

- 1. What did Lisa, a senior technician, prevent Eduardo from doing to the newborn child?**
- 2. What did Matt do each day while Celia was away at work?**
- 3. Where did Celia go to work each day?**
- 4. What unexpected surprise happened on a day as he was watching television soap operas?**
- 5. Whose clone was Matt?**
- 6. Why couldn't Matt simply go outside and play with the children?**
- 7. What caused Matt to smash out a window and then leap outside onto broken glass?**
- 8. What happened to Matt when he leaped to the ground?**
- 9. Where did Steven, Emilia, and Maria decide to carry Matt in order to care for him?**
- 10. Who insisted that Matt be brought inside for medical attention after Mr. Alacran threw him out? Why?**
- 11. What words were inscribed on the bottom of Matt's foot? How did people react?**
- 12. Where was Matt taken after the tattoo on his foot was revealed?**
- 13. List two people who stopped by Matt's window and promised to help set him free.**
- 14. Angry at having to take care of Matt, how did Rosa treat the boy?**
- 15. Describe the relationship between the doctor and Rosa.**
- 16. How many years passed between Chapters 1 and 2?**
- 17. Who secretly visited Matt? What did she bring him?**
- 18. What did Matt do to fight off the dullness that could overtake him?**

- 1. What unexpected treatment did Rosa give Matt at the beginning of Chapter 6?**
- 2. Who was Matt being prepared to meet?**
- 3. According to El Patron's orders, how was everyone in the Big House to treat Matt?**
- 4. How old was El Patron?**
- 5. After examining Matt, what health report did the doctor give El Patron concerning his clone?**
- 6. Who did Matt choose to be his personal bodyguard? Why?**
- 7. What health problem did Matt display at the beginning of chapter 7?**
- 8. What breakthrough happened after six days of home schooling with Teacher?**
- 9. What is an eejit?**
- 10. How was Matt's education conducted after Teacher was dismissed?**
- 11. Who besides Matt found Tom to be "an unnatural little weevil"? Why?**
- 12. How did Tam Lin help Matt celebrate his breakthrough?**
- 13. List two reasons why Tam Lin took Matt on a picnic to the secret oasis.**
- 14. What did Matt learn about the horses Tam Lin and he rode to the picnic area?**
- 15. Who was Furball?**
- 16. Who was Felicia?**
- 17. Why did Matt like to hide behind the potted plants in the music room each afternoon?**
- 18. What discovery did Matt make on day while hiding inside a closet off the music room?**
- 19. What part of the day was the music room available for Matt to use?**
- 20. Why did Tam Lin secure the services of Mr. Ortega, a deaf man? Why was he considered desperate?**
- 21. What birthday did el Patron celebrate in Chapter 10?**

1. What did Tom show the kids at the hospital?
2. What made Matt different from other clones?
3. What was Matt's purpose when he kidnapped Maria's dog?
4. Why did El Patron banish Tom to a year-round boarding school with no holidays?
5. What did Matt do with Tom's place card after he found it near his at the head table?
6. Who had set Felicia up to deliver the message?
7. Matt observed that the clone in the hospital resembled whom?
8. Describe laudanum and its effects.
9. What did Matt request from Maria at El Patron's birthday party?
10. List two unexpected effects of Matt's kidnapping attempt.
11. What did Celia have in common with El Patron?
12. Who joined Matt and Maria at the hospital?
13. What was El Patron's attitude towards birthday gifts?
14. According to Celia, what happened to all clones at birth?
15. What unexpected message did Felicia deliver to Matt one day after the party?
16. Who was Maria's father?
17. What did Celia tell Matt about Tom's parents?
18. Why did Matt steal a small bottle of Felicia's laudanum?
19. What evidence pointed to Matt as the one who'd killed Maria's dog?
20. What special skill led Celia to belong to El Patron?
21. Where did Matt find bottles of laudanum?

- 1. Who wrote A History of Opium, one of the books Tam Lin had left Matt in the metal chest?**
- 2. Where did Senator Mendoza send Maria and Emilia to live, soon after Furball was killed?**
- 3. What crime did Maria and Matt overhear Felicia admit to while hiding in the secret passageway?**
- 4. How did Matt manage to get back to the Big House from the waste treatment plant?**
- 5. Where did Matt take Maria as the two fled El Viejo's funeral?**
- 6. Where was the country of Opium and who ruled it?**
- 7. Why was Matt pulled out of bed in the middle of the night and then rushed to the hospital with Celia?**
- 8. List two couples Matt noticed holding hands at El Viejo's funeral.**
- 9. Why did El Patron acquire and use such men as Tam Lin, Ralf, Hugh, and Wee Willie, to use Farm Patrol workers?**
- 10. How was El Viejo related to El Patron?**
- 11. What was the priest's reaction when Matt filed past El Viejo to pay his last respects?**
- 12. As Matt set out for a horse ride, what was the first thing he searched for?**
- 13. What is a Safe Horse?**
- 14. What happened to Matt's safe Horse when he set out to investigate the wastelands in the north?**
- 15. Who defended Matt's presence at El Viejo's funeral?**
- 16. What crime had Tam Lin committed?**
- 17. What pleasant surprise did Matt discover in the secret oasis?**
- 18. How did Matt's story of St. Francis, who gave stuff away to the poor, affect El Patron?**
- 19. What was the main crop of Opium and where was it marketed?**
- 20. Who passed away while Matt was enjoying a brief horse ride to the oasis?**

