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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 be released?*
 - A. April 28, 2015

3. *I know you've already said that other side of envy is about Gabriel's story, I was wondering which guy next in line has the most book time besides him. Also, you've already answered the question about the virgin thing with the boys before, but will Sang (and us) ever find out which ones are the virgins or not?*
 - A. With Gabriel's story, there will probably be a lot of Victor. And eventually, we'll find out which ones are virgins or not, but it won't be for a good, long while. We're still trying to get her to kiss them all and we've got a ways to go before then. ☺



4. *I have to know, when Blackbourne was talking to Sang about how she felt about his team and he said he felt deeply for them and her, was this his way of saying he cared/loved her? What's going on in his head?*

A. He cares for her like he cares for his team. They are his family and that's exactly what he meant. When Mr. Blackbourne proclaims his love, he'll be very obvious. ☺

5. *Will Mr. Blackbourne ever sing or hum for Sang or any of his team? I am wondering because it would be cool if Sang had a chance to ask him, and he learned how to do so just for her, (Victor said that "Mr. Blackbourne could have trained his voice for singing, operatic perhaps" meaning that he has not been officially trained) showing that he does care (or some other close reason.)*

Reason why this was a question:

Victor pointed out that "Mr. Blackbourne had complete control of his tone" and that it was a real shame that "Mr. Blackbourne never hummed and never sang," (Drop of Doubt, the ~A~ Chapter).

A. Mr. Blackbourne knows perfectly well how to sing, and won't do so at the present time. It has to do with his mother. We've not gotten that far in the story yet.

6. *How are all Academy boys so hot? Just, how are they so perfect in general?!*

A. I think it makes it all more interesting to have very hot guys included. Their perfection is another matter, because they each have their own flaws (North's anger, Silas's guilt, Kota's fear). So they all aren't perfect, but they do try, which makes them more human, more real.

7. *Do all the boys (with the exception of North, Silas, and Raven) have southern accents because they live in Charleston?*

A. Some have deeper Southern accents (Dr. Green/Gabriel/Nathan slight, Blake Coaltar's is very heavy), some were well bred growing up and talk more sophisticated (Mr. Blackbourne, Victor), and some simply never picked up the accent, but they might say things like 'sweetie' because that's how they were brought up (Kota, Luke). The variety is also in what they say. For example, Kota and Mr. Blackbourne never curse, some will use mild cursing like hell and damn (Victor/Luke). North, Nathan and Silas curse mostly when they are angry, and then every once in a great while outside of that. Gabriel curses up a storm no matter what, it's part of his natural vocabulary and is part of who he is.



8. *In the Scarab Beetle Series, the character Raven is from Russia although I believe in the novels he speaks with an American accent? Or does he not? If he does, I wanted to know if there were a situation in which he had to pretend to be a novice in learning English (for whatever reason) whether or not at that point it would be the Russian accent he was faking? I'm sorry, but in a nutshell, I basically want to know why Raven would speak in an American accent around his friends rather than in a Russian accent when I'm sure no one would care?*

A. In my head, he's got a very heavy Russian accent, but 'reading' an accent is difficult. Instead of making the reading difficult, I write what he's saying, rather than how he's saying it. The only exception is when he messes up his words, and when he's speaking in Russian. Otherwise, assume he is speaking in a Russian accent and very obviously doing so. Sometimes Kayli makes comments on it, but it isn't often as she's getting used to it now.

9. *Why the people on the cover of your books not show their eyes?*

A. This is done on purpose to avoid identifiable faces, as everyone has their own ideas of what the boys look like. They also allow us to use different cover models, as we don't always have access to the same ones each time.

10. *Do the boys in The Scarab Series have nicknames for Kayli yet? And does she for the boys? Also, what are the boys' favorite colors?*

A. Marc calls her Bambi. Raven calls her Little Thief. The others are calling her sweetie and haven't picked out any for her yet, but the might in time. She doesn't have many nicknames for the boys except Marc is Pretzel boy. She's not very creative. ☺ As for the colors, Corey likes yellow, Brandon I believe likes red and black, Axel likes olive drab, Raven I think likes brown, and Marc likes ocean colors. I'm not totally sure on Blake's favorite color yet.

11. *Did you always intend for Dr. Green to be the one to kiss Sang first or did it just happen? If it just happened, who did you picture being her first kiss?*

A. The 'original kiss' from my old plot wasn't going to happen until the next summer, and I suspect it would have been Kota after a fight they'd had. However, since the beginning, the plot has changed because the boys have altered it so much, and they refused to wait. That said, I went through the entire list of boys, even had her kissing them in scenes that were later deleted. It wasn't until book six and Dr. Green doing it that it felt right.

This being said, Sang's first kiss with all the guys will be memorable to her. Like Silas's kiss with her and teaching her 'how the Greek's kiss', or North's fight in the bathroom, they'll all have their moments, and additional ones as we go along.



