THE LOST HERO

THE HEROES OF OLYMPUS BOOK 1

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YOU'RE... YOU'RE A FAUN.

SATYRS ARE ROMAN, BUT WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER.

YOU'RE ALL ALONE, OLD GOAT.

DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN PROTECT THEM FROM US?

NYAH!

WHAM

AGH!

JASON!
LOOK AT ALL THIS STUFF. THIS PLACE MUST BE PACKED ON BLACK FRIDAY.

WE FOUND THE STORM SPIRITS, AND THAT'S NOT ALL. LOOK.

COACH HEDGE! WE'VE GOT TO GET DOWN THERE!

MAY I HELP YOU FIND SOMETHING?

I FOUND IT ABANDONED—SO MANY STORES ARE THESE DAYS—AND I DECIDED IT WOULD BE THE PERFECT PLACE TO SET UP SHOP.

I LOVE OFFERING QUALITY GOODS AT A REASONABLE PRICE.

I'D BE DELIGHTED TO DISCUSS MY INVENTORY.

BUT FIRST, INTRODUCTIONS. I AM THE PRINCESS OF COLCHIS. MY FRIENDS CALL ME YOUR HIGHNESS.

AND YOU ARE...?

MY NAME IS... JASON. MY FRIENDS ARE--

HOW MUCH FOR THE SATYR WITH THE SPORTS FETISH?

UM, IS THIS YOUR STORE?

JASON, YOU SAY? WHAT AN INTERESTING NAME.

THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU, JASON. PLEASE, COME.

LET'S GO SHOPPING.
MY FATHER RULED THE FAR SHORES OF THE BLACK SEA, AS FAR TO THE EAST AS A GREEK SHIP COULD SAIL IN THOSE DAYS.

BUT COLCHIS IS NO MORE. IT WAS LOST EONS AGO.

WHERE WAS COLCHIS.

WHERE IS COLCHIS, ANYWAY?

EONS?

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

A LADY NEVER TELLS HER AGE... OR ASKS IT OF ANOTHER. LET’S JUST SAY THE IMMIGRATION PROCESS TO YOUR COUNTRY TOOK QUITE A WHILE.

MY PATRON FINALLY BROUGHT ME THROUGH. SHE MADE THIS DEPARTMENT STORE POSSIBLE.

SHE DOESN’T BRING JUST ANYONE THROUGH, MIND YOU. ONLY THOSE WHO POSSESS SPECIAL TALENTS, LIKE ME.

ALL SHE ASKED WAS THAT THE ENTRANCE TO THE STORE BE UNDERGROUND, SO SHE COULD MONITOR MY CLIENTELE. AND SHE REQUESTS A FAVOR NOW AND THEN.

BEST BARGAIN I’VE MADE IN CENTURIES.
SPEAKING OF BARGAINS... WHAT’S IT GOING TO COST TO GET COACH OUT OF JAIL?

AND WHY IS HE FROZEN LIKE THAT?

HE WAS A BIT TOO BOisterous. I COULDN’T HAVE HIM YELLING AND WAVING HIS CLUB AROUND. IT WOULD SCARE OFF MY CUSTOMERS.

A SIMPLE SPELL WAS ALL IT TOOK TO QUIET HIM DOWN.

CAN’T ARGUE WITH THAT.

AS FOR PRICE... I BELIEVE YOU’RE SHOPPING FOR A PACKAGE DEAL. THE SATYR AND THE STORM SPIRITS, CORRECT?

IN ADDITION TO DABBING IN SORCERY, I’M A SEER. IT’S WHAT FIRST GAINED ME THE FAVOR OF MY PATRON.

YEARS AGO, STILL SUFFERING IN THE FIELDS OF PUNISHMENT, I HAD A VISION OF THE SEVEN IN YOUR SO-CALLED GREAT PROPHECY.

I SAW LEO VALDEZ. HE WAS JUST A SMALL BOY, BUT I KNEW HE WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ENEMY SOMEDAY. I STIRRED THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF MY PATRON. GAVE HER THIS INFORMATION—

—AND SHE MANAGED TO WAKE JUST A LITTLE. JUST ENOUGH TO VISIT HIM. IT WAS, SHALL WE SAY, A FIERY EXCHANGE.

ARE YOU PSYCHO? WHY WOULD YOU ADMIT SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

OH, THAT’S NOT THE HALF OF IT. I ALSO CONVINCED PIPER’S FATHER TO TAKE AN UNSCHEDULED TRIP WITHOUT TELLING ANY OF HIS STAFF.

AND, WELL, PIPER KNOWS WHERE THAT LANDED HIM.

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WHO ARE YOU?

HAVE YOU NOT GUESSED? I AM MEDEA, OF COURSE.
GUYS, SHE’S EVIL. SUPER EVIL. SHE BETRAYED HER FAMILY. I’M PRETTY SURE SHE MURDERED HER OWN BROTHER.

I HAVE BEEN CALLED VILLAIN, TRAITOR, EVEN MURDERER. BUT I AM A VICTIM. I FELL IN LOVE WITH A HALF-BLOOD WHO MADE PROMISES. WE HAD A BARGAIN!

BUT HE WENT BACK ON HIS WORD. HE TOOK WHAT HE NEEDED AND ABANDONED ME.

YOU, ABOVE ALL OTHERS, SHOULD KNOW THIS. YOU WERE NAMED AFTER HIM.

JASON? YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE JASON? THAT WAS THREE THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

WHY AREN'T YOU DEAD?

I WAS. BUT I HAVE BEEN MADE FLESH AND BLOOD AGAIN. DEATH NO LONGER HOLDS ME, YOUNG HERO.

MY PATRON KNOWS THAT MONSTERS ARE NOT HER GREATEST SERVANTS. I AM MORTAL. I LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES, AND NOW I HAVE RETURNED TO THE LIVING TO AID MY PATRON’S CAUSE. I WILL NOT BE CHEATED AGAIN!

I HOPE YOU TAKE PAYMENT IN HAMMERS!

BAMF
I was most disappointed when my storm spirits failed to capture you at the Skywalk. It matters not, since you came to me of your own free will.

Good-bye, heroes. It's a shame you won't live to see what my patron has in store for the rest of your kind.

And the infernal gods who spawned you.
HAVE FUN PLAYING WITH MY PET SUN DRAGONS, GIFTS FROM MY GRANDFATHER, HELIOS. NOW THEY WILL BE YOUR DESTRUCTION.

TA-TA!

YOU AREN'T GETTING AWAY THAT EASILY!

AGH!

SNAP!

WE NEED BACKUP!
YOU CAN THANK COACH HEDGE FOR THAT ONE.
HE MADE US PLAY ULTIMATE FRISBEE FOR A MONTH.
Foolish girl! Do you realize what you've done?

When so many potions are mixed...

We have only seconds before this concoction consumes everything and destroys us—

Ker-smash!

Roar!
ATTABOY, FESTUS! RIGHT ON CUE!

WE'RE TAKING THE CAGES WITH US, BOY!
IMPOSSIBLE. THAT LIGHTNING WOULD'VE KILLED TWENTY MEN.

WHATEVER. THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO KILL A DEMIGOD.

WHOA!

SINCE THEN?

HANG ON, CUPCAKE!

GUYS! A LITTLE HELP?!

I HOPE YOU'RE GOOD, KID. HOLD THEM OFF WHILE I GO AFTER VALDEZ.

WHOOSH

HOLD THEM OFF? HOW?

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!
CORRECTION, WITCH. THE CONCOCTION IS GOING TO CONSUME EVERYTHING--

--AND DESTROY YOU.

NO!
DON'T ABANDON ME!

WE CAN MAKE A BARGAIN!
GOOD JOB, FESTUS.

GUYS, STRAIGHT AHEAD.

"LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF MAGIC, WIND CURRENT."

AEOLUS IS THE WIND GOD, RIGHT?

MIGHTY NICE OF HIM.

MAYBE HE KNOWS WE'VE GOT PRISONERS FOR HIM, AND HE'S SHOWING US THE WAY HOME.

ADRENALINE CRASH. :-\*\*\*: I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU ALL, BUT I COULD USE A NAP.

FOLLOW THAT TRAIL, FESTUS, SO WE CAN GET SOME SHUT-EYE. THINK YOU CAN DO THAT?

SHIT.
TEXT:

HEPHAESTUS.
YOU'RE MY DAD.
IT'S ONLY BEEN
FIFTEEN YEARS. THANKS
FOR GETTING AROUND TO ME.
THAT'S SOME STELLAR
PARENTING.

IF IT'S SO
COMPLICATED, WHY
CONTACT ME AT ALL?
I'M GETTING ALONG
FINE WITHOUT
YOU.

WHY IS
ZEUS BEING SUCH
A JERK?
Hera said gods and demigods have to fight together.

Zeus decided it was time to get back to traditional values. Gods are to be respected, our children are to be born and not visited.

My mother plays a dangerous game. But she’s right about one thing, you demigods have to unite, that’s the only way to defeat what’s coming.

We said gods can tell the truth, we’re not sure if we’re wise.

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FESTUS STALLED OUT AGAIN!
HE'S CARRYING TOO MUCH WEIGHT!
YOU TWO GET OUT OF HERE! I'M GOING TO TRY TO GUIDE HIM DOWN!
GO!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

LEO!

LEO!

FE-E-E-STU-U-US!
WHOOM

LEO!
YOU OKAY, MAN?
YOU WERE THE BEST THING I EVER FIXED.

I'M SORRY, LEO. HE WAS A GREAT DRAGON.

DAD, I'VE NEVER ASKED YOU FOR ANYTHING. PLEASE, TAKE FESTUS HOME. UNTIL I CAN FIND A WAY TO REUSE HIM.

THANKS, DAD.

I HAD A DREAM ABOUT HIM. HE ISN'T MUCH OF A LOOKER, BUT I GUESS HE ISN'T SO BAD.

LET'S GATHER THE CAGES AND SALVAGE WHAT SUPPLIES WE CAN. MAYBE THERE'S SOME SHELTER NEARBY.
YOU CALL THAT LOCK- 
PICKING, VALDEZ? I'VE SEEN NANNY 
GOATS DO BETTER 
WITH CROCHET 
STICKS!

I LIKED 
YOU BETTER 
BEFORE THE 
SPELL WORE 
OFF.

NOW SOMEBODY 
TELL ME WHAT I WAS 
DOING IN A CAGE.

LAST THING I 
REMEMBER, I WAS 
KICKING STORM 
SPIRIT BUTT.

COACH... 
ER... WHATEVER YOU 
WANT US TO CALL YOU, 
YOU SAVED US AT THE 
GRAND CANYON--

--RIGHT. BRAVE, 
BUT YOU GOT SUCKED 
UP INTO THE SKY.

WE THOUGHT 
YOU WERE DEAD, 
BUT THEN WE GOT 
WORD THE SPIRITS HAD 
TAKEN YOU BACK TO 
THEIR MISTRESS. 
MEDEA.

THAT 
WITCH!

WAIT, THAT'S 
IMPOSSIBLE. MEDEA 
IS MORTAL. 
SHE'S DEAD.

SO THEY SENT 
YOU THREE CUPCAKES ON 
A QUEST TO RESCUE ME. 
IS THAT IT?

MACHES SENSE. 
I'M FAR TOO VALUABLE 
AN ASSET TO LEAVE IN 
ENEMY HANDS.

THERE'S NO 
SUCH THING AS AN 
ACCIDENT, MCLEAN! NOT ON QUESTS. THIS WAS MEANT 
TO HAPPEN!

ACTUALLY, 
WE'RE ON A QUEST 
TO SAVE HERA. WE SORT 
OF... FOUND YOU BY 
ACCIDENT.

MAKES SENSE. 
I'M FAR TOO VALUABLE 
AN ASSET TO LEAVE IN 
ENEMY HANDS.
I'm ready to get back in the game, cupcakes!

Sigh...

It'll take a while. Why don't we sit down.

Only had one lead on how to find Hera, so we went to see Boreas and ask him about the storm spirits that attacked us--

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--a Cyclopes family in Detroit. They tried to cook Jason and Piper for supper--

--a department store full of all kinds of weird stuff. She tried to feed us to her pet dragons, but I knocked her into a potions display--

--and followed the magic wind current here. Wherever here is.

We're on Pikes Peak. Everyone knows it's Aeolus's favorite spot to dock his floating palace.

If Boreas said you should return the storm spirits to the wind god, then you came to the right place.
I'M GLAD I WAITED TO REVEAL MYSELF. LEO AND PIPER I'VE KNOWN ABOUT FOR WEEKS. I COULDN'T HAVE KILLED THEM ANY TIME.

BUT MY MISTRESS SAID A THIRD WAS COMING. SOMEONE SPECIAL. SHE'LL REWARD ME GREATLY FOR YOUR DEATH!

TRUST MY INSTINCTS...

FWASH

FLIP

KILL HIM!
I don't think we can summit in this snowstorm. But as soon as it eases up, we need to move.

If I have my dates right, today is December twentieth. That means only one more day to rescue Hera before the solstice.

No sweat. I'm sure everything will be smooth sailing from here.

Piper? What's wrong?

Our first night at camp. After Hera spoke to me and I passed out... I had a dream.

Guys, there's something I have to tell you....

A giant—Enceladus. He said his name was—showed me that my dad had been kidnapped.

--sigh--

He said if I didn't do what he told me, my dad would be killed.

Enceladus said there would be a quest, and that I had to go. He told me the only way to save my dad was to make sure the quest failed.

I didn't know the quest was going to be the three of us. I swear.

Then I had another dream right before Festus crashed the first time. Enceladus told me to lead you guys to a mountain in the Bay Area. I don't know which one exactly.

I'm supposed to have you there by noon on the solstice. He's going to kill you, and then Dad and I can go free.
I'M SO SORRY.

NO KIDDING.
YOU'VE BEEN CARRYING
THAT AROUND ALL THIS
TIME? PIPER, WE CAN
HELP YOU.

DON'T YOU
UNDERSTAND? I WAS
ORDERED TO KILL YOU!
AND NOW THAT I'VE
CONFESSIONED, MY DAD IS
GOING TO DIE.

RIGH...SORRY.

THERE'S NO
WAY HE'D HONOR THE
EXCHANGE ANYWAY. IT'S
OBVIOUS YOU'RE ONE OF
THE SEVEN FROM THE
GREAT PROPHECY.

EVEN IF
YOU'D DELIVERED
JASON AND LEO AS
HE COMMANDED,
HE WOULD'VE JUST
KILLED ALL THREE
OF YOU.

AND,
OF COURSE,
YOUR OLD
MAN, TOO.

NOT
SO FAST.
WE JUST
HAVE TO
FIGURE
OUT A PLAN.
ANY IDEA
WHICH MOUNTAIN
IN THE BAY AREA?

I'LL
KNOW IT IF
I SEE IT.

I HOPE IT
ISN'T MOUNT TAM,
THAT'S THE MODERN
LOCATION OF MOUNT
OTHrys. THE FORTRESS
OF THE TITANS. IT WAS
DESTROYED IN THE
TITAN WAR LAST
SUMMER.

BAD
MOJO
 THERE.

WHAT
DO YOU MEAN?
DO YOU
REMEMBER THE
MOUNTAIN?
NOW WE'RE TALKING!

SO IT'S TRUE. A CHILD OF APHRODITE, A CHILD OF HEPHAESTUS, A SATYR, AND A CHILD OF ROME--OF JUPITER, NO LESS--ALL TOGETHER AND NOT KILLING EACH OTHER.

HOW INTERESTING.

“GRRRR SNARL”
WE HAVE BEEN PATROLLING FOR YOU ALL ACROSS THE WEST, VOUREIAN PEASIGS: SA IMMORTAL, SMELLY, YOU = VICIOUS MUTT. LOOK A BIT GRISTLY, GIANT SATYR, BUT I'M SURE MY KING WILL WELL, | BONES.

