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"They needed a scapegoat – and I was convenient"

A pariah among the Greek Gods of Mount Olympus, James has been shunned by the council for helping a friend find freedom. Can he clear his name – and find a love of his own?

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Lisa Ottone says

God of Thieves was a quick read. It was good, but I was slightly disappointed in the ending. It was sad and I felt that Iris was brought in as a potential love interest for Hermes but that part of the plot was never resolved. The story probably could have been told without her. The whole series could have remained the same without Hermes' story. It seemed irrelevant to the overall theme, that later when he became James he could have explained his point of view in a few sentences and the reader would not miss anything. It just didn't have that wow factor that I've come to expect from Carter, because every story I read previously kept me on the edge of my seat, unable to put it down. Sadly I didn't get that feeling from this story.

Nonetheless Hermes' voice did give a new life to the series because we're finally hearing it told from a male perspective. The voice was more blunt and his logic seemed very cut and dry, as opposed to all the dramatic females (Persephone, Aphrodite, etc.). I'm hoping Carter goes into a lot of depth with Hades next in his story God of Darkness.

<http://emeraldsandempresses.blogspot.com>

Maddy Martinelli says

This hurt my heart so much, because I absolutely love James to death, and to see him hurt so much made me feel so bad for him and the situation that he was put in from Zeus. This novella follows James as he attempts to aid a group of people he finds while wandering in the woods while doing a task for Zeus. He runs into Perry, Tuck, and others, and soon forms a bond with every one of them, until one day an unexpected visitor makes an appearance and disrupts their lives. Following this visit, an incident of great tragedy occurs, and James is hurt and in unimaginable pain and grief regarding his loss. James is such a kind soul, and to see him not be able to gain closure at the end of the novella. The cruel ways that James and his decisions are treated throughout the story truly tear a hole in my heart as we, as readers, see his life be changed forever. I highly recommend reading this novella if you would like to gain more background knowledge about James, and read the rest of the novellas for even more time in the Goddess Test series.

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Morgan says

Hermes was the family screw up; blamed for Persephone giving up her immortality and everything else basically since he stool Apollo's cows. Things become serious as the council needs him to discover the reason for the "disappearance" of other gods such as Helios and Selene. Little did Hermes suspect that the answer to the council's survival would rest in the hands of a group of runaways and their leader, Tuck.

Ale says

—James —le dije —Mi nombre es James.

No puedo creer aún que la historia de Hermes me haya hecho llorar.
Increíble pero cierto.

Sentí totalmente el dolor de Hermes queriendo recuperar el cariño y amor de su familia.
Y ellos rechazándolos totalmente.

Y aún no sé por que lo rechazaban y lo trataban como escoria. ¡Lo que pasó con Perséfone fue gracias al enamoramiento de ella con Adonis y Ares matando a Adonis! ¡Hermes no tuvo nada que ver!
Pero claro, para echarle la culpa a alguien, escogieron al idiota que tuvo una relación con la puta esa, ¿no?
Pues no me parece y nunca me parecerá.

Y me partió el corazón lo que sucedió con Tuck.
Hermes llorando... yo solo... no me toquen...

A lo largo de la saga no había conectado totalmente con James, pero este libro hizo que creara lazos con el al 100%.
Y lo amo demasiado.

Y AÚN ME PARECE MUY INFANTIL E INMADURO LO QUE SUCEDIÓ EN LA ESCENA FINAL
¿POR QUÉ HADES NO ACEPTÓ QUE HERMES VISITARA A TUCK?

I MEAN

SUPERA LO DE PERSÉFONE

ELLA ES UNA PERRA Y ELLA NO MERECE QUE TU ESTÉS SUFRIENDO AÚN POR ELLA
CUANDO ELLA POSIBLEMENTE NI SE ACUERDE DE TI PORQUE ESTÁ DISFRUTANDO DE SU
ETERNIDAD CON ALGUIEN QUE NO ERES TÚ

UGH

ME DIO MUCHA RABIA ESO

HERMES SE SENTÍA MAL POR LO QUE HABÍA PASADO CON TUCK, POR LO QUE SU PADRE LA
EJECUTÓ CUANDO NO DEBERÍA HABER SIDO ASÍ.

