

The Young Olympians and the Most Amazingly Awesome Adventure
Ever!

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Cast of Characters

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| <u>Hercules</u> : | Jock type not known for being very smart, but super strong. |
| <u>Perseus</u> : | Geeky book worm, not very athletic but very smart. |
| <u>Jason</u> : | Preppy rich boy and Hercules best friend. |
| <u>Andromeda</u> : | The only girl in the class, very clever. |
| <u>Chiron*</u> : | Centaur, trainer of heroes |
| <u>Zeus*</u> : | Over the hill and out of shape King of the Gods |
| <u>Posideon*</u> : | Over the hill and out of shape God of the Sea. |
| <u>Hermes*</u> : | Messenger God and God of Mischief. |
| <u>Polyphemus*</u> : | Cyclops, blinded by Odysseus. |
| <u>Medusa*</u> : | Gorgon. Hideous woman with snakes for hair. |
| <u>Cerberus*</u> : | Three headed dog that Guards the under world. |
| <u>Hades*</u> : | Ruler of the Under world |
| : | *These characters can all be doubled or even trippled up |

Notes:

The show can be performed with as many actors as the director wants, but as few as 7 actors. If using a smaller cast then the actors playing the gods can double up. For example, Zeus can double as Polyphemus, Hermes can double as both Medusa and Chiron, and Posideon can play Hades. In the original production the back end of Chiron was played by whatever actor was available at the time. Cerberus was a puppet operated by the actors playing Hermes and Zeus. Depending on how large of a cast the director wants, people can be cast solely for these roles and then be used as running crew and chorus.

ACT IScene 1:I Want To Be A Hero

Hercules and Jason enter. They are engaged in deep conversation on their way to school.

HERCULES

So my step dad's all like go clean the stables and I'm like no. And he's all like yes. So I'm all like fine. So I go down to the river, right, and get this big boulder. Man, it was like the size of a house, and I stuck it in the river making all the water go straight to the stables. Totally flooded them.

JASON

You didn't?

HERCULES

Hey bro, he said clean the stables, but he didn't say how.

They do some kind hand shake/fist bump.

JASON

Nice! My dad never makes me do chores. I spent all weekend getting sailing lessons on his yacht.

Hercules steps forward, isolated.

"I wanna be a hero" solo.

HERCULES

SINCE I WAS BORN I'VE BEEN TOP OF MY CLASS
MAYBE NOT IN GRADES, BUT IN KICKING SOME BUTT
LOOK AT MY GUNS THEY PUT ACHILLES TO SHAME
CHECK OUT MY ABS, MAN I'M TOTALLY CUT.

JUST LIKE MY DAD I'VE GOT UBER SUPER STRENGTH, ADONIS
GOOD LOOKS, I'M AT THE TOP OF MY GAME

I MAY NOT BE SO GREAT WHEN IT COMES TO THE BOOKS,
BUT I COULD CARRY THE WHOLE WORLD AND WOULDN'T BREAK A
SWEAT

AND YET... AND YET...

HERE I AM STUCK ON EARTH, WHILE MY OLD MAN LIVES LIKE A
GOD.

THAT'S WHY I'VE GOTTA BE THE VERY BEST, SHOW HIM I'M
FAR BETTER THAN THE MORTAL REST

FORGET THAT.

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HERCULES (cont'd)

I'LL TRAIN AND I'LL TRAIN, I CAN'T GO WRONG
 I'LL SHOW ZEUS WHERE I BELONG
 I'M GONNA SHOW THEM I'M MORE THAN JUST A MAN.
 I'M GONNA BE, I HAVE TO BE, I NEED TO
 BE...
 I WANNA BE... A HERO!

Solo ends. Jason rejoins Hercules.

JASON

Check it, my dad got me this new fleece. I wanted gold,
 but whatevs. I mean feel how soft.

Herc feels the fleece.

HERCULES

Comfy. Man, your dad is so cool. I can't wait till I
 get to go live with my real Dad, Zeus, on Mt. Olympus,
 and not have to put up with all this stupid mortal
 stuff.

Herc moves upstage as Jason steps downstage.

"I wanna be a hero" solo.

JASON

I TRY MY BEST, TO OUTSHINE THE REST BUT
 IT'S NOT EASY WHEN YOUR BEST PAL IS SUPERMAN.
 HE'S PART GOD, AND I'M JUST A MAN,
 THE WORST PART IS, MY BEST FRIEND, HE IS TOTALLY
 UNAWARE.

I MAY BE RICH AND HAVE A LOT OF BOATS
 I'VE NEVER HAD TO CLIMB THE MT. OLYMPUS LADDER
 MONEY AND BOATS JUST AREN'T ENOUGH
 BUT I'VE HAD EVERYTHING ON A SILVER PLATTER

WHAT AM I
 SAYING?

MY BOAT'S CALLED THE ARGO NOT THE ARGO-NOT.
 I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT,

I'LL TRAIN AND I'LL TRAIN, I CAN'T GO WRONG.
 I'LL SHOW ZEUS WHERE I BELONG
 I'M GONNA SHOW THEM ALL I'M MORE THAN JUST SOME
 MORTAL
 I'M GONNA BE, I HAVE TO BE, I NEED TO
 BE...
 I WANNA BE... A HERO!

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Solo ends. Hercules rejoins Jason.

Perseus enters and starts to walk across the stage. He is fully immersed in a book and doesn't notice Hercules and Jason.

HERCULES

Hey Wuss-eus!

Perseus tries to ignore him, but Jason and Hercules surround him.

What did you do this weekend Wuss-eus. Wait let me guess, you read a book.

Hercules knocks the books out of Perseus' hands, as Jason trips him causing him to fall down and his glasses to fall off. Herc and Jason laugh and mock him in the background while Perseus tries to gather his things.

"Time to be a hero" solo.

PERSEUS

I'M SURROUNDED BY MORONS, I'M SURROUNDED BY FOOLS.
 ALL THE GUYS HERE ARE IGNORANT TOOLS.
 THEY THINK THEY'RE SO SPECIAL, THEY THINK THERE SO COOL
 HERC'S DADDY IS GOD, JASON OOH HE HAS A BOAT.
 GIVE ME A BREAK.
 I'M A SMART GUY, I'M SUPER WELL READ.
 WITH BRAINS THAT MAKE ODYSSEUS BLUSH AND ATHENA REAL
 PROUD
 BUT STUPID HERO SCHOOL, IT'S NOT GOING SO GREAT
 I CONSIDERED NOT GOING, YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FATE.
 MY MOM SAYS BE A HERO, BE JUST LIKE YOUR DAD.
 BUT IF BEING A HERO MEANS BEING LIKE THEM
 ARROGANT AND CONCEITED, COUNT ME OUT.

I'LL TRAIN, AND I'LL TRAIN BUT MY MOM'S DEAD WRONG.
 MT. OLYMPUS IS NOT WHERE I BELONG.
 I'LL SHOW ZEUS EXACTLY WHO I AM.
 I'M GONNA DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO SHOW THEM ALL I'M NOT
 LIKE THESE OTHER ZEROS.
 I DON'T WANNA BE, I'M NOT GONNA BE A STUPID HERO.
 I JUST WANNA BE LEFT ALONE.

Solo ends.

Hercules has picked up the book he was reading. Andromeda enters unnoticed while they tease Perseus. Herc picks up the book Perseus is reading.

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HERCULES

Ant-i-gone. What kind of a stupid name is that?

Andromeda starts laughing.

What are you laughing at Andromedaaaa?

ANDROMEDA

It's pronounced Antigone, genius. And it is a new age tale of female empowerment.

JASON

Ha! Leave it to Wuss-eus to read a chick book.

HERCULES

Haha! Good one, bro.

They high five. Hercules throws the book back at Perseus, knocking his glasses off again. Laughing Jason and Herc walk to the back. Andromeda picks up the book and tries to hand it to him.

ANDROMEDA

Here ya go Perseus.

Perseus turns to Andromeda, putting his glasses back on.

PERSEUS

Female empowerment, really Ann. Next time please don't help me.

Perseus walks off in an embarrassed huff.

"I wanna be a hero" solo.

ANDROMEDA

I TRY TO FIT IN, TRY TO BE ONE OF THE GUYS
BUT IT'S REALLY HARD WHEN NO ONE KNOWS I EXIST.

