

Included in this special download are the answers to some of your questions and upcoming release info. Past sheets are available on my website: <a href="http://clstonebooks.com/goodies-and-giveaways/">http://clstonebooks.com/goodies-and-giveaways/</a>

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- 1. When is the next Ghost Bird book, Unsung Requiem, going to be released?
  - A. I'm never clear on dates unless a rough draft is done. As of now, the books to be released will be: Tempest, Meeting Sang: Nathan, Unsung Requiem, in that order. So be sure to look for a date after Meeting Sang: Nathan comes out.
- 2. Whose book will it be?
  - A. Victor's! See the theming with the music? So far the books that focused on the boys have been themed to their personalities. The doc played a hero. Nathan had his own personal horror story. Victor's has a music theme. It's a great way to get a change of pace with different books since their personalities are so varied.
- 3. When is the next Favored?
  - A. It took a while to prepare the first one, but I work on it and extra stories during free time and on the weekend. The stories are shorter and easier to write since they lack the same very detailed structure of Academy books. And since Favored is based on an old manuscript I'd worked on years ago, I'm basically re-writing from that. It's just taking time since spare time doesn't really pop up often. No date yet, but it is being worked on (along with other stories I've been juggling in my spare time alongside Academy books).



- 4. When will Tempest, the next Scarab Beetle book, be released?
  - A. I am working on this right now. As it's the second to last book, I'm combing through past books to source out any loose threads, both obvious and unobvious to the readers. (Things I left in the books to play with later.) I'm not sure of the date but stay subscribed to the newsletter or keep an eye on the clstonebooks.com website.

I know that's not \*much\* of an answer when I basically say I don't know, but in the past I used to guess and then when I was wrong people got upset when it wasn't out. So I try not to say exactly until I know. I am working on it and I give updates on the blog at the website when possible to keep everyone up to date. The newsletter and the website are the only two sources to trust about release dates! If it isn't on the page or in the newsletter, it's just a rumor.

- 5. What about the next chapter of Meeting Sang?
  - A. I'm actually working on this at the same time as Tempest. When I get stuck on Tempest, I'll work on this to give my brain a break with something else to do. If Tempest isn't out by Christmas, I'll release this at Christmas. Sound cool? I hope so. (3)
- 6. When will Black and Green and Love's Cruel Redemption be released in audio?
  - A. <u>Black and Green</u> and <u>Love's Cruel Redemption</u> are out now! They're available at Amazon, Audible, iTunes, and Scribd click the links above to go to my website for all buying options.
- 7. Rather late in my umpteenth reading of the series, I realized that there are cameras in the Taylor house. If uncle is in the Academy, I wouldn't expect he would be the type of person to harm Luke or North. So here is my question... why are there security cameras in their house?
  - A. The house was derelict for a long, long time and there were hobos who lived in it. It's also very isolated. Isolated houses are prime targets for break-ins from thieves. They've had break-ins after they bought the house so they had the cameras installed. It's probably a good thing to have some when you don't have neighbors around.
- 8. When North catches Luke kissing Sang, if I remember correctly, he covers his waist with a cushion and I think Gabriel did the same when Pam caught him with Sang, it's because they were having problems down there, right?
  - A. YUP! They are human, after all. 😂



9. I was talking about Academy stuff with one of my book buddies and I wished the guys would say, "as you wish" again like they did early in the series. In my memory most of them had said it to Sang and she didn't remember it that way so I looked it up. Nathan said it twice in Introductions and in Friends & Family Kota said it at the Eskimo kiss request and Victor said it in the beanbag. I thought Owen had said it but couldn't find it anyplace.

I wondered if a few of the guys watched the movie together? She wondered if you realized three of the guys had said it. So, will anymore of the guys say it? Have we reached our Princes Bride quota?

- A. I'll lose my geek card with this, but I've never actually seen Princess Bride. :D I've heard that quote was from there but I've never actually watched it. I just used to add it in. So they could have watched it? I've no idea of the guys will say it, unless it just comes out naturally in dialog somewhere. (On a funny note, I was just rereading Thief myself and noticed one of the guys said it in that book, too. (3)
- 10. Is there a way that's we could get like a calendar of things that happen? In both Ghost Bird and Scarab Beetle? Like the shower scene with Sang on North's Birthday, when she meets Corey, and all the other crazy hectic events that happen?.
  - A. This is a kind of project I probably should have done as I was going but writing the books takes a while as it is. 
    But in the future when I've got some time, I'd like to make a big reference book/website/thing that has things like character notes and timelines and really break things down. I probably should do it within the next few months so I'd have all my notes in one place. :D
- 11. Do the boys love Sang so much as to give their lives for her? For example if someone shot her would they get in the middle? I hope not to give you ideas with this
  - A. Haven't they already? Well not given up their lives, but they have dived in to save her so many times, I don't think any would hesitate. Sang wouldn't hesitate either, she'd dive in to save them, too.
- 12. Why was Jay "approving" Sang when she was with Silas and had her uniform on?
  - A. It wasn't the uniform. It was he was admiring she was smart to get into the prep school thing. He'd been upset with her over Jade. He knows what happen since he's her brother so at first he was upset because you know...his sister. You want to defend her. But he knows what Jade is like and this was kind of a relief of guilt that Jade might have messed up Sang a bit. Like now it's a she's going to be okay. He'll voice this later.



