

#TQ4T Discussion Questions

Hope

5.0 Prologue | 13

1. Oliver had to make many choices and solve many problems under high pressure in this chapter. How do you handle stressful decisions?
2. Would you have tried to rescue the people on the barge if you were Oliver?
3. Are there people today who choose jobs in which they risk their lives to help others? Who? What can you do to thank them?
4. What do you think Oliver’s dad meant when he said, “The choices you make when no one else knows your options will define who you are”? Do you agree? How does this apply to you?
5. Did you expect the “glitch” to be a test?
6. Why is having good character so crucial to being a starfighter pilot? Why did cheating on an exam result in being dismissed from the Academy?
7. Oliver and Drex both made the same choice for very different reasons. Does motivation make a difference, or is the choice itself what matters?

5.1 Into the Trunk | 29

1. Did you expect Drex to rescue Mason and Tiffany from the Übel soldier? Why do you think he did it?
2. Do you agree more with Tiffany’s trust of Drex or Mason’s suspicion? Why?
3. Should the three of them take the path through the tunnel? Where do you think it will lead them?

5.2 Behind the Waterfall | 33

1. Do you prefer being an explorer or knowing where you’re going? Why? What are the advantages or disadvantages of each?
2. Do you believe in something—have faith in it—without seeing it? Why? Do you have any other evidence that it is real?

3. Oliver, Austin, Ashley, and Brother Sam stepped out onto the bridge, but they also exercised caution by first securing themselves with rope. Was that a good decision? Can you think of any ways that you exercise faith while not taking unnecessary risks?

5.3 Slide and Nest | 39

1. Why is Mason finding it more difficult than Tiffany to trust Drex?
2. Why did Tiffany say Drex needed to make his own choice about meeting the others?
3. Why is Drex hesitant to go?
4. Do you think Mason will trust Drex more after Drex rescued him? Would you?

5.4 The Question | 47

1. Why did the man on the projection say that the answer to his question would not have immediate consequences but would have eternal ones?
2. How can all who accept the Truth be one family under Creator?
3. How would you answer the man's question? Have you honestly thought about what you believe and are seeking?

5.5 Tedious Trust | 53

1. Should Tiffany and Mason trust Drex's plan to get the crosses from the Übel? Why or why not? What other choices do they have? Why is Drex volunteering to help?
2. What could be behind this last door?

5.6 Heat | 59

1. What do you think about the technical work Austin and Brother Sam had to do in this chapter? Do you like that kind of work?
2. How has Austin changed over the course of the story? What's different about his character or his abilities? What made the difference? In what ways is Austin the same?
3. What happened when Austin closed the circuit?

5.7 Symbolic Puzzle | 69

1. Do you think it's possible to read the Bible and either not believe it or misinterpret it? How can you know if you're reading it correctly?

2. What do you think about the Supreme Admiral's explanation of the passage from Genesis? Is he right? What other explanation might there be?
3. Will the Corsairs find the garden and the Lord God they expect on Ursprung?
4. Is Drex's plan going to work?

5.8 Power On | 77

1. What's going to happen now that the generators are running? What will this mean for the *Ark* and everyone trying to get control of it?
2. What are they going to do about the Übel scout?

5.9 Dinosaur Riders | 81

1. Why is Drex aiding the Corsairs against the Übel when he told Tiffany and Mason that he would infiltrate the Übel? Does his conversation about the Corsairs in chapter 7 have anything to do with this?
2. What is Drex going to do with Mason and Tiffany?

5.10 The Hamlet | 85

1. Austin obeyed one direction in this chapter but not another. What, if anything, made the two times different?
2. Is there really a difference between the bold faith Austin said Brother Sam should have and the hope Tiffany has for Drex?
3. Are the Wikks and their friends getting closer to each other or farther apart?

5.11 Corsair Camp | 93

1. Should Tiffany and Mason have been more cautious around Drex, or were they right to treat him the way they did?
2. Which Drex is the real one: the compassionate one or the cruel one? Or is it possible for both to be real?
3. Did Tiffany have any other options beside telling DarkStone what she knew?
4. Are the Corsairs really as strong as DarkStone told Tiffany they were? Or could DarkStone be bluffing?

