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' If the character is someone who is more inclined to lies or secrecy, pretend they've been given some kind of truth-telling substance.' is so funny to me jed walks up to the truth serum and says 'is anybody gonna drink that?' and then not wait for an answer. anyways here goes. im changing the font because i hate serif fonts

(some questions deleted for redundancy jed rambles on one question and answers like five of them)

01. What is your name? Is there anything special about it/how you got it? Do you have more than one name or nickname?

"Jedidiah L. Harlow" -- no idea what the 'L' stands for, by the way, that's all the id I woke up with had on it, so. I guess there's probably some sort of story behind why his parents called him that, but if there is I don't know it. "Jed" works just fine.

(benji note the L stands for LOKKE he's named after loki because im a #lokigirl) (VENS idea)

02. What are your pronouns? How do you identify?

she/him? It doesn't fuckin' matter. I'm a woman and a man.

03. If you're comfortable sharing, what is your sexuality? Do you have someone who is special to you romantically/sexually?

I'm bi. And I mean- second question- that one's pretty obvious right? Seeing as I'm married and all.

04. Who is your best friend? What do you think of them? Do you have more than one best friend?

Wow! Talk about a loaded question. A few centuries ago, I'd say- well, other than my Ari, that is- probably my brother Virgil, or my old buddy Naomhaich. I'd say those bridges are, uh, well and truly burned now, though. I still think the world of Virg, though. I mean, god- the world's always tryin' to break that one, isn't it? I know I was.

05. How old are you? When is your birthday?

What, about three hundred or so? I think ol' Jeddy was somewhere in his thirties when he died. It was written on his old ID card but I lost that fucker ages ago, so I really have no idea. I was rezzed in the summer, I remember that much, no idea about my actual birthday though.

(benji note his birthday is october 25. he does not know this)

06. What do you look like? What is your favorite/least favorite part of yourself?

I look like a-- what, freaky little one-armed Awoken with bad teeth? What do you want me to say? Well, I can say at least we've gotten my hair looking nice again. It's got that curl going again from before I just let it get so bad. So there's that.

07. What are you? (*species*) Where are you from?

Earthborn Awoken. I don't think that means anything, since I'm a lightbearer. Or- well, since I used to be one.

08. How do you feel about your home/homeland?

I'm pretty sure the City is my homeland. I mean, it's where ol' Jeddy is from, and it's the first thing I remember, anyhow. I've always had this... I don't know, sometimes it's like a piece of me is missin' when it comes to stuff like this. Like, I don't know how to say it- like I want a connection that isn't there. The Dreaming City is beautiful, right? Made by the Awoken and all that? I don't feel anything about it. I feel like I... should. Like I wish I did. But that's not really *for* me, right? That's a crisis for ol' Jeddy, for people who aren't remade like lightbearers with our pasts scrubbed away with our homelands and our histories.

Ah, whatever.

09. Do you have a family? What's your relationship with them like if you do?

Well, biologically speaking, there was Phemi- what a downer! She was ol' Jeddy's mom, passed on a while back. Very insistent. I mostly just avoided her when I was younger, because I didn't know what to do with all my lightbearer past life baggage but ignore it. Nowadays I think I regret that. I wonder what it would've been like to have a mom. I reckon ol' Jeddy had a dad too, but I never met him.

Then there's my brother Virgil. I, uh... Things were better for him when he thought I was dead, I think. I spent so long trying to... I don't even know what I was trying to do anymore. Trying to make him act like me? Think like me? Trying to break him like I was? Either way, he can't even look at me now without gettin' all... Ugh, what's the next question?

10. Do you have any children? Tell me about them and your relationship to them, if you do.

well I sure fuckin' HOPE not

11. If you don't have any children, how do you feel about children, and do you want any someday?

I can't have kids. I don't... Mind them, I guess? I haven't spoken to a child in centuries. I think I used to be alright around them.

12. What is your favorite pastime activity? What are you talented at?

Well I've gotten really into diy recently. You'd be amazed by how hard some of this shit is to do with just the one hand. But it's coming along. I was thinkin' of learning how to make candles next? Sounds fun. Anything to keep myself occupied.

13. What do you do for a living? Do you like what you do? How did you get your job?

Well, back in the day I used to be a damn fine Hidden agent. I didn't do a lot of active fieldwork- it was more like research, interpretation, dissemination. It was good work- a good challenge, it fit the shape of my brain well. Does that make sense? Whatever, I liked it. Nowadays, I just help Ari out with stuff. You'd be amazed by how helpless he is when it comes to managing his information network.

I got my job with the Hidden from Virgil. He's been in the order since it was made, basically, and with him and me being so close back when I was young- he just knew it'd be a good fit. It was! Sometimes I miss that work, the resources and knowledge I had in my hands... Nowadays, it's more like I just sort of picked up the job of managing Ari's info net. We were doing some research, he told me about how he'd fallen through with some of its old contacts, and... I don't know, one thing led to another?