HERMES QUERÍA VERLA Y DECIRLE CUANDO LA QUERÍA

Y EL ESTÚPIDO RENCOR DE HADES HACIA EL, HIZO QUE SE ME ROMPIERA AÚN MÁS EL
CORAZÓN

que dolor de verdad es todo esto
me duele aún

Pero Hermes supo que Tuck era feliz en su eternidad, y con eso me bastó para llorar un poco más.

Un sollozo tembloroso escapó de mí, y acuné suavemente su cuerpo. Le había fallado. Por mí, estaba muerta, y yo había perdido la única amiga que había tenido en mucho, mucho tiempo. Esa angustia y la culpa se arremolinaban dentro de mí, lo que agravaba mi dolor por una chica que apenas había conocido dos días. Pero el tiempo no significaba absolutamente nada cuando se trataba de amor, y mientras estaba de pie ahí, meciéndome hacia adelante y hacia atrás, tratando de obligar al mundo a enderezarse, toda última gota de esperanza que tenía desapareció.

Makii says

A lo largo de la historia, y de las novelas anteriores, yo no lograba conectar completamente con Hermes(James). Primero por Kate, después por saber lo de él y Perséfone y Afrodita... Pero necesitaba tener algo de él, conocerlo mas profundamente, saber que sentía y este libro me dio eso. El dolor por la perdida de Perséfone, el ser considerado prácticamente una paria por el consejo, el anhelo por sentir el amor de su familia. Es demasiado lo que él sufre, lo que vive y es ahí cuando realmente lo entiendo, cuando puedo meterme en su piel y comprender cuan arrepentido esta de las decisiones y actos, hasta que punto y que es lo que realmente desea. Me duele la actitud de Zeus frente a él, y lo que hizo con Tuck. Cuando él había encontrado eso que realmente le daba sentido a su vida, Zeus se lo arrebató de forma indirecta pero así al fin. El final fue triste, la actitud de Hades(Henry) fue fría y cruel, pero después de lo que pasaron era algo que podía esperarse.

Danielle says

If only Hermes could have had a better ending.

Blow Pop says

Before I start this review I need to clarify something. I see "mythology" as religion. Because it is in fact, religion. Typically it's a religion that isn't widely practised any more and potentially not practised at all. The term mythology also tends to be used for just about any religious practice that is not a branch of Christianity. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME USING THE PHRASE RELIGION/RELIGIOUS PRACTICE IN PLACE OF MYTHOLOGY DO NOT READ ANY OF MY REVIEWS FOR THIS SERIES.

This is the story of James. Or Hermes as those who know anything about ancient Greek religious stories knows him as.

This is also the story of how he gets the name James and what it means to them.

In this story some of the Gods and Goddesses are dying off and no one can figure out why. Until Hermes decides to go against Zeus' explicit demands not to go to Earth to figure it out and does it anyway.

He meets a girl who basically explains to him that choosing your own name is choosing your own destiny and explaining who you are. She chooses the name James for him and he decides to keep it.

We eventually learn that Tuck and her band of boys come from the people that she robbed and that she re-invented herself as Tuck to escape from her jerk of an uncle. The uncle eventually kills her before James can save her. Hades is still pissed that James and Persephone were a thing so he refuses to let James see Tuck in the underworld.

James explains to Zeus and the rest of the Gods and Goddesses how to keep themselves from extinction and

they re-invent themselves to keep from fading into oblivion.

Garima says

Actual Rating: 2.5 Stars

This story is different than the other stories in the book. It kind of stands out and doesn't really fit in, but for the most part, I liked it.

It kind of gave me a better sense of James/Hermes, so I was able to understand and sympathize with him better. This story doesn't really have much relevance to the series except for the fact that it explains why all the gods have different names.

