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Who is the author of 'The Thief'?	Megan Whalen Turner	cover
Which prisoners in the prison had to wear chains inside their cells?	Ones the king disliked most: counts, dukes, or the minister of the exchequer	
Why did the minister of the exchequer have to wear chains in his prison cell?	He told the king there wasn't any more money to spend.	1
Where did Gen brag about his skills as a thief?	In every wine store in the city of Sounis.	2
What question did a particular guard in the prison ask Gen every time he saw Gen with his head in his hands?	What, haven't you escaped yet?	2
In which wine shop was Gen arrested?	The Shake Oak Wineshop	3
What did legends say about the stone walls of the prison?	The old gods had stacked them together in a day.	3
In what part of Sounis was the prison built?	On the summit of a hill.	3
What was the king's home called	His megaron	3
What is a 'megaron'?	One room with a throne and a hearth	3
What did citizens do at the agora?	Merchants sold things	3
What kind of ships did invaders come to Sounis in?	longboats	3
What did the prison used to be in Sounis, before the invasion?	The agora	3
What was the magus?	A scholar, and one of the king's most powerful advisors	4
What was the king's magus supposed to be, before the invasion?	A sorcerer	4

What was painted on the baseboards of the palace hallways?	lilies and a tortoise or resting bird	6
What was painted on the wall next to the door of the magus's office?	A pack of hunting dogs chasing a lion around a corner to the door.	6
Why did the magus take Gen out of the prison?	He needed his skills as a thief	8
What did the king's seal ring look like?	A gold ring with an engraved ruby.	10
What was done with unskilled workers who ended up in the king's prison?	They were sent to the silver mines south of the city.	10
Whose boots were hidden behind the curtain in the magus's study?	The king's	10
What did the King of Sounis look like?	short, stocky, dark gold curly hair	10
How did the King of Sounis control the citizens?	Doubled taxes and kept a large army to prevent rebellion	11
What did the King of Sounis do with his army when it got large enough to be a threat?	Sent it off to fight with his neighbors	11
What people did the King of Sounis drive off their land on the Sounis side of the Hephestial Mountains?	The Attolians	11
What country was situated between Sounis and Attolia in a narrow pass?	Eddis	11
What did Gen say his uncle used to keep under his bed?	A bunch of double-heavy gold coins	12
How did Gen get into the king's treasury room?	He crawled through the space where the pipes of the hypocaust ran.	12
What did guards wear under their steel breastplates?	leather jackets	14

What change in religion happened after the invasion of Sounis?	Old gods were replaced with new gods	15
What kind of animal did Gen hate?	horses	16
What was the name of the street leading out of Sounis?	The Sacred Way	17
What statues were on both sides of the gate leading out of Sounis?	carved lions that were supposed to roar if an enemy of the king passed beneath them.	17
How was The King's Route different from the Sacred Way?	It was wide and straight	17
How many stories was the palace of the King of Sounis?	four	17
Where were all the nicest shops in Sounis?	At the lower part of the Sacred Way	18
What was the name of Gen's friend who passed by him when he was leaving Sounis with the magus?	Philonikes	19
What kinds of trees grew in people's gardens in Sounis?	citrus, fig, and almond	19
What river ran between Sounis and the sea?	The Seperchia	20
How did Gen know it was late summer when he traveled out of Sounis?	The watermelons were as big as his head.	20
What were the late summer winds called in Sounis?	The etesians	20
What was the name of the guard that went with Gen and the magus on the journey?	Pol	21
What names did Gen think of the two boys that went on the journey with him?	Useless the Elder and Useless the Younger	22

What was the name of the town the magus wanted to reach on the first night of their journey?	Matinaea	22
What town was between Sounis and Matinaea?	Methana	22
What sometimes bothered Gen about his body?	He was small	24
Where did Gen sleep the first night in Matinaea?	On the floor	24
What made Gen laugh about the soap he was given by Useless the Younger (Sophos) to wash the first night?	It was the magus's scented soap	25
What did Gen ask NOT to be burned when the magus said to burn all his clothes?	His shoes	26
What was special about Gen's shoes?	They were made specially to be supple enough that he could move around in people's houses without being heard	27
What was Useless the Elder's real name?	Ambiades	28
What was Useless the Younger's real name?	Sophos	28
Why did Ambiades and Sophos accompany the magus on the journey?	They were his apprentices	28
Why was Gen's braid useful to him?	He sometimes caught small items in the hair at the top of the braid and hid them there.	30
What did the girl from the bar give to Gen?	A piece of twine to tie his hair	33
Why did the landlady in Matinaea give food to Gen for his journey to Evisa?	Her youngest child was in prison.	35

