# **Lightning Thief Audition Sides**

Please review the following sides. Pick one to read at auditions. The Creative Team may have you read more than one. Be sure to review all of them.

## Side 1:

I should've told you. But I thought, if I did, you'd never want me on this quest if you knew what a failure I really am. This was way before I met you. Chiron sent me to escort three half-bloods to camp. Two were runaways. One was Annabeth. The other was Luke. The third was Thalia. Tough girl. Like her dad... Zeus. We'd almost made it to camp, but I got nervous. And we got lost. By the time we found the hill...something else found us.

Thalia saved us. We only survived because she stayed to hold off the monsters. She paid for her sacrifice with her life. That's when Zeus showed up. It was too late to save her, but as she died, he turned her into a tree, so she could stand protecting us forever. The way I couldn't do for her. I don't know why you heard her name in your dream. But I know what it means. If we fail this quest, it's gonna be my fault.

### Side 2:

Believing doesn't make it easier. Trust me. All your life, you think your dad is some deadbeat, but it turns out, he's a dead-beat god! I get how you feel. I was your age when I found out my dad was Hermes, the messenger god. You know, Old-Wings-on-his-Shoes? I've met him once, and let's just say . . . we're not going to be playing catch anytime soon. Look, the gods are busy. They have a lot of kids and they don't always care. If you're one of the lucky ones, they'll send a sign to claim you. And if they don't, well. You're not alone.

I'm Luke. I'm gonna be your counselor. The Hermes cabin takes anyone who hasn't been claimed, and you know what that means. We're literally the reject cabin. Welcome to the dysfunctional family.

# Side 3:

I told you he was trouble! As soon as he showed up, I said, "Let's turn him into a dolphin!" But noocooo. You wanted to let him in. To teach him. Like THAT'S ever worked! Oh, "our purpose is to keep half-bloods safe"? He'd be a lot safer as a dolphin. We all would! Hear that thunder? Zeus knows we've got him, and he ain't happy! Poseidon isn't supposed to have kids! None of the Big Three gods are, and you want to know why? Because they're always trouble.

Look, maybe he didn't steal it. He says he doesn't even know what we're talking about, and you can't fake being that stupid unless you're a brilliant actor, and I'm also the god of drama, so I can tell you: he's not. But as long as Zeus thinks he stole it, we're all gonna suffer. So! We're all agreed -- one dolphin coming up!

# Side 4:

You can open your eyes. But don't look directly at her. She can still turn you to stone, even *after* you've chopped off her head. I should've known who she was sooner. My mom's gonna be so disappointed. Medusa used to be beautiful, until Athena... turned her into a monster.

Medusa disrespected her. She was sneaking into Athena's temple to meet up with her boyfriend, Poseidon. *(to Percy)* Yeah, Medusa dated your dad. People always de-value wisdom, so she has to be tough! It's the only way to get people to respect you! I mean her. I mean... forget it.