

Percy Jackson and the Olympians

The Lightning Thief

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Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 1

Percy Jackson is a twelve-year-old student at Yancy Academy, a private **boarding school** for troubled kids.

Percy's class, in addition to two teachers, Mr. Brunner and Mrs. Dodds, is taking a field trip to the **Metropolitan Museum of Art** to look at ancient Greek and Roman **artifacts**.



During lunch, Nancy dumps her lunch on Grover's lap. The next moment, Nancy is sitting in the fountain screaming that Percy pushed her in.

Mrs. Dodds appears out of nowhere and **beckons** Percy to follow her. Percy and Mrs. Dodds are alone in the gallery when she **transforms** (changes) into an evil winged creature.

Suddenly Mr. Brunner appears and tosses a pen to Percy.

Percy catches the pen, but the pen has changed into a sword.

Mrs. Dodds attacks Percy. He swings the sword; it makes contact with Mrs. Dodds, and she **vaporizes**.

Percy goes back outside and **inquires** (asks for information) about Mrs. Dodds to Grover and Mr. Brunner. Both **insist** (demand) they have no idea who Percy is talking about.

Notes

boarding school-a school where students live and study



artifacts- an object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest.



beckons-to signal, summon, or direct by a gesture of the head or hand.



vaporizes- change from something physical to a gas



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 2

Percy's **academic** progress and behavior **regress**. His mother is sent a letter stating that Percy will not be invited back to school the next year.

Percy goes to Mr. Brunner's office to seek help in studying for the final exam, where Percy **overhears** Grover and Mr. Brunner talking about Percy's safety, Kindly Ones, the summer **solstice** deadline, and Grover failing in his duties.

The school year ends. Grover and Percy ride the same Greyhound bus into the city. On the bus, Grover looks nervous when Percy **mentions** the Kindly Ones.

Percy confronts Grover about the **conversation** between Mr. Brunner and Grover.

Conversation: to talk with someone; discussion; chat



Malfunctions: to fail to operate, operate poorly

At that moment, the bus **malfunctions**, and the passengers have to get off.

Across the street, Percy sees three women with a fruit stand. The old women are **knitting** a huge pair of socks. The old woman sitting in the middle rocking chair takes out a huge pair of scissors.

Percy hears the snip of the scissors across the road.

Percy asks if the yarn being cut means that someone is going to die. Grover does not answer but looks at Percy with a worried **expression**.

Academic: having to do with school or learning



Regress: to go back, backwards, revert



Overhears: to hear without the speaker's knowledge; eavesdrop



Solstice: when the sun is furthest from the equator, occurring in June and December



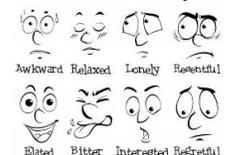
Mentions: to speak of briefly; say; hint



Knitting: joining together loops of yarn by hand with long needles



Expression: the look on a person's face that shows how they feel



Grade Level: 6

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Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 3

Percy goes home and is **confronted** by his stepfather, Gabe Ugliano, a dirty, lazy man who frequently **derides** Percy and verbally abuses Percy's mother.

Percy's mother, Sally Jackson, arrives home. She and Percy talk about Percy's **tumultuous** school year.

Sally Jackson and Percy **retreat** (go back) to Montauk—their favorite place to spend time together.

Percy and Sally build a fire and talk about Percy's dad, a mysterious sailor who left before Percy was born. Sally explains that she must send Percy away to a special summer camp.

When Percy goes to sleep he has a **vivid** (**very clear**) dream—a white horse and golden eagle are fighting each other on a stormy beach.

Percy wakes up to a **raging** (figurative) storm and to someone knocking **insistently** (in a continuous or repetitive way) on the cabin door.



Sally Jackson opens the door, and there stands Grover. Grover

Notes

confronted- to face a situation that makes you uncomfortable



derides-to laugh at in scorn or contempt; scoff or jeer at; mock



tumultuous- excited, confused or disorderly

raging-very strong or violent

urgently- in a way which requires immediate action or attention.

and Sally converse (**talk**). Sally **urgently** asks Percy to tell her what happened at school.

