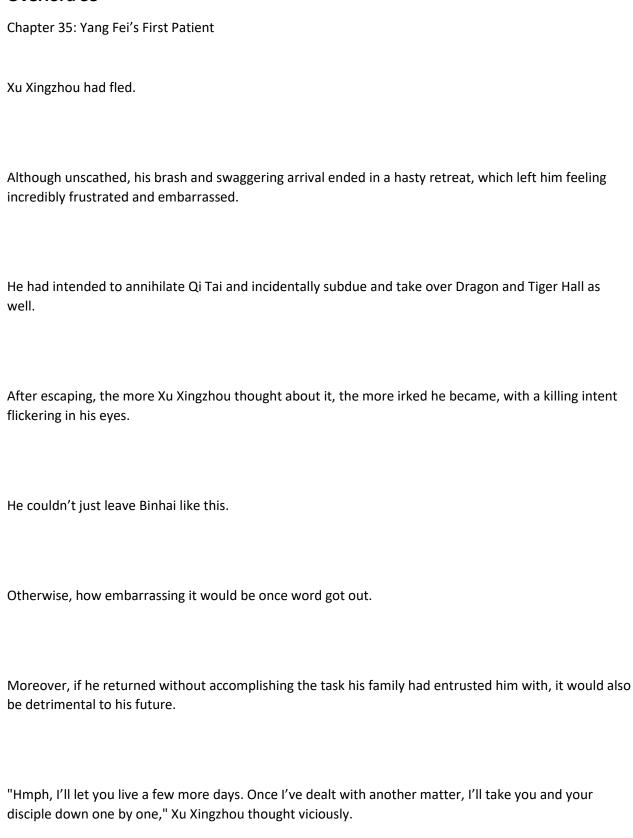
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With that thought, Xu Xingzhou pulled out his phone and dialed the number of the family steward.
"Is the mission accomplished?" a somewhat authoritative voice came through the phone.
Xu Xingzhou said, "Not yet. Ran into some trouble."
"Oh?"
Xu Xingzhou explained, "I've already asked. Qi Tai himself admitted to killing Tian Zhenhai."
"That's impossible. With Qi Tai's skills, he definitely couldn't have killed Tian Zhenhai," the person said.
"Yes, Qi Tai is only at the early stage of Inner Strength Cultivation. Tian Zhenhai was on a similar level, and he had learned the Five Poison Skill. Qi Tai wasn't his match. But we miscalculated one thing – that is, Qi Tai's disciple, Zhang Long."
Xu Xingzhou continued, "Zhang Long is also at the early stage of Inner Strength. Moreover, this master-disciple pair has some method to withstand my Poison Palm. With the two of them joining forces and additional skilled fighters from Dragon and Tiger Hall ambushing from the side, I had no choice but to leave first."

"Oh? Zhang Long has reached the early stage of Inner Strength as well? Are you certain?" the person pressed.
Xu Xingzhou nodded, "Absolutely certain, and his combat skills may even surpass Qi Tai's."
"To think that Zhang Long could step into the ranks of Inner Strength is an oversight on our part. No wonder Dragon and Tiger Hall was able to annihilate the Chen Family a few days ago; it must have been Zhang Long's breakthrough," the person muttered to himself and then spoke, "Since this is the case, we must take down Dragon and Tiger Hall even more. Do you need reinforcements from the family?"
Xu Xingzhou replied hastily, "No need. I have already figured out their capabilities. I just have to defeat them one by one, and I will be able to complete the mission."
"Good, just be careful on your own."
Xu Xingzhou had to make this call because when he left home, he had claimed that he would settle the Dragon and Tiger Hall matter today and investigate the cause of Tian Zhenhai's death. Since he hadn't been able to resolve the Dragon and Tiger Hall's situation promptly, he had no choice but to report the truth, asking the family to give him more time to complete this mission.
Afterward, Xu Xingzhou dialed another number.
"Hello, Brother Xu," a man's voice came through the phone, his address for Xu Xingzhou conveying respect.

Xu Xingzhou smiled and said, "Young Master Wang, I've already arrived in Binhai, and I should be able to take care of your troubles today."
"Haha, excellent. With Brother Xu personally handling it, the matter is as good as settled. Damn it, if it hadn't been for Dragon and Tiger Hall suddenly wiping out the Chen Family a few days ago, there would be no need for you to personally intervene in such a trivial matter. I am truly sorry for the inconvenience, Brother Xu. After this, consider me in your debt,"
Xu Xingzhou was inwardly pleased and said with a smile, "You're too kind. There's no need for such formalities between us. Since Dragon and Tiger Hall spoiled your plans last time, I will take this opportunity to teach them a lesson and help you blow off some steam."
He was here to deal with Dragon and Tiger Hall, and now he could also give a favor to someone else – two birds with one stone.
Young Master Wang laughed heartily, "Hahaha, Brother Xu, you really get me. Alright, I'll wait for the good news from you."
"Will do, we'll talk later," Xu Xingzhou finished, hanging up the phone.
Though his initial attempt had been frustrating, considering the multiple gains from his trip to Binhai, Xu Xingzhou's mood had greatly improved.

