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## Cast List

Young Hercules

Adult Hercules

Meg

Phil

Hades

Pain

**Panic** 

Zeus

Hera

Muse #1

Muse #2

Muse #3

Muse #4

Muse #5

Fate #1

Fate #2

Fate #3

Hermes

**Orpheus** 

Narcissi

**Amphitryon** 

Alceme

#### Narrator

Long ago in the far away land of ancient Greece, there was a golden age of powerful gods and extraordinary heroes. And the greatest and strongest of all these heroes was the mighty Hercules. But what is the measure of a true hero? Now that is where our story.........

Muse #5

Will you listen to him, he's making this story sound like some Greek tragedy?

Muse #2 Lighten up, dude.

Muse # 1
We'll take it from here darling.

Narrator You go girl.

Muse #1

We are the muses' goddesses of the arts and proclaimers of heroes.

Muse #3 Heroes like Hercules.

Muse #5

Honey, you mean Hunkules. OOOh I'd like to make some sweet music with him......

Muse #1

Our story actually begins long before Hercules, many eons ago.

#### The Gospel Truth 1

#### Muses

Back when the world was new
The planet Earth was down on its luck
And everywhere gigantic brutes called Titans ran amuck

It was a nasty place
There was a mess wherever you stepped
Where chaos reigned and earthquakes and volcanoes never slept

#### Chorus

And then along came Zeus

#### Muses

He hurled his thunderbolt

#### Chorus

He zapped

#### Muses

Locked those suckers in a vault

#### Chorus

They're trapped

#### Muses

And on his own stopped chaos in its tracks

#### Chorus

And that's the gospel truth

#### Muses

The guy was too type A to just relax And that's the world's first dish Zeus tamed the globe while still in his youth Though, honey it may seem impossble That's the gospel truth

#### **Muses & Chorus**

On Mount Olympus life was neat And smooth as sweet vermouth Though, honey it may seem impossble That's the gospel truth

Muse 1

So, with the Titans safely locked away, the celebration of the century could begin.

Muse 2

Zeus and Hera had summoned all the gods to announce the birth of their son Hercules.

Muse 3
And he was the cutest little thing.

Muse 4

Even Narcissi thought he was cute.

#### Muse 5

C'mon girlfriend, when do we get to the part where he gets those fine muscles and rippling chest and.......

#### Muse 1

As I was saying, the gods were all in attendance to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Hera

Hercules, behave yourself.

Zeus

Look at this! Look at how cute he is. And strong just like his dad.

Hermes

Look out one side, watch out Aries.

Hera

Why Hermes, they're beautiful!

Hermes

Yeah, I had Orpheus do the arrangement. Isn't that too nutty? Fabulous party. You know I haven't seen this much love in a room since Narcissi discovered himself.

Zeus

On behalf of my son, I want to thank you all for your wonderful gifts.

Orpheus

What did you get him Narcissi?

Narcissi

A beautiful portrait.

Orpheus

Sounds nice, what is it of?

Narcissi

Of me, of course.

Hera

And what about our gift, dear?

Zeus

Hermes, would you please do the honors?

Hermes.

Of course, my lord. (Hermes brings out Pegasus.)

#### Zeus

His name is Pegasus, and he's all yours, Son.

#### Hermes Easy boy, easy.

#### Hades

How sentimental. You know, I

! haven't been this choked up since I got a chunk of Musaka stuck in my throat. (looks for a response from the audience) So, is this an audience or a mosaic? Hey, how ya doing? Looking good, nice dress.

#### Zeus

Hades, I see you finally made it. How are things in the underworld?

#### Hades

Well there just fine a little dark, a little gloomy, and as always hey, full of dead people. What are ya gonna do? Well, here's the little sunspot.

#### Zeus

Come on, Hades, don't be such a stiff. Join the celebration. Don't be such a stiff.

#### Hades

He'd love to. But unlike you gods lounging around up here, I have a full-time job which you, Zeus, so generously bestowed upon me. So, love to, but can't.

