

Creative Writing from the 6th Grade

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Lake Erie Ink
A writing space for youth

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Introduction and Acknowledgements

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Alaisa'Star A.

Letter Home from the Native American Boarding School

Dear Mom and Dad,

I don't like this school. I get beaten and get shots. The other kids get beaten too.

I hear a lot of crying and screaming at night when I'm trying to sleep.

I am sad, scared, tired, and I want to go home.

Sincerely,
Alaisa'Star

Angelina H

The Prince

A Preposition Story

Down by the mountain, between two rivers, it's a village. In the village, it's a castle. The queen and the king, they have a son, and he is in love with a girl. He don't want her to be a golddigger. So he went undercover. He went to her and she is kind and nice.

Going toward her, off her glove past her, beyond her, is a box. He went up to her and said, "Excuse me, miss, is this yours?"

She said, "Yes... I'm sorry." Her eyes are like the beautiful sea. She has a key. They sat and talked. She said, "Do you want to unlock the box?"

He said, "Yes."

Inside the box was a poem.

Letter Home from the Native American Boarding School

Dear Mom,

I don't like it here. I get beat and don't like it. They strip me just to take a shower, and it's really uncomfortable. They make me work. I work on the farm. I like the animals here. It makes me feel at home, and at a safe space.

I can't get a lot of sleep so I sneak naps every two or three hours out of the day. The teachers are mean to me. One called me stupid. That night I cried so much my friends came in my room to help me go to sleep.

The food here is nasty, so much so I get sick so I hide my food and I only eat the bread. I hate it here. Please get me out of here, please mama. My hands hurt. Please, this place is like putting a person in a cell. Please get me out of here.

Love you, mama.

Angelina

Aniyha M.

Over the Mountain

Over the mountain
through the white trees
behind my brothers
across from my sister
near my mom
past the pink river
under the bridge
against the trees
into a cave
under the ground
I found a key to the mansion

Unlocking the mansion, I find
butterflies
the butterflies were big
you could ride on them
the butterflies had bright yellowish and
pinkish wings
they were beautiful

I got on a butterfly with my family
and we flew home

I Wanna Go Home

*(Inspired by reading Two Roads, by
Joseph Bruchac)*

In this room
I hear crying kids
With no mom
And no home
I hear yelling
then silence
Which scares me
I smell smoke
And then
Rotting food
I wonder what happened
I went outside
Then I saw their stick that they use to hit
us
I ran inside to my bed
So scared
Of what I saw
The stick they always used had blood
on it
I wish I could go home
Then cried myself to sleep

Bun-Bun Wishes for a New Pet

Hi my name is Bun-Bun. I am a bunny. I live in a big house and I live a rich life. My best friend is a ladybug. We walk everywhere together. Me and Lady went for a walk at the park and we stopped for ice cream. I got chocolate and Lady got a rocky road ice cream— mm~. My owner's name is Lovely. Lovely is a human and she is good at taking care of me. And she's great at it too. The only thing I wish for is for Lovely to get a new pet just like me. The only reason I want another pet is because I'm bored all alone. Even though I got Lady the ladybug on my side, I just think another pet would be great for me. I really hope that Lovely will get a new pet for me.

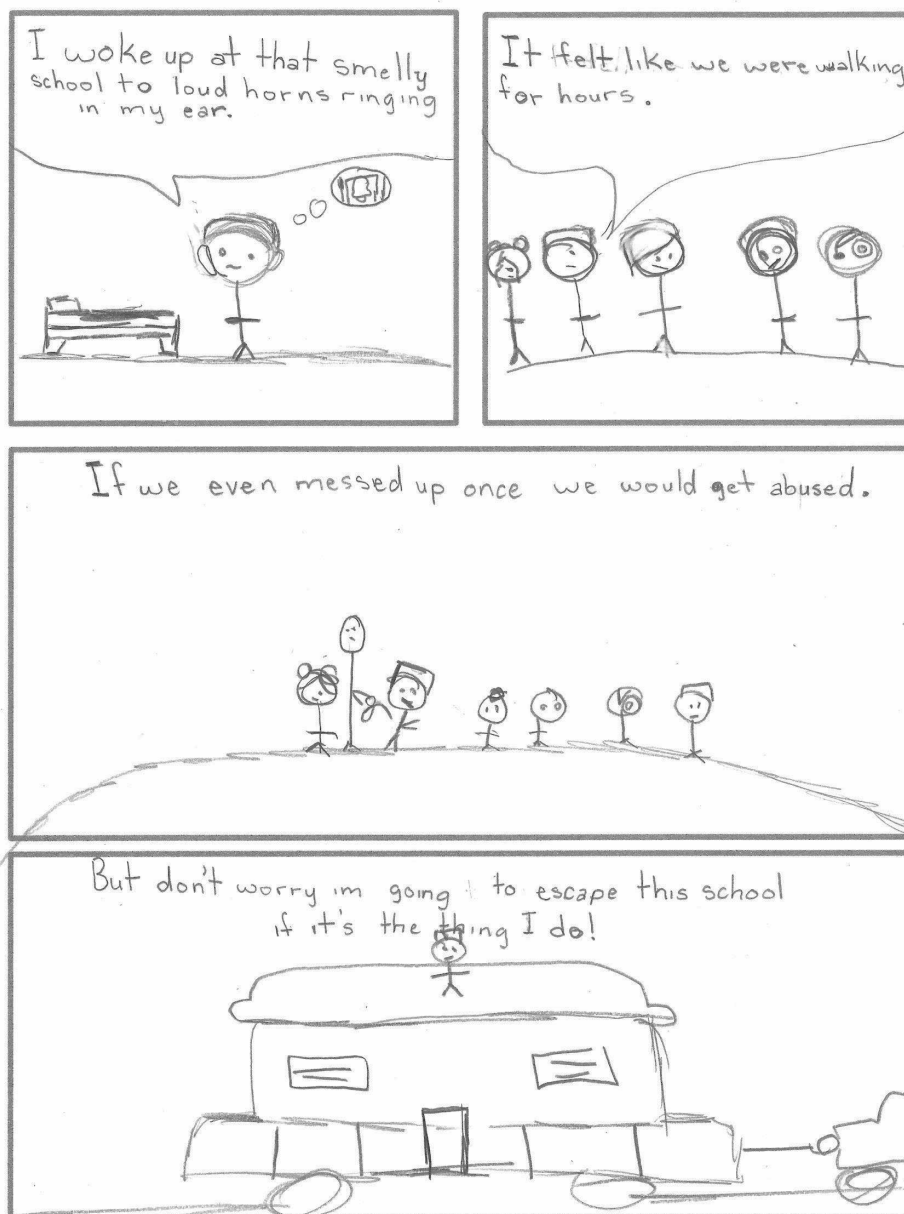
Autumn S.

