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7. What happens to Alek?
8. Which sequence to find the beacon was right in the end – Yards or Miles?

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**- Answer Key**

**Chapters 1 to 5**

1. Where does the story take place?

Perses, an asteroid

1. Who employs the people there?

Melming Mining

1. In Chapter 1, why did Christopher want to plan a party?

He knew his friend Elena would like it; to lift spirits, to make the Blackout less scary

1. What is the Blackout?

A period of time where Perses will have no contact with Earth

1. What happens at the end of Chapter 4?

The first bomb fell

1. What does Christopher’s father give him?

A backpack, which he tells him contains a map

**Chapters 6 to 10**

1. What is the name of the book Christopher finds in the backpack?

Oliver Twist

1. What did they use to mine for really precious metals?

Grinders

1. Why did they leave Alek?

He was still unconscious and they couldn’t move him

**Chapters 11 to 20**

1. What does Christopher decide to call the people who had come to Perses and attacked it?

Landers

1. What does he decide to call himself and the other children?

MiNRs

1. Who does he find in at the end of Chapter 12?

Elena

1. What is the plan at the end of Chapter 14?

To do little raids on the Landers

1. Who is Fatima?

She is a grinder that Christopher finds in a locked area of the tunnels

1. What is a grinder?

A child miner who digs for the most precious metals

1. Why did Jimmi and Pavel not want to helps the other grinders?

They didn’t want to share what little they had; they were scared of them because they were strange to them

1. Fatima tells Christopher that the flashlight his father gave him is not a regular flashlight. What connection does he make between the book and the flashlight?

He realizes that the flashlight reveals a code in the book, that the book is the map

1. Who has the idea to hold one giant food raid?

Elena

**Chapters 20 to 32**

1. How does Finn die?

The Landers somehow know that they are coming and they kill Finn

1. After Finn dies, why does Christopher change the frequencies on the radios?

Because he knows there is a traitor who must of shared their frequency with the Landers

1. Who was the traitor?

Jimmi

1. Why did the person betray them?

Because he saw that the Landers had his dad, so he made a deal with them so he could save his dad

1. How does the traitor redeem himself or herself?

He gives them Intel as he drives to his death

1. After Christopher notices the tattoo on Fatima, what does he learn about his father?

He realizes that his father had once been a grinder

1. What happens to Alek?

He dies in order to explode the Landers ship

1. Which sequence to find the beacon was right in the end – Yards or Miles?

Miles