#### 7eus

Hades, you've got to slow down. You're gonna work yourself to death. Work yourself to death- get it? Oh, I kill myself.

## Hades Yah if only. If only.

#### Muse 1

If there's one god you don't want to get steamed up, it's Hades.

#### Muse 2

'Cause he had an evil plan.

#### The Gospel Truth 2

#### Muses

He ran the underworld
But thought the dead were dull and uncouth
He was as mean as he was ruthless
And that's the gospel truth
He had a plan to shake things up
And that's the gospel truth

Hades

Pain.

Pain

Coming your most Lopreeciousness.

Hades

Panic.

Panic

Coming, Sir.

Pain

Pain.

Panic

And Panic.

Pain & Panic Reporting for duty.

Hades

Fine, just let me know the moment the Fates arrive.

Panic

Oh, they're already here.

Hades

What? The Fates are here, and you didn't tell me?

Pan & Panic

We are worms, Sir. Worthless worms.

Hades

Memo to me, memo to me. Remind me to maim you after my meeting.

Fate 1
Darling, hold that mortal string of life good and tight.

Fate 2 Incoming.

Hades Ladies, sorry I'm......

> Fate 1 Late

Fate 2
We knew you would be.

Fate 3 We know everything.

Fate 1 Past.

Fate 2 Present

Fate 3
And future. Indoor plumbing. It's gonna be big.

Hades
You see ladies, I was at this party......

Fates We know.

Hades

I know you know. So here's the deal. Zeus, Mr. High and Mighty, Mr. Hey-you-get offmy-cloud-now has a bouncing baby brat!

Fates
Bouncing baby brat! We know.

Hades

I know you know. Now here's the deal: Is this brat gonna mess up my hostile take-over bid or what?

Fate 2 Well.....

#### Fate1

Oh no, you don't you know we're not supposed to reveal the future.

#### Hades

Hold on, time out. Did you do something different with your hair? You ladies look like a fate worse than death. Please, ladies, my fate is in your lovely hands.

#### Fate 1

Oh, all right. In the eighteenth year, precisely, the planets will align ever so nicely.

#### Fate 2

The time to act will be at hand. Release the Titans, your monstrous band. Then the once-proud Zeus will finally fall and you, Hades will rule all.

#### Hades

Yes, Hades rules!

#### Fate 3

A word of caution to this tale- should Hercules fight, you will fail.

Hades Pain, Panic

Pain and Panic Yes, sir!

#### Hades

I have a little riddle for you. How do you kill a god?

#### Pain

I do not know.

#### Hades

You can't. You can only kill a mortal. So, how do you kill a god? Make him mortal.

#### Muse 1

So Hades hatched an evil plan to feed Hercules a position that would turn him mortal and allow Pain and Panic to kill him.

#### Muse 2

In the middle of the night, Pain and Panic snuck up to Mt. Olympus and stole the young baby from its cradle.

#### Muse 3

Before Zeus and Hera new what had happened, they had lost their only child.

#### Muse 4

Zeus summoned all the gods to search the universe, and no one was to return to Mt.

Olympus until Young Hercules was found.

#### Muse 5

Child, I wanted to take that Hades out back and give him an old fashioned.......

#### Muse 1

But Hades' plan failed. Pain and Panic didn't get a chance to feed the entire potion to young Hercules before they were interrupted by a couple.

#### Muse 2

Amaphitron and Alcme came across the small child wrapped in a blanket.

#### Amaphitron

Now hold on, Alceme. We don't know what it is.

#### Alceme

It's a baby. Look at this medallion around his neck. It's the mark of the gods.

#### Amaphitron

Could it be could the gods have blessed us? Could they have finally answered our prayers?

#### Alceme

Look on the other side of the medallion. It says Hercules. Father, we have our son.

#### Panic

Hades is gonna kill us when he finds out what we've done.

#### Pain

You mean if he finds out.

#### Panic

What do you mean if? Oh If. If is good.

#### Muse 3

And with that, Alceme and Amaphitron took young Hercules into their hearts and their home. Unfortunately, there was nothing that Zeus and Hera could do about it.