5.12 Noahs | 105

1. Austin didn't listen yet again in this chapter, but it turned out well; why?
2. Did you expect Austin to be the one to rescue Mr. and Mrs. Wikk? How did he do it?
3. Why does Brother Sam believe the families will be reunited soon? What things have been set in motion?

5.13 Supreme Arrival | 111

1. What's wrong with Mr. O'Farrell?
2. Why did Mr. O'Farrell tell Commander DarkStone that she must be more "nimble and soft" and less aggressive at times? What did he mean?
3. Why is Mr. O'Farrell so eager to get *Sylvia's Hope* to Ursprung?
4. What is Mr. O'Farrell going to do with Samuel?

5.14 Next Move | 119

1. What new quality does Austin display as he tells Oliver about rescuing their parents and capturing Vedrik?
2. So many problems to solve! How do Mr. and Mrs. Wikk and Brother Samuel handle creating and executing risky and uncertain solutions? How would you handle it?
3. Why are the Veritas Nachfolger letting the Übel have the crosses? They're not helping the Übel, are they? What part do the crosses play in unlocking the *Ark*?
4. Do you think Obbin and Rylin will be able to take over the *Black Lagoon*? Why is the *Black Lagoon* important to the mission?
5. How are the Veritas planning to rescue Mr. and Mrs. McGregor?
6. Do you think the Übel will be willing to trade the Blauwe Mensen royals for Captain Vedrik? Why or why not?
7. Do you have any theories about why the Übel wanted the *Ontdekking* to come to YelNik Eisle?

5.15 The Untraitor | 129

1. Even with the need to hurry, would you have required some explanation from Drex before following him out of the Corsair camp? Would you have followed him at all?
2. According to Drex, what ended his loyalty to the Corsairs? Do you believe him?
3. What do you think of way Drex defended letting Mason and Tiffany get captured and then helping them escape? Is it reasonable to believe his claim that he's helping them?

4. Do Drex's actions show him to be an ally or an enemy?
5. Would you have wanted to keep Drex with you after he shared the way to the Veritas camp, or would you have wanted to get as far away from him as possible? Why?

5.16 Motion | 137

1. Tell about a time in your life when everything was going according to plan and then something unexpected happened.
2. Did Brother Sam make a good choice to go see Mr. O'Farrell?
3. Was Austin's choice to follow Brother Sam a good one?
4. Is Mr. O'Farrell finally ready to accept the Truth?

5.17 Moonlight | 143

1. Do you think the *Ark* will be able to get everyone safely to Ursprung?
2. What would it be like to spend the rest of your life exploring a historic, abandoned planet? Would you like that?
3. What, or who, would bring fulfillment and satisfaction to the rest of your life?
4. Have you ever been nervous or unsure about sharing something with a friend? How did it go if you told him or her? If you didn't say anything, do you wish that you had?

5.18 Betrayal | 147

1. Why was Austin able to step in and help calm tensions between Tiffany, Mason, and Drex? How did Austin do it?
2. Why did Mason and Tiffany agree to Austin's suggestion? Was it a good idea? Why or why not?
3. Have you ever had to give up part of what you wanted so your friend or sibling could have part of what he or she wanted? Generally, is it better to compromise and maintain a friendship or insist on your own way and cause division?
4. Were you surprised that Drex willingly surrendered his weapons and let himself be blindfolded? What might that suggest about his character?

5.19 Reunited | 153

1. Why would Brother Sam go meet the Corsairs if he knew it might be a trap? Would you have gone?
2. Did you suspect that Captain Vedrik was Zebra Xavier's son? What were the clues?