12. *I was wondering what types of music "the boys" like to listen to. I know we already have been shown a few preferences, but a concise list would be amazing.*

A. Kota likes everything. Victor likes classical, but he likes modern piano music, and he likes soft rock. Gabriel likes dance/trance music and rock. Silas likes rock. Luke likes pop/rock music. North likes hard rock. Nathan likes a bit of everything but he has a fondness for country music. Dr. Green likes a bit of country music and rock and everything. Mr. Blackbourne appreciates the fine arts in music, classical or modern. He seeks perfection in music.

13. *You mention in the first book that Sang's house is the newest one in the neighborhood. Was the basketball hoop added on after the house was made or did it come with the house? Also, if the neighborhood is still being developed did Nathan and Kota just move to it a couple years ago when it was first being built or is the neighborhood just being expanded and they have lived there all their lives? If they moved in a few years ago did they decide to move so close together for the Academy or was it just coincidence that they live so close?*

A. The basketball hoop was added to the house. There were prior residents, but the house was built by the previous owner, lived in for a short while, and then sold to Mr. Sorenson later.

Nathan and Kota have lived in their current homes I believe since they were born, so they were always close to each other. Their moving to that neighborhood had nothing to do with them, but was their parents' decisions. The Academy wasn't around then. Complete coincidence they moved in nearby each other, but it was a good thing.

The development was simply a road with available properties but Sang's just happened to be an empty lot up until a few years before Sang moved in. There's one house being built up the road in the first book (now finished but no one lives there yet) and one empty lot but it's covered in trees and would be hard to sell, as it'd be hard to take out all those trees and then develop the yard and then build on it.

14. *In House of Korba why does Silas turn around when he took off his pants to go to sleep with her at his house?*

A. I feel he thought it was more polite to do so that way. He's not shy about his body, but he wouldn't want to make her uncomfortable and he normally sleeps in his underwear.



15. *In Book 7 in the midst of when Silas is flirting with Sang via text Victor and Luke play a prank on him and they take a picture of Victor's belly and send it. And Silas responds back saying, "I remember that spot." Victor and Luke both give Sang a look, while she's completely embarrassed and unable to explain herself. But then Luke's expression softens and he jokes about how Sang's face is priceless at that moment. Well, what were the thoughts going through their minds before Luke made that joke? I realize that he makes the joke to ease the tension, but before that when they ask what spot, and when they're both looking at Sang. Are they jealous, worried, angry, curious, etc.?*

- A. They were confused as to what Silas meant, but they both thought he's seen Sang less dressed than they have, but then they've all seen her in a bathing suit and her underwear. The reference was over their heads, and Sang's the only one who knows he meant he's touched her in places there and she got all wibbly-wobbly about it. They weren't angry, just confused.

16. *Is Sang EVER going to have her period? I mean, I do think it would be rather funny to see all of the guys reaction to it, and she does have to have it sometime right? It has been, like, 2 months.*

- A. Sang's story started in August and our next book will put us in November. She does have her period but she manages to have them 'off stage', along with going to the bathroom and showering. Just like in movies and TV shows, we don't often see our heroes or heroines stop to pee during the story. Writers just assume you all don't want to hear about the mess. ☺ While it might be a topic that will crop up in the future, Sang's periods are very normal, and like most girls her age (now sixteen), she simply handles the situation and doesn't bother anyone else about it.

I believe some people think the boys would be some type of mortified to find out she has periods, but Kota lives with his mother and sister and deals with this kind of thing on a regular basis. Nathan, living next door, knows very well about it. The other boys have had various degrees of common knowledge about it. *Besides Nathan, do the rest of the boys know that whenever Sang is nervous she puts her finger to her lip?*

They know and notice but few do anything about it. Some might grab her hand. She's starting to drop the habit sometimes, as she'll lift her hand to hover her finger over her lip but not quite touch. She'll only pinch her lip now in extreme cases of shyness and awkward feelings.



17. *Did Brandon not want to tell more of his story? I was kind of hoping to find out why his eyes are so sad. Corey doesn't really seem phased by the whole "arrested for fraud" thing, so I didn't think it was that. Is it from trying to protect Corey? Oh, and did Brandon build North's bike? Or help North build it?*

A. Brandon's just one of those sorry souls that FEELS ALL THE THINGS. Everything either has to be deep and meaningful to him or he doesn't care about it. Surfing is a big part of this, where he feels connected to nature, and is alone on a surf board. His family is another. Kayli is becoming another. He sees her walking away, her staying, him disappointing her and trying to avoid it. He worries. He's anxious. His brother keeps him stable with his 'happy go lucky' attitude. And Brandon built North's bike and North works on Brandon's cars.