I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO,
PROVE THIS MYTH ABOUT GIRLS IS STUPID AND UNTRUE
I'VE HEARD ALL THE STORIES; I'VE READ ALL THE BOOKS
IT'S NOT FAIR WOMEN HAVE HAD IT SO ROUGH.
BUT THAT'S NOT GONNA BE ME.
I'M A NEW KIND OF HERO; I'LL BE MORE LIKE ANTIGONE
STRONG AND SELF-RELIANT, SHE WAS ONE TOUGH CHICK.
I'M STEPPING UP IN THIS GAME.
MOVE ASIDE BOYS THIS GIRL WANTS SOME FAME.

I'LL TRAIN AND I'LL TRAIN, I CAN'T GO WRONG.
I'LL SHOW ZEUS WHERE I BELONG
I'M GONNA SHOW THEM YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A MAN.
AND I'M GONNA BE, I HAVE TO BE, I NEED TO

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ANDROMEDA (cont'd)

BE...

I WANNA BE... A HERO!

Solo ends.

All four kids converge downstage, and sing at the same time a short reprisal of their solos ending.

Black out.

Scene 2:Homer's School of Heroism

Jason and Hercules are chattering away, Andromeda is sitting on her own (maybe on the computer) and Perseus is reading.

Chiron enters. He is a centaur and is comprised of two actors. He has a long beard and is very wise, but is also a horse and should still have many comical horse-like attributes.

CHIRON

Good morning pupils.

ALL

Good morning Professor Chiron.

CHIRON

Lovely, lovely. Now, today is a special day. A day all young heroes who have ever studied at Homer's School of Heroism long for. Today is the day that we take a special trip to a place few mortals ever get to go. Today is the day we visit Mt. Olympus, home of the Gods.

HERCULES

Dude I am so pumped to see my Dad! You know my Dad Zeus. My Dad's Zeus.

ANDROMEDA

We know!

HERCULES

Just saying.

JASON

Man I can't wait for Aphrodite to see me in my new fleece. Goddess of love watch out.

CHIRON

Yes, yes we are all very excited. But remember, this trip is meant to be an educational experience. No one

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CHIRON (cont'd)

is born a hero, you must become a hero. Each hero must personify certain traits; fearlessness, wisdom, and loyalty. No one will give you a better example of these traits than the Gods and Goddesses of Mt. Olympus. After all, Mt. Olympus wasn't simply handed to them. They had to fight for it. Perseus, the slides please.

JASON

(coughing)

Siss-eus!

CHIRON

Quiet.

Perseus starts a slide show. Images of the God's in their stereotypical prime are shown.

CHIRON

Years ago monstrous creatures known as the Titans terrorized the earth. Until Zeus and his two brothers Poseidon and Hades defeated them in a long and arduous war. Using his mighty thunder bolts Zeus locked the Titans up in the prison of Tartarus. Victorious, the three brothers divided up the Earth. Poseidon took the sea, Hades took the underworld, and Zeus, the strongest, took the sky. Together they launched the Golden Age of Greece.

During the slide show Hercules takes out a laser pointer and points it at the screen. Chiron stops him by clearing his throat.

Slide show ends.

CHIRON

For thousands of years Zeus, Poseidon, and Hades have ruled their dominions and maintained peace and order amongst the Gods as they govern the planet. Today, you will see the Gods of Mt. Olympus in all their pride and glory. Single file line please.

Black out.

Scene 3: Mt. Olympus

Lights up on the throne room of Mt. Olympus. Zeus, overweight and balding, is standing in front of a mirror. He is wearing sweatpants, Nike flip flops and no shirt. He is trying to strap on a breast plate but he can't get it to fit over his gut.

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POSEIDON

(O.S.)

Zeus!

ZEUS

What?

POSEIDON

(O.S.)

Have you seen my trident?

ZEUS

Did you check the bathroom?

Zeus sucks in his gut and manages to strap on his breast plate.

Poseidon enters. He is wearing swim trunks and a cape.

POSEIDON

I lost my trident...again.

Zeus starts laughing and his breast plate comes undone. Poseidon grins then looks at himself in the mirror. He grimaces.

ZEUS

Man look at us, we are pathetic.

POSEIDON

Yeah, good thing we're Gods huh.

Music starts.

ZEUS

Yeah it's good to be a God.

POSEIDON

It sure is.

"Good to be a God"

ZEUS

WHEN I WAS IN MY PRIME, I HAD HAIR DOWN TO HERE.
MY BEARD WAS THICK AND GOLDEN
MY SKIN TAN AND GLISTENING, MY ARMS BIG AND RIPPLY.
MY ABS A BEAUTIFUL SIX PACK,
EVERYONE WANTED TO TOUCH
THE NYMPHS WOULD LINE UP AND
BEG.
BUT NOW, I'VE GOT A
KEG.

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ZEUS (cont'd)

MY HAIRS ALMOST GONE, MY ARMS ARE TURNED TO MUSH,
 THE STRESS OF THE JOB HAS TURNED MY HAIR GREY.
 I'M OVER THE HILL, YOU'D THINK MY LIFE WAS GETTING
 WORSE
 BUT YOU'D BE WRONG BECAUSE I'M KING OF THE GODS.
 AND GOD ITS GOOD TO BE A GOD.
 WHEN YOUR KING OF THE GODS
 NO ONE CARES ABOUT LOOKS
 THEY KNOW IF ANYONE SAYS ANYTHING
 I'LL LOCK EM UP IN TARTAURS AND THROW AWAY THE
 KEY.
 NO ONE BETTER EVEN SAY THE WORD FAT TO ME.
 JUST ASK PROMETHEUS. YA THINK I CARE HE STOLE FIRE
 NO, THAT FOOL SAID I NEEDED A DIET.
 SO WHAT DID I DO.
 CHAINED HIM NAKED TO A ROCK, LEFT HIM TO SHIVER.
 HAD AN EAGLE COME AND PECK OUT HIS LIVER.
 THAT SURE MADE HIM BE QUIET.

IT DOSEN'T MATER IF I'VE GOT A GUT, THIS IS ZEUS YOUR
 TALKING TOO
 I'M THE GUY WITH THE LIGHTNING RODS, NOT
 YOU.
 SO I HAVE A BIG TUMMY, I'M NOT REALLY ROCKING THE
 BOD.
 NONE OF THAT MATERS, AND WHY...
 CAUSE I'M A GOD, AND GOOD GOD IT'S GOOD TO BE A GOD.

*As they finish singing they go back to looking at
 themselves in the mirror.*

POSEIDON

So what's with this field trip, anyway? Thought we
 weren't doing those anymore.

Zeus sucks up his gut again.

ZEUS

Yeah well, I really want to see my sons. Chiron has
 two of my boys in his class. Looks like they've got
 the makings of real heroes. And I missed "take your
 kid to work day" because of that stupid Trojan War
 thing.

POSEIDON

Hmmm. Is Hades coming?

ZEUS

Nope.

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POSEIDON
Why?

ZEUS
I didn't invite him.

POSEIDON
Zeus.

ZEUS
Oh come on, he's such a downer. The kids don't need to see him.

POSEIDON
He's our brother.

ZEUS
Not by choice.

POSEIDON
Zeus that's not nice...aha I know where my trident is!

Poseidon runs off.

Hermes enters. He is carrying a pit cher of liquid.

HERMES
Excuse me Mr. Lightning Bolts. Chiron and his itty bitty heroes are here. And here, I gave Hebe the day off and brought a fresh batch of Ambrosia for you.

ZEUS
Ah..great. Set it over there.

He strikes a pose.
How do I look? Heroic?

Hermes grimaces.
Wait don't answer. Send them in.

Hermes exits.

Poseidon re-enters.

POSEIDON
(overly excited)
They're here, they're here.

Zeus and Poseidon hide as the heroes enter.

They look around excitedly. Suddenly the lights dim. Fancy lights start flashing. Hermes voice is heard in a voice over in a very WWE style.

HERMES V/O

Welcome to Mt. Olympus, home of the Gods. Please wipe your feet. I am Hermes the Messenger God and the God of mischief. Flooding your step-father's stables? Hercules now that was inspiring.

Hercules looks around nervously.

HERCULES

You know about that?

HERMES V/O

I know about all things mischievous, but enough about me. Please allow me to introduce the two greatest immortals of all time. You thought your flood was something, well trust me you don't want to make this guy mad. The God who swims with the dolphins. The ultimate wave-rider...it's Poseidon!

Poseidon theme music plays, and he appears to much applause.

POSEIDON

Thank you, thank you.

HERMES V/O

And now the God responsible for locking up the Titans! The most electrifying man in the heavens! King of the Gods! It's Zeus!

