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1. *When is the next Ghost Bird book, Love's Cruel Redemption, going to be released?*

A. At this point, I don't know, and I often am not sure anymore at least until a draft is done. My guess is this winter but it could be sooner or later. ☺ It depends on a few things, including that Meeting Sang: Silas, will be out before LCR.

2. *Whose book will it be?*

A. We're going to mix things up, shaking the line up by going through the guys again. Nathan will be headlining LCR. You'll be able to tell whose book it will be as the point of view will be of one of the guys.

3. *When will Tempest, the next Scarab Beetle book be released?*

A. This one will come out after LCR. Part of it is due to momentum, I had already started working on LCR right after the last book so I wanted to keep that going until it was done. And the other part being SB books are possibly going to be wrapping up in a couple more books, so I'm having to go through and catch any loose threads.

4. *What about Silas's chapter of Meeting Sang?*

A. As of July, my schedule is: Meeting Sang: Silas, Love's Cruel Redemption, and then Tempest. Dates are not solid but if you're subscribe to the newsletter, you'll be the first to know when the release date is.



5. *When will Friends vs. Family be released in audio?*

- A. Audio has actually changed for me. While Friends vs. Family was getting set up to be released, I was approached by Brilliance Audio. I went over with them what they could do for the audiobooks, and I liked that they could release all of the books so far within a couple of years. That was far faster than I was going to be able to release, as I could only do one a year after the books started getting so big.

Brilliance Audio has done some amazing work with authors before, and I think they'll be able to push books to libraries as well.

6. *Going forward, will the books continue to follow both Sang from 1st person and just one of the guys from 3rd?*

- A. Yes. I like the perspective we get from one of the guys and how we can learn more about what is going on. There was so much that Sang wasn't privy to that had to be explained afterward. I thought it was better to change it up to see from a guy point of view. I like the challenge and I'm loving the format. We can now see exactly what goes on in some cases, like when Dr. Green and Mr. Blackbourne are sneaking up to the bedroom. Instead of trying to guess it out from Sang's point of view, we can now see it all happening directly.

7. *The favors from Sean and Owen's mission at age 10 appear to still be available. Are they counted separately from the rest of the teams' favors?*

- A. The team doesn't have favors. Each person has their own favors, and are accounted for separately. While Dr. Green and Mr. Blackbourne could loan out their favors to their teams, it has to be a very good reason. This is for self reliance and so no one can eat up favors from the rest of the team and not earn any on their own.

Since the age of 10, however, Mr. Blackbourne and Dr. Green have spent many favors gathering the team they have now. Just like how they spent favors on Sang and getting her out of her place, they spent a lot on Kota and the others. They have enough to still be considered graduates, but they, too, are starting to see the bottom of the barrel. They earn more doing things like helping those Mexican children find new homes, but Sang is getting to be pretty costly to protect. And people like Nathan are still spending favors on people like his dad to keep him away.

8. *Why was Carol ok with Jimmy sleeping in Sang's room?*

- A. She honestly didn't think Sang would pick Jimmy over her own sister, but then Sang didn't pick either and asked to sleep in the attic space. Carol thought this was weird, and did wonder why. But she trusts her own son with being able to keep his hands to himself and since she was planning on moving soon, where they slept didn't really matter.



9. *Why was Jimmy so eager to share a room with Sang?*

- A. Because he wants to fit in and now he has a sister, which he didn't have before. With the sudden discovery his soon to be new step dad had children, he wanted to just get along with them as much as possible. He had to sleep somewhere, also, and it was either taking over Sang's room or Marie's. But he didn't want to kick her out, so to speak. And with how bitter Marie was, he was okay with Sang just sharing the same space.

10. *What was your favorite scene to write?*

- A. I always like scenes where the guys are fighting, but especially when Dr. Green is getting heated over Sang, and he is having it out with Mr. Blackbourne. The arguments are so tense sometimes, and Mr. Blackbourne usually remains so calm. It was fun to see him for once showing that burst of emotion when he felt he couldn't do anything. That's rare form for him.

11. *Did Kota get anything cool for his birthday?*

- A. Sang. ☺ She's pretty cool. And he got to hang out with his friends. Most of the guys don't really ask for 'things' any more. Christmas they kind of go overboard with it. Most of the time they just want to do something together for special days.