What kind of tree did the magus ask Sophos to describe to him?	eucalyptus	36
What kind of tree did the magus ask Ambiades to describe to him, but he had trouble?	olive	36
What was served for lunch in Evisa?	olives, hard cheese, bread, and yogurt with garlic	38
Who was a better horseback rider--Sophos or Ambiades?	Ambiades	40
What was Sophos supposed to become when he got home?	duke	40
Why was Gen surprised to find out that Sophos was going to be a duke?	Future dukes weren't usually apprentices.	40
When does a horse's shoulder life?	When the foot comes down	40
How can a person have a more comfortable ride when riding a horse that is trotting?	Lift up in the saddle when the horse's shoulder bumps your backside	41
What was the scent of the magus's soap?	honeysuckle	42
What did Gen's father do for a living?	soldier	43
How did Gen know that Pol wasn't just a common foot soldier?	Ambiades and Sophos treated him with too much deference.	44
Why did Gen's horse always stop next to the magus's horse?	It was a pack horse, trained to stop next to its leader	45
What happens to fire if you stack wood with one piece right on top of another?	It suffocates	47
What did Ambiades and Sophos use to practice fencing?	wooden swords	49
What was the perfect defense for the city of Eddis?	The steep mountains surrounding it	50

Who ruled Eddis?	A queen and a court of eleven ministers, including a prime minister.	52
What was Eddis's main export?	lumber and silver from mines	52
What did Eddis import?	grain, olives, and wine	52
Where was Eddis, geographically, from Sounis?	south and southeast	52
What did Eddis control?	The only easy way to pass through the Hephestia mountains between Sounis and Attolia.	52
Why was the pass between Sounis and Attolia important?	They were the wealthiest trading countries in that part of the world.	52
Which country had the only remaining timber industry?	Eddis	52
How did Eddis get money from other people's trading?	They taxed the caravans that passed through the mountains, and sold lumber to Attolia and Sounis for merchant ships.	52
Why did Eddis always stay neutral and try to keep peace between Attolia and Sounis?	The country depended on trade	53
Why didn't Sounis invade Attolia?	Eddis took apart the bridge that crossed the Seperchia River to prevent them.	53
How had the Attolians betrayed Sounis?	They were supposed to fight on their side, but they helped the invaders at the siege of Solonis.	53
What was unique about the rule of Eddis?	It never changed hands by force of an invader.	53
What was the rule of succession in Eddis?	It passed from parent to child, like Sounis. It wasn't only a male line.	53
What was Hephestia goddess of?	fire and lightning	54
Who were Hephestia's parents?	The Earth (mother) and the Sky (father)	54

What was the name of the king who was rewarded by Hephestia with a stone dipped in the water of immortality?	Hamiathes	54
What did King Hamiathes do with the stone at the end of his natural life span?	Gave it to his son to become king.	54
Why did the person who first stole the stone of immortality die?	The power of the stone was lost unless it was given to the bearer.	54
What tradition grew in Eddis that prevent civil wars?	Someone would steal the stone of immortality and give it to the person he wanted to be king.	54
What happened to the people who had gone looking for the hidden stone of immortality (Hamiathes's Gift)?	They never came back	56
What did the magus do with the records he found telling where Hamiathes's Gift could be found?	He destroyed them so no one else could follow the same trail.	56
What did the magus say he would do with the stone of immortality after they found it?	Give it to the King of Sounis so he would also be King of Eddis. Then he (magus) would be The King's Thief.	57
What honor was bestowed on The King's Thief?	His name would be carved in stone on a stele outside the basilica	57
What did Gen think might happen after he stole the stone of immortality for the magus?	He'd have Pol knife him in the back.	57
Why did the King of Sounis want to be King of Eddis as well?	He wanted the queen to marry him.	57
What did Gen think was the true motive of the King of Sounis for wanting to become King of Eddis as well?	So he could pass through the mountains and invade Attolia.	58

