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General Series Questions

General note: There were many questions about release dates for the next book and future books. I wanted to address this upfront. As many of you might know, sometimes I set a date, and it gets pushed back due to life/illness/the book simply wasn't ready yet.

To avoid any more confusion and disappointment, I'm only going to announce a date when I'm pretty sure the book is done and very good. The good part is, when I do announce a date from now on, it'll probably be final and won't be long from the announcement until release day.

The bad part is that I won't have an answer as to when, except for general guessing. I'm sorry for the very vague answers for those questions, but I'd rather deliver a good book on time than a bad book late.

I will still probably try to release at least four books a year, so the only change will be we may not know the answer until I'm very, very sure I've got a complete rough draft.

1. *What is the release date of Hoax, the next Scarab Beetle Book?*

A. Mid-2016.

2. *Who is the focus of Hoax?*

A. Probably Raven, but Axel might change his mind last minute. So one of those.



3. *Who will be the main focus of the next Ghost Bird Book – First Kiss?*
 - A. Most likely it will be Kota.
4. *When will it be released?*
 - A. Early 2016.
5. *Are there going to be more alternate POV stories?*
 - A. I'm working on finishing Meeting Sang with the rest of the guys.
6. *Will your books ever come out in audio?*
 - A. Yes! You'll see more news about this very soon.
7. *I was wondering if you've considered expanding Lilly's story into its own Academy series? She is a very compelling character and one way or another I would love to hear her and her guys' story in more depth. In your mind how old would you place her because I have a theory that she is Sang's mother(?).*
 - A. Lily's story is a planned series, but considering I'm already writing two, I'm going to have to wait until one of the two series has come to a reasonable conclusion before starting another. So whenever I've gotten to the end of probably the Scarab Beetle series, I'll start on that one.

Sang's real mother is dead, as already told in the story, so I don't mean to disappoint anyone with that theory, but there's no getting around that. And Lily is probably early 30s, but forgive my being vague, as I might need to alter her age slightly later.
8. *Out of sheer curiosity, so that I can picture Sang and the guys better in my mind. How tall would you say that Sang and all of the guys are? Also, what size clothes would you say they all wear?*
 - A. Sang is however tall you are, and the rest of the guys are compared to your own height. ☺ I left Sang a blank canvas so you can fill in the blanks and feel more 'in the story'. If you'd like to think of someone specific, I highly approve picking your own favorite celebrity as a basis. Many have found it fun to pick their own character portraits this way.



9. *There's a lot of cultural diversity across the characters of your books, do you have a lot of personal experience with people from these cultures/have you spent time immersed in them yourself? What made you pick the different ethnicities? Did you have to do a lot of research about them to get the characters' personalities to fit?*

A. A lot of it was from my own travelling and meeting people, and friends I've got, and from studying different cultures. In some instances, I did have to research, and I'll ask forgiveness if I've gotten anything wrong. I try to only write on things I've got confirmed from people who live in certain areas, or where I've seen referenced in more than one place.

10. *I love that you've developed polyamorous relationships in your books. Did you look into real-life poly relationships for inspiration on this? Since poly isn't really considered normal or even okay by some people, what made you decide to take such a daring path with you books?*

A. The books are really fantasy, in a way. It's possible, but unlikely for most, and for most, they might not want to think of the real consequences, but they like the idea. I like to allow for such a fantasy, and that's really what I wanted to express. Let's take this fantasy and just run with it. Most people like attention from attractive people, but what if we multiplied it and allowed it to work with more than one?

I don't want to pretend to make a statement for poly relationships. That's not really what I want to do. Those types of relationships can work for some, but they are a lot of work. Relationships are complicated and there's no real right or wrong way to go about them. The only really right thing for an individual is what feels right for you. I feel there's never anything wrong with at least playing with the idea in this fictional world.

11. *What made you decide all the ghost bird characters should come from broken homes? I come from one myself which meant I identified quite strongly with Sang.*

A. It's just the way it worked out, and what made sense for the guys. Given certain personalities, some had very caring relationships with parents that were simply shattered, and some had bad parents altogether. The reason the boys were together was because they identified with each other, and in a way made up for their lack of family by making their own.

