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servant came. But he disobeyed me and went, and because of this he died. So his additional life was due to the grace of the God, who truly kept him for me, and he died because he had moved about contrary to my dreams. And thus ended what in the beginning was indicated by the God, when I grasped his head and supplicated him.

January Then he saved countless times beyond expecta- 78
148 A.D. tion, my old nurse, named Philumene, than whom
 nothing was dearer to me. Once when she was in
bed, he restored her by sending me from Pergamum *and foretelling that I would make my nurse easier. And at the same time, I found a letter lying before my feet in the Temple of Zeus Asclepius, and made it an omen. Then I discovered every particular written in it, all but explicitly.* So I departed in great joy, and I found my nurse with strength enough only to recognize me approaching. But when she recognized me, she cried out and got up very soon thereafter.

THE SACRED TALES: II

170/1 A.D. Come let us also recall earlier events, if we are 1
 able. From the first it did not occur to me to write
anything about these, because I did not believe that I would survive.
Next my body was also in such a state that it did not give me leisure
for these things. And again as time passed, it seemed to be an
impossibility to remember each thing and to tell it precisely. There-
fore I thought that it was better to keep completely silent than to
spoil such great deeds. And for these reasons I made many excuses
both to the God and to my friends, who were ever asking me to speak
and write about these things. Now so many years afterwards, dream 2
visions compel us to bring these things to light. Still I can say this
much that straight from the beginning the God ordered me to write
down my dreams. And this was the first of his commands. I made a
copy of my dreams, dictating them, whenever I was unable to write
myself. However I did not add in what circumstances each took place
nor what resulted after them. But I was satisfied, as it were, piously
to fulfill my duty to the God, both because of the weakness, as I
said, of my body, and because I would never have expected that the
God would be so providential. I invoke him and Adrasteia! Moreover, 3
as if annoyed by the fact that I did not start to write down all things
from the first, I also neglected the rest, some willingly, and some
unwillingly. But I found other ways of thanking the God¹⁷, since I
believe that at least three hundred thousand lines are in my copy book.
But it is neither easy to recount them nor to fit them into their
proper chronology. And besides, some have also been scattered
through various losses and confusion at home during these times.
Therefore the only thing left is to speak in summary fashion, as I 4
remember different things from different sources, however the God
will lead and stimulate me. We call on him even in this, as in all
things. But he is surely to be called on in all things, if any of the Gods.

¹⁷ II 3 Keil placed a lacuna after τὸν θεόν.

