

## **The Satyr that Saw Everything**

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This story is about a satyr named Forrest. Forrest is a normal satyr who plays with other satyrs and likes to have fun except he was different. Not only is he immortal but he saw almost every important act in Greek mythology. This story is about the satyr that saw everything!

His story begins when the world was new, and war between the titans and the gods was almost over. Since he was born during the war, the first thing that happened to him was that a titan fell on him. During the war, life was hard but he was just a baby so he barely knew that it even happened.

As he grew up, he was known as a nice and friendly satyr. When he got a bit older he did some deeds for the gods like delivering for Hermes when Iris couldn't. So one morning when he woke up he found Hermes asking for help. Hermes said he needed him to deliver Zeus a letter of congratulations because of the birth of his new baby. So when Forrest walked up Mount Olympus to deliver the letter, a baby hit him in the face and almost threw him off a cliff. He had a great grip or he would have plummeted off the mountain. Forrest walked back up Mount Olympus wondering why an ugly baby hit him in the head. When he went to the top of the mountain, he discovered that the baby that hit him in the face was the same baby that he was delivering a letter for (and if you were wondering yes, that was Hephaestus). Although pretty crazy that he got hit in the head by a baby, this was not the only important baby god that Forrest met! In addition, he saw a number of other important things happen in the Greek world.

First, he was helping Prometheus find clay when he was creating the first humans. Immediately after that, Dionysus told him and some of his friends to make sure all but one specific sailor got turned into dolphins (when Dionysus escaped from some pirates he was kidnapped but he drowned the ship in grapevines and turned all but one into dolphins). Another time while playing in a stream, the first woman, named Pandora, walked by with her special vase that was a gift from the gods which she was told not to open ( in real mythology it was a vase not a box). She opened the vase for some reason and all of this stuff flew out including sickness, greed and a few others. The only one that stayed in was hope.

In addition, when he was helping out in a nursery for the gods, he saw Hercules as a baby kill two snakes that Hera sent after him (in real mythology it was Hera not Hades so don't watch the movie Hercules). He was also with Cerberus doing cleaning duty for Hades when Orpheus enchanted Cerberus with his song (which put him to sleep). Later, Forrest saw Orpheus crying after her love disappeared and he was there when Hercules squeezed the guts out of Cerberus.

This story of Forrest being in every place at every time continues! He was also following Apollo and Artemis to see what they were doing when they killed 14 kids ( 7 boys and 7 girls ) because the mother of these kids thought she was better because she had 14 kids and they only had two. Forrest was also walking around an island when he saw Perseus kill Medusa and two people sprout from her head. Then he saw the gorgons run around trying to find Perseus. He saw a beautiful young lady sprout a snake from her head (he ran away before she could look at anyone). He was also having a chat with the god of the west wind when he saw him bring Psyche over to Eros. Then he visited the mansion when Psyche looked at Eros and after the mansion disappeared. While leaving the disappearing mansions and walking down a street, he

was picked up by the same tornado that picked Psyche up and brought her to Eros. He also saw the king lock up her daughter, Danae, and put her in a box and sail her across the ocean blue.

After he returned to his normal forest surroundings, Forrest was hanging out with his sheep friends. Looking more closely as the sheep, he saw Zeus and Alcmene in sheep form give birth to a beautiful golden sheep. He then saw Hephaestus get revenge on Hera for throwing him off the mountain. Forrest got hit by Hephaestus again when he was thrown off the mountain the second time. Forrest was helping Hephaestus make the net he used for catching Ares and Aphrodite ( let me tell you fun(ny) fact when they threw a net over them, Ares screamed louder). He saw Achilles get dipped in the river Styx. And when in a war, he helped Ares figure out what was wrong when a person got their body cut off but did not die for 10 days and helped arrest Sisyphus for cheating death. Forrest was visiting Phrygia when King Midas used his golden touch and saw him touch his daughter who turned into gold.

So this is all the time I have. But remember this is not all of his adventures. There is much more to be discovered. Perhaps there should have been a movie about this Forrest as afterall, life is like a box of chocolates or perhaps Pandora's?