The Map

Before I went to bed
I looked under the bed
I saw a secret diary
I got it but it was locked
Then I fell asleep

In the morning
I looked everywhere for that
I saw a chest with a map in it
So I went outside and I found it

Native American Boarding School Comic by Autumn



Bahati B.

Secret with a Lock

There's a secret in the dark.
There's a shimmer, then a spark
Find the key, that's what you need
Find the key, then succeed.
 A secret needs to be found,
 Then your world will flip upside
down
 And at first, you might be mad,
sad, and act bad,
 but in the end, you'll be glad.
 A drawer with a key,
 a door with a lock,
 a hidden thing,
 someone must be
stopped.

A lovely force.

*People move when I'm around. I
can make people move their lips. I can
put you into a world of emotions and can
cheer you up on a bad day. I can also go
really high or very low, and I dance
around your ear and love to dance in
your head. What am I?*

Answer: Music

Sunflower

*You're a sun planted in the ground,
you plant your rays all around.
With lots of seeds for people to eat,
I love the fact you grow ten feet.*

This Wonderful Place

Around my big wide city and its wall
Through the gold-encrusted gates, hear
the silver bells.
Past my favorite rock named the big
swan stone
Beside the tall brown oak tree
Beyond the creepy garden gnomes
three
Along the red-bricked path
Before you hit the lake
Go underneath the big long log.
Within the cave, you'll see
Dust that looks like fog
Towards the rocks, underneath the leaf,
A key!
Now on the opposite side of the lake,
you'll see a rock.
Beneath the rock, A key,
and under that a box that needs two
keys.
Unlock the box and what's inside?
a locket that has a paper,
a map!
To the big old oak tree.
What could the surprise be?

Charles H.

Riddle Poem

You can find me in the center
You can use me for a light
I can make your food
And water puts me out....

What am I?!

Peter, the Fox, and the Magic Box



It was a Friday, and Peter was at his job making food at a morning dinner. He soon heard his boss yelling for him and he got in trouble.

His boss said, "What are you doing, Peter?"

"Why are you yelling?"

And his boss said, "Because I'm the boss,"

Then Peter said, in his head, "I hate working here."

His boss asked him, "What did you just say?"

"N-Nothing," Peter said as he turned back to his boss.

"I'm firing you. I've seen you doze off many times." The boss handed him his last paycheck. As Peter was walking home, sad about it, he has to get a job, a new one, and he had got one before but got fired from it for sleeping on the fries. On his way home, he sees an old man.

"Do you have any spare..." As Peter gave the old man five dollars, the old man gave him the magic box.

"Thanks," Peter said. But the old man was asleep.

Peter went home and went to bed. When he woke up, he wasn't home, he was in a jungle.

To be continued.

Native American Boarding School Comic by Charles



Chassiddy V.

Keys to my Places

One

This one day my momma locked her keys in the car. It took a couple of days later before we was able to get in the car. When we opened the door we seen a lot of things like: clean clothes, house supplies, a baby car seat and the keys. We were so happy to have our keys because we was able to go places like: Hotel. Store. Hair Store. Walmart. Target. Our home and school.

Two

The key that I found took me to a pool party. When I got there I was in a bathing suit and had on glasses. But then all the sudden a lot of people and me all jumped in the pool. It was so much fun. We had drinks, food, snacks and candy.

Preposition Poem

On our way towards Tower City
Behind the big building
down from Tower City
is a big locked gate

Damaro B.

Riddle

I am a hero to all.
I'm black and purple.
I am tough and brave.
I move like a cat.
I flip off moving things.
I am from Wakanda.
Who am I?

(Answer: Black Panther)

Da'Miere W.

OVER THE CLOUDS

Over the clouds
in an airplane skydiving
parachuting
touching the ground
going to the park
then to the beach
going in the water
I seen a green key
under the ground
in a volcano
Man how could that be?
Inside of war
feeding my fish
a ghost open my door
I ran fast as I could
I saw my mom
she has powers
she always takes showers
I opened a secret door
and had to fight Kratos
He was dead
His blood was like tomatoes
Then I learned a new skill
It was how to go Super Saiyan
Bro I'm not playin'
I seen a chest
somehow I felt pressed
I grabbed my key
unlocked the treasure
I'm so rich
What a pleasure

Riddle

I am strong with a six pack.
I fight and win.
I am the main character of the movie.
I can go from 1 form to another.
I can teleport, and am a god.
I also can power up.

What am I?

(Answer: Super Saiyan)

Da'Twain P.

Only One

outside the house
through the dark alley
by the scary tunnel
inside the large yard
under the tree
past the sparkling river
by the wood bridge
through the cave
toward the vault
behind is shiny gold

To unlock the door
you need two friends
one in the inside
one in the out
but little do you know
only one will make it out

Izzy The Blue Bear

By Da'Twain And Devilin.

Once upon a time there was a bear in the woods, her name was Izzy. Izzy was blue and she was always made fun of and laughed at. Izzy decided to be alone in a tree. She was very small. When she was in the tree, she was eating fish that she caught. Suddenly a small red bear came to Izzy.

"Hey I'm Jimmy" said the bear

"Hello I'm Izzy".

"Why are you sitting alone on a tree?" Jimmy says.

"I have no one to sit with."

"You can sit with me."

"Ok!" Says Izzy happily.

They both started to eat fish and talk. After they ate Izzy became a new person who likes to embrace her unnatural color and go and make new friends. After that day Izzy was happy.
THE END.

The Two Lonely Dragons

Once upon a time there was a dragon that lived in a castle. The dragon can talk. His name is Alex. Alex was not very normal. Alex could not fly. People had always made fun of him and he never paid attention to them. Alex was always done, but one day another dragon moved to a close castle. Her name was Amy and she couldn't fly like Alex, but she was a little more popular and she was smarter. Amy and Alex became friends when they met. They started to hang out every day. Since that day Alex started to make more friends because he wasn't scared no more. Alex and Amy were the dragons with the most friends. That month they lived very happily.

THE END

Da'Twain P. Continued

The Boarding School Letter

When I first came to this school I was scared. When we eat lunch, if we get up for anything we have to work for the day. When we work we have to work till our hands bleed. We got hit and abused by the staff and I saw my own brother get abused while his leg was bleeding. The day that you come to get us I will be happy and will never want to come back.

Love Da'Twain.