"I'D FEAST ON THE JUPITER SPAWN MYSELF, BUT ALAS, HE'S TO BE DELIVERED TO THE WOLF HOUSE. LAM LycAON, KING OF WOLVES. AND MY PACK IS HUNGRY. ONE OF MY COMPATRIOTS HAS ASKED FOR THE HONOR OF KILLING HIM."

OH, YOU WILL SEE SOON ENOUGH. SHE'S QUITE AN ADMIRER OF YOURS. SPILLING YOUR BLOOD AT THE WOLF HOUSE SHOULD MARK MY TERRITORY NICELY. LUPA WILL THINK TWICE BEFORE CHALLENGING MY PACK.

I CHALLENGE YOU NOW! GOLD, BRONZE, STEEL...NONE OF THESE IS A THREAT TO US. YOU SHOULD'VE BROUGHT SILVER.
RETREAT!

WE ARE NO MATCH

FOR THEM!
THAT SWORD STROKE WAS WEAK, KID. YOU NEED TIME IN THE BATTING CAGES.

THIS ISN'T OVER, BOY.

SHH! I THINK THEY'RE COMING BACK.

IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT? NO ONE BITTEN?
WE'VE BEEN TRACKING THAT BEAST FOR A WEEK. SO CLOSE...

ALL OF YOU, CONTINUE THE CHASE. LADY ARTEMIS SAID FOLLOWING LYCAON WOULD GIVE US A CLUE ABOUT PERCY JACKSON'S LOCATION. WE CAN'T LOSE THE SCENT.

I'LL CATCH UP WHEN I'M FINISHED HERE.

YOU'RE THALIA. THALIA GRACE.

DO I KNOW YOU?

I HOPE SO--

--I'M YOUR BROTHER.
THANK ARTEMIS! IT IS YOU!

WHY DON'T I GET TO HAVE A LONG-LOST SISTER WHO MOONLIGHTS AS A WEREWOLF HUNTER?

BUT... SHE TOLD ME YOU WERE DEAD.

WHO TOLD YOU THAT?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE I'VE BEEN ALL THESE YEARS?

I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME. IF I STAY TOO LONG, I WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH THE REST OF THE HUNTERS.

WOULD YOU GUYS MIND WAITING OUTSIDE? I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

WE SHOULD TALK, LITTLE BROTHER, IN PRIVATE.

NO PROBLEM. THERE'S ONLY A BLIZZARD GOING ON OUT THERE.
AFTER SO MANY YEARS, IF I'D KNOWN YOU WERE ALIVE, I NEVER WOULD'VE STOPPED SEARCHING FOR YOU.

DO YOU REMEMBER ME AT ALL?

THREE DAYS AGO, I WOKE UP ON A BUS WITH LEO AND PIPER. I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT THERE OR WHERE I CAME FROM. LEO AND PIPER HAD MEMORIES OF ME, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE MIST.

YOUR FRIEND ANNABETH FOUND US AND TOOK US TO CAMP HALF-BLOOD. THEN I HAD A DREAM VISION OF HERA--

HERA? WHAT DID SHE SAY?

SHE'S BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY A GIANT. HERA TOLD ME WE HAVE TO FIND HER BY THE WINTER SOLSTICE OR PRETTY MUCH THE END OF THE WORLD WILL HAPPEN.

WE'VE BEEN ON A QUEST EVER SINCE.

HERA CAN'T BE TRUSTED. WE'RE CHILDREN OF ZEUS. SHE HATES CHILDREN OF ZEUS.

BUT SHE MADE IT SOUND LIKE I WAS SOME SORT OF PEACE OFFERING. SHE SAID I WAS GIVEN TO HER.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

OH, GODS. MOTHER WOULDN'T HAVE... YOU WERE SO LITTLE.

"JASON, OUR MOM WASN'T EXACTLY STABLE. SHE WAS A TV ACTRESS--AND SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL--BUT SHE DIDN'T HANDLE THE FAME WELL."

"SHE DRANK, PULLED STUPID STUNTS. SHE WAS ALWAYS IN THE TABLOIDS. EVEN BEFORE YOU WERE BORN, SHE AND I ARGUED ALL THE TIME."
I DON'T THINK SO!

WHO ARE YOU, HALF-BLOOD?

STAY BACK!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY ENEMIES YOU'VE AWAKENED. ALL OF YOU. MY MISTRESS WILL DESTROY EVERY LAST DEMIGOD.

THIS IS A WAR YOU CANNOT WIN.

NOT SO FAST! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

RELEASE ME, YOU FOOL!
"She knew Dad was Zeus, and she couldn't accept it when he left. How do you find a boyfriend to replace the King of the Gods?"

"I think she did all those dumb things to get his attention. It must've worked, because when I was about seven, Dad came back."

"That was the year you were born, Zeus. Stuck around for a while, but of course it didn't last."

"When he left the second time, Mom lost it."

"I think she did all those dumb things to get his attention. It must've worked, because when I was about seven, Dad came back."

"When you were about two, Mom took us on a family vacation. We went to a park in the California wine country. I remember thinking it was weird, because she never took us anywhere."

"I remember holding your hand as we walked toward this big building..."

"Mom told me to go back to the car to get the picnic basket."

"I didn't want to leave you alone with her..."

"I was only gone a few minutes."

"When I came back, she was crying on the ground. She said you were gone."

"Hera had claimed you, and you were as good as dead."
I looked all over for you, but I never saw you again. Not long after that day, I ran away. I couldn't forgive Mom. Not for something like that. Not even after she died. I've never told anyone about you. It hurt too much to talk about. I just tried to forget.

I haven't heard of anything. Unless... no, that couldn't be true. Unless what?

Thalia, is there another place for Demigods? Besides Camp Half-Blood, I mean. There are these weird things about me. For some reason, I think of the gods by their Roman names. And I have this tattoo.

Nothing. I'll have to consult with Artemis. Luckily, she isn't obeying Zeus's order to break off contact with mortals.

I'm sorry, but I have to go. I assume you're here to return those storm spirits to Aeolus? I can escort you to his palace, but then I must return to the Hunters.

Oh, right. I don't suppose you have a way for us to lug that cage up the mountain?
This is as far as I can take you. You'll have to cross the bridge on your own.

Bridge? My man Jason will fly us up there.

In these winds? The bridge is probably a safer bet.

You can fly? You can't?

Never tried. I'm afraid of heights.

Here. I packed your storm spirits up for you.
THANKS.
ONE MORE
THING I NEED
TO TELL
YOU...
ENCELADUS THE
GIANT IS HOLDING PIPER'S
DAD AS A BARGAINING CHIP.
WE HAVE TO GO TO A MOUNTAIN
IN THE BAY AREA TO SAVE HIM.
BUT IF WE DO THAT, WE
CAN'T SAVE HERA.

MAGIC
BACKPACK,
IT HOLD ALL
KINDS OF
STUFF.
I DUMPED
OUT A MINIVAN'S
WORTH OF SUPPLIES
BACK IN THAT
CAVE.

LYCAON
SAID SOMETHING
ABOUT CHALLENGING
LUPA AT THE WOLF
HOUSE.

HERA IS
AT THE WOLF
HOUSE?!

WHY
DIDN'T YOU
TELL ME?

WE KIND
OF HAD A LOT
OF GROUND TO
COVER.

ARE YOU
SAYING YOU
KNOW WHERE
IT IS?

OR
CRACK

THERE'S
TOO MUCH
WEIGHT!

YOU HAVE
TO HURRY TO THE TOP
BEFORE THE BRIDGE
GIVES OUT!

BUT WHAT
ABOUT--?

HURRY!
THE WINDS ARE TOO STRONG! I CAN'T GET CONTROL!
PULL ME DOWN!
GO TO THE BAY AREA! SAVE PIPER'S DAD!

THE HUNTERS AND I WILL HOLD THE WOLF HOUSE UNTIL YOU GET THERE.

YOU'RE LUCKY. SHE'S A COOL SISTER.

I FINALLY FIND HER AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, AND I MAY HAVE ALREADY LOST HER AGAIN.

I'M SORRY, BRO.

WE'VE GOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO RESCUE A GODDESS AND SAVE PIPER'S DAD.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
"LET'S GO SEE THE GOD OF THE WINDS."

THIS PLACE DOESN'T LOOK SO SCARY.

YOU THREE GO AHEAD. I'M GOING TO SNACK--

ER, I MEAN "SCOUT" OUT THE PASTURE.

WOO-HOO!
WELCOME TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF OLYMPUS WEATHER CHANNEL! I'M MELLE, LORD AEOLUS'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT.

ARE YOU FROM LORD ZEUS? WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.

I'M JASON. I'M THE SON OF ZEUS.

EXCELLENT! FOLLOW ME, PLEASE.

THIS PLACE IS HUGE. HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND AEOLUS?

WE'RE OUT OF PRIME TIME RIGHT NOW, SO THAT'S CONVENIENT.

I MAY BE able to fit you in before Aeolus goes live for his 11:12 update.

RIGHT THIS WAY.

SO SORRY!

I FORGET NOT EVERYONE CAN PASS THROUGH CLOSED DOORS.
MR. AEOLUS, SIR? THESE DEMIGODS ARE HERE TO SEE YOU.

THESE DEMIGODS ARE JASON GRACE.

I REMEMBER, JASON GRACE. YOU'RE BACK FROM YOUR MISSION TO FIGHT A SEA MONSTER.

HOW DID IT GO?

UH, I THINK YOU'VE MISTAKEN ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

NO, NO MISTAKE. I NEVER FORGET A DEMIGOD WHO'S COME TO ME FOR AID. AND THERE HAVE BEEN PLENTY, BELIEVE ME.

ODYSSEUS DOCKED AT MY ISLAND FOR MONTHS! AT LEAST YOU ONLY STAYED A FEW DAYS.
I'M GLAD I DIDN'T IMPOSE, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T REMEMBER BEING HERE.

ANYWAY, I BROUGHT YOU THESE ROGUE STORM SPIRITS. BOREAS SENT US TO CAPTURE THEM FOR YOU. WE HOPE YOU'LL ACCEPT THEM AND STOP...UM...ORDERING DEMIGODS TO BE KILLED.

YES, SIR. I HAVE THE MEMO RIGHT HERE:

"STORM SPIRITS RELEASED BY THE DEATH OF TYPHON. ALL DEMIGODS ARE TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. KILL ON SIGHT."

OH, PISH! I WAS JUST GRUMPY. HAVE THAT ORDER RESCINDED, MELLIE.

"STORM SPIRITS RELEASED BY THE DEATH OF TYPHON. ALL DEMIGODS ARE TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. KILL ON SIGHT."

YOU KNOW, I REMEMBER GIVING THAT ORDER. IT WAS ALMOST AS THOUGH I HEARD A VOICE TELLING ME TO DO IT.

"WE'RE LIVE!"

"HELLO-O, OLYMPUS!

AEOLUS, MASTER OF THE WINDS, HERE WITH YOUR WEATHER EVERY TWELVE.

CONSIDER IT DONE, SIR.
YOU'RE GOING DOWN, CUPCAKE!

JASON... WHAT JUST HAPPENED? WHERE DID THAT SWORD COME FROM? AND THOSE... THINGS?

THIS IS ALL A HALLUCINATION, RIGHT? I HIT MY HEAD OR SOMETHING.

I MEAN, WHY ELSE WOULD I BE SEEING FLYING HORSES RIGHT NOW?
WE HAVE A LOW-PRESSURE SYSTEM MOVING OVER FLORIDA TODAY, SO EXPECT MILD TEMPERATURES. DEMETER WISHES TO SPARE THE CITRUS FARMERS!

OVER IN THE MIDWEST, I'M NOT SURE WHAT ST. LOUIS DID TO OFFEND ZEUS, BUT YOU CAN EXPECT WINTER STORMS! BOREAS HIMSELF HAS BEEN CALLED DOWN TO PUNISH THE AREA WITH SNOW AND ICE!

IT'S VERY HARD TO APPEASE ALL THE GODS AT ONCE. THEY CAN BE VERY...FICKLE.

IT'S ENOUGH TO DRIVE ANYONE--

CRAZY...

AND THAT'S THE WEATHER! IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, WAIT FIVE MINUTES!

BECAUSE I'M SURE IT'LL CHANGE!

COFFEE!

MAKEUP!
Well, that's true, of course. For instance, I know that Juno's harebrained scheme is likely to end in bloodshed.

As for you, Piper McLean, I know your father is in serious trouble.

All things lost in the wind eventually come to me.

So, you brought me some rogue storm spirits. I suppose... thanks!

Did you want anything else? Demigods always do.

Actually, we're on a quest, and we need your help.

We just want information, we hear you know everything.

Naturally, my winds carried it here when it fell from his pocket.

Can you also tell us where Hera is being held captive?

Good heavens, no. There's a veil of magic hiding her location, very strong.

But Enceladus knows. Tell us where to find him.

Hmm? What's that? I see...

Zeus, Aphrodite, and Hephaestus all in agreement? That is rare.

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WHAT'S THAT?
BUT SHE HAVN'T SPOKEN TO ME IN CENTURIES. I CAN'T--
YES, YES I UNDERSTAND.

APOLOGIES, BUT THERE'S BEEN A SLIGHT CHANGE OF PLANS. YOU ALL HAVE TO DIE.

BUT, SIR! THE GODS SAID TO HELP THEM!

NOW, NOW, MELLIE. SOME ORDERS TRANSCEND EVEN THE WISHES OF THE GODS. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE FORCES OF NATURE.

WHAT'D I MISS?

JUST AEOLUS DECIDING THAT HE'S GOING TO KILL US.

FLIMBLEROOSKI!

HOW TO KILL THEM...?

AHH!

WHOOSH
AAAA!

NOT GOOD!

BLA-A-A!

SON OF ZEUS! YOU MUST HAVE POWER OVER THE AIR! HELP MY WINDS GUIDE YOUR FRIENDS INTO ONE OF THE TUNNELS.

I'LL TRY!

SWISH

GOT IT!

QUICK! IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR AEOLUS TO COME AFTER YOU!

WHY ARE YOU HELPING US?
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A SUCKER FOR A HANDSOME FACE.

OH, WELL...

NOT YOU. THE SATYR HE'S SO...

GOATLY.

YOU'VE GOT GOOD TASTE, DOLLFACE.

EVERYONE SIT! TUCK INTO A BALL. THE WALLS OF THE TUNNEL WILL FOCUS MY WIND'S STRENGTH.

ONE...

TWO...

WHY DO I FEEL LIKE A CORK...?

"THREE!"

POOMP

POOMP

POOMP
I would appreciate you keeping this visit a secret. Zeus would not be pleased.

Please don't let me have died falling from Aeolus's palace, and my punishment is to shop in Medea's department store for eternity.

Why did you bring me here? This place exploded, I saw it!

Medea always offers the latest styles. But she will return. Medea's patron has opened a new entrance to the underworld. She has unleashed the worst mortals and monsters, the most powerful, those with the most hatred for the gods.

You have many more trials to face, you and your father both.

Which brings me to why I've chosen to visit you against Zeus's orders.
ONE OF MEDEA’S GENTLER MIXTURES. IT ERASES ONLY RECENT MEMORIES.

WHEN YOU SAVE YOUR FATHER—IF YOU SAVE HIM—HAVE HIM DRINK IT.

YOUR FATHER IS AMAZING, PIPER. SO GENTLE AND KIND, FUNNY AND HANDSOME.

AND NOW HE’S LIVING A NIGHTMARE. IF HE SPENDS THE REST OF HIS LIFE WITH THOSE MEMORIES, KNOWING GODS AND MONSTERS WALK THE EARTH? IT WILL SHATTER HIM.

IT’S WHY I LEFT. HAD HE DISCOVERED MY TRUE IDENTITY... IT’S SIMPLY TOO HARD FOR MOST MORTALS TO ACCEPT.

ASK YOUR FRIEND JASON—LOVELY BOY, BY THE WAY. ZEUS REVEALED HIMSELF TO HIS MOTHER, AND IT DESTROYED HER MIND.

IT’S WHY I LEFT. HAD HE DISCOVERED MY TRUE IDENTITY... IT’S SIMPLY TOO HARD FOR MOST MORTALS TO ACCEPT.