Who was Polyfemus?	the giant with one eye that supposedly built the old walls of the city and the king's prison.	60
What did Sophos's father think about the old gods?	They should be forgotten because a country with two sets of gods is like a country with two kings--no one knows which to be loyal to.	60
What did Ambiadēs say Sophos's father once threatened to do to him?	Throw him in the river tied to a stack of encyclopedias	61
How did the legend say the sun was created and made the first god?	The Earth took a piece from the center of herself and made it because she was lonely.	63
In the legend, why did the Earth create the moon?	Because the sun left her alone at night.	63
In the legend, why couldn't the moon be trusted?	She only sent part of her light, and sometimes forgot completely.	63
In the legend, who became the Earth's constant companion?	The Sky that the Earth breathed out.	63
In the legend, who were the first children of the Earth?	the mountain ranges.	63
In the legend, who was the oldest child of the Sky and Earth?	Hephestia	63
In the legend, who were the other children of the Earth and Sky, after Hephestia?	The oceans and middle sea	64
In the legend, who were the youngest children of the Earth and Sky?	the great rivers Seperchia and Skander	64
In the legend, why did Earth create a thousand goddesses in the form of lakes?	To hold mirrors for the Sky so he could see what he looked like.	64
What happened to the Sky after he was able to see himself in the mirrors of the lakes?	He became vain and wouldn't speak to the Earth.	64

In the legend, what did Earth create so that she would be as beautiful as the Sky?	snow, dark soil, seeds for forests, flowers, and green trees.	64
In the legend, who were the children of the Sky and the lakes?	The smaller rivers and streams.	64
What did the Earth do out of jealousy to hide the lakes from the Sky?	Made the trees grow to hide them	64
In the legend, how were people created?	The Sky took black soil and snow and mixed them together, blew hard, and scattered them. Every speck of dust grew into a human--some dark and some white.	64
Why did some people thank the Sky?	For their creation	64
Why did some people thank the Earth?	For her gifts	65
How did the people of Sounis believe the Earth was created?	The Nine Gods son the Earth in a battle with Giants	65
What did the people on the mountains call Eddis?	Eddis.	66
What part of the legend did Gen say the magus left out of his story of creation?	The Earth cries when the Sky God ignores her and turned the oceans salty.	66
What did the magus say about the pronunciation of Eddis?	Eddis was the o old pronunciation used before the invaders came.	66
What name did 'Gen' come from?	Eugenides	67
How did the magus say Gen's mother died?	She fell from a 4th story window of Baron Eructhes's villa when Gen was 10 years old.	67
Who were all thieves named after?	Eugenides, god of thieves	67
Who followed Gen down the shale slope with the loose rocks falling?	Pol	68

What kind of tree grew in front of the opening of the cave in the mountains where there was a spring?	A fig tree	69
What kind of temple was in the cave behind the fig tree in the mountains?	An alter to the goddess of the spring that rose in the cave.	70
What was the relationship between small temples and large ones?	The small ones were exact scale replicas of the big ones.	70
What did magus tell Ambiades was the advantage of knowing someone's religion?	It could help you manipulate the person	70
Why did Sophos's father send him on the journey with the magus?	To toughen him up.	71
Why was Pol sent on the journey with the magus?	To keep an eye on Sophos.	72
What did Gen's father want him to become?	A soldier	73
What did Gen's brothers do for a living?	One was a soldier, the other was a watchmaker	73
What kind of watch was Sophos interested in?	New ones that are flat instead of round in the back	73
What was the name of Gen's watchmaker brother?	Stenides	73
How was the land around Eddis different from the Attolian Valley??	Sounis was brown and gold, the Attolian Valley was green	73
Why was the Attolian Valley so filled with plants?	The easterly winds dumped their rain when they hit the mountains.	73
What did Attolia export?	wine, figs, olives, grapes, and cereals.	74
What kind of livestock did people raise in Attolia?	cattle and sheep	74