The lights go out as lightening flashes. Zeus's theme music plays. The room lights back up and Zeus is sitting regally on his throne. Everyone bursts into applause.

POSEIDON

(under his breathe)

Show off.

ZEUS

Welcome to Mt. Olympus my future heroes.

HERCULES

Hey, hey Dad. It's me Hercules.

Smiling broadly Zeus gets up and goes over to him.

ZEUS

Hello son. My aren't you a chip off the old block. Ha! Poseidon look at those muscles. Quite the athlete aren't you? Just like your old man.

HERCULES

More than an athlete Pops, look what I can do.

*Hercules lifts up Perseus and spins him around.
Zeus is thrilled.*

Zeus and Poseidon burst into laughter.

ZEUS

Fantastic! Nothing like brotherly bonding, right
Posiedon. I use to do the same thing to our brother
Hades.

ANDROMERDA

(impressed)

Wow, Zeus is your dad too?

HERCULES

What? Wuss-eus is not my brother.

PERSEUS

Not by choice.

ZEUS

Ha, ha. Hear that Poseidon, boy sure sounds like my
son. Come over here son let me get a good look at you.

Perseus steps forward.

Huh...you're kinda scrawny to be the son of a god.

PERSEUS

You're kind of fat to be King of the Gods.

ZEUS

But you have spirit. I like it. The spirit of a
God. The spirit of a hero. Well my sons, welcome to
your future home. The immortal blood that flows through
your veins means that one day Mt. Olympus can be your
home too, should you so choose. And as for the rest of
you, Jason and Andromeda...be fearless, loyal, and
wise, the traits of a true hero and you too may find
yourself living amongst the clouds.

*Poseidon and Zeus each take a goblet of Ambrosia.
To the future heroes!*

POSEIDON

To the future heroes!

*They drink all of the drink. They stand smiling
for a moment then their faces go blank.*

ZEUS

What is going on? Who are you people?

He catches reflection in the mirror.
Who am I, and why am I so fat?

He turns to look at Poseidon.
Who are you?

POSEIDON

I don't know, but look what I'm wearing. I look awesome!

He spins around.
I have a cape!

ZEUS

(child like)
I don't like this. I don't like this.

POSEIDON

I'm in a bathing suit. Are we going swimming? Do I know how to swim?

ZEUS

I don't like this.

Zeus has sat down on the floor rocking back and forth and crying.
I wanna go home.

ANDROMEDA

What the Hades is going on here?

JASON

I don't know, but it's fantastic!

Hercules crouches down next to Zeus.

HERCULES

Yo Pops, whats wrong? Dad? Dad?

ZEUS

I'm not your Dad.

Hercules looks stunned and hurt.

HERCULES

What? What do mean I'm not your son. You just said...

PERSEUS

Hey genius can't you tell there's something wrong with him? He doesn't know what he's talking about.

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ZEUS

I want my Mommy.

Zeus bursts into sobs. Poseidon starts running around, his cape billowing behind him.

POSEIDON

Hey, hey look what I can do.

JASON

They're like a bunch of...

PERSEUS

Kids they're like kids.

Andromeda crouches down next to Zeus.

ANDROMEDA

Hey, it's OK.

ZEUS

No, no I don't like it. Mommy!

ANDROMEDA

He doesn't like it. I don't like it.

Chiron enters. He is looking frazzled.

CHIRON

Kids, there you are. Are you alright?

POSEIDON

A horsey!

Posiedon tries to ride Chiron

PERSEUS

We are but Zeus and Poseidon aren't.

CHIRON

Yes I can see that. Stop that!

JASON

What's wrong with them?

CHIRON

It appears they've reverted to some kind of childlike state. They have completely forgotten who they are. And what's worse, I'm afraid it's affecting all the Gods and Goddesses of Mt. Olympus.

ANDROMEDA

How do you know?

CHIRON

I was in the lounge getting ready to have a drink of ambrosia with some friends, when Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, proceeded to tell me that boys had cooties. Then I had to stop Ares from giving Apollo a wedgie. I had hoped that these two wouldn't be affected. With all the God's out of commission, Mt. Olympus is left completely vulnerable. This is not good, not good at all. I sure could use that drink now.

PERSEUS

How do you think it happened?

CHIRON

My only guess is sabotage.

Chiron pours himself a cup of Ambrosia.

But don't you worry kids, I'm going to figure this out.

Chiron takes a long sip from his drink. Then his face too goes blank.

Wait what was I doing?

Black out.

Scene 4: Making a Plan

Lights up on classroom as Perseus, Hercules, Andromeda and Jason enter.

HERCULES

Man this blows. My own Dad doesn't even remember me.

JASON

We should do something.

PERSEUS

You guys heard what Hermes said when we were leaving. He told us to stay right here. So that's what we should do.

JASON

I'm sorry did anyone ask you? We should go find out who did this.

HERCULES

Yeah. We're heroes in training right? Why train if we're not going to be heroic.

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PERSEUS

You two have fun with that.

Perseus sits back down and picks up his book. Hercules walks over to him.

HERCULES

What's that supposed to mean?

PERSEUS

It means you are just a dumb jock and he's just a silly pretty boy.

Hercules moves towards Perseus, but Andromeda steps in.

ANDROMEDA

Look you guys, whether you like each other or not the truth is Hercules is right.

HERCULES

Will you shut up Ann...wait what?

ANDROMEDA

You heard me. As much as it pains me to say this, Herc is right. We are the heroes of the future and since the heroes of today are out of commission it is up to us to get them back.

PERSEUS

Seriously Ann, what can we possibly do? We just started our training.

ANDROMEDA

Don't you get it Pers? You don't need training. It's in your blood. You both are demi-gods.

HERCULES

Hey, watch who your calling a dummy.

Andromeda sighs and rolls her eyes.

ANDROMEDA

No. Just listen.

"Demi-god song."

ANDROMEDA

YOU SAY YOU HAVE NOTHING COMMON
BUT I KNOW THE FACTS, AND THAT'S JUST NOT TRUE
YOU BOTH SHARE ANCESTRY.
YOU'RE BOTH DEMI-GODS YOU SEE
THE BLOOD IN YOUR VEINS IS THAT OF ZEUS ALMIGHTY

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ANDROMEDA (cont'd)

SO AS YOU CAN SEE
IT'S A SIMPLE EQUATION
IF ONE PARENTS A GOD, YOU'RE DESTINED FOR GREATNESS.
YOU GUYS CAN TRY BUT YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THIS.
IT'S TIME TO FACE YOUR DESTINY.

YOU WERE BOTH BORN TO BE HEROES
DON'T BELIEVE ME JUST LOOK AT HISTORY.
ACHILLES MOM WAS A NYMPH
EVERYONE AT TROY KNEW NOT TO MESS WITH HIM
TOO BAD ABOUT THAT STUPID HEEL.
THEN THERE'S THESEUS, SON OF POSIDEON
HE WENT TO CRETE
AND HE SLEW THE MINITOR
AENEAS, NOW THAT DUDE WAS GREAT
VIRGIL WROTE A WHOLE BOOK ABOUT HIM
HIS MOM...APHRODITE

SO AS YOU CAN SEE
IT'S A SIMPLE EQUATION
IF ONE PARENTS A GOD, YOU'RE DESTINED FOR GREATNESS.
YOU GUYS CAN TRY BUT YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THIS.
IT'S TIME TO FACE YOUR DESTINY.

Song ends.

JASON

Well, I guess you won't be needing me then after all.

HERCULES

What do you mean?

JASON

I'm just a pathetic mortal. No God blood in me. So, I guess I'll be sitting this one out.

ANDROMEDA

That's not what I meant, I just meant...

JASON

I know what you meant. You guys have fun being heroes. I'll just sit tight here where my not demi-god butt can't get into any trouble.

HERCULES

Come on man...

JASON

Forget it Herc. Zeus isn't my father anyway.

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HERCULES

But bro, it was your idea.

JASON

Yeah well why don't you take your real bro there and go be heroes. Then you go be a real God and live with all the other Gods on Mt. Olympus and you won't have to worry about us lesser mortals anymore.

Jason storms out leaving Hercules looking sadly after him.

PERSEUS

Don't worry about him. Look, if we're going to save Mt. Olympus we have to get moving.

ANDROMEDA

So you're on board.

PERSEUS

Well your song was pretty convincing.

HERCULES

Right so lets go kick some butt. Whose but are we kicking?