Native American Boarding School Comic by Da'Twain



Mac and Cheese, Yummy (Da'Twain)

Once upon a time on Memorial day, me, Da'Twain, and my mom was making food. We made mac and cheese. My first time eating mac and cheese I was amazed. It was cheesy. Mac and cheese is mac covered with melted cheese. When we was eating it, we was at my aunt's house outside. I don't really know how she made it. I could taste the cheese. I felt happy and full but I still wanted more. That is my experience with mac and cheese.

Deon P.

The Laundry Room Blows Up A story collaboration

Mr. Big Raccoon's life is like a jungle. He liked bananas just like a monkey. He liked hanging on trees, and he liked going outside with his friend, Red Panda. She told Big Raccoon to follow her and help her with something. Big Raccoon did not know what she needed him for, but he went anyways. They went to her laundry room and saw a monkey trying on her clothes and ripping them. When he saw that they saw him, he tried to run. Then the laundry room blew up and the trees were on fire.

Destiny B.

Beyond the Jungle

Over the trees
beneath the ground
around the forest
near the monkeys
beside the alligators
under the river
beyond the jungle
across the hill
towards the hill
towards the birds
among the cheetahs
within the cave
behind the bears

Unlock the dark cave—
A pile of bats
is coming at you
but you won't know
if you'll make it

Riddle

I scare people.
People love coming to me.
You can see the waves.
I have food.

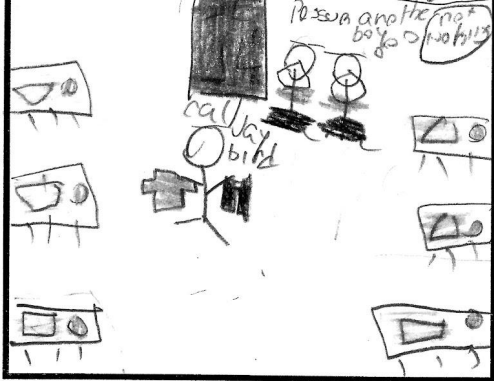
What am I?

(Answer: Cedar Point)

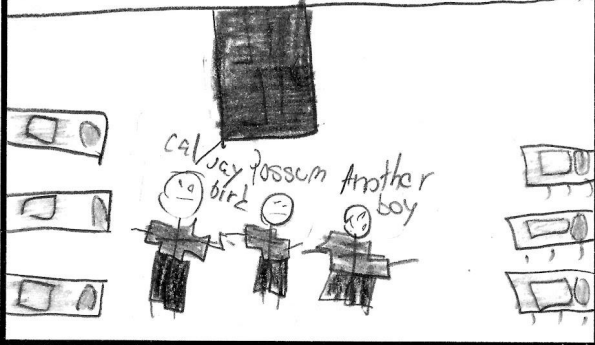
Native American Boarding School Comic by Destiny

The creek handshake by Destiny Bedingfield

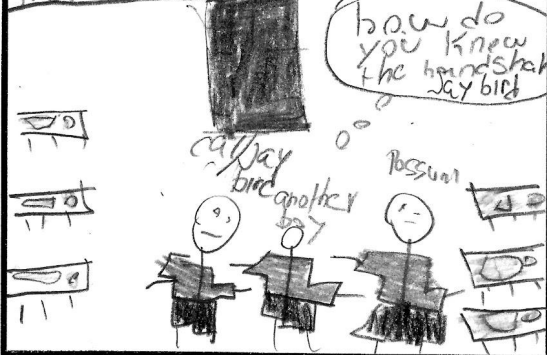
Cal was getting changed



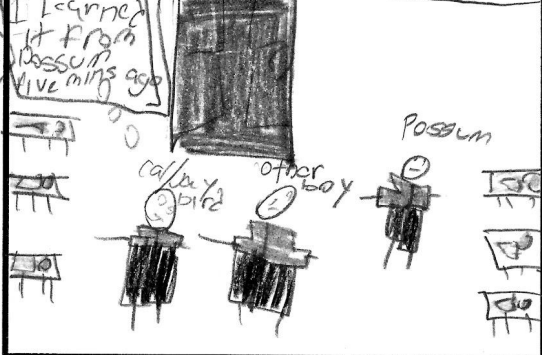
Cal was done getting dressed



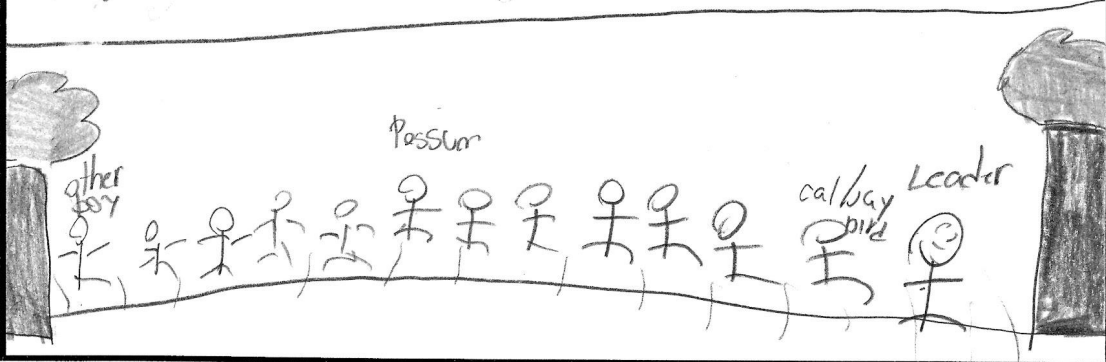
They were about to leave then did the handshake again



cal/jay bird explains how he knows the handshake



challenge was both good and bad.



Devilin S.

Treasure Hunt

Pretend you were playing in a nearby garden and found a map of a hidden treasure. The first thing I did was go on a journey to find whatever was hidden."I will have a long journey to find treasure," says young Da'Twain.

"What treasure?" says the Unknown figure.

"What was that," says young Da'Twain.

"I am your father," says the Unknown figure.

Da'Twain turns around quickly and it was his Enemy. They got into a big fight but his Enemy won the fight. "Haha now you will never find the treasure!" says young Da'Twain's enemy.

Once Da'Twain gets up he turns on "Super Ultra Robot." He shoots his enemy with his laser.

"Give it Back!" says young Da'Twain while shooting him with his laser.

"AHHHHH help!" says Da'Twain's enemy while getting up and throwing the map on the floor. Young Da'Twain gets the map and flies away.

He finally got to the cave. He dug all the way to "Y.11." He had the treasure. He opened the chest and there it was—500 Million US dollars. He goes to his house and powers down. His dad says, "Where have you been, Da'Twain!"

