### **FAN FICTION FROM THE SIXTH GRADE**

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# THE LIGHTNING THIEF BY RICK RIORDAN

Mary McLeod Bethune Cleveland, OH Fall 2020 These collaborative stories were written by the sixth graders at Mary M. Bethune School. Students were asked to create an extra chapter, including new mythological and semi/demi-mythological characters in a Percy Jackson story that takes place during or right after the events of *The Lightning Thief*. We hope you enjoy them!

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### The Return to Olympus

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Percy, Grover, and Annabeth returned the lightning bolt to Zeus. They entered Olympus and were amazed at the size of it.

"Wow, this place is huge," said Percy.

"It's bigger than I remember," said Annabeth.

"I'm going to stay here forever," said Grover.

Zeus invited them to stay in Olympus to spend time with their parents and enjoy Olympus.

"Stay and enjoy your time after your long journey," said Zeus.

Percy and Poseidon went off into the ocean. Percy was happy to be with his father, but they had to stay undercover because the Gods and their children were not to be together. Percy and Poseidon looked for special shells in the ocean. Poseidon saved a special shell for Percy when he was a little boy. Poseidon wanted him to have it now as a young boy, to help protect himself from satyrs. "You will wear the special shell around your neck. Whenever you need help or are hurt, touch the special shell and whisper to yourself, 'Poseidon, Poseidon, God of water, please help me,'" said Poseidon.

After finding the special seashell, Poseidon and Percy went to a meeting about the summer solstice. Poseidon wanted Percy to learn about the different Gods and the rules of Olympus.

Annabeth and Grover stayed with Zeus and spent time with Athena. Athena and Annabeth spent time training for another quest. "I'm so proud of you. You and your friends were able to fight all of the satyrs in your last quest," said Athena. Percy and Poseidon came back to Olympus and to join the others.

After a couple of days, Percy, Annabeth, Grover, and Poseidon got sick. Percy kept sneezing, and they couldn't run fast, and their minds couldn't keep up with their bodies. Percy and Poseidon went back to the water to heal themselves.

Annabeth and Grover were taken to Apollo for healing.

"I don't feel well, I think I have a bad cold," said Annabeth. Annabeth was so sick she was not able to move for a week.

"Me either, my hooves hurt!" said Grover. Grover's legs started to disappear.

They were taken to Apollo and stayed with him for a week.

"You are both really sick from your adventures and need to stay here until you feel better," said Apollo.

"I will make a healing smoothie. You will be healed in a couple of days after you drink it, " said Apollo.

Percy, Annabeth, and Grover all felt better after a week and decided to leave Olympus. Hades was so mad the lightning bolt was returned to Zeus, so he sent Mnemoysne to capture Percy, Annabeth, and Grover. Hades instructed Mnemosyne to capture them, erase their memories, and send them back to the real-world so they would be attacked by satyrs and die.

On their way back to camp half-blood, they met Mnemosyne, the god of memory. Mnemoysne captured Percy, Annabeth, and Grover and took them to a deserted lake. Mnemosyne tranquilized Percy, Annabeth, and Grover, which put them to sleep and erased all their memories. She erased their memories by putting a lotion on their forehead. They woke up several hours later and had no memory of their quest, and didn't remember being a half-blood. Mnemosyne erased their memories like Hades asked her to do. Then Percy, Annabeth, and Grover left the deserted lake to head back to camp half-blood.

On their way back to camp half-blood, they were attacked by a satyr. The satyr was half-human and half-goat. The satyr did not say anything and snuck up behind Percy, Annabeth, and Grover. The satyr bit and kicked them. Percy and Annabeth fell to the ground. Grover kicked the satyr with his legs, and Percy stabbed him with the Riptide. Percy, Annabeth, and Grover made it to Percy's mom's apartment where she called for Poseidon for help. Poseidon and Zeus came down to help and used the lightning bolt powers to get their memory back. Percy, Annabeth, and Grover returned to camp half-blood safe and lived there the rest of their lives.

### The Ladies, a Maze and a Dog

# By Melina, Da'Kala, Trystian, Ge'Sean, Zaire, Lamari, Theonte and Ms. Uter

I woke up ready for the next adventure.

After all the excitement, we found rest in the cutest flower shop. "Dragon Flowers." What a peculiar name. The shop owner was a little old lady with short blonde hair. She was watering the sunflowers on the back row.

"Do you need help?" she said,in a way that made us believe she already knew we were tired. Grover replied, "Yes," with desperation.

I looked at Grover indicating that that was a bad idea.

The shop owner said, "What do you need help with?" By looking at us she knew that we were tired. "Do you need food? Do you have somewhere to sleep?"