PERSEUS

He's right. We have no idea who's behind this.

ANDROMEDA

No, but I have a pretty good idea where to start looking.

She pulls out a lap top and sits at a desk.

HERCULES

What are you doing?

ANDROMEDA

Didn't you guys notice that the grown-ups all started acting weird after they drank the ambrosia?

Hercules shrugs, but Perseus gets excited.

PERSEUS

You're right.

ANDROMEDA

Now the goddess Hebe usually serves the Ambrosia, but somebody gave her the day off today so that *he* could serve the Ambrosia.

PERSEUS

Hermes?

ANDROMEDA

Hermes.

HERCULES

Alright, so I'm gonna kick Hermes' butt.

PERSEUS

Slow down, thunder dome. Lets try talking first. How do you think we get in touch with him?

ANDROMEDA

With this.

She motions to the computer. The boys look confused.

Hermes isn't just the God of mischief. He is also the messenger god. He is the patron of all forms of communication.

HERCULES

So...

ANDROMEDA

So...Facebook. Hermes invented it and then passed the idea to humans. But as the messenger God he is always monitoring it. So if I just leave a wall post for him he is bound to get it.

HERCULES

That's actually kinda genius.

ANDROMEDA

And we could better our chances if we sent out a Twitter blast.

HERCULES

Already on it.

Hercules has taken out his phone and is punching away.

PERSEUS

What are you guys talking about? What is Facebook and Twilter?

HERCULES

Uh, its Twitter and are you serious?

ANDROMEDA

You really don't know what Facebook is?

HERCULES

Or Twitter? And I was just kind of starting to tolerate you.

PERSEUS

Sorry, but I guess I'm just old fashioned.

HERCULES

Dude it's the Bronze Age you gotta get with the program.

Hermes appears.

HERMES

Little demi-gods, little lady. You called?

PERSEUS

Wow, that was fast.

HERCULES

Glory of the social media, dude.

ANDROMEDA

What did you do to all the grown-ups?

HERMES

Why, whatever do you mean?

ANDROMEDA

You know what I mean. You were the only God not to be affected by whatever spell they are under and you are the one responsible for the ambrosia. You spiked it with something. What was it and how do we reverse it?

HERMES

My, my aren't you spunky? But you forget little heroes. I am a God and I don't have to answer to you.

Hermes turns to leave, but Hercules blocks him flexing his muscles.

HERCULES

You're not going anywhere. Not unless you wanna feel the power of my guns.

He kisses his arms and then pounds his fists.
Now tell me what you did to my dad and how I make him better? I might not be a God, but I got no problem pummeling one until he talks.

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PERSEUS

I'd talk. He really likes pummeling.

HERCULES

I really do.

HERMES

Look little heroes, I might love to play jokes and am a huge fan of mischief, but I'm nowhere near powerful enough to pull a prank like this, and on the top dogs no less. You forget Zeus is king of the gods and Poseidon is king of the sea. I wouldn't dare cross them. Besides I have no reason to. There is plenty of mischief to get into without risking the wrath of two of the most powerful entities in the universe.

PERSEUS

Hmmm...that actually makes sense.

ANDROMEDA

Yeah well do you have any thoughts as to who might be both powerful enough and willing to do something like this.

HERMES

Well lets think here.

Music starts.

Who is just as powerful as Zeus and Poseidon, can't stand either of them and would just love a chance to make fools out of them?

HERCULES

Hades if I know.

PERSEUS

That's it!

ANDROMEDA

That's it!

"Who the Hades?"

PERSEUS

IT MAKES TOTAL SENSE, IT'S ALL PERFECTLY CLEAR
HE'S SUPER SMART, A GENUINE GENIUS...

ANDROMEDA

HE IS DEFIANTLY CLEVER,
HE TRICKED PERSEPHONE INTO EATING POISON FRUIT
NOW SHE IS STUCK DOWN THERE FOREVER.

HERCULES

Who the Hades are you talking about?

(CONTINUED)

PERSEUS/ANN/HERMES

HE'S THE LORD OF THE UNDERWORLD! HE'S THE LORD OF THE
UNDERWORLD!

HERCULES

Under where?

PERSEUS/ANN/HERMES

WE JUST MADE YOU SAY UNDERWEAR! WE JUST MADE YOU SAY
UNDERWEAR!

PERSEUS

HE'S A MASTER AT POTIONS
AND HE'S THE KING OF DISGUISE
HE'S GOT THIS HELM OF DARKNESS
IT MAKES HIM VANISH RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES.

HERCULES

Some one want to fill me in here?

PERSEUS/ANN/HERMES

HE'S THE LORD OF THE UNDERWORLD!
HE'S THE LORD OF THE UNDERWORLD!
ALL YOU LITTLE BOYS AND ALL YOU LITTLE GIRLS,
BETTER WATCH OUT HE'S THE LORD OF THE UNDERWORLD.

ANDROMEDA

IT REALLY IS THE MOST SENSIBLE NOTION
HE CAN'T STAND ZEUS
HE HATES ALL THE GODS

PERSEUS

NASTIEST DUDE IN EXISTENCE.

ANDROMEDA

PLUS HE'S REAL POWERFUL
PROBABLY EXPECTS NO RESISTANCE.

PERSEUS

ZEUS MIGHT BE KING OF THE SKY...

ANDROMEDA

AND POSEIDON MAY OWN THE SEA

PERSEUS

BUT THE UNDERWORLD IS HIS DOMAIN...

ANDROMEDA

ONCE YOU'RE DOWN THERE...

PERSEUS

THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL REMAIN.

(CONTINUED)

ANDROMEDA

HE'S CRUEL AND UNYIELDING.

PERSEUS

PLUS, AFTER HIS BAD LUCK WITH THE LADIES
I HEAR HE IS A LITTLE INSANE.

HERCULES

Who the....

PERSEUS/ANN/HERMES

HADES! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HADES! LORD OF THE
UNDERWORLD.

Song ends.

PERSEUS

You know, brother of Zeus and Poseidon. Lord of the
Underworld. Meanest guy in existence. You said his name
twice now. That's who we think did this.

HERCULES

Oh. Well that stinks.

ANDROMEDA

Hey now. Lets not get discouraged. You guys still
want to help your dad right?

Herc and Perseus look at each other and shrug.
Right?

HERCULES

Yeah but Hades...

ANDROMEDA

Is your uncle. He's family. If anyone can confront
him it's you.

HERCULES

You're right. We're going to the underworld.

PERSEUS

I hate to be that guy, but we are alive which means the
way to the underworld is shut and even if it weren't we
have no idea how to get there.

ANDROMEDA

Well, that's easy.

She sits back down at the computer.

PERSEUS

What are you doing now?

ANDROMEDA

Wonders of technology Pers. Mapquest.

HERCULES

Nah dude, don't do Mapquest. It always gets you lost. You wanna use Google maps.

HERMES

Actually, I believe I might have something better.

He produces a small object.

HERCULES

What's that?

HERMES

This is how I, as the messenger God, get everywhere I need to go without getting lost. It is the God's Positioning System or GPS for short. Just punch in your destination and this baby will get you there.

Hands GPS to Andromeda

ANDROMEDA

Thanks.

HERMES

Oh and Perseus was right. Since you're alive, you won't be able to go in the front entrance without a password.

PERSEUS

Great.

HERMES

But you are welcome to use mine.

HERCULES

You have your own password?

HERMES

Messenger God, I travel everywhere. Here, don't lose this. It is your only way in.

He hands Hercules a piece of paper.

HERCULES

Thanks bro.

PERSEUS

Yeah, you have been uncharacteristically helpful.

HERMES

Hey, I scratch your back now, you'll scratch mine later. But now I gotta run. Good luck little Heroes.

Hermes flies off.

HERCULES

All right. Lets do this.

He snatches the GPS.

How does this thing work?

He hits buttons until the GPS comes on.

GPS

Please enter destination.

HERCULES

Now we're talking. Underworld.

Speaks as he types.

GPS

Calculating, Underworld. Turn left out of classroom and head straight for 1.5 miles then turn right at Parthenon Way.

HERCULES

Sweet! Let's go.

PERSEUS

You don't think this sounds too easy?

ANDROMEDA

(shrugs)

We have to start somewhere.

HERCULES

Sweet! Let's do this!

ANDROMEDA

Come on,

She holds out her hand to Perseus and he shyly takes it.

Underworld here we come.

They reprise the chorus of "Who the Hades" as they exit.

