

## Chapter 1440 A Cunning Childhood Friend

In the heart of Darkmoon, a VIP room held the presence of Laney and Garrett

Once they had entered the room and Garrett had shut the door, he saw a stark shift in Laney's demeanor. Her previously bright eyes now wore a mask of discomfort

Garrett, noticing a shift in Laney's demeanor, immediately voiced his concern, "Sweetheart," he inquired, "what's the matter? Are you feeling alright?"

"I'm fine." Laney waved a dismissive hand, signaling for his silence. She pulled her Bluetooth earbuds out, suggesting, "Listen."

Unleashing the sound from her phone, the voice of Britton, tainted with deceit, echoed in the room. "... You just have to use this opportunity to drug Brandon and bed with him..."

Cold chills crawled down Garrett's back. He hushed his voice instinctively. "Drugging Brandon? Are they attempting to create a rift between us using such underhanded methods?"

As soon as he'd voiced his concerns, Corinne's voice of rejection resonated from the phone, countering Britton's plan. "No matter how much I like Brandon, I will not use such a despicable means to keep him."

Listening to Corinne's rejection, Garrett felt the tension ease out of him, but his relief was short-lived as a piercing sound emitted from the phone, abruptly ending the voices of Britton and Corinne

Bewildered, Garrett turned to Laney, asking, "What just happened?" Laney retracted her phone, speaking with a nonchalant tone. "They

probably found the bug we planted. They're the heads of Darkmoon after all. They're always on guard."

His brow creased with worry, Garrett asked, "What's our next step? Will they confront us since they have discovered the bug?"

Perched on the sofa, Laney coolly assured him, "Don't fret. Now that they know we're onto them, if they confront us, they're openly declaring a feud and forcing Brandon to pick a side. They wouldn't be foolish enough to risk it, as they value maintaining a positive relationship with Brandon." Garrett nodded, relief washing over him once more. "I'm glad Corinne didn't succumb to Britton's idea. Otherwise, they could have easily targeted Brandon in their territory, and we would've been helpless." Laney, arms folded across her chest, gave Garrett a knowing half-smile

"Do you think we can trust her words?"

Garrett was taken aback for a moment, but realization dawned upon him

"You're implying she could've said those things intentionally for us to overhear?"

A smirk formed on Laney's lips. "Isn't it quite obvious? They likely found the bug ages ago. Corinne's refusal was just a show for us. Once we let our guard down, they'll strike. They've been friends since childhood, after all..."

Her words trailed off, her gaze turning distant and a glimmer of pain sparking in her eyes as she glanced at Garrett

Garrett's expression mirrored hers, turning somber. Corinne's deceitful actions were all too reminiscent of Kailee

Kailee, with her two-faced nature, had tried numerous ploys to lure him back into her life, almost causing a rift between him and Laney

"I'm so gullible." Garrett laughed at his own expense. "You're right, Laney. We can't afford to be complacent."

Silence fell over Laney as her gaze dropped, obviously lost in bitter recollections

Garrett sat beside Laney, took her hand, and said gently, "I've never been good at deciphering such complicated matters. Thank heavens you noticed. We should give the recording to Brandon; he'll handle this."

A nod came from Laney after a brief glance at Garrett, her lips pursing in agreement

Even though Corinne and Brandon shared a bond dating back to their childhood, Laney wasn't sure if that would cause Brandon to go easy on Corinne. For now, they'd done all they could, and it was up to Brandon to deal with the rest

Later, everyone convened to devise multiple plans to locate Janet. But despite their relentless efforts, they came up empty

Janet seemed to have evaporated, leaving no trace behind

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