

Knole helped Cypher through the arch but he was a mess. When we crossed the arch he collapsed. I went to go help him but Dev stopped me. Let me talk to him. I know what's like to lose a mom. He says and I nod. Dev kneels next to him. Hey, im Devin, your moms half brother. Cypher looked ready to cry more. Dev, they've been through enough tonight. I tell him softly. And I lost a sister. Dev says. I break. She was mine too! I tell him. Dev broke and I held him. He was mumbling and I had to fight back tears. I heard a familiar click click and looked up to see Chiron. He looked at us then the twins. KNole what happened? He asks. Their mom, she turned to dust. He says. Chiron looked at the twins. Goodness. He says. Can't they go to their cabin? I ask Chiron. He shakes his head. No, they must be claimed. He says flatly. But we know who their father is Chiron! I protest. I know but the rule are rules. Devin, take them to the Big House and nurse them back to health. Tomorrow we'll see. He says and I knew there was no more discussing it. We walked over to the twins who had their bags. Your like him arnt you? Dev asks Cypher. Who? He asks confused. I put a hand on Dev's shoulder knowing who he meant and he was right. You know im Devin but Lura is my wife.. or um.. Mrs Baxter. He says. Devin takes their bags. Cypher put his tiny sister in his back and carried her to the house. What a kind brother. I think. I explain to Cypher what this once was and that his father was a god and his mom was a demigod, like me and Dev. He seemed to understand. They got the rooms on the second floor and Cypher carefully set Evelyn down on one bed and crashed on one himself. We let them sleep and we hold each other as we walk back to our cabins. It was always sad we had to go to our own cabins but it would be good to have some privacy to cry alone. I pulled out my journal and journaled for a bit before Turing off the light. Annabeth was gone, Nika was gone. I was alone in the room we had shared. I sighed and fell asleep. Dreams of memories of my friend stayed with me the whole night. There were also dreams of my dad, Tyler and Jacob. I woke up in tears. It was light enough that I could wake up and get ready. I knew where I was going to go. I went to the training hollow which was empty and I trained all morning. It felt good to just go through the movements that helped me forget everything. Dev and I had agreed to check on the twins at 12 to let them rest. I went and took a shower and then got breakfast. As I was getting some bacon from the buffet when Dev walked over to me. Training hollow? He asked me. You know me so well. I tell him

yep. He says and grabs a plate. We eat a quick breakfast then headed over to the Big House. Dev wanted to check in on them and I choose to visit Chiron in his office. He was in his human form and was sitting at his desk. Chiron? I ask. Ahh Lura. Come in. He says and I sit down in a chair across from him. So, I assume your here concerning the twins? He asks. Yes. Im sure your aware that I am their guardian? I ask him. He nods. Yes, Astraea brought that to my attention. He says. Her name fills me with grief. Well, I would like to help them adjust and train them. I tell him. I thought just as much. With Devin's help I presume? He asks me. Yes. If that's ok. I tell him. Of course, I was going to assign the two of you to them already considering your background with them. He says. I let out a sigh of relief. Good. I say and get up. Lura? He calls before I leave. Yes? I ask him. From what I can tell of the twins. Evelyn seems to be the a bit stronger mentally than Cypher. I would have you or Devin spend a bit more time with Cypher to help him stay pace with his sister. Chiron says. Ill keep that in mind, thanks Chiron. I tell him and leave. Devin was already coming out. Where are the twins? I ask him. They're getting ready, im gonna have Evelyn train with you today. I need to chat with Cypher. He says. I nod. Great. Ill be done at the training area. I say and head there. I get there and set up some dummies to use. With Annabeth gone, I was head of fighting since I trained under her. There were two of us in the position but the kid from the Ares cabin didnt have my experience. So I did most of the training. I knew Evelyn already had her dagger from Cole so I didnt need to worry about getting her a weapon. I start to warm up and wait for her to get here. I ran through my Drills until I heard her come charging in. She looked amazed as I performed my last move. I remember having that same look when I saw Annabeth training that day. My how everything has changed. I think and have a small moment of sadness, knowing that those days were gone. She was wearing the camp shirt and smiling. Ready to get started? I ask her. Born ready. She says. She has Astraea's spirit. This will make things fun. I think.