B/O

Scene 5: Outside the cave

Hercules, Perseus, and Andromeda are walking down the road.

HERCULES

I'm so tired of walking.

PERSEUS

Dude, you literally have super strength. You don't get tired.

ANDROMEDA

Are you sure we are going the right way?

HERCULES

Yep, Debra says keep going straight.

PERSEUS

Who is Debra?

HERCULES

The GPS.

PERSEUS

You named the GPS?

HERCULES

Of course.

ANDROMEDA

I feel like we have been going straight for a really long time.

HERCULES

Look, I've been paying attention to Debra, if we were going the wrong way...wait.

PERSEUS

What?

HERCULES

OK so maybe we were supposed to turn left back there, but Debra would have said something.

GPS

Re-calculating. When possible please make a legal u turn.

HERCULES

Oh, well there you have it.

(CONTINUED)

PERSEUS

You mean we've been going the wrong way this entire time.

HERCULES

Well, not the entire time.

There is a loud roar.

PERSEUS

What was that?

ANDROMEDA

I don't know but whatever it was I don't want to meet it.

PERSEUS

Agreed. Lets go.

There is a loud noise like thunder and the ground shakes.

HERCULES

Whoa. That can't be good. Was that thunder?

ANDROMEDA

Or an earthquake?

HERCULES

Oh I know what to do. If its an earthquake, we need to stand in a doorway.

PERSEUS

We are outside. Where are we gonna find a doorway?

HERCULES

Um. Hang on. I'll ask Debra.

He starts punching away.

PERSEUS

That thing isn't magic Herc. It won't find a doorway.

GPS

Turn to right and push aside bushes.

Hercules does this and reveals the entrance to a cave.

Destination reached.

HERCULES

You were saying?

There is another loud noise, and the earth shakes again.

Come on inside.

PERSEUS

I don't think that's an earthquake.

HERCULES

Whatever it is, it's getting closer. Come on.

Hercules and Andromeda go inside the cave.

PERSEUS

Right. Lets hide from the big scary noise inside of a big scary cave.

HERCULES

Pers come on.

PERSEUS

I don't believe I'm following a machine to my doom.

He goes inside the cave. Jason steps out of the shadows.

JASON

What are they doing?

The ground shakes again. There is another roar. Jason hides in some bushes. Polyphemus a massive cyclops comes wondering in. He wears an eye patch over his giant eye and is using a blind person's cane.

POLYPHEMUS

Stupid, stupid. One mistake, one mistake and now father pretends he doesn't even know me. I'm so angry I could eat two...no three children. Oh if only I had some children here. The first children I see I'm going to devour.

He stops a moment then starts to sob.
Ahhhh, but I can't see. Father was right. I am pathetic.

He goes inside the cave.

JASON

Oh no. Herc. I gotta warn them. Wait that thing wants to eat kids and I'm a kid. He'll eat me too. But they're my friends. At least Herc is. And the other two might be annoying, but they don't deserve to get eaten. I got to warn them, but I'm not a God. I can't fight a cyclops.

"Time To Be Brave."

JASON

ALL OF MY WORRIES, ALL OFF MY FEARS
ARE FINALLY COMING TO A HEAD
WHAT IF I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH?
WHAT IF I FAIL?
(pauses to think)
BUT IF I DO NOTHING MY FRIENDS WILL SOON BE DEAD.

THAT'S NO GOOD, THAT WON'T DO
COME ON JASON, DO WHAT'S RIGHT
YOU KNOW IT'S TIME TO FIGHT.

IT'S TIME TO BE BRAVE
IT'S TIME TO BE STRONG
NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT
WHAT MIGHT GO WRONG
MY FRIENDS ARE IN DANGER
NO TIME TO WAIT
I GOTTA STAND UP AND DO SOMETHING GREAT.

IT'S TIME TO DIG DEEP
IT'S TIME TO BE STRONG
NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT MIGHT GO WRONG

I MAY BE SCARED BUT I'M PREPARED
THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN TRAINING FOR
THIS IS MY MOMENT, MY MOMENT TO SHINE
SO TAKE A DEEP BREATH
IT'S GONNA BE TOTALLY FINE

IT'S TIME TO DIG DEEP
IT'S TIME TO BE STRONG

IT'S TIME TO DIG DEEP
NO TIME TO BE WEAK
TIME TO STAND UP NOT TO RUN AWAY
IT'S TIME TO BE BRAVE!

Song ends.

Jason runs into the cave.

Scene 6: Polyphemus

Perseus, Andromeda, and Herc are deep inside the cave. They are lost.

PERSEUS

I don't believe it. We got lost, then went into a cave to escape an earthquake that wasn't an earthquake, and are now lost again!

(CONTINUED)

HERCULES

Debra says to keep going straight, so let's...

The ground shakes again.

ANDROMEDA

OK that was weird. It's like its getting closer.

They hear Polyphemus sobbing.

PERSEUS

You hear that?

Polyphemus comes stumbling in.

HERCULES

Oh my Zeus...

Perseus clamps his hand over Herc's mouth.

PERSEUS

Be absolutely still. That is Polyphemus, the cyclops.

ANDROMEDA

Where is his eye?

PERSEUS

Odysseus blinded him, and now he is really cranky. He'll eat us alive.

ANDROMEDA

But he's blind.

PERSEUS

All his other senses are super heightened.

He puts his fingers to his lips as he removes his hand from Herc's mouth. Polyphemus walks past them. They begin to tiptoe away when Herc steps on a twig.

POLYPHEMUS

Who's there?

They freeze.

I hear you. (he sniffs) I smell you! Children! I'm going to eat you!

Polyphemus lunges forward.

PERSEUS

Run!

They run, but Hercules trips and hits his head. Polyphemus grabs him and drags him towards him. Andromeda stops running. Perseus takes her hand.

Come on.

ANDROMEDA

We can't leave him.

Perseus tries to protest, but Ann stops him.
He's your brother.

They run back and start yelling to get Polly's attention. He throws a net and catches the two of them.

PERSEUS

Great plan Ann.

POLYPHEMUS

I'm going to eat you.

JASON

Hey one eye.

Jason steps out of the shadows and throws a stone at Polyphemus. It hits him right in the eye. Polyphemus stands still for a second then starts to cry.

POLYPHEMUS

Why is everyone always so mean to me?

JASON

Just a guess, but maybe because you try to eat people.

POLYPHEMUS

I only eat people to impress my Dad. You don't know what its like to have God for a father.

JASON

Yeah I know, but trust me if your old man is anything like my old man he is gonna be much more impressed if you do good things than bad things. And eating people, defiantly a bad thing.

POLYPHEMUS

Really?

JASON

Yeah. Who is your dad?

POLYPHEMUS

Poseidon.

JASON

Really? Well then you realize you were about to eat your cousins. Those two guys are the sons of Zeus. Listen, your Dad and Zeus are in trouble and we are trying to save them. If you really wanna impress your father then help us.

POLYPHEMUS

How can I help?

JASON

You can start by not eating us.

POLYPHEMUS

OK. Deal.

JASON

Great.

Jason unties Perseus and Ann. Then he helps Herc up.

HERCULES

Jay?

JASON

Hey buddy, you OK?

HERCULES

You came back.

JASON

Yeah, I came back. I couldn't let my bro go into danger alone.

HERCULES

Dude.

They do their handshake, then hug.

PERSEUS

Hey can we go before no eyes here changes his mind, please?

JASON

Good idea.

They start to leave, but Polyphemus follows.

JASON

What are you doing?

POLYPHEMUS

Coming with you. I wanna help save my Dad.

JASON

Um yeah. I don't know if that's gonna work.

POLYPHEMUS

I either come or I eat you.

They all look at each other.

JASON

Welcome aboard.

Scene 7: Medusa's Lair

The heroes walk on with Polyphemus following behind. They are in a garden full of stone statues.

POLYPHEMUS

Ugh, I'm so hungry!

PERSEUS

Look Jason, its not that I'm not grateful for the whole life saving thing but do you really think it is good idea to have a child-eating cyclops with us?

JASON

He'll be fine. Yo Poly why don't you go find something to eat and then catch up with us.

Polyphemus nods.

HERCULES

How do you find food when you can't see?

POLYPHEMUS

I can smell. You smell yummy?

JASON

OK off you go. Go fill that belly.

Polyphemus stumbles off. They stop and survey their surroundings, noticing for the first time all the statues.

Where are we?

PERSEUS

We better not be lost again.