12. *Sang always thinks that she locked the doors in the bathrooms, and the guys always manage to get in. Do they have some special Academy equipment or something?*

A. Bathroom doors are never very hard to break into. ☺



13. *I was just curious what type of doctor Sean was or what type of doctor he is going to be?*

A. General practitioner for their group, with a slight emergency specialization. So anything really super life-threatening he wants to be very aware of, and also general health, but he probably won't specialize in any one direction.

14. *Does Gabriel get his blue eyes from his mom or his dad?*

A. He has his mother's eyes.

15. *How old was Gabriel when his mom and brother died?*

A. Pretty early. Sometime before the Academy was involved in his life, and after he'd known Kota and Nathan, which would probably be elementary school, eight or nine perhaps.

16. *And also how old was Gabriel's little brother when he passed?*

A. He was a newborn, less than a year old.

17. *How old was Nathan when his mother left?*

A. Before the Academy was involved, but this was right before Mr. Blackbourne got to know them. Before then, she was abused a lot and couldn't really take it anymore. She left assuming Mr. Griffin would possibly put Nathan with a relative rather than take care of him on his own. She was really messed up mentally.

18. *How old is Max?*

A. Four or five years old, in human years.

19. *I was wondering where you got the idea for Sang's name?*

A. It was actually a placeholder for a while. Sometimes I put a name down in a story and mean to go back and change it. The name stuck. After the first book was complete, Sang just made sense to me and felt natural for her.

I've used the name in video games as a character name before, so it was just something I put in while starting and just stuck.



20. *What is Sang's middle name? And the guys'?*

A. I haven't given Sang and a few of the guys middle names yet. Kota's is Jameson. And Gabriel's is Joseph. The others, they will let me know whenever they want.

21. *I know the boys swear some more than others *cough* Gabriel But I was wondering if Mr Black Bourne or Doctor Green do and will? Like seriously they're 19; aren't all 19 year olds letting some drop?*

A. Not all nineteen year olds feel the need to curse. It might surprise people that I don't when I talk, and I know several adult people who've never felt the need to do so. Not opposed to it, it's just not in the regular vocabulary. Mr. Blackbourne wouldn't use the language himself. Dr. Green, being a doctor, wouldn't feel right using most curses in his natural vocabulary, or he might slip at a wrong moment while in surgery or elsewhere. Some of the other boys only use it on very rare occasions, if at all, and others do so loosely and with ease.

22. *I was wondering if you could list the boys who are for ~the plan~ and who are against. Like I've re read your books millions of times but it gets confusing in some areas.*

A. As of Sugar, everyone knows of the plan except for Kota. Nathan is opposed, as it isn't normal, and he's not really even considering it because he's sure Sang wouldn't feel that way. Silas is on the fence, mostly because he's waiting for everyone else to be in agreement before he thinks on it too much. North was very much for it, and still is, but is a bit hesitant now since Sang didn't take to it as quickly as he would have liked. He doesn't like the idea of trying to talk her into it. He feels she should want to on her own, so if she doubts, he doubts. Mr. Blackbourne is for it, and feels they all will settle into this, but it will take time and he's up for the challenge. Victor and Gabriel are a little hesitant, but mostly because they don't think Sang would choose them if they don't try it this way. Luke is for it, but can't picture the end result so clearly, so he's not sure how.

Dr. Green is totally smitten with Sang and will do whatever she wants. ☺

23. *Since Sang faints when water sprays on her face, does she faint when it rains as well?*

A. She can if she's not careful. If she covers her face, and has a steady hold with someone, she can get through it quickly. She'll learn to do this better later, like insisting on holding onto someone's hand and making use of umbrellas more.



24. *I am curious as to how Volto stole Mr Blackburn's car with the keys?*

- A. All the boys have keys to each home and car. He only had to make copies from one set to get every key to every house and every vehicle.

25. *How did Volto know Sang knew the Dragon code when only Victor and Silas knew she figured it out.*

- A. Volto listens. Carefully.

26. *I can't find why North ended up at his uncle's. Have you covered this yet?*

- A. This hasn't officially been covered in the books yet, but North was in his own bit of trouble when he lived overseas. He didn't get along with kids his own age and didn't like his home life. Uncle had heard about the trouble, and asked the Academy for help.

North refused to go to America and join the Academy without Silas. So when Silas was handled and brought over, North gave in and went over. He still didn't like the idea, and didn't trust the Academy. It took a while for this to happen.