14. Do you have an enemy? What makes them your enemy, and how do you feel about them?

Xel Airrakh took everything from me and when I have my power back I'm going to tear his stupid eyes from his stupid skull and feed them to him

15. Are you religious or spiritual in any way? What do you practice? If you don't, what do you believe?

This is kind of a big question. I mean- okay, so, there's the Traveler or whatever- and all the other paracausal stuff, right, that by existing sort of in a way prove the existence of... If not capital-G God, of some sort of higher power. There's this... weave, this interconnectedness that all these things have, so ornate that it must be by design. The Traveler, the Darkness, the Hive, the Vex- all of them- they want it to be *their* design. They want you to think its their design. I thought it was my design. That... was misguided. Godhood- at least in the way that these things have it- can be gained through just obtaining more power. I mean, shit, the way I used to be... Well, I guess all of this is to say- there's more than what we can see. There's a pecking order, and someone's at

the top. Things like the Traveler don't just *happen*. It's too perfect to have been made by chance- its *designed*. A design implies a *designer*.

I believe in... Something, I suppose. I don't worship, or practice, or whatever but- I still do *believe*.

16. What's your alignment? (*lawful, good, neutral, chaotic, evil, etc.*)

I mean, fuck, a few years ago I was *literally* a supervillain. I have a festival of the lost mask and all! What do you think?

17. What kinds of things do you like to eat and drink? What are your least favorite things to eat and drink? If you don't need to eat or drink, how do you feel about food and drinks?

Most of the time I'll eat just about everything. I don't know if it's a holdover from when I was... Well, before I lopped my arm off and lost my light and everything, my powers burned through energy *fast*. I mean, fast as hell, like... Anyways, I was always hungry, and I was just eating *anything* I could get my claws on. During that time I guess food stopped tasting really like anything to me, it was all just like, fuel in the tank, you know? It's only now that I feel like I'm actually remembering what it's like to enjoy it.

Anyways, I like spicy food, anything savory and flavorful. Virgil used to make this mapo tofu that was just-- *ugh*, I'd kill someone to have it again. I'm a piss poor cook anyways, even if I could remember the recipe.

18. In what position do you sleep the most comfortably? If you don't need to sleep, what do you do at night?

I like sleeping curled up under the blanket. Ideally I bring my knees up to my chest and grab my ankles with my hands

19. What is a guilty pleasure of yours?

... Listening to Ari's old recordings.

20. What is your favorite color, and what does it remind you of?

Pink! It's just a good color. I like pastels- pink, light blue, yellow- they make me think of that first sunrise on the morning Ghost woke me up. Also, they're pretty.

21. How do you prefer to dress? Formally? Casually? Etc.

comfortably. Ideally, I wouldn't have to wear anything at all. I like dresses and sweaters, things that are soft and loose or worn-in and comfortable.

22. If you have hair, or other decorative parts that can be styled, how do you like to wear it?

it isn't really long enough to do anything with yet but it will be soon. I think I'm going to dye it once it is so I can stop staring at the grey in it.

23. Do you partake in any substances? How often? (tobacco, alcohol, drugs, etc.)

Well, not so much anymore. When you don't have the Light to just bounce you back and reset you from a nasty overdose or addiction, suddenly it's not so fun to *partake* anymore. Or something. With the damage to my lungs, I don't even smoke anymore- not my choice, though, Ari just won't buy me any cigs.

I started making moonshine because I didn't want to ask him to buy me liquor. This shit will knock you on your ass though.

24. Are you a neurotypical person? (i.e. do you have any mental conditions?)

[Jed laughs at the camera]

(benji note jed is adhd autistic and has delusions. he has bi polar depression. if i think harder on his various behaviors and shit i could probably diagnose him with stuff but i am not going to do that he's just got brain scrambles ok?)

25. Have you experienced any trauma? What happened, if you have?

Well, there was that time my brother killed me and then my brain and body split apart into a new, fucked up creature, and then I tore a bunch of pieces of me off before crawling off to go die alone somewhere. That kind of sucked. Probably my all time low

26. Have you experienced the loss of a loved one?

In a way, I guess. And it's been my own damn fault every time.

27. Have you killed someone before? If yes, why and how?

yes, because I wanted to, and with either my light or my claws or complicated rituals I won't be going into right now.

28. Do you curse/swear?

I wouldn't dare!

29. Do you have a pet? Tell me about them, if yes. If not, do you want a pet? What kind? If not, why not?

I have my lil' beastie, the most darling kitty ever, who I spent ages trying to get to trust me from the moment I met her as a scraggly fucked-up looking stray cat rooting around in the garbage outside the house.

30. What do you believe your purpose is? Did you decide for yourself, or was your purpose given to you? Do you believe in destiny?

