



SPOILER EDITION!

This is the spoiler cheat sheet, which is basically questions submitted to me that contained spoilers. Make sure you also read the non-spoiler sheet as it contains different information.

Just don't tell Mr. Blackbourne I let these out. He hates when I give up secrets.



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General Series Questions

1. *Is there a possibility Sang would run for Homecoming Queen? or is it too risky and she's not ready?*
 - A. They could vote her in, but Sang wouldn't want to participate. They wouldn't want her involved, anyway. Too much publicity for a ghost bird.
2. *Are both Homecoming and Halloween in Silas' book? Because it seems like book 7 starts around the 3rd week of October from the sneak peek.*
 - A. Homecoming and Halloween, I think, happen in book seven.
3. *I just wanted to know what book 7 will be about. C L said that she's done with drugs. Nathan's dad, Jade will not make an appearance in the foreseeable future and Volto for the next few books, so what will be the main conflict in Silas's book? His family? Or Gabriel's stepmother Pam?*
 - A. We'll see Silas's family and we'll be seeing Pam, too. The focus will be on Silas and his clan.



4. *Now that Sang knows the kiss rule, will she take the initiative with more of the guys or will there be more stolen kisses?*
 - A. Stolen kisses, all around. She'll nudge them a bit, though.
5. *Is Sang going to learn about the love her/lose her before all the boys accept it? Will she be waiting for some boys to accept this?*
 - A. She'll fall in love with all of them before learning this, and will struggle with not being sure how to tell them. She'll even deny it for a long time. It'll be fine, because they'll be waiting. ☺
6. *What is Silas's pet peeve?*
 - A. If he had one? General meanness, probably. He's a pretty laid back sort of guy so it is hard to bug him with anything. (Luke will try to get him to snap, like North, by tapping on things and making noises. Silas doesn't even notice.)
7. *Silas is really pushing Sang with putting his lips on hers outside the locker room. Is this a Greek or a Silas thing?*
 - A. It can be kind of both, and Sang, too. Sang wants a kiss, and she really likes Silas. She's giving off signals that this is what she wants. Silas is restricted because of his promise, but he's pushing boundaries for her, trying to make it easy. Sang stops. He gets frustrated because it's like she's teasing him.
8. *So it occurred to me- They gave Sang her own set of keys to everyone's homes and cars so... where are they? They haven't been mentioned again since she got them in book 3. Will she be using them now that she lives at Nathan's?*
 - A. She has them, but she usually never locks up the house and she's usually with the other boys when she goes home with them. She's never really had the opportunity to use them. She will, though.
9. *Will Sang have to move back into her house at any point?*
 - A. Yes.
10. *Did North's father KNOW he got Luke's mother pregnant with Luke,*
 - A. Yes.
11. *Can we expect a proper smack down of Danielle?*
 - A. Eventually. Thought she got it kind of good getting drugged like she did. ☺ That couldn't have been fun.



12. *Who is Danielle's group of friends? Does she have an activity? Not everybody has an activity in school, it seems like the ones that don't are the ones that tend to get into more trouble. Marie could hang out the band kids if she wanted, but she seems to want Danielle more. (Band kids are not nerds, for the record. Well, not in a bad way. Often they fill up the Top 10 and Top 10%. Well, a few are.)*

- A. Is being a social pariah an activity? Danielle's friends are pretty shallow. They hang out because they aren't the snotty popular kids and they aren't 'nerds', or so they think. These girls just spend way too much time worrying about what everyone else is doing. Marie is in the band, she will hang out during band with those guys but she leans toward Danielle during certain times of the day, like at lunch.

This school doesn't have a lot of extracurricular activities. Not enough money in the budget. Even the football team is second rate with their gear and stuff. Doesn't stop Rocky and the others from getting into their fair share of trouble. ☺

13. *Why can't Sang just join the Academy team?*

- A. Sang has a lot of options regarding which team she could join. Being a girl, for one, and talented like she is, and as accepting of the Academy as she has been, she stands to be a valuable player. The Academy will ask her to 'try out' a girl team. If she clicks with any of these people, she'll be invited to stay with them.