"Over at the park, I found hidden treasure!" They went on with their life. From that point on Da'Twain vowed never to use his power unless it was for school. Da'Twain went on and got very smart. Some people say that Da'Twain is so smart because of that reason.

The Courageous Kid (also by Devilin)

One time I saw my friend Da' twain stand up for someone who is new to our school, though he did not even know who it was. On that day it was the beginning of the school year, and there were many new kids. There was one person who stood out, his name was Marcus. Marcus stood out because he had a disorder with his leg and could not stand for long. They were always acting like he was different. They called him names like ugly and stupid. He does work like everyone else. He walks like everyone else, and he took part in everything that we did.

One day in the first month of school they were talking about him behind his back. Later that day, he talked to Marcus and told him they were talking about him. The next day they were calling him names, Da' Twain overheard them and went over to confront them. He told them that that was wrong. He said, "You should not talk about anyone like they are different from you and everyone else."

This matters because you could make someone upset or down by talking about them. Imagine someone talking about you, calling you names like ugly, dumb, and fat. Would you like it if someone called you names like that? I know I would not like someone calling me names, that is why I do not call others mean and inappropriate names. I know you would not like to be called inappropriate names so, why call others inappropriate names?

There are many things we can do to stop discrimination like respecting cultural and racial differences. Another way we could stop discrimination is by choosing the right words when talking to different people. Avoid race based or culturally offensive talking or pranks. Refuse to start or take part in discrimination and harassment. Tell someone like a teacher or administrator what is going on. There are many things we can do to stop discrimination. After seeing this I will try to stop bullying and discrimination as much as I can for the rest of my life.

Erin G.

Chicken Over Rice

So the thing I'm going to be talking about is chicken over rice. It is chicken, rice, cream of mushroom, and peppers, and different stuff. It was a couple days after my auntie had her first baby. It was dinner and a hot dark day. She mixed all the ingredients to get a perfect taste. Then we ate it. It had to cook in the oven for like 2 hours. So that is what happened. It was bussin.

Letter from the Native American Boarding School

Dear Mom and Grandma,

I need help. I am getting beat, and they are hitting me. Can you send me some stuff from home? Also they are making me forget all of my indian culture and trying to "kill the indian and keep the man." Somebody died right next to me yesterday. My hands are bleeding every day and they make me box and march. I made it on the boxing team. I won my first round! And I knocked him out in one punch. That's all the time I have, so I have to go. I hope I see you soon.

Another thing that I am doing is learning the English language. It is super hard.

Love, Erin

Givonte G.

The Godly Eggroll

My favorite food is my mom's burger eggrolls. When I heard it at first I thought it was gross and thought "how was she going to make it." Then when I smell it it was good. When I seen it, it look the same. When I taste it I seen colors. The seasoning, the mushrooms, the cheese, and the crunch from the fryer. It feels like I have not eaten in years. Then I had it, it was godly.

Preposition Poem

Within the past
a long time ago
there was a place
filled with snow
over the hill
and far away
under the snow
there was a key
a boy found it
against a tree
without a word
the snow said, "whee"
across the wind
a door appears
he showed the key
to the door
it opened and he saw
a world, a tree, magic

Riddle

I lost my mom and dad at a young age
Now I work in a cave
fighting a clown
I ain't playing no games
I wear an animal suit
I wear a cape but can't fly
Who am I?

(Answer: Batman)

Jai'leon D.

Jai'Leon

Demetrius Demarcus Bartholomew and Friends

Once upon a time there was a monkey named Demetrius Demarcus Bartholomew James the Third, Jr. He lived in a zoo with his other monkey friends, Tyrone and Donovan. They liked to eat crackers and drink pop. They were good friends. They also had a dog, a very small dog named Himothy Jones the Third.

They were at the zoo when they decided to rob the zoo for crackers. So they went to rob the zoo and they didn't find crackers, but they found something way better. BIRDS! So they took the birds home and ate them.

Iguana was a neighbor to the monkeys, so when he saw the birds he called The ACP (Animal Cruelty Police). So the police came and inspected the place, but the monkeys hid the bones of the birds.

So the police left and the monkeys went to Iguana's house and beat him up. Iguana called the police and told them the monkeys beat him up for snitching.

Then the monkeys changed states and had a happy life. Demetrius made it into the NBA. Tyrone had a happy life with his wife and 3 kids. Donovan made it to the UFC and won every fight till he retired in 2025. Iguana died in a car accident when he was 26, and he was still recovering from the bruises from the beat down.

Baked Chicken

One day I came home from six cruel hours of our life, a.k.a. school. When I came home I got in the shower. When I got out the shower I smelled baked chicken. I tasted the chicken; pepper, little bit of garlic, salt, oil, and paprika. When I ate it it tasted like heaven. My grandma's chicken is the best, even when she made it just cause.

Riddle Poem

I am smart
I have almost been sued
I live in Canada
I'm a rapper and singer
I was fifth place album of the year
I'm light skinned
My attitude is laugh now, cry later
I lost a lot of money on boxing matches

Who am I?

(Answer: Drake)

Jibreel S.

The Key!!!! (A door to an endless pain)

Once there was a key, and a guy named Bob, and he found a key, and he tried the key on EVERY lock that he could find. But when he saw the chest he was so happy. What was inside it? A car, a phone, a PS5, so much money?!

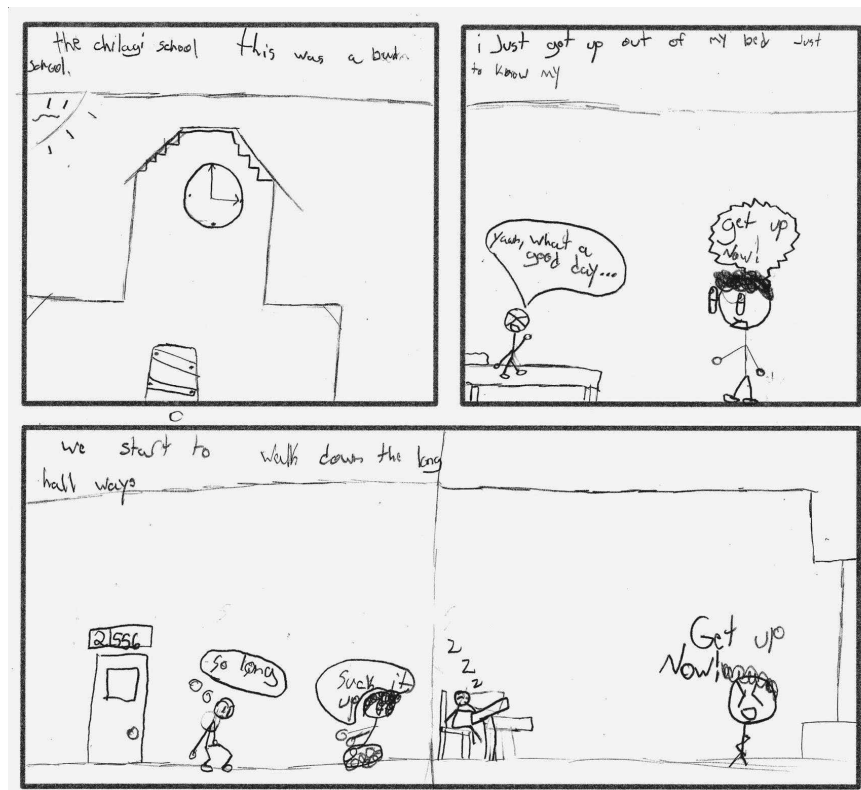
It could be anything, and he opened it and and? AND? A button? Under the button is a note that says,

