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For how long did Tristan say there had been Ragabonds?	Over a hundred years	112
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What pros and cons of being a Ragabond did Virginia point out?	You didn't have a mother to tuck you in at night, but you never woke up alone.	115
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What was the pledge the Ragabonds made while sitting in a circle around the Always and Forever book?	They each said what they were not: I'm not useless, I'm not unwanted, I'm not scared, I'm not lonely, I'm not abandoned, I'm not trash; then they said what they were: I'm a Ragabond; Always and Forever	119
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What did signing one's name in the Always and Forever book signify?	It was a solemn vow never to betray the Ragabonds' trust and never to tell their secret	120

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Why did it confuse Mr. Skinister when Colt told him he should bottle and sell his Alfredo sauce?	There was no meat in it.	135
What did Colt tell Mr. Skinister was the reason pea soup was better than roast beef?	Anyone can roast beef.	135
Why did Ravani always hate the Red River Raft Race?	Because he really DID want to do it but never had friends to do it with.	137
What words did Colt always want to be able to use?	Lay it on me, old man	138
What plan in the Always and Forever book taught Ragabonds to avoid suspicion?	Hiding in plain sight - blending in to the scenery, so people were accustomed to seeing them	139
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Why did Virginia want a coffin with a lining inside for their boat?	It looked comfier	145

Why did Ravani realize the coffin was perfect as a boat?	It was streamlined	145
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What color did Ravani and Virginia paint their coffin boat?	Bloody cherry red	157
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What was the name of Ravani and Virginia's boat?	Creepy Freak	158
What did Ravani's mom make and bring over to the Deerings house?	Banana bread	159
What rule did Colt tell Benjamin they would be breaking if they told Ravani's mom that their dad was out of town and their mom had a headache?	The rule of repeating	160

What was the name of the plan the Deerings carried out when Ravani's mom came over?	The Montgomery	161
Who played the Deerings father?	Colt	161
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What was the name of the Deering's backup plan ion case Ravani's mom got suspicious?	The Memphis Shakedown	162
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What trick had Benjamin been practicing for the Sick Day plan?	Throwing up	162
What was it called when someone wanted to help the Ragabonds when they thought they were in trouble?	A Samaritan	162
What was Ravani's part of the Montgomery plan?	To go to the bathroom, crawl out the window, call them from his house, and then sneak back in.	163
What would Beth pretend when Ravani snuck out the bathroom window to his house and called them?	That there was upsetting family news and they had to cut their visit with his mom short.	163
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Why did Virginia hate the plans they carried out so they wouldn't get caught?	She hated lying	164
Who did Ravani's parents see standing with her back to them at the sink in the kitchen?	Beth with her hair down, wearing a dark housedress, standing on something to make her look taller.	166
What did Beth say she was doing at the sink?	Stuffing a turkey	166

What did Virginia tell Ravani's parents had happened so they wouldn't go into the kitchen?	A pipe burst in the bathroom so they had to take turns taking a bath in a big washtub in the kitchen and her dad was in there now.	167
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What was Ravani's job at lunch with the Deerings?	Pouring the milk	172
How much milk did each member of the Deering family get poured into their cups?	1 inch	172
What did it mean to be The Hungry?	The one person who did not take a serving of food.	173
What did each of the Deerings do after Anabel volunteered to be the Hungry?	Gave her a piece of their own sandwich	173
What did all the Deerings answer when Anabel thanked them for pieces of their sandwich?	What's ours is yours.	173
Why didn't they have jelly on their peanut butter sandwiches?	It was peanut butter day, and tomorrow was jelly day	174
Why did Colt go eat by himself by the creek?	He always ate alone because he remembered a lot of bad things and was very sad.	174
What did Virginia tell Ravani she could see in the morning that horrified him?	Ravani getting dressed from the waist up	175
What did Virginia say Ravani's chests looked like?	A xylophone	176

Why did Virginia say Mr. Croward's house was a seven story house?	It had seven different stories crowded all together inside it.	176
How did the Ragabonds find out about Mr. Croward's house?	An old Ragabond worked in the retirement home where Mr. Croward moved, and he told Mr. Croward's daughter that some of his family members were interested.	176
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What magic happened when Virginia had Ravani close his eyes and really listen?	Deep inside himself, he heard the her play a song on her paper piano	179
Why was Virginia able to tell when someone was lying?	It was her Special power	180
What was Ravani's birthday?	May 21st	180
Which of the Deerings hadn't yet figured out her special?	Annabel	181
What was Winnie's Special?	The ability to throw things accurately	181
Who was the one throwing the rocks that hit Donnie and Stevie in the woods?	Winnie	181
What was Beth's Special power?	The ability to mimic sounds and voices	181
What was Benjamin's special power?	To perform any biological function at will-vomit, poop, burp, fart, cry, nose bleed, etc.	181
What was Colt's Special power?	Paperwork - forging signature, filling out documents, etc.	182
What did Tristan and all Shepherds have as their Special power?	The magic talked to the, letting them know when to stay or go.	182
Why did Virginia think the magic didn't tell Tristan to run the time they got caught?	The magic didn't want them to run....it wanted them to get caught and then end up in Slaughterville.	182