YOU HAVE A STRONG WILL. THE SEVEN GREATEST DEMIGODS MUST BE GATHERED TO DEFEAT THE GIANTS, AND THAT EFFORT WILL NOT SUCCEED WITHOUT YOU.

WHEN THE TWO SIDES MEET, YOU WILL BE THE MEDIATOR. YOU WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS FRIENDSHIP... OR BLOODSHED.

YOU ARE SO MUCH MORE THAN A PRETTY FACE. WHICH IS WHY YOU ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER YOU SEEK.

WHO ELSE HAS THE POWER TO WAKE THE GIANTS, TO OPEN DOORS INTO THE DEEPEST PARTS OF THE EARTH?

THE ENEMY HAS SLUMBERED FOR EONS, AND YOU MUST MAKE SURE SHE NEVER WAKES, SHE CAN DOOM US ALL.

BETTER FOR YOUR FATHER TO LIVE WITH A BITTERSWEET MEMORY, THAN TO SPEND HIS LIFE CHASING AN UNATTAINABLE GODDESS.

I WILL SAVE HIM. YOU KNOW, I WON’T LET ENCELADUS WIN. BUT I NEED YOUR HELP.

TELL ME WHO OUR ENEMY IS, WHO’S CONTROLLING THE GIANTS?

WHEN YOU SAVE YOUR FATHER—IF YOU SAVE HIM—HAVE HIM DRINK IT.

WHO ELSE HAS THE POWER TO WAKE THE GIANTS, TO OPEN DOORS INTO THE DEEPEST PARTS OF THE EARTH?

THE ENEMY HAS SLUMBERED FOR EONS, AND YOU MUST MAKE SURE SHE NEVER WAKES, SHE CAN DOOM US ALL.

BUT YOU MUST WAKE, MY DAUGHTER.

WAKE NOW, AND STOP THE ENEMY—
WHERE ARE WE...?

WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA. MELLIE SHOT US HALFWAY ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

WE WOULD'VE BEEN SMASHED FLAT, BUT SHE GAVE US A NICE SOFT BREEZE TO CUSHION OUR FALL.

I GOT YOU SOMETHING TO EAT.

THANKS. BUT AFTER THE DREAM I JUST HAD, I'M NOT HUNGRY.

GUYS, THE ENEMY WE'RE GOING UP AGAINST? THE ONE WHO LET MEDEA LOOSE ON THE EARTH AND SENT THOSE CYCLOPES RIGHT BACK FROM TARTARUS?

IT'S GAEA. WE'RE GOING HEAD-TO-HEAD AGAINST MOTHER EARTH HERSELF.
MOTHER EARTH? ISN'T SHE, LIKE, ALL FLOWERY AND HAPPY AND STUFF?

SHE'S NO CUPCAKE, VALDEZ. SHE'S A NASTY CUSTOMER. SHE'S THE MOTHER OF ALL BAD GUYS, LITERALLY.

NOT ONLY DID SHE GIVE BIRTH TO KRONOS, BUT SHE'S THE ONE WHO CONVINCED HER SON TO KILL HIS OLD MAN AND TAKE OVER THE WORLD.

SHE'S SO OLD AND POWERFUL, IT'S HARD FOR HER TO BE FULLY CONSCIOUS. MOST OF THE TIME, SHE SLEEPS, WHICH IS HOW WE LIKE HER.

EVEN ASLEEP, THOUGH, SHE'S ACTIVE-DREAMING, KEEPING WATCH, DOING LITTLE THINGS LIKE CAUSING VOLCANOES TO EXPLODE.

IF SHE'S STARTING TO WAKE, THEN WE NEED TO SING HER A LULLABY. FAST. OTHERWISE, SHE'LL RAISE THE REST OF THE GIANTS, AND PORPHYRION WILL GATHER HIS ARMY.

BYE-BYE, OLYMPUS.

NO, BYE-BYE WORLD.

THAT DOES SOUND BAD. SO WHAT'S OUR PLAN?

WE FACE ENCELADUS, AND HOPE WE CAN DEFEAT HIM BEFORE GAEA MANAGES TO RAISE ANY OF HIS BROTHERS.

THEN WE FIND HERA AND SAVE THE WORLD.

AND WE DO IT ALL BEFORE THE WINTER SOLSTICE--

---THREE HOURS FROM NOW.
WHERE IS HE?
WHERE’S WHO?
COACH HEDGE? HE GOT CARRIED AWAY BY SOME TORNADO DUDES.

THEY WERE STORM SPIRITS. VENT!
DON’T ASK HOW I KNOW THAT, BECAUSE I HAVE NO IDEA.
YOU MEAN ANEMOI THUELLAI. THAT’S THE GREEK TERM.
ARE YOU THE ONLY HALF-BLOODS HERE? IS THERE NO ONE ELSE?

I COACH HEDGE? HE GOT CARRIED AWAY BY SOME TORNADO DUDES.

COACH HEDGE? HE GOT CARRIED AWAY BY SOME TORNADO DUDES.

NO, NO, NO! SHE TOLD ME IF I CAME HERE, I’D FIND THE ANSWER. I’VE BEEN TRICKED!
ANNABETH, WE GOTTA SPLIT. THOSE STORM SPIRITS MIGHT COME BACK. LET’S GET THESE THREE TO CAMP AND FIGURE IT OUT THERE.
I’M NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITH HER. SHE LOOKS SICK. LIKE SHE WANTS TO KILL ME!

SHE’S COOL. IT’S JUST THAT HER BOYFRIEND--A GUY NAMED PERCY JACKSON--WENT MISSING THREE DAYS AGO, AND SHE WAS TOLD SHE’D FIND HIM HERE.
NOW COME ON. WE’LL TAKE YOU SOMEPLACE SAFE.

WHEREVER THEY’RE GOING, IT CAN’T BE WORSE THAN THE WILDERNESS SCHOOL.
JASON?
YOU REMEMBER SOMETHING, DON'T YOU? YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE.

NO, OR MAYBE... YES.

IT JUST SEEMS IMPORTANT.

THAT'S TITAN LAND TO THE WEST. BELIEVE ME, WE'RE AS CLOSE TO 'FRISCO AS WE WANT TO GET.

NEVER MIND SAN FRANCISCO. I'M WORRIED ABOUT HERE.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND PIPER'S DAD?

SMOKE EQUALS FIRE. WE'D BETTER HURRY--
“—before it becomes a cooking fire.”

It’s four against one. This is going to be a piece of cake.

Okay, so the three guys charge straight at him while Piper sneaks around to free her dad.

Did you miss the part where he’s twenty feet tall?

I hate to say it, but Coach is right. A distraction is Piper’s best bet.

Not a sure bet. Not even a good bet. Just our best bet.

Great. Let’s go, before I come to my senses.
GIANT! YOU WANTED US HERE, AND NOW YOU'VE GOT US!

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN KILL US, CUPCAKE, WE'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY!

HEH HEH! WHAT A NICE SURPRISE. I'VE FORGOTTEN HOW FUNNY SATYRS ARE.

WHEN WE RULE THE WORLD, WE'LL KEEP YOU AROUND.

YOU CAN ENTERTAIN ME WHILE I EAT ALL THE MORTALS.

KER-SLAM!

BLA-A-A!

KRAKRAK

GLUNK
FOOLISH GIRL. I CAN FEEL YOUR CHARMSPEAK. THOUGH IT HAS NO EFFECT ON ME, YOU COULD HAVE BEEN USEFUL TO US.

MOTHER GAEA MADE EACH OF US GIANTS TO FACE A PARTICULAR GOD. I AM ATHENA'S MATCH.

I AM NOT AS LARGE AS MY BROTHERS, BUT I AM CLEVER.

QUIET, DAD. MY FRIENDS AND I ARE RESCUING YOU.

YOU'RE GOING TO LET US GO, ENCELADUS! ALL OF US! NOW!

YOU WERE PART OF MY PLAN. I WOULD HAVE KEPT MY BARGAIN WITH YOU. YOU COULD HAVE BETRAYED YOUR FRIENDS AND SAVED THE LIVES OF YOU AND YOUR FATHER.

NOW YOU WILL ALL DIE!

NO, YOU WILL!

YEEARGHHH!
I'M NO MINOR MONSTER, BOY.
YOUR LITTLE TOOTHPICK CANNOT KILL ME.

WE'LL SEE!

WHOOSH

CRACK
WE KNOW ALL ABOUT you. IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT YOU BE MY FIRST SACRIFICE TO GAEA!


THE HERO WHO SINGLE-HANDEDLY SLEW THE TITAN Krios AND TOPPLED THE BLACK THRONE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WHO’S Krios?!

WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU.

IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT YOU BE MY FIRST SACRIFICE TO GAEA!

@YALLK!

TIMBER!

THUNK
MY FATE IS PREORDAINED.
SEE HOW MY WOUNDS HEAL? GIANTS CANNOT BE KILLED BY GODS OR HEROES ALONE.

YES!
THE BIGGER THEY ARE, THE EASIER THEY ARE TO CHOP DOWN!

HEH HEH HEH

GOOD TRY, BUT YOU WON'T BEAT ME.

SHR-ENCH
Then let's try both at the same time!

ARGH!

Father, if I've ever done anything good, anything you approve of--

--Help me now!
INCOMING!

YARRRGRH!
GRAB ON.

DID I SCARE THE GIANT AWAY?

OH, YEAH.
YOU SCARED HIM SO BAD, HIS MOMMY SUCKED HIM BACK INTO THE EARTH.

WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT YOU, COACH?

...MONSTERS...
REAL MONSTERS...
Piper...what's happening...?

IT'S JUST LIKE SHE SAID.

WE HAVE TO GET MY FATHER OFF THIS MOUNTAIN.
WHO ARE YOU GUYS?

HALF-BLOODS, LIKE YOU.

SHE MEANS WE'RE DEMIGODS, HALF MORTAL, HALF GOD.

YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT.

MY NAME IS ANNABETH. MY MOM IS ATHENA, GODDESS OF WISDOM. BUTCH IS A SON OF IRIS, THE RAINBOW GODDESS.

HYAH!

I'VE BEEN CALLED "HALF-BLOOD" BEFORE, AND IT WASN'T MEANT AS A COMPLIMENT.

EVERYBODY HANG ON TO SOMETHING!

THIS IS CRAZY.

HERE WE GO!
Yo! How about a lift?

What're you kids doing here? You start these fires?

You don't see any fires. And you won't mind taking us to Oakland Airport, either.

I don't see... any fires.

I won't mind... taking you to Oakland Airport.
PIPER, THEY TOLD ME YOU WOULD DIE...

THEY SAID TERRIBLE THINGS WERE GOING TO HAPPEN.

APHRODITE, GODDESS OF LOVE.

I DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO, BUT IT'S TRUE. I ACTUALLY SPOKE TO MOM THIS MORNING. SHE SAID SHE STILL CARES ABOUT YOU.

AND I BELIEVE HER.

I COULDN'T BEAT THE MONSTER, BUT YOU DID. YOU'RE A HERO.

A REAL HERO, NOT A PRETENDER, LIKE ME... ACTING IN A MOVIE. I'M SO PROUD OF YOU. IT WAS WORTH IT—WORTH SEEING THOSE UNSPEAKABLE THINGS—to see the person you've become.

DAD, DRINK THIS. IT'S... MEDICINE.

IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.

OH, GOD... SHE NEVER TOLD ME, WHY DIDN'T SHE TELL ME?

NOW I WISH I DIDN'T KNOW. THE THINGS I'VE SEEN... THE VISIONS THAT MONSTER SHOWED ME.

MOTHER WAS...

IT'S OKAY NOW, DAD, YOU'RE SAFE.

WE'RE GOING TO KEEP YOU SAFE.

THEY SAID YOU WERE A DEMIGOD. THEY SAID YOUR MOTHER WAS...

HOBBLE THINGS...
I got it from my mom. She said the strain of everything would be too much for him. The potion will erase his recent memories. When he wakes up, he won't remember any of this.

I won't remember that he was ever proud of me. I'll go back to being the kleptomaniac daughter who gets kicked out of school.

Hey, it's all right. We still know you're a hero. The way you stood up to Enceladus. The way you stuck by your friends, no matter what.

Maybe your dad won't remember, but that doesn't make it any less real.

Thanks, guys. Thanks for everything.

No problem. Did your mom happen to give you a potion that recovers memories?

We need amnesia boy to tell us where to go next.

Right, pal?

"Jason?"
THAT ROAD. WHERE DOES IT GO?

THE WOLF HOUSE?

THAT’S HIGHWAY 24. IT LEADS TO THE WOLF HOUSE. IT’S AN IMPORTANT PLACE FOR DEMIGODS.

WHAT SNAKES?

THE WOLF HOUSE IS ON SACRED GROUND. JACKIE THOUGHT HE COULD CLAIM THE LAND AS HIS OWN, BUT IT WASN’T MEANT FOR HIM.

THE MANSION IS CURSED. IT BURNED TO THE GROUND A FEW WEEKS BEFORE HE AND HIS WIFE WERE SUPPOSED TO MOVE IN, AND JACKIE DIED A FEW YEARS LATER. HIS ASHES WERE BURIED ON THE SITE.

IT’S A POWERFUL PLACE.

HOW POWERFUL? POWERFUL ENOUGH TO IMPRISON HERA? TO RAISE PORPHYRION?

OFF—AS EASY AS RUNNING THROUGH WET TOILET PAPER. PROBABLY POWERFUL ENOUGH TO FULLY AWaken THE EARTH GODDESS.

JASON, YOU DON’T THINK...?

IT’S THE PLACE I SAW IN MY DREAMS. IT HAS TO BE.

CAN YOU TELL ME THE PILOT--?

WAY AHEAD OF YOU.

PILOT. CHANGE OF PLANS. YOU WANT TO TAKE US TO THE WOLF HOUSE.

I WANT TO TAKE YOU TO... THE WOLF HOUSE. RIGHT AWAY.
TO GET THIS COLD AROUND NM, I'M NOT SURE, BUT I KNOW WE'RE GETTING CLOSE. A PILOT START BRINGING US DOWN.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WE'RE FLYING INTO. IT MIGHT NOT BE SAFE FOR YOUR DAD. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

WHAT? I'M UP TO THE CHALLENGE. WE SATYRS HAVE A LONG TRADITION OF BEING PROTECTORS. BESIDES, I'VE BEEN SHOWING YOU GUYS MY BEST FIGHT MOVES SINCE PIKES PEAK. IF YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FEND FOR YOURSELVES.

HE AND I CAN LEAVE WITH THE CHOPPER. I'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS HOME.

ABSOLUTELY, COACH. WE'LL MISS YOU ON THE BATTLEFIELD. YOU'VE BEEN AN INSPIRATION.
BYE, DAD. I LOVE YOU. I'LL SEE YOU SOON.

DON'T WORRY, KID. HE'LL BE IN GOOD HANDS.

REMEMBER, THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD OFFENSE!

...THIS IS IT.

THE HOUSE IN YOUR DREAMS?

YEAH, BUT IT'S MORE THAN THAT....

BEING HERE IS BRINGING BACK MEMORIES. THIS IS WHERE MY MOM TOOK ME AND THALIA WHEN WE WERE KIDS. SHE LEFT ME HERE.

BECAUSE HERA TOLD HER TO.
SPEAKING OF HERA... LET'S SPRING HER FROM JAIL AND GET OUT OF HERE. I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS PLACE.

SHE SHOULD BE IN THE COURTYARD, BY THE REFLECTING POOL. THIS WAY.

THREE GUESS WHO'S INSIDE THE GIANT DIRT PINATA.

PORPHYRION. IT'S ALMOST SUNDOWN. WE SHOULD HURRY.

YES, YOU SHOULD.

HERA.

HOLA, TIA CALLIDA. LONG TIME NO SEE.

DON'T INSPECT ME LIKE ONE OF YOUR MACHINES, LEO VALDEZ. RELEASE ME!
IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, JASON. I CHOSE MY CHAMPION WELL.

I’M NOT YOUR CHAMPION, LADY.

