DHS Comix
RANDOM ENCOUNTER

"TRUE ENOUGH"
I HAVE NO IDEA!! W-WE'RE NEVER GONNA GET THIS DONE IN TIME FOR CLASS!

WHAT?

EXPLORE THREE CAUSES OF THE ARSE CIVIL WAR... AND YOU GOT NOTHING?

WELL... I DIDN'T COME TO DHARK'S HERO SCHOOL TO WRITE A BUNCH OF ESSAYS...

INCIDENTLY, WHY DID YOU COME?

MY UNCLE MADE ME...

WHY?

I MEAN... I CAME HERE TO BECOME A HERO! FIGHTING, NOT WRITING.

HAHA...

0-OH... UM... DO YOU THINK WE'D GET KICKED OUT IF WE MESS UP?

NAH, PROBABLY NOT. ANYWAY, WE CAN ALWAYS WING IT, JUST LIST THE USUAL REASONS.

T-THREAT 'USUAL REASONS'... YEAH MAN, YOU GOT... IDEOLOGY, ECONOMY AND SECURITY.

HAHA... AS LONG AS WE PASS, I GUESS IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.

S-YEAH... THAT'S THE SPIRIT, BLUFF...

GREETINGS, MY FRIENDS! HOW GOES IT WITH THE HOMEWORK?

AH! OH... HI...

HEYA

HEY JINX, WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR HEAD?

UM... HEH... T-THAT'S JUST A GIFT FROM MY COUSIN... ERR......

!!! INTERESTING... NO IT'S NOT.

SO, ABOUT THAT HOMEWORK-- RIGHT, BECAUSE THAT'S INTERESTING...
UM... IF YOU'RE HERE TO COPY FROM OUR HOMEWORK, YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK...

WE UMM, HAVEN'T DONE IT...

Pfft, Big Surprise There.

SO LAZY, JINX! NOT DOING YOUR HISTORY WORK!

HAHA, AND THAT COMING FROM Loki!

Umm... Weheh...

DON'T YOU WORRY, SHORTSTUFF! WE'RE HERE TO LET YOU PLAGIARISE WHAT WE HAVE?

R-really?!

OR CRIB OFF OUR STUFF, LOOK THROUGH OUR NOTES...

HA, FOR A PRICE, OF COURSE!

O-oh... Whatever they ask for, pay up!

I, well, um, don't really have much-

Oh, we're searching for something worth far more than money!

SURE, IF YOU'RE A TRAISE.

WE'LL SHARE WHAT YOU NEED, IF YOU SHARE WITH US THE STORY OF HOW YOU RECEIVED YOUR FORTUNATE CURSE.

Yeah! Just how'd you get your ears and tail anyway?

hurk!!

Do it, Jinx! That's a good deal!

I-1... I can't...

What?

Why not?

I um... I really don't want to tell you...
Well?

I... let me think...

I guess I was about 9 or 10.

I lived with my uncle Leo, in Valent, Varia. He's very religious.

He is a high priest of knowledge.

We never had a lot, but we made do.

We lived in this small terrace house in the city, along with a bunch of relatives.

As a high priest, Leo locked out for fellow Jude-followers, so visitors were always welcome.

To tell you the truth...

Before Leo took me in, I lived on the street, so even such a crowded home was lovely.

He's not my real family, but Uncle Leo may as well be.

Um, anyway...

Jared!!

Come down here! We've got an important visitor! Come meet him!

Okay.

Cyak!

Ah! Clumsy jinx!

Uh... mostly...

You okay, kiddo?

Good, let's go.
IN THE CROWD OF FAMILIAR FACES IN MY UNCLE'S SITTING ROOM WAS THIS STRANGER...

HE WAS VERY WELSPoken, EXTREMELY FRIENDLY, AND EXCEEDINGLY WELL-REGARDED...

FOR HE WAS A SEER, LIKE MISS SHAUNI, HE HAD A THIRD EYE.

THE MARK OF JUDE'S MOST DEVOTED.

