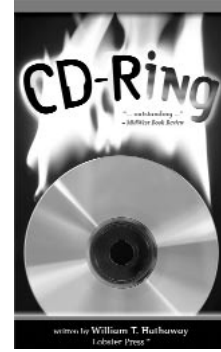


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Chapters 1 and 2

I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

(1) Why did Gabriel Estrada think the Catacombs nightclub looked like either a mansion or a funeral home?

(2) How did the band come to be called 'Rip Chord'?

(3) What was Stan Roland's reaction to Rip Chord's performance?

(4) How would you have reacted to Stan Roland's comments if you were a member of Rip Chord and had just given the best performance ever?

(5) Gabriel believed that music held his life together. Explain in your own words what you think that means.

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(6) Why do three men in a black Bronco come to Justin's house while the band is practicing?

(7) Needing cash to purchase new equipment, Gabriel begins to consider his options. It is beginning to seem hopeless until Justin offers Gabriel the opportunity to join him at his job. What does Justin tell Gabriel that the job entails?

II. Describe, in your own words, the meaning of the following sentences.

(8) Between chords, Gabriel seemed to leap miles into the air and glide down for days.

(9) "You don't think we're good?" Gabriel's voice cracked as his worst fears rushed through him. He gripped his guitar like wood in a shipwreck, trying to keep from drowning in disappointment.

(10) As they drove away from the Catacombs, Gabriel felt as if the van were a hearse. They'd had their funeral and were on their way to the cemetery.

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III. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words then put the word into the right context, as it appears in the novel, by explaining what the full sentence means.

JUBILANTLY (P.13)

Definition:

In context:

TEMPO (P.19)

Definition:

In context:

HALT (P.20)

Definition:

In context:

SYNTHESIZER (P.21)

Definition:

In context:

GOUGING (P.22)

Definition:

In context:

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Chapters 3 and 4

I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

(1) On Gabriel's first night of work with Justin they make several deliveries and collect money. Once the boys take their cut of the profits, Justin throws the rest of the cash into a trash bin. What is the reason he gives Gabriel for doing this?

(2) Why do you think Gabriel is so hesitant and confused about what Justin tells him concerning their job?

(3) Explain what the process of counterfeiting music is:

(4) Where did Gabriel take Darci for their date? How did he manage to pay for the evening?

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(5) Darci accidentally knocks the glove compartment door open exposing a dozen counterfeit DVDs. She grills Gabriel for details of how he got them. What reasons does Darci give for being so upset about Gabriel's new job?

(6) On the last page of Chapter 4 Darci says the following: "I'm glad I found out ... before I fell in love with you." Explain what she means by this comment.

II. Describe, in your own words, the meaning of the following sentences.

(7) "So we rip off other artists, and other people's creativity, so that our band can make it big?"

(8) Justin's life was a drum solo, the kind that could end any minute or go on forever. He didn't have plans beyond his next meal.

(9) Gabriel suddenly felt as if he were on thin ice about to crack. Lots of things could go wrong with this deal. Instead of getting better, his life could get a lot worse.

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III. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words, then put the word into the right context, as it appears in the novel, by explaining what the full sentence means.

COUNTERFEITING (P.29)

Definition:

In context:

LURCHED (P.31)

Definition:

In context:

CUSPID (P.36)

Definition:

In context:

GRIMACE (P.39)

Definition:

In context:

ATTORNEY (P.41)

Definition:

In context:

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Chapters 5 and 6

I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

(1) On Justin's second night of deliveries, he got caught in a bust. Describe how Gabriel managed to escape the police.

(2) What did Gabriel decide he needed to do to get Justin out of jail and avoid being put in jail himself?

(3) The night Justin was arrested and Gabriel narrowly escaped getting caught, Gabriel went to a fast-food restaurant to eat. While eating his meal, Darci walked in to the restaurant with some friends. Gabriel told her about the night's events. What was Darci's response to his story?

(4) If you were in Darci's place, would you have said the same thing to Gabriel or would you have said something different?

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(5) Gabriel spoke to Vic, the boss of the counterfeiting ring, the morning after the bust. What did Vic say happened to the business that had snatched them out to the police?