1. How did Matt manage to view Steven and Emilia's wedding, even though he was forbidden to attend?
2. Who came to the secret passage to warn Matt his life was in danger?
3. What was Maria's plan to help Matt escape?
4. How old was Matt at the end of Chapter 19?
5. Why was Matt able to escape using El Patron's secret passage, which opened only if the old man's hand pressed against the "red scorpion"?
6. Lying in bed after his party, what horrible reality did Matt begin to understand?
7. Where did the secret passage from El Patron's room lead?
8. How did the long swim at the oasis seem to affect Matt at night?
9. As Matt sat at El Patron's side, what did he notice about the old man's mind?
10. What catastrophe happened at the very end of the wedding?
11. Who has already on the hovercraft when Maria and Matt climbed aboard?
12. When Matt returned to the secret oasis, what information did he read and learn about Maria's mother, Esperanza Mendoza?
13. Why had El Patron arranged a forced marriage between Benito and Fani, the daughter of the Nigerian president?
14. What happened if a wrong person touched the red scorpion to open the wall for the secret escape route?
15. How did Celia and Tam Lin help Matt celebrate his growth into manhood?
16. How did Emilia and Maria arrive for Emilia's wedding?
17. How had Celia recently changed her garden?
18. Hiding in the closet off the music room, who did Maria tell Matt she was going to marry?
19. What happened one day as Matt played his guitar and sang a Spanish ballad for El Patron?

1. How did Tam Lin protect Celia from becoming an eejit?
2. Why did Matt recognize the hospital room he was taken to?
3. Where did Tam Lin actually take Matt's duct-taped body?
4. After working his way through a canyon with dense bushes, what new obstacle did Matt encounter?
5. What awoke Matt just before dawn on the morning of his escape to Aztlán?
6. After telling Matt his service was no longer needed, what order did Mr. Alacrán give Tam Lin?
7. What situation gave Matt an opportunity to escape past the Farm Patrol and reach the border safely?
8. Why was Matt's destination going to be San Luis?
9. Why didn't Tam Lin help Celia escape with Matt?
10. What two substances did Celia secretly feed Matt so that his heart would not be a healthy transplant for El Patrón?
11. Why was Matt told to get to the border the very next day?
12. As Matt neared the border, what problem did he observe through his binoculars?
13. After testing Matt's blood and urine, what did the doctor report?
14. According to Tam Lin, why was Matt going to find Aztlán a confusing place?
15. Where did Tam Lin announce he'd dispose of Matt after being dismissed by Mr. Alacrán?
16. How did Matt learn the route to Aztlán's border?
17. How many miles did Matt travel before reaching the Aztlán border?
18. How was Matt able to escape the Farm Patroller who grabbed him by his backpack?
19. What story was Matt to tell the Aztlános when he reached their border?
20. In what way did Tam Lin note that Matt was different than the seven clones before him?

## Chapters 29-32

1. Why is Matt called “the aristocrat?”
2. Who is Ton-Ton? What happened to him? Why?
3. Where were the boys from?
4. Why was Matt targeted with accusations each night?
5. Who are Chacho and Fidelitio?
6. What do the good bees do to the evil drones according to Jorge?
7. What happened to Ton-Ton?
8. What did Fidelito do out of fear of what would happen to Matt?
9. Why did Matt confess and take a beating?
10. How did the boys react?
11. Did Ton-Ton have a problem with how the keepers lived?
12. Why didn't Matt want the Laudamun?
13. What happened every night? What was the significance of this event to Matt?
14. What happened to Matt's skin?
15. What is Matt's escape plan?
16. Why was “friendship a pain” for Matt?
17. Why is Ton-Ton loyal to Jorge?
18. Why did the boys want to be “friends” with Ton-Ton?
19. Who does Matt finally see as his mother and father?
20. What is Matt's Reaction to the thought of Tam Lin and Celia?
21. According to Jorge, why must the lazy be punished?
22. What was Flaco's “implied threat” (p. 320-321).
23. What was found out about Matt? What was the impact on the other boys?
24. Who comes to Matt's defense? What does he say?
25. Where were Matt and Chacho taken?

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**Chapters 34-38**

- 1. Who arrived to help the boys? What did they need help with?**
- 2. How was Chacho removed from the bone pit?**
- 3. How are the boys escaping?**
- 4. What happened to the keepers?**
- 5. Where is Flaco going? Why?**
- 6. What did Matt say to Ton-Ton to try to console him?**
- 7. Where are Matt and Fidelito going?**
- 8. What happened to Matt at the Colorado River?**
- 9. Who came to help Matt and Chacho?**
- 10. Where were the boys taken?**
- 11. What day was being celebrated?**
- 12. Where were the boys going to be taken to?**
- 13. How would the boys go undetected?**
- 14. Describe the costumes. Are any of the costumes familiar to Matt?**
- 15. Who was waiting for Matt and Fidelito at the hospital?**
- 16. Who stopped the brawl with the keepers at the hospital?**
- 17. What was reported to the Aztlan police?**
- 18. What happened to the keepers?**
- 19. Who arrived at the end of the chapter?**



20. Describe Esperanza.
21. How have things changed in Opium?
22. How many lock downs have there been for Opium. What is different about this one?
23. What is Esperanza's plan.
24. What is Matt's reaction to Esperanza's plan?
25. What does Esperanza's view of international law mean for Matt? What is Matt to do?
26. What was the extent of the suffering El Patron had caused?
27. What was Matt's job?
28. Who greeted Matt in the music room?
29. What do you think happened to Tam Lin?
30. Use a flow map to sequence the events of El Patron's wake, funeral, burial, etc.
31. What happened to all of the Alcarans and most of the bodyguards, including Tamlin?
32. How did Daft Donald survive?
33. Why did Tam Lin not warn anyone else?
34. Tam Lin knew what would happen to him by drinking the toast to El Patron. Why do you suppose he drank anyway?
35. Describe the Dragon Horde.