

Armchair Adventures: A Join-in Story Podcast For Kids

A Greek God's Olympic Adventure!

Part 2

Connie: Welcome to the Armchair Adventures Travel Agency, journeys of the imagination. I'm Head Travel Agent and Host, Connie!

Music: Armchair Adventures theme tune

Connie: Good morning, good afternoon, or good evening, wherever you're listening from, adventurers! And a big hello to all our adventurers on YOTO. Thanks for listening! The voices of today's join-in-at-home Adventurers are...

Adventurers all say their names.

Connie: Hi everyone!

Children: Hi Connie!

Connie: Do you fancy being a join-in adventurer? Then all you have to do is join our Fanclub! It's easy, Just Ask your grown-up to search 'Armchair Adventures' on patreon.com.

On an Armchair Adventure, we can go anywhere we like from the comfort of where we are right now, so they're perfect for everyone, no matter what age you are. Restart. Call. Now.

SFX phone ringing

Scene 7

SFX of the Olympic arena. The crowd again in the distance etc.

Connie: Welcome back, adventurers! Last time we saw you, I was supposed to be playing Hera, Queen of the ancient Greek Gods in the school play, but I kept freezing up in rehearsals. The pressure really got to me, so I was thinking of quitting.

Jonathan: Uncle Chris thought it would be a good idea to visit the Gods, in ancient Greece.

Michelle: To see if it might give Connie a boost!

Kim: But when we walked in on the King and Queen of the Gods, Zeus and Hera, arguing...

Dan: Zeus was so mad he wanted to kill us all, but Hera convinced him to challenge us in an Olympic games instead.

Unc. Chris: Hup, 2, 3, 4, spin your arm around! I'm back everyone!

Chris: Nice kit Uncle Chris!

Roz: The only thing is, we had to win all four events to leave, if we lose just one, he will kill us!

SFX dun dun dun.

Connie: I was determined to rise to the challenge and compete, but I kept freezing, just like in rehearsals at school.

Chris: So, I took on Athena, Goddess of war and wisdom in the boxing and wrestling.

Roz: And I took on Hades, God of the underworld in the chariot racing.

Connie: But at first, it looked like we would lose!

Hera: Until I, Hera, Queen of the Gods, came to save them with some godly magic.

SFX magical sound as an example.

Unc. Chris: How do you feel about being a practice javelin for me Chris?

Chris: I dunno...

Unc. Chris: Great, thanks! Just put your arms by your side and stand straight like a pencil. That's it! Now I just lift you up and here we go, flying Chris!

Chris: Waaaahhhh!

SFX Chris whistling through the air and then a big thump.

Chris: Ow!

Unc. Chris: Hmm, you didn't go very far...more practice needed!

Kim: Hera helped us to turn Athena to stone and gave us her super-speedy peacock to help us win our chariot race.

Connie: Things were going really well, but Zeus got suspicious that Hera was helping us, and I got in my own head about competing in the javelin against Poseidon. Especially without Hera's help.

Jonathan: So, Uncle Chris stepped up to take her place to win the event and stop us all from being killed by Zeus!

SFX dun dun dun!

Unc. Chris: And that's what I'm warming up for now! Pretend to throw loads of Javelins with me, adventurers!

SFX Ding

Adventurer: Mine just went into space!

Adventurer: I can throw loads! Ten at a time...watch.

Adventurer: Fly high, my javelin!

Adventurer: I think I hit the moon.

Unc. Chris: Thanks for warming up with me, adventurers. I had to nip out to get some kit, but now I'm ready to go! Sweatband, check, bouncy trainers check, and athlete's belt, big old check a roonie!

SFX gleaming belt.

Connie: That's such a fancy belt, where did you get it...it looks familiar?

Unc. Chris: Never you mind...

SFX a thunderclap and a puff of smoke to mark his entrance.

Katie: Zeus is back to announce the event!

Anne: Good luck, Uncle Chris!

Com. theatre wishes him luck

Unc. Chris: Thanks, everyone. I might have lost the javelin event at school, but I'm determined to win now! Let's do this!

SFX the roaring crowd and stadium atmosphere.

Zeus: Welcome back, everyone! Next up is the Javelin! Poseidon, it's your time to shine.

SFX Poseidon intro music.

Poseidon: I am Poseidon, God of the sea! Check out my muscles...they have to be big when you need to cause earthquakes on the land and storms out at sea. And just you watch this bicep throw my javelin into space baby! Mortals? Ha! You're no match for me!