I’M ONLY HELPING YOU BECAUSE YOU’RE BETTER THAN THE ALTERNATIVE.

AT SUNDOWN, HE WILL AWAKE. HE WILL OFFER ME A CHOICE: TO MARRY HIM, OR TO BE CONSUMED BY THE EARTH... AND I CANNOT MARRY HIM.

WE WILL ALL BE DESTROYED, AND AS WE DIE GAEA WILL AWAKEN.

INDEBED I AM. PORPHYRION IS NEARLY REBORN.

GAEA NEEDED A GREAT DEAL OF POWER TO RAISE HIM AGAIN.

MY POWER, FOR WEEKS I HAVE GROWN WEAKER AS MY ESSENCE WAS DRAINED TO GROW THE GIANT KING A NEW FORM.

WAIT, WHERE'S THALIA?

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET HER HERE.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE HUNTERS?

YOUR SISTER WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE WAITING FOR YOU, SON OF ZEUS.

SHE GREW IMPATIENT--

I HAVE.

--SO I PUT HER ON ICE.
KHIONE,
WHAT DID
YOU DO TO
HER?!

SHE ISN'T DEAD,
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE
WORRIED ABOUT. NOT YET.
I'LL DEFROST HER AND THE
REST OF THE HUNTERS ONE
AT A TIME, SO THE WOLVES
CAN HUNT THEM DOWN
FOR AMUSEMENT.

THEM THEY'RE QUITE
ANGRY, YOU KNOW. YOUR
SISTER ALMOST KILLED THEIR
KING. LYCAON IS NO DOUBT IN
A CAVE SOMEWHERE LICKING HIS
WOUNDS, BUT HIS MINIONS
ARE HERE TO TAKE REVENGE
ON HIS BEHALF.

YOU COULDN'T KILLED
US IN QUEBEC,
WHY DID YOU LET
US LIVE?

MESSY BUSINESS,
KILLING YOU IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE.
ONCE HE'D GIVEN YOU GUARANTEE OF
SAFE PASSAGE, I COULDN'T OPENLY
DISOBEY HIM. MY FATHER IS A FOOL--
HE STILL FEARS ZEUS AND AEOLUS--
BUT HE IS POWERFUL.

SOON ENOUGH,
WHEN MY NEW MASTER HAS
AWAKENED, I WILL OVERTHROW
AEOLUS AND BOREAS BOTH. I WILL
UNLEASH THE WINDS UPON THE
WORLD, AND IF MANKIND IS
DESTROYED, SO BE IT!

YOU MEDDLESOME,
D-LIST
GODDESS!

YOU AREN'T FIT
TO POUR MY WINE,
MUCH LESS RULE THE
WORLD!

TIRESOME
AS EVER, QUEEN
HERA.

I PROVED
QUITE CAPABLE
ENOUGH TO
LURE YOU HERE.
DIDN'T I?
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SHUT YOU UP FOR MILLENNIA.
ONLY A FEW MOMENTS LONGER. THE SUN WILL SET. PORPHYRION WILL RISE, AND YOU WILL BE QUIET AT LAST.

THEN WE WILL RETAKE THE ANCIENT PLACES OF EARTH AND DESTROY THE ROOTS OF THE GODS. I WILL PERSONALLY BURY THE ACROPOLIS IN SNOW.

OLYMPUS WILL NOT JUST FALL. IT WILL BE GONE. FOREVER.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I EVER THOUGHT YOU WERE HOT.

HOT? YOU DARE INSULT ME? I AM VERY, VERY COLD.
IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED HOW COLD.

KILL THE DEMIGODS!

LET THEM BE KING PORPHYRION'S FIRST MEAL!

GROWL!

GROW!

THOUGHT YOU WERE HOT.
WHOA...
DOWN, BOY!

SNAP

GET--

--BACK!

CRACK

SLASH

DIE!

YIPE!
I'd rather not.

Curse you, wretched child of Hephaestus.

Ah, and I was just warming up to you.

A valiant effort, heroes. But you're too late—

Alive!

Porphyron wakes!

Oh, great...
AN APPETIZER. EXCELLENT!

RESCUE HERA! REMEMBER THE PROPHECY: THE FORGE AND DOVE SHALL BREAK THE CAGE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

BUYING TIME!

AN APPETIZER. EXCELLENT!

WHO ARE YOU? HERMES? ARTEMIS?

I'M JASON GRACE, SON OF JUPITER, CHILD OF ROME, CONSUL TO DEMIGODS—PRAETOR OF THE FIRST LEGION!

I SLEW THE TROJAN SEA MONSTER. I TOPPLED THE BLACK THRONE. I DESTROYED THE TITAN KRIOS WITH MY BARE HANDS.

I REMEMBER!

I AM THE BANE OF ZEUS, BOY! I WAS CREATED TO DESTROY YOUR FATHER, AND I KNOW EXACTLY HOW TO DESTROY YOU.

GAEA IS WAKING. SHE HAS PROVISIONED ME WITH MANY FINE SERVANTS. OUR ARMIES WILL SHAKE THE EARTH—AND WE WILL DESTROY THE GODS AT THEIR ROOTS.

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PIPER, DO THAT CHARMSPREAD THING. CONVINCE GAEA TO GO BACK TO SLEEP.

TOOL BELT. I'M GOING TO NEED A CIRCULAR SAW. BATTERY-POWERED. PLEASE.

GO TO SLEEP. CAGE.

SHE'S GETTING SHORTER!

NO, THE EARTH IS RISING AROUND ME, YOU DUMB.

OKAY... SO WHAT DO WE DO?

I'M TALKING TO A BUNCH OF EARTHER TENDRILS. THIS ISN'T WEIRD AT ALL...
IF YOU WERE HALF AS SMART AS YOU ARE TALL, YOU'D BE WORRIED ABOUT ME, NOT MY FATHER.

I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR TWO MINUTES OF REBIRTH, GIANT, BECAUSE I'M GOING TO SEND YOU RIGHT BACK TO TARTARUS.

TALK DOES NOT FRIGHTEN ME. I WILL TAKE YOUR FATHER'S THRONE. I WILL TAKE HIS WIFE—OR, IF SHE WILL NOT HAVE ME, I WILL LET THE EARTH CONSUME HER LIFE FORCE.

WHAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU IS ONLY MY WEAKENED FORM. I WILL GROW STRONGER BY THE HOUR, UNTIL I AM INVINCIBLE!

HOW ABOUT A NAP, CAGE? YOU MUST BE SO-O-O TIRED.

SHRRRR

MIND IF I BORROW THIS?
GARRRR!

Is that your best, hero?

See what the King of Giants can do!

THOK

SHINK!

At last!

Too late, tough guy.

Not possible...
ALL TOO POSSIBLE, GIANT FILTH!

COVER YOUR EYES, MY HEROES.

NOOOOOO!
SO THAT'S IT? PORPHYRION IS DEAD?
I BECAME PURE ENERGY, SO I COULD DISINTEGRATE THE MONSTERS AND RESTORE THIS PLACE.

WHAT WAS THAT?

I UNLEASHED MY POWER.

I BECAME PURE ENERGY, SO I COULD DISINTEGRATE THE MONSTERS AND RESTORE THIS PLACE.

SO THAT'S IT? PORPHYRION IS DEAD?

HARDLY.

A GIANT CAN ONLY BE KILLED BY A COMBINATION OF GOD AND DEMIGOD, WORKING TOGETHER.

WE WON?

BY SAVING ME, YOU PREVENTED GAEA FROM WAKING. YOU HAVE BOUGHT US SOME TIME.

BUT PORPHYRION IS RISEN. HE WILL REGAIN HIS FULL POWER, AND REFOCUS IT ON THE TRUE PRICE.

GREECE.

“DEATH UNLEASH, THROUGH HERA’S RAGE.”

JUST LIKE THE ORACLE SAID.

IF HE DESTROYS THE ANCIENT PLACES, THE GODS WILL CEASE TO EXIST.

THERE’LL BE NOTHING TO TETHER THEM TO THIS WORLD.
THALIA!
YOU'RE ALIVE!

YEAH,
LITTLE BROTHER.
STILL KIND OF COLD,
BUT ALIVE.

THANKS
TO YOU.

AND NOW
WE HAVE TO SEPARATE
AGAIN. I HAVE TO FIND
ANNABETH AND TELL HER
WHAT'S HAPPENED. SHE
NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT
PORPHYRIX.

I'LL CATCH
UP WITH YOU BACK
AT CAMP HALF-BLOOD.
HERA CAN GET YOU
THERE.

I WANT
ANSWERS FIRST.
I REMEMBER SOME
STUFF, BUT NOT
EVERYTHING.

TO GIVE
YOU THE ANSWERS
WOULD BE TO RENDER
THOSE ANSWERS
INVALID.

THAT IS
THE WAY OF
THE FATES.

YOU MUST FIND
YOUR OWN DESTINY.
AND WHEN YOU DO, YOU
WILL UNITE TWO GREAT
POWERS. YOU WILL GIVE
US HOPE AGAINST THE
GIANTS--AND GAEA
Herself.

THAT IS ALL
I CAN SAY. I WILL
RETURN YOU TO CAMP
HALF-BLOOD, WHERE YOU
WILL BEGIN PREPARING
FOR THE NEXT
PHASE.

YOU HAVE
DONE ME A
GREAT SERVICE.
MY HEROES.
Welcome to Camp Half-Blood, gang.

If this is another boarding school, I may actually like it here.

These are the ones? Way older than thirteen. Any sign of Percy?

No.

All demigods are worth saving, Drew. Try to make our new arrivals feel welcome.

They’ll need a tour of camp. Hopefully by the campfire tonight, they’ll be claimed.

"Claimed"? So we’re not pets. More like we’re in the lost and found.

Something like that. When a half-blood is claimed, it means—
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE US LATE FOR BREAKFAST, WHICH MEANS YOU GET TO CLEAN THE CABIN FOR INSPECTION.

YOU DON'T GET TO BOSS PEOPLE AROUND ANYMORE.

NO, DREW.

YOU DON'T GET TO BOSS PEOPLE AROUND ANYMORE.

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING....?

CHALLENGING YOU.

I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU. AND I DON'T MUCH CARE FOR THE WAY YOU RUN THE APHRODITE CABIN. EITHER.

APHRODITE ISN'T JUST ABOUT LOVE AND BEAUTY, SHE'S ABOUT BEING LOVING. SPREADING BEAUTY.

YOU DO NEITHER.
CAMP RULES
SAY I CAN CHALLENGE YOU.
IF I FEEL I CAN DO A BETTER JOB.
HOW ABOUT NOON IN THE ARENA?
YOU CAN CHOOSE THE WEAPONS.
NOT THAT IT'LL MATTER—I'VE
Fought WAY tougher
OPPONENTS.
OF COURSE, YOU
Can ALways StEp
Down, IF YOU'RE
Not Up FOR IT.

AND
WHILE YOU'RE
AT IT, REMEMBER
THIS, TOO:
HE MAY NOT
Know it YET, BUT JASON
Is Mine. YOU So Much AS
Look at Him. I'll Load
YOU INTO A CATAPULT AND
Shoot YOU ACROSS LONG
ISLAND SOUND.

YOU WANT
to be senior
counselor? FINE.
Have fun leading
this group of
Losers.
but don't
think I'm going
to forget this,
Mclean.
Oh,
I hope you
don't.

So...
You
Guys want to
Pitch in and GET
THE CABIN READY
FOR INSPECTION...
TOGETHER?

We like
YOU better
Already!
I wish I could talk to you in person... but I understand you can’t do that.

The Roman gods don’t like to interact with mortals so much. And... well, you’re the king. You have to set an example.

I remember some things. Like that it’s hard being the son of Jupiter.

Everyone is always looking to me to be the leader. Like I somehow magically know everything.

I don’t know how to protect my friends. Though, I’m afraid I’m going to get them killed.

I could really use some guidance. Dad.

Your friends are your guidance. My champion.

Your father sent you Piper and Leo.

Listen to them, and you’ll do well.

I didn’t ask to be a part of this. Why did you send me to this camp?

I think an exchange of leaders was necessary. It is the only way to bridge the gap.

Your father gave your life to me, and I am helping you fulfill your destiny.

You are already gaining the others’ trust. By the time you set sail for Greece, you will be a great leader at this camp.

Greece? You want me to go to Greece?

Yes, but before you go, you must unite two powerful forces.

If they remain divided, the giants will surely win. Gaea is counting on this.
Fail, and there will be bloodshed like we have never seen. Demigods will destroy one another, the giants will overrun Olympus. Gaia will wake, and the earth will shake off everything we have built over five millennia. It will be the end of us all.

And if I fail?

Take this, to replace the weapon you lost, and have courage. Like it or not, Jason, I am your sponsor, and your link to Olympus. I will be with you.

Knock knock

Hello?

What about...?
DAD THINKS COACH HEDGE IS A LIFE COACH, AND HE'S HIRED HIM ON STAFF. HE'S GREAT. REALLY GREAT. TURNS OUT HIS ASSISTANT, JANE—WHO I NEVER LIKED, BY THE WAY—WAS WORKING FOR MEDEA. THAT'S HOW MY DAD ENDED UP GOING TO MOUNT DIABLO WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING. HE THOUGHT HE WAS SHOOTING A COMMERCIAL FOR A CHARITY.

SO, HOW ARE YOU? ANY MORE MEMORIES COMING BACK?

Yeah, unfortunately, they aren't good. For any of us.

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ANYWAY, HE DOESN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING, BUT HE'S SAFE. THAT'S THE IMPORTANT THING.

I'M REALLY HAPPY FOR YOU, PIPER.

IT'LL ALL WORK OUT. YOU'RE GOING TO LEAD US, JASON. I'D FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE.

THAT'S A DANGEROUS THING TO SAY.

I'M A DANGEROUS GIRL.

THAT, I BELIEVE.

CHIRON HAS CALLED A MEETING WITH US AND SOME OF THE SENIOR COUNSELORS. HE SAYS LEO HAS SOMETHING TO SHOW US IN THE WOODS.

YOU COMING?

LEAD THE WAY.
“I’d follow you anywhere.”

Thanks for coming, you guys.

This better be good.

Chiron called me back to camp, even though I still haven’t found Percy.

Leo! You’re a fire user!

You think?

Holy Hephaestus. That’s so rare...

Welcome to Bunker Nine.
FESTUS SHOWED ME THIS PLACE THE NIGHT I FIXED HIM IN THE WOODS. IT'S WHERE I FOUND MY MAGIC TOOL BELT.

SORRY I DIDN'T TELL YOU GUYS ABOUT IT EARLIER, BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE TO REVEAL MY FIRE ABILITY, AND I WASN'T READY TO DO THAT YET.

SPEAKING OF FESTUS...

Leo, look.

MY DAD BROUGHT HIM HERE. I CAN'T MAKE HIM LIKE HE WAS, BUT I HAVE OTHER PLANS FOR HIM.

He's going with us.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

CHECK THIS OUT!

IT'S A BLUEPRINT FOR A FLYING SHIP. LOOK, THERE'S THE LANDING GEAR.

AND TALK ABOUT WEAPONRY. ROTATING BALLISTA, MOUNTED CROSSBOWS. CELESTIAL BRONZE PLATING... THIS THING WOULD BE ONE SPANKIN' HOT WAR MACHINE!

Was it ever built?
The last time this place was used was during the Civil War.

The American Civil War? Like, in 1864?

Yes and no. The two conflicts—mortal and demigod—mirrored each other, as they so often do in Western history.

Look at any Civil War or revolution since the fall of Rome, and it marks a time when demigods also fought each other.

But the 1860s were an awful time.

Even then, Camp Half-Blood was here. A battle raged in these woods for days.

Something isn’t adding up. This is a wartime command center. It’s been under our noses all this time, but no one knew about it?

How’d it get here, then?

It’s Festus. He’s meant to be our masthead. Our good luck charm, our eyes at sea.

I’m supposed to build this ship. I’m going to call it the Argo II, after the original Jason’s ship. And I need your help.

