

1 **HOOK**

Episode SFX come in underneath Narrator.

001 NARRATOR

Nicaea. 325 AD. The sacred halls echo with the slap that shook the Christian world. Nicholas, the defender of Jesus Christ's divinity now finds himself in chains, stripped of his Bishop's garments. While Nicholas is locked away, the bishops will vote between Nicholas and Arius's teachings about the true nature of Jesus Christ. The fate of both the Church and Nicholas hang in balance.

2 **INTRODUCTION**

002 NARRATOR

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5 **INT. PRISON - NIGHT**

DRIPPING WATER. ONE GUARD APPROACHES NICHOLAS CELL.

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005 **GUARD CAPTAIN**

Where's the bishop? I've received orders to check he's chained while the Bishops are voting.

006 GUARD

There he is. Sleeping.

007 NICHOLAS
(mutters in his sleep)
Lord... Forgive me...

008 GUARD
Look! He has been muttering all
night. Maybe he's preaching to the
rats.

009 GUARD CAPTAIN
(mockingly)
Or he's probably dreaming his
precious Jesus is coming to break
him out.

010 NICHOLAS
(muttering)
My Lord...

011 GUARD CAPTAIN
He's at it now. Must be seeing his
fantasy savior... Let's go. I'm
hungry, and he is well chained.

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THE TWO GUARDS WALK AWAY.

6 INT. OPEN FIELD - (DREAM)

A SOFT WIND PICKS UP. A GENTLE HUM, LIKE A
HEAVENLY PRESENCE BUILDING.

012 NICHOLAS
(awed)
Jesus, my Lord... Is that you?

JESUS AND MOTHER MARY WALK TOWARDS NICHOLAS.

013 NICHOLAS
And... Mother Mary?

014 JESUS
Nicholas... Why are you in prison?

015 NICHOLAS
Because... of my love for You. I
could not bear to hear the truth
about You denied.

016 MOTHER MARY
Your courage and devotion have
touched our hearts, Nicholas. For
this love, we offer you a gift.