Okay this is a huge leap, like, emotionally, from the cat question. I used to be God and now I'm not, alright? We don't need to get into it.

31. What is something that you regret?

All of the wasted time.

32. What are you proud of?

What is there to be proud of.

33. If you were a different species of animal, what do you think you would be? Why?

Okay, well, I actually think I'd be like... A crow or something. Maybe I've just been thinking about flying too much. Anyways, they're smart little things, too.

34. What is your greatest fear?

Death.

35. If you could choose how you die, what way would you prefer?

ideally? holding Ari in my arms. I've got a knife in his chest and he has a knife in mine. Very poetic for a final death. Maybe in a field somewhere our bodies can become flowers. Something real sappy like that, you know? Real romantic.

36. What's the worst way to die, to you?

powerless. weak. the way I almost did.

37. How do you keep track of your schedule and the things you need to do?

I hardly ever know what fuckin' day of the week it is. I guess the answer is 'I don't.' No, the answer is, 'Ari does it for me.'

Back in the day, when I lived in the City, I had a planner with all my important dates and stuff written in it. Even then I managed to be late or miss meetings and engagements half the time if Virgil or Ari didn't remind me.

38. How would you describe your handwriting?

It's bad. I'll admit it's bad. Nobody else can read this shit

39. What is your favorite kind of flower/plant?

I don't know- wildflowers, I guess? I don't know what they're called. There's a field near the house where they grow up in the spring. I like to pick them.

40. What is your favorite time of year?

Spring. I like flowers. I like watching it all come back to life after winter kills it all.

41. Do you believe in souls? Do you believe in ghosts?

yes and yes.

42. If you're someone who fights, what kind of weapon do you use/prefer to use? What does that say about you, and how did you come to prefer that weapon?

Not so much a fighter anymore, but back in the day I was great with my Light. I never was too good with weaponry, like, in general- my aim's alright- no, that's a lie, my aim is complete shit. Virgil used to try to teach me swordplay back in the day but I didn't have the upper body strength for it.

43. Where is your favorite place to relax?

It's not like I have anywhere else to go but-- well, there's the room upstairs that I go to when things get too much. Ever since we cleaned it up it's been nicer in there.

44. Who is your favorite person to be around?

Well, that should be obvious.

45. How do you cope with sadness, stress, or being upset?

Not well, probably? When I lived in the City I used to talk to Virgil about shit when I was down. Sometimes I talk to Ari now. Usually I guess I just lock myself in my quiet room and mope around 'til I forget about it.

I didn't used to get stressed so often back when I was strong. It's like I forgot what to do with it. So now I guess I just get mean about it.

46. How would your friends describe you if they had to in one word?

What friends

47. How would you describe yourself in one word?

Indescribable.

48. What are your strengths?

I'm, uh, kind of unkillable I guess? Pretty good strength to have.

49. What are your weaknesses?

Dairy.

50. Do you have any allergies?

Dairy.

51. Are you superstitious?

I can be. I don't know, it depends on what about.

52. What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Something fun, catchy, upbeat-sounding... You know, something fun to sing along to.

53. What kind of music drives you nuts?

I don't like anything too loud or like... Aggressive? Easy listening only.

54. How do you like to travel most? Do you like traveling?

Back in the day, I traveled for work on occasion. Always by ship or on foot, or sparrow. Virgil and I were partners as Hidden, and sometimes we'd spend weeks in the field, going from place to place. I miss that. I didn't often travel for leisure- nowadays, that's all but impossible for me- but it was always nice to get a change of scenery for a while.

55. Do you remember your dreams? What's a dream you have frequently, if you do?

I don't usually actually remember them most of the time. When I was younger I used to have these nightmares about Elikśni- no idea why, its not like they're scary or anything. Lately I've been having dreams where I'm powerful again, which is... Nice.

56. If you are a sexually and/or romantically inclined person, what would your ideal partner(s) be like (that is, if you're single)?



57. Let's say you're going on a vacation; where would you like to go, and for how long? What would you do?

I actually think it would be nice to go to a beach somewhere. You know, swim in the ocean and all. Get a sun-tan. I don't think I've ever gotten a sun tan before actually, I usually just burn up out there. Still, would be nice.

58. What do you like to wear to bed, or conversely, what do you like to wear while relaxing?

If I have to wear anything at all, I guess a night gown or big shirt or something is fine.

59. Do you prefer showers or baths? How cleanly are you?

Baths, if I remember. I don't really care about cleanliness, but since Ari does I kinda have to.

60. Do you like to cook? Would others say that you're pretty good at it?

Cooking *can* be fun, but I'm no good at it.

61. Are you athletic? What sports/physical activities do you enjoy?

Oh, god no. What's enjoyable about that? Running and shit literally feels like dying. And I know that, because I *literally* died two times.

