

SALLY. He didn't have a choice. He wanted to meet you.
And he warned me things might be hard if you were...
like him.

PERCY. Was he a screwup too? I'm sorry, Mom, if I was
only normal -

SALLY. Hey!

BLUE FOOD ISN'T NORMAL,
BLUE FOOD IS STRANGE.
AND THAT'S WHY IT'S MY FAV'RITE,
I'D NEVER WANT TO CHANGE,
TO MAKE IT BORING ORANGE OR GREEN.
WHY BE BLAH, WHEN THERE'S AQUAMARINE?

(PERCY tries to protest.)

NORMAL IS A MYTH,
EV'RYONE HAS ISSUES THEY'RE DEALING WITH.

PERCY.

MOM -

IF YOU'RE WEIRD, YOU'RE WEAK.

SALLY.

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG:
THE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU DIFF'RENT
ARE THE VERY THINGS THAT MAKE YOU
STRONG.
SO BE STRONG.

You'll see. You're destined for great things.

PERCY. The only thing I seemed destined for is detention.

I CAN'T FOCUS,
I SUCK AT SCHOOL.
MY A.D.D. GETS THE BEST OF ME.
DYSLEXIA? NOT COOL.

SALLY.

JUST HANG ON SON, ONE DAY YOU'LL FIND
YOU'LL LEAVE THAT BORING LITTLE LIFE BEHIND.

SALLY & PERCY.

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SALLY.

AND THERE'S A PLACE YOU NEED TO GO
WHERE YOU'LL BELONG,
WHERE THE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU DIFF'RENT
ARE THE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU SPECIAL,
SPECIAL LIKE YOUR FATHER,
YES, PERCY, YOU ARE SPECIAL.

(Beats)

LIKE FOOD THE COLOR BLUE,
ALL THE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU, YOU
ARE THE THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU
STRONG.

SALLY & PERCY.

SO BE STRONG.

START

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PERCY. So what is this place? Are you sending me to
summer school?

SALLY. More like summer camp. It's just over that hill, past
that pine tree. I thought I'd be enough to protect you.
But you deserve the truth.

PERCY. You're acting like I'm never going to see you again.
If it's just a summer camp...

SALLY. Not any ordinary summer camp. Percy, your father
is...

(The snap of a twig. GROVER appears, rear
first: we can't see his face.)

GROVER. Baaaaah!

PERCY. Oh look, a goat. Hey little guy -

(GROVER stands up and turns around.)

GROVER. Paaaa-ercy!

[MUSIC 03: THE MINOTAUR! / THE
WEIRDEST DREAM]

PERCY. AAAH! Grover? What are you doing here? ...And what happened to your legs?

GROVER. I've been searching everywhere for you guys.

SALLY. What is it? What's wrong?

GROVER. (To PERCY.) You didn't tell her about the field trip?

SALLY. (To PERCY.) What happened on the field trip?

PERCY. (To SALLY.) You said it didn't matter!

GROVER. (To SALLY.) He met a Fury.

PERCY. (To GROVER.) YOU'RE all furry! What happened to your legs?

GROVER. I'm a Satyr! I'm half-goat?

PERCY. And you couldn't have mentioned that sooner?

SALLY. Grover... Is a Fury after Percy right now?

GROVER. A Fury? Oh, no no no -

SALLY. Oh thank god.

GROVER. It's a Minotaur.

SALLY. Oh no.

PERCY. What's a Minotaur?

GROVER. Half-bull.

PERCY. Like you?

GROVER. I'm half-goat!

PERCY. Well, I'm sorry if this is a lot to take in right now!

SALLY. Boys! Grover, you need to get Percy to the border.

PERCY. What about you?

SALLY. You're the one it's after, Percy. (Sally looks at Percy.) I love you so much.

(Lightning flashes. Enter: The MINOTAUR. Half-man, half-bull.)

Run!

END

(SALLY stands, drawing the MINOTAUR's attention as GROVER tries to pull PERCY to safety.)

GROVER. You heard your mom!

PERCY. I'm not leaving her!

(PERCY sees the MINOTAUR has trapped SALLY. He pulls out the pen he got from Mr. Brunner.)

If Mrs. Dodds was really a monster, I hope you're really a sword...

(The pen expands into a sword.)

Awesome!

(PERCY runs to the MINOTAUR, wielding the pen. The MINOTAUR turns its attention from SALLY to PERCY...)

(PERCY swings the sword. The MINOTAUR blocks with his horns. For a tense moment, the two are locked in this position...)

(But the MINOTAUR is stronger. He pushes PERCY to the ground, injuring him. He advances...)