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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Greetings delegates,

We welcome you all to the JPHS Intra Model United Nations 2024. This guide has been prepared with the idea that it will brief you about the issues at hand, and give you a good starting point for further research. So we request you not to see it as an end in itself in terms of preparation. Going beyond the scope of this guide during preparation is not only suggested but a necessity.

As soon as you enter the committee, we expect you to step in the shoes of diplomats. We expect you to debate, deliberate and discuss amongst your peers to come up with innovative solutions for the problems put forward. The agenda for this year's conference is: The Battle of the Mount Olympus. The committee proceedings would be in the format of Continuous

Crisis so do not end your research in a single book. At the same time should not violate their character policy while understanding that you are sitting in a very flexible activity, where the concepts of 'right' and 'wrong' fade away.

Whether you are new to the concept of MUNs or are a seasoned MUNer, we urge you to give it your best shot and leave it for us to give you an environment that is equal parts learning and fun. The board is hopeful that each delegate will be well researched and will provide their own unique perspective on the agenda.

Reiterating, you must use this document only as a reference point and make your own Opinion based on your portfolio along with their search and analysis that were done. In case of any queries feel free to contact us.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Regards,

Anirudh Gupta

(Co- Chairperson)

Advait Bansal

(Co- Chairperson)

ANCIENT LAWS FOR THE COMMITTEE

1. The ultimate power resides with the Fates, who weave the destinies of all beings, gods and mortals alike. No one can defy their pronouncements entirely, although some may attempt to influence them through clever maneuvering
2. The cosmos maintains a delicate balance between different forces: order and chaos, life and death, etc. Deities and titans must avoid tipping this balance too drastically with their actions.
3. The Olympian gods hold the highest positions of power, followed by demigods and then the titans, who are considered an older, deposed generation. However, respect should still be shown to all divine beings.
4. All the Minors Gods around the globe are to be considered neutral entities,

LAWS FOR OLYMPIAN GODS

1. Gods generally avoid directly interfering in mortal affairs, except through prophecies, omens, or chosen champions. Tampering with free will is discouraged
2. Each god has a specific domain (war, wisdom, love, etc.) and is expected to uphold the principles associated with it.

3. Gods have a duty to maintain order and prevent chaos in their domains. This might involve resolving conflicts, preventing natural disasters, or guiding mortals on the right path, and violence of any form by gods is allowed while doing so, if they do not directly interfere.

4. The Olympian gods gather regularly to discuss matters of importance, vote on decisions, and settle disputes. The Big 3 (Hades, Poseidon, Zeus) have veto powers, through which any resolution can be scrapped.

5. The Gods cannot fight/kill any mortal or demigod, unless and until the mortal or demigod challenges them

6. The Olympian Gods do not have the right to order any Minor god, demigod, or human, and they have the full right to deny any orders given by the Olympians

7. The Gods cannot enter each other's territories without permission

LAWS FOR DEMI GODS

1. Demigods stand somewhat outside the realm of Fate. In that demigods have the capacity to alter the Fates of the immortals themselves at times. Thus the only rule for demigods is that there are no rules.

LAWS FOR TITANS

1. Every Titan must obey any and all orders given by the Titan Lord Kronos, the consequences of any sort of rebellion may lead to Death, or worse

2. Titans cannot kill any mortal or demigod, unless and until they get an open challenge
3. For purposes of convenience, the Titans can only command those monsters that were mentioned in the original Percy Jackson series.
4. Titans can enter each other's territory unlike Olympian Gods, and can wage wars against each other
5. Titans genuinely avoid interfering in demigods or mortal's domestic affairs, and thus cannot temper their free will

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Firstly delegates, you will need to understand that this committee is fundamentally different from all other committees in the MUN. Here, we do not expect pre-prepared speeches or extensive research. Since it is a **Continuous Crisis Committee**, more emphasis is placed upon problem solving skills and thinking on your feet. Unlike other committees that can only recommend a course of action, in a CCC delegates will have to produce action.

Our committee is designed to function as a Continuous Crisis Committee, where delegates will face a series of interconnected challenges and scenarios that are based upon the various trials, tribulations, monsters and gods mentioned in the Percy Jackson books . From battling mythical monsters to deciphering ancient prophecies, each crisis will test our collective wit, resilience, and strategic acumen.

As delegates, you will embody various characters and factions from the Percy Jackson universe, including gods and goddesses of Olympus, demigods from Camp Half-Blood, powerful titans, and other mythical entities. Your task will be to navigate intricate alliances,

confront adversaries, and work towards resolving crises while balancing the interests and agendas of your respective factions.

