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1. *When is the next Ghost Bird book, Black and Green, going to be released?*

A. Sometime Fall 2016. I am waiting until a rough draft is complete before setting a date.

2. *When will the next Scarab Beetle book be released?*

A. Probably late summer. I'm in full gear writing the rough draft and will announce a date as soon as it's finished.

3. *When will First Days be released in audio?*

A. It's out now via [my webstore](#) and is coming soon for Audible/iTunes/Amazon. I'll announce in the newsletter once it's ready there.

4. *Who will be the focus in Black and Green?*

A. Dr. Green is our next book. About time, too. ☺ He's been waiting to speak his mind.



6. *Will you write another series based on the Academy books? Something different from the Scarab Beetle and the Ghost Bird series but in the same universe?*

A. Yup! There's at least two other series, but I can't write those until I finish one of these two. ☺ So when either one is 'done', I'll start the next one. At least one will be Lily's team and their story.

7. *There hasn't been an update on Meeting Sang the alternate POV I was wondering if you were continuing with it? It awesome to see the boys' POV.*

A. I am continuing but I was working out a plot for it. While I was writing it, the boys were actually involved in other things outside of Sang. You'll get to see what they were up to. But the plot was more intricate than I predicted so I needed to write ahead a bit to see how I was working it out before releasing Victor and other sections. These are in the works. I just thought they'd be super simple 'just the same scenes rewritten', but the boys are never simple. ☺

8. *I was wondering what made you start to write books about teens with broken homes?*

A. I like the dark themes in books and this series had some fun and laughs, but also needed the real life drama from the real world inside it. Makes things more real and gives us the 'hardships' we sometimes need from books.

9. *Why ghost birds? Do you have a connection with them?*

A. Bird was just a general term for girls within this series. It is used when Academy members are in public if they need to talk about someone within the Academy but they don't want to let anyone know what they are talking about. So they'll talk about 'pets' like birds and dogs.

The Academy didn't like "cats and dogs" way in the beginning so birds was proposed instead.

As for the ghost, that's just a term within the Academy. To me, it sounded nice and spooky that Sang's a ghost bird. Gives it the sort of feel I wanted to express in who she is.

10. *What was Victor thinking when he and Sang kissed in The Other Side of Envy?*

A. "This is right. I can't let her go now."



12. Can you share the complete heart formula from *First Kiss*?

A. The one within the book comes from this website:

<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/HeartCurve.html>

As you can see, there's several heart curve options. My favorite appears on Kota's T-shirt. It's the bottom middle in the chart. There's more than one, but that's my favorite.

You can see an example of how to graph a heart curve here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPFjP0kHgQY>

A more complicated version: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTcb5\\_OnUw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTcb5_OnUw)

There's more videos out there as well. ☺ Math can be fun.

13. Does Mr Blackbourne know how Super Shy and hesitant Sang is around anything concerning him? I get that it seems super obvious to me seeing it from her perspective but I was wondering if he noticed, he is pretty observant, and what he does to lesson her anxiety.

A. They're all very well aware of Sang being shy, which isn't a bad thing. He does what any other gentleman would do with a shy girl he's interest in. Slow, always supportive, always there. He lets her approach him and always responds quickly when she opens up to him. Sang will always be shy. You can't change someone's nature. He adores her for it, though.

14. In *The Other Side of Envy*, when Gabriel was talking about his family to Sang in the beginning of the book how did he feel about sharing personal details about his life with her?

A. Gabriel would share everything with Sang. He's just getting started. He wants her to understand him, and wants her to really know who he is and his back ground. It's almost a 'push away' like if there's something in his past or to himself she won't like, he wants to know sooner than later. But he also doesn't want any secrets. He wants to know everything about her, too.

15. In *First Days*, Luke takes Sang's CD from her stereo. What happened to it? Did he share it with the other guys or keep it to himself?

A. He plays it later at the sleep over, but from that point, yes, he kept it. ☺ It's one of his favorite things he's stolen from her.



16. *What do all of the boy's parents think of Sang?*

- A. Erica loves Sang, adores her. She really hopes her and Kota hit it off forever, because she knows Kota loves her and can see it in him.