#### The Gospel Truth 3

Young Herc mortal now
But since he did not drink the last drop
He still retained his god like strength

#### So thank his lucky stars

But Zeus and Hera wept Because their son could never come home They'd have to watch their precious baby Grow up from afar

Though Hades' horrid plan
Was hatched before Herc cut his first tooth
The boy grew stronger ev'ry day and
That's the gospel truth
The gospel truth

#### Muse 1

So, several years went by, and Hercules was growing into quite a young man.

#### Muse 5

But the poor thang couldn't fit in anywhere. He was like a size 10 foot trying to fit into a size 5 sandal.

#### Muse 4

And it wasn't long before Hercules was beginning to question his parents about why he didn't seem to fit in.

#### Go The Distance

#### **Young Hercules**

I have often dreamed
Of a far-off place
Where a great warm welcome will be waiting for me
Where the crowds will cheer
When they see my face
And a voice keeps saying
This is where I'm meant to be

I will find my way
I can go the distance
I'll be there someday
If I can be strong
I know ev'ry mile
Will be worth my while
I would go most anywhere to feel like I belong

## Amaphitron Hercules, I think it's time we told you something.

#### Alceme Amaphitron, No!

#### Amaphitron

Now Alceme. It's time. We can't go on lying to the boy. Hercules, we aren't your real parents.

## Young Hercules Come on, of course you are.

#### Amaphitron

No, son. We love you as if you were our very own. But the truth is we found you one night as we were walking home from town.

#### Alceme

You were wearing this. It's the sign of the gods. And a sign to us that you were sent to us as an answer to our prayers.

#### Young Hercules

The sign of the gods? I knew that there was something about me. Something that was telling me I was different. I have to go and find my way. And this could be just the clue I needed. Oh Mother, Father. This doesn't change anything about us. I still know that you are the only parents I've ever known, and that will never change. But I must find out who I am and where I came from.

## Alceme We understand.

#### Amaphitron

And the temple of the gods is the place you should start.

#### **Young Hercules**

I am on my way
I can go the distance
I don't care how far
Somehow, I'll be strong
I know ev'ry mile
Will be worth my while
I would go most anywhere to find where I belong

#### Muse 1

So, young Hercules headed to the temple of the gods.

#### Muse 2

And that trip would change his life forever.

#### Young Hercules

Oh mighty, Zeus. Hear me and answer my prayer. I need to know. Who am I and where do I belong?

7eus

My boy, my little Hercules.

Young Hercules (Screams!!!!)

Zeus

Hold on kiddo, what's your hurry?

After all these years, is this the kind of hello you give your father?

Young Hercules Father?

#### Zeus

Didn't know you had a famous father? Surprise! Look how you've grown. Why, you've got your mother's beautiful eyes and my strong chin.

#### Young Hercules

I don't understand. If you're my father, then that would make me a god.

Zeus

A god.

Young Hercules A god. A god!

Zeus

Hey, you wanted answers and, by thunder, you're old enough to know the truth.

Young Hercules

But why did you leave me on Earth? Didn't you want me?

#### Zeus

Of course, we wanted you. Your mother and I loved you with all our hearts. But someone stole you from us and turned you mortal. And only gods can live on Mt. Olympus.

Young Hercules You can't do a thing?

Zeus I can't, but you can.

Young Hercules Really? What? I'll do anything.

Zeus

Hercules, if you can prove yourself a true hero on Earth, your godhood will be restored.

Young Hercules
A true hero. Great! Exactly how do you become a hero?

Zeus

First, you must seek out Philatities, the trainer of heroes.

Young Hercules Right, I'll seek out Philatities.

Zeus

Hold your horses. Which reminds me... Here, boy. This is Pegasus. You two are old friends.

Young Hercules Pegasus. I remember.

Zeus

He's a magnificent horse, with the brain of a bird.

Young Hercules
I'll find Philatities and become a true hero.

Zeus

That's the spirit.

Young Hercules I won't let you down, father.

Zeus Good Luck, Son.

Muse 1

So, Hercules and Pegasus were off to find Philatities.