Pretty much what happens here is that the gods are faced with the problem of older gods becoming forgotten and useless, so they fade away. Sounds a bit like Percy Jackson to me. Anyways, after the whole Persephone fiasco, Hermes has kind of gotten the blame and is a bit of an outcast. Still determined, he tries to find away to save all the other gods from fading away. He's able to discover how to do this by meeting family/pack of kids in the woods.

This one started a bit slow, but it was kind of powerful at the end. However, I was a bit disappointed by the ending; it's a bit melancholy. I'm not upset about the fact that the ending is unhappy. I'm alright with that. Not every story has happy endings. (view spoiler)

Tan says

This one broke my heart and made me hate Hades just a little bit. Boy these Gods can be petty af.

Melissa says

Herme's sad story and the time when the other gods where bas* to him for the sole reason that he made a mistake. Yes ok Hermes did wrong by sleeping with Persephone but that was centuries ago and well I wanted to slap, Apollo, Zeus and yes Hades. Iris was awesome!

Vaish says

Somewhere between 3 and 4 stars. Too excited for Henry's story to write a review, but the gist is that it felt like a fan fiction sometimes, it didn't feel real, but I liked James/Hermes' story. Though I would've liked more of Iris, a potential love interest maybe. James already knew Iris, so it worked. Don't get me started on Tuck. That Tuck instalove was not my favorite. Can we just have one interaction between two new people that doesn't involve them kissing?? EEEKK HENRY'S STORY LETS GOOOOO KATRY HERE WE COME

Angie says

God of Thieves was the most boring, but yet the most informative, of these novellas. This one focuses on James, at least on the surface. He's being ostracized by this family since they're choosing to blame him for Persephone's death, even though his involvement with her ended centuries before her death. After completing a nearly impossible task for Zeus, Hermes heads to Earth to figure out why the gods are disappearing. There he meets Tuck and a group of children she cares for, and he asks to join them. He uses his abilities to keep them fed and safe, and he realizes that they know nothing of the gods. Things happen which I didn't care about, and then he returns to Olympus (although not by choice) to share what he's learned.

God of Thieves explains why the gods are living the way they do and why they have modern names. This was kind of interesting, but not really. I just didn't care for the story, and think there could have been some other way for them to learn the error of their ways. Also, Hermes conversations with Tuck and the conclusions he drew were kind of a stretch. I don't feel like I know James any better than I did before, but at least I understand the world a bit more.

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Lisa says

I used to like James, until I knew he slept with Pheresphone...then that bubble burst and I just started to dislike him...

Even though he is a good guy and you can see that in this story I am 100% backing up Hades so sorry again not my favourite story...

But it gave the insight why gods are fading and why they had to change their names.

Kreiden says

“James is James...”

So after reading his point-of-view I realized that the Cheery Hermes turned to be a Serious James. Because of this girl he just met (Tuck.)

I don't want to spoil it all but. I'd prefer the serious James. Thank God he sticks on that for the rest of the series.

Well this is where the part the Gods decided to change their names. I wish Iris got more part in this book but...oh well that's that.

Andrew says

Review Taken From The Pewter Wolf

God of Thieves follows James/Hermes (I have no idea what to call him!). Now, he likes to cause a bit of trouble. But after what happened to Persephone, the family is mad at James/Hermes. But when two gods just fade, they turn to James/Hermes to find out what happened. Behind Zeus's back, Hermes/James goes down to earth to find out... But will he like what he finds?

I'm not going to lie, I read this while a space of an hour. I didn't expect to read it so fast but I enjoyed reading from James/Hermes's point of view (sorry for the dual names. BLAME AIMEE CARTER! Though... she does explain in this story why the Gods changed their names...) . I always liked him when I read The Goddess Test so I hope he's in Goddess Interrupted (and because I know Persephone features heavily in this, I will read that story quite close to or after I read Goddess Interrupted so I understand her story).

This is very much a fan's read. If you're the fan of the series, this and the other short stories will thrill you no end. I will review the other two stories on my kindle in the next few weeks (no rush!). If you're trying this out to see if you like the series, you might get a tad confused over what's going on...