DO NOT PRESS!!!! OR ELSE >:(

If you know Bob, you know he pressed the button. The ground started to shake. "HELLO HUMAN. YOU HAVE SUMMONED ME- THE KEY GOD."

"The key god? Is this a joke?" Bob said.

"A JOKE? I WILL SHOW YOU A JOKE!"



**Native
American
Boarding
School
Comic by
Jibreel**

Journie W.

THE TOWER OF A MOUNTAIN

Swish swash shoosh. Going through the wind as brave as a tiger was Amelia down the snowy mountain, beside the snowy trees.

Amelia is at a ski resort for her birthday and has loved skiing since she was 5. Her family thought of the best ways to give her a permanent ski pass for her birthday, the question was how? One however had the idea "We should make a hunt around the resort," said the sister.

"Wonderful idea, darling," said the mother. They made clues all around, even on the mountain! The staff members were even helping this family.

See Amelia isn't normal. She has a special gift, she can bring some things to life, don't matter if it is a book or not. Amelia got home at 5:18.

"We have a surprise for you, my baby," said mother.

"What it may be?" while smiling said Amelia.

"You are gonna find out".

This hunt was not normal, as it will put her abilities to the test.

The first clue was at the place she most hated, said the clue.

"This is a piece of cake," said Amelia, straight away she went to the Dungeons and Dragons newspaper, and pulled the clue right out. She was so inspired that this would be a piece of cake based on movies.

The next clue she got said, "Around this time I'm feeling bored. You know the place. I can exceed, follow me as you plead".

She then got the next clue from the mountain that said, "GO HOME AMELIA!"

She was so confused, but she did. Turns out the door was weird looking like an ancient one. She had a key in her pocket that she got a week ago and was told to keep it on her neck. She put it in and unlocked the door. "Surprise!" said all her friends and this story ended with her smashed with a lovely cake with flowers.

Kay C.

Best Baker

Once there was an otter named Onney, known as Ms. Otter. Ms. Otter was baking her famous blueberry galette for the bake-off down the street. She was going against Mr. Tiger and Mrs. Honey Badger. Ms. Otter, Mrs. Honey Badger, and Mr. Tiger were the greatest bakers in their neighborhood so everyone was coming to the bake-off to watch and see who was the best baker.

Ms. Otter went to the fruit store to get fresh blueberries and a pie crust, but there was no pie crust. She was very mad and she told the manager.

The manager said, We have no pie crust so you're done for.

Ms. Otter was like, Fine, I will do it myself.

So Ms. Otter went home and made her own pie crust and won the bake-off.



Preposition Poem

Beside the road
Above a car
Beneath the geese
Near a mountain
Past a flying ship
Between the clouds
Across the sea
Beneath an iceberg
Opposite of the
penguins

Native American Boarding School Comic by Kay C.

Kendall P.

Riddle

I am stronger
I have laser eyes
I have super breath
My weakness is a green crystal

Who am I?

(Answer: Super Girl)

La'Chyna H.

Riddle Poem

He's dead
He's nice
He helped a lot of kids
and donated PS5s to them
He always made sure everyone was okay
He helped the earth by donating money
and helping out homeless people by giving them clothes
I know he died at a young age
He is a famous rapper

(Who is he: XXXTentacion)

Lailah C.

Poem

Over the house
under the earth
onto the wood
around the box

In the box
between the crack
In a boat
towards a river
under the ocean
next to the fish
in the cave
the cold water

Unlock the cave door
to find the diamonds

Riddle Poem

In a forest surrounded by a bunch of bright green trees,
a cave is my habitat.
Most people fear me but I guess I would fear me too.
I am big and furry with lots of sharp teeth, so soft and fluffy
if I could cuddle with myself I would!
I'm probably faster than a snake, step on you by mistake.
I'm always hungry and hate it when it's summer,
I'm fat and warm and cute.
I fear no humans
and am always in defense mode.
I love eating fish,
it's my favorite delicious dish

