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THE LIGHTNING THIEF

MR. BRUNNER. You'll get used to Mr. D. He can be a bit...
Well. He hates children.

PERCY. I thought you were a Latin teacher.

MR. BRUNNER / CHIRON. More like ancient Greek. My true
name is Chiron. And my real job is training demi-gods.
Half-bloods...like you.

PERCY. So everything that crazy guy said is true.

CHIRON. Do you think the Greek gods stopped existing
just because people stopped believing in them?
They're all around us. (*Meaningfully.*) And so are their
children.

PERCY. But I'm not... I mean, this has to be a mistake. Let
me talk to my mom, she'll clear this up. (*Off CHIRON's
grave look.*) Where is my mom?

CHIRON. Grover said she fought bravely.

[MUSIC 04A: SHE FOUGHT BRAVELY]

But a mortal woman, against a minotaur...

PERCY. It wasn't a dream. She's really gone.

CHIRON. I'm so sorry, Percy.

PERCY. It's my fault. She was trying to protect me.

CHIRON. You mustn't blame yourself.

PERCY. You say the gods are real. So how could they let
that happen?

CHIRON. I'm afraid there are some questions only the
gods themselves can answer.

[MUSIC 05: THEIR SIGN]

LOOK FOR THEIR SIGN.

BE PATIENT.

A SIGN THAT THE GODS HAVE A PLAN.

I KNOW THAT THE FUTURE IS BLURRY.

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BUT NOT TO WORRY,

JUST DO WHAT YOU CAN.

THE GODS ARE VERY REAL,

THOUGH THEY OFTEN WON'T REVEAL.

WHAT THEY ARE, WHAT THEY WANT,

THEIR DESIGN.

HAVE FAITH, KEEP YOUR CHIN UP,

WE'LL HELP YOU ADJUST

AND TRUST YOU WILL SEE THEIR SIGN.

PERCY. If my dad's a god, I'd like to know which one. He's
got a lot to answer for:

HE SHOWED NO SIGN

THAT HE EVER EXISTED.

NO SIGN HE MIGHT SUDDENLY CARE

MY MOM RAISED ME ALONE ON HER LONESOME,

WHEN I WOULD REACH OUT, NO ONE ELSE WOULD BE
THERE.

WELL, I WANT MY BIRTHDAY CARDS AND FISHING TRIPS,

CHILD SUPPORT, AND HOMEWORK TIPS!

DON'T MEAN TO WHIMPER OR WHINE,

THE GUY DIDN'T NEED TO BE "DAD OF THE YEAR",

BUT IT'S CLEAR HE COULD'VE SHOWN US A SIGN.

So who is he?

CHIRON. (*Darkly.*) It could be... That's to say... The
prophecies suggest... (*A long beat as PERCY waits for
an answer. Cheerful.*) But that's impossible! I'll see
you at dinner, Percy!

(CHIRON exits. LUKE, who has been watching
from the sidelines, sees his chance and steps
forward. He oozes bad-boy cool.)

LUKE. Tough first day?

PERCY. Before this morning, I didn't believe in any of this.

LUKE. Believing doesn't make it easier. Trust me.