3. Is it fair to Vedrik for the Wikks and McGregors to use the news about his father to their own advantage by keeping it a secret?
4. How would you react to Drex's arrival? Welcomingly? Sternly but politely? Angrily?
5. How did the Veritas' and Wikks' belief in the Truth, Rescuer, impact the way they treated Drex?
6. Why is belief in the Truth something to be privately worked out between an individual and Creator? Do other believers have any role to play in the process?
7. Why and how did Oliver change his attitude so quickly?
8. Does forgiving someone mean giving them complete trust?

5.20 Crown Prince | 161

1. Why does the crown prince "have it in" for Oliver?
2. How would you have responded to Voltan if you were Oliver? Why?
3. Why was Oliver so happy to have his siblings and Ashley with him?
4. What will happen now that the other Übel leaders have arrived and the *Black Lagoon*, holding Übel soldiers, has docked with the *Ark*?
5. Why does Prince Voltan want to meet with Zebra Xavier?
6. Will the Übel trade Captain Vedrik for the royal family?

5.21 Dino Surprise | 171

1. Why would betrayal by a friend hurt worse than an attack by someone who has always been an enemy to you?
2. Can you hope that a person is changing while still being cautious around him or her?
3. Is splitting up a wise choice for the archeologists, Veritas, and Blauwe Mensen?
4. Why are the Wikks and McGregors taking so many supplies with them?
5. Where are the Wikks and McGregors going?

5.22 Fast Flight | 177

1. The Wikks and McGregors have finally reached the last clue to Ursprung—the *Ark*! How must they feel to be so close to their goal?
2. What kinds of animals do you like?
3. Why are the twins no longer in competition?
4. Why would it have been a rash decision for Austin to follow the Übel soldiers into the *Ark* alone?

5. Why did Oliver give Drex the picture and take off Drex's shock-locks? How do you think that made Drex feel? Were those good choices on Oliver's part? Why did Mr. and Mrs. Wikk and Mr. and Mrs. McGregor respect Oliver's decision?
6. How has Oliver's attitude about being respected and "in charge" changed during the course of the quest?

5.23 Release the Drones | 191

1. How do you think Drex feels knowing that not everyone trusts him completely?
2. Why is Drex offering so many suggestions to keep the group secure from the Corsairs and Übel?
3. What might the LOCA-drones reveal about the *Ark*? How big is it?
4. Is it good that Tiffany is actively placing so much trust in Drex?
5. Did Obbin and Rylin make good choices while they were hiding on the *Black Lagoon*? How might things have been different if they made different choices?
6. What is Drex going to do with Tiffany?

5.24 Approach the Air Lock | 199

1. What would you like most about exploring the *Ark*?
2. What might the *Genetic-Synthesis Laboratories* be?
3. What do you think the Wikks might find on Ursprung?
4. Will they be able to secure the *Ark* and make it to Ursprung?

5.25 Sorry | 205

1. Was that what you expected from Drex?
2. How did Tiffany's treatment of Drex help him believe that the stories about Rescuer were real, that Rescuer Himself was real? How could she treat him the way she did? Have you been able to help someone the way Tiffany helped Drex? Or have you been in Drex's shoes and had someone help you like Tiffany did? Have you made the same choice that Drex made in this chapter? Why would you want to place your trust in Rescuer and obey Him? Do you want the eternal life that Rescuer offers?
3. Why does Mr. McGregor still not completely trust Drex?
4. Is Mason wise to choose to extend his trust to Drex a little at a time?
5. Why is choosing to accept the Truth an occasion for celebration?
6. Uh oh! What will happen to Tiffany?

5.26 Gateway Hatch Air Lock | 213

1. Why do you think Cruz stunned Mr. Wikk?
2. Why would Cruz be an Übel soldier if he didn't really want to be one?
3. How would you feel if you were Mr. Wikk and Cruz stunned you?
4. What do you think Oliver and Austin will see through the window?

5.27 Two Down | 219

1. What has made Tiffany and Ashley so capable?
2. Is there a difference between the Wikks/McGregors capturing the Übel soldiers and the Übel soldiers capturing the Wikks? Is one group right and the other wrong? Why?
3. What could the access passcode be?

