



Included in this special download are the answers to some of your questions. Past sheets are available on my website: <http://www.clstonebooks.com/the-academy-books/>

**Note: there weren't a lot of spoilers for this edition, I put this all together in one. See the last page for spoilers.**

Mr. Blackbourne hates when I give up secrets, so don't tell him!



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### ***General Series Questions***

1. *Who will be the main focus of the next Ghost Bird Book – The Other Side of Envy?*

A. Gabriel.

2. *When will it released?*

A. April 6, 2015

3. *Will there a book or a short story about Christmas with the boys and Sang?*

A. Christmas will be covered in the natural timeline of the books.

4. *I really enjoyed reading of how Kota and Sang met from his point of view! Will you be writing how the others met Sang from their points of view also? I would love to know what all of them were thinking!*

A. I will be essentially rewriting Introductions from each boy's point of view. It will be piece by piece, as I'm currently working on trying to move forward with the story. So soon, we'll have Victor's point of view for his chapter, followed by Silas, etc.



5. *I know you said you were planning 20 or more books for the Ghost Bird series – is that still accurate? Also, how many of the Scarab Beetle books will you be writing?*

A. I'm not sure the exact number of books for Ghost Bird, but I think twenty books will be required to complete Sang's story. It depends on the boys and the timeline. But that's not to say there won't be more books after that. I'll write those stories for as long as people are interested in them.

The same is true of the Scarab Beetle books. I'll write those as long as people are interested in them. I'd like to work on other projects as well, but I find time for those between writing these two series.

6. *I was wondering how far into Sang and the boys' lives the next 15+ books age wise are gonna go. How old do you feel they will be in the last book?*

A. Sang will at least be 18 before the book series ends. I plan for all of them to be adults and you'll get to see that transition.

7. *Will you do a book about an all bird team taking in a dog?*

A. I've been asked to write about all sorts of team scenarios. I write about things I'm interested in, but the Academy gets written about in fan fiction now featuring more scenarios than I could ever indulge in. I'm not saying I won't ever write about other scenarios, but this is what I'm interested in right now.

8. *Do you have a list of other books similar to your series?*

A. I wish I did, though nothing is really similar to my knowledge. I hear Anita Blake has a reverse harem story, but I haven't read it. There's reverse harem manga like Fruits Basket and Ouran High School Host Club, and their anime series.

I don't know anyone else that has something like Academy mixed with a reverse harem.

9. *Does Nathan lose a favor every time he kisses Sang? If he did he's losing a lot of favors.*

A. He lost one favor. That's all. One favor in exchange for starting kissing her.

10. *Why can't Gabriel drive at night?*

A. Gabriel is underage in South Carolina law to be allowed to drive at night. He has a permit right now that allows him to drive between sunrise and sunset.



11. *In book 3 Sang, Luke and Gabriel are coming out of the attic and Gabriel says that they should sing but she tells him she has a bad voice. Do they ever sing together and is her voice good?*

- A. Sang is shy and she hasn't had any professional training. She's shy enough that she'd make sure no one was around to hear her sing along with a radio blaring. She doesn't usually like attention, so singing in front of people isn't something that interests her. She's more than happy to sing in private away from other ears.

That's not to say Gabriel or the others will never hear her. :) But they won't push her to do anything she's uncomfortable with.

12. *Will Gabriel ever sing to Sang? He says in one of the previous books he can sing, and he proves he can sing really well!! But my question is will he ever sing to her personally in front of the other guys like Victor did to her at the end of book 5?*

- A. Gabriel has and will continue to sing to her and just in general on his own. He is working on something special for her, when he gets time around Academy and school and home things going on.

13. *Can you actually use Korean lettering with English wording like Sang did with her diary???*

- A. Mostly, yes, although some lettering English words use don't have a Korean counterpart. So she'd just make up those symbols. It's really just replacing the Roman alphabet with Korean lettering. It can be done with other languages, too. It's an easy way to code your diary or to create a code with friends, and you'll be learning another alphabet at the same time.

14. *Why didn't Theo ever join The Academy like Silas did? Why didn't they try to help him in that way?*

- A. Theo lacks that drive and talent Silas has that attracted the Academy into recruiting him. Theo has a lack of sympathy for others, and no desire to help anyone else. His depressed state of mind alone disqualifies him.

The Academy itself, joining them, isn't helping a person. They can help other people, including family and friends, in other ways. It takes a special sort of person to join and be a part of the Academy.

