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Chapter 1

Vocabulary:

Surveilled –

Habitual –

Inevitable –

Efficacy –

Subvert –

Unverified –

Yakuza –

Deviant –

Biometric –

Retina --

Impervious –

Obscure –

Surreptitiously –

Evade –

Arphid –

1. Have you ever been called to the Principals’ office? How did it make you feel?
2. Where does Marcus go to High School?
3. How do you pronounce “w1n5st0n?”
4. Who is Darryl?
5. What does Mr. Benson accuse Marcus of doing?
6. Why does Marcus recite an old Irish Folk song?
7. Who is Vanessa Pack?
8. What is LARPing?

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Chapter 2

Vocabulary:

Infraction –

Malicious –

Lobotomized –

Infiltrate –

Exfiltrate –

1. Have you ever skipped school? Did you get into trouble?
2. Where does Darryl want to go to College?
3. How does Marcus know when Darryl is going to “give in?”
4. What happens when the arphid is “nuked?”
5. What is a botnet?
6. Describe Darryl.
7. Describe Vanessa
8. Who is the most “hardcore player” of the group?
9. What is uni?
10. Write a metaphor or a simile from Chapter 2 below.

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Chapter 3

Vocabulary:

Dispassionately –

Festooned –

1. “We popped free like champagne corks,” is an example of what Literary Device?
2. What type of training did Vanessa receive at every summer camp?
3. How does Marcos feel about terrorism?
4. Circle who Marcos discovers is keeping him in prisoner.

Terrorists The U.S. Government “Juvy” Hall

1. Make a brief prediction on what may happen next.

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Chapter 4

Vocabulary:

Melodramatic –

Innocuous –

Decreed –

Ominously –

Subversive –

Eloquent –

Ubiquitous –

Heinous –

Legalese –

Clinched –

Stifled –

1. What six words are like a “lifeline dangling” in front of Marcus?
2. How does Severe Haircut Lady convince Marcus to give up his password?
3. Who makes the pizza that Marcos eats in his cell? Have you ever eaten there? Did you know that on Monday nights they have all you can eat? (These last two questions have nothing to do with the book, just a little local trivia).
4. Who is the first friend that Marcus reunites with?
5. Where does the “baggy pants” fashion statement come from?
6. What does the Starbucks cup remind Marcus of?
7. What would Marcus rather do than go back to his cell?

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Chapter 5

Vocabulary:

Vindictiveness –

Refugee –

Zenith –

Tableau –

Quarantined –

1. Have you ever withheld information from your parents? If so when? (This will not be held against you).
2. After hearing Jolu’s and Vanessa’s experience during captivity, does it seem as though Marcus was signaled out?
3. Which bridge did the terrorist blow up?
4. What’s Marcus’ theory on terrorists?
5. Where does Vanessa live? (circle please)

Potrero Hill Noe Valley North Mission

1. Where does Marcus live? (circle please)

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1. Where does Jolu live? (circle please)

Potrero Hill Noe Valley North Mission

1. Is Marcus’s description of the Mission accurate?
2. Where does Marcus’s Dad work? What’s his occupation?
3. How many days did the police department take before filling a missing persons report after the bombing?
4. What did the terrorists do to BART?
5. How does Marcus describe the feeling of putting on fresh clothes? Is this a metaphor or a simile?
6. What is the first thing a person should order when building their own laptop according to Marcus?
7. What does Marcus decide to do with the bug that he finds in his computer?
8. What does Marcus make with an empty toilet paper roll?
9. What is the nickname for the Xbox portable?
10. Where/who was the Paranoid Linox System intended for use?
11. How does technology make Marcus feel? How do you feel about technology?

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Chapter 6

Vocabulary:

Subdued –

Suffragists –

1. When in your life have you felt, “like a rock star.”
2. How many days of school has Marcus missed?
3. What does the following statement reveal about Marcus as character: “It was normally the kind of thing I really liked – little guys making the big and powerful be honest?”
4. How much does ink jet ink costs to make?
5. How did one group of parents react towards the surveillance cameras being put into the classroom?
6. Why does Marcus stop using the W1n5ston handle?
7. What is Crypto?
8. Who is Alan Turing?
9. What feature does the robotic dog toy have?

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Chapter 7 – WARNING! This chapter gets a little “techy.”

Vocabulary:

Gewgaws –

Anomalies –

Histogram –

Dissident –

Exasperated –

Eavesdrop –

Aghast –

Efficient –

1. Do you think music should be free? How can Musicians be paid fairly?
2. Does this book take place in the future? Give your reasons. How do hackers spell elite?
3. What makes the Xnet secure?
4. Who is Thomas Bayes? What is the Bayesian Analysis?
5. Where does Jolu work?
6. Where are Van’s parents from?
7. For Indie artists, what’s the bigger problem – obscurity or piracy?
8. Who is Trudy Dee?
9. Who is M1k3y?
10. If you want to be in charge of your computer what should you do?