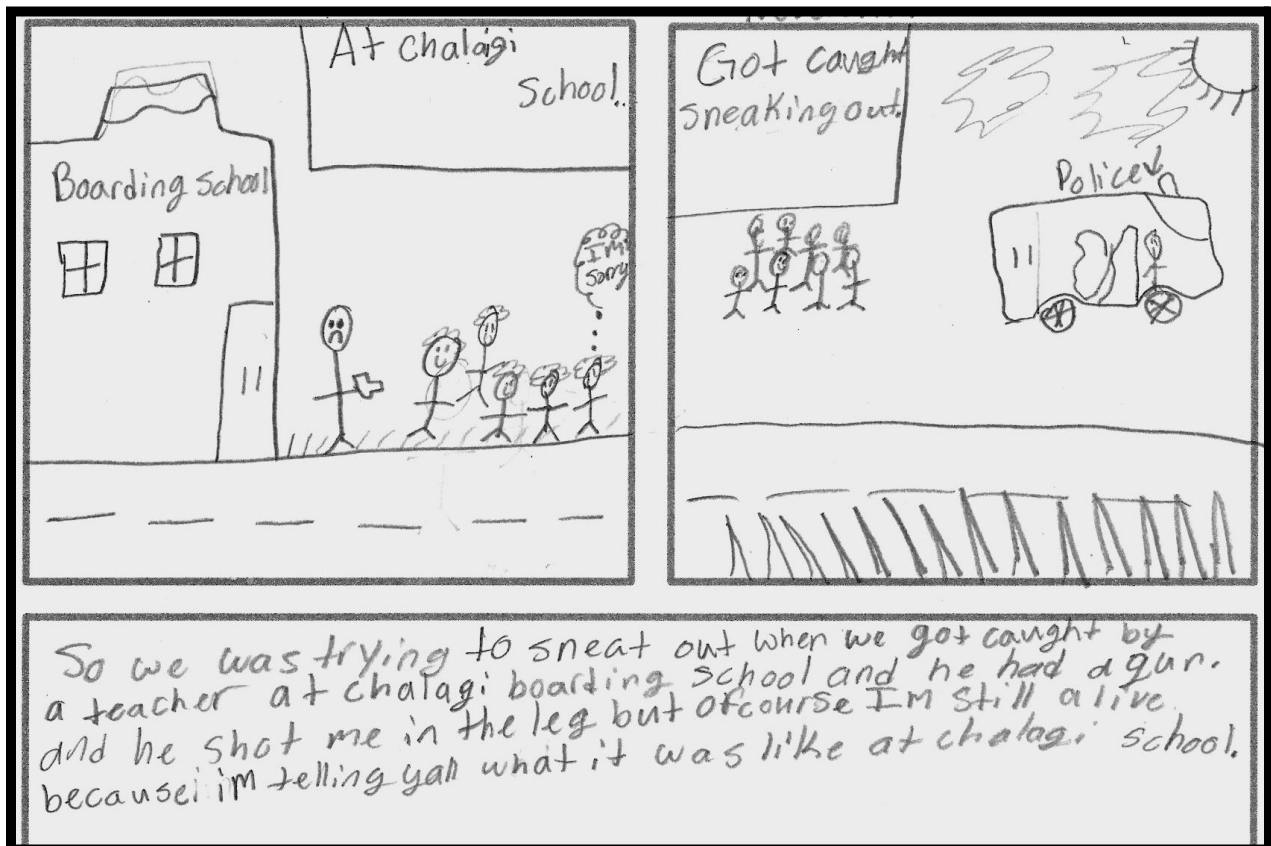
Marcus R.

The Key to Infinity
(A Story Collaboration)

Once upon a time there was a man that got fired from his job. Then on the way to his car he found a key. The key was white, and it was gold. It was one of these old keys. Then he slowly walked up to it and grabbed it. Then he got a text. It was his bank. He received \$100 dollars. Then a limo came to pick him up. Then he got a text that said, "I see you." The guy ran.

Nevaeh H.

A Native American Boarding School Comic by Nevaeh H.



Ne'vaeh H. Continued

Riddle Poem

I am soupy
I am creamy
I am hard to eat with a spoon
I have strings
I have chicken
I am two foods put together.

What am I?

The Petty Family

I found a key to Ms. Petty's house. She was a witch. She was a nice witch though. She had a son, Mr. Petty. He was so ugly he was annoying. I didn't like him. But he was being mysterious. He was hiding something. Every time I came he was always hiding this notebook. Every time I came around he was always flinching and hiding. I knew he was hiding something. I knew I had to get that notebook, and I had a plan.

To be continued....

Ni'Zeer A.

The Lost Key

One day me and my friend Reggie were at football practice, and Reggie had put his phone in my bookbag and also my key to my school locker. He said, "Can I get my phone out of your bookbag?"

I said, "Yes, and bring it here."

He said, "Okay."

That's when my key fell out, and I didn't know it until the next day. The next day I got up and got ready for school and I couldn't find it. I looked everywhere. Then I remembered when I was at practice, and I thought it fell out and I didn't see it.

Then I went to school and I asked someone to cut my lock off. Then I got another lock with numbers. I never found the key to my other lock. I was sad because what happens if I forget the code to my new lock?

Letter from the Boarding School

Dear Mom and Grandma,

You will not believe what I see at this place. I see people getting beat for being happy to see their sisters and brothers. People are sad because they cannot see their moms and dads. I hear people yelling. The teacher is yelling at the kids for no reason. I hear loud crying because the teachers are hitting them.

But I am fighting back because I do not like people hitting me. I am homesick. Can you guys come see me? The teacher keeps grabbing me and I am scared. People are also watching me take a shower. The food is nasty. All I smell is blood and musty people. I am running track to keep my mind off it.

That's what's going on here. I will not send my kids here. Also, can you come pick me up? I just need to take a shower by myself.

Ni'Zeer

Riddle

I am light. I wear a blue jumpsuit. I don't run, I walk. I have no hair. I died in the water at summer camp.

Who am I?

(Answer: Jason)

Penina N.

Letter from the Challagi Native American Boarding School

Dear Mom and Dad,

I don't like this school where we get beat and stripped. And I did not like it. One time I saw John get beat. I tried to stop them and they beat me instead. I was so mad and it made me feel unsafe. Sometimes I would see kids naked or getting beat. And I would fear the shots when they tell me to go to the infirmary. And I would start being afraid of adults. I would feel homesick and tired. I would smell stinky kids because the kids would not want to be watched showering or showering with the other kids. The bathrooms would smell so bad. The food would smell so bad and have mold in it. At the school, we would eat the same thing for a month. Last month we ate oatmeal. This month we ate sloppy watery spicy meat. And some kids are dying because of not eating.

Mom and Dad, I want to leave, please save me!

The Surprise Trip

Once after school my parents went to Texas and they took the keys. When we came from school and we knocked and knocked and they did not open the door. Then we called them on the phone and they said to go to my grandma's house, and we walked there.

On our way there we saw my uncle, and he gave us a ride there. And when we got there my grandma was eating chocolate chip cookies, and my grandma had made a lot so we ate them all. And when we were done it was night so we went to sleep in my grandma's room. In the morning my parents were home.

Raziyah D.

The Dog Mom

Once upon a time I adopted a dog. He was a husky and was white and black. He had blue eyes and his name was Jordan. He was 9 years old, so nice, and we went on a walk and we went to Starbucks and I got him a dog cup, and I got me a pink drink.

Then we went to the dog park, and he played until he was tired. After that we went home and he went to sleep. Then he woke up, and it was the afternoon.

Then I went to Petco and got him more food and got him toys and a bed. I went back home and gave Jordan all his stuff. He loved it and we had so much fun.

We bought another dog 2 months later, and she was not a husky. She was a teacup dog. She was brown and black and she had blue eyes. She was so pretty and we named her Zoey and went back to Petco to buy the same thing as Jordan.

The difference between these dogs was that the tea cup was so little. She did not like going outside all the time, but she was a bully. She bullied Jordan but Jordan didn't mind, and they became best friends even though Jordan was 12 and Zoey was 5 years old, and we was happy and I have been a dog mom for 7 years now. The End

Riddle

I make 3 pointers
I do crazy dunks
I have a daughter
I have a terrible team
I play for the Grizzlies

Who am I?

