

We walked up another dark tunnel and an eerie feeling fell over me. I was definitely nervous, and being this close to the underworld made me realize I was the closest to him I'd get for a long time. Tears threatened to fall. Astraea noticed my discomfort and slowed down to walk next to me. Hey.. you don't have to come in. She says. I'm taken aback a moment. I was a little glad I could drop out if I wanted but I was too far in now to back out. Besides, I had a feeling I would be needed. I looked at her. No! Thank you but I'm fine! I tell her softly. Devin walks over to me. He put a comforting hand on my shoulder and whispered, I got your back. It was nice and once again I was thankful for the dark to hide my burning cheeks. I heard Tyler whisper to Astraea something and she gave him a shake of her head. Hades stops. Girl... you can't detach yourself from the flame. I don't know why you are here to do so. Hades tells her. Then why are we here? Tyler asks. Your one of the gods right? THEY CAST ME OUT! Hades yells and I take a step back. Awkward silence. Hades regains his composure. You have to be the flame. Combine yourself with it. He says. I looked at Astraea and she looked at me. Nika wore a surprised expression but she quickly turned grim. He's right, its the only way. Nika says, barely a whisper. Cole looks frightened and furious at the same time. No! That's insane! He says. I..agree. Devin says. I turn to him, shocked. What? I ask him. That's my only sister! What if this all goes to the flames... literally! Devin says with a quiver in his voice. Astraea had a look in her eyes that told me she understand what had to be done. Its the only way! Tyler tells Cole. You don't tell me that! Cole says with venom in his voice. I can't lose you!! Cole says to Astraea. Nika looks ready to blow her top. SHUT UP!!!! She yells and we all fall quiet. Devin, Laura sacrifices have to be made for the better good! Cole, Officer Cop Man just shut up!!!! Cole there are more fish in the sea man! Sorry Astraea BUT THATS NOT MY POINT!!! Fighting doesn't get anyone anywhere! Trust me... I know. She said softly and I sensed deep pain in her eyes. I didn't want Astraea to have to do something so dangerous even though I only knew her for so long. I had a tug in the back of my head. I tried to focus on what was going on but the tugging was great. I had the urge to grab my journal which had shrunken in size mysteriously. It had a silver glow coming from inside it. I opened to the page that was glowing and silver writing was written in burning ink. I was so engrossed in the book that I didn't realize they were all staring at me. Astraea

Asked me, so what do I do? I look at the journal and realize what the driver meant. Hold your hands to it! I read off from the journal. Make them do the glowing thing! I tell her and she nods. I watch as her hands glow brighter and brighter. She looks at Cole with one last look and tears were rolling down her glowing face. Oh please, don't let her die because of me. I pray silently. I watch as the flame glows brighter and Astraea gasps.