Percy is shocked because, instead of feet, Grover has **cloven hooves**.



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 4

Sally, Grover, and Percy race along dark roads during a storm to escape whatever is chasing Percy. Grover quickly tries to fill Percy in, explaining that Mrs. Dodds was a monster and Grover has been assigned to protect Percy.

The car **swerves** into a ditch. Sally **pleads** with Percy to run, but Percy **stubbornly** refuses to leave Sally and Grover, who was knocked **unconscious (knocked out)** by the car crash.



swerves-change or cause to change direction abruptly.

Percy and Sally **stumble** uphill with Grover, trying to get to the property line of the camp, when Percy recognizes that it's a **minotaur** chasing them.



minotaur-a horrendous monster with the huge head of a bull.

The minotaur charges. Percy and Sally manage to avoid the monster.

The minotaur charges again, but this time it grabs a hold of Sally Jackson, squeezes her neck, and she disappears in a flash of golden light.

Notes

pleads-make an emotional appeal.



stubbornly-in a manner that shows dogged determination not to change one's attitude or position on something.



stumble-trip or lose one's balance; almost fall.



Percy has a **surge** of furious energy, and he fights the minotaur. Percy rips off the minotaur's horn and stabs it. The minotaur **disintegrates**.

Percy grabs Grover and **hauls** him down the hill to the porch of a farmhouse in the valley of the hill. Percy **collapses** and, before losing consciousness, sees a man with a familiar face and a blond girl.

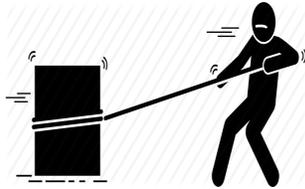
surge-(of a crowd or a natural force) move suddenly and powerfully forward or upward.



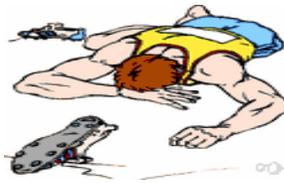
disintegrates-break up into small parts



hauls-pull or drag with effort or force.



collapses-fall down and become unconscious



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 5



After the fight with the **minotaur**, Percy fades in and out of **consciousness**.

Minotaur: in Greek mythology, a monster that is half bull and half man

When Percy **regains** full consciousness, Grover is there. Percy questions Grover about the **reality** of what happened with the minotaur. Percy has so many questions about his mother's **fate** (the power that is often believed to decide what will happen in human life; destiny) and why he has been brought to Camp Half-Blood.

Percy and Grover play **pinochle** with the camp director, Mr. D, and Mr. Brunner, who re-introduces himself as Chiron.

Pinochle: a card game



Myths: a story or group of stories that form part of the traditional knowledge of a society. Myths often use imaginative plots and characters to explain how the world began and why nature and people behave the way they do

Chiron tells Percy that the Greek gods are real and alive. Chiron informs Percy that all of the stories and **myths** are true. Percy learns that the camp director, Mr. D, is **indeed** (without any question or doubt; truly) the god **Dionysus**.

Consciousness: the physical condition of being awake and aware



Regains: to get back, recover



Reality: a person, thing, or event that is real



Civilization: the culture of a particular society



Dionysus: the ancient Greek god of wine

Chiron continues, explaining that the gods are part of Western **Civilization**, and the **influence** of the Greek gods is **evident** wherever the influence of Western Civilization is **present**.

Chiron **emerges** from his wheelchair. Percy is **shocked** to see that Chiron is **part man, part horse**, also known as a **centaur**.