OHH, HE WAS A TRICKSTER WITH A GOOD ILLUSION, RIGHT?

BET IT WAS JAKE HIMSELF, SHAPEshifted!

AND THEN I WAS CURSED.

THE END.

UHHH, JINX...

OH, WHAT?

COME ON, JINX. DON'T BE LIKE THAT.

DANNI, LOKI, YOU SHOULDN'T INTERRUPT HIS STORY. IT'S RUDE!

ESPECIALLY AFTER JINX MADE IT CLEAR IT'S HARD FOR HIM TO TELL THIS STORY!

PLEASE, JINX, WILL YOU CONTINUE?

OUR HOMEWORK IS STILL AT STAKE, JINX.

W-WHERE WAS I-? OH, THE THREE-EYED MAN, WASN'T IT...?

U-UH... SURE...

YEP.
Hi! My name is Jared. Everyone just calls me Jinx.

Hi there, Jinx! My name is Jake.

J-Jake?!

Oh, I know! Kind of embarrassing, being named after an exiled god...

I thought of changing it, but I'd rather be truthful about it!

But what's in a name, eh Jinx?

Jake is here to celebrate the day of knowledge with us next week.

Ah, yes, I heard your temple is quite nice!

Jake stayed with us, of course.

Oh, he was very friendly the whole time. Suave and helpful.

But something about him just seemed... off. I couldn't say why.

I talked to my uncle about it, but he didn't listen.

I didn't know what else to do.

So I went to my cousin...

Peony?

Hm?
Heya, squirt! How's it going?

Um, bad.

Oh?

It... it's that seer, Jake.

What? He didn't do anything to you did he? Are you ok?

N-no! I just... he...

He really creepes me out.

Him.

To tell you the truth, I got a weird vibe off him too.

But... nothing solid, he hasn't done anything.

And he's got that third eye...

Oh. About that-

The third eye - the seer's eye - aids in perception, lets people see emotions and to some degree read minds.

We like to think it's only connected to Jude, God of Knowledge. He has three eyes, and gives the seer's eye as a gift.

Yes...?

However, all three perception gods have a third eye, not just Jude.

It's true Jude's the one known for giving seer's eyes to his followers.

It's a rare, special gift, a symbol of bravery and intelligence.

Marie, the goddess of truth, never gives gifts to her followers. But the last perception god, Jake, the god of lies...

His trickster followers have their own way of doing things.
Are... Are you saying Jake is a trickster?

I've got no proof!

We don't have any solid knowledge, just an uneasy feeling!

Yeah...

Then I'll get proof.

Hm?

There's still some time until the festival opening. I'll follow Jake...

Good luck, Jinxy!

I'll see! If he's not all he seems.

It seemed such a good idea at the time.

What was I thinking? -?

It was a terrible idea.

Oof!
WHY HELLO THERE, JINX!
Are you injured?
I'm-I'm fine!

H-how are you, Mr. Jake?
Fine.
Just fine,
Then we're both fine.
Yes.

Are you sure you didn't hit your head?

Be more careful, Jared! You might break something valuable!

Leo, my friend, a young mind is a very valuable thing!

Uh-

You know, in Centra they make expensive ceremonial bowls from skulls!

Though...

Hm... that's more the head than mind...

Hahaha, Jake, you're alright!

Why thank you, Leo! And thanks kindly for your hospitality, particularly leading up to the holiday!

Speaking of... tomorrow's the day of knowledge, huh? So tonight we'll do the first ceremony, right?

My goodness how time gets away! I've only got a few hours to brush up on a few things. I'll start setting up the temple while I'm out.

Wait!

I'm coming with you!

 Uh... Leo?

You heard the boy, Jake!

Off you two go! Have fun!

Uh...

I'll... I'll help out!

... you are?
NOW JARED, DON'T BE ALARMED IF I TRY TO DITCH YOU...

HE MUST'VE KNOWN WHAT WAS ON MY MIND, BECAUSE BOY, DID HE RUN.