That doesn't mean she won't see the boys again, but Academy girls are kept busy, because of the limited supply. They 'shop themselves' to the guy teams when needed. They tend to be used as bait, and work their way into dangerous situations, stuff boys usually can't get into.

More than likely, there will be 'buying' Sang. Complicated, but she has the power to gain a lot of favors for Mr. Blackbourne's team just by saying, "Okay, I'll join this team, if you give all my friends 10 favors."

They want to make sure she stays with their team, by helping her to understand, by trying to get everyone to get along. Mr. Blackbourne is seeing so much potential here. He has already created one of the most diverse teams the Academy has ever seen before, and on top of that, he could end up with a ghost bird.

14. *Sang goes into appeasement mode at the drop of a hat. Has Mr B noticed this, and if not, why not?*

- A. Sang has a natural tendency to try to make others happy, but does say something when it goes too far. When Mr. Blackbourne said her game was stupid (her interpretation at the time, not really what he meant), she didn't just jump up and go, "Yes! It IS stupid. I'll read a text book." Instead, she became sad, closed her game, etc. She wanted to make him happy, but she was unhappy with the result.

This is WHY they don't consider her a danger of hero worship as much. A little hero worship is normal with everyone. People do it every day, like children with parents, or younger siblings with older siblings, etc. The difference is, do you fake who you really are?

Sang may submit to certain things on occasion, but in general she's happy-go-lucky and willing to do lots of things. If she really has a problem with something, she does say no. The other boys, too, do the same thing. Kota may not like going on hikes all the time, but when Nathan might ask for a hiking buddy, Kota will volunteer. It's just what nice people do, try to do things with other people as a give and take.



15. *Is Sang going to start wearing dresses now since Blackbourne said she should more often?*

A. Mr. Blackbourne may become more vocal about her clothing choices. ☺

16. *I have a spoiler question about Sang and birth control.....Given how things are escalating with the boys, will someone be looking into getting her protection?*

A. Spoiler: They... don't need to. The boys have their own.

17. *Will Sang be allowed to prefer one or more boys over the others as part of her own growth and healing? It seems that some of them are fulfilling roles more consistent with brother/friend/parent than potential lover.*

A. Allowed? She feels what she wants to feel. No one is forcing her. Mr. Blackbourne feels she already cares for them all. He sees it in how she behaves around them. The boys do, too. He thinks this complicated puzzle will work, and he wants it to. He's calculating if it does, he'll have the strongest Academy team ever, and besides that, his team means a lot to him, and he'll do whatever it takes to keep them together. Getting Sang out of the group now is impossible. They all care about her way too much. This was his compromise.

Sang will feel very strongly about the guy she's with in the moment. This is going to be important later on, and she'll realize this. When she's with Kota, she has to be with Kota all the way. She'll keep tabs on his favorite things to do, think only of Kota. She's already starting to do this. And she'll like to keep it that way, so they all feel special when she's with them.

She may feel stronger about this boy or that one, but only when she's with them in the moment. She never forgets the others completely. She just tries to make things fair for the one she's with.

18. *Is Nathan's jealousy going to be more of an issue now? Previously he has said that he can cope with family and Sang though he did seem to have major problems with it in this book?*

A. Nathan's jealousy is a super natural reaction. Like if you asked your boyfriend to please share you with other guys, he'd more than likely say no. (I said most likely, so no one come back and say "but my boyfriend said...")

His reactions are normal, as far as guys go. Nathan's my 'normal' guy in the group. He's strong and has skills, but his attitude is very normal guy like, if there is such a thing.

He's also dealing with his mother leaving him, so he's looking for anything to make Sang happy, and he thinks Sang wants normal things.

It takes time to adjust to the idea, and he didn't really understand why they were deciding to do this. Victor didn't really explain it well. Give it time.

19. *I wonder if the other guys will notice that she's no longer a virgin lips(:?*

A. They all know, now. There's no need to notice. Nathan accusing Dr. Green during their little tiff brought it to light.



