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| **Character** | **Relationship** |
| Raphael | Dumpsite Boy. Best friends with Gardo. Finds the bag in the trash – central character.  Aged 14. |
| Gardo | Best friends of Raphael – referred to as a brother.  Aged 14 |
| Gardo’s Uncle | Gardo’s family who he lives with and his caregiver. |
| Jun-Jun (Rat) | Becomes close to both Raphael and Gardo throughout the course of the book. He is presented as been weak and helpless but is instrumental in enabling the boys to succeed in their mission.  Four years younger than Raphael and Gardo –aged approximately 10. |
| Auntie | Raphael’s main caregiver. |
| Cousin(s) and Half-sister. | Raphael’s other family who live with him in Behala |
| José Angelico | The man whose wallet Raphael found in trash at Behala.  Vice President Regis Zapanta’s houseboy. |
| Maria Angelico | José’s wife – deceased. |
| Pia Dante Angelico | José’s daughter. Lifelong friend of Gardo, Raphael and Jun-Jun. |
| Eladio “Joe” Angelico | José’s son. Deceased. |
| Dante Jerome | José’s father, Gabriel Olindriz’s son. |
| Gabriel Olondriz | José’s grandfather. Imprisoned for life for revealing that Vice President Regis Zapanta defrauded a lot of money. |
| Father Julliard | Head of the Mission School at Behala. |
| Pascal Aguila |  |
| Sister Olivia | Assistant at the Mission School at Behala. Took Gardo to the prison to see Gabriel Olondriz. A young English woman on a gap year. |
| Mr. Oliva | Social welfare officer at the prison where Gabriel Olindriz is kept. |
| Station Boys | Boys who keep watch at the central station. |
| Frederico Gonz | Grave memorial maker. |
| Vice President Regis Zapanta | Vice President of the country they boys live in. Boss to José Angelico (who is his house boy) and Grace (who is his maid) and the Gardener. Responsible for the corruption of 30 million dollars of aid money. |
| The President |  |
| The Police |  |
| Grace | House maid to Vice President Regis Zapanta. Reports on her feelings about José Angelico and what he might have done. |
| Gardener | Gardener for Vice President Regis Zapanta for 22 years. Meets with Raphael and Jun-Jun and tells them stories about José Angelico and how he stole money from the Vice-President in a fridge. |

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| **Raphael** | **Gardo** | **Jun-Jun** | **Auntie** | **Cousin(s)** | **Half Sister** |
| **Uncle** | **Vice-President Regis Zapanta** | **José Angelico** | **Maria Angelico** | **Pia Dante Angelico** | **Eladio Joe Angelico** |
| **Mr. Frederico Gonz** | **The Police** | **The President** |  |  |  |
| **Gardener** | **Grace** | **Father Julliard** | **Sister Olivia** | **Mr. Oliva** | **Marcus** |