

The Compound
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Q. What members of the Yanakakis family DID NOT make it to the Compound?

A. Gram & Eddy

Q. Was there a nuclear explosion?

A. No, Rex set the cabin on fire.

Q. Why did Eli have a problem with touch, he didn't want to be touched & he didn't want to touch anyone?

A. Eli didn't think he was WORTHY. Eli felt responsible for Eddy not getting to the Compound.

Q. What illness did Dad contract in the Compound?

A. Ergotism, a poison from ingesting ergot infested grains, Dad was the only one eating bread.

Q. How many supplements were there?

A. 3, Lucas, Kara & Quinn.

Q. Why did Eli ask Lexi to cut his hair?

A. It was in his eyes, Also his hair held his secrets, He had told his mother about Eddy, He no longer had secrets to hide. Eli asked Lexi to shave his head.

Q. What were the clues Dad left for Eli to find the escape hatch code?

A. turducken (turkey, duck & chicken poultry roll), the mystery inside Lucas' clown nesting dolls (message on bottom), hautbois, highwood, what the oboe was made from, blank parchment in the oboe case, ammonia revealed the ink message on the blank parchment.

Q. Who were the first to escape from the Compound?

A. Eli & Lucas

Q. Who knew the truth of Rex's plan?

A. Phil, his accountant.

Q. What were the escape hatch code numbers?

A. family birthdays, & dates of nuclear explosions.

Q. How was the device to blow up the Compound activated?

A. Phil was carrying the remote control. Eli hit Phil & Phil fell down the stairs going into the Compound & dropped the remote. When the remote fell, the activation button was hit.

Q. Did Rex get out of the Compound before it exploded?

A. We are uncertain, Rex said he was going back for his research & Rex was not with his family at the end of the story.

Q. Where was the 2nd Compound?

A. On a South Pacific Island.

Q. Where did Eli's Mom take the family for a vacation at the end of the story?

A. Gram's house on the Big Island in Hawaii.

Q. Why did Eli's father stage a nuclear war so his family would live in the Compound for 15 years?

A. So the Yanakakis family would be the only people who survived a nuclear winter.

Q. What poem is quoted in this story?

A. T.S. Eliot's "On The Beach"

This is the way the world ends, Not with a bang, but a whimper.