

1 **HOOK**

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001 NARRATOR

356 A.D. Charming young Basil leaves his devout Christian home in Annesi, Turkey, to study rhetoric in Athens, Greece. His mother Emmelia and sister Macrina worry that he'll lose his Faith in the melting pot of Athens - for a good reason. Arianism and Paganism run rampant in Athens. Basil means well, but he's young, and ripe for the Pagan picking...

2 **INTRODUCTION**

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5 **INT. BASIL'S ROOM - DAY**

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HUSTLE AND BUSTLE: EMMELIA AND MACRINA HELP HIM PACK FOR COLLEGE - TO AND FRO AROUND THE ROOM, SHOVING THINGS IN HIS BAG.

005 EMMELIA

START >>> Basil do you have everything?

006 BASIL

Yes, Mother.

007 **EMMELIA**

Where is your scroll with the
Gospel of Matthew?

008 **MACRINA**

I have it, here!

009 **EMMELIA**

Thank you Macrina. See, Basil? It's
important to check twice.

010 **BASIL**

Now I have everything.

011 **MACRINA**

Maybe you should check again.

012 **BASIL**

Macrina, I'll be fine. I'm going to
Athens to study rhetoric with great
learned men, not to the Colosseum!

013 **MACRINA**

There are just as many lions ready
to devour you in Athens as there
are in the Colosseum. They just
don't have as sharp of teeth.

014 **BASIL**

Don't be so dramatic!

015 **EMMELIA**

Your sister is right, Basil.

016 **BASIL**

I'm better than that. I survived my
studies in Cappadocia with my faith
in tact. In fact, I was *very*
successful! Remember my last
debate? I drew crowds!

017 **EMMELIA**

Yes, but you were surrounded by
good Christians. Your father was
your teacher. And you had Gregory
there with you.

018 **BASIL**

Gregory will be in Athens too! And
my mentor Eustathius is a bishop
just like Father.

019 MACRINA
Mother is looking out for you,
Basil. There are a lot of pagans in
Athens.

020 BASIL
I'll be fine. I'll read the
Gospels, and I'll be with Gregory.
Now, I'm off. Goodbye Mother,
goodbye Macrina.

021 EMMELIA
Goodbye Basil.

021r MACRINA
Goodbye Basil.

022 EMMELIA
God be with you, Basil. I love you.

023 BASIL
(half out the door)
I love you!

SLAM. DOOR SHUT.

024 MACRINA
There he goes. Do you think he will
be okay, Mother?

025 EMMELIA
I hope so. O, my Jesus, please keep
Basil on the narrow road. **<<< END**

SFX TRANSITION TO ATHENS:

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EXT. UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS - DAY

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WALLA MUSIC AND COMMOTION BUILD - ATHENS!
DEBATES, HUBBUB, COMMOTION, A CENTER OF THOUGHT
(BUG'S LIFE COMP). (ADDENDUM 1-A).

026 BASIL
Ah! Athens! I will seek the Truth
here, Lord. Wherever you lead.

BEAT, BASIL TAKES IT IN, INHALING DEEPLY. THEN:

027 BASIL
Excuse me? Excuse me! I'm looking
for the school of rhetoric? Bishop
Eustathius? Excuse me!

PEOPLE IGNORE HIM. JULIAN BUMPS INTO HIM.

028 BASIL
Oof! Hey! Excuse you!