#### Muse 2

If he can prove his worth as a mortal hero, he would be able to return to Mt. Olympus.

Muse 3
But this wasn't going to be easy.

Muse 4

Hercules had no idea what he was in for.

Muse 5

Honey, when do we get to the part about the big rippling muscles of his?

Muse 1

Anyway, we now find Hercules hoping to get Philatities on his side.

Young Hercules

Excuse me, little fella. Have you seen a guy named Philatities?

Phil

My friends call me Phil.

Young

Wow!

Phil

What's the matter? Haven't you ever seen a satyr before?

Young Hercules Well, actually, no.

Phil

What can I do for you? I'm very busy.

Young Hercules

I need your help. I need you to train me to become a true hero.

Phil

Sorry kid, I can't help you.

Young Hercules Wait. Why not?

Phil

Two words. I am retired.

#### Young Hercules

Look, I gotta do this. Haven't you ever had a dream? Something you wanted so badly you'd do anything?

#### Phil

I trained a lot of would-be heroes: Odesius, Persius, Thesius. A lot of yuses. And every single one of those bums let me down flatter than a discus. None of them could go the distance. And then there was Achilles. Now there was a guy who had it all. The build, the footstep, he could take a hit and keep on coming. But that flushugana heel of his. He gets nicked there once and ka boom! He's history. Yeah, I had a dream. I dreamed that I was gonna train the greatest hero there ever was. So great, the gods would hang a picture of him in the stars all across the sky. And people would say, "That's Phil's boy." Yeah, that's right. But dreams are for rookies. I can only take so much disappointment.

#### Young Hercules

But I'm different than those other guys, Phil. I can go the distance. And if I don't become a true hero I'll never be able to rejoin my father, Zeus.

#### Phil

Hold it! Zeus is your father, right? Zeus, the big guy, he's your daddy? Mr. Lightning Bolts. Read me a book would you, Da Da? Oh Zeus, "Once upon a time..."

Young Hercules It's the truth.

Phil

Pa....lease

#### **One Last Hope**

#### **PHIL**

So, you wanna be a hero, kid? Well, whoop-de-do I have been around the block before With blockheads, just like you

Each and evr'ryone a disappointment Pain

For which there ain't no ointment

So much for excuses
Now a kid of Zeus's
Is asking me to jump into the fray
My answer is two words
O.K.
You win
Oh gods
Oy Vay!

I'd given up hope
That someone would come along
A fellow who'd ring the bell for once
Not the gong
The kind who wins trophies
Won't settle for low fees
At least semi-pro fees
But No..... I get the greenhorns

I've been out to pasture pal, my ambition gone
Content to spend lazy days and to graze my lawn
But you need an advisor
A satyr, but wiser
A good merchandiser
And OOhhhh!
There goes my ulcer!
I'm down to one last hope
And I hope It's you
Though kid you're not exactly a dream come true
I've trained enough turkeys
Who never came through
You're my one last hope
So you'll have to do

#### Phil

Rule 6: When rescuing a damsel, always handle with care. Rule 95: concentrate. Rule 96: DUCK!

#### **PHIL**

Demigods have faced the odds And ended up a mockery Don't believe the stories that

You read on all the crockery

To be a true hero, kid, is A dying art Like painting a masterpiece It's a work of heart

It takes more than sinew Comes down to what's in you You have to continue to grow Now that's more like it

I'm down to one last shot
And my last high note
Before that blasted underworld
Gets my goat
My dreams are on you kid
Go make'em come true
Climb that uphill slope
Keep pushing that envelope
You're my one last hope
And kid, it's up to you

## Phil Alright, now take it easy, champ.

#### Hercules

Oh come on, I am ready. I want to get off this island. I want to battle some monsters, rescue some damsels. You know, heroic stuff.

#### Phil

Ok, ok. You want a road trip. Saddle up, kid, we're going to Thiebs.

#### Go The Distance (Reprise)

#### **ADULT HERCULES**

I will beat the odds
I can go the distance
I will face the world
Fearless, proud and strong
I will please the gods
I can go the distance
'Til I find my hero's welcome
Right where I belong

#### Muse 1

So Hercules, Pegasus and Phil were off to make Hercules a hero.

