

# Percy vs. Clarisse

Have you ever been bullied? Someone might have made fun of you, or hurt you? Have you ever wondered why? In the book series Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Percy, a greek demigod, was bullied at camp half blood by Clarisse, daughter of Ares. In the beginning, When Percy is first introduced to Clarisse, he seemed to be scared, and wary of her. It was understandable, seeing as Clarisse was the camp bully. Clarisse, on the other hand, despised him. When she tried to give him a swirly, somehow he made all the toilets explode in her face, making Clarisse and her goons look like fools. Part of Clarisse's distaste for him was who his father was, and that he had killed a minotaur without any training. Most of the kids at camp half blood had waited most of their lives to fight and kill a monster.

In the second book, Percy seems to respect Clarisse, and Clarisse didn't really care about Percy. Percy said that he knew that Clarisse cared about the soldiers under her command. Clarisse was angry at Percy, because she thought she had it handled. Percy was angry at Clarisse because he had saved her life. Then, Clarisse got a quest. Percy wanted to go, which made Clarisse angry, because she thought that Percy wanted to be the hero again. During the quest, after saving Percy and co., Percy overheard Clarisse talking to Ares. Ares told Clarisse that he didn't care about what the prophecy said, he wanted her to get rid of Percy and finish the quest. The prophecy said that Clarisse would fail without friends. After the quest, Clarisse respected Percy for helping her, and allowing her to complete the last part of the prophecy on her own. I think that this kind of surprised

Clarisse. In the beginning she thought that Percy wanted to be the hero, and find the golden fleece, but instead he sent her home with it, giving all the credit to Percy. She would never say so, but I think she was grateful. In the third book, Percy was curious about where Clarisse was, and seemed a little worried when he heard she was MIA (Missing In Action).

In the fourth book, Clarisse comes back from her quest, and Clarisse and Annabeth were working on something, which confused Percy because Clarisse and Annabeth weren't exactly bff's. Clarisse and Percy may have respected each other, but Clarisse greeting Percy with "punk" was her in a good mood. Percy still seemed to think that Clarisse was a mean ungrateful bully, which shows that him and Clarisse still don't get along. In this book, Clarisse found a demigod, Chris Rodriguez, son of Hermes, near her house. He was insane, wandering around and rambling about random things. Clarisse tried to heal him. Percy overheard her trying to convince him to drink some nectar. Her voice was gentle and sad, and Percy said that he never thought she could sound like that. It was obvious that she cared about him. At the end of the book, Percy saw Clarisse and Chris sitting together laughing at the campfire, after Chris was healed. I think this showed a different side of Clarisse, and that it showed she really cared about her friends, and she could be gentle and kind and happy without bullying others. She had spent all that time trying to heal Chris and bring him back from insanity, even though it probably wouldn't have worked.

In the last book, Selina Beuregard's boyfriend died. Selina was the daughter of Aphrodite, and her boyfriend, Beckendorf, was the son of Hephaestus. Ever since Selina gave Clarisse

boyfriend advice, Clarisse had been a bodyguard for Selina. When Beckendorf died, Clarisse helped her through it, giving her hot chocolate and telling her it was alright. This showed the side of Clarisse that was loyal to her friends and family. Percy also knew that Clarisse was prideful. Her and the counselor of the Apollo cabin got into a fight about a gold chariot. Chiron agreed that the Apollo cabin had the most rights to it, and Clarisse said that no one cared about what Ares wanted, they were just there to fight the other's battles, then said that the Ares cabin wouldn't join the fight against Kronos until she got her satisfaction. Then, she apologized to Selina and only her for fighting with everyone else after she had lost Beckendorf. During the fight against a drakon, Clarisse finally decided to help the others after Selina died trying to fight it, got the blessing of Ares, and managed to kill it, saving everyone. Clarisse may have been prideful, but she cared enough about Selina that she fought for her after she died. This shows that Clarisse cared about her friends more than she cared about her pride.

In the end, I think that while Ares might be Clarisse's dad, Clarisse isn't really a bully. Percy knew that while she sometimes picked on the newbies, she was a good soldier who cared about the camp and the campers even if she didn't really showed it, and I think that after Kronos was defeated, Clarisse might've still called him prissy, but she respected him, just like the rest of the camp.