5.28 Unexpected Hero | 223

1. How are Mason and Drex each working to become, if not friends, at least not enemies?
2. What would have happened if Drex hadn't taken out the Übel fighter?
3. Why is Drex working so hard to prove himself to people who don't trust him?
4. Why did Mason ask Drex to join the mission to the *Black Lagoon*? Was that a good choice?
5. Will undocking the *Black Lagoon* successfully let the final group of Veritas land? Where will Mrs. Wikk, Mason, and Drex take the *Black Lagoon*?

5.29 Ark Defense | 231

1. How could the *Ark* be this technologically advanced if it's so old?
2. If the Wikks, McGregors, Veritas, and Blauwe Mensen manage to fly the *Ark* away without the Corsairs or Übel, do you think the two enemy groups would give up, follow, attack, or try something else?
3. Think about what Austin did in this chapter. How is each person using his or her specific skill set to help secure and explore the *Ark* and accomplish the mission?
4. What kinds of joking do you do with your friends?
5. What might the Eochair's purpose be?

5.30 Betrayer | 239

1. What might Oliver be planning with the items he picked up from the *Phoenix*?

2. Did you expect the Übel to come with Voltan and the Blauwe Mensen? Why would Voltan betray his own family? Is there another explanation?
3. Why did Oliver escape the bay instead of fighting then and there? Was that wise?
4. Will the Veritas and Wikks/McGregors be able to keep the airlock secure and retake the launch bay?

5.31 Sacrifice | 243

1. How did Brother Noah's sacrifice make you feel? Why? What made Brother Noah different from a human?
2. Would/do you like being an identical twin? Would/does it get tiresome when people get you mixed up?
3. Why is Sister Dorthy confident their counterattack will be successful if launched soon?

5.32 Eochair Unlocked | 249

1. Was the Eochair what you expected? How was it a symbol?
2. Is the *Ark* safe to fly into space?
3. How did Austin figure out how to slow down the Übel?

5.33 Almost Friendly Fire | 253

1. Why wasn't Oliver upset about being fired at?
2. Why didn't Mr. Wikk want Mrs. Wikk and Mason to be part of taking back the bridge from the Übel? Why did Mrs. Wikk say she needed to be there? Why did Mr. Wikk let her go?
3. What are Mr. Wikk and Oliver going to do?

5.34 Bridge Alive | 257

1. Will Austin and Mr. McGregor's adjustments to the door stop the Übel?
2. Would you try to launch the *Ark* if you knew the ship's systems wouldn't last as long as the trip? Will Creator answer their prayers and protect them?

5.35 Bay Offensive | 261

1. Do you have claustrophobia or know someone who does? What might be some ways to deal with it? How did Mason face it?

2. What would you have done if you saw the princes running toward the *Phoenix*?
3. Can the Veritas, Wikks, McGregors, and Blauwe Mensen really stop the Übel and launch the *Ark*? Why doesn't Captain Vedrik believe Mason?
4. Was there any way they could have stopped Vedrik from shooting Princess Mae?
5. How do you think Branz feels? What about Obbin and Rylin? Mae herself?
6. Will Mae be ok?
7. Will Drex and the Veritas get the king and queen and Princess Grace back?

5.36 Desperate Escape | 269

1. Why would Oliver want to be on the front line of a fight rather than the back? What would you prefer?
2. Summarize the current state of affairs on the *Ark*. Where are the various groups stationed? What are they trying to accomplish? What do they need to watch out for?
3. Is Austin really capable of fixing the hydraulic releases by himself? Why was Tiffany hesitant to let him go?

5.37 Nexus of Three | 277

1. Why did the Wikks make a deal with Zebra Xavier? Did Mr. and Mrs. Wikk make a good choice? Why did Zebra Xavier agree? What does he get out of it?
2. Why did Oliver and Tiffany uphold the deal when they could have broken it?
3. Why would honesty and keeping their word have been part of Mr. and Mrs. Wikk's success so far? What difference would it have made? Will it lead them to success this time?
4. Has Drex finally proved he is trustworthy?
5. What could have gotten the Übel soldiers to leave?
6. What's going to happen as Austin fixes the hydraulic reactors, unaware of what is happening in the rest of the ship?
7. Who has the advantage now—the Wikks and their allies or the Übel?