Chiron?

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TWO SIDES. YOU MEAN CAMP HALF-BLOOD SPLIT APART?

NO. HE MEANS CAMP HALF-BLOOD. WAS ONLY ONE SIDE IN THE WAR.

THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT? THERE'S ANOTHER CAMP SOMEWHERE WITH HALF-BLOOD CHILDREN OF THE ROMAN GODS.

LIKE ME.

YES, BUT DO NOT ASK ME WHERE. EVEN I HAVE NEVER BEEN TRUSTED WITH THAT INFORMATION.

LUPA, MY COUNTERPART, IS NOT EXACTLY THE SHARING TYPE.

WHEN THE WAR WAS ENDED, THE GODS WERE SO HORRIFIED BY THE TOLL IT TOOK ON THEIR CHILDREN, THEY SWERE IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

THEY BENT THEIR WILL. WOVE THE MISTS AS TIGHTLY AS THEY COULD, TO ENSURE THE TWO SIDES WOULD NEVER KNOW EACH OTHER EXISTED.

EVEN DURING THE TITAN WAR, WHEN KRONOS'S ARMIES THREATENED CAMP, I DID NOT THINK IT WORTH THE RISK TO REVEAL THIS PLACE.

WHO WAS THE OTHER SIDE?

ROMANS.

THEN IT'S SETTLED. WE HAVE TO FIND IT. THE GREAT PROPHECY SAID SEVEN DEMIGODS WILL BE NEEDED TO DEFEAT THE GIANTS. AND HERA TOLD ME THAT SHE SENT ME HERE TO HELP UNITE TWO GREAT POWERS.
she means the two camps. the greek and roman camps have to join forces and find a way to get along.

when do we leave?

you know there's no way i'm not going with you.

i was hoping you'd say that. of all people, we need you most.

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LEO, YOU’VE JUST BEEN CLAIMED BY HEPHAESTUS, THE GOD OF BLACKSMITHS AND FORGES. IT MEANS HE’S YOUR DAD.

WHO? THE GOD OF WHAT?

THIS CAN’T BE GOOD. THE CURSE...

NOT NOW, BUTCH.

WILL, GIVE LEO THE TOUR AND INTRODUCE HIM TO HIS BUNKMATES IN CABIN NINE.

LET’S GO, HAMMERHEAD.
"...and he probably doesn't even remember who he is."
JASON HAS A PROBLEM. He doesn’t remember anything before waking up on a school bus holding hands with a girl. Apparently she’s his girlfriend, Piper; his best friend is a kid named Leo; and they’re all students at the Wilderness School, a boarding school for “bad kids.” What he did to end up here, Jason has no idea—except that everything seems very wrong.

PIPER HAS A SECRET. Her father has been missing for three days, and her vivid nightmares reveal that he’s in terrible danger. Now her boyfriend doesn’t recognize her, and when a freak storm and strange creatures attack during a school field trip, she, Jason, and Leo are whisked away to someplace called Camp Half-Blood. What is going on?

LEO HAS A WAY WITH TOOLS. His new cabin at Camp Half-Blood is filled with them. Seriously, the place beats the Wilderness School hands down, with its weapons training, monsters, and fine-looking girls. What’s troubling is the curse everyone keeps talking about, and that a camper’s gone missing. weirdest of all, his bunkmates insist they are all—including Leo—related to a god.


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I thought the God of Blacksmiths was named "Vulcan."

Strange...

I've never seen markings like this. They look like they were burned into your skin. Where did you get them?

I'm getting really tired of saying this, but I don't know.

Then you need to go straight to Chiron.

Drew, would you—?

Absolutely.

This way, sweetie. I'll introduce you to the camp director.

He's an interesting guy.

Who's Chiron? Is Jason in some kind of trouble?

Good question. Come on. We need to talk.
THIS IS THE CAMPFIRE. EACH BUILDING REPRESENTS A GREEK GOD--A PLACE FOR THAT GOD'S CHILDREN TO LIVE WHEN THEY'RE AT CAMP.

IF MY MOM REALLY IS A GODDESS, I HIGHLY DOUBT SHE'LL ADMIT I'M HER KID.

I'VE BEEN KICKED OUT OF FIVE SCHOOLS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. DAD IS RUNNING OUT OF PLACES TO SEND ME.

PIPER, WE'VE ALL BEEN LABELED TROUBLEMAKERS. WE'RE RESTLESS, IMPULSIVE. A LOT OF US ARE DIAGNOSED WITH ADHD. IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE HARDWIRED FOR BATTLE.

THEY'RE TELTLE TRAITS. IT'S WHAT MONSTERS LOOK FOR WHEN THEY'RE HUNTING DEMIGODS.

I FEEL BAD ABOUT COACH HEDGE. HE SAVED LEO, AND HE HELPED JASON STAND UP TO THOSE... WHATEVER THEY WERE.

GLEESON KNEW THE RISKS. SATYRS DON'T HAVE MORTAL SOULS, THOUGH, SO HE'LL PROBABLY BE REINCARNATED AS A TREE OR A FLOWER OR SOMETHING.

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I HAVE TO SAY,
YOU'RE TAKING THIS
PRETTY WELL.

SHOCKER,
RIGHT? I GUESS I'M
TOO WORRIED ABOUT
JASON. WE'VE ONLY BEEN
TOGETHER A FEW WEEKS,
BUT WE'RE REALLY INTO
EACH OTHER, YOU
KNOW?

I DON'T
HAVE TO TELL YOU,
I CAN SEE HOW
WORRIED YOU ARE
ABOUT PERCY.

PIPER,
ABOUT THAT.

PERCY AND
I HAVE KNOWN
EACH OTHER FOR
YEARS.

WE
SPENT SUMMERS
TOGETHER, WENT ON
QUESTS TOGETHER.
BUT...

LOOK, I KNOW
JASON THINKS HE JUST
APPEARED AT OUR
SCHOOL TODAY, BUT
THAT'S NOT TRUE. I'VE
KNOWN HIM FOR FOUR
MONTHS.

IT'S THE MIST.
IT'S A KIND OF VEIL
THAT SEPARATES THE
MORTAL WORLD FROM
THE MAGIC WORLD.
MIST BENDS REALITY, SO
MORTALS VIEW THINGS
IN A WAY THEY CAN
UNDERSTAND.

I'VE SEEN
IT LOTS OF TIMES.
MIST CAN CHANGE
MEMORIES OR EVEN
CREATE NEW ONES, SO
EVERYONE THINKS THEY
REMEMBER STUFF THAT
NEVER HAPPENED.
MONSTERS USE IT WHEN
THEY INFILTRATE
A SCHOOL.

YOU
KNOW JASON ISN'T
A MONSTER! AND MY
MEMORIES ARE SO REAL
LIKE WHEN WE WATCHED
A METEOR SHOWER ON
THE DORM ROOF, AND
I FINALLY GOT HIM
to KISS ME.

YOU
DON'T JUST
MAKE UP
STUFF LIKE
THAT?

IF YOU
KNOW HIM SO WELL,
THEN WHERE'S HE FROM?
HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED
HIS TATTOO BEFORE
TODAY?

WHAT'S
HIS LAST
NAME?

IT'S OKAY.
JASON IS HERE NOW.
WHO KNOWS, THIS
TIME IT MIGHT WORK
OUT WITH YOU GUYS
FOR REAL.

MAYBE
CHIRON CAN FIGURE
OUT WHAT'S GOING ON.
BUT IN THE MEANTIME,
WE NEED TO GET YOU
SETTLED.

FOLLOW ME.
You won't last long at Camp if you aren't armed. There should be something in here that will suit you.

Are those, like, real?

They wouldn't be much good if they weren't. I mean, wait till you see how we play Capture the Flag around here.

Let's see...

What's this one?

Hm? Oh, that one. That blade has a long story. Its first owner was Helen. Things didn't turn out that well for her.

The Helen? Helen of Troy? Shouldn't it be in a museum someplace?

Nah. Weapons like that are meant to be used. It's our Birthright as Demigods.

Helen named it Katoptris, which means "mirror." Probably because that's all she ever used it for.

Here's a Mossberg 500 shotgun. It's modified to shoot Celestial Bronze, though. So it only kills monsters.

What do you think?
THE CABINS ALL REPRESENT A GREEK GOD. THIS ONE IS HERA’S, RIGHT?

YOU KNOW YOUR MYTHOLOGY.

I DID SOME RESEARCH TO HELP MY DAD WITH A PROJECT LAST YEAR.

WHAT DOES YOUR DAD DO?

HE’S... Um... A CHEROKEE ARTIST. BUT, YOU KNOW, HE GETS HIS INFLUENCES FROM LOTS OF DIFFERENT CULTURES.

ANY CHANCE HERA COULD BE MY MOM?

NO WAY. HERA IS THE GODDESS OF MARRIAGE, SO SHE DOESN’T GET AROUND LIKE SOME OF THE OTHER GODS DO. SHE ONLY HAS KIDS WITH ZEUS. ZEUS, ON THE OTHER HAND...

ANYWAY, THIS CABIN IS JUST HONORARY. NOBODY EVER GOES IN THERE.

PIPER! WAIT!
Rachel? Is that you?

Annabeth! I came down from Connecticut as soon as I heard. Any news about Percy?

The mission was a bust. What are you doing in here?

Just a hunch. Something about this cabin and Percy’s disappearance. They’re related somehow.

I’m pretty harmless, though. Usually.

I’m sorry, I’m being rude. Piper, this is Rachel Elizabeth Dare, our Oracle. She kind of sees the future and stuff.

More like the future mugs me from time to time. The Oracle’s spirit hijacks me and speaks prophecies that don’t make sense to anyone.

Are you a demigod, too?

Nope. Just regular, old-fashioned mortal.

Ah!
RACHEL!

SHE WON'T LET GO!

YOUR ENEMIES ARE THE PAST, ONE IS ONLY THE FIRST!

HOW TO HIS WAIL, AND THEIR KING SHALL RISE DOOMING US ALL!

ANNABETH! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THE STATUE OF HERA! IT'S MOVING!

UNNN!

IT MUST BE BY THE SOLSTICE.
CABIN NINE. THIS IS YOU.

REAL GREEK WARSHIPS ARMED WITH ARROWS AND EXPLOSIVES? SCULPTURE CLASS WHERE WE GET TO USE CHAIN SAWS AND BLOWTORCHES? THIS CAMP IS AWESOME!

Yeah... well, you'll probably make your own.

Your dad is the god of blacksmiths.

When do I get a sword? I want a sword!

About that. The rainbow pony dude—Butch—he said something about a curse. What'd he mean?

Oh, you know. Since cabin nine's last counselor died—

Died?! Like, painfully?

We can talk about it inside.
AH!
THE OLD LADY...
WHAT'S SHE DOING
HERE?

WHAT OLD LADY?
I DON'T SEE
ANYONE.

THAT OLD...

YOU'VE BEEN
THROUGH A LOT TODAY.
I THINK THE MIST IS STILL
PLAYING TRICKS ON
YOUR MIND.

NAH, MAN.
I'M JUST MESSING
WITH YOU. LET'S
GO INSIDE.

YOU THINK
YOUR MOM KNOWS
WHO YOUR DAD IS?
I MEAN, WHO HE
REALLY IS.

I DON'T
KNOW. SHE...
DIED WHEN I
WAS EIGHT.

LOOK AT
ALL THIS STUFF. THIS
PLACE REMINDS ME OF MY
MOM'S MACHINE SHOP.
BUT COOLER.
ALL RIGHT, CUPCAKES. LISTEN UP!

YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE THE GRAND CANYON. TRY NOT TO BREAK IT. AND IF ANY OF YOU CAUSES ANY TROUBLE ON THIS FIELD TRIP--

I WILL PERSONALLY SEND YOU BACK TO CAMPUS THE HARD WAY!

WELCOME BACK, SLEEPYHEAD.

UM, I DON'T...

JASON? YOU OKAY?
WHAT'S THE GOD OF FIRE NEED WITH A WEED WHACKER?

YOU'D BE SURPRISED.

WELCOME TO CABIN NINE. I'M JAKE MASON. YOUR HEAD COUNSELOR.

FOR NOW.

THIS IS LEO VALDEZ. YOU HAVE A SPARE BUNK FOR HIM?

HE CAN HAVE BECKENDORF'S OLD BED...

ARE YOU KIDDING? THIS IS THE ROLLS-ROYCE OF BEDS. WHY WOULDN'T I WANT IT?

WHOEVER THIS BECKENDORF KID IS, HE'S NUTS FOR GIVING IT UP.

HE DIDN'T GIVE IT UP. HE'S THE COUNSELOR I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT. THE ONE WHO DIED.

DID HE DIE, LIKE, IN THE BED?
He was one of the first casualties of the Titan War.

I'm guessing by "Titans" you don't mean the football team.

The Titans ruled the world before the gods. Their leader, Kronos, tried to make a comeback last summer.

A lot of demigods died trying to stop him.

Beckendorf and Percy Jackson blew up a cruise ship full of monsters. Beckendorf didn't make it out.

Ever since then, the Hephaestus kids have been having problems.

Equipment malfunctions, accidents...it's like our whole cabin has been cursed.

Will, why don't you take Leo downstairs and show him the forges? I'd do it myself, but...you know.

Sure thing, Jake. You get some rest.

Hey, everyone! Say hello to your new brother.

Jeez. You weren't kidding about the accidents, were you?
NYSSA, CAN YOU SHOW LEO AROUND? I NEED TO GET TO ARCHERY PRACTICE.

SURE THING.

NYSSA, EH? COOL. I ALWAYS WANTED A SISTER WHO COULD BEAT ME UP.

LET'S GO, JOKER BOY.

THIS IS SHANE. HE'S GOOD WITH AXES.

SO I SEE. I'VE BEEN IN A LOT OF WORKSHOPS, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN METAL LIKE THAT. WHAT IS IT?

CELESTIAL BRONZE. MINED FROM MOUNT OLYMPUS ITSELF. DISINTEGRATES MONSTERS ON CONTACT. USUALLY.

AND MOVING ON...

ALL I WANT IS A MAGIC BUG KILLER. IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK?

STUPID CURSE.

WHAT'S OVER THERE?

THIS IS CHRISTOPHER AND HARLEY. THEY'RE GOOD WITH INVENTIONS, OR AT LEAST THEY WERE.
A map of the forest. We have a little bit of a...um...dragon problem.

A dragon?

Sort of. It's life-size, but it's not real. I mean, it's real, but it's made of bronze. It's an automaton.

We've been setting traps to try to catch it, but so far, no luck.

If we don't destroy it soon, who knows what'll happen.

Destroy it? Can't you repair it?

How? It's got razor-sharp fangs and claws as long as my arm. Oh, and it breathes fire.

Our dad is the god of fire. That comes with some kind of built-in immunity or something, doesn't it?

We're mostly just good with our hands. Builders, craftsmen, weapon smiths...stuff like that.

A child of Hephaestus can be born with power over fire, but that hasn't happened in centuries, which is good, because it usually means something catastrophic is about to happen.

We do not need any more catastrophes.
WE'RE ALL KNOCKING OFF TO GET READY FOR DINNER. YOU WANT TO COME?

I'LL CATCH UP. I WANT TO HANG AROUND A LITTLE LONGER.

SUIT YOURSELF.

SO THE CAMP HAS A DRAGON PROBLEM.

I'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE ABOUT FIXING THAT.
SO HERE WE ARE, CAMP HEADQUARTERS.
YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE THE HIDEOUS DECOR. IT WAS A PARTING GIFT FROM OUR OLD CAMP DIRECTOR, DIONYSUS.

AS IN DIONYSUS, THE GOD OF WINE?

MM-HMM. HE HAS A THING FOR LEOPARDS, TOO.

OH, CHIRON! THIS IS JASON. HE'S TOTALLY AWESOME.

IT'S VERY NICE TO MEET--

YOU...?

YOU SHOULD BE DEAD.

ER, APOLOGIES FOR THE RUDE INTRODUCTION, JASON. PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.

DREW, YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR CABIN.

NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO?

