

It was getting late but we made it back before it got dark. I was out of breath but I was glad to have made it. I had to take calming breath before walking into the Big House, Annabeth right behind me. Tyler had been laid on a long table, a white cloth laid over him. Everyone was teary eyed and gaunt faced. Nika saw me and ran and hugged me. We stood there, hugging over the lose of a friend. Annabeth even surprised everyone by joining in on our hug. Chiron and Mr. D eventually made us go back to our cabins and get some sleep. I knew I wouldnt but Nika did. Annabeth took her in for me while I took the opportunity to talk one on one with Astraea. Hey, Astraea. Can I talk to you for a moment? I ask her. She looks confused but nods. We stand in silence for a moment. I take a deep breath. Astraea, I'm sorry about what happened to Tyler. I tell her. Thanks Lura. I'm sorry for you too. You've gone through a lot and still managed to hang in there. She tells me. Thanks. Well I better get to bed, tommorrow's going to be a interesting day. I tell her and turn to walk into my cabin. By the way, you and Devin are really cute together. Astraea says and I can just envision the smirk on her face. I don't look back though, not wanting to give her the satisfaction of seeing my hot pink cheeks. Annabeth was at her desk, looking at a laptop of some sorts. Nika was already asleep. Annabeth turns to me as I silently close the door. All good? She mouths and I nod and climb the oak ladder up to me bunk above Nika. The bed was actually pretty comfortable, but I could have fallen asleep on a bed of rocks for how tired I was. I originally thought I wouldnt sleep but I was out like a light when my head hit the pillow. The next morning, we all gather at the Big House to then go to Olympus to find out what was wrong with Cole. Everyone was solemn and quiet for the whole ride. We got there and went up the elevator to the golden doors of Olympus. I grew increasingly worried as we climbed the steps. Nika stood next to me, Eyes puffy from crying. I then worried about what I looked like. Too late now. I think. What made me really nervous was I was about to see the gods, but mainly my mother. I had only seen pictures of her. But Now I was going to meet her in person. Is she upset over my dad's death? What will she think of me? I ask myself and feel myself start to panic and panic tried to take over. I felt Nika pLace a hand on my Shoulder. I'm grateful for it as we come to the main room. All the gods were seated on massive thrones, each with their own design. I looked around in wonder at all the gods. Each were at least 12 feet tall or more. They all looked

Regal sitting there. My eye caught in a silver throne on the right side of the semicircle. On the throne sat a woman with a battle helmet and a spear next to her. A tawny owl sat on her shoulder. Her eyes pierced through me. Mom. Dad was right, I did have her eyes. It made me sad, him not being able to be here. But he would be happy with what I've done. I tell myself. We walk into the center of the chamber and Zeus looks upset. He looks over us then his eyes fall on Astraea. I....I.... Apologize. He says softly but it still echoes off the dome roof. I'm sorry. Zeus angrily. We all back up a step, fearing his wrath. I...um.... Forgive you? Astraea says. Poseidon gives her a thumbs up. The others looked around the room but I couldn't stop looking at my mom. She inspected our tiny group. Finally, one of them spoke. It was Demeter who spoke. Who are you boy? She asks Cole, whose skin was glowing. Cole, Son of Ares. Cole says. All eyes went to Ares who looked like a cornered animal. My mom turned to him. Ares, explain yourself before I force it out of you. She says coldly. Wow, Mom can really give threats. I think to myself. I saw a brief glance between Ares and Aphrodite. It's simple.... But not. Ares says carefully. Cole lost it. What do you mean?! Cole says hotly. What about Mom?! Cole asks him. That's.. not yours real mom. Ares says, not looking at him. Cole deflated and the room got deathly silent. who am I? Cole asks. Ares doesn't answer. WHO AM I?! Cole yells at him. I knew Cole was one of the good guys but in that moment he looked ready to kill anyone who got in his way. You are my son! A new voice says. Everyone turns to the voice. Aphrodite stands up and looks at Cole. What? Cole asks. He is my son. Me and Ares... well we had a night. Cole came along and we changed his genetic appearance to match some of a mortal woman willing to take care of you. We suppressed your abilities to hide you. Aphrodite explained. Everyone stared there shocked. So wait. Cole is a.. my thoughts were interrupted by Artemis voicing the end of my thoughts. He is an Olympian... a god. Everyone looked at each other. Athena was even shaking her head in disbelief. I couldn't comprehend it. Cole, a god. Wow.