Shocked: surprised



Mortal: human; having the ability to die, not living forever

Chiron begins the tour of Camp Half-Blood, where **demigods**, or **children born of a god and a mortal**, train to battle Greek monsters.

that has reached an advanced level



Influence: a thing or person that has the power to affect another



Evident: easily seen, clear, apparent



Present: current, existing at this time

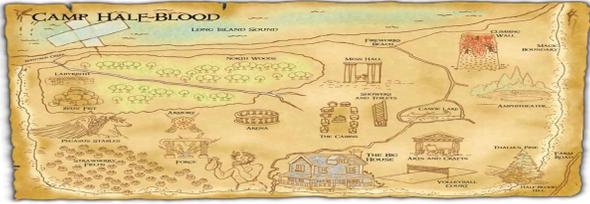


Emerges: to rise up from



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 6

Chiron gives Percy a **tour** of Camp Half Blood and the houses where demigods live. Each cabin **represents** a Greek god; the demigods live in the cabin that represents their immortal parent.



Camp Half Blood

Chiron asks Annabeth to continue the tour with Percy. Annabeth introduces Percy to the campers in cabin eleven, where Percy meets Luke.

Annabeth explains that many of Percy's **attributes**, like his dyslexia and ADHD, are common in demigods.

Another camper from the Ares cabin, Clarisse, approaches Percy and Annabeth. She begins to **harass** them and drags Percy to the bathroom.

Clarisse is about to dunk Percy's head into the toilet when water shoots out of the toilet.

Clarisse, her friends, and Annabeth all get soaked, but Percy is dry.



Annabeth and Percy are both shocked because they have no idea how Percy made the toilets and showers explode.

Capture the Flag

Annabeth tells Percy that she wants him on her team for capture the flag.

Notes

tour-a visit to a place or area, especially in order to look around it and learn about it

represents-to stand for or symbolize



attributes-a quality or feature regarded as a characteristic of someone or something.



harass-subject to aggressive pressure or intimidation.



Synopsis: The Lightning Thief, Chapter 7

Annabeth and Percy have a conversation about their parents. Annabeth tells Percy that sometimes the gods do not **claim** their children. Unclaimed children stay in Cabin 11.

Annabeth explains that half-bloods are often attacked by monsters in the mortal world. Some demigods, like herself, have to stay in the camp **permanently** for their safety. She also tells Percy that something important was stolen from **Olympus**, **where the gods reside**.

Percy goes back to Cabin 11 and gets ready to attend dinner. He has a conversation with Luke about **Hermes**, the **Oracle**, and **prophecies**.

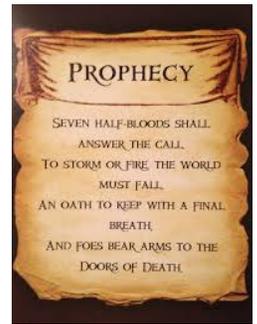
Claim: to state ownership of



Permanently: to last forever



Prophecies: a prediction or warning of future events



Custom: a way of acting that is usual or accepted for a person or a social group



Participates: to take part in; share



Hermes: messenger of the gods; god of travelers, trade, and theft



Oracle: in ancient Greece, a shrine, priest, or priestess dedicated to a god and often consulted for prophecies or advice



At dinner, Percy is surprised by the **custom** of scraping some of your food into the fire as an **offering** to the gods, but he

participates in the **tradition**.

Offering: to give as a gift or payment



Smores: graham crackers, chocolate, and marshmallow treats made at a campfire



Tradition: beliefs and customs handed down from parents to children over many years



After dinner, the campers enjoy a campfire at which they sing, eat **smores**, and have a good time.

Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 8

Percy begins to settle into a **routine** at the camp.

Percy has his first sword fighting lesson with Luke and, surprisingly, **succeeds** at a disarming **maneuver**.

Grover and Percy sit near the lake, where they have a conversation about the cabin and the gods they represent.

Grover tells Percy about the agreement between Zeus, Poseidon, and Hades to not **sire** any more children after World War II.



During Capture the Flag, Percy is assigned border patrol. Some campers from the Ares cabin decide to take **revenge** on Percy for the bathroom incident.

While the Ares cabin is distracted attacking Percy, Team Athena captures the flag.

