

The Rise of Dragon Temple By Wu Xia

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"Jaylah is the only son of the Kennedy family, so he is naturally the sole heir as well!" Bethany continued reproaching, "His father, Brandon Kennedy, is the richest man in Apren City. Both the police and gangsters respect him!" "Really?" Joseph replied softly as if he did not seem to care at all. When Bethany saw this, she immediately stamped her feet. "Once they find out about this, you are done for." "Paig, you'd better leave Apren City as soon as possible!" Earlier, there were a few men who managed to run away. Thus, Bethany was certain that members of the Kennedy family would come over soon. By then, both Paige and Joseph would not be able to leave anymore. Paige, who was overwhelmed with both sorrow and surprise, finally regained her senses. Then, she immediately broke free from Joseph's arms. "Beth is right. You have to leave right now." Nonetheless, Joseph refused and responded, "Paig, I'm sorry. I... I didn't know that you were pregnant at that time." Hearing this, Paige became even more anxious. She cried, "Can you leave? Hurry up!" Bethany became both panicked and agitated. "Listen to Paig. You should leave now! After all, members of the Kennedy family may arrive soon. They own a casino nearby, so you should hurry up..." Meanwhile, Joseph remained silent. With his status, international organizations could not easily deal with him, let alone the Kennedy family. To be honest, who were the Kennedy family? Just as Joseph was about to explain, a furious voice echoed. "Are you trying to leave? Where do you plan to go? Do you think you can leave just like that?" Nearly a hundred men rushed out from all directions. The ones leading the way were the men who had escaped before. These underlings were following the lead of a bald man. At the sight of this scene, both Bethany and Paige were shocked. "Alex Kennedy, you'd better not seek trouble with us. Jaylah is the one who started the whole mess first." Glaring at Joseph, Bethany stamped her feet in anger while standing up for her friend.

"Save me." Jaylah was shrieking in pain. With a scar on his face, Alex snorted. "It would make more sense if your father spoke to me instead. Who do you think you are?" Glancing at Bethany, Alex then shifted his gaze toward Joseph. "Are you trying to leave after beating someone up? Would it be so simple?" Bethany's face darkened. After all, it seemed that Alex did not respect her at all. "Who... Who are you?" Joseph asked. For some reason, Alex felt an extremely imposing aura exuded from Joseph. "I'm Alex Kennedy, Jaylah's uncle!" The man with a scarred face straightened his chest and asked sternly, "Were you the one who beat Jaylah up?" "That's right." Alex sneered as his killing intent surged from within. "You sure have guts." "Your posture is like that of an experienced soldier, but even so, you shouldn't hurt a member of the Kennedy family." Joseph replied calmly, "I was the one who hit him. Let the girls go. I'll stay!" Before the two women could speak, Alex quickly glanced over. He then sneered once again. "Indeed, I'll admit that you have guts. I can let them go for now." "Joseph..." Paige shook her head. Bethany did not expect Joseph to be so stubborn, but she acknowledged that he was a responsible man. "Leave now," Joseph shouted with a cold look on his face. At the same time, he looked at Bethany and motioned for her to take Paige away. Gritting her teeth, Bethany dragged Paige, who was initially unwilling, and hurriedly left. Alex did not plan on stopping them because he knew that capturing the two girls would be a matter of time. Moreover, he

was waiting for reinforcements to arrive at the scene. In an instant, the number of men reached dozens, hundreds even. Despite being surrounded by many men, Joseph held a blank expression. It seemed that he was not intimidated at all. Bethany took Paige and ran a long distance in one breath before slowing down. Looking at Paige's tears, Bethany did not know how to comfort her. The appearance of the man who hurt Paige was beyond her expectation. Now, this man finally appeared, but he was so impulsive that he crippled Jaylah. Given Kennedy family's domineering character, they would not let him off so –

easily! Paige could no longer run, nor did she want to run away in the first place. After all, she had reunited with Joseph for only a brief moment earlier. When she figured that they would truly be separated for good this time, she instantly burst into tears. In her mind, she could not help but recall the scene of Joseph blocking her way in despair. "Beth... What should we do?" Paige cried and pleaded. Bethany was undoubtedly conflicted. From her personal point of view, what did the life and death of Joseph mean to her? After all, both Chloe and Paige were fine, so there was no need for Bethany to worry. Of course, she had to admit that Joseph was wise and responsible. At the very least, he took on all the wrath of the Kennedy family. After remaining silent for a while, Bethany avoided the question and replied gently, "We shouldn't think about these things now. Since Joseph had the guts to do what he did, he must be confident, not to mention that his skills should be quite impressive." "In addition, it seems like he is a military man. Once he is in danger, the military might help him out! You don't have to worry too much. Let's go to Chloe first..." "But... But if we leave, what will happen to him?" Biting her lips, Paige felt uneasy. "Don't worry. My dad will return home tomorrow. I'll ask him to come forward and deal with this matter. You can leave with Chloe first..." Bethany proposed, "It's better not to let Chloe see him for now. I guess... I guess Joseph thinks the same way!" Just as Paige was about to speak again, a military off-road vehicle stopped near her and Bethany. "Mrs. Dawson, get in the car! Chloe is also in the car now." "What?" Paige was full of shock. "Mr. Dawson asked me to send you back!" Alpha 1 urged, "Get in the car!" . . Paige looked at Alpha 1 with vigilance. When she saw Chloe sleeping soundly behind him, she no longer had doubts. However, when she recalled how Joseph was still surrounded by a group of vicious men, she felt rather uneasy. She was unwilling to accept this ending. The child had just met her father, yet they were about to be separated again? "Paig, just go. I'll keep watch over here!" Bethany urged, "Chloe needs you. Plus, it's no use for you to stay here. In fact, it might be even worse if you stayed. Let's go..."

"Mrs. Dawson, get in the car." Alpha 1 nodded. "Chloe needs someone to take care of her. She needs you..." Gritting her teeth, Paige took Bethany's hand and said, "Promise me. You must help him!" "Don't worry. I will," Bethany said in a serious tone. After getting into the car, Paige gently picked up Chloe while looking at Bethany gratefully. Alpha 1 nodded at Bethany and drove away. Holding Chloe, Paige looked back from time to time. Alpha 1 could not help but sigh. With Joseph around, the safety of both Paige and Chloe was no longer a problem. To put it bluntly, with Joseph's protection, no one could ever harm the two. After serving under Joseph for many years, he knew very well how strong Joseph was. Joseph had arranged for Paige and Chloe to be taken away not because he was afraid of them getting caught. Instead, it was because he did not want them to see the bloody scene. One could only imagine the fates of someone who dared humiliate family members of Mr. Dawson, the head of Dragon Temple.