Why did the magus suggest that Gen tell the story of the Birth of Eugenides, God of Thieves?	Eugenides was Gen's patron god.	74
In the legend, who did the Earth meet in the forest, crying?	A woodcutter	75
In the legend, why was the woodcutter crying?	His wife cried all the time because she couldn't have a baby.	75
When the woodcutter and his wife met Earth in the forest, what did she ask them if they had?	A cradle	76
What did the name 'Eugenides' mean?	wellborn	77
How did the Earth sometimes disguise herself to bring Eugenides presents?	As an old woman.	77
What kind of blanket did Earth give to Eugenides when he was a baby?	moleskin	77
What did Earth give to Eugenides when he turned five?	The gift of languages so he could understand the animals	77
What did Earth give to Eugenides when he turned ten?	The gift of summoning so he could talk with the lesser gods of streams and lakes.	77
What was Earth planning to give Eugenides on his 15th birthday?	immortality	77
What did Sky do when he found out Earth had a son with the woodcutter?	He threw down thunderbolts and destroyed villages where people thanked Earth for her gifts, but spared those were people thanked him for their creation.	77
Who spoke to the Earth and Sky and stopped them from fighting one another?	Hephestia, their oldest daughter.	78

What did Hephestia ask for from her father (the Sky)?	His thunderbolts	78
What did Hephestia ask for from her mother (the Earth)?	Her power to shake the ground	78
What did Earth promise to Sky never to do in the future?	Give Eugenides any more presents, or give immortality to any children except his.	79
After the people of the Sky and the Earth rebuilt their homes, what did they do in order to play it safe?	Built two alters in every village -- one to than the Sky, the other to thank the Earth.	79
What was the name of the huge grove of olive trees in the Attolian Valley?	Sea of Olives	82
Why was the Sea of Olives planted?	To honor one of the old gods	82
Why was Ambiades a better swordsman than Sophos?	He was taller and four or five years older.	84
Why hadn't the magus, Ambiades, and Sophos thrown down their packs over the cliff before climbing down?	Their valuable short swords were kept in a pocket sewn into them.	85
What weapon was more accurate than guns?	Crossbows	85
Why did the magus tell Sophos and Ambiades not to speak when they were near other travelers near Attolia?	Their accents would give them away as members of Sounis upper class.	87
What would the queen of Attolia do if she found out why the magus, Gen, Ambiades and Sophos were there?	Behead them publicly.	87
What did the magus keep inside a brown leather case?	A compass	88
Why was Ambiades ashamed of his cloak?	It was filled with moth holes and raggedy.	89

What kind of cloak did Pol have?	A plain military cloak	89
What kind of cloak did Sophos have?	An expensive one with silk tassels hanging from the hem.	89
What did Gen call Ambiades that made him attack him and throw him into the stream?	The Lord of Rags and Tatters	89
What kind of comb did Gen steal from Ambiades's saddle bag?	Tortoise shell, inlaid with gold at the ends	90
Why did Gen tell Sophos he was too nice to be a duke?	Sophos lent him his comb	91
Who was Baron Eumen?	Ambiades's grandfather who was executed for trying to restore the oligarchy in the Euman Conspiracy.	92
How did Ambiades's father lose all his inherited money?	gambling	92
In the legend, why did the Earth send for Eugenides?	To steal the Sky's thunderbolts while he was laying with one of the goddesses of the mountain lakes.	93
In the legend, who was Olcthemenes?	The tailor that made a suit for Eugenides out of his moleskin blanket.	93
In the legend, who was Olmia?	The weaver who made a hat for Eugenides from feathers he begged thrushes in the forest for.	93
In the legend, when the lake heard Eugenides moving in the bushes the first time, what did the Sky say it was?	A mole that sneaks through the twilight	94
In the legend, when the lake heard Eugenides moving in the bushes the second time, what did the Sky say it was?	Only the thrush that settles in the bushes to sleep	94
What did Eugenides ask the Sky for in return for telling where his thunderbolts were?	A drink from the wellspring of immortality	95

What did Sky lace the chalice of water he gave to Eugenides with?	powdered coleus root	95
Where did Eugenides tell the Sky his thunderbolts were hidden?	On his sister's throne in her hall	95
What did Hephestia say when her father (the Sky) came to her for his thunderbolts?	She thanked him for keeping his promise to give them to her, so he couldn't say anything.	95
What did the magus and Pol do to Gen when they found out food was missing from one of the packs?	They beat him on the back with a horse crop	97
Why didn't Gen run away from the magus and Pol?	He wanted to be a kingmaker--to be the first one steal Hamiathes's Gift in hundreds of years.	99
What secret did Pol and Gen keep from the magus?	Ambiades and Sophos had tied him so tightly to a tree that his fingers turned blue.	103
What did Pol give to Gen to help with the pain in his fingers and hands after being tied so tightly?	A little paper packet of dried berries	104
Where did Sophos get his fancy cloak?	His mom bought it for him when she heard he'd be traveling to the city to be with the magus.	105
Where did Sophos live before coming to live with the magus?	In one of his father's villas on the Eutoas River.	105
What did Sophos's father find out that made him decide his son needed to be toughened up?	He couldn't fence or ride horses, and he didn't like to go hunting. He liked to read instead.	105
What was Pol's regular job?	He was captain of Sophos's father's guard.	105
Why were there so many unharvested olives in the trees in the Attolian Valley?	Since the plague, there weren't enough people to harvest all the trees.	106

