



Scripts.com

# Dance of the Dragon

By Max Mannix

Tae-Kwon  
Tae-Kwon  
Where are  
your shoes?  
I brought the wrong bag  
You've obviously underestimated the  
importance of auditions at this school  
He'll just have to dance barefoot  
We're judging his dancing,  
not his dress sense  
When you're ready  
You've just mixed three dances.  
Do you have any idea what you're doing?  
Thank you  
Excuse me  
If you don't get into the school  
What will you do?  
I don't know  
Classes start on Monday - 9am  
Congratulations  
Thank you  
I want your best performances  
Relax  
Excuse me  
You here for the job?  
Yes  
You fast?  
Yes  
Ok - bucket and sponge, over there  
Ok  
As you practice your routines today  
Think of your posture  
The competition is only a month away...  
so walk tall  
That doesn't mean you  
walk on your toes Jun  
Did you hear that Tae?  
Everyone - this is the very late Tae Kwon  
Class starts at 9 - which means you begin

**warming up at 8:**

Go and get ready  
Tae  
I hope you brought the right bag today

Let's begin  
Straighten your back - good  
Grace, you're next  
Head up - nice  
Ok Tae  
Stop  
Start again  
Stop  
Have you ever been taught to walk?  
No  
How could your past instructor teach  
you to dance, but not teach you to walk?  
I asked you a question?  
I never had a teacher  
How did you learn to dance?  
Books  
Books?  
Ballroom dancing books  
Have you ever danced with a partner?  
No  
All right - who hasn't walked?  
Jun - yes, stretch through your spine,  
stand tall and proud  
Lynn you're next. Stay  
straight and proud. Yes, good.  
It smells a bit, it's  
been closed up for awhile  
But - it's close to your dance studio  
Nice desk  
How much?  
Only \$800 dollars  
Tae, I want you to hold her  
like she means something to you  
Let me show you  
You've never had a partner and it shows  
I want you to lead me  
I'm waiting  
You're giving me too much space  
Pull me closer  
Good  
You're coming along really well  
Keep practicing  
Emi, I don't want you teaching anymore  
Why?

After what I saw I think you  
should take a few months off  
A few months off? Who's going to  
prepare them for the competition  
Look I don't care about the competition,  
I care about you not breaking your ankle  
It's got nothing to do with my ankle  
I just don't want you to get hurt  
What are you doing?  
Dancing  
You're strolling, and your partner would have  
been lost because you have no direction  
Your arms are too weak  
Hey  
You're new here right?  
My name is Tae Kwon  
I say this once  
Keep your hands off Emi  
What?  
Leave her alone and  
everything will be fine  
Emi is my teacher  
And you're her student  
Don't touch her  
Got it?  
I remember the day the  
dressmaker measured you for that  
You may think I only care about  
stopping you from doing what you love  
The truth is I'm stopping  
you from hurting yourself  
Emi  
You still have a pin in your ankle  
It feels fine  
So does my knee but I  
can't compete anymore  
It has nothing to do with my ankle  
What do you mean?  
It's the spotlight  
It always has to be on you  
Is that what you think?  
How many times have you watched me dance?  
That's right  
You were never there

Not even once  
You were a champion  
And now you have students who  
will pay for your instruction  
Do you think they'll pay if you  
return to the floor and come in second?  
Or fifth?  
Or if you fall again?  
It's over  
It's over  
Easy To Learn - Dancing  
Waltz  
Sometimes I come here  
Find a nice place on the grass...  
...and listen to the music  
You know  
I used to do ballet  
But when I was 9 years old...  
...I saw a group of ballroom dancers  
So I asked my mom if I could try it...  
...and I fell in love with it  
Whenever I was down...  
...dancing lifted me back up  
It must be great to win a competition  
It's not about winning Tae  
It's about who you become...  
...when you try  
Close your eyes  
Imagine the music is inside you  
It's going through  
every part of your body  
Do you feel it?  
Lead me  
But...  
I have to go  
See you on Monday  
Bye  
You've not eaten much  
I'm not so hungry  
How were your classes today?  
They were fine. Yours?  
No  
Fine  
I think I will have a drink

Do you ever think about...  
...competing again?  
A true champion retires once  
Why do you ask?  
No reason  
Hey  
Hey!  
I didn't come here for that  
A list of every other  
dance school in the country  
I don't have money to  
go to another school  
How much do you need?  
A thousand? Two thousand?  
Take it  
Find another school  
Ok - let's begin  
I don't want your money  
And I'm not changing my school  
You sure about that?  
If you're still here in seven days  
We'll meet...  
...on that floor  
You and me  
Or I'll find you in the  
street and there'll be no rules  
But I...  
If you beat me...  
...you can stay  
If you lose...  
...you go back to where you came from  
But I'm...  
...I'm a dancer  
That's your problem  
Did you study those dance books...  
...in your bedroom Tae?  
I want you to imagine...  
...that you have red paint  
on the bottom of your shoes  
After you dance...  
...I expect the entire floor to be red...  
...not just the corner of it  
Applications for the  
competition close soon

If you can't get things right...  
...you'll be watching with me  
Go on  
Hi May, it's Emi  
I was just wondering, do you have  
any dancers looking for a partner?  
Great!  
No it's for me  
Really?  
Can you let me know  
if you hear of anyone?  
Ok, thanks May  
Twenty thousand  
But I need you to do  
something for me first  
What?  
You know what I'm talking about  
I already told you I  
don't do that kind of thing  
That's right. You don't do  
that kind of thing anymore  
What do you want me to do?  
There's a man in a blue suit  
at the back of the restaurant  
He owes me a lot of money  
Remind him of his debt  
Take the class  
If you came back for the  
money it's no longer an offer  
I cannot beat you in a fight  
Then leave the school  
But I can beat you at this  
You're gonna learn that in a week?  
And if you lose?  
I will leave  
Do you know who that is?  
He came second in five national  
championships doing that exact routine  
He came second - to me  
Now you can save yourself a lot  
of wasted energy and leave now, or  
You can embarrass yourself  
in front of everybody  
Your choice

See you next week

Hey

Emi doesn't have to know about this

**Gentleman:**

**Lady:**

You took the money and

you never touched the guy

Pick up the phone

Pick up the phone

Don't say you weren't warned

Bye Tae

See you

Singapore Ballroom Dance Championships

**Gentleman:**

Thank you

Are you Tae Kwon?

Yes

Put this on

Locker room is over there

Be on the floor at 9 o'clock

Does anybody know where Tae is?

He said he might have to...

Might have to what?

Give it to me

Emi...

I just came to see you...

I just came to see you dance

Why now?

I just want to see you happy

All I ever wanted...

...was to dance again

...and you took that away from me

It's too late

I'm sorry Emi

I'm sorry

Emi

Get up

Emi

It's not about winning

This is our moment

Let's paint the floor red