



## The Scroll of Virtue

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Theo sits in his dimly lit bedroom, his face bathed in the cold blue glow of a smartphone. Around him, a whirlwind of digital icons, hearts, and notification bells swirl in a never-ending cycle of distraction.



Suddenly, the phone screen erupts in a warm, golden shimmer that spills across the floor. Out of the digital mist steps the wise philosopher Aristotle, dressed in a flowing white toga, looking calmly at the startled boy.



Theo holds his phone tightly, his shoulders slumped as he explains his feelings of emptiness despite his many followers. Aristotle listens with a gentle expression, his hand resting on a staff as he prepares to share a timeless secret.



**THEO**

Aristotle unfurls a glowing ancient scroll that radiates a soft, comforting light throughout the room. He explains that true happiness, or eudaimonia, comes from the excellence of one's character rather than the temporary approval of strangers.



To illustrate his point, Aristotle conjures a golden balance scale floating in the air between them. He shows Theo how to find the Golden Mean, the perfect balance between being hidden from the world and being obsessed with fame.



Theo looks at his screen again, but this time his expression is thoughtful and steady. He practices the philosopher's advice, choosing to write a sincere message of encouragement instead of a boastful post about himself.



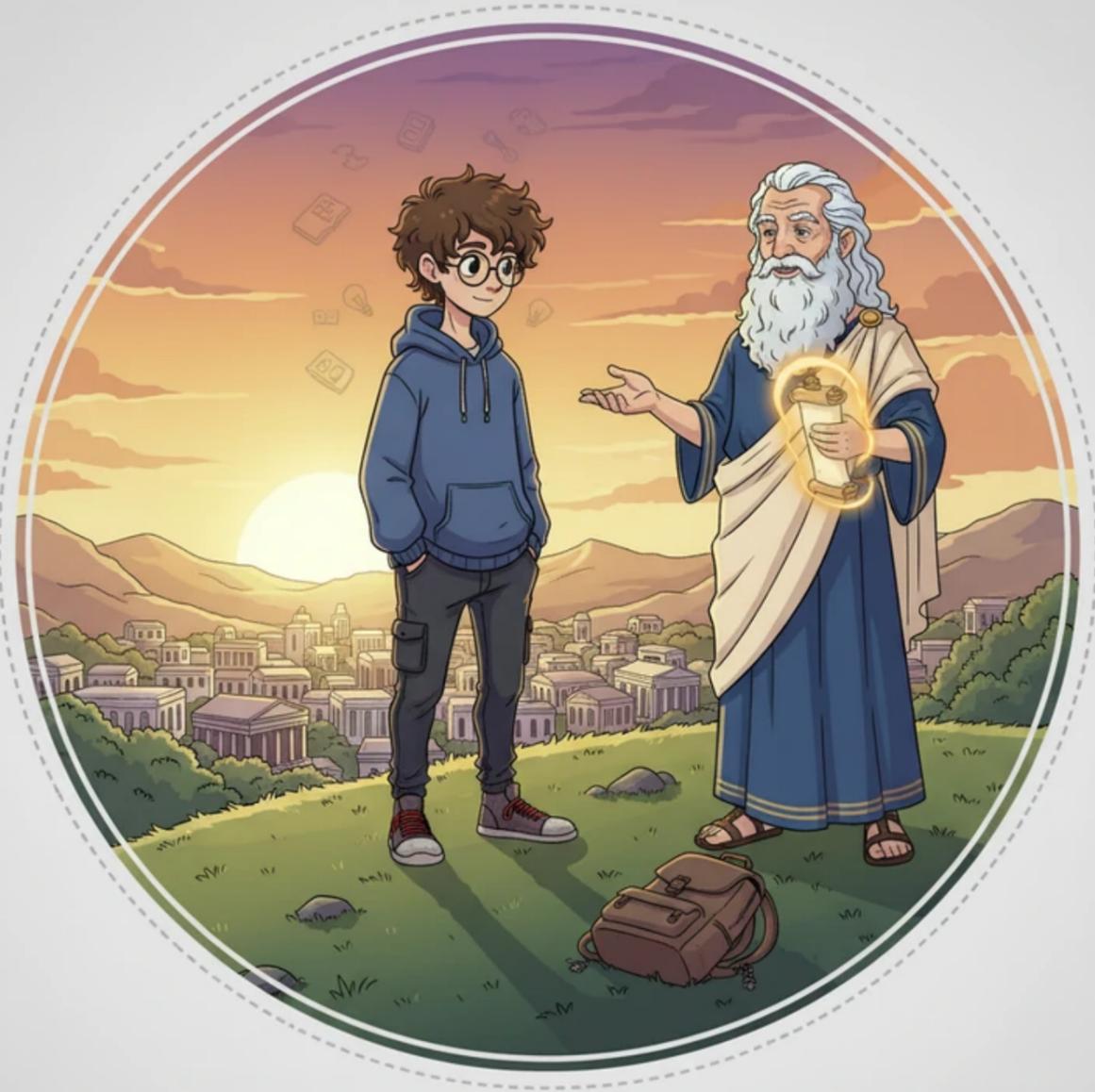
In the bright afternoon sun, Theo sits on a park bench with his phone resting face-down beside him. He engages in a real conversation with a friend, listening intently and sharing a genuine laugh without feeling the need to record it.

**THEO**

Back in his room, Theo's digital feed has transformed into a source of inspiration rather than anxiety. The heavy pressure in his chest has vanished, replaced by a sense of calm and self-worth that doesn't depend on a screen.



As the sun begins to set, Aristotle's form turns into shimmering golden dust that drifts toward the window. He leaves behind a final, glowing message on the wall that reminds Theo that his character is defined by his actions every single day.



## THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Theo stands on a hilltop overlooking a beautiful landscape, his phone tucked away and forgotten in his pocket. He breathes in the fresh air and smiles at the horizon, finally experiencing the deep, lasting joy of living a virtuous life.