

I slept pretty good considering everything. I vowed the next morning to give Hooty to Evelyn. I woke up to the sun barely passed the horizon. I assumed Evelyn was up and changed into a spare shirt I had and grabbed my Ole Miss sweatshirt and walked out of the house with my journal, Hooty, and glasses. I went to go see if Evelyn was at her Cohort and found it deserted. I was tempted to just stick it on her bed with a note but I wanted to give it to her personally. I climbed a small hill that overlooked the entire camp and sat down to draw. I had gotten lucky and caught the camp at a good drawing moment. The sun was reflecting off the marble columns and the grass shimmered in the morning dew. I sketched the camp and spent a good part of the morning on it. Maybe Evelyn is back at her cohort now. I think and stand up and stretch from sitting so long. I walked over to the cohorts and I got many eyes from the campers. My beaded necklace was hanging outside my sweatshirt. I self consciously rubbed my fingers over it. I didnt relax till I heard someone yell "Hotty Toddy"!(Ole Miss cheer for all of those who didn't know what it meant). I smiled and yelled it back. I got to the cohort and found the door open. I knocked on it and looked inside. Evelyn sat on her bed, looking through pictures. Come in. Oh Lura. What brings you here? She asks me. I closed the door and sat down beside her. I know theres a lot of things going on. I dont know how your feeling through all of this. And im not gonna ask unless you want to tell me. I tell her. She seemed a bit confused on where this conversation was going. Before I say what I was going to say, I just want you to know that if you need ANYTHING you can always talk to me. I tell her. Thanks Lura. She said. But, if you dont want to talk to someone, there is someone you can talk to. I say and pull Hooty out from behind my back. She gasped as I handed it to her. This is so cute! She said. Where'd you find it? She asks me. Actually, it was mine. My mom, Athena, gave it to me when I was born. She looked at me. I dont think I could accept it, it's obviously special to you. She says and tries to hand it back to me. No, keep it. Its yours now. I dont need her anymore, but I think you do. I tell her and she hugs it close. Thanks Lura. She said with happy tears in her eyes. Of course. I tell her and we hug. Its gonna be ok Evelyn. No matter what happens, Me and Dev will always be there for you twins. She smiles at me and a tear rolls down her cheek. Ill be back later to check on yall, I have to go see Annabeth and Percy again. I get up to go. Wait, Lura? I hear her ask. Yes? I ask

Her. She hesitated. Why are you and Devin being so nice to us? Why go such lengths? I know you and Astraea were sisters but still. She asks me. I feel my smile falter. Umm. That's a good question. And to answer it will take a long story that's from years ago when I was about your age. I tell her. I don't have anything for an hour. She says. I guess I'm doing this. I think and sit back down. So... I say and start telling her everything from the end of Astraea's quest to my own. I had a hard time while I told her about Tyler and Jacob. She listened through it all with fascination. I got to the part where Jacob died and saving her and I finally told her of the promise I had made. I promised right then and there that no one would hurt you kids as long as there was breath in my lungs. I made a promise to be your guardian. I told her. I kind of failed when Atlas got Cypher. I tell her. She looked at me with such wisdom in her eyes that she didn't look 14. Lura. That's... incredible. I never realized how much you sacrificed. But, why us? She asked. I don't know. When I was in Olympus healing from my scars, your mother was the one that saved me. I tell her. Even before that your mother saved me. After my dad died, I had nowhere to go. She took me in. I can never repay her for that. I would never be where I am today without your mother. I tell her. I guess after receiving my quest and realizing it was for you and Cypher, I had a duty to you kids. I guess this is my way of repaying Astraea. I tell her. Wow. I didn't know my mom was such a-. Hero? I say and smile. She nodded. You remind me so much of her. I tell her. Really? She says. Yep. I tell her. Well, know you know my why. I tell her. Thanks Lura. For everything. She says. I'll be back later, try to get some rest and take good care of Hooty for me. I tell her and head out. smile. Of course. I'll be back later. I tell her and walk out of the Cohort. I let out a big breath. I had things to think about as I walked to where Annabeth had told me she was. I guess I had never really thought about the promise I made. I wouldn't go back on it for anything but it was nice to know why finally. I spent a few hours with Annabeth and Percy and then headed back to the Cohort. Dev was reading a book when I walked in. Hey babe. He said. Hey. Did you give it to her? He asked me. Yep and I went and saw Annabeth and Percy. I told him. Nice. I also drew a bit that's why I left early. I told him. I show him my drawing. Incredible. But that's not a shock. He said. Thanks. I tell him. Want some lunch? He asks me and pulls out some sandwiches. Yes. I tell him.

