

## *Aeneas: Epilogue* The Founding of Rome



### Twins born

King Numitor of Alba Longa was forced into exile by his brother,

Amulius, who then made himself the king. Amulius forced Numitor's daughter,

Rhea Silvia, to be a Vestal Virgin :

- priestess of Vesta
- unmarried



However, the god Mars came to her, and she bore him twins.

Their jealous uncle Amulius ordered that they be drowned.

## 2.

### Romulus and Remus

The twins were placed in a basket

and put into the Tiber River.

They floated down the river and came to

rest on a bank. There a she-wolf

found the crying babies and nursed them.



Later, Faustulus the shepherd found the twins

and took them home to raise them.

He named them ROMULUS and REMUS.

When the twins had grown, they led a revolt

of peasants to restore Numitor as king.



# 3.

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Some time later, the twin brothers

decided to build a city.

The brothers argued

and began fighting

over the meaning of an omen.

In a rage, Romulus killed Remus.



Romulus then built

his city on a hill

along the Tiber,

where the twins' basket had rested.





He named the city ROME after himself and became its first king.

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**753 B.C.**

## 4. Sabine women

Romulus invited the people of Sabine

to Rome for a “friendly competition.”

Instead, the Roman men captured

the Sabine women and

forced them to be their wives.