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Chapter 8

Vocabulary:

Histograms –

Abnormal –

Indienet –

Parkette –

1. Have you ever been accused of something you didn’t do and yet the more you tried to prove your innocence the guiltier you looked? Please explain.
2. Were only MUNI and BART passengers tracked for abnormal travel patterns?
3. Does Fast Track have an off switch?
4. What’s Van’s concern regarding Marcus’s Xnet buddies?
5. What is Marcus’s plan according to the vow he makes?
6. What was the 1st line of Marcus’s blog post on his new Xnet site Open Revolt?
7. What math lesson is best for building an automatic terrorism detector?

The accuracy data diagnosis The paradox of false positive

The theory of the numerating fraction E = MC2

1. Are terrorists common?
2. Where does Mr. Weiner Dog work?
3. What happens when Marcus’s arphid brushes against someone?

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Chapter 9

Vocabulary:

Saboteurs –

Serene –

Barbarians –

1. Do you notice your parents aging? Explain.
2. Does Britain have a Constitution?
3. How often is the average Londoner photographed?
4. Why did Marcus’s mother go to London when he was 10?
5. How many terrorist groups claimed they made the attack?
6. At what location do John and Marcus decide to have a party?

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Chapter 10

Vocabulary:

Erratic –

Perpetual –

1. What would you do if you found out a fellow classmate was reporting everything you did – both good and bad – to your parents?
2. What is the danger of a “man-in-the-middle” attack?
3. How can you lockout a man-in-the-middle?
4. What’s the cheaper way of fixing man-in-the-middle?
5. What are San Francisco’s Roman Ruins?
6. Why is Jolu’s view of the police so different from Marcus’s?
7. Ange wears glasses that look like what famous musician?

John Lennon Elvis Costello Buddy Holly Elton John

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Chapter 11 Notes

Levitate –

Melodramatic –

Apolitical –

1. Place a check mark next to the opening lines of the Declaration of Independence?

We the people in order to form a more perfect union…

I can’t get no satisfaction…

Four score and seven years ago…

When, in the course of human events…

1. According to Ange – who is not to be trusted?
2. What does Marcus do to his laptop at the beach?
3. Who said, “If I can’t dance, I don’t want to be a part of your revolution.”

Bob Dylan Emma Goldman Nicki Minaj Fred Astaire

1. What is the slogan for the free concert?
2. Where does the slogan originally come from?
3. How did the Yippie, Wavy Gravy, help mobilize the people?

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Chapter 12

Vocabulary:

Premonition –

Endorphins –

Conferred –

1. What is the hottest, spiciest thing you have ever eaten?
2. What is Capsaicin?
3. How did invitations to the party get sent out?
4. What can a person open with the bass players smile?
5. How many girls has Marcus kissed in his life?
6. Who takes over Ms. Galvez’s class?

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Chapter 13

Vocabulary:

Profiteers –

Quid Pro Quo –

Anonymize –

Clandestine –

Guerillas –

Dissent –

Compunctions –

Propaganda –

Fundamentalists –

Grovel –

Sadistic –

1. Who or what does Ange thing are “whores?”
2. How does Ange find out that Marcus was M1k3y?
3. Who do we learn stole the standardized test mentioned in Chapter 1?
4. What term is used to describe the test?
5. What does Dr. Eeevil warn M1k3y about in regards to taking digital photos?
6. What two doctrines does Mrs. Anderson mention in class?

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Chapter 14

Vocabulary:

Revelers –

Provocateurs –

Ashen –

Caltrops –

1. Have you ever lost a friend because of a new friend? Please explain and thanks for sharing.
2. Does Marcus like to watch television?
3. According to Major Sutherland what are the 3 items in the “deadly cocktail?”
4. How does being called “son” make Marcus feel?
5. Writing papers for History, Social Studies, English and Physics is better than what according to Marcus?
6. What is the name of Jack Kerouac novel that Marcus mentions?
7. Why did Marcus and Van drift apart?
8. Since they go to the same school, are Van and Ange good friends?
9. In the video posted by the “kid who likes to send funny phone-cam videos,” what is shown being dismantled and inspected by the DHS thanks to a lead from a bomb sniffing dog?”
10. What does the Alexandria archive hosts videos of?
11. Who is the General that gets tackled by the DHS guards outside of City Hall?
12. What does PvP stand for?