(Answer: Ja Morant)

Sha’Kira

The Key to my Heart

Do you want to know
the key to my heart?
The key to my heart is food.
Food is my favorite
besides my mom.

Za’Riyah

A Key Story

One time I was going to the beach and my brother grabbed his stuff, and he locked the door. When we made it there, we got out the car and he grabbed his stuff, and when he was done, the car locked and the keys were in there. Then my mom had to call somebody to open the door and I was hot and I was upset.

The end!

Sally and the Big Angry Owner!

A Story Collaboration

Once upon a time there was a dog named Sally and she lived in a big apartment building with 6 cats and they loved Chick-Fil-A, but when they ate Chick-Fil-A they pooped all over the apartment and the owner was mad. The owner's name is Cardi B. She called a maid over to pick the poop up. The dogs felt bad, so they never ate Chick-Fil-A again. So their owner wouldn't be so upset, but they felt so bad, they bought their owner Chick-Fil-A and she saved her food, and they ate it together.

NEW STORIES WHERE PERCY JACKSON AND HIS FRIENDS MEET NEW MYTHOLOGICAL CHARACTERS

The Trip to Las Vegas and Disneyland

Destiny B. and Kay C.

"We made it," said Grover.

"Yeah," said Percy.

"Let's go get some food," said Annabeth. They went to Burger King.

"What's this place called," said Grover.

"This is burger king," said Percy.

"Oh cool," said Grover. They went inside Burger King, ordered chicken nuggets and fries, and they went to the curb to eat.

A car passes by and splashes them while they're eating, and a person drops a note out of the car window. Percy picks up the note, The note says, 'We're coming.' Suddenly a Hydra was charging down the street. Grover says 'Run!' Then the monster hit Grover and Grover flew up into the sky. Then Percy yelled 'Grover!' Then, Grover fell and got up and started running. Then, Annabeth said, "Look at that bus" and told them to get on the bus. Then, they got on the bus and sat down, and they were out of breath. Then, Grover looked out the window, and the bus was going to Las Vegas.

When they got to Las Vegas they went to a hotel. When they got booked into the hotel there was a surprise waiting for Annabeth. She screamed— there was a Hydra on the bed, ready to attack, then Percy pulled out his pen, then it turned into a sword. Percy cut off the head of the hydra, then Annabeth screamed ' STOP, if you cut off a Hydra head two more grow back' The two more Hydra heads grew back then started attacking them, so they fought the hydra till it was dead.

Then Grover said, "We can't stay here, it's too dangerous." Then they got in the car, and they went to a casino. Then this lady walked up to them and said, "Do you want a Lotus Flower?" And Percy, Annabeth, and Grover said sure. They took a Lotus Flower and ate it. Then they started laughing and all of a sudden Annabeth said, ' What are we looking for again' and Grover and Percy said, "I don't know." Then they started to party. For five days.

Then Percy's father was in Percy's mind and said, "Percy snap out of it!" Then Percy snapped out of it and grabbed Grover and Annabeth. Then they got in the car,

and Grover and Annabeth snapped out of it. And Annabeth said, "We were in that casino for five days." Then Grover said, it felt like we were in there for hours.

As Grover drove on a quiet road he said, "Let's go to Disneyland." Trying to start a conversation because the radio broke a while ago. It was getting dark and cold, and as the sun finally set Percy and Annabeth were sleeping as Grover drove.

By the time Percy and Annabeth woke up they were almost at Disneyland. Percy yawned. Percy said, "Oh, are we here?" Grover didn't answer, turns out Grover was sleep-driving.

"How is he sleep driving?" Annabeth said as she tapped him to wake up.

As he woke up, he noticed the gates to Disneyland. "We're here!" Grover said, "Sometimes I think he is stuck in a grown man's body with a child's mind," Annabeth thought.

Grover parked in a hurry, and we paid for the tickets, then walked inside Disneyland. Meanwhile, while Grover was having the time of his life, Percy and Annabeth were keeping their guard up because they did not forget that this was a quest. "Guys look I haven't seen that Disney character before," Percy said suspiciously. Grover looked at the suspicious person before widening his eyes.

"THAT'S RHEA" Grover whispered in surprise as he stood there shocked while the others were still processing what he had said. As soon as they realized they yelled "RHEA?!"

To be continued....

Hestia's Travels

Deon P. & Damaro B.

Once upon a time there was a girl named Hestia. Hestia is the goddess of the hearth, her home is Mount Olympus and her symbol is a kettle. She loves to travel and go on quests. On one of her travels, she had to make a stop for gas where she met some young heroes named Percy, Annabeth, and Grover. However, Hestia has a problem, she can't control her powers anymore. She walked up to the three heroes and introduced herself to them and they did the same to her. "Hi, my name is Hestia," Said Hestia.

"My name is Percy and this is Annabeth and Grover." Said Percy

"Would you Heroes help me with my problem? My power is no longer working."

"Yes of course!"

"Thank you, Heroes!"

Hestia then shows the heroes that in order for her to get her power back they must go to the fields in Pantheon and do a special meditation. However, Hestia can't reach the Pantheon without her powers because a monster is guarding the fields. She needs the Heroes to defeat the monster guarding the fields so she can meditate and regain her powers. "Only these special diamonds can defeat the monster but I am too weak without my powers to do it on my own," Hestia said. She then gave Percy the diamonds.

The Heroes and Hestia traveled to the fields of Pantheon together in Hestia's Ford Truck. Hestia stayed outside the entrance because she doesn't have her powers yet. The heroes fought the monster for many hours. The three heroes pulled out a sword and they stabbed the monster in the back and he fell down to his knees, his chest and light comes out and the diamonds glowed. Hestia put the diamonds to her chest and prayed on the field. Finally, Percy threw the diamonds into the monster's eyes and the monster died.

Hestia runs as fast as she can, she grabs the diamonds and the monster is laying on the ground, and they hurry and rush to the field so she can get her powers back. Hestia's eyes turn black once she gets her powers back, and Hestia feels weird when she wakes up. She tests her powers out and they are a little better than before.

Hestia and the heroes go back to the store to get a drink to make her feel energetic again, and able to be a better hero and save lives. Then they went to the restaurant to celebrate. "You look like you need some time alone," said Grover.

"Yes I think I do need some alone time, a lot has just happened and as much as I would love to celebrate, I'd like to be alone right now" responded Percy.

The celebration dinner is now over and everyone heads out. It was a successful journey.

Percy Jackson and the God of Mischief

By Autumn S., Lailah C., and Marcus R.