How did a plague come to Attolia, Eddis, and Sounis?	With the trading ships across the middle sea.	106
Why did Sounis already have a surplus population, in contrast to Attolia?	It was a smaller country	106
Why did the magus, the last surviving member of a family in a farmhouse, leave the farm and go to Sounis?	To get an education	106
What was the first generous thought Gen ever had about his cousins?	It was better to have all of them than none.	107
What was the 'dystopia'?	The remains of the boiling rock that had come out of the Sacred Mountain thousands of years before. (Hardened lava)	108
Although the ground in the dystopia was rich with minerals, why couldn't plants grow there?	It was too hard.	108
How did the legend say the dystopia was created?	Eugenides tried to use the thunderbolts he'd stolen from the Sky and started the fire that burned everything to the ground and killed his brother.	108
In the legend, who saved Eugenides from the fire he accidentally started with the thunderbolts?	Hamiathes	108
Why did Hephestia give Hamiathes the stone of immortality?	She was grateful to him for saving her brother, Eugenides.	108
What was the name of the berries Pol gave to Gen to help with pain?	ossil	109
What did Gen say to Pol to thank him for the berries he gave him to help with his pain?	"Be blessed in your endeavors"	109

What was the only river that ran through the dystopia?	The Aractus	113
In Gen's dream, what was the lady he saw wearing?	Ancient peplos with pleats like one of the women carved in stone beside old alters.	115
What did the lady in Gen's dream tell him?	Take what you seek if you find it, but be cautious. Do not offend the gods".	115-116
What did the lady in Gen's dream wrote on a scroll?	His name and a small mark beside it	116
In the legend, what was the name of the first child the woodcutter and his wife had together?	Lyopidus	116
In the legend, why was Lyopidus jealous of Eugenides?	He had the gifts of the gods, and he was older than him.	116
What made Lyopidus go from being jealous of Eugenides to hating him?	Eugenides stole the Sky God's thunderbolts and became immortal.	117
What did Eugenides do because he knew Lyopidus hated him?	Traveled across the world.	117
What did the Sky disguise himself as when he came to Lyopidus with a plan to humiliate Eugenides?	A charioteer	117
What did Lyopidus say to Eugenides when he visited him at his house on the other side of the middle sea?	"Here is a stranger who asks to share your wine cup"	117
Why did Lyopidus say he was calling himself a stranger to Eugenides, even though he was his brother?	His bad feelings about him were gone and he wanted to start new.	117
What kind of mirror did Lyopidus ask Eugenides if he had?	A Samian mirror	117

How did Lyopidus trick Eugenides into stealing back the thunderbolts from his sister, Hephestia?	He preyed on his pride and arrogance, and Eugenides wanted to impress Lyopidus	118
How did Eugenides steal the thunderbolts back from Hephestia?	He climbed a tree and took them from her as she passed underneath it.	118
What happened when Eugenides threw a small thunderbolt at a tree?	It exploded and set the world on fire.	119
How did Hamiathes trick a river god to change its course and put out the fire Eugenides accidentally caused?	He said the river god could get the thunderbolts from Eugenides and give them back to her father.	120
When the river washed Eugenides and the thunderbolts away, where did they end up?	At the great river, the Seperchia, who was the daughter of the Earth.	121
How was Eugenides different from all the other gods?	He was dark-skinned like the Nimbians on the far side of the middle sea because he had been burnt.	121
What did Gen say people said to people they thought was very intelligent?	He is clever enough to steal Hamiathes's Gift	121
What did Gen say happened to people who tried to steal Hamiathes's Gift but got caught?	They threw them off a cliff.	122
What was the sound the magus was waiting for on the dystopia?	The water from the river suddenly stopped.	122
Why did the water from the Aractus River coming through the dystopia stop?	At the end of summer, if the water in the reservoir was too low, the sluice gate was closed and the river disappeared.	122
What did Gen see in the rock when the waterfall suddenly disappeared?	A doorway and two granite pillars	123