15. *I just wanted to know how old Kota's sister is; I know that she is not one of the principal characters but I'm just curious.*

- A. I think she's ten or eleven or so. About that age, the same as Tom and Micah.



16. *I live in Charleston, and I love that when I'm reading, I can visualize the places you're describing. I remember going to The Lost Dog Cafe after church when I was younger, and I go there now, although infrequently, to study -- college classes in high school and everything. I was wondering a couple of things, though:*

1. *If they actually do still have Espresso Chocolate Chip muffins.*

A. Yes! I was there last summer and they still make those. Though the owner refuses to tell me the recipe she uses. :)

2. *If Gabriel's last name has anything to do with Coleman Blvd.*

A. Gabriel Coleman just sounded neat. I was looking for lists of names and that one seemed to fit his name and his background. Like Victor's last name is Morgan, reminding me of a Morgan dollar.

3. *If there are any other places Sang and the guys have visited -- aside from the North Shore and the library, of course -- that a resident of Charleston might recognize, but that I, in my late night reading, missed.*

A. Victor's house is a real residence and historical home in downtown Charleston. They will continue to visit other locations within the Charleston area. The school and where Sang lives is a real place in Summerville. The Sergeant Jasper is a real location as is Colonial Lake that Kayli visits. :) I try to be as accurate as possible about location, and only do minor changes where the story needs it.

Plus some things change over the years. I used to live on Folly Beach, so I use what it used to be and look like, even if it might be different from what it is now.

17. *I was wondering if when you wrote during the first sleepover where Gabriel dares Sang to bite North, you intended to have that evolve much later to Sang's and North's "thing".*

A. Biting just fits North and Sang and their type of relationship, which is complete unleashing of inner passion and a complete faith and trust in each other that they are building together. They know the other never intends to hurt and they can let the other bite hard.

18. *Do you have a favorite of the guys? I keep trying to pick but I love them all!*

A. My favorite is the one I am writing about at the moment, which is to say I love them all. I love spending time with each of them.



19. *I am confused about the financial aspects of the Academy. In Ghost Bird the boys say that the Academy takes care of their needs so they are not distracted, but many of them still work at the diner to make money. In Scarab Beetle, the guys say that they don't get a paycheck from the Academy, but they can make money through some Academy or outside jobs (like they talk about bounty hunting). Does this mean that the Academy will loan them money for what they need but they need to pay it back through Academy money jobs, and they want to make money on the side when they can so they don't have to borrow from the Academy?*

A. The Academy is not the place that pays you a salary or pays you for anything directly. You don't get to join the Academy and that's all you do. The Academy provides you with ways to take care of yourself, or prepare you for what you want to do. They will pay for classes or training for you to become who you want. They will always ensure you'll have a job that has income you require. They provide accountants free of charge to analyze your income and direct you into spending your earned income wisely.

So the boys do not have to worry about if they will be fired if they have to run off and do Academy things or take care of life or even take a day off if needed if they work for the Academy. This is why it requires a special type of person to be recruited. You **MUST** have the drive to get up and work and do everything and be alive and do good things for others constantly.

Money debt in the Academy is different. It's another scale to make sure your team isn't relying on the Academy too much. Teams need to be self-sufficient, as much as possible. But that doesn't mean they won't provide when needed.

20. *Will it ever rain? I mean it has to some time.*

A. It has rained in several books, like the first one, and book five and more. I'm not sure of the context of the question but just to point out that even in House of Korba, it did rain, but Sang was out after it rained and the ground was wet.

21. *I read and reread all of the books and wondering if Wil is going to get recruited and become part of the family.*

A. I can't say what Wil might be up to and what will happen to him right now. :) He's a bit in limbo between the two series.

22. *When Silas helps the SB team with the Coaltar situation, is that the mission mentioned in the first chapter of House of Korba?*

A. No, the timeline for Thief is the same timeline as book five, so by book seven, we're not close to that moment in House of Korba.



23. *In House of Korba,, Nathan said that Theo burned down the church with the priest at the confession stand and Silas's mother inside. Was Silas's mother confessing something, or just happened to be there?*

A. She was in confession with the priest at the time of the fire. Theo was unaware that anyone was inside.

24. *I was wondering though about the piece of jewelry that Victor had bought for Sang when Gabriel and Victor took her shopping that first time. It was so sweet a scene. Sang overheard him telling the sales lady of a special girl at school. I was pretty sure he gave her a bracelet in that same book. This latest book said she didn't have any jewelry.*

A. If there's any reference now to her not having jewelry, she either didn't have any on her or I meant to put that she didn't have any growing up and was unused to the idea of wearing jewelry.

