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Don't tell Mr. Blackbourne!



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**Warning – spoilers ahead!**

*1. Have you decided about more Academy spinoffs? Lily's story or...?*

A. Yes! Although after Ghost Bird, you might see me take a year off before coming back around (getting the guys out of my head so I can write fresh), but Lily will get her own book. It might be just one book, or it might be two, it depends, but it won't be a long series.

There's two "Sang" Sequels planned. Another mini series (like the Meeting Sang Series) that shows the cast shortly after high school, and another small series (I think maybe three books) where you'll see Sang and the others but it's not 'her' series and it's 17 years later.

You'll also see characters in future series if books are set around Charleston. It might not be Academy books, though. Similar to Academy characters showing up in the Charleston's Leading Ladies series. I like random appearances of other characters. 😊 So if I end up writing more books around Charleston, you'll probably see those characters popping in.



3. *Would Mr. Blackbourne ever consider being a doctor? Or would any of the boys in the Scarab Beetle series consider being doctors?*

- A. Mr. Blackbourne's interests professionally have been in gardening (breeding roses, specifically) but as roses can mostly handle themselves as they grow, he's considered other occupations, but never being a doctor. He could, he's smart enough, but he doesn't have the desire to be.

I think the closest you'd get to anyone else being a doctor would be Axel, but he's far more interested in animals. He'd be a vet but he prefers to go out and find the animals himself that need help, and setting up methods to prevent animal harm. (Particularly sea life.)

4. *Is there anything important in the shed at Sang's house?*

- A. Probably! 😊 We'll be finding out soon. We'll certainly know by Gabriel's book.

5. *I am aware that Mr. Blackbourne already had his point of view in the A Report at the end of First Days, but will he actually get his own book like Sean did in Black and Green?*

- A. Yes! We're saving that one for the very end. So his book will be the last. He also has the very last line in the entire Ghost Bird series so it had to be him. 😊

6. *Is the Academy going to find out about Sang's relationship with the guys soon? Will Erika find out about them all?*

- A. The Academy will know soon. How it happens will be very interesting.

Erika may not learn about all of them until much later. She may not ever know. Uncle and Charlie and Pam and Mrs. Midori might never find out ever. Obviously the parents and relations that they don't wish to be in contact with after they leave home may never really see them again anyway. The ones they love and care for, it might be hard for them to understand this relationship dynamic, especially while they are still young. Maybe in a few years...

It's one of those things where after they've moved out, while they might see family, they won't be around enough to possibly notice what's going on.

They won't be ashamed of their relationship as much as with the Academy, too many people knowing about their relationship might prove to be very dangerous for them.



8. *What is Lily's opinion of Sang?*

A. It's hard to get to know Sang. She finds it difficult to trust people and open up to them.

About the relationship specifically, Lily can see Sang is struggling but Sang has gotten much further with this relationship than others Lily has met in the same ordeal. She'll want to warn Sang that relationships aren't perfect, and at the end it may not be the same as when it started, but relationships are all about trust. No trust, no relationship. So they all have to learn to trust that when Sang says she's here to stay and who she loves and who she wants to be around, the others will learn she's not going anywhere. And vice versa. That's how they can progress.

9. *What was Mr. Blackbourne thinking when he was waiting for Sang in the music room to discuss her finding out about Lily and her team? Was he nervous? At that point how invested does he feel with his relationship with her?*

A. Mr. Blackbourne and Sang have a very unique relationship. He wants to get to know her slowly, and wants to share things about him slowly. And he has to do that as 'leader' of their group and as a 'teacher' but also as someone she can turn to for help. He does things slowly on purpose so to assure this is not a relationship built from him being 'a person in charge' and her feeling she 'has to' but from a place of genuine feelings. But he also has to balance not just their relationship but also the group and how they are holding everything together. Asking someone he doesn't know to get involved in his team makes him unsure, but seeing how Lily is the only other person who also is in the Academy who has gone through this successfully, he's been willing to take this chance.

Mr. Blackbourne would never share things like the lake location he brings her to on occasion or that he takes lunch for him and his dead mother on his birthday every year with someone he didn't care for and want to develop a strong relationship with. Not even Dr. Green has seen him do this.

