

# Maizy Chen's Last Chance

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1. What statue is in front of the Golden Palace?  
A large wooden bear – Bud the Bear
2. What color is Oma and Opa's front door? Why?  
It is red. Chinese people think red is good luck.
3. What does Eva from the Ben Franklin Five & Dime and Soda Fountain ask Maizy that takes her a few times to answer? What are Maizy's answers?  
She wants to know "Where are you from?" – Maizy's answers: California, Los Angeles, My nationality is American., My race is Chinese.
4. What does Maizy look at on the office walls of the restaurant?  
She looks at the old photos on the wall of the office of people. Some have names written under them.
5. Where did Lucky move from? Move to?  
He moved from a tiny village in China in Guangdong Province. He moved to California in America.
6. What does Werner sell at his restaurant?  
He sells German Bratwurst.
7. Opa and Werner were best friends growing up. What did they do together that made the best friends?  
They set off firecrackers at the Golden Palace.
8. What does Maizy use the typewriter she finds for?  
She uses it to write new fortunes for the cookies. She tries to write fortunes that are meaningful to each customer based off what she knows/observes.
9. What does Maizy do to Opa's wheelchair?  
She weaves colorful ribbons in the wheels to cheer him up.
10. What happen to Lucky when he went shopping in Chinatown?  
He had become the head cook for the Philips Mansion. On his way back with buckets filled with vegetables, baking supplies, and seafood a police officer stopped him. He got accused of breaking the law by the policeman. The white men knocked his baskets to the ground and attacked him. His queue (braid) was chopped off. After that the Philips said that Jenkins would get what he needed. He also found out that Jenkins also did not like him.
11. What does Maizy write for the fortune for Erik's date?  
"You can do better than him." – Erik was rude the whole-time during dinner.

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12. What game is Maizy learning from her Opa?  
She is learning how to play Poker.
13. What was the name that Maizy used for the old lady who ordered too much food every day at the Golden Palace?  
Lady Macbeth
14. What happens when Werner comes to visit Opa?  
They both sit in the room and refuse to talk to each other. They watch Carlos! - the cooking show.
15. Lucky worked in the kitchen for many years in Last chance hiding from everyone, what happened when he finally came out to the dining room?  
The people cheered for him since he made the best food.
16. What does Happy give to Lucky after he sells him the restaurant?  
Happy carved Budai the Bear for Lucky to keep outside his door for good luck.
17. On the reward poster, what is the reward for finding Bud?  
A week of free meals at the Golden Palace
18. Who does Maizy get an email from while doing research about the photos in the office?  
Emmy Tsai – a graduate student who is doing research about the Chinese in Minnesota for her thesis
19. What is Charlotte's job and what does she compare her commercials to?  
Her job is a Food Stylist. Her commercials are 30 second stories where the food is the hero.
20. What is Logan's way of making money?  
He hunts for worms.
21. Where does Maizy learn that Oma and Opa met?  
They met in college where Oma was studying to be a math teacher.
22. What is the name of the newspaper that the mayor writes for?  
The Minnesota Don'tcha Know
23. Who finds Bud after he was stolen?  
Finn finds Bud in the woods with an open whiskey bottle next to him but then has trouble finding him again to show everyone.

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24. What was the name of the law that stopped immigrants from becoming citizens?  
The Chinese Exclusion Act
25. What does Maizy discover about Lady Macbeth?  
Lady Macbeth comes to the restaurant everyday and orders too much food to help Oma. She knows that Oma is struggling to pay the bills and will not take help. She also comes since she misses her son and husband who had died a long time ago.
26. What is Daisy really interested in doing?  
Recycling – she wants to have the restaurant and town do more recycling.
27. What happened when Lucky went back to San Francisco?  
He went to visit the Phillips and found out that they knew he did not steal from them. They offered him a job to come back and work for them. While he was there he met Lulu (their housekeeper) who he married. They both returned to Last Chance Minnesota as a married couple.
28. Every year Oma and Opa celebrate their anniversary in a special way. Explain how they do?  
They were supposed to go to Hawaii for their honeymoon, but Opa's father had a heart attack and they came to Last Chance. Every year they celebrate with an Hawaiian Night at the restaurant. They dress in Hawaiian shirts and have food from Hawaii. Opa always gets a fresh lei for Oma.
29. Who does Maizy catch at the Bud statue?  
Maizy was trying to figure out who had stolen the statue and thought that Erik would be there. Instead she caught Charlotte, her mother.
30. What happened that allowed many Chinese people living illegally in America to be able to claim citizenship?  
The San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906 – It left the city in ruins and destroyed birth records.
31. What sign did Phillip put outside his restaurant during World War II?  
We are American. – He did not want people to think that his family was Japanese. Young Johnny wore a note pinned to his jacket that read "I am a Chinese American" when he went to school.
32. What does Opa complain about in regards to the hospital?  
The food is terrible. He says: "If it doesn't kill you, nothing will."
33. Oma said that Daisy should also be on the wall in the office. Why?  
Daisy was also a granddaughter of an immigrant. Her last name was originally Glucklich – a German name.

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34. What do Opa and Maizy enjoy watching?

They enjoy watching the cooking show on TV called Carlos!

35. Who comes to the funeral for Opa?

Chinese people – many were the people who were on the wall of the office or relatives of them. Emmy (the research student) also came.

36. What are paper sons?

They are Chinese men who were born in China and illegally immigrates to the United States by purchasing documentation which stated that they were blood relatives to Chinese people who had already received U.S. citizenship.

37. At the end of the book, where does Oma send a postcard from?

Hawaii