Suddenly, a hellhound appears and jumps on Percy. Chiron gets rid of the monster by shooting it with arrows.

Notes

routine-a sequence of actions regularly followed; a fixed program.



succeeds-achieve the desired aim or result.



maneuver-a movement or series of moves requiring skill and care.



sire-be the male parent of (an animal).

revenge-inflict hurt or harm on someone for an injury or wrong done to (someone else).





hellhound

Annabeth tells Percy to step into the **creek**. Percy does not argue. His **wounds** heal.

Poseidon's **trident** appears above Percy's head. Poseidon claims Percy as his son.



creek- a stream, brook, or minor tributary of a river.



wounds-an injury to living tissue caused by a cut, blow, typically one in which the skin is cut or broken.



trident-a three-pronged spear, especially as an attribute of Poseidon.

Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 9

Percy is moved to Cabin 3, which is the cabin for the children of **Poseidon**, although Percy is the only one there.



Poseidon: the god of the sea in Greek mythology

The other campers **steer clear** of Percy.

Steer clear: to avoid, stay away from



Chiron: in Greek mythology, one of the Centaurs, the son of the Titan Cronus



Zeus: is the god of the sky, lightning and the thunder in Greek mythology

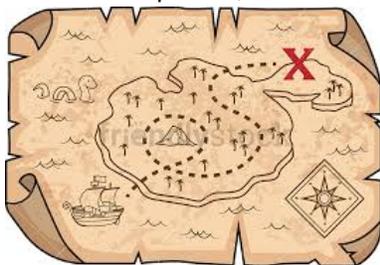
Chiron tells Percy that **Zeus** and Poseidon are fighting over Zeus's **master bolt**. Zeus thinks that Percy stole the bolt. Chiron tells Percy that he must speak with the Oracle.

Master bolt: is the symbol of Zeus' power, which all other lightning bolts are patterned after



Percy goes into the **attic** and receives his prophecy from the Oracle. He is **granted** (given permission) a **quest**, which he accepts.

Quest: a search or pursuit; to hunt for



Companions: one who spends time with another or others

Grover and Annabeth will be Percy's **companions** on the quest.

Attic: the space in a house directly beneath the roof



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 10

Right before Percy, Grover, and Annabeth set out on the **quest**, Luke gives Percy a pair of winged sneakers.



winged sneakers

Chiron hands over the ballpoint pen -turned-sword that Percy used to fight Mrs. Dodds. Chiron explains the **unique** capabilities of Riptide, the sword.



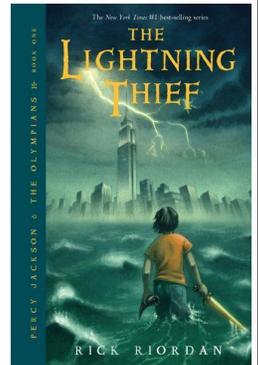
Riptide, the sword

Argus drives Percy, Annabeth, and Grover into the city to catch a bus.

They **board** the bus, but the last three passengers to get on the bus are The Furies.

Notes

quest- search for something.



unique-being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.



board-get on or into (a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle).





The Furies

Percy wears Annabeth's invisibility hat and tries to **elude** The Furies. The Furies surround Grover and Annabeth.

Invisible Percy causes a huge distraction, bringing the bus to a stop. Percy then takes off the cap and **reveals** himself.

Grover, Annabeth, and Percy work together to fight The Furies.

The three manage to escape, and a huge bolt of lightning rips through the bus and makes it explode. They run into the woods.

elude-evade or escape from (a danger, enemy, or pursuer), typically in a skillful or cunning way.



reveal-make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others.



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 11

Percy, Grover, and Annabeth emerge from the woods and see Auntie Em's Garden **Gnome Emporium**. Scarecrow



Annabeth and Percy's hunger **drive** them forward because Auntie Em's is **emitting** the smell of hamburgers, but Grover is **hesitant** and untrusting of the place.