What property of Gen's did the magus bring with him on the journey?	His thief's tools wrapped in leather	123
Why did Gen have to hurry when he was inside the secret temple behind the disappearing waterfall?	At dawn the water would flow again and fill it up.	123
How long would the lamp Gen brought inside the hidden temple last?	six hours	123
What was the only thing Gen didn't carry with his other thieves' tools because it was too big?	A pry bar	123-124
How many nights in a row would the river stop and reveal the door behind the waterfall?	Four	123
What superstition did Gen's grandfather ingrain in him?	Send up a prayer as you start your work, send up a prayer as you finish it, and leave a gift once a month on the altar of Eugenides	124
What gift did Gen like to leave at the altar of Eugenides?	earrings	124
What gift did Gen's grandfather like to leave at the altar of Eugenides?	fibula pins	124
What did Gen use to hold open one of the stone doors inside the hidden temple?	One of his shoes	126
What had Gen stolen from the inn on the first night of their journey?	Sulfur matches in a little silver case	127
What did Gen steal from the man sitting next to them at lunch one day?	A small knife with a folding blade	127
What did Gen steal from the magus?	The fibula pin he used to hook his cloak	127

What was another name for Hephestial glass?	obsidian	128
What had obsidian been used for in ancient times?	arrow heads and spear heads	128
What was obsidian still treasured for?	jewelry and blades of decorative knives	128
What was missing from the hidden temple?	naos, pronaos, alter, statues of the gods, or opisthodomos (treasure room)	130
What is an opisthodomos?	A treasure room inside a temple	130
What did Gen see in the water near the back of the maze of corridors inside the hidden temple?	human bones	130
In his dream, what was the lady's hair held away from her face with?	A string of dark red stones set in gold.	134
What kind of feather pen did the lady in Gen's dream use to put a second mark by his name?	A swan feather pen	134
Why did Gen tell the magus they should move their camp?	The river turned there and if it came back fast, it would jump the bank and land on them.	135
How do all locks work?	tumblers	136
What is the difference between more expensive and less expensive locks?	the more tumblers, the more expensive the lock	136
What did Gen find in the water with the bones?	rings, buttons, fibulas, and brooches.	136
Which ring did Gen find and put on his thumb?	A ring with a green emerald engraved with a design	136
What did Gen do with the line Pol had given him?	Measured the maze of corridors inside the hidden temple	137
What did Gen use to write the measurements of the maze on paper?	A charcoal stick from the campfire.	138

How long was the rope Pol gave to Gen?	30 feet	139
What was engraved on the emerald ring Gen found in the water with the bones?	A curving fish, like a dolphin.	139
What did the writing on the emerald ring Gen found reveal about it?	It was old, pre-invader.	140
When the lady in Gen's dream asked him, "Who brings you here", what was his reply?	"I bring myself"	140
What did Gen do with the pry bar inside the hidden temple?	He broke the obsidian door and revealed a staircase with 12 steps leading up.	145
What did Gen find when he got to the top of the stairs inside the hidden temple?	There was a room filled with people--statues	146
Who was the woman in the white peplos Gen saw in his dream, and found in the room inside the hidden temple?	Moira, who recorded men's fates	146
Who was sitting on the throne in the room inside the hidden temple?	The Great Goddess Hephestia	147
What was on the small tray held by the Great Goddess Hephestia?	The stone of immortality	147
Who invited Gen to take the stone of immortality from the tray?	Eugenides	148
Who was the only god Gen offended?	Aractus who was charged to let no thief enter.	148
Who was one who kept closing the doors in the hidden temple, even though Gen had blocked them?	Aractus, the river god who was charged to let no thief enter.	149