20. *Is Gabriel's 'thing' going to be the face licking?*

A. Gabriel will claim all sorts of things. He does lick faces, though.

21. *Is there a fake birth certificate and social security card in the house for Sang from her father?*

A. Yes. The boys found the files the school has. These are not real.

22. *When will Sang learn to drive?*

A. She'll learn to drive eventually, with the boys, but she'll never get a real license.

23. *Are Sean and Owen aware of how much Sang's personality and behavior are affected by child abuse? It seems like several of the boys act out or become enraged easily, but Sang withdraws and submits and stops caring for herself. If she hadn't been abused, would she have been more playful and giggly or quiet and studious?*

A. I don't know about the boys becoming enraged easily. Some are grumpier, some react differently, but when it comes down to it, they're good kids.

It isn't that Sang doesn't care about herself. She becomes more concerned for other people. Her concern for Kota and the others outweigh her own needs, so she sacrifices what might be a more comfortable route for their benefit, just like they'd do for her. Mr. Blackbourne noticed this, too, as does Kota. At first, they thought it was she was depressed. It wasn't. She simply needed to know someone cared, and then instantly she's this loving, would do anything for you person. Not in a bad way. You'd do anything for your kids. It's just how it is.

She has moments during abuse that she's pulling away. This is how she handled her mother. To deal with her mother, she'd be quiet, take her punishment and get it done. Survival instinct is how it worked in her world.

I don't know if she'd be less shy and happier if she hadn't been abused. She's not a generally sad person, even when she's by herself. She just thinks a lot. Some people, even if they are given all the opportunity in the world to open up, don't and stay introverted. Introversion doesn't need to be fixed, it's just how a person is.

24. *I was wondering if Marie was going to end up going to the school that their father had them enrolled in for the next school year?*

A. More than likely, the boys won't let her. They don't want Sang going there, and in turn, they wouldn't let Marie go, unless Marie insists. If she did, they'd make sure she got a full scholarship to another school that isn't like the one the dad wanted them to go to. They heard bad things about that school and they wouldn't ask anyone to go there. It's more like a 'bad kid board school' than a good school.

25. *Is Gabe's mother going to be a problem with her drinking?*

A. Yes.



26. *Has Sang pushed away all the doubt Volto planted in DoD or just suppressed it? When she found out about her real mother in the third book she stopped her own mental downward spiral to comfort Gabriel. Has she thought about it again? Or is she still suppressing that? Or compartmentalizing it? Or did she work on how she feels about it "off camera"? What's the book term for stuff that happens "off camera"?*

- A. She has NOT pushed away all doubt about what Volto said. Her trust in the boys clouds her judgment a bit, and she knows this. So far, none of the boys have shown malicious intent. She doesn't have another place to go. However, she does wonder about missing people. She doesn't know how it all works, but she doesn't see them as dangerous.

Sang has been pushing back her thoughts on her mother and her life because of what's going on now. This helps her to calm her emotions about it. When something stresses her, she locks it away. Later, she can come back and look at it calmly. This is how she handles her problems. If it's too sensitive, she'll put it back and think of it later.

Later, she'll be able to talk about it with Mr. Blackbourne and the others without being too over-emotional about it. He's waiting for her.

Off camera is a fine term to use. Sometimes they say, "behind closed doors" or "between books" I think. Or "off stage".

27. *Could Derek be a part of the academy, and just switched teams? Didn't stick with Dakota's team? The way it's phrased in some of the books implies he's used to academy work. Plus the guys are scared shitless that sand is going to leave them for another team?*

- A. Derek is not in the Academy. The boys would know. They tried to include him in the beginning, but he never was part of the original team.

28. *And seriously, can we have a temporary moratorium of people going after Sang physically and abusing her? I know she's incredibly resilient, but there are limits to what even a really naturally happy person can cope with. At least go back to self-defense classes? If she learns to kick somebody's knee really hard, they won't be coming after her and she can escape.*

- A. It would be a really boring series if nothing bad ever happened. ☺ And she's not the only one getting abuse, like Nathan was, too. What helps her a lot is being around a bunch of supportive, loving guys who are there for her. It makes dealing with this better.

Sang may have down days right after, but a talk with the boys, and some healthy distractions and she's up and running again.

But the series does, and will, mix up a bit. There was her rescue of Victor in book five, and coming up, she'll be less victim and more hero.

Just be careful what you ask for, because if Sang isn't the 'victim' in the book, someone else has to be.