27. *I'm getting worried when I read the summary of Liar that Axel and the others were criminals. Are Kota and the rest criminals?*

- A. Do they seem like criminals? They seem like normal teenagers to me. ☺

28. *Where does Kevin go in Liar (I think)? What did Mindy need?*

- A. Mindy needs a boyfriend to be around when her parents invite her and her boyfriend over for dinner, or to attend normal, everyday things. In this one case with Liar, Mindy's relative was in a hospital and she needed support. The hospital visit wasn't bad, but Mindy's a pretty tender soul. Kevin has to make that choice sometimes of being there for Mindy or being with his friends, which has been getting harder lately.

29. *Is North into and rock or metal bands because of his clothes? (Not to be stereotypical or anything!)*

- A. He likes rock music in general, and will listen to it when he's working. He doesn't follow specific bands. He just lets the radio or Pandora play whatever. It's something to listen to outside of sports that he and Silas can usually settle on if they're working together.



30. *When Sang meets Lily from the other dog/bird team, Lily hands Sang a card with her number on it and when Sang turns the card over it has Lily's information about her nonprofit organization and I was wondering if it's linked the other nonprofit organizations from the Scarab Beetle Series? The ones that Kayli's team is investigating?*

A. The particular one Kayli is investigating isn't the same one as Lily's but Kayli's mission (checking out all companies, nonprofit or for profit, that are part of the Murdock corporation), does involve Lily's nonprofit in a way, and will be addressed in the next book.

31. *Is Raven a bit disgruntled by the fact that Fancy is transgender? I know in Russia there have LGBT issues and I just wondered whether or not that was a problem for him.*

A. Russians are pretty individual, and their opinions will vary from person to person. Raven doesn't have a problem with anyone's sexuality. He cares about Corey very much, knowing he's gay (as mentioned by Brandon, still yet unconfirmed by Corey openly except for Axel, who actually asked).

32. *How much research goes into these books?!?! In Fake especially, there was so much technological knowledge that I was wondering if it was all real.*

A. When it comes to the crimes, a lot of research goes in. Fake was pretty technical, which made it really difficult to write. However, all of the tech is highly possible, and only slightly exaggerated.

33. *Why did Sang's character seem to change so much in the last book? I mean she was shy and timid in the books before and now she is talking to other teams and kissing all the guys. She seems braver and has more opinions on everything she didn't before. Was this on purpose or are you hinting at a change with her soon?*

A. She's brave with her team. She's not brave with other people. She did dive into work, but to her, she could get lost in it and not talk to anyone. She didn't know they were other teams there. She is extremely uncomfortable getting friendly with women her own age or older. Kids she's okay with, but once they are teenagers, she gets shy. She relies heavily on the others being around her.

And in some cases, if she's alone and she's addressing someone (like Ms. Wright), sometimes I do have to push her a little bit to talk or else the conversation is really one way and the scene is boring. Her tendency is to just be quiet and listen to things going on around her, and you'll probably see her doing this now and again still.

The Dossier Files

From the dossier files: North and Marc:

North

Friday, November 9, 2012 11:40 AM

Transportation sciences and technology | s

TRUST | s

Biting neck and elsewhere | s

Sept. 11 | s

Gold earring left lobe | s

Speaks greek | s

Left handed | s

16 | s



His face was in the shadow but I could see he had dark hair. The light left him in a halo glow. He was tall, not as tall as Silas but almost. He had wide shoulders. I could see a gold circle earring in his left lobe.

His eyes were dark, his brows thick, his jaw broad. His skin was tan. His face had coarse hair from a day or two of not shaving.

He was wearing black jeans and boots with a plain black t-shirt. There was a cord around his neck, dangling from it was something in Japanese that I didn't understand.



She is his dream. He is her foothold. | s

Favorite color: Black

Smells like: Awesome! :) (Musk!)

Black Jeep Wrangler (Dismantled in book 4)
Black truck
Black custom bike | s

Superb hearing. | s



Marc

Weiland

Her echo

Marcus

The past doesn't define him.

Old girlfriend Jenny

Monday, September 16, 2013 3:55 PM

Puts on a 'face' except for around her, where he admits his true thoughts.

She spaces out to think. He chops her on the head.

If she tries to chop him, she's too slow. He'll dodge, push her hand out of the way, and then chop her.



Coffee connoisseur

Can always tell when she's lying.



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