Where did <i>Gen</i> wake up after he took the stone of immortality and was washed away by the Aractus River?	On the bank of the Aractus River	151
What did Hamiathes's <i>Gift</i> look like?	gray and white spotted	151
Who was the god whose robes <i>Gen</i> touched, which were blue and had a pattern like running water woven into it?	Oceanus	151
What did the magus promise he would do for <i>Gen</i> after he brought out Hamiathes's <i>Gift</i> ?	Carve his name on a stele outside the basilica	152
Why did the magus, Pol, and Sophos owe their lives to <i>Gen</i> ?	The Aractus River washed across their first campsite on the lower bank, so they would have died if they hadn't moved like <i>Gen</i> suggested.	153
What was carved on the stone of immortality?	The four symbols of Hephestia's ancient name	153
What gemstone was embedded into the stone of immortality?	sapphire	153
How did the magus know what the stone of immortality would look like?	His predecessor drugged the high priest in Eddis and looked through his library and found the description of the stone.	153
Why had Ambiades really kept the fire burning at the camp where he kept watch of the horses?	He was afraid of their ghosts wandering back across the dystopia	154
Who attacked the magus and the rest as they made their way back to Sounis with Hamiathes's <i>Gift</i> ?	The soldiers of the queen of Attolia.	158
Why did <i>Gen</i> put water on the dead lieutenant's uniform where there was the shape of a coleus leaf?	He wanted to erase it because the coleus leaf was the mark of a coward.	158

What did the magus say they would do after he lost the stone of immortality in the fight with the Attolian soldiers?	Make a copy of it	160
What was the name of the town where Gen stole food for the magus and the others?	Pirrhea	162
What was the name of the town where Gen stole new horses?	Kahlia	162
What were the fire rings built every 50 yards on roads outside of large towns for?	For merchants who stopped their packtrains outside towns to camp	164
What is the name for a person who takes care of horses?	ostler	165
What good luck did Gen have when he went to steal the horses in Kahlia?	The ostler was drunk and asleep	165
Where did Gen tell the magus he was going to go, rather than return to Sounis with him?	Back to Attolia	169
What did Sophos give to Gen before he, Ambiades, and the magus left him on the trail?	His sword	169
Why were the queen of Attolia's soldiers waiting at the top of the cliff?	Ambiades had betrayed them and told them about the trail.	174
Why hadn't Gen wanted to be a soldier?	He never wanted to kill anyone.	175
Why was Ambiades in a sour mood most of the time?	He felt guilty about betraying his master to the Attolians	177
What did Ambiades have that made the magus suspicious?	An expensive tortoiseshell comb	177
How did Ambiades die?	Pol pushed him over the cliff	178
What did Sophos dread having to tell Pol's wife and two children?	He had died, falling off a cliff.	178

Why did the magus feel bad and owe Gen many apologies?	It was actually Ambiadēs who had stolen food from the saddlebags--not Gen.	179
What happened to the hidden temple where Gen found the stone of immortality?	It was completely destroyed when the Arachus River came in and washed away most of the walls.	180
What did the Queen of Attolia look like?	Black hair held away from her face by an imitation of the woven gold band of Hephestia, and an embroidered red peplos.	182
What favor did the magus do for Gen in Attolia?	Convinced the queen he was too valuable to kill--that she should keep him as her thief.	182
What excuse did Gen give to the Queen of Attolia for not being able to stay there?	He had a sweetheart in Sounis he promised to return to.	183
How did Gen compare the Queen of Attolia to his 'sweetheart'?	He said the queen was more beautiful, but his sweetheart was more kind.	183
How did Gen escape from the Queen of Attolia's prison with the magus and Sophos?	The guards were playing cards, and he blew out all the lanterns	186
What river did the Attolian stronghold sit in the middle of?	The Sperchia	187
Why was there a door in the outside wall of the Attolian castle on the ledge?	They disposed of bodies by throwing them in the river	188
What did the magus notice about the river that upset him?	It was running the wrong way, so they were going upstream, rather than downstream.	189
What did Gen say he wished he had a lot of that he knew the magus would find strange?	books	192
Where did Sophos say he wished he could be?	Under the apricot tree in his mother's garden at the villa, watching his little sisters play.	192