#### Muse 4

But along the way they ran into their first damsel in distress.

#### Muse 3

It seems a young woman was doing battle with the evil river guardian.

#### Muse 5

Hercules made short work of him. He hit him so hard his whole family felt it. Now that's what I'm talking about.

#### Muse 2

And it left Hercules in a new situation for himself. It seems that the young woman had caught his eye and his heart.

#### Hercules

Are you alright, miss uh...

#### Meg

Megara. My friends call me Meg. At least they would if I had any friends. So did they give you a name along with all those rippling pectorals?

Hercules I'm a a a a a a a.

#### Mea

Are you always this articulate?

#### Hercules

Hercules. My name is Hercules.

#### Meg

I prefer "Wonder Boy."

#### Hercules

How did you get involved with ...?

#### Meg

Pinhead over there? Well, you know men. They think yes means no, and leave me alone means, "Take me, I'm yours." Don't worry. Shorty here can explain it to you later. Well, thanks for everything, Herc. It's been a real slice.

#### Hercules

Wait. Can we give you a lift?

### Meg I don't think your pinto likes me.

Hercules
What? Pegasus? (Pegasus drops down)

Meg

I'll be alright. I'm a big, tough girl. I can tie my own sandals and everything. See ya around, Wonder Boy.

Hercules
Bye. She's really something isn't she, Phil?

Phil

Oh yeah, she's something alright. A big pain in the patella. Earth to Herc. We have a short amount of time to transform you into a hero, so get your mind off those big goo goo eyes of hers and back on the job. (Exit)

Hades Meg

Meg Speak of the devil

Hades

Meg, my little flower, my little bird, my little nut meg. What happened here? I thought you were going to convince the river guardian to join my team for my little uprising, and yet here I stand sorta river guardian less.

Meg

I gave it my best shot, but he made me an offer I had to refuse.

Hades

Fine. So instead of subtracting two years from your sentence, I'm gonna add two, ok?

Meg

Look, it wasn't my fault. It was this Wonder Boy, Hercules.

Panic

Hercules. Now why does that name ring a bell?

Pain

I don't know. Maybe we owe him money.

Hades

What was that name again?

#### Meg

Hercules. He comes in with this big sweet farm boy routine, but I could see through that in a minute.

#### Pain

Wait a minute. Wasn't Hercules the name of that kid that we were supposed to....

Pain & Panic Oh My .....

#### Hades

So you took care of him? Dead as a doornail were your exact words.

#### Pain

This could be another Hercules.

#### Panic

Yeah Hercules is a very popular name.

#### Pain

Remember like a few years ago when every other boy was named Jason and all there girls were named Brittany.

#### Hades

I am about to rearrange the cosmos and the one shlameal who can ruin it is waltzing around in the woods.

#### Pain

Wait a minute we can still cut in on his waltzing.

#### Panic

Yeah, we made him mortal that's a good thing.

#### Hades

Fortunately for the three of you we still have time to correct the problem. Meg I'm going to need you to do me one big favor.

#### Meg

Forget it I won't get involved.

#### Hades

Oh, yes you will and I'll tell you why. If you find out what Hercules weakness is for me. Then I will give you the one thing you desire most in all the cosmos. your freedom.

#### Muse 1

So, Meg agreed to help Hades.

#### Muse 2

The put Hercules up against the biggest creature you could find.

#### Muse 3

This thing had the biggest scariest head you could imagine.

#### Muse 4

But with one swipe of his sword Hercules ripped that things head off.

#### Muse 5

And that's when the real trouble started. The things head came back. And it brought a friend.

#### Muse 4

Hercules battled this thing but the more heads he cut off the more grew back.

#### Muse 3

Finally using his god like strength Hercules crushed the monster and the crowds proclaimed him their hero.