25. *Does Victor's home have a theater in it?*

A. No. It is very traditional. It would require a lot of permits from the historical society, and they would never approve of a home theater in that sort of sense.

26. *What does Sang like about each guy, and what does each guy like about Sang?*

A. Super long answer. Too many things to list. :)

27. *If Sang was going to cook individual intimate dinners for the guys what would they prefer?*

A. *Cowboy stew and chocolate chip pancakes. Each of the boys have individual flavors they prefer. Nathan loves strawberries. Silas loves anything. Luke loves junk food.*

28. *Speaking of Cowboy stew, can you share the recipe?*

A. This is pretty much it: <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/cowboy-casserole/>

29. *In book 6, Sang is Tasered but she is not affected by it. Why? And does Mr. Blackbourne notice this new quality about her?*

A. The Taser was used on the two previous boys, and when used on Sang, it wasn't direct contact. So it was a weak and indirect Taser shot so it didn't really work. It hurt but it wasn't the full force.



30. So three of my friends including me don't understand what the dress Sang wore looks like. The one to homecoming. Could you send me something that looks similar to it?

- A. The dress is on the cover of Touch of Mischief, the Halloween short story I release a little while ago (if you haven't read it yet, it's free for download at all retailers and is a bonus story that goes with House of Korba).



31. I was thinking about Sang being with all the guys and my mind said "Isn't she like Snow White?" But there are 9. I mean you can't count out Owen and Sean!! :P So we moved onto the other series and count Kaylie's boys, but there are 6. So here is my question: Did you make sure there were two more and one less guys than Snow white had?

- A. I never thought of them being like Snow White at all. The number of guys for each series just depends on who fits together naturally. Kayli has six because that's how many naturally was needed for her story.





### *Scarab Beetle Questions*

32. *When will Fake, the next book in the Scarab Beetle Series, be released?*

A. January 29, 2014 – this is a bit later than anticipated, but the boys haven't been cooperating as much as I had hoped. Also, some life things got in the way, but I am planning some goodies for the holidays for newsletter subscribers – stay tuned!

33. *Is Fake about one guy more than the others, and if so, who?*

A. Fake is Brandon's book. ☺

34. *Will there be more crossover between the series?*

A. There might be some, along with appearances by Dr. Roberts and others.

35. *I was just wondering if Volto is in both of The Academy series.*

A. Volto is only interested in Sang's team at the moment.

36. *Why wasn't Kevin in Liar?*

A. He stay home to watch over Wil and stay in the area. He will be around later.

37. *Does the "love her or lose her" rule apply to The Scarab Beetle Series for Kayli joining their group?*

A. They have not come to this conclusion so they're not really sure how this team will work with Kayli in the middle.

38. *Does the beginning chapter of Fake take place on the same night as the last chapter in Liar when Corey finds Brandon in his bed with Kayli. If the Fake opening chapter happens later, would not Corey stop Brandon from stealing his bed? If it is the same night, wouldn't Corey stop the kidnappers when he is up at the computer? Maybe we find out when Fake comes out, but it is still bugging me!*

A. Fake is set a couple of weeks after Liar and Corey wasn't at home that night, and he hadn't confronted Brandon yet.





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39. *Did Gabriel's father kill Gabriel's mother? I re-read Drop of Doubt and saw: "He almost killed her," Gabriel said. "He was going to." "He didn't," Luke said. "You got to him first. He's not your dad, okay?"*

- A. We're going to cover this in the next book, but Gabriel's father killed his mother and his baby brother in a drunk driving accident. After, Gabriel's dad was angry and abusive toward Gabriel, and while he did marry Pam, he eventually went out driving drunk and killed himself in a car wreck. The three black rings in his ear represent his dead family members.

40. *Will Greg be back for Sang? And what about Eric? Are they both going to be back or...?*

- A. I believe Greg and Eric are out of the picture for now. The Academy is well aware and they are both in trouble for attacking students.

41. *My question is will Sang ever have a moment where she saves the guys, including Mr. Blackbourne and Dr. Green, from danger? Will she not be the helpless Sang everyone thinks of her as?*

- A. She did pretty well saving Mr. Blackbourne and the others in Drop of Doubt and she was trying to hold her own in Push and Shove and in House of Korba. She and the others will continue to save each other and help each other along.



If you're new to The Academy and would like more spoilers and to meet some other people who also enjoy them, there is a special Forum for fans. I am active in this group and answer questions there, but beware—parts of the forum are full of spoilers.

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