Charlie thinks she's cute, but she's not Greek so he doesn't have much hope Silas will marry her. He likes her though. ☺

Victor's dad would like to sleep with her, but she's one of dozens of women around the globe he thinks about. His mother would rather he date some debutante she sets him up with. Someone with money and breeding.

Uncle likes her a lot but is concerned about North's attention toward her and breaking the fragile relationship he helped to build when they found out they were brothers.

Nathan's dad doesn't really like her. ☺ We knew that.

Pam just thanks God she's a girl.

I think that's all the parents we've met so far that have an opinion at this point. ☺

17. *In Drop of Doubt, Mr. Blackbourne gives Sang nine Chrysler Imperial roses. I believe I remember reading a bit of information in a cheat sheet that Mr. Blackbourne had a garden. If Mr. Blackbourne does have a garden, did the flowers come from there or did he buy them from somewhere else?*

- A. All flowers Mr. Blackbourne gives her (unless you see him picking a flower out in the wild or from somewhere like when they were at the plantation in House of Korba), come from his gardens.

18. *In First Kiss, what was going through Dr. Green's mind when Mr. Blackbourne brought Sang back to the tent and told her to sleep in his spot?*

- A. Something's wrong. She looked terrified. He thought bear attack, the girls were mean to her somehow, someone hurt her, Volto, her parents, something was wrong. He wouldn't have left except he needed to know what happened and Mr. Blackbourne sort of gave him the eye of 'you'll want to hear this'.

19. *Are Derrick & Danielle twins?*

- A. Nope. Danielle is a couple years older than Derrick.



20. *I was wondering if Derrick had a story. Mr. Blackborne said once all the Academy boys were broken, and they wanted Derrick on their team.*

- A. Not really. They tried to get Derrick involved early on, but he didn't have the heart for it. Not everyone qualifies, and he didn't. He's not lazy, but he won't risk getting in trouble, even if it'd greatly benefit someone else. He looks out for his own neck.

21. *Regarding the GB boys getting "snipped" at 14. Do their parents know?*

- A. Erica talked to Dr. Roberts about it before it happened and consented. Not a lot of the others consulted with their parents, for obvious reasons. (Nathan's dad, etc.) Uncle knew, because he'd gone through the same thing ages ago. Charlie didn't care.

Not all got this done at 14 either. It was just a choice and after going through several options, this was chosen. Because "this is fiction", their Academy hospital can easily reverse male and female birth preventative surgeries at any time.

I'm not a doctor and I can get away with a lot within that fiction world. Talk to your doctor about real life medical procedures and please never rely on anything fictional (or for that matter, the internet) for answers.

22. *Did they need parental or guardian consent?*

- A. Not within the Academy. Since they were determined healthy and they went through talking with doctors about the procedure, there was medical consent and the thing was done. Blame "this is fiction!" as the reason. ☺ Within the Academy world, this procedure is considered 'light surgery that's reversible easily enough with little side effects'.

23. *When Sang ended up telling the Academy about her being afraid of girls, did she tell them WHY? And if so, was that told to the other girls she was with as well?*

- A. Yes, it says in the text that she said all the things that Mr. Blackbourne heard. I just didn't want to repeat it all for simplicity. The other girls were not told exactly what happened but they had to tell the girls something as to why she disappeared. Trust your family. They do whatever is necessary and they still want her. Once you are in the Academy, they're all your family.

24. *If Silas came to American first and was already there, when Luke thought North was deaf, why didn't Silas just tell the others that North could hear?*

- A. Silas was still trying to learn English at that point. He knew a little but not a whole lot, and Silas interacted with Mr. Blackbourne and North mostly. He didn't know Luke was trying to connect to him.



26. *When Luke had that number written on his arm, was he actually interested in her?*

A. In the other girl? Nope. Didn't know her from anyone else. It happened as he said. He was working, the girl walks up to him, writes the number on his arm and walks out. Had no idea who she was.

27. *How did you come up with the Academy rules? Are there more than four?*

A. There aren't many rules, because each team makes their own rules. It's just the core rules are there to really show what they are about. They prefer you learn through their example, though, rather than being told. Those four are the core rules.