He decided that he would take care of Young Master Wang's matter tonight, to make him happy first.
As for Dragon and Tiger Hall, he could slowly deal with them in a few days.

Inside Dragon and Tiger Hall.
After Xu Xingzhou's escape, Qi Tai and Zhang Long did not continue to pursue him.
This formidable adversary, they had been fully prepared for on their own turf, and it took the united efforts of master and disciple to suppress him.
Chasing after him might give the adversary a chance to counter-attack.
Even though the formidable adversary had already fled, none of the people of Dragon and Tiger Hall could feel happy.
This Xu Xingzhou was too strong.

And the fact that he was so young suggested that the family or sect behind him was also very powerful.
Now that Xu Xingzhou had returned without success, it was uncertain whether he and the forces behind him would make a comeback.
"Speaking of which, we really owe a lot to Mr. Yang this time. If not for the antidote he provided, I'm afraid we would have fallen into the hands of Xu Xingzhou today," Qi Tai said with emotion after the others had scattered.
Zhang Long nodded.
Hearing the name Mr. Yang, he felt genuine admiration and awe.
"Long, our Dragon and Tiger Hall might have provoked a formidable enemy. If this matter can't end well, can't be resolved, take a few loyal brothers and go seek refuge with Mr. Yang, see if he has a way to keep you safe. If even he can't protect you, then leave, don't trouble Mr. Yang, understand?" Qi Tai said to Zhang Long after much thought.
Zhang Long was taken aback and looked at Qi Tai, "Master, I, Zhang Long, will stand or fall with you, I will never abandon you."
Qi Tai felt gratified in his heart but still shook his head, "Ever since that disaster years ago, I have never married, and throughout my life, I've accumulated good deeds and acted righteously, yet it seems I still can't escape the fate brought upon by that Tian Zhenhai. You are my disciple, but over these decades, we have been like father and son. You are my only successor; you cannot die here with me, do you understand my dilemma?"

Zhang Long's eyes reddened with emotion, and he choked up, shaking his head, "Either way, I absolutely won't leave you behind."
As he spoke, he raised his head to Qi Tai, "If worse comes to worst, I'll go beg Mr. Yang. He he must have a way."
If it were his own matter, he would definitely not go to Yang Fei, for he felt he owed Yang Fei too much, a debt he could never repay in this lifetime.
But now, for his master, he decided to seek Mr. Yang's help once more.
At worst, he would dedicate his life to servitude, to repay Mr. Yang's kindness.
Seeing Zhang Long like this, Qi Tai was deeply moved.
He laughed and said, "The enemy has been driven away by us, why speak such disheartening words? The situation hasn't reached that point yet. We just have to be more careful in the future, Dragon and Tiger Hall doesn't necessarily fear anyone."
Zhang Long calmed down upon hearing this and nodded, "Yes, we just need to be a bit more cautious in the coming days."

"Mm. In any case, don't let this matter leak out for now, so as not to panic the brothers under our command. And we can't let others see an opportunity to exploit," Qi Tai added.
Zhang Long nodded emphatically.
Inside the medical hall.
Yang Fei had just started his shift when he heard the sound of a car braking hastily outside.
Then, several young men came in carrying an injured man.
"Doctor Li, please come quickly and save Brother Ma," a young man at the forefront cried out anxiously.
Yang Fei's gaze fell on the person carried in, and his expression changed slightly.
Xiao Ma?
He walked over, took one look, and said gravely, "Was he injured by someone?"

The injured man who had been carried in was none other than Ma Zhao, who had been injured as Xu Xingzhou made his escape.
Qi Tai and Li Xuantong were close friends, and when the brethren of Dragon and Tiger Hall were injured, they almost always turned to Li Xuantong for treatment.
Two of the Dragon and Tiger Hall's underlings recognized Yang Fei and hurriedly nodded, but they had been instructed not to reveal the events that had occurred that day at Tiancheng Villa, so they said no more.
Zhou Cheng approached, seeing the severity of Ma Zhao's injuries, and couldn't help but look to Yang Fei, "The master is currently taking care of an emergency with an old patient, Yang, please help check on Ma Zhao."
Being the resident doctor there, Yang Fei nodded upon hearing this and said to the Dragon and Tiger Hall members, "Take him to my consultation room."
It seemed that this was his first real patient since he had started working at Li Xuantong Medical Hall.
Yang Fei couldn't help but smile to himself, his new job was finally on track.