12. *Why was Carol ok with Marie dating Sean, but not Sang?*

- A. She was honest with what she said. Carol pretty much speaks her mind. She thought Sang to be too young for dating, and also that she should marry off Marie before she marries of Sang. She wasn't too impressed with Sean either. He's nice, but questionable origins doesn't impress Carol at all. ☺

13. *Would you consider doing a Facebook Live to answer these questions?*

- A. I sometimes do Facebook take overs, but I like being able to answer questions where the most people can see them, and not everyone is on Facebook. ☺ But I have been thinking about different ways. I am also kind of shy. ☺ And an introvert, so there is that. I don't do a whole lot of interviews either. ☺ Usually just any where I can type out answers like this.

14. *When did Mrs. Sorenson come back from the Mayo Clinic in Florida?*

- A. She has been in Charleston for a while, like where a couple of books back, perhaps in Envy, they go to visit Sang's step mom in the hospital. At some point when the specialists in Mayo were certain she was okay to stay at a normal hospital, they sent her to the Academy hospital for continued treatment. A lot of what she needed was just testing for her condition. Once testing was done, treatment could continue anywhere.



15. *What happened to the bracelet Victor gave Sang?*

- A. It is most likely in Nathan's house, along with the collection of other things Nathan has kept there. She doesn't wear it often, fearing she'll lose it or break it given everything they go through.

16. *Has Sang ever been on a plane before? Or did she drive from Illinois?*

- A. Nope, never been on a plane. Her dad drove the family from Illinois when they moved.

17. *How did you come up with all the names of characters in the books?*

- A. Some were dependent on the character. Victor, for example, needed a distinctive 'rich guy name', and Victor made sense. Also part of the name was from a friend of mine who reminds me very much of Victor. Morgan, obviously for the Morgan dollar, made sense for a last name. For someone like Nathan, he's my 'normal' guy in a way, so he got a very average name. In a similar way, all of the characters ended up with names I thought fit the personalities nicely, or seemed to work given their parents history.

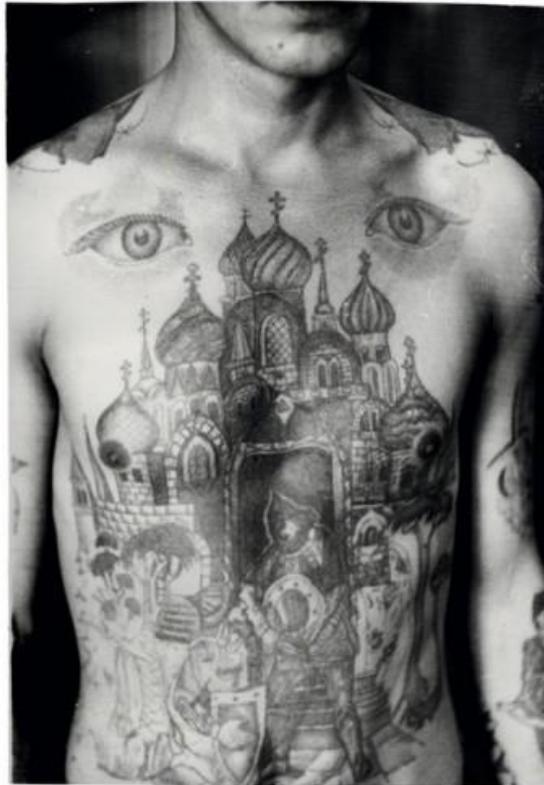
18. *Who reconnected the house phone? Marie? The guys?*

- A. Marie had her father reconnect it at some point.

19. *Didn't the attic space have rose sconces?*

- A. It does and I may have forgotten that part. ;) But unless you turn the light on, you don't notice it. The switch is inside, and I imagine Sang wouldn't want to just alert Jimmy that he could turn the lights on if someone was hiding in the back. We'll pretend Jimmy never noticed them.

20. Regarding Raven's tattoo in the Scarab Beetle series. I love how you described it in the book, but I would like to see how you envisioned it in real life.



The bear is like the image above, except on his back.

Other tattoos are similar, and I picked out ones that made sense given their meaning to Russians, especially guys in prisons and what they would mean. Like the towers on his chest.



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