18. *Is Avery part of another Academy team (that the boys don't know) or into something like the Academy? Or is he really just an old classmate of Kayli's with some extra skills?*

A. Avery isn't part of the Academy. They would have known. He's just gotten mixed up. Since Kayli grew up in Charleston, it'd be near impossible for her not to run into someone she knows at some point.

19. *What kind of sandals does Sang wear? Flip flops or actual sandals?*

A. She's got both, and will mix and match depending on if she's wearing something nice or sporty. Thanks to Gabriel, she's got loads more than she used to.

20. *Where was Corey when they got kidnapped? Not In bed. Not on the computer.*

A. Corey was with Marc scouting for Wil when Brandon was kidnapped.

21. *Isn't it unrealistic for Kayli to think that Wil can contact her in any way? She's vanished from the motel with no phone and no way to be contacted. Two weeks has gone by and she hasn't been to the only place he knows where to find her. Just frustrating for her to be thinking that over and over when she left.*

A. Wil could contact her if he wanted to but doesn't. Kayli does worry he won't be able to but the boys assure her they would know if he tried and she would for sure get in touch the moment he tried to reach out. Corey and the Academy has ways.



22. *Are the cell phones issues connected? GB crew is having a hard time with theirs. I was wondering if they were connected with the core?*

A. Sang and her team are having troubles with other people listening in on their phone calls (Volto), but this is a problem particular to their group. As cell phones are vulnerable lines of communication, it's best they do their business in person in general. While Academy phone calls usually consist of 'meet me for lunch to talk about Aunt Mildred' in lieu of 'secret Academy meeting time!', it's usually not an issue, but Sang is still new so she's getting used to thinking of cell phones as something to be wary of in general, and the boys have been slack with their communication. Volto has reminded them that the Academy secret must continue. But their issues don't have to do with the core, it's about Volto listening in and getting steps ahead of them in situations.

23. *If Family is a choice and Kayli wants to be part of Axel's family and vice versa, how could the Academy put Kayli with another team (like Dr. Roberts suggested might happen in the A report?)*

A. No one in the Academy knows she's up for joining the Academy. She hasn't been around long. She's in a closed adoption mostly because she knows so much already. (This is not the same as actually joining the family team.) Right now, they have good reason to believe she's giving away Academy secrets. It's not a matter of her being moved to another Academy family, but simply her being moved on away from the Academy altogether because she's divulging things she doesn't know she should keep quiet about. The only reason this hasn't happened yet is because Axel and Marc are vouching for her at meetings.

So right now, they're trying to simply settle her into life in general. If this was her trying to join the actual Academy discussion, they would start talking about moving her to a bird team. Different conversation.

24. *Did Kayli really need to be naked for the search? Brandon acted shocked when she told him and he only checked his hair. Not that I'm complaining, I loved the scene, just wondering.*

A. Brandon wasn't in the mood to do the inspection. He was just shocked they did it in public, but they didn't want to risk going somewhere else, taking more time, when no one was around anyway and Axel would have had to do the same thing at a gas station bathroom where it would have been more awkward. They just really needed to get the bugs off before they met up with more of the German team as they were unprepared at that point.



25. *Has Mr. B forgotten that Wil has a phone? He told Sang to call him, once upon a time, to find out if he was on their side or Hendricks. Wil gave her his number.*

A. Mr. Blackbourne never forgets. Timing is everything.

26. *As far as the timelines go, is this [Fake] all before, during or after the events from house of Korba? (With churches involved I was half expecting one to burn down lol)*

A. The timelines for both series right now are kind of out of whack. Gabriel's book is going to be tail end of November (*starting right before his birthday), just like Korba was tail end of October for Halloween. I think this Kayli book is... I think it's beginning November but I could be wrong. But outside of Drop of Doubt and Thief being synced, the timelines aren't really plotted together as to where people were. Kayli's books get an ambiguous timeline so I can steal people like North or Silas without conflicting with timelines in the Ghost Bird series.

Author Questions

27. *What's your favorite candy, pop and, color?*

A. I love chocolate, and I don't drink soda (I prefer milk or juice) and I love pink, usually hot pink. :)

28. *I was wondering how old you are...not an actual number (unless it is okay with you), but in general, as in if you could say the age range, like twenties or thirties or so. You sound fairly young, and knowledgeable about new technology, and how guys act at certain ages, so I am just curious.*

A. Thank you for the compliments. I'm actually in my early thirties, but I feel I keep up to date pretty well on new things. I love video games and I read through Tumblr often. I also vividly remember high school, so hopefully I've conveyed that and it translates.

29. *What does C. L. stand for?*

A. They're initials for my real name, but my name is very unusual, and it wouldn't take long for someone to find out where I lived, etc. So if everyone will forgive me, I'll want to keep my real name under wraps for the moment. ☺ I know some people are curious and most people wouldn't do anything, but I prefer to keep it a secret as much as possible. And if a reader does know, I'll trust they'll help me keep my secret for now. ☺



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