AWAY FINE.
SO, JASON... WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME WHERE YOU'RE FROM?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE MARKS ON YOUR FOREARM MEAN, OR THE PARTICULAR COLOR OF YOUR SHIRT?

I WISH I COULD. I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH OF ANYTHING BEFORE THIS MORNING.

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THIS PLACE IS, DON'T YOU? YOU KNOW WHO I AM.

YOU'RE CHIRON. FROM THE MYTHS. YOU TRAINED HEROES LIKE HERACLES.

AND THIS IS A CAMP FOR THE HALF-BLOOD CHILDREN OF THE OLYMPIAN GODS. THE GODS ARE IN AMERICA NOW BECAUSE THEY FOLLOW THE HEART OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION.

QUITE RIGHT. I COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER MYSELF.

I TAUGHT YOUR NAMESAKE. YOU KNOW: THE ORIGINAL JASON. I'VE SEEN MANY HEROES COME AND GO.

YOU SAID I'M SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD... WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T EXPLAIN, MY BOY. I SWEORE ON THE RIVER STYX THAT I WOULD NEVER TALK ABOUT IT.

BUT YOU ARE NOT LIKE ANY PUPIL I HAVE EVER HAD. YOUR PRESENCE HERE COULD BE A DISASTER.

I'M AFRAID I TEACHED YOUR NAMESAKE, YOU KNOW: I CAN'T EXPLAIN, THE ORIGINAL JASON. MY BOY. I SWORE ON THE RIVER STYX I'VE SEEN MANY HEROES COME AND GO.

YOU SAID I'M SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD... WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

BUT YOU ARE HERE IN VIOLATION OF THE SAME OATH. WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING? WHO--

CHIRON? WHO WHAT?
NOW IT IS TIME TO REPAY YOUR DEBT. FIND MY PRISON. FREE ME, OR THEIR KING WILL RISE FROM THE EARTH, AND I WILL BE DESTROYED.

YOU HAVE UNTIL SUNSET ON THE SOLSTICE. FOUR SHORT DAYS. DO NOT FAIL ME.

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I AM YOUR PATRON, JASON. LONG AGO, YOUR FATHER GAVE ME YOUR LIFE TO PLACATE MY ANGER. I SPARED YOU, AND NOW YOU BELONG TO ME.

--WOULD DARE TO BRING YOU HERE?
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT, CHILD?
AND WEREN'T YOU JUST SITTING ON THE SOFA...?
SOMETHING WEIRD JUST HAPPENED. IT WAS LIKE TIME FROZE.
AND THEN--

CHIRON! HELP!

PIPER! WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
WE WERE IN HERA'S CABIN. SHE HAD SOME SORT OF VISION.
ONE OF RACHEL'S PROPHECIES?
NO. THE SPIRIT OF DELPHI COMES FROM WITHIN. THIS WAS LIKE A POWER THAT WAS TRYING TO SPEAK THROUGH ME FROM FAR AWAY.

THE VOICE... IT WAS AN OLDER WOMAN. SHE SAID SHE WANTED PIPER TO--
FREE HER FROM PRISON.

AN OLD WOMAN JUST VISITED ME HERE. SHE SAID SHE WAS MY PATRON AND THAT I HAD TO FREE HER. SOMETHING ABOUT A KING RISING FROM THE EARTH ON THE SOLSTICE.
YOUR "PATRON"? NOT YOUR GODLY PARENT?

PATRON? SHE WORE A GOATSKIN CLOAK. THAT'S THE SYMBOL OF JUNO, ISN'T IT?

OF COURSE! JUNO IS HERA'S ROMAN ASPECT. THE GOATSKIN CLOAK REPRESENTS THE ROMAN ARMY.

BUT WHY WOULD HERA SEND A MESSAGE TO YOU AND PIPER? YOU JUST GOT HERE.

IF HERA TRULY IS IMPRISONED AND IN DANGER OF DESTRUCTION, THIS COULD SHAKE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORLD.

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SHE IS THE GLUE THAT HOLDS THE GODS' FAMILY TOGETHER.

IF THE STABILITY OF OLYMPUS WERE TO UNRAVEL...

CHIRON, YOU KNOW SOMETHING, DON'T YOU? WHAT AREN'T YOU TELLING US?

WHAT COULD BE STRONG ENOUGH TO IMPRISON THE QUEEN OF THE GODS? DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH PERCY'S DISAPPEARANCE?

TEND TO THE GIRL. WATCH HER CLOSELY, AND APPRISE ME IF HER CONDITION WORSENS.

CHIRON? YOU'VE NEVER KEPT INFORMATION FROM ME. NOT EVEN THE LAST GREAT PROPHECY.

MY DEAR, IN THIS, I CANNOT HELP YOU. I AM SORRY.
THIS IS SOME KIND OF MISTAKE...I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

I DIDN'T STEAL THAT CAR, LEO!

MY BAD. WHAT'S YOUR STORY AGAIN? YOU "ASKED" THE SALESMAN FOR THE CAR, AND HE JUST "GAVE" IT TO YOU. THAT'S TOTALLY BELIEVABLE.

TELL ME ABOUT IT. ALL I DID WAS RUN AWAY FROM HOME SIX TIMES, AND NEXT THING I KNOW, THEY SEND ME TO BOARDING SCHOOL.

POOR PIPER. ALL SHE DID WAS STEAL A BMW.

Yeah, right. I'm not your best friend, I'm his evil clone. And you and Piper haven't been making kissy faces at each other for the past few weeks.

Leo! Knock it off!

Jason, did you hit your head or something? You really don't know who we are?

It's worse than that...

I don't know who I am.
FINE. IF CHIRON WON'T HELP US, WE'LL HAVE TO FIGURE THIS OUT ON OUR OWN.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: WHERE DID JASON'S MEMORIES GO, AND WHY IS HE SO FOND OF THE GODS' ROMAN NAMES?

WHAT DOES THAT MATTER? HERA, JUNO...SAME PERSON, DIFFERENT NAME, RIGHT?

NOT EXACTLY. WE CALL THE GODS BY THEIR GREEK NAMES BECAUSE THAT'S THEIR ORIGINAL FORM, BUT SAYING THEIR ROMAN ASPECTS ARE EXACTLY THE SAME—that's NOT TRUE.

THE ROMAN EMPIRE LASTED FOR CENTURIES. THE GODS WERE ROMAN ALMOST AS LONG AS THEY WERE GREEK. SO OF COURSE THEIR ROMAN ASPECTS ARE STILL A BIG PART OF WHO THEY ARE.

IN ROME, THEY WERE MORE WARRIORS. THEY WERE HARSHER, MORE POWERFUL. THE GODS OF AN EMPIRE.

IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU HAD TO MEET THE QUEEN OF THE GODS, YOU'D HOPE SHE WAS MORE IN A HERA MOOD THAN A JUNO MOOD.

DEFINITELY.

I CAN'T HELP FEELING LIKE THIS IS ALL MY FAULT. THAT I DRAGGED PIPER INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS SOMEHOW. IS SHE GOING TO BE OKAY?

I THINK SO. CHIRON GAVE HER NECTAR OF THE GODS. IT CAN HEAL HALF-BLOODS OF MOST ANYTHING.

IT JUST TAKES TIME.
WHERE AM I?
HELLO?

DO WHAT WE TELL YOU, HALF-BREED, OR THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE PAINFUL.

THERE WILL BE A QUEST. ACCEPT IT. DO OUR BIDDING, AND YOU MAY WALK AWAY ALIVE.

DEFY US, AND, WELL--

--IT WON'T BE JUST YOUR LIFE THAT IS SACRIFICED.

I HAVE SLEPT FOR MANY MILLENNIA. I AM VERY HUNGRY. FAIL ME, AND I WILL EAT WELL.

ARE YOU OKAY, DAD? WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU?

I'LL BE WATCHING. YOU WILL BETRAY YOUR FRIENDS, OR YOU WILL LOSE EVERYTHING.

YOU HAVE THE WORD OF ENCELADUS.

ENCELADUS? IS THAT YOUR NAME?

LEAVE US ALONE!
Later, Annabeth says it’s not good to drink nectar on an empty stomach. Something about turning your bones to ash.

Take it easy, Piper. It’s just us. You’re safe.

We’re at the camp offices. Annabeth and I brought you here when you passed out.

Sorry about that. By the way, believe me, it was not my idea to get possessed.

Where are we?

Sorry about that, by the way. Believe me, it was not my idea to get possessed.

Yeah, there’s been a lot of that happening. Whatever is going on, it looks like you and I are in it together.

So it could be worse, right?

Hera. She spoke to me....

Let’s get some dinner. Nothing’s more relaxing than a good meal—
NO ROOF? WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN IT RAINS IN THE MIDDLE OF DINNER? OR SNOWS?

IT DOESN'T. THE CAMP HAS MAGICAL BORDERS THAT KEEP OUT BAD WEATHER, MONSTERS, TOO.

---AND A NICE, WARM FIRE.

ATTENTION, EVERYONE. QUIET DOWN, PLEASE.

WE HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS. FIRST, LET US WELCOME THREE NEW CAMPERS: LEO VALDEZ, PIPER MCGEEAN, AND ORSON MCLEAN, AND JASON... JASON...

DON'T ASK ME.

YES, WELL, SIMPLY "JASON" WILL SUFFICE. YOUR MEMORIES RETURN.

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU HERE WITH US.
ENOUGH CHITCHAT. HAS THE SECOND GREAT PROPHECY BEGUN OR NOT?

I MEAN, COME ON. FIRST PERCY DISAPPEARS, THEN HERA SENDS ANNABETH A VISION ABOUT THE GRAND CANYON, AND SHE COMES BACK WITH THREE NEW HALF-BLOODS IN ONE DAY. IT’S STARTING, ISN’T IT?

RACHEL?

YES. THE SECOND GREAT PROPHECY HAS BEGUN.

FOR THOSE WHO WEREN’T HERE WHEN I SPOKE THE ORACLE’S WORDS LAST AUGUST, THE LINES OF THE PROPHECY GO LIKE THIS:

"SEVEN HALF-BLOODS SHALL ANSWER THE CALL. TO STORM OR FIRE THE WORLD MUST FALL."

"AN OATH TO KEEP WITH A FINAL BREATH, AND FOES BEAR ARMS TO THE DOORS OF DEATH."

THE SEVEN DEMIGODS, WHOEVER THEY ARE, HAVE NOT BEEN GATHERED YET. I GET THE FEELING SOME ARE HERE TONIGHT, BUT SOME ARE NOT.

DI IMMORTALES.

WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROPHECY HAS BEGUN, AND WE MUST ANSWER THE CALL. HERA, QUEEN OF THE GODS, HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

HERA? HOW...?

THE GODS WILL NOT BE HAPPY.
AT THE BIG HOUSE, HERA APPEARED TO JASON AND ISSUED HIM A QUEST. SOME SORT OF KING IS RISING, AND JASON HAS TO RESCUE HERA TO PREVENT A GREAT EVIL. HE HAS UNTIL THE WINTER SOLSTICE IN FOUR DAYS.

WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS, IF JASON IS SO IMPORTANT, WHY HASN'T HE BEEN CLAIMED?

HE HAS BEEN CLAIMED, LONG AGO.

THINK, MY BOY, AND GIVE EVERYONE A DEMONSTRATION.

WASN'T THAT A SWORD LAST TIME?

I THINK IT CAME UP TAILS. SAME COIN, LONG-RANGE WEAPON FORM.

YOU ALL HAD BETTER BACK AWAY.

RMMBBLL
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PACT BETWEEN ZEUS, POSEIDON, AND HADES? THEY SWEARED NOT TO HAVE ANY MORE MORTAL KIDS. IF THE OATH HAS BEEN BROKEN AGAIN--

WE CAN'T THINK ABOUT THAT NOW. JASON HAS A QUEST TO FULFILL, WHICH MEANS HE'LL NEED HIS OWN PROPHECY.

THAT'S NOT... POSSIBLE.

A LITTLE OVERKILL, PERHAPS, BUT I'M AFRAID THE MEANING IS CLEAR.

JASON IS A CHILD OF ZEUS, LORD OF THE SKY.
HOO-BOY, I FEEL SOMETHING COMING ON HERE.

-ahem-

HOOD OF EDRURE, BEWARE THE EARTH!

THE GIANT'S VENGEANCE, THE ASSAULT SHALL BIRTH.

THE FORGE AND DOVE WILL BREAK THE CAGE.

AND DEATH UNLEASHED THROUGH HER'S RAGE.

THE GIANT'S VENGEANCE, THE ASSAULT SHALL BIRTH.

IS THIS, LIKE, A REGULAR THING WITH HER?

EASY, RACHEL...

HAPPENS ALL THE TIME, SHE'LL BE FINE.
NOW, THEN.
JASON IS OBVIOUSLY THE CHILD OF LIGHTNING THAT THE PROPHECY SPEAKS OF. THE QUEST IS HIS.

ACCORDING TO TRADITION, HE MAY CHOOSE ANY TWO COMPANIONS.

DON'T SPEAK OF IT. IT WILL ONLY SCARE THEM. IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY HOPE, THEY MUST HAVE COURAGE.

OKAY, NO NEED TO BEG. WE BOTH KNOW I'M SUPPOSED TO GO. IT'S GOTTA BE RIGHT?
THE FORGE IS THE SYMBOL OF HEPHAESTUS.

BESIDES, THE SMOKE-GIRL OVER THERE SAID YOU SHOULD "BEWARE THE EARTH." I MAY HAVE A WAY TO GET US SOME AIR TRANSPORTATION.

THANKS, MAN. IT DOES SEEM ONLY RIGHT YOU COME ALONG. YOU FIND US A RIDE, AND YOU'RE IN.

OH, ABSOLUTELY. THE DOVE IS APHRODITE. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT. I'M TOTALLY YOURS.

OH. THAT JUST LEAVES THE DOVE. NOW--

NO! I'M SUPPOSED TO GO! I HAD A VISION OF HERA, TOO!

SURE YOU DID, DUMPSTER GIRL. WHAT USE COULD YOU POSSIBLY BE ON A QUEST?

I HAVE CHARM. WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

THE GIANTS' REVENGE... IT CAN'T BE.

WE CAN SIT IN BACK WHILE THE HAMMERHEAD DRIVES.
WHAT'S GOING ON? IS SOMEONE DOING SOMETHING TO ME?

I-DON'T UNDERSTAND. THESE AREN'T MY CLOTHES.

NO! SHE CAN'T BE! SHE'S-- BEAUTIFUL.

PIPER, YOU'RE A KNOCKOUT.

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THESE AREN'T MY CLOTHES.
SEPARATE INTO YOUR STUDY GROUPS, CUPCAKES!

REMEMBER, YOUR WORKSHEETS ARE FOR NOTE TAKING, NOT MAKING SPITWADS. YOU’LL BE TESTED ON THE MATERIAL LATER.

HEY!
WATCH OUT, DYLAN!
C’MON, PIPER, QUIT HANGING OUT WITH THESE BOTTOM-FEEDERS. YOU’RE MY STUDY PARTNER.

I HATE THAT GUY.
I’LL BET, I DON’T EVEN KNOW HIM, AND I ALREADY CAN’T STAND HIM.

YOU’RE REALLY GOING TO PLAY THIS AMNESIA THING OUT, HUH? OKAY. HERE’S THE CRASH COURSE:

WE GO TO THE WILDERNESS SCHOOL FOR WAYWARD YOUTH, WHICH MEANS WE’RE “BAD KIDS.”

YOUR FAMILY, OR THE COURT, OR WHOEVER, DECIDED YOU WERE TOO MUCH TROUBLE, SO THEY SHIPPED YOU HERE.

WHEN WE’RE NOT DOING FORCED MARCHES THROUGH THE DESERT, WE GO ON “EDUCATIONAL” FIELD TRIPS WITH COACH HEDGE, WHO KEEPS ORDER WITH A BASEBALL BAT.

IS IT ALL COMING BACK TO YOU NOW?

NO.