5.38 Blue Battle | 287

1. Why could the Blauwe Mensen attack the Übel when the Wikks couldn't?
2. What was it like to see Oliver and Drex fighting together on the same side?
3. What is Voltan going to do now?
4. How is this deal between the Wikks and the Übel different than the one in the previous chapter? Why did each side agree to it? Will it work out to the benefit of each?

5. Why does Zebra Xavier want Captain Vedrik with him now?
6. What do you think Tiffany thinks of Drex?

5.39 Solo Exploration | 295

1. The *Ark* will be ready to launch in an hour! Will the *Ark* hold up? Will the truce with the Übel last?
2. Would you like exploring the *Ark* by yourself? Why or why not?
3. What might it have been like to be on the *Ark* departing Ursprung with so many other people?
4. What could Frost and Thunder have noticed in the cafeteria?

5.40 Team United | 299

1. Why did Zebra Xavier keep his end of the deal? Did you expect that? Is he truly working with the Wikks now?
2. Why did Zebra Xavier phrase his messages to the rest of the Übel in the way that he did? Did he lie? Or did he just leave things out?
3. Why is Zebra Xavier presenting two such different images of himself? Which is accurate? Humbled and weak? Or hard and controlling? If he is changing, why won't he let the rest of the Übel see it?
4. Do you believe that Zebra Xavier never meant to harm the Wikks, McGregors, and Blauwe Mensen?
5. Can you know something but not believe it?
6. Why is Zebra Xavier having a hard time changing his perspective on eternal life? How did he realize it needed changing?
7. What is the soul? Why can it not be transferred to a clone?

5.41 Twins | 307

1. Why did Austin want Mason with him?
2. Would you have taken the mapped path through the Reaction Chamber and Propellant Discharge, or would you have found your own way?
3. Would you have liked experimenting with the hover board?
4. Why did Mason think Austin was in trouble?

5.42 Dr. Green | 311

1. Do you agree that your enemies “deserve forgiveness and mercy, no matter their crimes,” as Sister Rose said? Should Rescuer’s sacrifice make any difference in the way you treat others?
2. Why is Captain Vedrik so silent?
3. What do you think of the way Oliver and Drex are working together now?
4. Why did King Dlanod choose to take his family to Ursprung?
5. Why did Voltan react the way he did to his father’s announcement? What does that decision mean for Voltan? Was it a good choice?
6. What might the big, glowing, silver place the princes found be?
7. Why can no one reach the twins’ mTalks?
8. What will happen when the *Skull* and *Bones* dock and the *Ark* launches?

5.43 Time to Go | 327

1. Would you have kept playing with the hover boards or would you have headed back to the bridge?
2. Have you ever been in a situation you thought was dangerous when it actually wasn’t?

5.44 The *Ark*, *Skull*, and *Bones* | 331

1. Did you expect the Übel to peacefully cooperate with the launch of the *Ark*? Why did they do it?
2. What would you have been thinking if you were sitting on the bridge of the *Ark*? Would you have been scared or excited? Who would you have wanted close by you?
3. Was having the Wikks, McGregors, Blauwe Mensen, Veritas Nachfolger, Übel, and Drex on board the *Ark* together surprising to you? Why or why not?
4. What are the Corsairs going to do now that the *Ark* has launched without them?
5. Do you think Ursprung is far away or close by and hidden?
6. What surprise might Oliver have for Ashley?

5.45 Depth of Loyalty | 339

1. What do you think of Zebra Xavier now?
2. Why did the Empire erase and rewrite history?
3. Do you believe Zebra Xavier’s theory?

4. Why does Zebra Xavier want to keep Ursprung a secret for another year, even from the rest of the Übel? Should the other leaders agree to Zebra Xavier's request?
5. If you were in Oliver's shoes, what items would you have brought with you?

