

So. We got back to camp on Apollo's flaming chariot(which I had ridden on before). We finished the summer strong. We finally told them we couldn't stay another year. They were all sad and Evelyn cried. But they understood why and we assured them they could always contact us whenever. They agreed. I was showing by the time camp was over. and boy was I feeling it. I didn't know what I was having so it was all a mystery. Dev was extra nice during this and Evelyn was a big help. Cypher was too but he seemed lost nowadays. I felt bad for him for the burden he carried. I tried to help him the best I could but there was really nothing I could do. I kept thinking Astraea was going to show up any day now. She had been gone for almost three years. I wanted to ask Cole how long it takes for an immortal to reform but I didn't want to bother him. Soon, it came time to have the baby. Let me just say, having to deal with two teenagers who constantly have me on my toes is a million times better than childbirth. I would take getting another scar over the pain. Gosh it was bad. I was lucky that it was a relatively quick labor but still. but as soon as I held baby Grayson the pain was well worth it. Nika had even come in town to see him. It was nice to see her again. She seemed to be doing alright, from what I could tell. She kept saying 'I'M an aunt!'. Same old Nika. Evelyn took a special liking to him. She would hold him and play with him and sing to him. It was cute to watch. She'll make a great mom. I told Dev once. He nodded. She will. He said. He had changed a bit since Grayson was born. More mature and sweet. He still acted like a child sometimes but it seemed like he was growing up a bit. Once again, we found ourselves almost at summer time for camp. We were celebrating the twins birthday today and I had to get everything ready. I made my famous brownies that were their favorite. I placed candles in a 15 because they were turning 15. Wow. 15 already. I thought to myself. I grabbed my laundry basket and I watched Cypher try to charmspeak Grayson. Cypher it's not gonna work. I tell him and set my basket down to start folding. What do you mean? He asks me. Well you can't charmspeak a baby... or at all. I told him. Why not? He asks. I almost laughed. I shook my head. We've been over this. Evelyn is the one who can, you can't. It's kinda simple. Now come here and help me fold. I tell him and he walked over. Everytime Cypher walked over, it was like Goliath walking up to me. He was massive and jacked. He looked more and more like Cole. When Evelyn gets back from school, and when Devin gets back from work, we're going to sing

Happy birthday then head to camp. Sound good? I ask him and he nods. He smiled at the mention of camp. We folded for a minute before he sat down and held his hand to his eyepatch. I started to panic. What's wrong? Is it happening again? I ask him. I finished quickly and sat down next to him and put a hand on his shoulder. No...its...its just hurting again. He said weakly. I nodded and rubbed his shoulders. He may have not been my real child but to me he was. The door opened and Evelyn walked in. She threw her backpack down and looked at Cypher. Did he tell another prophecy? She asked me. No... just pain.. again. I tell her. Cypher started to relax. How was school? He asked Evelyn. Normal, and boring Mr Expelled Again. She said. He stood up and smiled. I rolled my eyes. Cypher got expelled just yesterday. Evelyn walked over to Grayson and picked him up. She started to walk off. Where are you going? I ask. Im going to play with him. She said and kept walking. I smiled and looked back at Cypher. You can go with her you know. I tell him. He shook his head. Im fine. He says but I know he's not. I eyed him. You can't always hide away Cypher. Your sister doesnt care. I tell him. He shrugged and back down next to me. I know. He said. Just then, Dev walked in. He took off his doctor badge. I smiled as he walked over. He kissed me and looked around. Where's Grayson? He asks me. Evelyn has him. I tell him. Cypher rolled his eye and rubbed his face. Dev looked at him with worry and then turned back to me. Did it happen again? He asks. No, just the pain. I tell him again. He nods and looked at Cypher again. Wanna go first big shot? He asks Cypher. He shrugged and Dev pulled out his measuring tape. He had me hold the bottom while he pulled it up. He asked me to let go and it snapped back into place. Well, your taller than last month. He says and it doesnt shock me. Wow, had no clue you guys shrunk again. He said sarcastically. Dev smirked. Dont get sarcastic with me kid. Im the king of sarcasm. Dev says sarcastically. I rolled my eyes at both of them. Point proven. How tall? Cypher asks. 6'8. Dev says. It shouldn't have shocked me but 6'8? He really was massive. Dev wanted to do more tests and I let them. I walked over to Evelyn's room where she was playing with Grayson. She was laughing along with him. How cute. I think and walk in. Mind if I join yall? I ask. Sure!! Evelyn says and I sit down. Grayson was just learning to sit up and it was cute to see him try and then fall down and laugh. I once again realized how lucky I was. I heard Dev and Cypher arguing. I eavesdropped just a bit. TECHNICALLY! I heard

Dev say and I laughed. I heard Dev come down our way. Evelyn, its your turn! He said with a smile. She gave Grayson to me and followed Dev. I stood up and rocked Grayson back and forth the way he liked. He laughed and I smiled. I did one last twirl before taking him with me to the kitchen to finish making lunch. Evelyn finished her check up quickly and I sent both of the twins to pack. I finished getting ready as Cypher put all the stuff in my trunk. He was carrying Astraea's guitar. I pang of sadness hit my heart. seeing it made me miss my sister. We all gathered around the brownie cake and sang happy birthday. They blew out the candle and we all cheered, I grabbed Grayson while Dev cut the slices. I grabbed my purse and walked to my car. I opened the door and gently buckled Grayson in, who was starting to fuss. Dev and the twins came out and hopped in and we were off. We drove for a while. It was quite a drive from Nashville to Long Island but a beautiful one. I was fortunate that Evelyn could keep Grayson calm for the trip. Eventually Cypher and Dev started doing their banter which is always hilarious. We all stopped and enjoyed the drive afterwards. Stop the car! Cypher yelled. What?! Dev said. He slammed on the brakes and Cypher jumped out and fell to his knees. His eye. I thought and we all got out. Grayson was crying and I tried to calm him down. Cypher! Evelyn was trying to charmspeak him to help. He blacked out and the familiar green mist came out adn he recited the all to familiar new prophecy. We all stopped to catch our breathes. Come on, lets get him to camp. Chiron will want to know. Dev said. We all nod and it takes all of us the lift him into the car. We drive to camp and it's totally silent till we get there. Dev had one of his brothers take care of Cypher while Evelyn went to get Chiron. Starting off with a bang. I think as I hold Grayson