28. *Does Sang have iPhone 6s? Because it's Rose gold or just an iPhone 5 with a pink case? Or an iPhone 5s with a pink cover?*

A. When I started the series, she had iPhone 5 because they were what were out at the time. At the rate she breaks them, though, Victor just has a stack at his house waiting for her to break the next one. ☺ And I know she should get a better case but this theme is a lot of fun. ☺

29. *You don't bring up the Academy's secret face language anymore. Did Sang figure it out?*

A. They don't really have a secret face language. It's just getting to know someone so well you can read their expressions. You can probably do that with your siblings or relatives. Sang doesn't catch every look but she's learning how to read the guys. They're just very more in tune with each other and know them well enough to know what they're thinking without saying anything.

30. *Brandon has his Custom bike business. Does he have a particular kind of bike that he likes to work on? He and Kayli took a ninja type to see Doyle. Does he prefer the rocket type bikes or does he like Harley choppers? Does he mix it up? I'm sure he has clients that put in orders. I just wonder what he enjoys most.*

A. He likes working on choppers, and that's the most business he gets, but he prefers the rocket bikes. He likes sleek lines and a lot of the modern touches, and the fact that he can make them super quiet.

31. *Why is it always Gabriel who ends up with her? Does he insist or do the others? eg, in Mr Blackbourne's bed after crying and in the bath at Victors?*

A. You mean just that time with Gabriel in the cot? Because he ran out the door first before the others could after Mr. Blackbourne said someone needs to go stay with her. The others were volunteering while he was already out the tent and on the way.



32. *Does Mr Blackbourne do Dr. Green's gardening?*

A. YES. Mr. Blackbourne ran out of room so Dr. Green let him use some of his yard.

33. *Is North scared of bears?*

A. Yes. He knows there are bears and they are a threat and that he wasn't equipped to take on a bear as he didn't carry a gun with him. So yeah, paranoid of running into a bear.

34. *Why did Dr. Roberts make sure Kayli and Sang were at the back of the line?*

A. He wanted Sang to listen to Kayli, one. And he didn't want the other kids getting any crazy ideas about their teams and what they could do. He wanted Kayli to hear the other kids and what they were saying to show her how to be nice but she was pretty peeved as she was basically kidnapped to be there and not told where she was going and why or anything about it. (Much like the others.)

35. *Do Mr Blackbourne and Dr. Green know about the shower scene?*

A. They know she fainted, but they got intermittent texts and Dr. Green was thinking "blood pressure" from stress and she was so tired. She woke up pretty quickly and remember she's fainted before so he "assumed" this was the same thing. Dr. Green was more worried she hadn't eaten all week. They got more details late but by the time they were on the way, they had the new situation to deal with, too.

36. *Are the boys proud of her 'performance' with the Academy?*

A. Yeah, she did fine. And they knew she would have, even if she hadn't helped Mrs. Rose. She helped at Thanksgiving without much question, and that just proves she can blend in with the Academy very easily.

37. *What made Mr Blackbourne decided to take Sang with him? Was he already thinking it or was it because of the text?*

A. It was after the text he decided. He hadn't really thought about it but when she sent a message, it made him think about what he was doing and that she might be \*someone\* who would understand. The boys would have asked questions the whole time but Sang's pretty intuitive to the guys by now and will quietly listen and observe first. She picked up on it very quickly and was very respectful.

38. *Does Gabriel mind seeing her kissing the others? Or is he more like Luke?*

A. He thinks he's like Luke, but he's more like Silas. Which we'll explore in later books.



39. *Why didn't Mr Blackbourne go back to his tent with Dr. Green? (not that I would have been able to cope if he got into the sleeping bag with her lol)*

- A. He was staying behind with the guys to answer questions, but after a while, Dr. Green decided to go back so he can be nearby and to get some sleep before the busy next day. Mr. Blackbourne slept in Gabriel's spot. Not that he slept much.

40. *What was Kota thinking when he went off?*

- A. He pretty much said to her what he was thinking. He knew the guys had been sort of angling to date her. It's why he asked her who she'd want in the tent with her. He was surprised she said him, and thought she knew what he meant, that they'd be 'dating', but he didn't want to ask her formally yet, either. Not where they were like that.

