

## Chapter 1186 You're Being Paranoid

"Are you seriously suggesting that doctors here would harm people?" Garrett fired back at Ian, his patience wearing thin. "You're only adding stress for the doctor and making Laney anxious, preventing her from getting the rest she needs."

Having observed Ian for some time, Garrett had to admit he was an incredibly responsible personal assistant. But there was something about him that grated on his nerves.

Watching Ian interrogate the doctor relentlessly only fueled Garrett's irritation.

"I'm only doing my job; looking out for my boss," Ian replied coolly, his gaze never wavering from Garrett.

Anger bubbled up inside Garrett. "You're being paranoid! This hospital was handpicked by the Harding family—it's the best maternity hospital in the country! What could possibly go wrong? You think you're more competent than the doctors here?"

he snapped.

"If you'd bothered to read my profile, you'd know I used to be a doctor." Ian pulled out his medical license and handed it to Garrett.

Upon seeing Ian's picture and name on the license, Garrett was momentarily speechless.

In all honesty, he never expected Ian to be a doctor as well.

Ian wasn't looking for an argument with Garrett, so he let the subject drop without further discussion.

Given the strange behavior of the attending physician earlier, Ian couldn't help but caution, "Mr. Harding, if you can, I suggest taking an extra week off to be with your wife during her delivery, or consider switching to a different hospital."

Garrett frowned, thinking Ian was simply being difficult for no reason. ?

Work already consumed his time, leaving little left to spare. An extra week off to accompany Laney was the best he could manage.

Besides, with Laney so far along in her pregnancy, switching hospitals on a whim wouldn't be a feasible option.

Due to the tension growing by the second, Laney

took Garrett's hand and attempted to defuse the situation with a soft voice. "Garrett, don't worry about me. This hospital seems top-notch, and the doctors here are clearly professionals. Besides, Ian is a skilled personal assistant. With him here, I feel safe and well taken care of."

Garrett's frown deepened, a surge of bitterness swelling within him.

He couldn't comprehend why his wife's words of reassurance only intensified his jealousy towards Ian.

What did she mean by feeling safe and well taken care of with Ian around? Garrett thought to himself, depressed.

As Garrett stewed in his frustration, he remembered that it was Janet who had recommended Ian. So, on his way back, Garrett felt so dejected that he decided to call Brandon so that he could vent.

"Brandon, you've landed me in a heap of trouble," Garrett said through gritted teeth, gripping his phone tightly.

Hearing the exasperation in Garrett's voice, Brandon was puzzled. "What happened?" he asked.

Garrett scoffed, "It's all because of your oh-so-helpful wife. Why did she have to find a male assistant? He's putting a damper on the closeness between my wife and me!"

Brandon was dining with Janet when Garrett's complaints filled the air. Amused, he put the call on speakerphone, gesturing for Janet to listen. <sup>2</sup>

After Garrett's tirade went unanswered, he grew even more aggrieved. "Brandon, have you no empathy? How can you just ignore me like this?"

Janet couldn't contain her laughter any longer, so she decided to chime in, "Who would've thought that even you could have moments of insecurity?"


Caught off guard by Janet's presence, Garrett flushed with embarrassment, his handsome face stiffening with discomfort.

"Relax, Garrett! Ian is just an assistant. Surely, he won't try to take Laney away from you," Janet bantered. "Come on. Have some confidence in yourself and stop being so insecure!"

"You're the one lacking confidence," Garrett shot back stubbornly. "I would never be jealous over an assistant."

"Are you sure about that?" Janet drawled, her tone

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laced with insinuation.

"Forget it! I'm not dealing with you!"

Embarrassed beyond belief, Garrett wanted nothing more than to vanish. He hung up without waiting for a response from the other end.