Past book questions

29. *Is Nathan going to run away with Sang?*

- A. Nathan's under a lot of stress right now. He thinks he's doing what Sang wants, which is a (as much as possible) normal relationship. Once things cool down, he may be more open to listening to someone like Mr. Blackbourne explain what's happening rationally.

30. *Has Victor told North/Mr. Blackbourne that he's spoken to Nathan? Will he or, does he expect Nathan to tell them he knows? If Victor has told them/will tell them that he's already told Nathan, what were/are their responses to his ...forthrightness.*

- A. As of the start of book seven, he hasn't spoken to North or Mr. Blackbourne about what's happening. There's been a lot of activity and while he's eager to talk about it, he really should go in with Nathan to talk about it, instead of jumping ahead of it.

Nathan hasn't been in the mood to go talk to anyone. He's also been pretty busy.

31. *What have the football team been saying to Silas about Rocky bullying him and his stunts with Sang?*

- A. What they do say is they are sick of Rocky. That's messed up what he did with Sang. © Guys are pretty straightforward. They probably wouldn't call it bullying. They don't really talk about how they were being picked on. When Rocky leaves, they'll shake his head, call him a jerk behind his back and then go on with what they were doing.

32. *What do you think took Dr. Green so long to go to bed the night Sang slept over? Sang said she had been laying there for hours. Did he get called in?*

- A. He was talking to Mr. Blackbourne after. They had a lot to discuss that Sang didn't need to hear about, like how they were going to help Kota's mother out, and discussing who Sang would move in with if she had to move from her home.

33. *Does Academy business keep Silas so busy that he hasn't had a chance to do anything with Sang? He asked her out a couple of times and it's been a while ago. The first day he met her really. Does he get called on a lot for favors from other teams because of his size? He's the muscle, right? Axel wanted him because he knows things about boats, so he's not just muscle.*

- A. They all get called out, or Sang is busy with someone else. Silas isn't just muscle. He's smart. He knows a few different languages (fluent now in both Greek and English, knows a bit of German), he can handle plumbing, construction with North, spy stuff, juggling Greek customs with American ones, etc. He's in the AP Biology class with Sang and can answer the questions without reading the text.

But he's got a lot on his plate, too. The diner, working with North, getting called in for favors like with Axel. If the boys aren't with Sang, it's because they've got other stuff to do, not because they don't want to hang out.



34. *What were Sean and Mr. Blackbourne talking about when Sang went to the bathroom to change (when they had dinner) and what did they talk about when Sang was in the living room playing her 3DS and Sean and Mr. Blackbourne were in the kitchen washing dishes?*

A. Mr. Blackbourne asked what was going on after Sang went to change for dinner. Sean, eventually, confessed he'd kissed her. Mr. Blackbourne started to argue with him, but once Sean made his point, he realized it was true.

Then he started asking questions about it. ☺

When she was in the living room playing the 3DS, they were having a further discussion about including her more in family dinners, how far are they going to tell her about the Academy at this point, about Dr. Green's schedule at the hospital, about the school, etc.

35. *Do we find out North's reactions when he finds out what has happened to her whilst he has been getting a tattoo?*

A. While he was getting a tattoo? Uh, let's see, she talks to Kota at the house. Then Gabriel has her 'talk' with her in the bathroom about biting and what happened with North and then they get ready to go to this club. (Just putting context here for people reading after. ☺)

So does he find out about Gabriel and her biting him? He hasn't yet. This will come up later.

36. *Is Sang still enrolled in gym class after her incident with Jade? Or will she have study hall or something instead?*

A. She stays in gym class, but Karen will keep a closer eye on her from now on. In a nice way. ☺ The boys are starting to rely on Karen a lot now.

37. *Do the other students at Ashley Waters know what happened to Sang in gym?*

A. Karen kept her mouth shut, out of respect to Sang. She didn't mention Sang by name, but she did badmouth Jade.

38. *Why did the boys leave Sang alone when she was drugged out and tied to the bed? There was like five of them there and not one stayed with her. That seemed unusual for them since they won't even let her walk to a garbage can alone. They armed Marie and Danielle so they were aware and knew there was a possibility of Mr. Griffin showing up.*

A. Sang was passed out for a while there, with nothing happening. Time was different to Sang. They'd been there for an hour with just watching her toss and turn.