So when he saw Gabriel kissing her, he \*knew\* he hadn't asked her formally so he couldn't say, but he was totally heartbroken. He had to calm himself down and realize he couldn't make assumptions with her about her feelings. He needed to ask, especially when the message came through. That's what really triggered it for him, realizing she was upset as well and thinking they had to tell him they were interested in her, too. He was assuming later it would be she'd have to pick one.

Which is what he was leading with in the A Report. He assumed that was 'the plan'. To get her to pick one, if that's what she wanted.

41. *Was Kota telling her to hurry up or come back?*

- A. At the end? To come back

42. *Was Silas the only one happy with Sang on the car or did North also take a good look?*

- A. North clearly saw because he was the one who realized what he was talking about. ;)

43. *Is Hunter's Island a real Island there or was that purely imagination?*

- A. A real island in South Carolina with blue crabs in the river.

44. *How far ahead in the future was this for Kayli to appear in terms of the story line in SB?*

- A. Kayli is still in November in her books. ☺ So a month away.

45. *Who gave Sean the cookbook for kids at Christmas?*

- A. Luke gave this to him.



46. *How old is Dr. Roberts if he was an intern when Ms. Rose was young?*

A. Uh...pretty old. ☺ Sixty? I don't know. He'll never retire. Just like Ms. Rose. You can't stand still.

47. *Was Silas really being pervy in the car?*

A. He noticed things. He's a teenager and she's pretty and his girlfriend. She oogles them whenever they've got shirts off. About time the guys got a little fun. Half the time they see her naked or in her underwear and she's in trouble. This time she's dressed and giggling so a look or two...no harm. ☺

48. *Who gave Sang what non camping gifts for Christmas?*

A. All of them. ☺ They all gave her different items other than camping. They couldn't help it.

49. *Was Owen following Sang in the woods?*

A. No. Well, once he heard her walking, he went to see who it was but he didn't know it was her. He was lucky he didn't run into a bear. ;)

50. *Why does Kota have a piercing gun at his house?*

A. Jessica had it and Gabriel borrowed it a few times. ☺ Since Erica is a nurse, she got the piercing gun for her daughter to make sure it was clean and safe and used it on her when she got her ears pierced.

51. *If Sean isn't lead or liaison, why wasn't he in the tent with the boys?*

A. Kota was staying with the boys and Mr. Blackbourne needed a camping buddy. ☺ They could have stayed in the cabins but they didn't want to risk talking about Sang amid the other adults.

52. *Why didn't Owen or Sean stop by to at least say hi to Sang or check in with her during the week?*

A. They kept missing her. Like when she stopped by Dr. Green's tent when he was doing demonstrations. There were times Mr. Blackbourne, too, spotted her but she always had other people around her and could never quite catch her eye. Just like Kota, they had a lot of work to do that week.

53. *What did Sean write in the rose?*

A. In general it means "In love" or "love".



55. *Were Lily and her family at the camp?*

- A. No. They don't attend normally. They're very private, even from the Academy. Also, the Academy doesn't like to present any confusion about their team and their particular situation.

56. *How did you come up with the name "Lake?"*

- A. It was within a list of names for girls, and an unusual name and I liked it. ☺

57. *Who has cousins that they were wrapping presents for?*

- A. Gabriel. And Victor. I'm pretty sure the others have distant families but Gabriel has some cousins out there.

58. *Who is the lady Psychiatrist that brought Lake to the camp without a single item and dumped her off thinking it was a school. Holy crap! Haul them in front of the Council.*

- A. Lake isn't the only one who was brought without anything more than the clothes on her back to this thing. It's a surprise due to secrecy and security. The council is very well aware and everything is done very strategically. There's reasons, even if we don't understand them. ☺ Trust your family.

59. *What is the timetable for the series? Does it end in June with the school year? Or when she's 18? Or later?*

- A. I'll write it for as long as people want to hear about it. My 'ending' doesn't happen until after she's 18.

As mentioned, I may have an ending in mind, but there can still be follow up novellas later and we'll see how things progress later.