HMM. WELL, THEN YOU PROBABLY DON’T REMEMBER ME PUTTING SHAVING CREAM ON YOUR JELL-O LAST WEEK, EITHER.

LOOKS LIKE I’LL GET TO GO BACK TO THE WELL ON THAT PRANK AGAIN.
HAIL, PIPER McLEAN.

DAUGHTER OF APHRODITE, LADY OF THE DOVES, GODDESS OF LOVE.
IF I WERE A DRAGON, WHERE WOULD I BE...?
OH, UM... HEY, EASY THERE, BIG FELLA.

I'M HERE TO HELP. THE REST OF CAMP WANTS TO SEND YOU TO THE SCRAP HEAP, BUT I THINK I CAN FIX YOU.

NOT EXACTLY THE WELCOME I WAS HOPING FOR.

SNRT?

WAIT!

AAAA! STAY BACK! I'M FIREPROOF, NOT TRAMPLE-PROOF!
WHAT'S INSIDE THERE, BOY?

IS THAT... ARE YOU SHOWING ME AN ACCESS PANEL?

NO WONDER YOU'VE BEEN ACTING UP. YOUR CIRCUITS ARE FRIED, AND YOUR CONTROL DISK IS A MESS!

LET'S SEE WHAT YOUR PAL LEO CAN DO.
“JASON IS COUNTING ON US.”

I REMEMBER THIS PLACE.

LUPA, IS THAT YOU? I REMEMBER YOU, TOO.

AS YOU SHOULD. I FOUND YOU IN THIS PLACE LONG AGO. I PROTECTED YOU, NURTURED YOU, CHOSE YOU.

YOU BEGAN YOUR JOURNEY HERE, AND NOW YOU MUST FIND YOUR WAY BACK, A NEW QUEST, A NEW START.

RUMBLELLA RUMBLE!

HERA!
THE ENEMY HAS CHOSEN THIS PLACE TO AWAKEN HER MOST POWERFUL SON, THE GIANT KING. TO AWAKEN HIM HERE IS AN ABOMINATION.


THE ENEMY MUST BE STOPPED.

WHO'S THE ENEMY? IS IT HERA?

USE YOUR SENSES, PUP. I CARE NOTHING FOR JUNO. BUT IF SHE FALLS, OUR ENEMY WAKES, AND THAT WILL BE THE END OF ALL OF US.

YOU KNOW THIS PLACE. YOU MUST FIND IT AGAIN. STOP THE ENEMY. CLEANSE OUR HOUSE.

PLEASE HELP ME.

WHO AM I? AT LEAST TELL ME THAT.

YOU ARE OUR SAVING GRACE, AS ALWAYS.

DO NOT FAIL.
"SON OF JUPITER."

"GASP."

"HOW ABOUT GIVING ME A HAND, POPS?"

"THANKS FOR NOTHING."
"YOU'RE SO LUCKY TO BE IN CABIN ONE, JASON! IT'S SUCH AN HONOR!"

YEAH, RIGHT. DOESN'T ANYONE AROUND HERE KNOW ONE IS THE LONELIEST NUMBER?

~cough~

GUESS IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE ANYONE SLEPT HERE.

~cough~

THAT'S THALIA.
Hey, Piper. How's it feel to be back on the rez? Instead of a secret handshake, do you all do a rain dance or something?

This is Hualapai land. My dad is Cherokee.

Of course, you'd need a few brain cells to know the difference.

So was your mom in this tribe? Oh, that's right; you never knew your mom.

Wind is picking up. Check this out.

Would've been cooler if I had some rubber bands.

How'd we meet, anyway? I mean, if we're such good friends.

Blondie! Front and center!

GOT SOME CLOUDS MOVING IN.

But I'm ADHD. I can't be expected to remember details.

It was...

You know. I don't recall exactly.

See ya, Sacagawea.

Take it easy, babe. You're with me. What could be better?
Tani, LiF: She's the only other child of Zeus—at least that we know of. She stayed here for a little while, but now she's one of Artemis's hunters. They roam the country killing monsters.

Sounds dangerous.

Yeah, well, they never age, so it isn't all bad.

No problem. There must be a gods-and-monsters phone book, right?

Actually, there is, but you don't need it. Boreas, the north wind, is the closest to where we are. He lives in Quebec City.

What's wrong?

I don't know how, but I remember. Annabeth, my last name is Grace.

Thalia...

She's my sister.
IT'S HEADED THIS WAY! EVERYONE GET TO THE ARMORY!

IT'S BACK! IT'S BACK!

WILL! DEPLOY THE ARCHERS AT THEIR POSTS!

SOMEBODY WARN THE SATYRS!

LEO?!
I SAID I'D FIND US SOME AIR TRANSPORTATION. DID I COME THROUGH OR WHAT?

Yeah, but... how did you survive the fire breath?

Now, I suggest you climb aboard, so we can get going. All these weapons are making Festus nervous.

But we haven't planned anything yet. We can't just--

Go, if a pet dragon isn't a good omen, I don't know what is.

All right. Only three days until the solstice, so time is wasting.

You still look... don't remind me. They say Aphrodite's blessing can last as long as a week!

Don't remind me. At least my cabinmates lent me some better clothes.

Everybody hang on!
AND THERE MAY BE A HUGE WOLF INVOLVED, BUT I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE HOW.

DON'T FORGET THE GIANTS.

THE ORACLE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE "GIANTS' REVENGE."

DIDN'T YOU DO A BUNCH OF RESEARCH ON GREEK MYTHS FOR THAT MOVIE YOUR DAD WAS IN? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO THE GIANTS MIGHT BE?

QUEBEC CITY. WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE GOD OF THE NORTH WIND AND ASK HIM TO HELP US TRACK DOWN DYLAN AND THE OTHER STORM SPIRITS.

ONCE WE FIND THEM, MAYBE THEY'LL LEAD US TO WHO THEY WORK FOR, SO WE CAN FIND HERA AND FREE HER.
THERE ARE TONS OF GIANTS IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY, BUT IF IT’S THE ONES I’M THINKING OF, THEY WERE—BAD NEWS.

THERE’S A WHOLE ARMY OF THEM, AND THEY’RE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO KILL. THEY CAN THROW WHOLE MOUNTAINS AND STUFF.

THEY ROSE FROM THE EARTH THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO, AFTER KRONOS LOST THE TITAN WAR.

IF WE’RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME GIANTS, THEY TRIED TO DESTROY OLYMPUS.

WHEN HE WAS GIVING ME THE TOUR, WILL TOLD ME THERE WAS ANOTHER TITAN WAR LAST SUMMER. KRONOS CAME BACK AND TRIED TO OVERTHROW THE GODS.

IF GREEK MYTHOLOGY IS REPEATING ITSELF, THEN THAT MEANS THE GIANTS ARE NEXT.

YOU SAID THESE GIANTS ROSE FROM THE EARTH? THE WOLF I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT...I DREAMED LAST NIGHT ABOUT A BURNED-OUT HOUSE IN A REDWOOD FOREST.

THE WOLF WAS THERE. THESE TWO HUGE SPIRES ROSE OUT OF THE GROUND. ONE HAD A CAGE WITH HERA INSIDE. THE OTHER WAS FUSED SHUT...BUT I GOT THE FEELING IT HELD SOMETHING REALLY BAD.

YOU GUYS KEEP MENTIONING “EARTH” AND “GROUND.” I DON’T KNOW IF IT’S IMPORTANT, BUT...I’VE NEVER TOLD ANYONE THIS BEFORE.

THE NIGHT MY MOM DIED...I WAS ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD. WE WERE AT HER MACHINE SHOP. I WAS VISITED BY THIS WOMAN.

AT LEAST, I THINK IT WAS A WOMAN. SHE WAS MADE OF DIRT, AND SHE LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS SLEEPING. I TRIED TO PROTECT MY MOM FROM HER, BUT...

I NEVER SAW THE DIRT-LADY AGAIN AFTER THAT NIGHT.
I never saw Tíá Callida, my old babysitter, again either, until yesterday.

I saw her at camp. She was dressed in a black robe, and she was just staring at me. The weird thing was: nobody else seemed to notice her.

Did I actually just say that?

It makes sense. The three of us have definitely been chosen by Hera. The question is why?

We'd better find out and fast.

Yesterday?

That could've been the same time Piper and I were having our visions of Hera. What if your babysitter was really Hera, Queen of the Gods?

DID I ACTUALLY JUST SAY THAT?

IT MAKES SENSE: THE THREE OF US HAVE DEFINITELY BEEN CHOSEN BY HERA. THE QUESTION IS WHY?

WE'D BETTER FIND OUT AND FAST.

SO, YOUR DAD'S AN ACTOR?

HE'S TRISTAN MCLEAN, BUT DON'T TELL ANYONE. I DON'T LIKE FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW.

IS HE FAMOUS OR SOMETHING?

I KEEP FORGETTING ABOUT YOUR AMNESIA. HE WAS THE LEAD IN KING OF SPARTA. IT ONLY MADE, LIKE, A BAJILLION DOLLARS AT THE BOX OFFICE.

COOL. I WONDER IF I'VE SEEN IT....
Heads up, we got incoming.

No clearance! Restricted airspace!

Who're you, Canadian Air Traffic Control?

This is my brother, Calais. I am Zethes. We are the Boreads. We are the gatekeepers, you don't have a registered flight plan, so we must destroy you.

Later.

Quebec City, Canada.
BOREADS? DOES THAT MEAN YOU WORK FOR BOREAS?

AH, SO YOU HAVE HEARD OF US. BOREAS IS OUR FATHER. HE DOES NOT LIKE UNAUTHORIZED PEOPLE FLYING IN HIS AIRSPACE ON CREAKY DRAGONS.

SO UNLESS THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, WE WILL HAVE TO DESTROY YOU PAINFULLY.

AN EMERGENCY...?

OH, BUT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY.

OUR DRAGON IS MALFUNCTIONING. IT COULD CRASH ANY MINUTE. ONLY YOUR DAD CAN HELP US!

WELL, YOU ARE PRETTY.

I MEAN, YOU ARE RIGHT. A MALFUNCTIONING DRAGON IS VERY BAD. COME, WE WILL ESCORT YOU TO THE HANGAR.

NO DESTROY?

HOW'D YOU DO THAT?

POWER OF PERSUASION. I GUESS I INHERITED IT FROM MY MOM.
You've got a powerful way with the mist, kid. Convincing all of these people that they know you. But you can't fool this old goat.

You're messing up my job. Now I have to protect three half-bloods instead of two.

Are you the special package? Is that it?

I don't know about a package. I can't remember anything before waking up on the bus.

All my memories are gone. If you know something, please help me.

Just sit tight. Reinforcements will be here soon.

But for now, we'd better get back inside. I don't like what this sky is doing.
Fix the thermostat in here, and I'd totally move in.

Not me. Something feels wrong about this place....

Sup, what's up?

Fire, bad.

Something is very wrong.
WHO ARE YOU? A CHILD OF THE SOUTH WIND, COME TO SPY ON US?

DO NOT TRY TO TRICK US. WE CAN SMELL FIRE. I THOUGHT IT WAS THE DRAGON, BUT IT IS YOU.

DESTROY AGAIN!

ME? NO!

TAKE IT EASY. WE'RE NOT HERE TO FIGHT. LEO IS A SON OF HEPHAESTUS. PIPER IS A DAUGHTER OF APHRODITE, AND I'M ZEUS'S KID.

IF YOU ARE A SON OF ZEUS, YOU COULD BE THE ONE WE ARE WAITING FOR.

NO DESTROY AGAIN?

WAITING FOR HIM IN A GOOD WAY, AS IN YOU'LL SHOWER HIM WITH FABULOUS PRIZES? OR IN A BAD WAY, LIKE HE'S IN TROUBLE?

THAT DEPENDS ON MY FATHER'S WILL.
I am Khione, Goddess of Snow.
Zethes, bring our guests. Father will want to see the one called Jason Grace.

I'll follow you anywhere, beautiful.

No, Leo Valdez, you will not. Ice and fire do not mix. You will stay here with Calais.

Aw, c'mon! Don't leave me with the Destroyer?

Be thankful. You will be much safer than your friends. My father's disposition is most...chilly.

Now come. King Boreas awaits in the throne room.

I will try to convince Father to hear you out.

I do hope you survive your little talk, Jason. We could have so much fun.
VERY FOOLISH OF YOU TO COME HERE. I HAVE ORDERS TO KILL DEMIGODS ON SIGHT.

But you are lucky, Jason Grace. My lord Aeolus, ruler of all winds, would not expect me to kill a son of Zeus without first hearing you out.

WHAT DOES AEOLUS HAVE AGAINST HALF-BLOODS?

AEOLUS'S JOB IS TO CONTAIN THE WINDS. THE FIRST TIME THE GODS BATTLED THE STORM GIANT TYPHON, EONS AGO, HIS DEFEAT RELEASED A HOST OF STORM SPIRITS—WILD WINDS THAT ANSWERED TO NO ONE.
IT FELL TO AEOLUS TO TRACK THE STORM SPIRITS DOWN AND RETURN THEM TO HIS FORTRESS. THE GODS OFFERED NO HELP, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE THE CAUSE OF THE SPIRITS’ RELEASE.

THEN, LAST SUMMER, KRONOS UNLEASHED TYPHON, AND ONCE AGAIN THE GODS DEFEATED HIM. AND, ONCE AGAIN, THE STORM SPIRITS WERE LOOSED. AEOLUS HAS BEEN CHASING THEM EVER SINCE.

WITH ONE EXCEPTION, AEOLUS SAID A SON OF ZEUS MIGHT SEEK MY AID, AND IF THIS HAPPENED, I SHOULD HEAR YOU OUT.

HE SAID YOU COULD MAKE ALL OF OUR LIVES ... INTERESTING. SO SPEAK, THEN. I WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO LET YOU GO OR NOT.

WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH HALF-BLOODS? IT SOUNDS LIKE THE GODS ARE WHO AEOLUS SHOULD BE MAD AT.

AEOLUS CANNOT VENT HIS ANGER ON THE GODS. THEY ARE TOO POWERFUL. SO HE GOES AFTER THEIR CHILDREN INSTEAD.

MY FATHER GIVES ME SUCH LOVELY PRESENTS, JASON....

"JOIN OUR COURT. WE CAN MAKE TIME FREEZE."
YOU'RE GOING TO KILL US. AND YOU AREN'T GOING TO TURN US INTO DEMICICLES, EITHER. WE'RE ON A QUEST FOR HERA HERSELF.

SO UNLESS YOU WANT MORE TROUBLE THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR, YOU'RE GOING TO HELP US AND LET US GO.

WE WERE ATTACKED BY MEAN OLD STORM SPIRITS WHO SAID THEY WORKED FOR AN EVIL MISTRESS. IF YOU CAN TELL US WHERE THEY ARE, WE'LL CAPTURE THEM AND BRING THEM TO AEOLUS.

DOESN'T THAT SOUND LOVELY? EVERYONE HELPING EACH OTHER?

YOU DARE TRY TO CHARM SPEAK A GOD?

FREEZE HER, FATHER!

WHAT IS ON YOUR FOREARM, DEMIGOD?

I SAW.

WHAT IS ON YOUR FOREARM, DEMIGOD?

FREEZE HER, FATHER!

THIS? IT'S A TATTOO OR SOMETHING. I DON'T REMEMBER HOW I GOT IT.

WHO-OOSH
YOU RECOGNIZE ME BETTER THIS WAY, YES? AND YET YOU COME TO ME FROM CAMP HALF-BLOOD.

HERA’S GAME IS BOLD, AND DANGEROUS. IF SHE FAILS, THE DEMIGODS WILL TEAR EACH OTHER APART.

AQUILOC?

YOU KNOW THIS GUY? WHAT'D HE DO WITH BOREAS?

HE IS BOREAS, JUST IN ROMAN FORM.

I DON'T KNOW WHY HE SWITCHED.

YOU MAY HAVE THE AIDS YOU SEEK. I WILL ENJOY SEEING HERA’S GAMBLE PLAY OUT--NO MATTER THE RESULT. GO TO THE WINDY CITY.