They did arm Marie and Danielle, for anyone who might show up, but they thought it unlikely of Mr. Griffin, because they thought he was after Jessica. Dr. Green went to make sure she didn't need medical attention, the boys were chasing after Mr. Griffin, trying to figure out where he went. Should they go help Jessica, who is under attack? Or do they stay with Sang who seems to be safe for now and just needs to sleep?

For story purposes, it was designed so Marie and Danielle show they aren't complete jerks.



39. *What is Silas thinking when he sees Sang's neck covered in love bites? He goes silent and stares at her neck intently for some time. Is he curious, mad, jealous, disgusted, horrified, confounded...what is going on in his mind?*
- A. He was going to ask North. He was fighting asking questions because Sang looked embarrassed by it. He's also a bit jealous. He doesn't like seeing bruises on her, either.
40. *Will Jay feel the need to apologize for Jade to Sang and the guys?*
- A. I'm not sure if he knows. He knows she's been the one poisoning people. I'm not sure he'd know about Sang.
41. *Is the third guy in the Hendricks scheme someone we have seen before in prior books? Are there clues that we can follow if we read the prior books carefully enough?*
- A. You've never seen him before. If Sang didn't recognize him, we don't. We see him through her perspective.
42. *I was wondering, in the scene where Gabriel and Sang were at the diner, and Gabe said he loved her. I know he probably said it in the heat of the moment, or as a "friend", but could it be that Gabriel has come to terms with his feelings for Sang?*
- A. He says the same thing to Luke and others. It's his way of "Yay I get what I want" or "I love you but shut up". Usually it's "I love you but shut up" to the guys. It's just a phrase. He's getting more comfortable around Sang so he's saying this more openly now.
43. *What will happen to Nathan when the others find out that he told her he loved her?*
- A. We'll find out. ☺ It isn't a crime, though.
44. *What does Victor's Mother think of Sang? It's obvious she overheard quite a bit of their conversation out on the balcony. Given that she's warned Victor to be careful of gold-digger girls, what does she think about Sang?*
- A. She doesn't know Sang. The mother's concern is that this girl isn't a 'name' she recognizes. If Victor continues the relationship in front of his mother, she may do a little investigating of her own on who this girl is.
45. *How soon will Sang be staying at Mr. Blackbourne's house?*
- A. We'd have to find it, first. ☺ He's very elusive. Not even Mr. Hendricks's tails following him can find this house.
46. *They weren't able to get a hold of Sang's father and the comment was made that he answered the phone when the school called. Will they call him from the school in the next book?*
- A. They'll try different strategies. They've been a bit busy since he's left, but since Sang is moving out, and they don't have to babysit an extra house, they will prod more into Mr. Sorenson's life.



47. *Will Marie get into trouble that Sang and the guys have to get her out of or will she straighten up before that happens?*
- A. Marie may quiet down for a bit. I've got a lot to cover for the moment that doesn't involve her as much.
48. *Did Jade drug Marie and Danielle? If not, who did it?*
- A. Jade drugged Marie and Danielle. It was revenge for throwing the party. The football team basically ditched hers for Sang's.
49. *Does Nathan owe a favor too?*
- A. He will, yes. Once he talks to Mr. Blackbourne, he will have to relinquish a favor.
50. *Will Sang be afraid to really trust the whole sharing thing considering she has wanted to be "normal" for so long?*
- A. She's very aware of what is 'normal'. She doesn't understand that no one is normal and she is far from normal and she doesn't even want to be in the same ballpark as normal. The Academy isn't normal and she wants in that. The boys aren't normal and she wants them. When she accepts that normal isn't a standard to try to achieve, it's your own happiness you should be striving for, that's when she'll start to be okay with this.
51. *I feel like Nathan did exactly Mr. Blackbourne was afraid of. Going behind the guys' backs and telling Sang he loves her. Should I be worried?*
- A. Be worried. ☺ This was never going to be an easy road. They're not prone to 'easy' anyway, though. They'll be fine.
52. *So what did Jade basically do to Sang? I know but just a description in short words.*
- A. Violated her with her fingers. She was going to attempt to break her hymen.
53. *But she didn't right?*
- A. Sang is still a virgin. She fought off Jade well enough. She'll have some mental angst against girls, though. She didn't really care for girls before; she ABSOLUTELY doesn't trust them now. This will be important moving forward.
54. *After Erica sends Kota and Sang to his room he says "I know how you feel about being forced to kiss someone you don't want." What does he mean by this? When was he forced to kiss someone?*
- A. He knows she has said before about the boy who tried to kiss her in school and she wrestled with him. So he knows she doesn't like someone forcing themselves on her. This is different when you're in like third grade when boys still have cooties, and compared to now when Sang knows Kota and they both want to kiss but Kota is holding back. ☺