(6) After speaking to Vic in person, Gabriel decides to go along with Vic's plan until he is able to collect enough evidence to go to the police. If you were Gabriel, what would you have done in this situation? Why?

(7) What do you think of Vic's "business"?

II. Describe, in your own words, the meaning of the following sentences.

(8) "School is nickel-dime," Vic scoffed. "I'll give it to you straight. We don't want part-timers. Every new guy we hire is more risk for us. Look at last night. Who knows what your buddy could tell the cops? We want the fewest people in the deal... just a small full time crew. You proved that you're one of the best."

(9) "What we are is a media piracy machine. We crank products out and turn them into money."

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III. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words then put the word into the right context, as it appears in the novel, by explaining what the full sentence means.

NONCHALANT (P.52)

Definition:

In context:

HENCHMEN (P.53)

Definition:

In context:

OBLIVION (P.53)

Definition:

In context:

DAWDLED (P.57)

Definition:

In context:

CUSTODY (P.64)

Definition:

In context:

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Chapters 7 and 8

I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

(1) What did Darci mean when she told Gabriel: "it is starting to make you a different person"?

(2) Why is Gabriel thinking of what Darci said while he is leaving the parking garage in the van?

(3) What did Gabriel do after dropping off the cash he collected that night?

(4) Gabriel followed Vic's red Porsche in hopes of being led to the warehouse where the counterfeit products were made. Gabriel noticed Vic give the cash and list of products to someone on a motorcycle. Why do you think they did this?

(5) How did Gabriel manage to get the license plate number of Vic's red Porsche?

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(6) What kind of information did Gabriel hope to find now that he had the Porsche's license plate number?

(7) What happened to Gabriel once Vic and his men caught him?

(8) What did the men do to get rid of Gabriel?

II. Describe, in your own words, the meaning of the following sentences.

(9) Later that night, as he finished the route, he saw fear in the store managers' faces. They thought he was with the firebombers.

(10) He shivered, though the night was warm, then paced until a pair of headlights became the Owens family Ford. Gabriel waved. He quickly got into the front seat of the car. "Thanks for coming," he said into his friend's hug.

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III. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words, then put the word into the right context, as it appears in the novel, by explaining what the full sentence means.

IMPOUNDED (P.66)

Definition:

In context:

SLEDGEHAMMER (P.72)

Definition:

In context:

THICKET (P.76)

Definition:

In context:

HITCHHIKE (P.78)

Definition:

In context:

KEENLY (P.79)

Definition:

In context:

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Chapters 9 and 10

I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

(1) Who lived at 4209 Sierra Alta Court in Reseda and why was Gabriel following him?

(2) After following the Cadillac Seville, Gabriel was able to locate the counterfeit ring's warehouse. At first Gabriel thought this was enough evidence to go to the police. Then he realized this was not enough information to allow the police to seek a search warrant. Why was a search warrant necessary?

(3) What sort of concrete evidence was Gabriel looking to collect?

(4) How did he plan to get this evidence?

(5) Gabriel was able to get into the warehouse and he found a lot of evidence. However, something happened and he had to escape without the evidence. What happened, and why did Gabriel leave everything behind?

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(6) How did Gabriel manage to escape Vic and his men?

II. Describe, in your own words, the meaning of the following sentences.

(7) He'd washed his battered body and dirty clothes but he couldn't wash them out of him. They were a part of him now, like a virus. But he was trying to get cured.

(9) Splinters of glass flew like rain through the beam of his falling flashlight.

(10) "Stuck pig," the biker said with a laugh, as he ran toward Gabriel.

(11) He headed straight for the van, trying to ignore the ache in his ankle and the fact that a bullet could topple him any moment.

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III. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words then put the word into the right context, as it appears in the novel, by explaining what the full sentence means.

BITTER (P.82)

Definition

In context:

WAIVER (P.85)

Definition:

In context:

LUBRICATE (P.93)

Definition:

In context:

STEED (P.95)

Definition:

In context:

CONVULSIONS (P.96)

Definition:

In context:

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Chapters 11 and 12

I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

(1) Gabriel asked EdO and Darci for their help in trying to get the evidence that would allow the police to arrest Vic and his men. What does EdO suggest as a way of distracting the counterfeiters, giving Gabriel time to enter the warehouse and take their products?

