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001 NARRATOR

360 A.D. Seeking Christ in the desert, Basil has stumbled into the cave of an eremitic monk. But life in the desert isn't as simple as it sounds, and Basil has more questions than the monks can answer...

2 INTRODUCTION 2

002 NARRATOR

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5 INT. CAVE - DAY 5

WATER SWISHES THROUGH A BOWL. A RAG IS SQUEEZED, WATER SPLASHES.

005 MONK

(quietly singing [this](#)
[chant](#))

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us.

006 BASIL

(delusional, parched)

Where am... I...

WALLA: BASIL SUCKS IN DRY AIR.

007 MONK

Rest, you are with a friend. In a safe place.

WALLA: A DRY, SHUDDERING BREATH FROM BASIL.

008 MONK

(continues the chant)

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit. Now and
forever and unto ages of ages amen.

MONK SCOOPS WATER INTO A BOWL.

009 MONK

Here, drink.

WATER POURS INTO BASIL'S DRY MOUTH. HE DRINKS A
BIT.

010 MONK

Okay. Time to wake you up.

BIG WATER SPLASH ALL OVER BASIL'S FACE - WALLA:
HE SITS UP SUDDENLY AND GASPS.

011 BASIL

Agh! Where am I?! Who are you?

012 MONK

Hush, hush. You're safe here.

013 BASIL

What? Safe f-from what? I-I-I have
forsaken everything. I need to
go... I need to go back out into
the desert.

014 MONK

Friend, you were starving to death.

015 BASIL

You don't understand. I want to be
sustained by God alone.

016 MONK

I do understand, and God does
sustain you. He has sent you to me.
To a desert place. To rest for a
while.

017 BASIL

A desert place to... Rest a while?

018 MONK

Yes. Haven't you read the Gospels?

019 BASIL

Yes. Yes, I have. That is why I am here.

020 MONK

So you want to be a monk?

021 BASIL

Are you a monk?

022 MONK

I am.

023 BASIL

Will you teach me?

024 MONK

(thinking)

Mmm. Hmmm. I.

(murmuring quietly)

Lord you have brought him to me...

Do you want me to? Hmm...

Beat.

025 MONK

Very well. What is your name?

026 BASIL

Basil.

027 MONK

Basil, follow me.

THEY WALK OUT OF THE CAVE:

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EXT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

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WALKING ON HARD ROCKS.

028 BASIL

Where are we going?

029 MONK

To your cell.

030 BASIL

My "cell"?