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**The Last Thirteen: 4**  
**By James Phelan**

- Why do you think Sam's Japanese rescuers didn't respond to his pleas to find Tobias and Issey?
- Alex fears drowning, Sam fears fire, Eva fears falling from heights, Zara fears the dark ... Alex tells himself, "Control your fear or it will control you." Do you think this is good advice? How do each of the Dreamers do this in *The Last Thirteen: 4*? Have you ever been in a position where you had to move past your fear to take action?
- Alex reflects, "'Spouse money really can buy everything." Do you agree? What does this tell you about Alex?
- Alex describes Dr. Kader as having "no loyalty to anyone." Do you agree? What do you think are Dr. Kader's motives for his alliances with first Mac and then Hans? Does he still see himself as loyal to Dr. Dark? Why do you think Alex decides not to challenge him when he claims he never worked for Mac, but only received information that he shared with others?
- Lora refers to Solaris as "the coward that he is" Do you agree that Solaris is a coward? Why or why not?
- Angkor Wat has been listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. What can you learn about this place and why has it earned a spot on this list?
- Sam admits to Tobias that many of his dreams occur in Egypt at different points of time its history. What do you imagine the significance of these dreams might be?
- Lora, Eva, Zara and Xavier travel to Turkey for the Dreamer Doors competition. Is there a hippodrome in Turkey? Where? What can you learn about it?
- Poh tells Sam that the spider they encounter in the cave is probably there eating bats. Are there spiders that eat bats? Where are they found?
- Have you ever heard of the *Jakata Tales*? What can you learn about them? Do you remember hearing any folk stories from your family when you were younger? If so, what were they?
- The Dreamer Doors have been taken over by someone and the participants are under attack. Who do you think is responsible for this and what do they hope to achieve?
- A significant theme of this series that is especially evident in this book is the need to "face your fear to fulfill your destiny." Discuss how this applies to you and other young people.



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- Hans reveals to Alex that he's been tracking his dreams all along via the presumed-inoperative towers around the world. How has he done this? Has he worked with someone else to accomplish this?
  - The mysterious Nan Modul has inspired many works of fiction on lost civilizations. What makes this place so remarkable?
  - What does the Eye of Providence symbolize on the one dollar bill? How did it come to be used there?
  - Were you surprised by Tobias' death at the hands of the bandits? Do you think his bad dream earlier was an indication that something unfortunate lay ahead?
  - *The Last Thirteen: 4* ends with Sam addressing the members of the United Nations revealing that only 14 days remain to save the world. How do you imagine they and the public will respond? What do you think will happen next?