55. *I liked how Marie stepped up to Mr. Griffin, does this mean Sang and Marie will grow closer?*

- A. No. They don't get along. That doesn't make Marie like Jade. Marie is human, and Sang is her half sister. If Marie had found Sang in the bath tied up, she would have turned the water off, etc. When Marie was 'happy' with Sang naked in the closet, it was because she thought Sang was going to live with her dad. That's all. Yeah, the being in the closet was weird, but it was going to be over soon and she thought things would settle after. Marie and Danielle aren't perfect, but they aren't monsters.

56. *How did Mr. Blackbourne feel after Dr Green scolded him for the way he spoke to Sang about the game & everything?*

- A. Mr. Blackbourne reflected on his words. He felt bad for calling her game stupid and wanted to understand what she liked about it. To him, it was a waste of time for someone so brilliant. That's Mr. Blackbourne's way of saying, "It's unworthy of you."

But playing it for a bit, he calmed down, and understood she was trying to relax, doing what he asked. He realized she was probably trying to do it from the start, and reflected on earlier when she called him out for working hard, doing the same thing.

And then he was wishing she'd talk to him when she was upset. He needs to talk to her to know how to fix her. He started to doubt his own ability, his skill at psychology. He wasn't prepared for Sang, or the way he feels for her now. It makes him question all the stuff he thinks he's supposed to do, with the things he wants to say and do for her.

57. *Where was Kota when Greg found Sang at the hospital? I can account for everyone else in the story but not him?*

- A. Okay so he left school, went after ... the other one. The guy with the gun. He was dealing with that one. I think. ☺

58. *I am wondering, if Muriel was solely responsible for the pictures of Sang (Volto didn't seem to know about them), then how did they get on her backpack in the school office? I could see Volto pulling off something like that, but Muriel was working for the Morgan's a couple hours away.*

- A. Muriel was the only one taking photos and leaving them places. Volto didn't know until Sang said something. Muriel was at her school. North was watching Sang during that time, not her backpack.

Muriel did not stay home at that time. Victor wasn't there, so she was hunting for Victor. The last bit of photos she put out was supposed to tell Victor to come out of hiding. She used call forwarding to forward those phone calls to her cell phone. After she deposited the photos, she left for home. Mr. Blackbourne and North show up, she knocks them out. Victor shows up after, she knocks them out. Luke left with Victor from the hospital, but then changed direction at some point with Kota or one of the others. And then Luke was in a run around until he met up with Sang. ☺

59. *Does Micah like Sang now since she tried to save his life?*

- A. No. I mean he doesn't dislike her but now he's all embarrassed about what happened. He's still a jerkface kid. ;)



60. *What were Nathan and Victor talking about when Sang went upstairs and found Danielle in the bathroom, seems like they wanted her to go so they could quickly discuss something?*

A. It wasn't Nathan. ☺ Was Gabriel that time. And Gabriel was trying to dig for details on what Sang was up to, and Victor was trying to question Gabriel about if he's kissed on her, that kind of thing, how he felt. They didn't get very far in their discussion. Part of their talk was sidetracked before, too, because they had a small spot where they weren't talking, just waiting each other out to see who would talk about how he was feeling.

61. *What's Blackbourne thinking when he sees Sang and Dr. Green kissing?*

A. He never saw them, only that they were quiet in the bedroom and he was suspicious, but he never did see them kissing. He did have a talk after with Dr. Green and he was at first concerned that he might be taking advantage of her. However, Dr. Green never would, and once Dr. Green told Mr. Blackbourne about his reasons for doing so, Mr. Blackbourne later agreed he was correct, that they'd been teasing her and it wasn't right.