5.46 Hull Breach | 347

1. How would you have responded to the hull breach?
2. Why is Mr. Wikk more confident in his kids now?
3. Why do you think Obbin and Rylin are more obedient now?
4. Why would the Corsairs have wanted to work on vortex progression?
5. Is it wise to let the Corsairs board the *Ark*? Are there any other choices available?
6. Which group do you think is more of a threat: the Übel or the Corsairs?

5.47 The Return | 355

1. How did trusting his parents and Brother Sam make Oliver ok with allowing Mr. O'Farrell on board the *Ark*? Have you ever accepted a decision you didn't like because you trusted the people who made it?
2. Why do you think O'Farrell wants to take his wife out of cryostorage and not try to extend his own life further with cryostorage? How could Brother Sam have convinced him?
3. Do you trust O'Farrell's intentions?
4. Do you think Brother Sam should have tried to stop the docking?
5. Should the *Ark* use the Corsairs' vortex progression? Why or why not?
6. Do you think Drex could have had anything to do with the *Vulture* tracking the *Ark*, intentionally or unintentionally?

5.48 Decisions and Plans | 365

1. Would you leave the sealed chambers in the *Ark* alone?
2. Did you expect Ursprung to be Earth?
3. Do you trust the *Skull* and *Bones* to take care of the weapons system that may be surrounding Earth?
4. Why did Zebra Xavier change his perspective of the Book? Did you expect him to do that?
5. Why did Captain Vedrik react like he did to Zebra Xavier's conversion? Will the rest of the Übel respond the same way? Will Zebra Xavier be able to keep control?
6. Do you agree with Zebra Xavier's request to keep Earth's location a secret for a year?

7. Why did Brother Sam indicate saving time through vortex progression would be so important? Do you agree?
8. Why did Brother Sam ask Drex to help escort Mr. O'Farrell and Commander DarkStone?

5.49 Jaxon | 377

1. Would you have overridden the emergency seal to get away from Jaxon into the restricted area, or would you have surrendered to Jaxon? Why? Did the twins have any other choices?
2. Why doesn't Jaxon believe that Zebra Xavier is working with the Wikks and Veritas Nachfolger?
3. Why didn't Zebra Xavier warn his new allies about the Übel's contingency plans?
4. Do you have any ideas about how Austin and Mason could escape?

5.50 Ending Cryostasis | 383

1. How do you think Drex feels after learning that the Supreme Admiral is his great-grandfather and that neither of his newly-discovered great-grandparents have long to live in this life?
2. Why has the truth about Drex's family been hidden from him?
3. How did Tiffany comfort Drex? Why did she wait in silence with him when she had questions? Have you ever comforted a friend before? How did you do it?
4. Would you have enjoyed looking through the information Oliver and Ashley found?
5. Did you expect something more dramatic from the vortex progression?
6. Why did Mr. Wikk say Oliver's reason for wanting to use vortex progression signified he was a true leader?

5.51 The Hideout | 389

1. Why is Jaxon so firm in his belief in the Übel and their interpretation of their quest?
2. Can Jaxon change?
3. Will Mason and Austin be rescued?

5.52 Family | 391

1. Do you think the fact that the Corsairs sought eternal life in physical bodies makes it harder for Drex to face the physical death of his great-grandparents? Why or why not?

2. Why did the revelation of what DarkStone hid from him make it harder for Drex to connect with her?
3. Describe how Drex is feeling when he talks with Tiffany in this chapter. Why is he feeling that? How would you feel if you were in his shoes?
4. Why are Tiffany and Oliver not more suspicious of the twins' failure to show up at the feast?
5. What would have been your favorite thing about the feast?
6. Why is Tiffany being a friend to Drex? How did their relationship grow into friendship?