Despite (even though they were) being served much-needed food, Annabeth is also **convinced** they should leave.

Convinced: to cause to believe or accept



Persuades: to cause to believe something; talk into

Auntie Em **persuades** Percy to allow her to take a picture of them, and Auntie Em leads them into the yard with all of the statues.



Annabeth becomes sure that Auntie Em means them harm, so Annabeth puts on her cap and pushes Grover and Percy to the ground.

Everybody finally realizes that Auntie Em is actually **Medusa**, a monster with snakes for hair who can turn people into stone with her eyes.

Gnome: a creature in fairy tales that lives inside the earth and guards treasure, often portrayed as little old men with beards



Emporium: A large retail store



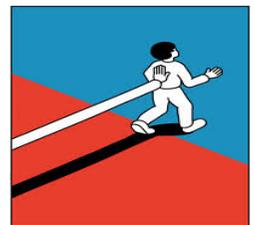
Drive: a strong desire; ambition



Emitting: to send out or give off



Hesitant: not feeling sure; in doubt



Grover uses the flying shoes to attack Medusa from the sky.
Annabeth uses her **invisibility** to be a **menace**.

Annabeth tells Percy to cut off her head, and Percy succeeds.
Percy mails Medusa's head to the gods at **Mount Olympus**.



Mount Olympus: the mythical home of the gods in Greek mythology

Invisibility: not able to be seen



Menace: something that presents a danger or threat



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 12

Grover, Percy, and Annabeth **retreat** to the woods.

Grover informs Percy of the great **satyr**, **Pan**, and Grover's desire to find Pan.



Satyr: in Greek mythology, spirits of the forests and the mountains, men with pointed ears and short horns

Pan: in Greek mythology, the god of the wild, shepherds and flocks, nature of mountain wilds, and friend of the nymphs. He has the hindquarters, legs, and horns of a goat

Percy has a dream in which a deep voice from the **depths** of a **seemingly** (what seems like) bottomless pit is trying to persuade Percy to help him, and, in turn, the deep voice states that it will help Percy get all he wants.



The next morning, Grover introduces **Gladiola, a pink poodle** who has been separated from her family.

Gladiola has agreed to be returned to her family so that Grover can get the **reward** money to **fund** the group's travel west.

Retreat: the act of moving back or away from a place or situation



Depths: deep



Reward: something of value that is promised to someone for good work or a good deed



Fund: to pay for



Synopsis : *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 13

Annabeth, Grover, and Percy ride the train west. During a **layover** in



St. Louis, they get off to see the **Gateway Arch** and ride to the top.

As Percy is preparing to leave the **observation deck** of the Gateway Arch, he is attacked by Echidna, the Mother of Monsters,



and a **chimera**.

The chimera succeeds in disarming Percy and poisoning Percy with

a bite to the **calf**. 

Percy asks Poseidon for help, jumps off the Gateway Arch, and plummets down toward the Mississippi River.

Layover-a brief stay in the course of a journey



Gateway Arch-The Gateway Arch is a 630-foot monument in St. Louis, Missouri, United States

Observation Deck-a platform built so that people can see or watch something



Chimera-fire-breathing female monster with a lion's head and a goat's body and a serpent's tail

Calf-The fleshy part at the back of the bottom half of your leg.

Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 14

Percy survives the jump into the **Mississippi River** and, through a **messenger** from **Poseidon**, is told to travel to **Santa Monica**.



Mississippi River



Poseidon



Santa Monica, California

Percy **reunites** with Grover and Annabeth. Percy tells them what happened at the top of the **Arch** and in the river.



Arch

Grover, Percy, and Annabeth overhear a news reporter **declaring** that Percy Jackson is the person responsible for the explosion at the Arch as well as the bus accident.

Percy, Annabeth, and Grover sneak out of the huge crowd gathered at the Arch and make it back to the train station to board their train.