SFX crowd cheer.

Unc. Chris: Well, We will see about that. I'm Uncle Chris, and I run a community theatre company, that means I bring the DRAMA! You think your earthquake-causing muscles can scare me? Well, you're wrong... baby!

SFX crowd cheer.

Louise: You can do it, Uncle Chris!

Connie: You've got this!

Com. theatre encourages him

Unc. Chris: Thanks, everyone, here goes nothing...one, two, three!

SFX A short travel and a comedy wobble as the Javelin hits the ground.

Poseidon: HA HA HA! That's only gone 6 feet, you're toast, baby!

Julia: Oh no, if only Hera could help us now...

Matthew: What are we going to do?

Poseidon: I, Poseidon, will throw a million times further than that!

Com. Theatre panic

Unc. Chris: Are you sure, oh, mighty God of the sea? I mean, do you *really* want to tire yourself out throwing a million times further than me?

SFX belt gleaming.

Poseidon: Well, now that you put it that way...

Unc. Chris: And forgive me for saying this, Your Godliness, but you don't want to look like a show off do you?

SFX more gleaming of the belt.

Poseidon: Hmmm I guess not...

Kim: What's going on?

Roz: Poseidon has gone from arrogant to agreeing to everything Uncle Chris is saying...

Connie: And is Uncle Chris' belt glowing?

Unc. Chris: Why don't you just place that javelin down at our feet and look all cool and mysterious for letting the mortals win?

SFX extra powerful belt gleaming!

Poseidon: Yeah, I think I'll just put this javelin down at our feet and look all cool and mysterious for letting the mortals win.

SFX Poseidon puts the javelin down. The sound of it on the floor.

Connie: Uncle Chris, you did it!

SFX the crowd going wild!

Katie: How did you manage that?

Anne: You charmed him into losing!

Unc. Chris: Well, I have Aphrodite's belt to thank for that!

SFX one final gleam of the belt.

Unc. Chris: That's what I ran off to get earlier, she was really nice!

Connie: Oh yes, it has the power to charm people! Great thinking, Uncle Chris- using the power of the Gods against them!

Zeus: I have had enough of this! If you want mortals beating, then you have to do it yourself! For the final event, you will face me, Zeus, in the Stadion. And when I say *you*, I mean Connie, the mortal who never quite makes it to the stage - boohoo! I'll see *you* at the starting blocks...Zeus out!

SFX a thunderclap and a puff of smoke to mark his exit.

Unc. Chris: Are you ok with this, Connie? We've got a lot riding on this...namely, our lives!

Connie: You know what, Uncle Chris, I am. I've realised something watching you all step up and go for it. You don't worry about it going wrong, or overthink it, even when the pressure is on, you carry on. I'm just going to go for it, feel the fear and do it anyway!

Dan: That's so nice of you to say Connie.

Com theatre all agree.

Hera: And I'll be on hand to help again too, if he's competing, he can't stop me helping!

Connie: Thanks Hera, meeting you has been amazing too. Nobody messes with you! I'm going to be more Hera when I get onto the racetrack.

Hera: Then let's get going and teach my lightning-filled husband he's just a bag of air!

Everyone cheers

****promo swap****

Connie: While I make my way to the starting blocks, let's pause our journey of the imagination to hear from another podcast you might like.

Advert plays

Now let's get back to our journey of the imagination! Wish me luck in the race, adventurers.

****promo ends****

SFX stadium atmosphere.

Zeus: It's time for the event you have all been waiting for! The Stadion, a 200 metre race of the Gods! Connie, the 'can't-do' mortal vs me King of the Gods, Zeus! Cue the music!

SFX Zeus intro music.

Zeus: I am Zeus, God of Gods and master of lightning! What's faster than lightning? That's right, nothing! Certainly not you mortals. I've got thunder in my heels and I'm ready to rip that track apart!

SFX The crowd goes wild.

Chris: I'm great blah blah blah, what a big head! Can you do an impression of Zeus Adventurers?

SFX Ding.

Adventurer: I'm Zeus, my ego is so big, my head can't fit through the door.

Adventurer: I'm throwing lightning bolts like tantrums.

Adventurer: I think I'm sooooo cool.

Connie: You all sounded just like him! Right now it's my turn...Connie, you've got this...be...more Hera. Music please!

SFX Connie intro music.