What personal story did Virginia share with Ravani because he said her piano was beautiful?	She showed him piano music that had been her moms who planned to teach Virginia how to play, but then she got sick and died.	183
What were the only things Virginia had left of her mom?	The piano music, her old parasol, and her dream of learning to play piano	184
How many possible combinations were there for the two numbers missing from the phone number on the scrap of paper the Hunter found?	ninety-nine	185
What was a very important thing for any hunter to have that told the Hunter he had finally called the correct phone number?	instinct	186
What carnival ride did Psycho Sammy Sausage run?	The haunted house	187
Why did Benjamin stay home from the carnival?	He was afraid of clowns	189
How did the Deering kids and Ravani get plenty of money to spend at the carnival?	Winnie made every shot when played the carnival games that involved throwing things	191
What bet did Colt make with the carnival guy at the ring throwing booth?	If Winnie made two shots in a row, the man would give them 20 nickels	191
What games did Winnie play to win money at the carnival?	Ring toss, baseballs into peach baskets, popping balloons with darts, and knocking over stuffed clowns with a softball	191
How did Winnie win an extra ten nickels when she was throwing a softball to knock over stuffed clowns?	She threw left handed	191
What did they do with all the nickels Winnie won at the carnival?	Half to the family fund, then five nickels each of them to play with	192

What did Mr. Chin sell out of at the carnival?	Carrot cake cupcakes with ginger-maple frosting	193
What was sprinkled on top of Mr. Chin's carrot cake cupcakes with ginger maple frosting?	Bacon bits	193
What treat did Virginia buy to eat at the carnival?	A caramel apple	194
What did Ravani buy to eat at the carnival?	A corn dog	194
What made Ravani and a woman scream inside the haunted house?	Ravani sat in her lap thinking she was a mannequin, and she had been asleep	197
What did Virginia tell Ravani she wanted him to do inside the haunted house that was practical, rather than romantic?	Kiss her - the first time for both of them	198
What did Virginia say about the kiss?	The cupcake was better, and Ravani tasted like a corn dog	199
What was the name of the retirement home where Mr. Croward lived?	Endless Days Retirement Home	201
How did the Hunter prevent the retirement home window from closing and locking?	He put a piece of clay into the lock	203
Why did the Hunter use a red light to read the documents in the filing cabinet of the retirement home?	So no one could see the light from outside the windows or under the door	203
What kind of allergy did the Endless Days Retirement Home resident, Alma Aguilar, have?	A peanut allergy	203
What did the Endless Days Retirement Home resident, Eugene Bergenstein, need to take three times a day?	Heart medicine	203

What did the Endless Days Retirement Home resident, Gladys Breckenridge, have listed under her hobbies?	skydiving	203
What was the only information the Hunter was interested in when he read the Endless Days Retirement Home residents files?	Previous addresses	203
What was suspicious about Arthur Broward's previous address in the Endless Days Retirement Home files?	It was crossed out with dark marker to hide it	203
What part of Mr. Croward's previous address was the Hunter able to figure out?	The town started with an S and had two Ls near the end of the name	204
What did Colt do so Virginia and Ravani could enter the Red River Raft Race?	He filled out their registration form	206
What was the Deering's fake mom's name?	Florence	206
What kind of animal was Stevie Mueller afraid of?	bears	209
What happened when Ravani cut through the forest with the race registration paper?	Donnie Carter caught him and torn the paper up.	210
What did Donnie blackmail Ravani into doing in the forest?	Smashing all his birdhouses with a hammer	212
Why did Ravani suspect Donnie was so mean and nasty?	Donnie's father was mean and nasty to him.	220
Why didn't Ravani and his dad talk?	Ravani was birds; his dad was baseball	220
What did Ravani's father tell him he needed to do to fix things with Virginia?	First, take back what he did wrong, then mend the damage he did	222