Where did the magus say he wished he could be?	In the main temple watching the marriage of Sounis and Eddis.	192
Why did the magus wish the King of Sounis and the Queen of Eddis would get married?	So the king would have an heir who would inherit Eddis and Sounis.	192
What empire was the great threat to Sounis, Eddis, and Attolia that wanted to expand?	The Medes	193
What did Gen, the magus, and Sophos use as a bridge across the Seperchia River to escape from the Attolian guards after they escaped from the castle?	A tree trunk	194
Why did the Queen of Attolia like her guards to carry rifles rather than crossbows?	She thought they were more impressive	195-196
What shape scar did Gen think he would have in his face after being hit with a shard of rock?	feather shaped	197
What were the soldiers on the other side of the Seperchia River doing when Gen, the magus, and Sophos walked right into them?	Playing dice and sleeping	200
What did Gen see carved over the gate as he was carried on horseback and fell asleep?	griffons	202
What did the Queen of Eddis look like?	black hair and red velvet gown, she stood like a soldier, long arms, broken nose, short hair, and a simple silver crown	202
What did the Queen of Eddis say when the soldiers brought the magus, Sophos, and Gen in front of her?	"Oh, it's you, Eugenides."	202

What did Gen take from his braid at the base of his neck and give to the Queen of Eddis?	Hamiathes's Gift - the stone of immortality	203
How did Gen get the stone of immortality away from the magus?	He cut the thong around the magus's neck that held it during the fight with the Attolian soldiers.	204
Where were all of Sounis's best linens woven?	In Eddis	205
How did Gen really feel about Hamiathes's Gift?	It was more burden than blessing, and he was happy to be free of it.	205
Why did Gen brag about his skills as a thief in the wineshops?	He WANTED to be picked up by the magus in Sounis so he would be led to Hamiathes's Gift.	205
What was the first sign that Gen would never become a soldier, as his dad wished?	He hated horses.	206
Why did Gen's father think the title of "King's Thief" should lapse forever?	It had been meaningless for many generations	206
Who had the minister of war married?	The daughter of the previous King's Thief.	206
Who was the minister of war that the magus talked to about Gen's fighting the Attolian soldiers?	Gen's father	206
How did Gen know about the tree trunk bridge across the Seperchis River so they would be able to escape across it?	He went down every year after the floods and stuck a tree trunk there like he used to do with his grandfather to always have a way to get into Attolia without being seen coming from Eddis.	209
When did Pol realize that Gen was an Eddesian?	When he carelessly thanked him in his own words for the ossil berries ("May you be blessed in your endeavors")	209
What did Ambiades always want more of?	money, power, and respect	209

What did Gen do with his enrollment papers in the Eddisian Guard?	Tore them up and swore not to take a sword by the hilt unless his life was in danger.	210
How had the Queen of Eddis's nose been broken?	By Gen's brother, Temenus, when they were eleven and practicing sword fighting.	210
How long had the Queen of Eddis reigned?	five years	210
What was the name of the mountain where the King of Sounis had his army stationed?	Mount Irkes	211
Who carried the note from the Queen of Eddis to the King of Sounis saying they would burn the forest to the ground if they didn't leave by sunset?	Gen's cousin, Crodes.	211
How was Sophos related to the King of Sounis?	The King was Sophos's uncle -- his father (the duke's) brother	2112
Why did the Queen of Eddis tell Gen she was greatly impressed with him?	He had secured her throne (with Hamiathes's Gift) and also brought her the heir of her enemy (Sophos).	212
Who did doctors in Eddis take an oath to do harm to no one?	Asklepois	213
Who was Eugenides really named after?	His grandfather	214
Why did people call Gen's mother 'Queen Thief'?	She stole people's hearts away, and stole their jewels and wore them or dedicated them.	214
What did Gen's mother like to take from people?	The things they were most proud of.	214
How did Gen's mother fall out of a window and die?	She had been dancing on the roof of the palace and slipped coming back in.	215
How did the Queen of Eddis say Eugenides resembled his father?	They hunched over and denied they were in pain.	216

What earrings did Sophos admire most that Eugenides had dedicated at the family shrine to Eugenides?	The duchess Alenia's cabochon emeralds.	217
What did the Queen of Eddis tell Eugenides she planned to do with the stone of immortality?	Take it to the sacred mountain and throw it into Hephestia's fire.	217
Why did the Queen of Eddis want to destroy Hamiathes's Gift?	Moira told her it wasn't meant to go on forever, and Eddis's throne should descend in the same way as in other countries.	217
Who did Sophos think the Queen of Eddis would marry?	Eugenides	218
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What did Eugenides say when the Queen said, "Thank you, thief"?	"You're welcome, my queen."	219