#### Muse 1

From that day forward our boy Hercules could do no wrong. He was so hot steam looked cool

#### Zero To Hero

#### Muses

Bless my soul
Herc was on a roll
Person of the week in every Greek opinion poll
What a pro
Herc could stop a show
Point him at a monster and you're talkin' S.R.O.
He was a no one

#### Chorus

A zero, zero

#### Muses

Now he's a honcho

#### Chorus

He's a hero

#### Muses

Here was a kid with his act down pat

#### Muses & Chorus

From zero to hero In no time flat Zero to hero Just like that

When he smiled
The girls went wild with
Oohs and aahs
And they slapped his face
On ev'ry vase
On ev'ry vahse
From appearance fees

And royalties
Our Herc had cash to burn
Now nouveau riche
An famous
He could tell you
What's a Grecian urn?

Say amen
There he goes again
Sweet and undefeated
An awesome 10 for 10
Folks lined up
Just to watch him flex
And this perfect package
Packed a pair of pretty pecks

Hercie, he comes
He Sees
He conquers
Honey the crowds were going bonkers
He showed the moxie, brains and spunk
From zero to hero
A Major hunk
From zero to hero
And who'da thunk

#### Muses

Who put the glad in gladiator?

#### Chorus

Hercules

#### Muses

Whose daring deeds are great theatre?

#### Chorus

Hercules

#### Muses

Is he bold?

#### Chorus

No one braver

#### Muses

Isn't he sweet?

#### Chorus

Our favorite flavor

#### **Muses & Chorus**

Hercules

Hercules

Hercules

Hercules

Hercules

Hercules

Bless my soul Herc was on a roll Undefeated Riding high and the nicest guy Not conceited

#### Muses

He was a nothin'

#### Chorus

A zero zero

#### Muses

No he's a honcho

#### Chorus

He's a hero

#### Muses &Chorus

He hit the heights at breakneck speed From zero to hero Herc is a hero Now he's a hero Yes indeed

**SCENE: Megs Garden** 

Meg

Well hello wonder boy.

Hercules

Meg

Meg

So what do you do for an encore? Lift the world.

Hercules

Meg I 'm glad you came by. I was hoping I'd see you again.

Meg

Why so you could show off your collection of awards?

Hercules

No Meg, so I could be with you. You know sometimes I wish I were just like everyone else.

Meg

What you want to be petty and dishonest.

Hercules

Not everyone is like that.

Mea

You really believe that don't you wonder boy?

Hercules

I believe you're not like that.

Meg

How would you know? You don't even know me.

Hercules

I think I know you more than you think. This was fun do you think we could spend the day together again tomorrow?

#### Phil

Alright break it up. Hey you are supposed to be working out. And you don't get me started. Let's go Hercules.

#### Hercules

Thanks Meg for a wonderful evening. (Kisses Megs cheek)

#### Phil

That's it next time I wont let you out of my sight. Falls off Pegasus.

#### Meg

Oh what's the matter with me? You'd think a girl would learn.

#### I Won't Say (I'm In Love)

#### Meg

If there's a prize for rotten judgment I guess I've already won that No man is worth the aggravation That's ancient history been there done that

#### Muses

Who'dya think your kiddin
He's the earth and heaven to you
Try to keep it hidden
Honey we can see right through you
Girl, ya can't conceal it
We know how you feel and who you're thinking of

#### Meg

No chance no way I won't say it oh no

#### Muses

You swoon you sigh Why deny it uh oh

#### Meg

It's too cliche I won't say I'm in love

I thought my heart had learned it's lesson It feels so good when you start out My head is screaming get a grip girl Unless you're dying to cry your heart out

#### Muses

You keep on denying Who you are and how you're feeling Baby we're not buying Hon, we saw you hit the ceiling Face, it like a grown up

When ya gonna own up that you Got, got, got it bad

#### Meg

No chance no way I won't say it no no

#### Muses

Give up give in check the grin you're in love

#### Meg

This scene won't play I won't say I'm in love

#### Muses

Your doin flips read our lips You're in love

#### Meg

Your way off base I won't say it Get off my case I won't say it

#### Muses

Girl don't be proud it's ok you're in love

#### Meg

At least out loud I won't say I'm in love

#### Muses

Sha doop sha doop sha doop sha la la la la la ahhh

Hades

Hey what's the buzz Meg? What is the weak link in wonder boys chain?