What did Ravani's dad tell him sometimes happened when you break something and then fixed it right?	It was even stronger than before	222
What did Ravani apologize to his father for?	Not being the son his dad wanted.	223
Why did Ravani's dad fall in love with his mom?	She could see the beauty in the world and in himself, and when he was with her, sometimes he could see the beauty too.	224
What did Ravani's dad say to him that Ravani needed to hear?	Ravani was exactly the son he wanted.	225
Why did Ravani compare being a friend to catching frogs?	If you didn't know what you were doing, you could make a big mess and chase the frog away.	227
Why wasn't Virginia TOO mad at Ravani for the things he said to her when he was angry?	She knew they were all lies	229
What did Ravani tell Virginia she was to him?	His hero	230
What did Ravani tell Virginia he wasn't, and what he was?	He wasn't who he wanted to be yet, but he was trying	231
When did the Red River Raft Race start?	Right after sunset	233
Who was Mrs. Grunchly?	The grouchy secretary of Slaughterville School and the race director	235
What was the Slaughterville School's mascot?	Cleavers	235
What did Virginia say to Mrs. Grunchly when she told them she wished she could help Virginia and Ravani when they didn't have the registration form for the race?	That she was a liar	236

What happened to a boy named Tommy Wallace twenty years before when he competed in the Red River Raft Race?	He fell into his boat, he drowned, and his body washed up in Smeltonville	237
Where did Virginia and Ravani start sailing their Creepy Freak boat from?	A dock near a little shack where Ravani and his dad had gone fishing before, about 30 yards from the race starting line	238
What did Colt mean when he told Virginia and Ravani, R.I.P. before the race started?	Race in Peace	240
How did Virginia and Ravani row their coffin boat so they would stay balanced?	She paddled right, Ravani paddled left	240
What kind of boat did Donnie and Stevie have?	An inner-tube raft	241
How did the Creepy Freak take the lead in the Red River Raft Race?	They drifted out to the center of the river where the current was faster	244
What news did Virginia break to Rav in the middle of the Red River Raft race when their coffin was sinking?	She couldn't swim	246
What choice did they have to make when the Creepy Freak coffin boat started to sink and Virginia admitted she couldn't swim?	Try to make it 50 yards to the finish line or go to the shore 20 yards away and give up the race	246
What made the Creepy Freak go faster so they were able to pull ahead of Donnie's boat?	Paddling together at the same time	248
What do most people do when they are drowning?	Thrash and fight	250
Who saved Annabel from drowning she jumped into the river to save Virginia, although she couldn't swim either?	Lee Chin	251

How did Virginia respond when Ravani said they lost the race?	They raced down a river under fireworks in a coffin and didn't drown; she considered that a win.	252
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What excuse did Ravani make to his parents when he suddenly took off running after the carnival?	diarrhea	261
Why were the Ragabonds already packed and ready to leave when Ravani got to their house after running there?	Virginia told them about Donnie knowing their secret	263
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What did Tristan worry about the magic?	He thought it was broken	269
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Why did Annabel break away from Colt and run back to the house when they were trying to escape from the Hunter?	She forgot her binoculars	272
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What did the Hunter learn was the shackle that usually worked once most of the children were caught that made the last ones stay?	loyalty	274
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What famous composer's music masked the sound of Anabel picking the lock to Mr. Skinister's office?	Mozart	314

What did Colt answer when Mr. Skinister looked at him and said, roast beef?	Pea soup	315
Why did Mr. Skinister believe Ravani when Ravani told him they were being chased by a maniac with handcuffs?	Ravani had never been a liar, so he believed him.	315
What kind of people did Mr. Skinister dislike and loathe?	People who threw kids into trucks and people who lied about having ice cream	316
What did Mr. Skinister say the Ragabonds were, rather than criminals?	lambs	317
What was the alternative to the Ragabonds running away from the slaughterhouse from the Hunter?	Staying and not having to hide anymore	320
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What phrase did Colt finally get to use with Mr. Skinister?	Lay it on me, old man	323
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Who did Ravani call on Mr. Skinister's office phone?	His parents	324
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What was the last signature they needed on the forms so Ravani's parents could adopt all seven Ragabonds?	The Hunter's	329

What was Mr. Skinister wearing when the Hunter finally made it into his office?	A black robe and a white wig	329
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Who was the new owner of Someplace Special?	Ravani's mom	335
Why was the restaurant, Someplace Special, only open in the mornings for breakfast?	Mrs. Foster wanted afternoons and evenings to spend with her husband and eight children	335
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What did the Bread & Butter Bakery start selling in addition to loaves of bread?	Cookies and three kinds of cupcakes	335
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Which two Ragabonds lived in the same house with Ravani?	Virginia and Annabel	338
Who stayed living in the old Croward house?	Tristan, Benjamin, Winnie, Beth, and Colt	339
What did Ravani's big family always do together?	Ate dinner	339
What did the town name of Slaughterville get changed to?	Someday	340
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