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Included in this special download are the answers to some of your questions and information from the guys' point of view on certain topics. There's a second **cheat sheet** for download that contains spoilers—read at your own risk!



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General Series Questions

1. *When will Liar, book 2 of The Scarab Beetle Series release?*
 - A. August 11
2. *When will House of Korba, book 7 of The Ghost Bird Series, release?*
 - A. October 27
3. *Do we really have to wait until October?! I really hope Nathan doesn't screw up. And when are they going to stop underestimating her?*
 - A. October is book seven's release month. Sorry. ☺ They don't underestimate her. They want to protect her and help her. It's like saying you underestimate your boyfriend by getting between him and danger. It's not an underestimation. It's a desire to help. Could he do it? Probably. Does that mean you're going to stand aside and not do anything about it? No. You get in there and help however you can.



4. *Does Sang ever become a cheerleader?*

A. I'm not sure if she has time at the moment. There's a whole lot going on and cheerleading doesn't really work into the plot right now. I'm not saying no, it's just not in the plans at this moment.

5. *Can you put up something with pictures of all the main characters from each series please so we can see how you imagined them*

A. I hate to do this, because most people have ideas of what the guys should look like, and I don't want to tell people or show something close and then change your image of what the guys should look like. There were pictures I had originally that I was going to place on the covers of each of the books, but there's limited stock photos available and it took hours and hours of hunting for them and none were ever simply 'perfect'. Here's a link to show you what they (sort of) look like.

<https://twitter.com/CLStoneX/status/372809241091792896/photo/1>

So feel free to find images of guys you think looks like the boys. I see this regularly on forums and on Facebook and other places where readers picked out celebrities they thought looked like the boys. It's a lot of fun and I encourage it. I just don't want to sway what's already in your head (and is probably more accurate!).

6. *What is Silas's middle name?*

A. He doesn't have one. Most Greeks don't have a middle name.

7. *Does Silas live at Sergeant Jasper?*

A. No. He's at another apartment closer to Summerville where Sang lives.

8. *Is there a specific reason why Mr. Blackbourne doesn't wear cologne like the rest of the guys?*

A. He is a very clean person and doesn't see the need to wear it. Gabriel's made a few things but Mr. Blackbourne doesn't really put them on, except maybe on rare occasions just for Gabriel's sake.

9. *I loved the video C.L. Stone released for Drop of Doubt. Does anyone know if she plans on doing that for any books in the future?*

A. No current plans for videos. I've got other projects I'm working on right now. ☺ Not saying there won't be another one, but there's not a video project on my list right now.

10. *Who will receive more special moments among the boys in book 7?*

A. All of them? ☺ I fit as much as I can into each book. If they got 'shorted' in the last book, I try to give them extra time in the next one.



11. *What sort of renovations are Nathan and North doing in Nathan's house?*

A. Renovating Nathan's destroyed bathroom.

12. *How long did Mr. Sorenson have a relationship with "the other woman"? "The other woman" has her FB status listed as married to Mr. Sorenson according to North.*

A. Since before he moved down. Actually he moved Sang and the others down to Charleston to be closer to the other woman.

13. *Mr. Sorenson must have been making an enormous amount of money as an electrical engineer to be able to afford two, maybe three mortgages at one time. (Illinois house and Sang's house overlap, the other woman's house) Not to mention being able to save the large amount of money in the four savings accounts that Victor talks about in the A Report. (Account S, Account M, House Account, School Account) As well as the regular checking he had for their everyday household, that Mrs. Sorenson knew about. Is Mr. Sorenson doing anything shifty to have that much cash on hand?*

A. He never spent a lot on the girls. There wasn't a lot of furniture. Wonder why Sang's room is so bare? Wonder why he was okay with shutting off the phone? Saving what he could. He makes a good sum, but he's working hard for it. The other woman he's with works, too, so she can afford to take care of a lot on her end.

The saving accounts are designed because he knows he's got to 'get rid' of Sang. This was his way of doing it so he was never caught. He's paying to clean up his mess, and to keep his promise. To him, paying for it means making a lot of money and basically paying Sang off.

