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THE 39 CLUES AGENT DOSSIER • INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT

In order to be absolutely certain that the authors of The 39 Clues were up to the task of chronicling Amy and Dan's hunt for the Clues, they were asked a series of questions. The following transcript of an interview with Rick Riordan was recently recovered.

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FAMILY BRANCH: JANUS



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**AGENT FILE:
RICK RIORDAN**

You want to lose suspicious Cahills tailing you. What disguise would you wear?

I'd quickly don my coat and tie and slip into my alternate identity as a mild-mannered middle school teacher. Try following me through the hallways during passing period. I dare you.

If your private library fell into Madrigal hands, which three books would you do anything to get back?

Oh, if they stole my 1960s editions of the Lord of the Rings, it would mean war. Also, I would not take kindly to having them pilfer my C.S. Lewis novels or my illustrated Odyssey by Homer. Some things you just don't do—even in espionage.

Your passport is filled with romantic and exotic destinations. Which three countries would you like to add to its pages?

Turkey, Australia, and Japan are three of my top destinations. Am I saying that because I have inside information about buried Clues? I'll never tell.

Madrigals insist that you were once banned from a country. Were you? Confirm or deny.

It is true that I once refused to eat haggis in Scotland and this did not sit well with the local population. Whether or not I was chased through the Highlands by an angry mob of kilned bagpipe players—I will not comment. Please do not search for the video online.

Even super spies need an edge. If you could have one superpower what would it be?

I am all about invisibility. And who says I don't already have that power? How do you think I researched the Cahills for these books?

You follow a Cahill agent into an ice cream parlor and must buy a cone. What flavor do you order?

Mint chocolate chip, my good man. Two scoops, please, and there's a big tip in it if you pretend you never saw me.

Cahill spies know most of your secrets. Can you share a secret about yourself they haven't discovered yet?

Well, I'd better come clean and admit I was the lead singer in a rock band when I was in college. I can tell you this because the Lucians were threatening to blackmail me with the pictures showing me during my hippie phase. Ha, now I've taken away their leverage!



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