HERCULES

According to Debra we are in the Stone Gardens of Medusa's Lair.

ANDROMEDA

Why does that name ring a bell?

PERSEUS

I know. I feel like Chiron must have mentioned it at some point. It seemed important at the time, but I can't remember why.

As they talk one of the statues has come to life and is creeping up on them. It is a giant hideous woman, wearing a bonnet and a pair of sunglasses. Perseus whips around and the monster freezes.

Did you guys hear something?

JASON

A little jumpy there, Pers? Afraid of an old statue?

Jason walks up to the ugly woman. Everyone else is examining the other statues.

Although I can't really blame you. That is one ugly statue.

He turns back around and the statue grabs for him.
Ooh a drachma.

Jason bends down to pick up the money and the monster misses him. Everyone looks back and the monster freezes again. Jason stands up and walks over to Herc with his money.

Cool!

Perseus and Andromeda walk up to the statue.

PERSEUS

That is weird.

ANDROMEDA

Yeah.

They examine the statue and then turn their backs to it to address Herc and Jason, who are busy checking out the drachma.

PERSEUS

I swear that statue was in a different position.

JASON

(not looking up)

Oh come on. Statues don't just start moving.

As he says this the statue comes to life and grabs at Perseus who steps out of the way. Perseus turns around again and the monster freezes.

PERSEUS

OK, now I know it moved this time.

HERCULES

Dude! It is just a statue. Look.

Hercules takes a pen from Perseus pocket and draws on Medusa's face.

See, just a statue.

ANDROMEDA

Medusa's Lair. I remember now. Everyone close your eyes.

They all obey, but Hercules.

HERCULES

Why are we closing our eyes?

ANDROMEDA

That's Medusa. Medusa is so ugly that anyone who looks in her eyes is turned to stone.

Hercules turns back to Medusa.

HERCULES

What? Its just a statue. True an ugly statue but...

Medusa burst to life and Hercules goes leaping back.

MEDUSA

Who are you calling ugly?

Music starts.

"Don't Look Into Her Eyes"

CHORUS

DON'T YOU LOOK IN HER EYES!

MEDUSA

LOOK INTO MY EYES.

(CONTINUED)

CHORUS

IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE.

MEDUSA

NO ONE SURVIVES

Repeat

HERCULES

DON'T BLINK, I SAID DON'T BLINK GUYS
CLOSE THOSE EYES DON'T EVEN TAKE A PEEK
SHE'S HERE I KNOW SHE'S HIDING SOMEWHERE
MEDUSA'S HERE SO YOU KNOW YOU BETTER CARE
I'LL TURN TO STONE AND YOU WILL TOO
IF YOU OPEN, SHE'LL FIND YOU

JASON

IS THAT TRUE, CAN SHE REALLY DO THAT.

ANDROMEDA

DON'T LOOK OR YOU'LL FIND OUT.

CHORUS

DON'T YOU LOOK IN HER EYES!

MEDUSA

Look into my eyes!

CHORUS

IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE.

MEDUSA

NO ONE SURVIVES.

Repeat.

JASON

SHE'S UGLY, I HEARD SHE'S SO UGLY DUDE
CAN I CHECK. I JUST WANNA SEE IF IT'S TRUE.

ANDROMEDA

DON'T JASON. NO NO PLEASE DON'T.

JASON

OK, OK, OK I WON'T.

BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SCREAM
SHE CAN FIND US NOW.

MEDUSA

HEY YOU, I HEARD YOU
WHO'S UGLY? WHO YOU CALLING UGLY?
LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU

(CONTINUED)

KIDS

DON'T YOU LOOK IN HER EYES.

MEDUSA

LOOK INTO MY EYES.

KIDS

IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE.

MEDUSA

NO ONE SURVIVES!

Repeat.

ANDROMEDA

RUN RUN GUYS, WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

MEDUSA

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, ITS TIME TO GIVE UP NOW
 HEY LIL GIRL, HAHA, I GOT YOU
 YOU WILL MAKE A FINE ADDITION TO MY GARDEN
 OPEN THOSE EYES, YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO
 TIME TO TURN TO STONE, GIVE UP THAT HEART TOO.

Medusa grabs Andromeda as the boys hide behind a statue.

PERSEUS

OH MY GOD, THAT THING HAS ANN.
 DO SOMETHING, WILL SOMEONE PLEASE DO SOMETHING
 HERC PLEASE, DO SOMETHING HERC

HERCULES

WHAT CH'YOU WANT ME TO DO, CAN'T FIGHT HER BLIND.

Song ends but the beat continues.

JASON

Wait, Pers you can totally do this.

PERSEUS

Me? I can't go out there.

JASON

Sure you can dude, you're already practically blind.

Jason references Perseus glasses.

Plus you are a master at stumbling around cause Herc
 and I knock your glasses off your face all the time.

HERCULES

Yeah we do!

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Herc and Jason high five.

JASON

You're the only one who stands a chance out there.

PERSEUS

Ah man. I don't know. This is hardcore heroics and look at me. Lets face it. I'm no hero.

Anne screams again.

"Time to Be Brave Reprise"

JASON

WE KNOW YOU'RE SCARED, SO ARE WE.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING AFRAID
BUT WHEN YOUR FRIENDS ARE IN DANGER, THERE'S NO ROOM
WAIT
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.
YOU GOTTA DIG DEEP AND FIND THE HERO IN YOU.
TIME TO BE BRAVE TIME TO BE STRONG
NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT MIGHT GO WRONG
IT'S TIME TO MAN UP, IT'S TIME TO STAND UP
IT'S TIME TO BE BRAVE!

HERCULES

WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN THE NICEST TO
YOU
WE'RE GONNA SETTLE THAT SCORE
TODAY
MONSTER OUT THERE...IT'S GOTTA PAY!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHERE YOU BELONG
TIME TO BE STRONG, TIME TO BE BRAVE,
TIME TO GO OUT THERE AND MAKE THAT SAVE
AND FIND THE COURAGE HIDDEN INSIDE,
YOUR COURAGE WILL KEEP US ALIVE

JASON/HERCULES

IT'S TIME TO BE BRAVE
IT'S TIME TO BE STRONG
NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT
WHAT MIGHT GO WRONG
MY FRIENDS ARE IN DANGER
NO TIME TO WAIT
I GOTTA STAND UP AND DO SOMETHING GREAT.

PERSEUS

TIME TO DIG DEEP AND FIND THE COURAGE IN ME
IT'S TIME TO FIGHT BACK, GIVE THIS HERO THING A CRACK
IT'S TIME TO BE BRAVE, IT'S TIME TO STRONG
THIS IS EXACTLY WHERE I BELONG.

(CONTINUED)

PERSEUS/HERCULES/JASON

IT'S TIME TO DIG DEEP

IT'S TIME TO BE STRONG

NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT MIGHT GO WRONG

WE'RE ALL IN DANGER, THERE'S NO TIME TO WAIT

GOTTA STAND UP AND DO SOMETHING GREAT.

PERSEUS

IT'S TIME TO BE BRAVE.

Song ends.

ANDROMEDA

If you boys are done serenading each other, a little help would be nice.

Perseus steps out from behind the rocks, his eyes clamped shut.

JASON

(shouts after him)

You totally got this dude!

PERSEUS

Hey worm head! Let her go!

Medusa looks over.

MEDUSA

Little hero, little hero so brave of heart. I'm gonna turn that heart to stone, just like mine.

She throws Andromeda behind her.

PERSEUS

Bring it on!

The launch into a ninja style fight. They battle and Perseus, with Andromeda's help, ends up with the upper hand, pinning Medusa with a sword to her neck.

Just as Perseus is about to deliver the fatal blow, Polyphemus wonders back in eating a falafal sandwich.

POLYPHEMUS

Hey I found a falafal stand...

He trips and falls, knocking Perseus out of the way and landing on top of Medusa. Perseus lands by Andromeda.

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PERSEUS

(to Ann)
Are you OK?

She nods.

HERCULES

Don't look her in the eyes Poly.

JASON

Dude, soar subject.

POLYPHEMUS

(sniffing Medusa)
What is that smell? It smells...it smells wonderful.

He gets to his feet, pulling Medusa to hers.

MEDUSA

Oh my, aren't you strong.

POLYPHEMUS

I work out.

MEDUSA

I can tell.

POLYPHEMUS

You smell amazing.

MEDUSA

Why thank you. So, you're blind?

POLYPHEMUS

Yeah. Can't see a thing.