62. On a scale of one to ten, how smart are you?

Nine. I would say ten, but getting tricked by my stupid lackey into getting killed on two separate occasions kind of warrants losing a point.

63. Do you consider yourself attractive? Do others?

Well, Ari thinks I am, so.

64. Are you technologically savvy?

Somewhat? I mean, I know how to use like- I can't do what *Ari* does or anything, but I know how to use a fuckin' computer.

65. What environment do you feel most comfortable in? (*city, forest, library, etc.*)

Home. In my room with all the lights turned off.

66. What environment do you feel most vulnerable/uncomfortable in?

Nowadays? I feel vulnerable every time I step outside the house. It's a kind of disgusting feeling, I won't lie.

67. Do you have a crush?

Yeah, but you can't tell anyone, okay? So there's this Exo named Ari-12

68. What would it take to get you to do something that goes against your morals?

What morals? Listen, all that matters is the line from A to B, right? You shouldn't let anything stand in the way of you and your goals, certainly not a bunch of made up rules that don't mean shit to anyone except the voices in your head, you know?

69. What's a pet peeve of yours?

Can't fucking stand it when people crack their knuckles. I hate that sound so much. Virgil does it *all the time*.

70. What's something that's changed about you over the years? Are you very different from how you used to be? What caused the change?

I'm, what, ten pounds or so lighter now? You know, what with the-- the arm and all? Alright, well: yes, I'm very different than I was a few years ago, and that version of me was *very* different from the one all those centuries ago. Both times, both changes I mean, it felt like... I don't know, it felt like waking up. When I first left the City, I changed into the person I am now- the person I was?- because it felt for the first time I could live my life without limit. Be the person I was destined to be. Shape the world in my image. You know, that kind of thing. I almost lost myself completely down that path. When I died- the second time, before I went to Venus- that was like waking up again. And now I'm... Doing whatever I'm doing now, the way I am now.

71. Are you responsible?

Well I keep my cat fed and watered.

72. How wealthy are you?

I literally just spend Ari's money and he never seems worried about it so I guess he's doing alright.

73. Do you live with other people? What is your house/home like?

I live with my husband and my cat. I'm not gonna tell you *where*, obviously- I mean, we were camped on Venus for a while which sucked. Physically and emotionally, very hard time for me- both of us, probably. Anyways, our new place is much nicer. We fixed it up together from basically ruins- which is to say, I mostly watched Ari fix it up, and then helped with painting and decorating and ordering a bunch of furniture to fill it up with. I like it there. Its comfortable, you know? Its *ours*.

74. What do you like to do for celebrations/special occasions?

Ari and I will have a few drinks together, usually. I mean, there isn't much we *can* do at the moment, considering I'm pretty firmly on house arrest. Sometimes he'll bring takeout from places we used to go together in the City, or we'll have a picnic or go on a walk somewhere if the weather is nice.

75. Have you experienced injustice in your life?

You know, I want to say that I was, but at the same time I was pretty damn villainous. Does it still count as injustice if you're terrorizing everyone all the time? I mean, dying sucked, being tricked

by Xel fucking sucked, but 'justice' is such a weird concept to bring into play with all the shit we got up to, you know?

76. How would you respond to someone/something threatening...

a. ...your loved one?

Assuming that its a threat from someone I should be worried about, I'd... Well, shit. I mean, back when I was strong, I'd just blow 'em up. Now, what? I can't even stand up for too long without getting tired. Of course I'd get mad, probably say some shit I can't back up and get myself in trouble.

b. ...a stranger?

Who gives a shit?

c. ...your rival/nemesis?

Killing him's my job, right? Back off.

d. ...you?

It depends on whether or not I think they're actually gonna do somethin' or if they're just talking. Like, I'm not too proud anymore to make an ass of myself to not get killed. Dying really sucks.

77. What is your least favorite thing to do?

The dishes.

78. What is the most extreme thing you would do to save someone you love?

There is nothing too extreme. I mean it, honestly- there's no line I wouldn't cross without a second thought if it came to it to save him.

79. Which instinct is stronger in you; fight or flight?

Back when I was strong, it was fight for sure. Nowadays, not so much- the thought of dying again just... I can't do it. I'm not ashamed to run when I know I'm outgunned.

80. What's the biggest goal in your life? What do you most desire to achieve?

I don't know anymore.

81. Who do you admire most?

I don't know a lot of people worth admiration. I mean, maybe I just don't know any of the people I know well enough to admire them. Or, maybe I'm just too smart for it- see, I know better than most what a useful tool *admiration* can be in getting people to do what you want. If you admire someone, put 'em up on a pedestal above you like that, it gives them the leverage they need to use you. Like what I did with my helpers back in the day.

I can't say I'm entirely without fault. I can't help but admire my Ari- endlessly clever and determined as he is.