



Included in this download are the answers to some fan questions. Make sure to check out the corresponding non-spoiler sheet – there is different information on there.

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Don't tell Mr. Blackbourne!



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General Series Questions

1. *Will Kevin get a book? Like Ghost Bird, will everyone share her, or everyone except Kevin? I'm not sure since he has a girlfriend, Mindy.*
 - A. Kevin isn't interested in Kayli. She's not his type and he's totally in love with his girlfriend. He's not going to get his own book at this point, but I never know. Right now it's just Raven, Corey, Brandon, Axel, Marc and Blake who are interested in Kayli.

2. *Will Luke and Kayli ever meet and have a thief-off to see who the better pick-pocket is?*
 - A. Probably not. :) They'll probably work together on something in the future though. And Luke might be tempted to try to steal from Kayli just to see how she reacts. That's at the risk of Kayli punching him though.



4. *Are you going to do Dr. Green and Mr. Blackbourne's books last? Or Kota's? Or are the boys just going to keep zipped about it and it'll become apparent to you when they feel like it?*

A. I'm pretty sure that Luke's book is next, and best as I can guess, Kota's, Dr. Green's and Mr. Blackbourne. Now, I could be completely wrong about Dr. Green and Mr. Blackbourne, as they might change things. Sometimes I don't know until we're pretty close to that book. After that point, we'll switch things up. It may not be North's book after that, it might be like Nathan's book or something. It depends on when we get there.

5. *In a previous cheat sheet you mentioned all the boys knew how to kiss and had their fair share of girls. However, in The Other Side Of Envy, Victor doesn't really know how to kiss, or is similar to how Sang was at the beginning. Will you explain this please?*

A. This series has changed so much from the first book when I first got to know the boys, and they seemed so experienced and mature. As I've grown to know them even better, I've learned they don't know as much as they thought, and they've all got different levels of experiences. This happens in ongoing series. Sometimes I can picture exactly what will happen, but sometimes we get to that crossroad and the boys tell me their secrets and I have to go with that.

I can make guesses, especially when people ask me questions that pertain ten or twenty books down the line, but that's all it is. The boys tell me when we get there what the deal is. I just follow along. Sorry if that's confusing. :) But it leaves room for lots of romantic surprises as we go.

6. *Also, you mentioned every boy, (Sean and Owen included,) would get a book then you would mix the order up once you got everyone. I was wondering if Owen's book would count as First Days, and if Kota's book would count as Friends vs. Family? Because North's book, Forgiveness and Permission, is the one where they first find out about the secret plan and really admit their feelings.*

A. The first three books are an intro to the series so we understand the basics of what's going on. So everyone is in the books about as equally as I can make them and no real clear focus on just one. North's book was the beginning of a 'boy focused' book, and starting with North, we'll go through all the guys, including Dr. Green and Mr. Blackbourne. And then we'll go again as the series continues. So expect another North book in the future.



7. *Is Sean slightly jealous of Sang's relationship with Mr. Blackbourne? When I was reading the scene at the beginning and Mr. Blackbourne came to pick her up I got that impression. Was I wrong?*
- A. Dr. Green is jealous of anyone who gets to spend time with her. He was really disappointed when he's got this opportunity to spend with Sang and Mr. Blackbourne interferes. He doesn't have a whole lot of time open to spare and spend with her, so when he has time but she's got to do something else, he's always disappointed.
8. *Mr. Blackbourne is still my favorite which was made agonizingly clear in this book. See, my problem is that SO MUCH happened in TOSOE and I'm dying to have a peek into Mr. Blackbourne's mind. His facial expressions, his tone, and the way he interacts with Sang give a clue to what he's thinking, but personally I'd like to be certain. So my question is, are we going to have a peek into Blackbourne's thoughts sometime in the near future?*
- A. Eventually we'll get to his book, but we've got a few more to go before we get to his. We'll also see glimpses as he opens up to Sang.
9. *I know this might be a ways off but considering the compromised position that Pam caught Sang and Gabriel in (twice) and how aggressively her relationships are progressing now that she knows "the plan" is Sang going to need to have "the talk"... and if so will Dr. Green be the one to talk to her?*
- A. I'm actually leaning toward Kota to give her the textbook version...maybe after she got an awkward talk from Luke or Gabriel when she asks. :) But I don't know so this might change once we get there.
10. *Is Sang going to have to break up with Silas since she can't be exclusive with any one of the guys? If so, how will this affect him and his thoughts about "the plan"? Will he feel betrayed and that she cheated on him because she kissed so many of the others while they were bf/gf?*
- A. Why break up with him? Why not add boyfriends? That's kind of what they're leaning toward. Nathan's asked her 'out' without really directly asking her, he just made a lot of promises but Sang's kind of clueless about relationships so she doesn't know Nathan considers them committed at this point. Silas knows the plan now, so he's going to know eventually they're kissing her. Any jealousy is going to be dealt with in other ways.



