# By the waters of Babylon

**What do we learn about the society in which our narrator lives ---what is his name?**

It seems to be a very religious society that relies very much upon old tradition. Not high tech. They are scavengers.

His name is John.

**What do we learn about it’s enemies?**

The forest people and themselves are not good friends.

**Tell us about John’s family:**

His father is a priest and his brothers are hunters.

**What is John’s dearest wish?**

To meet the gods.

**What happens on John’s journey?**

John goes to try and meet the Gods in the Place of the Gods. He constructs a raft to cross the lake, but it tips and he falls in the water. Still, he does manage to get to the other side where he sees a tombstone with the inscription “ASHING”. John believes this is a god and prays to him.

**Does “-ASHING” ring any bells?**

No.

**Where in the world are we?**

Guessing from the title, Babylon. Since this is a fictional text, it could be anywhere.

**When does this story take place?**

Same as above.

**How is the language in this short story?**

It is characterized by the time of when it was written. Older words. Lots of long sentences divided by a ‘-‘.