

Chapter 996 Revealing The Background Of Anthony

Upon hearing that, Thalia arched her eyebrows slightly. “Why not? After all these years, I’ve never seen anyone who could infuriate you to this extent. It seems that only someone even more ill-tempered than you can get to you.”

In response to her teasing, Kyle averted his gaze elsewhere.

Thalia seemed less impatient than before, possibly due to her extensive time spent with Natasha or her own subtle behavioral changes. She remained composed despite the furious expressions on their faces.

Thalia looked at them and spoke. “So, you’re upset because Anthony teamed up with DX instead of informing you guys first. You’re angry because you feel like he didn’t think of you as friends, right?”

Kyle looked away and replied. “Of course!”

Thalia could not help but laugh, nodding repeatedly. “All right!”

Seeing her reaction, Kyle narrowed his eyes. “Thalia, you seem to have changed quite a bit since we last met.”

“Really?” Thalia asked immediately. “Has it changed for the better or the worse?”

“You don’t look like the Thalia I used to know!” Kyle answered.

She said, “Well, I guess I’ve changed for the better then!”

“Are you saying it’s best if I can’t recognize you anymore?” Kyle retorted.

“It’s because you always used to criticize me for being impulsive and hot-headed!” Thalia retaliated.

Kyle knitted his brows. “Not only that. You’re becoming increasingly good at provoking and annoying people!”

Thalia laughed with a smug expression. “I suppose I’ve picked up a few things from Anthony!”

Once again, the mention of Anthony caused their expressions to turn grim.

Although Holden remained silent, his face displayed clear signs of distress. In contrast, while Kyle seemed angry, his expression did not carry the same level of fury and severity.

After a glance at Holden, Kyle turned to Thalia and asked, “What exactly are you trying to say?”

With a single glance, Thalia discerned Kyle’s direction of thought. She shifted her gaze and began to speak deliberately. “In reality, even before I encountered Anthony, he had already harbored significant resentment toward the Vermillion Base. I believe you all are aware of this.”

Upon hearing that, Kyle responded, “I know.”

Thalia continued, “You remember when we met earlier, I mentioned to you that Anthony’s hatred for the Vermillion Base is related to his mother, right?”

“Yes.” Kyle nodded.

“He once declared that he would obliterate the Vermillion Base. You all were advising him back then, mentioning that the Vermillion Base wasn’t a small organization that could be taken down so easily. However, you see, Anthony was attempting to distance himself from everything to avoid implicating all of you. This was because he was determined to oppose the Vermillion Base!” Thalia explained further.

Holden, who was standing beside her, was initially consumed by anger. However, her words slowly helped to alleviate his rage. “What exactly are you trying to say?”

Thalia continued her explanation. “Kyle didn’t mention anything about Anthony, and he didn’t bring up the matter of his mother being poisoned either. The leader of the Vermillion Base poisoned Anthony’s mother. It wasn’t a lethal poison, but the kind that could take a life in a matter of minutes. Just think about it, even though Anthony is exceptionally intelligent, in the end, he’s still human, still a child. Seeing his own mother being consumed by poison like that, how could he possibly not be mad at them?”

Upon hearing that, both of them simultaneously knitted their brows.

At that moment, images began to play in their minds like a film.

Noticing their silence, Thalia continued, “I understand that you’re not just angry with Anthony but also with me because I didn’t inform you about this matter in time and have been helping him all along.”

After her words fell, both of them looked at her without disagreeing, silently acknowledging her point.

“To be honest, the reason I didn’t tell you was that I was also poisoned a while ago,” Thalia confessed. “So, I understand that kind of pain better than anyone else.”

“What did you say?” Kyle’s eyebrows furrowed instantly. He looked at her with a worried expression, “Why didn’t you tell us earlier?”

“I live in fear every day, terrified that the poison will strike at any moment. All I can think about is getting revenge on the person who poisoned me. Do you really think I’m in the mood to chat?” Thalia retorted.

Upon hearing this, Kyle asked, “Don’t you trust us?”

“I trust you. I’ve never doubted you all. But that period was just too painful for me. I didn’t think you guys could be of any help since you were not around,” Thalia said.

“So, you’ve just accepted the collaboration with DX?” Kyle asked back.

Thalia looked at him before turning to Holden, pondering for a moment before asking, “Would you believe me if I said it was just a coincidence?”

“You expect us to believe you?” Kyle asked in return.

Thalia let out a sigh. I knew this wouldn’t hold up.

In this regard, she was still not as skilled as Anthony. She had hoped to bluff her way through, but it was clear she had overestimated herself. He’s the founder of Darknetz, a name that resonates in the underworld. It’s impossible to fool him.

With that in mind, Thalia turned her gaze to Holden, who was standing nearby. “Can I have a private chat with Kyle?” she asked directly.

Upon hearing that, Holden knitted his eyebrows.

“I know it’s wrong to keep this from you, but I really have no other choice!” said Thalia.

Holden glanced at her before turning to look at Kyle.

“Thalia, Holden is not an outsider!” Kyle exclaimed.

“I understand,” Thalia replied. “But for the time being, he needs to stay out of this. If you still wish to involve him after our conversation, go ahead and do so. But right now, I need to speak with you in private.”

Just as Kyle was about to say something else, Holden abruptly stood up with a swoosh. “I’m going for a smoke!”

He headed straight outside after saying that.

Watching Holden’s retreating figure, Kyle furrowed his brows. “Thalia, do you realize what you’re doing...”

“I know what you’re about to say, but please wait until I’m finished. You can voice your thoughts or reprimand me anyhow you wish once I’m done talking,” Thalia said directly.

Kyle looked at her, recognizing that while Thalia could be direct and passionate, she was also very thoughtful when it came to important issues.

He narrowed his eyes and sighed. “What exactly do you want to say?”

“No matter what you have in mind, I hope you’ll stay calm and rational when I finish speaking in a moment,” Thalia said.

Kyle sneered dismissively, “As you say, there’s nothing that could make me lose my cool!”

“All right. I’ll start explaining now,” Thalia uttered, “You know Kenneth, right?”

Kyle glanced at her impatiently. “Can you just go straight to the point?”

Thalia remained calm and composed. “Then you should also know that Kenneth is a member of DX!”

“After all these years, do you really think I wouldn’t know these basic facts?” Kyle retorted, looking at her.

Watching him grow increasingly anxious, Thalia remained composed. “I believe Anthony wasn’t the one who took the initiative. He was passive in the matter. I think he didn’t have a choice and was quite helpless too.”

“Wait. What does this have to do with Anthony?” Kyle asked impatiently.

Thalia was pondering how to explain.

After a moment of thought, she simply pulled out her phone, putting photos of Kenneth and Anthony together. After a glance, Thalia directly placed it in front of them. “Check this out!”

Kyle did not know what she was up to, so he moved closer. “Why can’t you just tell me directly...” However, before he could finish his sentence, he was stunned by the photo he saw.