14. *When is Gabe's Book?*

A. Maybe after Silas's. I don't know yet. I have to finish Silas's book and then see. I think it might be Luke next but still not sure.

15. *Oooh I just had a random thought. It there going to be an Owen or Sean book? Because those would be awesome as well.*

A. We're going to get to all the guys eventually, and then circle around, mix them up and have additional books. ☺

Past book questions

1. *Did the conversation with Victor in the A report happen before or after Nathan kissed Sang? Noticed that it said "earlier"*

A. A Report happened about an hour or two before the last chapter.

2. *What was he saying in Greek to Rocky when he was rearranging his face?*

A. Basically what he was saying before, just in Greek, and a lot of cursing. ☺ Lots and lots of Greek cursing.



3. *Where did Silas go after he kicked Rocky's butt? Diner? He's not fixing up the house.*
 - A. He was dealing with the party goers at first, and then when it calmed down, he was cleaning up the majority while the others slept. He was sleeping when Sang got back while the others took a turn cleaning up the place.
4. *What happened with Rocky and Silas after North took off with Sang?*
 - A. Silas made Jay drive Rocky home. Rocky was still high and he was having trouble walking. Jay took him home so he could sleep it off.
5. *Saw the thing about Micah being a jerk-face kid and made me remember the sawdust pile fiasco. Sang hears Gabriel and Victor barking orders at the Micah and Tom to get home. Sang thinks it sounds like a code/different language that she can't understand. I understand she was under extreme stress at the time, but she's pretty smart. What were the boys saying? How were they talking?*
 - A. She was hearing bits and pieces of what they were saying. They were telling Micah a lot of the same thing, about protecting eyes and washing off stuff. Micah was saying he was fine and Tom was trying to intervene.
6. *Was Sang just dehydrated when Mr. Blackbourne was checking her fingers? And what was he trying to figure out by doing that?*
 - A. Your wrinkled fingertips could mean you aren't eating enough. It's why Dr. Green was asking her about eating when he examined her fingers in chapter one. Mr. Blackbourne checked again later at dinner, and her symptom there hadn't improved. He was noting she wasn't eating enough on her own and obviously needed someone to 'normalize' her eating habits.
7. *What were Kota and Silas thinking when they saw the bites in Sang's neck?*
 - A. They were confused about why they were there. Out of Sang unwilling to talk about it, they were also disappointed in that. They didn't know why she wouldn't talk about it because she usually will tell them things if they ask. Since she said she was fine, they dropped it. Considering the circumstances, they waited to ask her about them.
8. *In the gym scene right before Jade shows up in the bathroom, Karen made a comment about her manager. What reason Karen have a manager? Is it for a job or is she a professional who needs someone to manage her career?*
 - A. Karen works part time, so she'd have a manager to tell her what to do. ☺ I'm not sure exactly where. I'd have to follow her and find out.
9. *So you know how if there is need for muscle, in Ghost Series, the first person they'd call is Silas, then North, Nathan, and so on...? Well what would be the full order?*
 - A. They all can hold their own. Your enforcers are Silas, North, Nathan, then Kota and Mr. Blackbourne. The others can keep up, but more ninja- like.



10. When Blackbourne and Sean are talking with Sang at dinner did they come to the conclusion that her sickness was due to dehydration or is it something else?

A. It's lack of eating, possible she's not drinking enough water. If drinking more water and eating doesn't cure it, it's probably a deeper issue and they'd have to run further tests. The most logical (and obvious) was that she wasn't eating properly so this is why they were encouraging her to do so.

11. When Silas comes to "Sang's party" what's he thinking?

A. He's having a conniption because Sang's house is being invaded and this is very bad. The last thing any of them want is for Sang to get the wrong type of reputation at such a school and to not let the police find out about what's going on about Sang.

12. How do you come up with Sang's dream sequences, they made no sense to me until after I read up to the latest book and reread the books over did they have some kind of understandable meaning to me.

A. The dreams she had were there to show while she seems calm sometimes, she does worry a lot and those feelings invade her dreams nearly all the time. Once the boys found out (book three) she still has the dreams but I don't describe them like before, only have her tell them if they are particularly scary, like the night of the nightmare when she was at Victor's house.