10. *Could they purchase the house Uncle is fixing up and fix it up for themselves? It's private, not too far out and they can get them all under the same roof, when it comes time. Gabriel, Silas and Sang can move in now, Luke and North are already there. The others can move in later as they need or want to. Also, they can add on if needed. It seems like a good idea and I don't think Uncle would have any problems with it.*

A. Could you imagine all of them living under the same roof and not getting into daily arguments? They'd probably kill each other. We're going to need a different sort of set up. 😊



12. *Will there be Academy crossover with the Evelyn and Celeste series?*

- A. Yup! And also in Rainee and the ending final book where they all come together. (If you see Academy characters in Evelyn, Celeste or Rainee, they will be in the last book as well.)

If I ever write another series based in Charleston in the future, you'll probably see quite a bit of the same people. They all live in the same fictional Charleston world so we'll get to have them pop in now and again.

13. *Do you have Mr. Blackbourne and Sang's first kiss somewhat planned out?*

- A. Yes. 😊 I already know basically how it'll happen. While I've shifted first kisses around for the others to be sooner in the books (at their request), Mr. Blackbourne has been true to his timeline the entire time. He's very patient.

14. *I am eager to know their pasts as much as I want to know their future. I want to know their backstories. You've given us some glimpses but I can hardly wait to know more. How did they become part of the Academy? Were any of them specifically sought out for the Academy? Most of them grew up together, but were any of them hesitant or reluctant to join?*

- A. This is a very in-depth question and we'll get more glimpses as to how they came around within the books, maybe not every detail but we'll see how Dr. Green and Mr. Blackbourne got 'discovered'. We kind of know how Mr. Blackbourne found the others. We'll at some point see how Kota became family lead (most likely North's book, it's his story, he should tell it).

15. *One time Mr. Blackbourne said their group was unique because they were all from broken homes, but at camp it was like they all were. But Axel's team aren't from broken homes but criminal backgrounds. Is anyone there that just happens to be Academy awesome but from an awesome family too?*

- A. Usually if you're awesome and from an awesome family, you're not needing a secret underground vigilante group to feel a part of and to help guide you. The Academy's only real goal is to guide kids with very difficult situations and get them into a good situation. This might be as simple as learning kids are with abusive parents and convincing that parent to go to therapy or seeing how to remove the child to be with good family members. That doesn't mean everyone they help joins the Academy, but some of those that they help stand out as they are willing to take risks to give back to people. The Academy will invite them to try out.

That's not to say well rounded kids with good parents can't help. They might bring in help from normal good kids for the occasional project, but those kids probably already have parents, good activities etc. they can participate in.



16. Why does Mr Blackbourne grieve about his mother on his birthday?

A. Because she died on his birthday.

17. In what order would you put Sang and the boys from most jealous to least jealous

A. Jealousy is a bit complicated because it comes and goes, and like Mr. Rogers would say, it's okay to experience a little jealousy once in a while, and to even express it in some way.

The one who has a really hard time with jealousy and is jealous most often would be Sang. Any time the guys get around other girls, she's usually pretty 'on guard'. She may not say it but she gets more nervous. Even if the other guys don't do things with other girls, if a girl shows interest, she can't really handle it.

A lot of that is abandonment issues, obviously caring very much for the guys and having a hard time with being afraid they might not like her as much as another girl. The closest second to Sang would be Nathan, as he totally relates to the whole fear of abandonment after his mother left at an early age (in the care of his abusive father).

There are other jealousies, like Victor gets jealous of Gabriel and the others often (probably the most jealous but not over Sang specifically, just wants to be more like the others). The others similarly get jealous about Sang and usually it's lovely to see. (Gabriel and Silas jealous fight with Sang coming up is glorious. Just wait! 😊 I've been waiting for them to do this fight since 2012.)

I'd like to just repeat that even in traditional two people relationships jealousy happens on occasion. It's a normal reaction, but after your first gut reaction, it really boils down to "I need more attention from you and also I fear you'll leave for good", and it gets better when we learn to trust the other person. Some of the characters (like Nathan) have been abandoned by people they really, really loved (his mother) so it's very, very hard for them to come around but it takes time and patience and for the individual feeling jealous to understand not everyone will abandon them.



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