11. *Sang really liked what Lily had, the big home with the library with everyone under the same roof. Is she going to get something like this or will it be like Kota was thinking about a large plot of land with several homes on it like a compound?... Maybe even taking over a floor in an apartment building like the Sergeant General?*

A. This is something that Sang and the others will figure out as they go. My current feeling is (and this might change in the future as we go), that they'll try to live in different spots around Charleston, but eventually they figure it's easier to give in and live at least in the same house.

12. *If Dr. Green and Mr. Blackbourne are taking over teaching the boys' course work and they are planning on including Sang will they be lying and saying she's now in the Academy in order to change her schedule? If so, will Gabriel need to design her a female version of their uniform?*

A. The classes they'll arrange will now be completely Academy focused, so be prepared for a lot of high caliber things. Don't expect history or biology. Expect languages like Japanese to continue, but also lots of CPR and First Aid, basic household accounting, simplified law, gun training, how to memorize important information in a busy and crowded room, etc. Not to mention you'll be able to choose classes like violin or piano to improve upon. They always encourage taking classes in what you enjoy.

And yes, we'll probably get an outfit for Sang for class.

13. *Did Luke really not know anything about "the plan" prior to OSoE? When Luke, Gabriel, Nathan and Sang went to the club and Luke saw Gabriel nuzzling/kissing on Sang in the mirror, he seemed happy/encouraging. Was he really cool with it or was he just hiding his jealousy behind a smile?*

A. Honestly, Luke's a pretty fluid and open person. He was okay with the idea of almost sharing her with Gabriel, even if he didn't directly think in this direction. She gave him attention when they were together, so he never really thought of her flirting with Gabriel as interfering with his relationship or ideas of Sang.

But he didn't know the other guys were on this plan, and he's a little discouraged at the idea of all of them sharing her, including his brother.



15. *Did the Academy girl posing as Sang at the end of OSoE try to make a move on any of Sang's boys?*
- A. Nope, not that any of the guys would let her. None of them are really into her and she's got other interests.
16. *Will Sang confess her phobia of showers to the guys before the bathroom remodel is done?*
- A. No. Sang's going to be so wrapped up in other things going on that the bathroom will finish before she's had a chance to mention it. Victor knows a remodel is happening but he doesn't know it's a standing shower, so he doesn't think anything of it.
17. *Will Kayli get a tattoo of the scarab beetle?*
- A. Probably eventually. I don't think it'll be on her hand. It might end up on her neck behind her ear, a small one just for Raven.
18. *What did Sang and Gabriel do for his birthday while they were hiding outside of town? He mentioned the Aquarium, is that Axel's aquarium?*
- A. Yes, Axel's aquarium in Charleston is what he was thinking of. They spent a lot of the day just being lazy after the events, and then talking about how they'd confront Sang's mom and some time talking with Mr. Blackbourne about it. But they did a lot of cuddling and kissing and walking around. He really didn't care about doing anything other than hanging out with her, and would have stayed in the hotel room all day if she wanted.
19. *My question is about the boy's fake rock band. Do they just cover songs or do they do original songs as well? And when do they practice together?*
- A. Gabriel occasionally writes songs for just himself singing and playing his guitar, but the fake band only does cover songs. Kota and the others practice a few songs on occasion they can do covers of. They're pretty mediocre. They do well enough they don't get rushed offstage for being bad, and they try not to perform too well that people start recognizing them and asking them to play for them. That's not what they're really into doing. :)



21. *I'm curious about the dynamic between Luke and North. North acts like the big brother - protective and a bit mothering even. He is the younger of the two though. How did this relationship develop? And why is Uncle so cold toward North?*

A. North's more mature. It's just the way he is. Luke's playful and reckless and North is mindful and while rebellious, he's more rational at times. It just developed when Uncle was busy and Luke was getting into trouble, it was North that was looking out for him.

And Uncle is worried North is trying to steal Sang away from Luke. He's got a right to be suspicious! Uncle doesn't know of any plan. All he sees is the way North looks at Sang when she's around, and how he talks to her. He doesn't talk to any other girl like that.

22. *I read the cheat sheets and I was wondering if Luke and North have the same dad but different moms, or if Luke's dad left his mother while she was pregnant with Luke, but then got together with another woman who was already pregnant with North.*

A. They are step brothers by way of Luke's father married North's mother after she was already pregnant with North. We don't know who North's father is at this point. :)

23. *I heard from the forum that six of the guys aren't virgins any more, is this true? If so, does that mean that some of the guys started doing it around age fifteen since at the beginning of the first book there were still people who were fifteen (e.g. North, Gabriel, and Nathan) and it seems unlikely that they hooked up with someone while Sang was there, so they probably had sex before they met her.*

A. The guesswork keeps going on! The truth is... I could make a guess but I could end up at a scene and discover something else is true. That's the problem with writing with the guys. Sometimes they just don't want to tell me until we get there. I have a guess as to who is a virgin and who isn't, but I could be completely wrong when we get there, too. :)

None of the boys have been romantic with anyone while they've known Sang. Any and all relationships they might have had were prior to her.