Meg

Get yourself another girl. I'm through.

#### Hades

Would you mind running that by me one more time. I must have a chunk of brimstone wedged in my ear.

Meg
Then read my lips. Forget it.

#### Hades

Meg, Meg my sweet diluted little minion. Your forgetting one little tiny tiny but ever so crucial detail. I OWN YOU!!!!! If I say sing you say Name that tune. If I say I want wonder boys head on a silver platter you say...

Meg Medium or Well done.

Phil Oh, no this is gonna break his heart.

Hercules Phil what's taking so long.

Phil Kid I gotta tell you something.

Hercules
Oh, Phil Meg is the greatest. She's so nice.

Phil Listen kid...

Hercules

And tonight, was the funniest. I can't stop thinking about Meg.

Phil She's a fraud!!!!!! She's been playing you for a sap.

Hercules
Oh, come on Phil. Quit kidding around.

Phil I'm not kidding around.

Hercules
I know you were upset about today.

Phil Kid you're missing the point.

Hercules
The point is I love her.

Phil

But she don't love you.

Hercules Stop it.

Phil

She's nothing but a two timing, lying, scheming

Hercules
Shut up (Knocks Phil Down) Phil I'm sorry.

Phil

Ok if that's the way you want, if you won't face the truth I'm outta here.

Hercules Phil where are you going?

Phil

I'm hoping the first barge out of here. I'm going home.

Hercules

Fine then go. I don't need you.

Phil

I thought you were gonna be the all-time champ not the all-time chump.

Hades

Gees Louise what got his goat huh. Name is Hades Lord of the dead how ya doing?

Hercules Hey not now ok.

Hades

I only need a few seconds I'm a fast talker. You see I got this major deal in the works. A real estate venture if you will. And Herc you little devil you. May I call you Herc. you seem to be constantly getting in the way.

Hercules
You've got the wrong guy.

#### Hades

Hear me out you little... I mean hear me out ok. I would be eternally grateful if you would just take a day off from this hero business of yours. Geesh I mean monsters and natural disasters they can wait a day.

Hercules
You're out of your mind.

Hades

Now hold on because I have a little leverage that you might want to know about.

Meg

Hercules don't listen to him.

Hercules Meg. Let her go.

Hades

Here's the tradeoff you give up your strength for 24 hours. Say the next 24 hours. And Meg here is safe from harm then we dance, we kiss, we smooze and everyone goes home happy. Whata ya say?

Hercules

People are gonna get hurt aren't they.

Hades

No I mean it's a possibility it's war what are ya gonna do? Besides what do you owe these people? Isn't Meg more important than they are?

Hercules

You gotta promise me that Meg won't get hurt.

Hades

Ok I'll give you that Meg is safe otherwise you get your strength back yadda yadda like that. What do you say we shake on it. I really don't have time to wait I got plans in August. Going once, going twice......

Hercules Ok it's a deal.

Hades

Yes, lets shake on that. (Hercules is drained of his strength) And Meg you were wonderful you deserve an Academy Award. What a performance.

## Hercules What are you talking about?

#### Hades

Meg was working for me and as promised you are now free. Listen I'd loved to stay and chat but I have an empire to over throw. (Exit)

Hercules
Meg, how could you? (Exit)

Meg
Hercules wait. (Exit)
BLACKOUT

#### **Hades Inferno**

#### Hades

Finally, I have the power to rise from my hellish prison and reclaim my rightful place with the gods.

Pain
But what about Zeus?

#### Panic

Yeah, he still has all those lightning bolts of his.

#### Hades

I fear no one! My veins are flowing with the strength and power of Hercules. With my newly acquired powers, Zeus and all the other gods on Mount Olympus will bow down to me. And if they don't, I will burn Olympus down.

