

RISING FROM THE ASHES (ANDREW AND LAUREN)

Chapter 1863

Looking back at Andrew, Riker extended his hand and said, "I can escort your people out of the city, but you need to pay a deposit upfront!"

Andrew shook his head firmly, "I don't have a single penny on me right now. I can't pay anything. You escort them out of the city first, and I won't short you a dime afterward."

Riker crossed his arms with a cold sneer. "You've been in this game long enough. Do you really think such an obvious attempt to get something for nothing will work? Either pay the deposit, and we'll escort them out, or none of you are leaving. You can all wait to fall into Mr. Fischer's hands."

Andrew smiled and replied, "Alright, Mr. Lamar. You really do cover all your bases! I have no choice but to submit to your terms. Bring me paper and pen, and I'll write down one of the miracle drug formulas for you first!"

Riker immediately ordered, "Go get what he asked for."

The items were quickly brought over, and Andrew wrote down a prescription with just a few strokes.

When Riker looked at it, he could not help but frown. "How do I know if this formula is real or fake? And you're telling me these hundred-something words are the recipe for that miracle drug? Are you kidding me?"

Andrew scoffed. "Mr. Lamar, judging by your reaction, I'm guessing you're probably not that educated. A formula is made of words. If you want me to write a whole essay, you're talking to the wrong guy. If you don't trust it, take it to someone who knows what they're doing and verify it."

Riker looked troubled. After all, Hidden Dragons were all basically illiterate thugs. Besides fighting, drinking, and chasing women, where would he find medical experts or specialists?

"Fine, I'll trust you for now." He grabbed the paper and carefully put it away.

Then, he added coldly, "But Andrew, if I find out this is your trick, you won't live to regret it. And your women? Even if they're out of town, I'll drag them right back."

Andrew replied calmly, "Of course I won't deceive you! I wouldn't dare deceive someone of your status! Now, arrange for someone to escort them out of Goldridge!"

With a wave of Riker's hand, cars immediately pulled up downstairs.

Andrew personally accompanied Lauren and the other two women as they were escorted out of Goldridge. For insurance, Riker had his men bring weapons along. If Andrew tried to double-cross them, his people could shoot the three women immediately.

His methods were both ruthless and foolproof.

"Honey, we don't want to leave!"

As they neared the old gates of Goldridge, tears welled up in the ladies' eyes. The idea of leaving Andrew behind filled them with dread, especially knowing he would be left alone in Goldridge.

Andrew smiled reassuringly. "It's okay. I'll come find you all very soon!"

Beside them, Riker laughed mockingly, clearly implying that Andrew would not be going anywhere.

Just then, Zachary and Ruth arrived outside the gates. They spotted Andrew and immediately rushed over.

Andrew said in a serious tone, "Zachary, drive back to Gabo Creek as fast as possible, don't stop for anything."

Zachary's expression became solemn as he replied, "Captain, you can count on me! Even if it costs me my life, I won't let anything happen to Ms. Rhodes and the others!"

Andrew nodded approvingly. "Good... Remember your promise! Oh, and when you get back, tell my dear aunt Victoria that someone in Goldfidge is bullying me and ask her to come quickly!"

Zachary nodded firmly. "Absolutely!"

Riker waved his hand and announced, "Let's head back!"

With that, he brought Andrew back into the city with him.

In the car, he mocked, "Your aunt? What kind of joke is that? Do you still not understand the situation you're in? Goldridge is the headquarters of the Southern Martial Union! Besides powerhouses like Mr. Fischer, there are also other powerful families here!"

He laughed and added, "If I'm guessing right, your aunt is probably just some woman, right? Calling for a woman to come rescue you? Have you lost your mind or something?"