25. *I was just wondering if you already have a boy in mind who would take Sang's virginity? And if you do, would you tell us? Or is it difficult to choose between the nine of them. I think it should be Mr. Blackbourne because he cares about her the most even though he tries to deny it. He seems like the one who wouldn't pressure her and who would teach her but also make sure that she doesn't do things as an order and not to worry about being awkward.*

A. Nope and nope. I don't know. I can speculate but then it might change and then people will go "but you said it would be this person!" if the boys happen to change their minds.
We've got a long stretch of road before we ever get to that point, so I don't even want to consider who. I've thought of who might, but I was wrong about the first kiss when we got there, and was as surprised as everyone else about Dr. Green. So we'll just have to wait and see. :)

26. *Are Sang and all the boys ever going to go on vacation together in the near future?*

A. :) Soon. Sort of. It's complicated. You'll see.

27. *Will Sang ever stay at Mr. Blackbourne's home?*

A. Eventually down the road, yes. The only reason she's not going over there now is he's followed a lot by Hendricks's goons, so he's more careful about that.

28. *Recently I have realized that in the books the boys sans Mr. Blackbourne, Mr. Green and perhaps Silas (because it was mentioned that he was perhaps held back a year when he came to America from Greece) are all under the age of 16. I was wondering if maybe they have special Academy IDs and therefore can drive cars by themselves or if they just try to be extra careful.*

A. Silas is sixteen at the start of this, so he's 16. They all have normal driver's licenses, unless they were 15 at the start of the books, in which case they had driver's permits. In South Carolina, you can drive at 15 with special circumstances and rules. One of those is you can't be driving after sunset. :)

29. *Is Raven bisexual?*

A. :) The question everyone is wondering. I'm leaning toward yes, but Marc might still be the one to surprise me and say he is.



30. *Are we ever going to learn Raven's first birth name? Not because I don't understand his reasons for not giving it (that scene brought near tears to my eyes.) but because I'm a morbidly curious person by nature and it is something that would bug me.*

A. Raven's not going to reveal his first name until Kayli finally bullies him into it. :) Won't that be fun?

31. *In Thief, Corey's sexuality was talked about and Kayli mentally notes how hot she thinks Raven kissing Mark is. Topics such as this have been also briefly mentioned in liar when Corey discusses who he likes. I was wondering since the relationship would have to be polygimistic would the boys get with each other as well.*

A. Corey is very interested in one of the other Scarab Beetle boys and he's certainly thinking of a 'triangle' at this point. It's a selfish bit of day dream for him to have both the people he's into in the same relationship. And looking forward, it'll probably be Corey who is the accepting one and convinces the others that it's okay if everyone sort of shares Kayli. He's a smart bean. He's very flexible in his thinking. He just doesn't want to be excluded.

32. *I wanted to ask if you were at all worried about your portrayal of Future? Also, do you use feminine pronouns to refer to Future in reference to how Kayli perceives Future, how Future perceives herself, or how you perceive Future? I know that more obvious characters such as Future, Gabriel, Corey and Karen (to name a few) defy heteronormative concepts/ideas of both male and female sexuality but is this just a reflection of today's youth being more accepting of the LGBT community? Or are you consciously trying to create and convey levels of acceptance (and/or tolerance) as your novels are geared towards YA readers?*

A. I really feel kids today are generally more accepting. Like Kayli perceives Future as a girl, as that's what she assumes Future wants to be thought of as and is willing to think like that. And I feel kids like Gabriel are more comfortable being who they are, a guy that likes fashion and hair. It doesn't define his sexual preferences. He just likes it.

Not to make the books a statement for that kind of thing. I just feel kids are generally more accepting and folks in the Academy are very accepting of differences. They're just who they are. Normal. If you treat it like it's no big thing, it's just the way they are, then maybe we aren't so focused on 'issues' and simply just tell a realistic story.



33. *Is Sang ever going to have to move back into her old house with her sister? They did all that work in the attic and then she just had to leave...*

A. Yes, she'll be back in that house at some point.

34. *Are the Scarab books ever going to discuss Jack's abuse of Kayli? I kind of want Raven to go back there and beat him up or something.*

A. We're probably not going to see much of Jack at this point and beating up Jack won't change the past. They want her to stay with them, which is good enough. Her distrust in others is something they'll be dealing with regularly now.



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