- 14. In the first omnibus (I don't recall which book), when the guys fought, they all got an hour or two of unifying calisthenics. Specifically, they all worked at the same pace, from Silas through Gabriel. When Sang is more fully integrated into the team, if they get another workout/reminder session, she is going to be much more challenged than the guys- she is in nowhere near the physical shape that they are. How will the team change that up, to keep the unity going be fair, yet not really punish Sang with a workout that would not strain any of the others?
  - A. Sang's physical fitness may not match the others, but she'd jump in and do her best. Most likely Kota would be the one nearby her, instructing her and the guys would slow down their workout for her a bit. Or they might try other physical activities that she can keep up with. The point of the exercise isn't the exercises. It's doing something with a singular focus at the same time that doesn't involve any decision making other than following instructions and doing it together. It could be they do this for longer at a slower pace than do it all in an hour. They already slow down a bit for people like Gabriel and Luke, who aren't in the same physical condition as the others.

## 15. How is Sprinkles doing?

- A. Pooping in places where he shouldn't! (a) He really likes North's laundry basket. Particularly the clean stuff.
- 16. I'd like to know a bit more about my favorite boy, North. Why did he end up on Luke and Uncles doorstep that night? Where was his mom? Why is she never mentioned? What are his demons? Does he still talk to his mom?
  - A. North was getting involved in bad things over in Europe when Mr. Blackbourne was tracking him down. Mr. Blackbourne gave him an option to escape it all and go to America, but he refused to do it until they got Silas over. When they got Silas to America with his family, North more or less followed because he said he would, but the reason to get him out was his parents were basically leaving him to his own devices which was getting him into trouble. His mom's busy trying to keep North's dad's attention on her and his dad works and spends a lot of time with guys at the bar. They aren't bad people in a sense that they were beating him, just negligent of raising their kid like a kid instead of leaving him to do his own thing in a way.

His demons? All the boys have some personal issues. His issue is with trust. He rarely trusts people, partially from learning from his parents that trust his earned, not just given, even if you're family. He doesn't really talk to his parents and they don't really call him. They're too busy with their lives and he's got his own team now, plus his brother and uncle.

- 17. Erica... is the USMC shirt she wears often hers? Was she a Marine?
  - A. Her ex-husband was, but she felt she earned the shirt after enduring what she went through with her husband.



- 18. I read a bit about where the Reverse Haram idea comes from on your newsletter. But is Sang actually Asian?? With all the underlings of Asian stuffs, I picture her as Asian. But the way she's described in the book doesn't seem so. I'm just having a hard time picturing her. Just curious what you picture.
  - A. She was born in Illinois with American parents, but I like that people can picture her however they'd like. I left a lot of her features kind of blank for that reason, so people could picture themselves as her or they could picture someone they'd like as her. That's the beauty of books. You can more or less picture the people in stories as you like. Your brain will fill in sometimes and it makes the story unique for you.

While I based the series romance idea off of a few of my favorite reverse harem games and anime, I'd wanted to Americanize the team and base them here. That's kind of the role of writers, to get inspired by different things, make changes, make things their own. I like mixing and matching and seeing what happens and being different than what other people are doing and what people expect.

- 19. What made Nathan stop and look in Ericka's car when he found the Volto mask?
  - A. He was at an angle that there was this weird light that showed the floor of the seat clearly. That showed something sticking out under the seat of the car. He happened to know she kept the car pretty clean so he thought maybe it was something that slid under there and with all that had happened, he didn't want to dismiss it. I noticed this once on my own car, being able to see the seat and the floor because of some odd reflection light physics reasons and thought it was a nice time to use it. ③
- 20. How far did Danielle go with Nathan? He seemed traumatized with her just standing next to him with her shirt off.

She basically cornered him and tried to touch him and get him to kiss her, like trying to hook up with him. He rejected her, wasn't interested. And it wasn't so much at the time she was trying to touch him, but this thing to where she'd threatened to tell people it was the opposite, that he tried touching her if he said anything. He did tell Kota at the time but it was one of those things that happened a few years ago and he more or less moved on until she was around him alone in such a way. So he was always paranoid of being alone with her because it wasn't beyond her to do something and lie about it later with people or reach out to touch people when they didn't want her to. She's hung up on him for some reason.

- 21. Does Nathan get a trip to the spa after his car accident like Victor did?
  - A. If only Nathan appreciated the spa like Victor did. (a) I don't think he could relax. Maybe if Sang was giving spa treatments. Some people just aren't into spas as others. (a)



- 23. Do the boys skate, like ice skate? And will we see them skate?
  - A. I don't think so? It's the south so there isn't much snow and ice. There is a local ice hockey team but they haven't been interested. Brandon and Corey were part of a team for a while.



If you're new to The Academy and would like more spoilers and to meet some other people who also enjoy them, there is a special Forum for fans. I am active in this group when I'm not busy writing and answer questions there as I can, but beware—parts of the forum are full of spoilers.

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