I'm Connie! And yeah I freeze under pressure sometimes, but I bring the drama too, just like my Uncle Chris! So bring it on, lightning pants!

SFX Even bigger cheer from the crowd.

Unc. Chris: Go on Connie! Woohoo, the crowd loved that!

Hera: Ok you two. On your marks, get set! Race!

SFX a gong sounds.

Zeus: Eat my sparks, mortal...

SFX Zeus's zappy feet, and Connie's feet pounding the track. Heavy breathing to underscore the following.

Chris: She's giving it her all, but Zeus is so fast.

Katie: He's quite far ahead.

Dan: The lightning power in his feet is really giving him a boost.

Hera: Well leave that to me! I can control the weather, I'll rain on his parade and put his lightning feet out with a shower! Adventurers, make it rain with me!

SFX Ding.

Adventurer: Clouds gather!

Adventurer: I summon the rain!

Adventurer: Come on storm.

Adventurer: Help us now!

SFX a super heavy rainstorm.

Zeus: Rain! Where did that come from? It's put my feet out!

SFX fizzling out of lightning.

Hera: (shouting) Take that, hubby!

Zeus: (shouting back) You think a bit of rain can stop me *wifey?* It's so easy to turn it into a thunderstorm!

SFX A raging lightning storm!

Zeus: And would you look at that, the sparks are back in my step

SFX Lightning sparks of his feet zapping.

Hera: Well, it slowed you down enough for Connie to pass you!

Connie: (to herself, running) Just focus on the run Connie...you can do this! Block out the storm, it's nothing to do with you.

Zeus: We'll see about that...

SFX Zeus zipping off.

Unc. Chris: Well done Hera, it's such a close race now...

Gary: They're neck and neck.

Julia: Go on, Connie!
Jonathan: No amount of pressure is stopping her now!
Connie: I'm almost there, I'm doing it...I can see the finish line...
Louise: She's almost there, but Zeus is about to take over...
Dan: He's passing her...
Kim: Oh no, he's won!

SFX crowd going wild.

Connie: Uncle Chris! Everyone! I did it! I didn't freeze! I finished the event!
Zeus: Yes, yes, you might have finished, but I *won*...even if it was a close race...

SFX dun dun dun.

Hera: He's right, my rain didn't slow him down enough...
Zeus: Any final words...before I send you all down to Hades?

SFX a crack of lightning and hades laughter.

Unc. Chris: Oh...dear....urrrm...help?
Ann: What are we going to do?
Jonathan: I errrm. I...

Com Theatre are all "freezing under the pressure."

Connie: (stepping up) I've got some words for you Zeus, but it's not just a few words, it's a whole tale. A legend even, of the Gods and the Mortals...
Zeus: (piqued) A legend, you say, sounds interesting, go on...
Connie: It's a tale about a merciful God called Zeus, and how he lets some mortals go...
Unc. Chris: Wow, she's so calm and collected...
Ann: Not freezing under pressure.
Chris: And this is the most pressure ever!
Zeus: Well, this does sound fun...
Hera: I think I'd like to hear this one too Zeus, I've grown to see why you like these mortals so much...

Zeus: A legend for your lives. Go on then, mortals take it away...

Song: 'Greek Gods & Goddesses'

Zeus: What a tale! All is forgotten, safe journey home!

SFX Magical sounds, like we are teleporting to show coming back to reality.

Unc. Chris: We're back! And we're alive! Woohoo! Excellent work Connie!

Julia: You were so calm at the end.

Dan: We all caved under the pressure.

Roz: I thought we were dead for sure!

Com all agree.

Connie: That was nothing, if you hadn't all encouraged me to get up and take part and shown me how to keep going, even when the pressure is high, I would never have been able to do that.

Unc. Chris: So, how are you feeling about playing Hera, in the school play now, Connie?

Connie: I can't wait! Meeting her was the best idea ever, she was so cool, so confident, I'm going to really enjoy being her!

Unc. Chris: Then my job here is done! Make sure you get us all tickets!

Com theatre all want this. I'll bring the popcorn! Etc.

Connie: You betcha! I'd better get off to rehearsal! Goodbye everyone.

Com theatre: Goodbye

Connie: End. Call. Now.

SFX phone hangs up

Lovely.

Connie: Thanks for another amazing adventure, everyone. We have loads more episodes you can enjoy wherever you get your podcasts! Why not try out some more adventures until I see you next time? Byeee!

Music: Armchair Adventures theme tune

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