5.53 Powers's Parents | 397

1. Would you like to have your days and nights so mixed up by interplanetary travel?
2. Why is landing on Earth such a momentous occasion? How would you feel if you were part of the expedition on the *Ark*?
3. Have you ever been in a situation where you forgave someone but didn't quite trust them or feel like friends yet? Did that change? Why or why not?
4. Summarize Oliver's, Tiffany's, Ashley's, and Drex's ideas about conditions on Earth.
5. What artifact did O'Farrell sell to the Übel? Why did he want to get it back?
6. What do you think learning about his parents made Drex feel like?
7. Is O'Farrell sorry for the way he has treated Drex?
8. Who are the princes going to find?

5.54 Freedom | 407

1. Why is this chapter titled, "Freedom"?
2. What is the Übel's contingency plan? Why is it being implemented? Why did Vedrik not accept Zebra Xavier's conversion even though he suspected that was what Zebra Xavier expected of him?
3. How would you have responded to Vedrik's question if you were Mason? Would you have told the truth? Were there any other options?
4. Is Obbin's bravado helping the situation or making it worse? Why?

5.55 Ursprung's Orbit | 413

1. Do you think moving to the bay and the *Phoenix* was a good idea?
2. Why did Drex ask Tiffany to come with him? Do you think she had any regrets about not being on the bridge? Why did her parents hesitate to let her go?
3. Why might Brother Sam be needed on the bridge?

5.56 Trapped | 417

1. Why is Vedrik so cruel to the boys?
2. Does it make sense for Mason to be more afraid of going through an air vent that might lead to safety than staying put in a place that would soon be in grave danger? Can even irrational fear have a strong grip on people? Why? Does the fact that the fear is irrational make facing it any less of a brave act? How did Mason not let his fear trap him? When have you faced something that frightened you?
3. Will the boys make it to safety?

5.57 Ark Bridge Craft | 421

1. Why has Zebra Xavier waited so long to tell Captain Vedrik the truth?
2. Why did Tiffany tell Drex to let DarkStone go? Was Tiffany right? How might that have made Drex feel?
3. Did you expect this much to go wrong on the *Ark*? How would you feel if you were there?
4. Would you rather be on the *Phoenix* or the *Ark Bridge Craft* right now? Why?
5. Will the ships make it to Ursprung?
6. What happened to the boys?

5.58 The Phoenix's End | 429

1. If you were Tiffany, how would you have responded to the news about your brothers?
2. Drex and Tiffany each had to make so many life-and-death choices quickly in this chapter; how did they handle it? Would you have done anything differently?
3. Did Ursprung look like you expected? Where did they land?
4. Did you expect the *Phoenix* to land like this? Does it make you sad?
5. Who is not okay?

5.59 The Twins' End | 435

1. How could Oliver still hope for his brothers' survival?
2. What happened because the boys stopped to help Darkstone?
3. Would you have helped Darkstone?
4. What kind of a leader has Austin become?
5. Would you have enjoyed riding the hoverboards in the sky?
6. How do you think Oliver and his parents felt when they saw the boys?

7. Where are Tiffany and Drex?

5.60 Distress Signal | 449

1. Why did Mr. O'Farrell call Drex a fool? How might that make Drex feel?
2. Why did Mr. O'Farrell say it was better to be dead than see his wife not wake up?
3. Mr. O'Farrell finally sees that his trust in money and technology will not give him what he wanted. Is there anything that will fulfill his desire? What?
4. What's going to happen to Mr. and Mrs. O'Farrell?
5. Why is Drex going to DarkStone's aid? Would you?
6. Will the Wikks finally all be reunited for good? How can Tiffany still be hopeful?

5.61 Reunited | 457

1. Do you like climbing things? Would you want to climb the outside of the statue or take the stairs?
2. Why did Mason put the best light on what Vedrik did to the boys? Would you have done that?
3. What are the Wikks and Blauwe Mensen going to do with Vedrik and Jaxon?

5.62 Bear | 461

1. Do you think DarkStone is worth the effort Tiffany and Drex are putting into rescuing her? Why or why not?
2. What do you think about Drex's biontronic enhancement? Is it good or bad that he has it? Does it matter at all? Does it make you uncomfortable, or does it seem cool? Does it change who Drex is as a person?
3. Why is Tiffany staying with Drex?