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Chapter 15

Vocabulary:

Gall –

Journos –

Gloating –

Bemused –

Inconsequentialities –

1. What do the writers want to make Marcus into?
2. According to Ange what is the best way to “screw the DHS?”
3. What is the advantage of typing a press conference?
4. At what time does Marcus leave Ange’s house?
5. What did the Fox news correspondent decide to nickname the Xnetter’s after Marcus’ interview?
6. What is Mrs. Anderson’s theory on Manifest Destiny?
7. What is the name of the homeless guy that Marcus runs into?
8. Name one of Marcus’ “three thousand projects.
9. How did Zeb and Darryl communicate?
10. What does Marcus finally admit to his mother? How does she react?

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Chapter 16

Vocabulary:

Recrimination –

Tensely –

Abstract –

Plinth –

Acclimated –

1. Doesn’t it feel good to tell the truth?
2. How does Marcus’ Dad react to hearing “the secret?”
3. Where does Darryl go in the summer and at Christmas?
4. What does Ron’s apartment smell like?
5. Who is Barbara Stratford?
6. What time did they arrive at Barbara Stratford’s driveway?
7. What’s Marcus’ new name? How many names does he have at this point and time?
8. What “drug” are Ange and Marcus addicted to?

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Chapter 17

Vocabulary:

Protocols –

Susceptible –

Nodes –

Mutinous –

1. What was once illegal to export?
2. What topic was Dan Bernstein’s tutorial written on?
3. What does Marcus compare himself to after his story launches?
4. Who is John Postel?
5. Every internet protocol is susceptible to what?
6. How far does the DNS go back?
7. What would have happened if say the cleaners knocked out the plug from underneath Jon Postel’s desk?
8. Who is Kurt Rooney?
9. According to Marcus, what does one brain sometimes give us?

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Chapter 18

Vocabulary:

Nominally –

Quaffing –

Mediate –

Subjugating –

Armaments –

Smote –

Queued –

Acclimate –

1. What was your favorite thing to do three years ago?
2. Where did the best LARPing games occur when Marcus’ was 14?
3. What character was Marcus for his first LARPing game?
4. Who was the first person that Marcus “murdered?”
5. What is the name of the LARPing games played in the city? How often is it played?
6. What are the non-players called?
7. Who has an unhealthy appetite for fact checking?
8. What’s the alternative to dwelling on mistakes?
9. How many days’ worth of clothing should one take when traveling according to Ange?
10. Who is Louisa? Who is Lillian?
11. Who is an undiscovered spicy food prodigy?

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Chapter 19

Vocabulary:

Vindicated—

Marionette—

Klaxon—

Traitorous—

1. Have you ever participated in or witnessed a Flash Mob? If so please describe.
2. How does one “go invisible” at the Vamp Mob?
3. Is the point of the Vamp Mob to win?
4. How many replies does Marcus get for the Vamp Mob?
5. What is the “amazing” old urban planner’s name?
6. Where does Masha put Marcus’s student ID, ATM and FAST Pass card? Why?
7. Which classmate shows up at the Vamp Mob?
8. Where do Marcus and Masha hide?
9. What is Charles’s phone shaped like?

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Chapter 20

Vocabulary:

Intermediary—

Brocade—

Cacophony—

1. What do you suppose has happened to Darryl?
2. Who does contacts Marcus through email?
3. Why does Marcus have to “tickle” Masha’s phone?
4. What does Marcus suggest to Nate and Liam, should they get questioned by the DHS?
5. How five-person do trails work?
6. What is a “freegan?”
7. According to Marcus, what is the worst pizza in San Francisco? What is the best?
8. What does severe haircut woman want from Marcus?

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Chapter 21

Vocabulary:

Arraigned—

Bailiff—

Prosecution—

Vomitous—

1. What is going to happen to any law-enforcement officers involved in ‘stress interrogations’ and secret imprisonments?”
2. What did the DHS do when Ange asked vehemently for an attorney?
3. What are the first words Darryl says to Marcus?
4. Finish the sentence: “I decided that I couldn’t run. That I had to face justice—that my freedom wasn’t worth anything if I was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Where was Darryl admitted after the rescue?
6. What bad habit did Darryl have as a kid?
7. What three words did Marcus almost say to Darryl?

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Epilogue/Afterword

Vocabulary:

Misdemeanor—

Unilateral--

Incontrovertible—

Epilogue--

Meticulous—

Photomontage—

1. What did Marcus plead guilty to?
2. Who is Carrie Johnston?
3. Where does Marcus want to live?
4. Where is Marcus’s office located?
5. Who does Zeb hook up?
6. What is Bruce Schneier’s occupation?
7. Why does Schneier suggest staring at an anthill?
8. The Constitution provides people with security against who?
9. What does bad security rely on?
10. Once the reader closes the book what does Schneier suggest a reader do?