I felt like I couldn't turn down the offer. "Oh, yes! Can we please sleep here?"

She began to take a large mattress from the closet and started to fix us food.

We could smell the mushroom soup as it cooked.

Annabeth and Grover sat awaiting the food.

I sat there watching her every move. She put chicken, mushrooms, onions, and flowers.

Flowers? Why would she put flowers in the soup?

"Why are you adding flowers?"

"This isn't any old flower. It is a Dragon flower. It makes everything taste better."

"How does a flower make soup taste better?" questioned Annabeth.

"These flowers are magical and anything you put them in brings out a delicious taste," said the shop owner.

"Oh, I am sorry. That's pretty cool," explained Annabeth.

We started to devour the soup. It was the most delicious thing I have ever eaten. But why do I feel this way? What is happening to meeeeeeee. The shop keeper looks different. She's not a little old lady, she is a beautiful young lady. Her hair flowed down her back like a graceful horse's mane. She was floating near the back of the store in a cloud of flowers.

"Come with me." she said

We followed her in our daze to the back of the store, which was a large garden with every type of flower you could imagine.

After the spell wore off, I heard Annabeth.

"I recognize you, you must be Persephone."

"Follow me," replied Persephone.

As we followed we found ourselves in a corn maze.

"Corn Maze? What are we doing here?" said Grover.

"Solve the maze and it will lead you to the underworld," replied Persephone.

After hours in the maze we realized we were even deeper in the maze.

Then we turned a corner and saw a short lady with blond hair and green eyes.

"Find the glowing light and it will lead you out," she said.

After some time we saw a light ahead.

"There it is."

As we approached the light a huge dog stopped us.

"It's a trap, follow me, I can take you out of the maze," said the dog. We followed the dog to the middle of the maze, where we noticed a bright blue light.

"I wish he would slow down, I can't keep up!" screamed Annabeth.

We noticed how the dog was miles away from us, leaving us behind.

For some reason the green eyed lady appeared. We found ourselves tangled up with corn husks around us.

"Let us go!"demanded Grover.

"Where did that helpful dog go. We need him now!" I shouted

We then heard barking in the distance. We heard snarling and growling as the dog bit through corn husks.

"Good dog," I said proudly.

Annabeth then shouted, "Look over there."

"It's the gate to the underworld."

I knew we had to get to Hades ASAP.

#### THE RETURN OF PAN

#### By Destiny, Giovanni, Austin, Eriana, Chaneva, and Ms. Larsen

Percy, Annabeth, and Grover walk into the Empire State Building and look around. It's a giant, giant skyscraper, and they can see that it's larger than anyone realized. "Holy tin can of the south!" says Grover, looking around.

Annabeth says, "I wish that my house was this big."

Percy says, "I wish that MY house was this big."

The elevator is different from other elevators. It's very tall and skinny, the walls are very thick, and it is wood with gold on top and regular silver on the bottom and wood all around it.

They get into the very thick elevator and press the floor 600 to take them straight one way to Olympus. It is so fast that they feel sick. Grover says, "Baa, I feel sick."

At the top, they stagger out of the elevator with weak knees.

"What are you doing here," asks Annabeth.

Chiron and a strange boy are outside the elevator.

"I just gave Zeus a message," says Chiron.

"Who is this?" says Percy, looking at the strange boy.

Chiron says, "This is James. He's a new camper."

They notice how similar James looks to Percy. Percy gets a little creeped out by this. After he notices that, Percy takes a deeper look to make sure. He asks Chiron, "Who is his father, Chiron?"

Chiron replies, "Oh, his dad is Poseidon."

Now Percy feels sick to his stomach. "Wait, we have the same dad."

James says, "No we don't."

"We do."

"How is that possible? That means that we're brothers."

They both stare at Chiron whose face turns pale.

Percy asks, "When?"

Chiron replies, "Yeah, you guys are brothers."

Percy draws his sword.

"Put it back," says Chiron.

Percy doesn't listen. He tests James by trying to attack him, but he doesn't try and hurt him. James is careful not to hurt him even though they are fighting with swords.

"Your sword looks like mine," says Percy, "But it's a little longer."

"That's because I'm older than you. Chiron gave us the same sword."

They put the swords back in their pen caps.

"How old are you?" asks Percy.

"Fourteen," says James.

Percy says, "Oh, you're two years older than me. Who is your mom?"

James says, "That's none of your business."

The two brothers throw hands, and Percy learns that he is stronger than his brother.

Annabeth looks at Chiron and says, "What are you all doing here?"

"We were delivering a message to Zeus."

"What about?" asks Grover.

"We think we've located Pan," says Chiron.