5.63 Guard Up | 465

1. Why did Austin let Oliver be part of the *Phoenix* rescue? Was it a good idea to leave Austin guarding Captain Vedrik by himself?
2. Why is Jaxon still loyal to the Übel and fighting against the people who are trying to help him?
3. Why does Mason now trust Drex to be with Tiffany?
4. Where is Vedrik taking the *Falcon*? Why did Voltan go with him?
5. Who is flying the unidentified black ships? Who might still be on Earth?

5.64 DarkStone's Rebellion | 471

1. How does humor ease a frightening situation?
2. Why did DarkStone finally tell Drex about his parents?
3. Why did Drex's parents refuse the Corsairs' life-extending technology? Were they right to do that? Would it have been better to accept the technology and live to raise their son?
4. Why does DarkStone see Drex as a burden, a problem to her? How do you think that makes Drex feel?
5. Why does DarkStone want to be Supreme Admiral of the Corsairs and build an empire on Earth?
6. Why is DarkStone shooting at Tiffany and Drex?
7. Why did Drex want to go after DarkStone? Why did Tiffany tell him to not do that this time? What did Tiffany mean when she said that they had all they needed here? Was she right?

5.65 Extraction | 477

1. What has changed for the Wikks over the course of the Quest? What is the most important thing that's happened so far?
2. What do you think Drex will find in his great-grandparents' room?

5.66 Arrangement | 483

1. Is it Zebra Xavier's fault that Voltan and Vedrik are seeking power more than the Truth? Is it Voltan and Vedrik's own fault? Is it no one's fault? Can Voltan and Vedrik change on their own?
2. How can Zebra Xavier still have hope despite his feelings of guilt?
3. Why do Zebra Xavier and King Dlanod want to talk with Vedrik and Voltan? Why are Mason, Mr. Wikk, and the Veritas willing to help?
4. Do you think the Veritas will be able to repair the *Phoenix*?
5. Why did Vedrik agree to meet with Zebra Xavier? How do you think this last mission of the Wikks' Quest for Truth will end? Are you sad that it's almost over? Are you excited about what the Wikks will do next?

5.67 Again Someday | 489

1. Does the fact that a good result came from Mrs. O'Farrell's hibernation make it right that Mr. O'Farrell put her there?

2. What does Mrs. O'Farrell's favorite verse mean?
3. How did Helper use Tiffany to guide Drex to the Truth?
4. Did you expect Mr. O'Farrell to apologize to Drex?
5. What caused Mr. O'Farrell to change and accept the Truth?
6. Do your actions encourage others to believe the Truth?
7. How do you think Drex feels after this encounter? How will it impact his future?

5.68 The Final Choice | 493

1. Why did Zebra Xavier apologize to Voltan?
2. Why did Voltan feel, despite his father's assurances, that his family had cast him aside? Why did he refuse to acknowledge his betrayal and ask to come home? Why did his father let him go?
3. How do you think Vedrik felt as Zebra Xavier revealed their relationship and the pictures? Why did Vedrik cry? What did he perceive the pictures to mean? Why does he believe that Zebra Xavier betrayed him?
4. Was it good that Zebra Xavier said what he did to Voltan and Vedrik? Why were his words not enough to convince them?
5. Why did Drex, Mr. O'Farrell, and Zebra Xavier accept the Truth when Vedrik, Voltan, and DarkStone refused to do so?

5.69 What the Future Holds | 499

1. How do you feel now that the Wikks' first quest is over?
2. What do you think the Wikks' home and life on Ursprung will be like?
3. Would you like to leave your school and home behind, go on a dangerous adventure, and spend the rest of your life exploring an unknown place and establishing a new community with family and friends? Why are the Wikks so contented on Ursprung and excited about exploring?
4. What was your favorite part of the quest?
5. What do you think Oliver, Tiffany, Mason, and Austin will do next? Do you want to go on their next quest with them?