He waves his hand in front of his face. Medusa puts her sunglasses on and steps in closer. Hercules and Jason come out from behind the rock.

MEDUSA

Ohhh! I like that in a man.

POLYPHEMUS

Really, you don't think it makes me weak?

MEDUSA

Sweetie there ain't a thing that's weak about you.

The two get close giggling and whispering. The boys all look repulsed.

HERCULES

Ugh, I think I'm gonna be sick.

ANDROMEDA

Come on, it's kind of sweet.

PERSEUS

So are we like done fighting, cause I was doing pretty awesome.

POLYPHEMUS

What? No. You can't hurt her. I like her.

PERSEUS

She was gonna turn Ann to stone.

MEDUSA

I was only going to do that cause I wanted to add her to my garden. It's so lonely here. Nobody ever stays and if they do, one look at me and poof. Stone. Its so lonely.

POLYPHEMUS

I'm lonely too.

MEDUSA

You are?

POLYPHEMUS

Yeah.

ANDROMEDA

Hey, what if Polyphemus was to stay here with you? He can't see you so there is no chance of turning him to stone.

JASON

That's a great idea. What do you think Poly?

POLYPHEMUS

Well sure I'd love to stay. Do you want me to stay?

MEDUSA

That would be great.

JASON

Well, that settles it. Poly stays with snake head and no one gets turned to stone.

Medusa and Poly hug.

PERSEUS

So am I not chopping her head off?

ANDROMEDA

(watching Poly and Medusa embrace)

I don't think so. Well, now that's all worked out we probably should be moving on before anyone decides to change their mind. Herc?

Herc doesn't respond. He is starring in disgust and disbelief and Poly and Medusa.

ANDROMEDA

Herc!

JASON

Dude!

He gives Herc a shove and Hercules snaps to.

HERCULES

Right. According to Debra we want turn right then go straight for 1.4 miles then turn left onto Dead Man's Pass. That will lead us to the underworld.

As he says this he is distracted again by Poly and Medusa getting cuddly. All the kids watch.

JASON

Let's go. Quickly.

HERCULES

Agreed. This is far more terrifying then turning to stone.

PERSEUS

We finally agree on something.

The four start to leave.

JASON

Later Poly!

Polyphemus waves at them.

HERCULES

(as they walk off, to Perseus)

Dude you've got mad ninja skills. You were all ha, and hi ya.

POLYPHEMUS

Bye! Have fun storming the underworld. Don't forget to tell my dad how I helped.

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The kids exit, leaving Poly and Medusa alone onstage.

B/O

Scene 8: The Door to the Underworld

Lights up on the kids who are walking down a dark and narrow path, along a cliffs edge. Herc is in the lead holding Debra out in front of him.

ANDROMEDA

(quietly to Perseus)
Does he know where he's going?

Perseus shrugs.

JASON

Uh Herc...not to sound negative dude but are you sure...

GPS

You have arrived...

HERCULES

Ha!

GPS

...at the underworld. Good day.

HERCULES

We're here!

Everyone looks around confused.

PERSEUS

We're where?

HERCULES

The secret door to the underworld.

PERSEUS

Where is it?

HERCULES

Duh, dude. It's a secret.

ANDROMEDA

OK let's think. Herc do you have the password Hermes gave you?

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HERCULES

Oh yeah. Here.

He hands her a crumpled piece of paper with the Nike symbol drawn on it.

ANDROMEDA

There are no words, just this symbol.

She holds it up for all of them to see.
Do you recognize it Pers?

He shakes his head. Hercules snatches the paper.

HERCULES

Give me that. I know this symbol. It's on like all of my clothes. It's Nike. The Nike symbol.

PERSEUS

Hercules, you're a genius. Nike is the goddess of victory. The password is Victory.

There is a loud rumbling and a door appears.

ANDROMEDA

Alright guys. No turning back now.

They go through the door.

B/O

Scene 9: Cerberus and Hades

Lights up on the Underworld. It is full of flames, bones, and funny things from the real world associated with hell.

JASON

Whew, hot down here.

PERSEUS

Where to now Herc?

HERCULES

Dunno, Debra's not getting any service.

PERSEUS

Lets try this way.

They start to head offstage, but their way is suddenly blocked by a giant three-headed dog.

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ANDROMEDA
Whoa!

They all jump back.

PERSEUS
That's Cerberus, guard of the Underworld. Probably should have mentioned him.

JASON
Man can nothing just be simple?

HERCULES
Guys, it's just a dog. Here puppy, puppy.

Herc calls to Cerberus making kissing noises. Cerberus lunges at him. They all jump further back.

PERSEUS
Watch out guys, I got this.

Perseus steps forward swinging his sword, but Herc jumps in the way.

HERCULES
Whoa, you are not stabbing the puppy.

PERSEUS
That is not a puppy, it is a three-headed demon dog.

HERCULES
It's cute and your not gonna stab it.

Cerberus lunges at them again.

PERSEUS
I don't believe your the one abstaining from violence.

Cerberus lunges again getting even closer. Perseus waves him off with the sword.

ANDROMEDA
What's the plan here guys?

HERCULES
I got it!

He pulls out his laser pointer.
No dog can resist this. Hey Cerby check it out.

He shines the laser pointer in front of the dog. Cerberus cocks his heads curiously and

sniffs the dot. He then tentatively paws the light. Herc turns off the laser. Cerberus cocks his head again searching for it. He starts to growl again. Herc turns the light back on. Whining happily Cerberus pounces on it. Herc moves the light all over the floor and the dog happily chases after it.

JASON

It worked. Cool!

ANDROMEDA

Great! Herc you keep the pooch distracted, we'll find Hades.

HADES O/S

Cerby! Here Cerby, Cerby!

ANDROMEDA

Or he could just find us.

HERCULES

Hide!

The boys run and hide. Cerberus whines as he looks for the light.

ANDROMEDA

What hide? Why are you hiding? We want to find Hades.

HADES

Well here I am?

Hades enters. He is old and out of shape just like his brother. But he has a sweet, friendliness about him. Wagging his tail Cerberus bounds towards him. He feeds him treats from a bag of pupperoni.

ANDROMEDA

Oh, hello.

HADES

(kindly)

Hello. Perhaps your friends would like to say hello too? Come on out boys.

The boys come out.

PERSEUS

Hi.

JASON

Hi.

HERCULES

Hey.

Cerberus bounds over to Hercules, whining for the light.

Oh here.

He shines the laser for Cerberus.

Cool dog, man.

HADES

Yeah, he's pretty awesome. Watch this. Cerberus, play dead.

The dog plays dead.

JASON

Neat.

HADES

And come back to life.

Cerberus bounces back up. They applaud.

Yeah, that one always makes me laugh, although the dead don't find it very funny. Which reminds me, you aren't dead. Which brings me to ask the question, what are you doing here?

PERSEUS

Um well you see...my dad, well our dad is Zeus.

HADES

You're Perseus. Which would make you Hercules.

They nod.

Well, it is a pleasure to meet you, but that doesn't really answer my question. What are you doing here?

They all look around uncomfortable and start stammering. Finally Andromeda just says it.

ANDROMEDA

(in one breath)

We want to know if you're the one responsible for taking away the Gods' memories.

HADES

Ah, of course. Yes.

ANDROMEDA

Yes?

HADES

Yes, I'm responsible. I mixed water from the river Lethe in the Ambrosia. Causes forgetfulness, and hilarity.

JASON

It was kinda funny.

HADES

I know, right?

ANDROMEDA

Yes, it's very amusing, but you have to put them back.

Hades gives her a look.
Please?

HADES

Why would I want to do that?

PERSEUS

Because, despite everything I've ever heard or read about you, you seem kinda...well nice.

HADES

Yes, well you can thank your father for all those nasty rumors about me. Just because I'm the keeper of the dead doesn't make me evil.

HERCULES

Then why did you do it?

HADES

You have no idea what it's like to have a brother like Zeus. All brawn and no brains.

PERSEUS

Uh, I think I kinda have an idea.

He looks over at Hercules who is being sniffed and licked repeatedly by Cerberus. Cerberus begins to pull on Herc's clothes.

HADES

Right, then you know how it feels. Every great thing I've ever done constantly overshadowed by Zeus and his bulging biceps. I fought the Titans too you know, but nobody ever remembers that. And as if that's not bad enough, Zeus has to go about spreading nasty rumors about me. Hades is so lame he can't get a girl without tricking her into eating poisoned fruit.

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PERSEUS

Look big brothers can suck, but your prank it's not just on Zeus, it's on all of us.

