

Community Connections in the *Ephesiaca*
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1) 5.13.1-3, reunion scene:

(1) Συνέρρει δὲ ἅπαν τὸ πλῆθος τῶν Ῥοδίων, πυνθανόμενον τὴν Ἀνθίας εὔρεσιν καὶ Ἀβροκόμου· παρῆν δὲ ἐν τούτῳ καὶ ὁ Ἰππόθοος, ἐγνωρίσθη τε τοῖς περὶ τὸν Λεύκωνα καὶ αὐτὸς ἔμαθεν οἱ τινὲς εἰσι· καὶ ἦν τὰ μὲν ἄλλα ἐν αὐτοῖς ἐπιτηδείως, τὸ δὲ ὅτι μηδέπω Ἀβροκόμης ταῦτα ἐπίσταται· ἔτρεχον δὲ ὡς εἶχον ἐπὶ τὴν οἰκίαν. (2) Ὁ δὲ ὡς ἤκουσεν ὑπὸ τινος τῶν Ῥοδίων τὴν τῆς Ἀνθίας εὔρεσιν, διὰ μέσης τῆς πόλεως βοῶν «Ἀνθία» εὐοικῶς μεμνηνότε ἔθεε. Καὶ δὴ συντυγχάνει τοῖς περὶ τὴν Ἀνθίαν πρὸς τῷ ἱερῷ τῆς Ἴσιδος, πολὺ δὲ τῶν Ῥοδίων πλῆθος ἐφείπετο. (3) Ὡς δὲ εἶδον ἀλλήλους, εὐθύς ἀνεγνώρισαν· τοῦτο γὰρ αὐτοῖς ἐβούλοντο αἱ ψυχαί· καὶ περιλαβόντες ἀλλήλους εἰς γῆν κατηνέχθησαν· κατεῖχε δὲ αὐτοὺς πολλὰ ἅμα πάθη, ἡδονή, λύπη, φόβος, ἢ τῶν πρότερον μνήμη, τὸ τῶν μελλόντων δέος· ὁ δὲ δῆμος ὁ Ῥοδίων ἀνευφήμησέ τε καὶ ἀνωλόλυξε, μεγάλην θεὸν ἀνακαλοῦντες τὴν Ἴσιν, «πάλιν» λέγοντες «ὀρῶμεν Ἀβροκόμην καὶ Ἀνθίαν τοὺς καλοῦς.»

(1) When the Rhodians heard that Anthia and Habrocomes had been found, they all surged together. Hippothous too was among them; he was recognized by Leucon and Rhode, and learned in turn who they were. And now they had everything they wanted, except that Habrocomes still did not know the news. They ran to the house just as they were. (2) And when he heard from one of the Rhodians that Anthia had been found, Habrocomes ran through the middle of the city like a madman, shouting “Anthia!” And so he met Anthia near the temple of Isis, followed by a great crowd of Rhodians. (3) When they saw each other, they recognized each other at once, for that was their fervent desire. They embraced each other and fell to the ground. A host of different emotions took hold of them at once—joy, grief, fear, memory of past events, and anxiety for the future. The Rhodians cheered and shouted in their excitement, hailing Isis as a great goddess and exclaiming, “Now once again we see Habrocomes and Anthia, the beautiful pair!”

2) 1.10 departure from Ephesus:

Θυσίαι δὲ πρὸ τῆς ἀγωγῆς τῆ Ἀρτέμιδι καὶ εὐχαὶ τοῦ δήμου παντὸς καὶ δάκρυα πάντων, ὡς μελλόντων ἀπαλλάττεσθαι παίδων κοινῶν.

There were sacrifices to Artemis before they set sail; the whole population prayed and wept at the impending loss as if they regarded the children as their own.

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