#### Chorus

(Burn Hades burn)

(Burn Hades burn)

(Burn Hades burn)

(Burn Hades burn)

(Burnin)

#### Hades

Olympus in the sky, one hundred stories high

People getting loose y'all, getting down on the roof Folks are screaming, out of control It was so entertaining to watch Hades start to explode I heard somebody say

#### Chorus

(Burn Hades burn)

#### Hades

Hades inferno

#### Chorus

(Burn Hades burn)

#### **Hades**

Burn Olympus down

#### Chorus

(Burn Hades burn)

#### Hades

Hades inferno

#### Chorus

(Burn Hades burn)

#### **Hades**

Burn Olympus down

#### Chorus

(Burnin')

#### Muses

Satisfaction came in a chain reaction
He couldn't get enough, so He had to self-destruct
The heat was on, rising to the top
Everybody going strong, and that is when his spark got hot
We heard somebody say

#### Chorus

(Burn Hades burn)

#### Hades

Hades inferno

#### Chorus

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#### Hades

Hades inferno

#### Chorus

(Burn Hades burn)

#### Hades

Burn Olympus down

#### Chorus

(Burnin')
Up above my head
I hear music in the air

#### Hades

I Hear Music

#### Chorus

That makes me know There's a party somewhere

#### **Hades**

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#### Chorus

Burnin

Hades

Brothers, titans look at you in your squalid prison. Who put you down there?

Titans Zeus!

Hades

And know that I set you free what is the first thing you are going to do?

Titans
Destroy him.

Hermes
Your majesty the Titans have escaped.

Zeus

What? Sound the alarm launch an immediate counter attack. Go Go.

Hermes I'm gone babe

Hades Hey Zeusy I'm home.

Zeus

Hades it was you. you black hearted....

Hades

No need for name calling Bolt Boy.

Hermes

My lord the titans are at the gates of Olympus. And All the gods have been captured.

Pain and Panic

We're gonna win we're gonna win. (Knock over Pillar and hit Meg)

Hercules

Meg. (Lifts Pillar) How did I get my strength back?

Meg

Hades promised I wouldn't get hurt so the deal is broken.

Zeus

Come on boys we have them on the run now. (chases Pain and Panic out)

Hades

But i have one last trick up my sleeve. (Throws Meg into the river of souls) Here's the deal if you can get here out before she dies you can both go free.

Hercules It's a deal.

Hades

Oh, one thing I forgot to mention. You'll be dead before you reach her. (Hercules gets Meg Out) How did you do that. the only thing that can get out of there alive would be a god. Oh no. Listen Hercules you know I was just kidding. Maybe you could speak to Zeus for me. (Hercules pushes Hades into the river of souls)

Panic

He is going to be furious when he gets out of there.

Pain
You mean If he gets out.

Panic If. If is good

> Zeus My Boy

Hera
Hercules now you can return home.

Meg
I'm happy for you Hercules you finally got your wish.

Hercules
Mother, Father I can't stay.

Zeus But Why?

Hercules
Because I love Meg and I want to be with her.

Zeus Now son, you really are a hero.

Muse 1
And Hercules went on to do many great things.

Muse 5

He even inspired a nationally syndicated TV series starring Kevin Sorbo. Honey they were bigger than the Kardashians.

#### The Gospel Truth 4

#### Muses

Now what Zeus said is true Herc and Meg could be on their way And with luck they'll start out fresh and begin a brand-new day

Zeus cleaned up the place Sent the Titans back to their cell And never more would those big uglies show their ugly face

#### Chorus

We owe it all to Zeus

#### Muses

He hurled his thunderbolt

#### Chorus

He zapped

#### Muses

Locked those suckers in a vault

#### Chorus

They're trapped

#### Muses

And Once again stopped chaos in its tracks

#### Chorus

And that's the gospel truth

#### Muses

The guy was too type A to just relax And that's the world's first dish Zeus tamed the globe while still in his youth Though, honey it may seem impossble That's the gospel truth

#### **Muses & Chorus**

On Mount Olympus life was neat And smooth as sweet vermouth

Though, honey it may seem impossble That's the gospel Truth

Curtain Call A Star Is Born

# THE END