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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.

START >>> 005 **EMMELIA** 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 intact. 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.

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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!