60. *Do the unique Christmas gifts really exist IRL? Or are they safely tucked away in CL's clever mind? The dog tags, the hoop earring, the pocket watch, the crystal necklace, tennis bracelet, the anchor necklace, pancake pillow, all the papercraft, special composing pen and the bud vase. This would be excellent Pinterest goodies.*

- A. They're all out there somewhere, or can be made. We've got several people within the Academy community who enjoy the challenge of making such items. ☺

61. *So I'm really loving the "rule of two" anyway we can get some awesome merchandise, like t-shirts, with this on it?!*

- A. I didn't make this up. It's just an old saying, passed around military and other situations. Two is one and one is none I think is the phrase. ☺ I'm sure there's shirts out there with this.



62. *How do we pronounce Mr. Buble? Is it like 'soap bubbles' (cause Sang was amused) or Bubl  like Michael Bubl ?*

- A. Just like Michael Buble. ☺ But someone said it with a southern accent and it sounded like Buble to her so she thinks of him as Mr. Bubble in her head.

63. *What was Victor thinking when he received his Christmas present? Did he know he'll get one?*

- A. He assumed he had at least one from her but he didn't know she ordered him anything like the others until he got the box. He loved it. He carries it now.

64. *How angry was Victor?*

- A. The wrath of Victor is never so strong as when Sang is put in mortal danger. It really wasn't Kota's fault but he was pretty mad at him.

65. *When Gabriel brought Sang to the big tent, was it planned by everyone? Or like did Victor and Kota not know?*

- A. Not everyone knew, but no one liked the idea of Sang out there by herself, but no one but Gabriel had the guts to fight her on the topic. ☺ He was right, though. There's bears out there and one really shouldn't camp alone.

66. *I'm dying to know what kpop songs they were listening to in the car.*

- A. In the original script, it was Bounce by JJ Project.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yvic9sAg64>

She also likes One OK Rock, Girls Generation, Yui, and others. ☺ She likes a mix of Japanese and Korean styles.

67. *When the council said we would be in your debt... does that mean that instead of going into debt that Sang would actually be in the positive and could help the boys graduate?*

- A. She probably could have asked for something but only for her own and probably not to 'cheat' and graduate before she earns it. That wouldn't be very Academy. But they will be super lenient with her as far as her favors.

With the boys, she could have asked for a 'refund' on any they spent on her already, but she didn't think about it. But those were theirs to spend at the time anyway.

68. *If Sean was lead until he started his residency, then why was Kota chosen as lead when they were 13?*

- A. Dr. Green started internships at 16 to 17-ish working at the hospital and completing his education. Residency is going on now, and will probably be completed within another



year from now. It's a really heavy workload, especially in the beginning.

69. *Was Sang one of the few new people who knew they were going camping?*

A. Yes. Only a rare few know about it. Not a lot of adults would understand this, given the broken homes a lot of them come from. So all of this is done with a lot of secrecy. And with very much all the care and safety they can.

70. *In First Days, North calls Nate "Nat" when he asks him to switch seats in geometry. But that's the only time anyone calls him Nat in the books. I know Nat is a nickname for Nathan and Nathaniel, but they usually just call him Nate. Is this something just North calls him? Or does he prefer Nate? Or is he like Gabriel and actually prefers Nathan?*

A. Nathan hates his name shortened to Nate, and Nat is even worse, to him. ☺ Gabriel prefers Gabriel as well but sometimes you just shorten names not thinking about it. North just didn't think about it at the moment.

71. *Did you cry when Sang thought Kota was breaking up with her? Or the shower scene?*

A. Yup! That's how I know it's good! If I'm crying writing it, someone else will. ☺

72. *What was Dr. Green going to say when Mr. Blackbourne brought Sang back to the tent? Dr. Green said, "I thought we were..." and then Mr. Blackbourne said, Unforeseen circumstances." What had he been about to say?*

A. He was going to say "I thought we weren't going to talk to her until tomorrow." He thought this was where they would talk to her about joining the team and what to say to council and so forth. Seeing her walk in, he didn't see her upset just yet, and his initial reaction was Mr. Blackbourne brought her in to talk to her about which team to pick, etc.



~A~

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 when I'm not busy writing and answer questions there as I can, but beware—parts of the forum are full of spoilers.

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