ANDROMEDA

All of Mt. Olympus has been affected, and with all the Gods and Goddesses out of commission. It's gonna mean chaos.

HADES

Wait, it should only be Zeus. I told Hermes to mix the water from the River Lethe in Zeus's cup and his cup only.

JASON

Well I think Hermes had other plans.

HADES

For crying out loud! Hermes!

Hermes appears.

HERMES

You rang.

HADES

I told you to poison Zeus, not everyone.

HERMES

Hey, God of mischief here. Doesn't anybody get that?

HADES

Do you have any idea how much trouble I'm going to be in over this?

Hermes shrugs.

HERCULES

Hey can you do something about this dog?

Cerberus is pulling fiercely on Herc's clothes with one head and licking him all over with the other two.

HADES

Oh, sorry.

He takes a tennis ball from his pocket and throws it offstage. Cerberus goes running after it.

ANDROMEDA

And the spell?

HADES

Fine, fine. I'll lift the spell. Man I'm never going to hear the end of this.

Hades raises his arms and speaks in a loud powerful voice.

Water of Lethe hear my plea. Reverse your effects, let forgotten memories now be free!

JASON

That's it?

HADES

That's it.

ANDROMEDA

How will we know if it worked?

HADES

Oh, we'll know. Right about now.

Zeus's theme music plays and he marches in.

ZEUS

Hades!

HADES

It worked. Zeus...brother, welcome to my home.

ZEUS

What did you do?

ANDROMEDA

It's OK. It was just a practical joke gone wrong, but it's fixed now.

ZEUS

Fixed! Do you have any idea how stupid you made me look. I spent the last day crying for my mommy because of you and watching Spongebob Square Pants.

HERCULES

Dude, I love that show.

ZEUS

Yeah, it's pretty good, but that's not the point. Poseidon's been out searching the seas for pineapples and talking starfish. You made us look like fools.

HADES

That's all you care about isn't it, how you look?

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ZEUS

Well, of course that's all I care about, look at me. I'm getting old. You don't know what it's like. You've got brains. They don't go away. Me, all I have are my muscles and good looks. As those fade what's left? I have to work ten times harder for people to take me seriously and your little prank just made it worse.

HADES

Yeah, well at least they take you seriously.

ZEUS

What does that mean?

HADES

It's all Zeus this and Zeus that. No one cares about me or even remembers that I've done heroic stuff too. Locking up the Titans in Tartarus was my idea, but you got all the glory. Then you go about spreading lies about me, making me out to be some sort of villain. I poisoned your drink because I wanted you out of commission for just a little while. So that I could get out from under your shadow. So for once I could be the hero.

ZEUS

Hades, I spread those rumors so that I can get out from under your shadow.

HADES

What?

ZEUS

You're so smart. I'll never be as smart as you, but everybody expects me to solve all the problems of the world. If everyone realized that you were the brains of the family then they wouldn't need me.

They stand in awkward silence. Then Herc steps forward and puts his arm around Perseus.

HERCULES

Look, if I've learned anything on this little quest it's that brains are pretty important.

Perseus puts his arm around Herc.

PERSEUS

But, if you don't have the muscles to back them up then they can be pretty useless.

JASON

But, when it comes down to it guys, friends are more important than smarts or muscles. It's friends who will be there for you in a pinch.

ANDROMEDA

Look you guys are brothers, and you act like brothers, but maybe you should try being friends too. Maybe you should try working together, like you did with the Titans. Then it wouldn't matter that you're getting older, because you'd have each other to help you out.

ZEUS

I could use your help.

HADES

Yeah?

ZEUS

Yeah. I can't figure out how to program my dvr and I really wanna record Spongebob.

HADES

I've got a jar of olives I've been wanting to eat for like three weeks but I can't get it open.

ZEUS

I could open it.

HADES

I can program your dvr.

They burst into tears and hug.

ANDROMEDA

Not the kind of help I was talking about, but it's a start.

ZEUS

I've missed you brother. All Poseidon ever wants to do is watch repeats of shark week and the Little Mermaid.

HADES

I was just about to start a vampire and zombie movie marathon, wanna join?

ZEUS

Totally, but we're talking real vampires, not those lame twilight vampires right?

HADES

Oh, absolutely.

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HERMES

How these two became rulers of the universe I will never understand?

ZEUS

Great, but first I think we have a little unfinished business to handle.

HADES

Indeed. Together?

ZEUS

Together.

Zeus and Hades turn to the kids.

JASON

OK, I know we broke like every rule today but...

ZEUS

You sure did and rules are very important and should be followed. But, sometimes you need to take a moment and look at the big picture and that's what you kids did today. You all showed traits of a true hero today. Jason, when you were feeling exiled from your friends you returned to them in their time of need. That's loyalty, something no hero can do without.

HADES

And Perseus when you were scared, you put your fear aside, and found the guts to fight back; showing fearlessness.

ZEUS

That's right. And Hercules, you found a way to solve your problems without using violence. Even when it would have been the simplest way to defeat Cerberus, you showed wisdom and found away around it.

HADES

And you young lady...

Hades and Zeus turn to face Andromeda.

ANDROMEDA

I know. I didn't do anything.

ZEUS

Nonsense! When your friends doubted themselves, you stuck by their side. That's loyalty.

HERMES

Yeah and when everyone else was at a loss as to how to get started, you used your head and figured it out. Wisdom.

HADES

And when all your friends were too scared to face me, you stood your ground and confronted me. That's fearlessness.

PERSEUS

Plus, you totally had my back when I was fighting Medusa.

ANDROMEDA

Yeah, I guess I did.

Zeus puts his arm around Andromeda.

ZEUS

You, my dear, are the whole package.

ANDROMEDA

Really?

PERSEUS

Duh, Anne. All of this happened because of you. You made us believe in ourselves.

HERCULES

Yeah dude, you reminded us that we had it in us to be heroic.

JASON

And that all we needed was to trust ourselves and each other.

ZEUS

Helping others find the hero inside them, well that's the most heroic thing of all.

HADES

You all have proved that you are on the road to becoming great heroes.

ZEUS

And, you've reminded Hades and myself of something very important. Friendship.

HADES

You kids still have a lot of work ahead of you.

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ZEUS

But if you stick together, I'm certain you'll master every aspect of being a hero.

HADES

It won't be easy, but just remember...

"There's a hero in you too!"

HADES

IF YOU'RE FEELING OLD AND WORN OUT...

ZEUS

WASHED UP AND LOUSY.

ANDROMEDA

UNWANTED AND UNIMPORTANT.

PERSEUS

SAD AND LONELY.

HERCULES/JASON

IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

THEN TAKE A BREATH.

THERE'S NO NEED TO STRESS.

WE KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO.

ANDROMEDA/PERSEUS

TAKE A GOOD LOOK INSIDE, TRUST IN YOURSELF
AND BELIEVE US WHEN WE SAY...

CHORUS

THERE'S A HERO IN YOU TOO!
THERE'S A HERO IN ALL OF YOU!

THERE'S A HERO IN YOU TOO!
THERE'S A HERO IN ALL OF YOU!

KIDS

IT MAY SEEM KINDA SCARY, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY
YOU CAN COUNT ON YOUR FRIENDS

AND THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE...

ZEUS/HADES

CAUSE WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE
YOU'LL NEVER BE ALONE

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CARE
AND WE'LL ALWAYS BE THERE
READY TO SEE YOU THROUGH

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CHORUS

THERE'S A HERO IN YOU TOO!
THERE'S A HERO IN ALL OF YOU!

THERE'S A HERO IN YOU TOO!
THERE'S A HERO IN ALL OF YOU

KIDS

WE KNOW IT SEEMS HARD BUT,
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TRY TRYING.
SO STAND BY OUR SIDE
AND NEVER SAY NEVER
IT'S A THRILL OF A RIDE, WORTH EVERY ENDEAVOR
SO...HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF, AND YOU CAN'T GO WRONG

CHORUS

THERE'S A HERO IN YOU TOO!
THERE'S A HERO IN ALL OF YOU!

THERE'S A HERO IN YOU TOO!
THERE'S A HERO IN ALL OF YOU!

THERE'S A HERO IN YOU TOO!
THERE'S A HERO IN ALL OF YOU!

YOU ARE RIGHT WHERE YOU BELONG.
THE LIFE OF HERO IS BY FAR THE MOST AMAZINGLY AWESOME
ADVENTURE EVER!

The end.