CHICAGO?

THERE YOU WILL FIND THE ROGUE STORM SPIRITS. IF YOU CAN DEFEAT THE ONE WHO CONTROLS THEM, THEN CAPTURE THEM AND TAKE THEM TO AEOLUS.

AEOLUS POSSESSES THE KNOWLEDGE OF ALL THE WINDS OF EARTH. EVERY SECRET FINDS ITS WAY TO HIS FORTRESS EVENTUALLY. HE CAN GUIDE YOU ON YOUR QUEST FOR THE QUEEN.

IF HE CHOOSES TO.

WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF BEFORE AEOLUS--IF YOU DO NOT DIE ALONG THE WAY--TELL HIM HIS OLD FRIEND BOREAS SENT YOU.

BUT HEAR ME WELL, DEMIGODS: BEFORE THIS QUEST IS OVER, YOU WILL WISH I HAD LISTENED TO MY DAUGHTER, KHIONE--

AND KEPT YOU FROZEN HERE. FOREVER.
WHERE'S MY DAD? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH HIM?

His body is safe, though I fear the poor man's mind cannot take much more of my company. You must hurry, girl, or there will be little left of him to save.

I'll find a way to save my father and my friends. I'm not going to let you win.

I was once proud, as you are. I thought the gods could never defeat me. Then they crushed me beneath a mountain, where I struggled for eons, half-conscious and in torment.

I learned patience, girl. I learned not to act rashly.

We must prove our love for our parents. That's what I am doing. Why are you showing me this?

You're revealing where you are. Lead your friends here instead of to their true destination, and I will deal with them. Or you may kill them before you arrive. I do not care which.

I will find just be at the summit by noon on the solstice, and you may collect your father and go in peace.

I've clawed my way back with the help of the waking earth. My brethren and I will not be denied our vengeance. Not this time. You, Piper McLean, need a lesson in humility. I will show you how easily your rebellious spirit—
"---can be brought back to Earth."

SOMWHERE OVER DETROIT.
EVERYONE, INSIDE! NOW!

THE WIND!

I CAN'T HOLD THE DOOR!

WHAM
JASON?
WHAT'RE YOU...
HOW ARE
YOU...?

I'M AS
SURPRISED AS
YOU ARE.

ZEUS IS
LORD OF THE SKY,
FLYING MUST
COME WITH THE
TERRITORY.
THANKFULLY.

WELL, FLY
THEN!

I'M TRYING!
The best I can
do is slow us
down!

WHAT
ABOUT FESTUS?
WE CAN'T LET HIM
CRASH!

SORRY!
YOU TWO ARE
HEAVY ENOUGH
AS IT IS!

WHAT'S
THAT SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?!

MONOCLE
MOTOR

BRACE FOR
IMPACT!
CRASH

YEBOW!

CRACK

GROAN

PIPER! WHERE ARE YOU?

UP HERE! I'M ON A CATWALK OR SOMETHING!

I TWISTED MY ANKLE!

HOW BAD IS IT?
I can't put any weight on it.

Okay, just lie still.

Sure, let's see... duct tape and bandages.

Presto! Magic tool belt.

Leo, do you have any first aid supplies?

I haven't figured it out completely, but I can summon just about any regular tool from the pockets. Plus some other helpful stuff. Pretty cool, huh?

Where'd you get that?

Oh, uh, I found it in the woods. The night I fixed Festus.

Speaking of Festus... what the heck happened to him?

No idea. One minute we were cruising along, and the next he just jerked to the side, like he flew into an invisible wall or something.

You were sleeping. How could it be your fault?

Yeah, you're just shaken up. Try to rest.

It's all my fault.
YOU GOT THIS?
I THINK I SAW WHERE
FESTUS CRASHED DOWN.
I WANT TO SEE IF HE'S
SALVAGEABLE.

I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO SAY
THIS... BUT YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU AGAIN.
I GUESS APHRODITE'S
BLESSING FINALLY
WENT AWAY.

DRINK
THIS NECTAR,
IT'LL HELP YOUR
ANKLE HEAL.
GO EASY ON IT.
THOUGH.

GO AHEAD.
WE'LL WAIT HERE
FOR YOU.

REALLY?
ABOUT
TIME!

JUST MY LUCK.
I FINALLY WANT TO SEE MY
REFLECTION, AND THERE'S
NO MIRROR IN SIGHT.

YOU
LOOK GREAT.
TRUST ME.

IT FEELS
BETTER ALREADY.
WHERE'D YOU
LEARN FIRST
AID?

SAME
ANSWER
AS ALWAYS.
I DON'T
KNOW.
BUT YOU'RE IT'S FUZZY. ONE THING, THOUGH I HAVE A SISTER. HER NAME IS THALIA. SHE USED TO BE AT CAMP HALF-BLOOD, BUT SHE HUNTS MONSTERS WITH ARTEMIS NOW.

I DID REMEMBER ONE THING, THOUGH. I HAVE A SISTER. HER NAME IS THALIA. SHE USED TO BE AT CAMP HALF-BLOOD, BUT SHE HUNTS MONSTERS WITH ARTEMIS NOW.

I GET THE FEELING THAT MEMORY WAS LEFT IN MY HEAD FOR A REASON, LIKE I'M SUPPOSED TO FIND HER BECAUSE SHE'S CONNECTED TO THIS QUEST. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW.

ABOUT THIS QUEST. JASON... THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU--

DO YOU HEAR THAT?

IT SOUNDS LIKE FOOTSTEPS.

SHH!

I DON'T LIKE THIS. HE COULD BE IN TROUBLE.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? I DON'T THINK I CAN WALK YET.

I'LL CHECK IT OUT. YOU STAY OUT OF SIGHT.

I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KNOW....

...ABOUT THIS QUEST.

JASON... THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU--

SHH!

DO YOU HEAR THAT?

IT'S LIKE ARTEMIS NOW.

THAT, ONLY WITH MY WHOLE LIFE. '— THE FEELING THAT MEMORY WAS LEFT IN MY HEAD FOR A REASON. LIKE I'M SUPPOSED TO FIND HER BECAUSE SHE'S CONNECTED TO THIS QUEST. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW.

I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KNOW....
WINGS ARE INTACT, NO DAMAGE TO YOUR BODY THAT I CAN SEE.

SO WHAT MADE YOU CRASH?

I DON'T GET IT.

LET'S CHECK INSIDE THAT ACCESS PANEL.

NO WONDER YOU SHORTED OUT. YOU'VE GOT A BRAIN FREEZE.

BUT HOW'D ICE GET IN THERE? THE COMPARTMENT IS AIRTIGHT AND WATERPROOF.

ALL RIGHT, HERE WE GO AGAIN....

TOOL BELT, GIVE ME A NYLON BRISTLE DETAIL BRUSH AND SOME AEROSOL CLEANING SOLVENT.

SCRUB SCRUB
IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG, LEO VALDEZ.

YOU! Y-YOU'RE...THE DIRT-LADY.

YOU KILLED MY MOM!

AH, BUT I AM YOUR MOTHER, TOO.

THE FIRST MOTHER. DO NOT OPPOSE ME. LET MY SON POPYRION RISE AND BECOME KING.


LADY, YOU GOT SOME NERVE ASKING ME FOR FAVORS. NO, I MADE YOU WHO YOU ARE. WALK AWAY FROM YOUR QUEST, AND YOU WILL TREAD EASILY ON THE EARTH FOR THE REST OF YOUR DAYS. WALK AWAY NOW.

WHY? ARE JASON AND PIPER IN TROUBLE? WHAT DID YOU DO?

THE EARTH HAS MANY HORRORS TO YIELD UP. MONSTERS ARE FREE FROM THEIR PRISON IN TARTARUS, AND SOULS ARE NO LONGER CONFINED TO HADES.

WALK AWAY.

THANKS TO YOU, MY FRIENDS ARE ALL I'VE GOT—

--AND I PLAN ON STICKING WITH THEM!
KEEP STOKING THAT FIRE! I WANT IT GOOD AND HOT!

AND ONE OF YOU GO TO THE WAREHOUSE AND GET A CASE OF SALSA! YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO EAT THESE DEMIGODS WITHOUT SALSA, DO YOU?

NO, MA. RIGHT AWAY, MA.

THIS ONE REMINDS ME OF THE LAST HERO WE ATE. A SON OF MERCURY, HE SAID HE WAS. TASTY, BUT A LITTLE BIT STRINGY.

PURPLE SHIRT. TASTED LIKE MUTTON. STRINGY, BUT GOOD.
MAAAA!

SON!

CLANG

FOOMPF

NO!

SHORT

SHORT
I SMELL YOUR FLESH, GODLING.

COME JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR DINNER!

CRUMBLE MONOCLE
DYLАН! HELP ME OPEN THE DOORS!

SORRY, PIPER. I LIKE THIS WEATHER.

STAY BEHIND ME, BOY.

PIPER!

I'VE BEEN SMELLING MONSTER FOR DAYS. I SHOULD'VE KNOWN IT WAS HIM.

WHAT? WHAT MONSTER?!

I'VE BEEN IN YOUR CLASS THE ENTIRE SEMESTER, AND YOU NEVER DETECTED ME.

YOU'RE LOSING YOUR NOSE, GRANDPA.

BLA-A-A!

YOU'RE GOING DOWN, CUPCAKE!
WHAM

SPLUNCH

FOOMP

WHAT THEY GET
FOR TRYING TO
FRICASSEE MY
FRIENDS!

YOU FOOMPED MY
BOYS!

THAT'S
WHAT THEY GET
FOR TRYING TO
FRICASSEE MY
FRIENDS!
NICE TRY, GODLING!

NOBODY FOOMPS MY BORS!

AND YOU SPIPPED ALL THE SALSA!

LET'S BE FRIENDS. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

WE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON. I'M A CHILD OF HEPHAESTUS. HE MAKES WEAPONS FOR THE GODS, JUST LIKE CYCLOPES DO.

RIGHT...?

BAH! OUR ELDER COUSINS WORK FOR THE GODS. WE HYPERBOREAN CYCLOPES MADE WEAPONS FOR THE TITANS. MUCH BETTER QUALITY!

BUT THE WAR WAS TOO SHORT, ENDED TOO QUICK. NO MORE NEED FOR OUR WEAPONS. WHOLE TRIBE GOT LAID OFF.

A NICE FEAST WILL MAKE ME FEEL BETTER!

COME ONE STEP CLOSER, AND I'LL DESTROY YOU WITH FIRE.

STUPID DEMIGOD.

CYCLOPES ARE IMMUNE TO FIRE!
CHAINS AREN'T!

FWOOSH

TSSS

SNAP

CRUNCH

FOOMP

TOLD YOU.
LEO, THAT WAS AMAZING! HOW'D YOU DO THAT?

NOT THAT! THE FIRE-LASER BEAM THING.

OH, YEAH. I CAN SORT OF MAKE MY OWN FIRE.

I SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU GUYS EARLIER.

SORRY.

SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO FINISH FIXING FESTUS AND GET US OUT OF HERE.

TARTARUS? I REMEMBER READING ABOUT THAT PLACE. IT'S WHERE THE GODS LOCK UP THE MONSTERS THAT POSE A THREAT TO OLYMPUS.

MONSTERS ARE FREE FROM THEIR PRISON IN TARTARUS, AND SOULS ARE NO LONGER CONFINED TO HADES.

THE CYCLOPES, THEY'RE RE-FORMING. THEY AIN'T SUPPOSED TO DO THAT. ONCE YOU KILL THEM, THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY DEAD FOR AWHILE.

I DON'T KNOW HOW I KNOW THAT, BUT I DO.

SORRY? SORRY FOR WHAT? YOU TOTALLY SAVED OUR LIVES?

SORRY?

GLAD TO HELP.

GUYS, LOOK.
THE NEXT MORNING.

WELL, WE MADE IT TO CHICAGO IN ONE PIECE. NOW WHAT?

SO... AM I THE ONLY ONE WONDERING ABOUT THE MERCURY KID THOSE CYCLOPES SAID THEY HAD FOR DINNER?

PURPLE SHIRT. REFERRED TO THE GODS BY THEIR ROMAN NAMES. SOUND LIKE ANYONE WE KNOW?

LET'S FLY AROUND FOR A WHILE AND SCOUT THINGS OUT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS, OTHER THAN THAT I'M NOT ALONE.

BOREAS MENTIONED "HERA'S GAMBLE." WHAT IF IT'S ME? WHAT IF BY SENDING ME TO CAMP HALF-BLOOD, SHE BROKE SOME REALLY IMPORTANT RULE?

AND WHAT COULD ALL OF THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ENCELADUS?

WHO'S ENCELADUS?

OH... UM... JUST ONE OF THE GIANTS WHOSE NAMES I REMEMBER. YOU KNOW, FROM WHEN I HELPED MY DAD WITH HIS RESEARCH.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ENCHILADAS-- ENCELADUS.

--BUT WHEN YOU GUYS WERE GETTING READY FOR DINNER, THE DIRT-LADY PAID ME A VISIT. FIRST TIME I'D SEEN HER SINCE MY MOM DIED.

SHE TOLD ME TO LEAVE YOU GUYS HANGING-- HANGING, GET IT?-- AND HELP HER SON PORPHYRION RISE AND BECOME KING.

AND WHAT COULD ALL OF THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ENCELADUS?
Porphyrix was the giant king in the old myths. He's the one who kidnapped Hera and started the first war between the gods and the giants.

Whoever Leo's Dirt-Lady is, it sounds like she's trying to divide us.

Yeah. Well, if she ever shows up for real. I'm going to divide her. At the neck.

Gyds, look down. Look familiar?

Whoosh

My hat?

Heh heh.

Whoosh Whoosh

Dylan. Set us down in that park, Festus. We need to check it out.
GO ON, FESTUS. YOU CAN'T HANG AROUND HERE. YOU'LL GET TICKETED FOR LOITERING.

I BLOW THIS WHISTLE, THOUGH. YOU COME SAVE THE DAY, GOT IT?

SNRT

WHO'S THE LUCKY DUCK THAT GOES FIRST INTO THE SEWER FULL OF STORM SPIRITS?

I'LL GO. BUT YOU GUYS BETTER BE RIGHT BEHIND ME.

WISH I'D THOUGHT TO PACK A FLASHLIGHT....

WHICH WAY?

THERE'S A DRAFT MOVING SOUTH. SO LET'S GO THE WAY THE WIND BLOWS.

Yeah, that'll work.
ABOUT THE WHOLE FIRE THING... WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I HAD FRIENDS, YOU KNOW? I DIDN'T WANT YOU GUYS TO THINK I WAS A FREAK.

I HAVE LIGHTNING AND WIND POWERS. PIPER CAN CHARMSPEAK PEOPLE INTO GIVING HER STUFF. YOU'RE NO MORE A FREAK THAN WE ARE.

Yeah, well, the Hephaestus cabin doesn't see fire powers as a good thing. Nyssa told me they're super rare, and whenever a demigod like me comes along, bad things happen. Really bad.

Maybe it's the other way around. Maybe people with special gifts show up when bad things are happening because that's when they're needed most.

maybe. but I'm telling you... it isn't always a gift.

The night my mom died, the dirt-lady was there... I tried to stop her from hurting my mom, but I ended up burning the whole machine shop to the ground. The fire just... came out of me.

It wasn't your fault. You were just a little kid. Whoever that woman was, she was trying to ruin your confidence. She still is.

Don't you see? She's afraid of you.

She should be. Because I'll--
NO, FRIENDS STICK TOGETHER.

THANKS, MAN.

ENOUGH HEART-TO-HEART. I'M GETTING ALL MISTY.

LET'S FIND OUT WHAT DYLAN AND THE OTHER STORM SPIRITS ARE DOING DOWN HERE.

WHERE DO YOU THINK THESE DOORS LEAD?

LOOKS LIKE A DEPARTMENT STORE DIRECTORY. BUT WHAT KIND OF DEPARTMENT STORE SELLS WEAPONRY, POTIONS, AND POISONS?

ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.