Notes

Messenger- someone who delivers a message or does other small jobs that involve going somewhere.



reunites- to bring (people or things) together again especially after they have been apart for a long time



declaring-to say (something) in a strong and confident way to make public.



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 15

Grover, Annabeth, and Percy make an **Iris Message** call to Half-Blood Hill. Chiron is not available, but Percy tells Luke everything that has happened.

Percy, Annabeth, and Grover go to a diner to eat. Ares shows up at



the diner.

Ares asks Percy, Grover, and Annabeth to do a favor for him: grab his shield from a water park where he left it after a **tryst** with Aphrodite, the wife of Hephaestus.

While recovering the shield, the three realize they have been caught in a trap set by Hephaestus and **intended** for Ares. Percy uses his controls of water to narrowly escape a boat crash



and **flee** from the water park.

Notes

Iris Message-is a type of video message that is used by gods and demigods to communicate with others using a rainbow



Tryst-a secret rendezvous/ meeting



Intended-Be made or planned to fill a certain purpose



Flee- Leave somewhere quickly because you are frightened

Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 16

Annabeth, Percy, and Grover get into the back of a truck, which is housing **starving** zoo animals.

Grover and Annabeth tell Percy the story of Thalia, Zeus's daughter, who is now the pine tree at the top of Half-Blood Hill.

Percy has a nightmare in which he is **witnessing** a meeting between the evil voice from the dark pit and another person.

The truck stops, and the animals are freed by the **trio**.

Grover, Percy, and Annabeth stop into the Lotus Hotel and **Casino**. They are having a wonderful time eating and playing, until Percy begins to get **suspicious** about the nature of the casino.

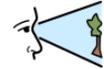


Percy convinces Annabeth and Grover to leave the casino. They find out that they have been in the casino for five days, and only one day is left until the **summer solstice**, the deadline for their quest.

Starving-suffering from lack of food



Witnessing-Someone who sees something happening



Trio-three people considered as a unit



Casino-a public building for gambling and entertainment



Suspicious-Having a feeling that something is wrong or illegal



Summer Solstice- June 21, when the sun is at its northernmost point

Synopsis : *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 17

Annabeth, Grover, and Percy take a taxi  to Los Angeles by using Annabeth's Lotus **Cash card**.

Percy, Grover, and Annabeth go to Santa Monica Pier, where Percy is transported by a shark to the depths of the sea. There, a Nereid, or spirit of the sea, gives Percy three pearls which will transport him to safety in case of an emergency.

The trio continues walking the streets of Los Angeles looking for the entrance to the Underworld.

Having run from a group of kids looking for trouble, Percy, Grover, and Annabeth enter a **waterbed** store owned by a suspicious guy named Crusty.

Crusty turns out to be Procrustes, another Greek figure, who **entangles** Annabeth and Grover with ropes that stretch the **limbs**.

Percy **tricks** Crusty, and Crusty winds up bound by ropes to a bed. Percy uses Riptide on Crusty, then frees Grover and Annabeth.

Cash Card- a credit card that entitles the holder to receive cash



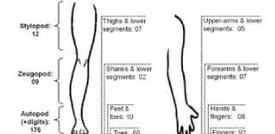
Waterbed-is a bed or mattress filled with water



Entangles- twist together or entwine into a confusing mass



Limbs-An arm, leg or wing



Tricks-Something clever and confusing that is done to entertain people



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 18

Percy, Grover, and Annabeth figure out the entrance to the

Underworld is through DOA **Recording Studio** . It is **blocked** by Charon, whom Percy manages to get past.

Annabeth **plays ball**  with the three-headed dog, Cerberus, so Grover and Percy can sneak through the line to the **Underworld**.

Alarms ring! The trio runs into the Underworld and hides from the **security** ghouls.

Blocked- completely obstructed or closed off



Underworld-The world of the dead.



Security- all things involved in protecting a person or place against possible threats.



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 19

Percy, Annabeth, and Grover walk through the Underworld and reach Hades' **palace**.