HAHA, LOST HIM!

BUT I KNEW THE CITY VERY WELL.

HUH?

OOF!

HA?

STOP RIGHT THERE!

GEEZ, YOU REALLY ARE CLUMSY, KID.

AH!

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, TRICKSTER!

NO YOU DON'T.

I - HUH?

YOU THINK I'M A TRICKSTER NAMED JAKE. YOU GOT GOOD SENSE!

IT'S TRUE, HM, BUT SO LIMITED.

Y-YOU? HOW? I - WHO.... I AM THE TRICKSTER JAKE!

I AM THE TRICKSTER GOD!

I-I WON'T LET YOU RUIN JUDE'S HOLY DAY!

LET ME?

THAT'S ADORABLE!

YOU'RE NOT IN ANY POSITION TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!
Jake is a powerful God... He has many titles. Not everyone knows them.

He is the God of lies, the trickster God...

...and he is the God of nightmares.

I...

Are you okay? Jinx...

It's okay if you skip over it. We really want to hear the rest, though...

I don't... I-I can't tell you about the nightmares.

Th-there's not much left... I'll try...

I know I was unconscious for a while. I... I eventually managed to pull myself out of the dream.

Aah!

zzz!

Ah! The temple! There's Uncle Leo, and— and—

Him!
JAKE!!

HUH?

YOU! AH, YOU LITTLE-

?

HOW DID YOU ESCAPE MY NIGHTMARE SO SOON?! THAT WAS MEANT TO KEEP YOU OCCUPIED ALL NIGHT, SO I COULD-- er--

I... BEG YOUR PARDON?

UM... EHEHEH...

UGH, YOU DUMB KID! YOU'VE GONE AND RUINED EVERYTHING!

Y-YOURE--!

WHA-?! THE GOD OF LIES! WHAT IS HE-?

I WAS JUST LEAVING, THANKS TO THAT LITTLE JINX! HA!

S-STAY BACK!

NOW, NOW! I CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT GIVING THE BOY A TOKEN OF MY APPRECIATION!

AAAAAAH!!

JARED!!

PUF!

SO, UM... THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.

WOW, JINX!

HAHA, THAT'S INCREDIBLE!

HM...

SO JINX, WHAT PART OF THAT WAS MEANT TO BE EMBARRASSING?

UM...

HAHA... YOU'RE SUCH A WEIRDO.

HERE'S THOSE NOTES, THAMS, JINX!
You know, I didn’t see a Jude Temple when I visited Valen’t a while ago.

Good to know there’s one there...

Ooh, really?

Ah, yes.

Well, see ya, Jinx!

How? Jinx, are you hiding anything?

Haha... h-hide? What would I?

Hi! I see? Oh yes, what would you be hiding, Jinx?

I think I’ve met your cousin Peony.

I... Er... you have?

She gave you that toy, right?

U-um...

White fur and greenish markings? A half-mouse with big buck teeth?

I-oh! Must be sombody else! My cousin is a- she’s a half-cat with pink marks!

Haha no.

She’s a trickster you know. That was probably an illusion!

She-Wha-Wha-Huh?! I... uh...

N... no way!

Ha! Is there even a temple of Jude in your hometown?

Nevermind! I’ll see you around!

Uh... what did she mean?

I made up that whole story.

I-what?!
SOOOO HIYA JINXY~!

GOT ANYTHING RELEVANT TO SAY (NO SPOILERS)?

W-WELL, THERE'S-

NO.......

Hmmmmm

RIGHT, SO HOW MUCH OF YOUR STORY WAS FICTITIOUS?

THAT'S A SILLY QUESTION, PEONY. YOU WERE THERE, YOU KNOW--

COUGH

AHEM!

WHAT? I WAS JUST--

Oh!

YOU ARE TERRIBLE AT THIS.

OKAY LET'S JUST IGNORE JARED....

...AND TRY TO PICK A NEW TOPIC....

UH... HOW ABOUT THAT LOCAL SPORTS TEAM?

Eh?