62. *What happened to North during the missing hours after bringing Sang home? Working out, cold showers, or just hiding out from Kota and Mr. B?*

A. He went to go get a tattoo. After, he went home, cleaned up, and eventually made his way to the diner. Part of it was hiding from Kota.

63. *I know Mr. Blackbourne said they had it covered when it came to dealing with Nathan's dad. Did that mean Nathan used a favor or that the group (Mr. Blackbourne, one of the others) used the favor to get his dad into the hospital? Or was that a continuation of an old favor where they agreed to deal with him whenever he came around?*

A. There were several favors used here. Especially with getting his dad out of town and into Singapore. Lots of strings were pulled.

64. *After the dinner with Dr. G/Sang/Mr. B and when Dr. G snaps at Mr. B. making her feel bad and even the morning scene with the game. (Which made me cry.) Mr. B. almost feels emotionally/socially stunted rather than formal. Does that make sense? While on one hand he's amazing with the boys, he's REALLY struggling with Sang. Where in previous books she feels like he knows her completely.*

A. He's a genius when it comes to human psychology. It's what he trained the boys to do. Predict behaviors. With Sang, she's not predictable. She's stunned by her parents and what happened in book three, but a week later, shorter than that, she's playing water guns with the guys. With the boys, and he's heard this with them, she'll play and act goofy one minute, and then the next she's quiet and doing her homework. She's shy until you get to know her, and then she opens up.

And he's trying to get to that point where she's open with him, and at the same time trying not to get too close. Real struggle.



65. *What are North and Gabriel thinking when Sang bit them?*

- A. They both liked it. North's was more a surprise because he didn't expect it. Gabriel did know it was coming so he was more prepared. He wasn't sure he'd like it but he did.

Nathan absolutely didn't like it. :) Not his thing. So Sang will need to learn those differences.

66. *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.

67. *Do Victor and North know that Dr Green and Nathan kissed Sang? And if so are they jealous or what happened?*

- A. They don't know about Nathan kissing her. They do know about Dr. Green now as Sang and then Nathan let that one slip. So after everything settled down a bit, Kota and North and the others are going to be asking questions. This might wait until a family meeting or the next time Dr. Green has a free moment to talk.

He has conveniently not been available up until the start of book seven.

68. *When Luke moved the console and something heavy slid, was that a gun?*

- A. It's just more spy stuff in there. Or some construction thing left inside. They wouldn't keep guns in the consoles.

69. *When Sang was high and being attacked by Mr. Griffin, she thought about how her step-mother was right and how she really should just lock herself up in a room to protect her from the world. I know it was the drugs mainly speaking, but could this thought trigger something else down the line, exacerbate her social anxiety?*

- A. After so much going on, and being drugged, this is still Sang Sorenson. She's timid around people she doesn't know. She bounces back after traumas. Her normal happy state is going to be where she ends up. She might be a little paranoid for a bit, but her normal personality is the way it is. This is what makes her a good candidate for the Academy.

70. *What were Nathan's thoughts in the pool when Sang unbuttoned her pants?*

- A. He'd been joking and trying to push a few buttons to see how she would react. He expected her to say no and then she seemed willing to do it and he backed down. He'd only been teasing her. When she was daring enough to do it, he was in a rush to stop her.



71. *Nathan--seems like he is toying with the idea of exposing his team's plan for Sang to the Academy. Is that how he's planning to stop it? And will his team find out first and put a muzzle on him?*

- A. Nathan is panicking right now. The end of book six is not normal Nathan talking. This is his dad just tried to beat up two people he loves (Sang and Erica), and himself, and now he's disappearing for a while to Singapore, and he's got Sang drugged up, and he's got all this other stuff he's dealing with. Right now, Nathan is terrified that Sang will hear of this crazy plan and will not be happy about it. He can't believe his 'brothers' would suggest it. This is probably more normal than anyone could expect. He needs to consider his options, and then go talk to Mr. Blackbourne. He may take a few days/weeks to do this. He's not going to disappear with her tomorrow, he knows that. He still wants her say on this. He doesn't even know for sure if she really cares about him in that way. He got overwhelmed. Part of this is his mother and her leaving, and he's paranoid.

