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The Last Thirteen: 12
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- The Solaris Sam encounters at the end of the first book of *The Last Thirteen*, turns out to be an Enterprise agent impersonating Sam's dream enemy. Shiva claims this agent, Stella, has likely "gone rogue." Do you believe him? Why or why not? Who might she be working for if not the Enterprise?
- Shiva tells Sam, "A secret's worth is calculated by those from whom it must be kept." What do you suppose he means by that?
- Sam is surprised when Xavier tells him he dreamed he would be taking Sam wherever he needed to go. Do you think Xavier might be one of the true dreamers, one of the Thirteen? Why or why not?
- Sam and Xavier wake atop the Great Pyramid of Giza. What do you know about this place? See what you can find out about it.
- Back in New York City, Lora tells Eva that it's possible the Egyptian Guardians shot down the helicopter. Who do you think was responsible?
- When Alex wakes from the explosion he tells himself that no one could have made it out of the wreck alive. Do you think there's any possibility Sebastian survived?
- Why do you think Sam looks familiar to Dr. Dark's friend Dr. Kader?
- Sam and Eva discover they both were sent to Xavier's father, Dr. Dark, to discuss their dreams. What do you think about this? Is it a coincidence? Is Dr. Dark to be trusted?
- The issue of trust comes up often in *The Last Thirteen*. How does someone determine whom to trust? Have you ever put your trust in the wrong person? What happened?
- Lora and the Professor fear that Tobias may be part of some bigger conspiracy. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Enterprise Agents spirit Alex away from the hospital in chapter 11. What do you suppose the Enterprise plans are for him?
- In chapter 13, Eva asks Sam, "What use is it if we can see future events but we can't change them, just hold them off, or worse, do nothing." How would you answer this?



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- Eva finds Sam and Jedi to be “kindred spirits.” What does she mean by this?
 - Sam and Eva debate whether the Enterprise agents masquerading as their parents really cared for them. What do you think?
 - Try keeping a dream journal for the next few weeks. See if you're able to remember more of your dreams over time and whether you become more aware of when you're dreaming.
 - In chapter 17, Lora points out a light in the mountains surrounding the Academy and voices her suspicions that someone is watching. Who do you think this could be and why might they be watching the Academy?
 - How does Alex feel when Jack, the Enterprise director, tells him the Academy won't be sending a team to pick him up? What does Jack mean when he tells Alex he is “even more unique than the others”?
 - Do you believe Jack when he says the Enterprise Agents didn't blow up the Agency aircraft?
 - What does Jack mean when he tells Alex the Enterprise is “in the business of manufacturing opportunity”?
 - Imagine you are a guest at Gabriella's birthday party. What would you think when Gabriella and Sam leap from upstairs into the enormous birthday cake?
 - On page 152, Alex's mother, Phoebe, looks uncomfortable when Alex asks what will happen once the Enterprise finds Sam and Eva. Why? What do you think the Enterprise plans to do if they find them?
 - Phoebe goes on to explain the mission of the Enterprise to Sam. Do you think their objectives and goals are worthwhile? How do they differ from the Academy's?
 - Sam and Gabriella encounter Solaris and in the ensuing fight Sam disconnects metal tubing that apparently provides the fuel for Solaris' fire bolts. Sam decides Solaris is not so superhuman after all. What do you imagine is the true nature of Solaris?
 - *The Last Thirteen: 12* ends with German Guardians drawing their weapons on Sam. Why is this and what do you think will follow?