Please remember that just because this committee comprises characters from Percy Jackson, does not mean that the committee will proceed according to the storyline given in the books. The only thing this committee will have in common with the books are the characters and the powers of the characters, the crisis updates will differ very much from the books so do not limit your research to the books, read about conspiracy theories, even some ships such as Percy Jackson and Nico Di Angelo, and try to brush up on your general knowledge of Greek mythology (Romans and the other pantheons mentioned in later books will not be a part of the committee)

HOW A CRISIS WORKS

The complexities of this crisis demand a well-coordinated approach. To ensure our actions are impactful and timely, the committee will operate within a cyclical framework known as the "Crisis Cycle." This iterative process allows for continuous adaptation and response to the evolving situation.

Each Crisis Cycle will consist of three distinct phases:

1. Crisis Update: The Chair, acting as the conduit for information from the "outside world," will deliver crucial updates as one of the Fates on the unfolding crisis. These updates, often referred to as "Crisis Breaks," introduce new challenges and developments that necessitate our collective attention.

2. Deliberation and Debate: Following the Crisis Update, a period of open discussion will commence. This phase allows delegates to analyze the new information, assess its impact, and propose potential solutions. Feel free to engage in

respectful debate, raise questions for clarification, and consider the perspectives of all stakeholders within the crisis.

2.1. Directives: Directives are of four types, Individual Public Directives which are sent by an individual delegate and are visible to the whole committee, Individual Private Directives which are sent by an individual delegated but are not visible to the whole committee (mainly the Plan of Action of a demigod/god/titan), Joint Public Directives which are sent by multiple delegates and are announced in the committee, Joint Private Directives which are sent by multiple delegates and aren't made public in the committee (mainly the Plan of Action of a group of demigods/gods/titans)

3. Crafting Directives: Once a comprehensive understanding of the situation is established, the committee will move towards formulating "Directives." These directives are essentially action plans that outline our collective response to the crisis. Collaboration is key in this stage, as we strive to create directives that are effective, address the most pressing concerns, and consider the diverse interests represented within the committee.

Additional Considerations:

Resources: Throughout the Crisis Cycle, it's imperative to consider the resources available to us. This might involve manpower, financial assets, technological capabilities, or intelligence gathering.

External Influences: The broader context of the crisis, including potential reactions from external entities, must be factored into our decision-making process.

Understanding how allies and adversaries might respond will be crucial in crafting a successful strategy.

Public Perception: Depending on the nature of the crisis, the potential impact on public opinion and potential information leaks should be considered. Try to speak as much as you can! Speaking is the best way for other people to hear about your ideas, and your speeches can often convince people to collaborate with you. Since crisis speeches are usually impromptu, there's

no pressure to make a “perfect” speech, instead focus on creativity, uniqueness and efficiency of it.

TITAN ARMY: It comprises all the Titans mentioned in the original Percy Jackson books, excluding those that were neutral like Helios and Selene. It also includes the two major demigods, Luke and Ethan. The army of the Titans is numerically superior to that of the Gods since the Titans control most monsters and many demigods and mortals. The army shall comprise only the monsters mentioned in the books and a limit will be placed upon the number of these monsters as per the Chair’s discretion. The Foremost among the Titans is Kronos, who is the head of the Titan Army, followed by Atlas as his second in command. However since immortals are not allowed to directly interfere, the role of the demigods such as Luke and Ethan has been given importance too (Rumors have been spread about a legendary ship, Luke and Kronos). The basic objective of the Titan army isn’t that complicated- it is to raze Olympus to the ground and annihilate the Gods and all those who stand with them (Eazy Peazy)

CAMP HALF BLOOD: It consists of all the demigods that have been mentioned as being part of Camp Half Blood in the whole series, even those that had died (Yes, Charles Beckendorf will be considered alive, yippee). It will also comprise the Olympians. Those Olympians that have not been included as a part of the committee matrix, will be controlled as per the discretion of the Fates. The Olympian army is numerically inferior, however what they lack in numbers, they make up in grit, courage and skills. The basic objective here is also very simple- protect Olympus and the Gods’ seats of power, as well as Camp Half Blood and kill the Titans. (Again eazy peazy, just like taking a candy from Meg McCaffrey)

ENDING NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Absolutely! Here's the ending with a healthy dose of Percy Jackson-esque humor and a touch of fear:

...Or would the "Shattered Sky" herald a new era of devastation for the world?

Now, before you all start packing your celestial bronze pool floats and planning an "Apocalypse Luau,"

Let us assure you, this little crisis is NOT a walk in the park (unless that park happens to be the Labyrinth, on fire, with a grumpy Minotaur as your tour guide). This prophecy isn't your grandpa's dusty scroll. We're talking epic battles, existential dread, and enough celestial drama to make Hera jealous. In the name of the River Styx, don't take this lightly. This crisis is about to make cleaning out the Augean Stables look like a relaxing spa day. So, grab your ambrosia, brush up on your godly gossip, and get ready to strategize like Hermes himself. Because let's face it, Olympus needs all the help it can get. This ain't gonna be a cakewalk... more like a quest through Tartarus in flip-flops. Buckle up, demigods, because things are about to get real.

Regards,

Advait and Anirudh
(Your Sweet Fates)