It started with just getting away from Loki. Loki uses his ability to shapeshift, and also change his gender to escape Medusa. Loki was after Percy because he wanted a reward from Zeus. The reward was Loki's life because he killed Balder. So when Loki escaped he first went to go and get his scepter. When he got his scepter he started to look for Percy Jackson.

But Percy was still mad at himself for not knowing that she was Loki. But he didn't stress himself out because he knew he was going to find out. He begins his journey to look for Loki.

But he did not know that Loki was still after him. He was going with what he saw. Loki was hiding in the garden. Percy knew where she was and he found him. So he ran after him, but Loki found him and tried to shoot him but he missed, so they ran. They almost got away because Percy got shot in the arm and he made it out there.

He heard someone in the bushes and then he looked and saw Ino who is a Theban princess who later became the queen of Boeotia and the queen of the sea. She was hurt and said, "Let's talk."

Annabeth said "No way'!" Then, Percy and Annabeth were yelling at each other. And then Grover said, "GUYS COME ON LET'S GO!" Percy and Annabeth both then agreed and said, "Fine, let's go."

Percy and Loki went to the forest, and Percy put a dome around Loki and they fought with swords. Percy pulled out a shield and hit Loki in the face and Loki turned into a bear. Percy killed Loki with a mystic sword.

After Loki was killed, he turned into a dragon. Loki then flew away. Percy threw a lightning bolt, and Loki was shot down from the sky because he was struck by the lightning bolt. Loki stabbed Percy in the stomach and Percy cut out Loki's heart.

The Underworld

Ni'Zeer A., Da'twain P., and Devilin S.

Percy started their quest in the underworld. In the underworld, it was a big pit of lava. They had to see how they got over to the other side. It was just rocks in the underworld. When they got to the other side, they heard a big bark. They wonder what that was. Percy said, "Did you hear that?" with a scared face.

Grover said, "Yes it sounds like a dog."

Percy said, "A dog?"

Annabeth said, "Y'all haven't heard about the guard dog."

Percy said, "I have."

Grover said, "I haven't"

They got closer to the noise. They also heard a chain. Annabeth said, "It's Kerberos, but he's on a chain."

"I think we should leave," said Grover with a scared voice. As they got closer Grover got more scared. Finally they were at the gates guarded by Cerberus. They all got scared. "I think we should leave like Grover said," says Percy. But they stayed.

"Ready to fight?" Annabeth said.

Annabeth decided to go and check what underworld Beast that was. She soon figured that it was Typhon. Annabeth was standing there in shock. "The boys were curious, so they decided to go take a look.

"*Typhon took the bolt!*" said Grover. They all were shocked.

"We gotta get that bolt, no matter who it is, If we don't Zeus gonna come for me," said Percy.

Percy ran into the cage obnoxiously, thinking that there was no other way out.

Annabeth yelled, "Percy stop!"

Grover ran to the cage and yelled, "We need to help Percy!"

Grover tripped and fell on his nose. "Ouch!" yelled Grover.

Annabeth ran into the cave, leaving Grover.

Grover got up and yelled, "Wait for me guys!"

They both heard a loud scream coming from Percy. "Guys help!" They all figured that it was a hidden dungeon.

They all knew Typhon was coming from the 600-story elevator. They tried to escape but it was too late. He was already coming out of the elevator. They tried to run but they heard a loud roar. "Who are you and why are you here," said Typhon. To be continued...

OUR BIG QUEST

Da'Miere W., Sha'Kira T., Kendell P.

Grover, Percy, and Annabeth were planning on a journey to find Hera who would heal Grover from food poisoning. They chose to take a bus there, and on the bus, they came across three witches. Grover, Percy, and Annabeth kill the three witches by lighting them on fire.

After that battle, they were hungry so they went to McDonald's to get something to eat. They met Hera at McDonald's. She is the goddess of women, marriage, and childbirth. She was known by the Romans as Juno. Homer gave Hera the epithet "ox-eyed" because of her large full eyes and described her as tall and striking. Hera was both the sister and wife of Zeus, with whom she reigned on Mount Olympus.

They went to talk to Hera and also ordered two twenty-piece chicken nuggets, a large Sprite, and fries. Then they took a seat and began talking to Hera and asked her, "How was your day today?".

Hera responded, "It was great, thanks for asking".

All four of them leave McDonald's after they eat and rest for a while.

When they wake up, they see Grover is missing! There was a minotaur who got Grover, and he screamed "HELP ME". They venture into the woods and find large footprints deep into the forest. They follow the footprints to find Grover barely alive on the ground. The minotaur hit him unconscious.

They went to check his pulse and see if he was alive. Thankfully, he was. It was time for Hera to help heal Grover, so she kissed him back to health, and he awoke.

Hera and Grover fell in love and got married. They celebrated their journey by feasting on their leftover McDonald's.

After they heard a grunt, Grover said, "Guys whatever you do, DON'T LOOK UP".

Percy looks up.

Hera says "RUN".

When they run, the minotaur catches Hera. Hera says "Guys, just leave me".

They all say "You will die if we do".

Hera says "You'll all die if you don't leave me". They use the magic pen and kill the minotaur. After they kill the minotaur they continue looking for Zeus's Bolt.

The Deal with the Phoenix

Ne'vaeh H., Za'Riah K., and La'Chyna H.

Percy, Annabeth, and Grover were on their way to Arabia to meet the Phoenix. They traveled by plane and were hanging out on the ride there. They called Phoenix to let him know they were a few hours away. When they land and exit the plane, Percy, Annabeth, and Grover walk to their destination, Phoenix's kingdom. They knock on the door and wait for Phoenix to let them inside.

After Phoenix opens the door, he shows them around his kingdom. They all sit down and talk about saving Grover through a deal.

Phoenix said, "In order for me to save Grover, you must do something for me". Percy would have to do something for Phoenix in order to have Phoenix save Grover's life with his special powers. Percy would have to complete the sword challenge, where he must beat his opponent to move on to fight the next one and finish the challenge. After he finishes the challenge, Percy would then return to Phoenix's kingdom, so Grover could be saved. The Phoenix would then use his superpowers to heal Grover back to health to hold up his part of the deal.

After Grover is healed and the deal is complete, Percy, Annabeth, and Grover go back home and leave Arabia. The three of them return to the plane and fly back home.

Once the plane lands, they move on to a bus to get them back home safe and sound. After the bus drops them off, they walk down the street to their house and unlock their door. They go inside the house and make themselves comfortable at home. They relax for a while and then took an hour nap. After they nap they ate some chicken fajitas and after they ate, they took a shower and went to the grocery store to get something to drink and after they came from the grocery store they went to pick up their friend and they had movie night and they fell to sleep.