Grover's sneakers **come to life** and begin pulling Grover toward the entrance of Tartarus. He barely escapes.

The trio proceeds to Hades' palace and enters the **throne** room.

Hades tells Percy that he did not steal Zeus's master bolt and accuses Percy of stealing the **helm of darkness**.

Hades instructs Percy to open his backpack. Zeus's master bolt is in the pack.

Percy realizes that he has been tricked by Ares.

Hades reveals that he has Percy's mother. Hades demands that Percy return what has been stolen and Sally Jackson's life might be spared.

Percy, Annabeth, and Grover use the pearls to escape the Underworld.

Palace-a large mansion where kings and queens live



Come to life- regain or cause to regain consciousness or return as if from death



Throne-The chair a king or queen sits on.



Helm of Darkness-the main weapon of Hades. The Helm could render the wearer invisible



Synopsis :*The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 20

Percy confronts Ares about tricking them.
Ares expresses his **disdain** at Percy still being alive.
Ares reveals the plan behind the stolen bolt and helm of darkness.

Percy **goads** Ares into fighting him with a sword.

Percy injures Ares and now has possession of the bolt and helm.
The Furies arrive, tell Percy they saw everything, and take the helm back to Hades.

Percy, Grover, and Annabeth must get to **Olympus** as soon as possible, which means taking an airplane, a dangerous prospect when the god of the sky is angry with you

Disdain-lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike.



Goads- A verbalization that encourages you to attempt something

**DON'T
GIVE UP
YOU
CAN DO IT**

Olympus-a mountain peak in northeast Greece near the Aegean coast; believed by ancient Greeks to be the dwelling place of the gods



Synopsis :*The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 21

Percy, Annabeth, and Grover arrive in New York City, the current home of Mount Olympus.

Percy asks Annabeth and Grover to return to camp to tell Chiron everything that happened.

Percy takes an elevator in the **Empire State Building** to the top floor — Olympus — and tells the story of his **quest** to Zeus and Poseidon.

Zeus **spares** Percy's life and leaves the throne room of Olympus.

Percy and Poseidon talk about Kronos and the possibility of the Titan's return.

Poseidon informs Percy that Sally Jackson is back at home safely.

Percy goes to his mother's apartment, and he finds the box with Medusa's head in his room.

Sally does not allow Percy to solve her problem of Smelly Gabe. Percy leaves the box with his mother.

Percy informs Sally Jackson that he will stay at Half- Blood Hill.

Empire State Building- is a 102-story Art Deco skyscraper in Midtown Manhattan in New York City



Quest-act of searching for something



Spares- Save someone from pain or something unpleasant



Synopsis: *The Lightning Thief*, Chapter 22

On the last day of summer, Percy is undecided on whether to stay at camp or go home. He seeks out a release for his **indecisiveness**, and arrives at the sword-fighters' arena.

Luke is also training at the arena. Luke invites Percy to the woods.

Luke and Percy talk, and Luke begins to express his true feelings of disdain for the Greek gods. Without warning, Luke summons a **scorpion** to kill Percy.

Percy tries to **distract** Luke by extending the conversation to get more information. Luke confirms that he is working for Kronos.

Luke leaves, and Percy is **stung** by the scorpion. Percy manages to slice the scorpion in half in midair.

Percy drags himself to the creek and **submerges** his wound, but that does not help. Percy tries to make it closer to camp. Nymphs hear Percy's cry for help and pull him to camp.

Percy survives the scorpion bite and tells Chiron and Annabeth what happened with Luke.

Chiron leaves to report Luke's actions to Olympus.

Annabeth goes home with her father.

Percy makes the decision to go home for the school year despite the danger.

Indecisiveness-doubt concerning two or more possible alternatives or courses of action.



Scorpion-a small creature with a jointed body and poisonous stinger on its long tail.



Distract-take someone's attention away from what they are doing



Stung-Make a small painful hole in the skin, possibly with the injection of poison.



Submerges- sink below the surface