13. So since I'm re-reading the books. Mr. McCoy mention about him being the like the school warden. Then in book 5 principle Hendricks mention needing McCoy because he has taken in more dangerous students and McCoy has the training and experience in handling students like that. So does that mean Mr. McCoy was maybe a jail warden once?

A. They have a history. Mr. McCoy was an old army buddy of Mr. Hendricks. They ran tactics... or something. ☺ But after that point Mr. McCoy has been with this school a long time. Mr. Hendricks doesn't think a couple of teenage professors from a bratty school could possibly do anything for this. To him, it's like they think they're so smart coming in here and trying to take over, when they'd been here for years and know the types of things kids will do.

14. I would love to know the backstory about why Erica has a rule about not setting the house on fire.

A. The boys have a history of making messes in the kitchen, (house fire with the stove) and there was an incident one time I think with Luke, a lighter and a bottle of hair spray and Victor coming out of the bathroom. As a result there was black mark on the wall and Victor was missing an eyebrow for a while. Plus one time there was Gabriel in the garage with his chemicals and setting the ceiling on fire. But he put that out quickly. :)

15. Are the guys going to go through with the prank on Danielle mentioned in Book 3?

A. They already did. :) It already happened in book three, but it was "offstage". She got angry but knew it was Micah, but she thought Sang encouraged it, so she was more angry with Sang.



16. *In Book 3 Friends vs. Family, the morning of their shopping trip, I am curious what was going through Victor's mind at Sang's house and on the way to the mall. Did he just realize Sang wasn't telling him everything and hiding things, or was something more on his mind?*
- A. She'd been lying to him that morning and he knew and he didn't understand why. She kept her distance, too, so he thought she didn't like him for some reason. He couldn't figure out why. He thought he did something wrong, which was weird because he'd been sleeping next to her. He didn't really know her that well yet so he's trying to figure her out.
17. *In Book 2, it is mentioned that Nathan saved a kid on the first day of school, was he the boy on the bench?*
- A. Not Wil, no. :) This was a different kid and he was pretty beat up, too, before Nathan broke in on the fight. We don't see this kid.
18. *In the second book when North meets Sang on the roof what does he think about her in pjs?*
- A. He didn't see too much in the dark, just shorts and a tank top shirt thing. He already thought she was cute. He likes it when she wears black, but not all black. Has to be a bit of pink or something else in there. He also likes when she's wearing something like the pink dyed shorts and the black tank top... kind of "tough girl" clothes, vs. something like Nathan likes to see her wearing sporty things, or Victor who likes the lace/fancy stuff.
19. *When the boys were trying on suits at the beginning of the first book—I was wondering what they were doing, because you said that they looked like they were laughing.*
- A. They always have a good time together. Victor was a bit distracted and Silas was pointing it out and teasing him. Kota was keeping the peace and getting them to focus so they could get back to Sang.
20. *At the beginning of the series, the guys are trying on full suits, and claim it's for school. Is it for the academy or for the public school???*
- A. It was for an Academy mission which is over now. You often see the boys doing things in preparation for missions Sang never sees. Now that she's becoming more active, she'll start seeing these things more and will talk about it.
21. *What was North thinking when he walked into the bathroom with Sang and Gabriel in it the morning after the sleepover in book 3?*
- A. He walked in because he thought it was just Gabriel. After he walked in, he thought maybe Gabriel forced his way in when she was undressed and ordering her around like he does. So he was angry that Gabriel was overstepping a boundary.
22. *I was wondering if there was a chance to get a copy of Sang's poem that she wrote in English class. I would love to see the insight that her writing would reveal.*
- A. This was something I avoided because I'm pretty bad at poetry. :) Maybe in the future I'll get around to it.



23. *What happened between Kota and Victor in book 3 at the sleepover when Kota cut in for his dance with Sang?*

A. They were squaring off because Victor didn't want to give her up and Kota was oblivious and was like "What's wrong with you, give me a turn." And then Victor felt maybe Kota was trying to say he liked her and Victor backed off, unsure about his position with Sang.

