concentrate all your power on him. Think about that shield in your mind; what it might look like, feel like, sound like. Imagine it wrapping around Enzo and the others and keeping them safe."

My mother taught me a little about the shield I can summon to protect myself against attacks, but she never mentioned being able to do it for others.

I felt a sharp pain in my arm and winced painfully.

Enzo was hurt.

My heart raced in my chest, hitting my ribcage.

Closing my eyes, I took a deep breath while raising my hands. I imagined a shield being formed around my body.

A clear shield that no one would know was there.

Nobody can get near them. I felt Enzo's emotions calming down and the determination was back.

"It's working!" Val breathed. "Keep going, Lila!"

I had only ever used this shielding ability for a short period before, and it was only for myself. Using the shield for multiple people for an extended period was taking a lot out of me quickly.

I didn't have enough training with this.

It felt like my muscles were tearing and I yelled out in agony, getting the attention of the guards left behind to babysit me. They both snapped me worried looks before rushing over to me.

"Miss Lila! Are you okay?" One of them asked, wrapping an arm around me, and keeping me on my feet.

I couldn't speak, I needed to keep the shield up to protect Enzo.

"Lila...drop the shield. It's hurting you," I heard a voice in my head.

"Enzo?" I mindlinked back.

"I can feel your pain," he murmured. "Drop the shield. We'll be okay."

"I'm okay, Enzo..." I said through gritted teeth.

Pain ripped through me, and I screamed in agony as I fell to the ground. I couldn't keep the shield going anymore. I felt the shield loosening and then the tension lessening. As my muscles relaxed, they also burned with pain.

My heart was racing at lightning speed, and I thought for a moment that I was going to have a heart attack.

I heard the guards kneeling beside me and saying something, I felt their touch on my arm and then on my head. But I had no idea what they were saying. I managed to steal a look at one of them and I saw nothing but worry in his eyes.

He was trying to get me to stand up, but I could hardly feel my body.

"Val?" I said in my head to my wolf.

I could sense her there, but she was too weak and exhausted to respond.

I tried to stay awake, needing to make sure that Enzo made it out alive. I watched as multiple rogues ran out of the building. They looked to be fearing for their lives. I thought they would take this as their opportunity to snatch me despite the warriors being nearby.

But it was like they didn't even notice me.

They ran past us as fast as they could.

But there were still no signs of Enzo or the other warriors.

He's still alive...

I would have felt it if he wasn't.

That was the only thing I had to hold onto.

More rogues came out of the building, and I watched as one held something in his hands. I couldn't make out what it was at first, but once they pulled the pin and threw it in the open window, I knew exactly what it was and what was about to happen.

The rogue ran as if his entire life depended on it and the warriors were too slow to react to whatever was thrown in that window. But their instincts took over and they both ducked, covering my body with theirs.

Between the sound of the explosion, and my body slamming against the ground due to the earth-shaking, my eyes grew too heavy to keep open.