The team will be facing more problems, soon, from the Academy about this, and it will have nothing to do with Nathan or anything he says. THEY ALL have to be honest with the Academy about what's going on. They can't hide her forever. Mr. Blackbourne's goal is to get them all on the same page before approaching them. Nathan knows he can't go around his Academy contact (Mr. Blackbourne). If he tries, there will be a trial and they will be investigated by other teams about what's going on and why there's betrayal.

But again, Nathan is just thinking irrationally right now. It's like with North. You have to let him be angry for a bit, let him work out why this won't work, and then approach him later when he calms down a little. He was protesting based on emotion.

Give him time. ☺

72. *I began to notice in Book 3, and more in Book 4, that when Sang is around the boys' families, only that boy will be seen touching her. Did the boys all work that out/make the decision ahead of time to do so? And how awkward is a situation like Luke/North where they share family?*

- A. This is an unspoken thing at first, until they realized what was happening and then they had to stick with it. With Luke's Uncle, they made that stand with Luke being Sang's boyfriend so that won't be an issue, but with other parents, she ends up being 'with the designated boy'.

This will be a good thing later, in a way.

73. *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.

74. *Is Sang ever going to get back the two shirts that were stolen from her?*

- A. She eventually got Nathan's shirt back because it was in the wash and when she didn't act like it was a big deal, Marie didn't know any better. Luke's shirt is still with Danielle though. They don't plan to get it back at the moment, and Luke'd give Sang whatever of his clothes she wanted anyway. :)



75. In book three when Sang and Kota are talking about Marie and Kota says he sympathizes with her with her mother being in the hospital and her father leaving to start a new family, was that because he just feels bad about her and Sang's situation, or is there a more personal meaning to this? Are we going to find out what happened to Kota's dad?

A. We will start learning more about other family members as we go, those we see and those we won't ever see. Kota's naturally sympathetic to Sang and Marie's situation, and sees how both girls are reacting. He doesn't agree with Marie's actions for the most part, but he understands why she does certain things.

76. In book 4, Dr. Green was hugging Sang before he went to work in the hospital, but he said, "If I stay here another minute, I'll probably get into trouble." what did he mean by that?

A. If he stayed longer, he probably would have kissed her then.

The Scarab Beetle Series/Crossover Series Questions

77. Whose house were the scarab beetle crew building when Kayli shot Marc? Was that a Habitat for Humanity project? Or do they have to do community service as part of their punishment for whatever crimes they used to commit? Or is the Academy building homes for some reason? If so, what is the reason?

A. This is an Academy project. They reclaimed a small section of neighborhood homes and they reconstruct them until they are safe, and then rent out to adopted Academy families. This is part of the Academy's way of helping their city.

You can't control the world. They chose the Academy as their home base. Their goal is to make it safe. There's always work to do in town.

78. I thought the Corey part (in *Push and Shove*) was cute (: Will he be friendly around her, remember her name and stuff next time they meet?

A. They may not meet again, not for a while. This was just random fanfare for the other books.

I don't see them [Kayli and Sang] as being BFF's, but once Sang opens up more I can see a need to hang out with another girl in a boy Academy group. Let's be honest, we don't know how the other Academy girls will handle them. Would they think they're being snubbed? Would they think it's disturbing they're sharing? They may be all each other has to talk to about how to handle a whole group of guys and the Academy, not to mention their pasts.

Kayli and Sang will, eventually, have a mutual understanding of one another. They may not be best friends, but there may be times when they have to work together and they'll get along better than they would with other girls.

They won't spend that much time together. They prefer their own teams.



79. *If Kevin is really serious with his girlfriend, how will that affect the group dynamic of relationships between Kayli and the other boys?*

A. Kevin's the most 'normal' and grounded out of the bunch. He's very much in love with his girlfriend. This will make Kayli joining the team complicated.

80. *Is Blake going to join The Academy?*

A. As of now, I doubt it. I don't want to say impossible, but for the immediate future, no.



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