Grover turns five goat cartwheels, and then comes back and stands in front of Chiron and James and begins asking questions. "Where is he? Can I go? How did you hear? Oh my Zeus! I can't believe it. This is my big chance. Please! Let me go!"

"We heard he is in Themyscira."

Percy asks, "Where is Themyscira? And WHAT is Themyscira?"

Chiron explains to Percy, "Themyscira is an island full of all women."

But Annabeth jumps in and adds, "You don't want to go there, Percy. If they have a boy child, they kill the baby or they bring it to this Hephaestus, who lives in a volcano, and they work as his slaves."

"Oh my Gods! Please! Chiron! Can we go?" begs Grover.

"Yeah, I don't care if they hate boys, I'm going along to help Grover just like he helped me!" said Percy.

"I'm going too," says James.

Annabeth punches them all in the arm. "You idiots! This is dangerous."

"Yes, you're all going. The oracle says you are supposed to go on this quest together."

Three weeks later, Percy and James pull the boat up onto the sand at Themyscira.

"Okay, does everyone understand the plan?" asks Annabeth. "We sneak in and look for a god with horns and a flute and giant goat legs."

"Yeah, yeah, we got it," says James.

The young half bloods begin walking up onto the island. There are lots of women guarding the buildings on the island. Annabeth holds out her cap. The heroes say, "Rock Paper Scissors, Shoot!" and Percy has Rock, Grover has scissors and James has paper.

"You all lose," says Annabeth, and she puts on her cap and everybody holds hands and turns invisible.

As they go into the town, they notice a palace surrounded by beautiful strong women holding swords and spears and wearing armor. They hear a loud laugh and chuckle from inside the palace.

Grover says, "That sounds like Pan's laugh."

"How would you know? You never met him." asks Annabeth.

"I feel a tingle in my horns, like all the Searchers before me felt when they heard Pan's laughter, right before they disappeared and were never found again."

"What does that feel like?" asks Percy.

"Like a bumblebee is inside my horns," says Grover. "zzzzzzz."

They sneak closer.

Suddenly the guards move away from the door, and the heroes sneak inside.

When they get in, Annabeth takes off her invisibility cap. They see Pan. She has two braids wrapped around her horns, and she is wearing a toga. She has a wreath of flowers around her head, and she is a beautiful half goat half woman goddess.

"Oh my Gods and Goddesses!" whispers Grover.

"Are you sure this is Pan?" whispers Percy. "I thought Pan was a god, not a goddess."

"Obviously, this is Pan," says James.

Annabeth's jaw drops in surprise. "I think James is right. That was a great way to hide. No wonder no one has ever been able to find her. She's turned into a goddess!"

Suddenly, Grover runs towards Pan shouting, "Hello, it's me. I'm Grover! I've come here to find you and bring you back to Olympus."

"Absolutely not!" says Pan. "I don't like all those guys anymore. That's why I never let the Finders go back to tell everyone where I am!"

"Either you stay with me or you die," says Pan.

"I will stay with you, great Goddess," says Grover.

"Grover, what are you doing?" Annabeth asks.

"We have no other options," says Grover.

The half bloods all look at him some type of way.

"Except, only Annabeth can stay with me," says Pan. "The rest of you will be sacrificed to the goddesses, or you may choose to be slaves to Hephaestus in his volcano forge."

"No! This can't happen," says Grover. "I've finally found you, but now I have to choose--death or slavery? My luck is always so baaaaaaaad."

"I do NOT accept this fate!" yells James. "I demand a trial by fire."

"What does that mean," asks Percy.

"A trial by fire is when you are tested by a huge bonfire. You explain the reasons why you should be let free. If your answers are not good enough, we will decide between death or slavery."

The four half bloods are grabbed and tied together and dragged toward a huge bonfire. Pan lights the fire with a torch. Percy is very scared. Annabeth looks pale. James is defiant. Grover is shaking in his hooves.

"I have other people to save," says Grover, when it is his time to speak. "Please don't make me choose."

Annabeth says, "Why am I even in this? I'm a girl?"

"Because you're an accomplice of these young men," answers Pan. "You helped them get to the island so your punishment is death."

"But I'm still a girl, so I'm welcome here. Besides, we need you urgently in the world outside this island. We are losing the wild places that you once protected. The forests are shrinking because they are being turned into paper. The water is dirtier than it has ever been. The sky is polluted. O Great Pan, we need you. Animals are being deep fried and glazed. Please help us."

"Is it really that bad out there?" asks Pan.

"YES!" says Grover. "It is truly terrible. We need our goddess of nature and wild places to help us heal the world."

Pan sighs a big sigh. "I guess I'll come back."

The next day they load up a boat with all of Pan's friends and sail back to New York City to Olympus to begin bringing the wild places back. Stay tuned for more in our next story.