24. *Could you please talk about what all the boys were thinking and where they were plus how they all got there for the dust pile scene?*

A. I get asked this a lot, and to cover what all the boys were thinking, outside of *holy crap, we've got to get everyone out of that*, would probably take rewriting the scene seven different times. :) In general, they were concerned for everyone's safety and welfare, obviously. For as long as everyone was under, they were starting to think they were dead when they finally found Micah and Derrick. After they managed to get the boys out, it was basically a frenzy to pull Sang out without ripping her arms off.

25. *In book 4 when Sang and North were arguing and she flipped him over, Gabe said something like "mama and daddy are fighting". What was that?*

A. He was cracking a joke to ease the tension, but it wasn't working.

26. *What were Silas and North yelling in Greek at the slumber party when Sang stopped breathing?*

A. Mostly cursing at each other without thinking about what they were saying. They both meant well but they were riled up about Sang and weren't listening.

The Scarab Beetle Series/Crossover Series Questions

27. *Is Jenny, the one running for Homecoming Queen, the same person as Jenny, the ex-girlfriend of Marc? If so, will she pose a bigger threat in book 7 (like make a scene), being clingy and all?*

A. No. Different girl. Marc's ex wasn't in high school.

28. *When Corey and Axel met Sang did they leave the respective places knowing that Sang was their adopted bird, because if I remember correctly in Thief they had heard that they had adopted a bird also right? Corey seemed very interested before he even saw Luke's response to her, did he suspect before that or was he really just being a gallant academy knight?*

A. Corey is Academy 100% and just a super nice guy. Pretty girl walks in alone looking nervous and without her shoes on? He's concerned. He would have gotten Luke to persuade her to let someone take her home.

They know the team is working with a girl. They don't know her status and they don't know any potential with the Academy. They don't know she's a ghost bird. No one does at this point except Dr. Roberts and his team and Mr. Blackbourne's team. Axel and Corey aren't interested in Sang. They've got their own bird to deal with.



29. *Is it possible that Kevin's girl is pregnant?*

A. No. :) At this point, she isn't.

30. *I remember reading somewhere that CL Stone had the voices of all the boys from The Ghost Bird series in her head. I think she said it took 4 days to write the story because they wanted to be heard. I was wondering if the same was true from the Scarab Beetle series?*

A. Scarab Beetle was a bit more difficult to write. I didn't have as much time with the guys before I started writing. As a result, it took a couple of months to complete; longer than I like.

So instead of knowing instantly what they would say to one another, I learned about them as I wrote. I learn now, too, as I write them.

The Ghost Bird boys are much easier. I get into a 'mode' with one of them, and then Mr. Blackbourne is doing his thing, or Gabriel is cursing.

In Scarab Beetle, the easiest to write is Raven, because he's simple, straightforward and he talks short. Corey's next because he's friendly. The others I have to build on with their own quirks.

Other book questions

31. *I was wondering if all of your books tie together somehow. Like from Spice God I think Melody's last name is Green and she moves to North Shore. I know it's unlikely with how we found out about Sean's past. And in Smoking Gun, Celeste might tie with Victor with the upper classes.*

A. The North Shore in Spice God is based on the real life North Shore on Folly Beach. I used to live on that island, so I'm familiar with it. ☺

But Spice God's island's name is Juniper, and set in a 'alternate world' kind of where gods are walking around. So Juniper is the made up island, and Sang gets a real one, because her series is more real world.

But those who read about North Shore in Spice God will get an inkling of what will happen when Sang touches her toes to the waters there. ☺ A little homage to Tiamat. (Tia from Spice God.)

32. *Will there be more books featuring the characters from Spice God?*

A. I was thinking of doing some sequels, but the Academy took off so I never got a chance. I'll see what I can do about perhaps writing a few more, and rounding it out into a series.

33. *Have you ever watched/ read the anime series the wall flower? It's a great reverse harem. Some of the parts in the academy remind me of it.*

A. I haven't watched Wall Flower. I have seen Fruits Basket and Ouran High School and I love anime, though. :)



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