(2) Why didn't Gabriel want Darci to go with EdO and him to the factory?

(3) What was missing in the warehouse when Gabriel broke in the second time?

(4) Gabriel found an address on some magazines. The address was for someone named Lester Seever. Gabriel decided to check out the address. What did Gabriel hope to accomplish by going there?

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(5) Gabriel and Darci located the house that matched the address on the magazine Gabriel stole from the warehouse. Describe the house and the surrounding area.

(6) Darci examined the CDs and DVDs that Gabriel had managed to steal as evidence. She noticed that the CDs looked like the CD Stan Roland had given them when he had recorded their audition. What do you think Darci might have suspected?

II. Describe, in your own words, the meaning of the following sentences.

(7) They walked up the beach, talking about friends and school, getting the feel of being around each other again. It felt right.

(8) The big burners were still running, ripping the businesses of entertainment and software to shreds.

(9) "Look, I just need to know that's where he lives. Then I'll turn myself in ... give the cops that address and all the evidence I found. There's finally enough for a search warrant. The law can bust them."

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III. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words, then put the word into the right context, as it appears in the novel, by explaining what the full sentence means.

RESERVED (P.97)

Definition:

In context:

STOCKY (P.99)

Definition:

In context:

EVAPORATE (P.103)

Definition:

In context:

GLUM (P.104)

Definition:

In context:

BARRICADES (P.111)

Definition:

In context:

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Chapters 13, 14, and 15

I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

(1) Soon after Gabriel and Darci arrived at the mansion house they were greeted by Vic's men. Describe the events that unfolded once the white Cadillac pulled up.

(2) Why did Vic order his men to burn all of the files?

(3) How do you think Gabriel felt once he saw the men hurting Darci and pointing a gun at her?

(4) Vic ordered everyone, including Gabriel and Darci, to start burning the files. What was the last desperate chance Gabriel saw to save himself and Darci? What was the result of his actions?

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(5) As the fire ripped through the room, Gabriel and Vic fought with each other. Gabriel managed to injure Vic to the point that Vic was knocked unconscious. Gabriel only had time to pull either the file cabinet filled with evidence or Vic from the burning house. Which one did Gabriel decide to save?

(6) Why do you think Gabriel decided to save what he did?

(7) Put in the same position, what would you have done?

(8) When the first firefighters and police arrived, they asked Vic what had happened. What did Vic tell the police?

(9) Gabriel was hand-cuffed, believed to be the guilty person in all of this. Who convinced the police that Vic was lying and that Gabriel was innocent?

(10) Roland decided not to stick by Vic any longer and confessed to the police. He then shared important information with Gabriel and Darci. What did Roland tell them?

(11) Gabriel, Darci, and EdO finally saw Justin again. Describe what he looked like and how he acted.

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II. Describe, in your own words, the meaning of the following sentences.

(12) Imagining her dead, Gabriel's mind overloaded with torment.

(13) The biker lumbered into the room, carrying the file cabinet. The bullet hole from Gabriel's first try was staring from its side like a blind eye. Gabriel stared back numbly at the files he'd tried so hard to get.

(14) As Vic fled, Gabriel sprinted from behind, dived at his legs, and tackled him. Vic fell, then began kicking his feet until Gabriel gripped them into stillness. "Stick around," said Gabriel. "You'll like San Quentin Prison. Nice view of the bay... lots of friends."

(15) Stan Roland approached them, looking newly unburdened.

(16) One step at a time. That was how Gabriel had gotten through long, fearful hours in juvenile hall.

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III. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words, then put the word into the right context, as it appears in the novel, by explaining what the full sentence means.

PUNCTURED (P.116)

Definition:

In context:

CACKLING (P.118)

Definition:

In context:

REINFORCEMENTS (P.120)

Definition:

In context:

WAILED (P.123)

Definition:

In context:

SORROWFULLY (P.131)

Definition:

In context:
