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Wolf Kids Sample Plot Scaffold

Characters (in order of appearance)

Narrator/Writer	Rhea Silvia	Remus
King Amulius	Gray Wolf	Faustulus
Guard 2	She-wolf	Acca Larentia
Guard 1	Romulus	King Numitor

Narrator/Writer: The kingdom of Alba Longa. King Amulius is sitting on the throne, talking to his guards.

(Describe the setting and this situation. Don't forget to include images.)

King Amulius: You say that Princess Rhea, my dear departed elder brother's daughter, just had twin baby boys. Well I helped him "depart" by throwing him out of the country so I could get the throne for myself. It seems I am going to have to help depart the little twins too. One's throne can never be safe with unwanted relatives about the place. Guards, go murder those brats!

Guard 2: Sure, sir.

Guard 1: We will do the old basket-in-the-river number.

King Amulius: Good choice---no blood, no mess, and no bodies. By the way, make sure the basket leaks.

Guard 1: Nice touch.

Guard 2: No problem.

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***Wolf Kids* Sample Plot Scaffold (continued)**

Narrator/Writer: The guards go and get the twin boys away from their mother.
(Write an image that describes this situation.)

Rhea Silvia: What do you want with my children?

Guard 1: They are going to take some swimming lessons.

Guard 2: You can never start them too young.

Guard 1: Come little fishes, into the basket.

Guard 2: They are not fish. We are supposed to drown them, not fish with them.

Rhea Silvia: You can't drown my children. They are princes!

Guard 2: Sorry lady, we have our orders.

Rhea Silvia: (What would she say? Write the character's lines.)

Narrator/writer: The guards take the boys, put them in the basket, and throw them in the Tiber River. They float down the river, and just when they are about to sink, they are rescued by a she-wolf.

(Write some images to make this more interesting to the reader.)

Gray Wolf: Hey, what did you fish out of the river? Boy, are they ugly.

She-wolf: Well, they are a little strange looking, but I think I had a cousin once in the jungle with a cub like this. She called him... something that started with an "M" I think.

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Romulus: (He cries and starts shoving Remus. Write an image that describes this situation.)

Remus: (He cries and starts shoving him back. Write an image that describes this situation.)

Gray Wolf: I think I'd call these two *trouble*. Look, fighting already.

She-wolf: It's only sibling rivalry. I'll feed them, and they will be fine.

Narrator/Writer: And so Romulus and Remus were cared for by the she-wolf until they were discovered one day by a Shepherd named Faustulus and his wife Acca Larentia.

Faustulus: Darling, look what I found out in our flock today. They were growling and pulling on one of our sheep. A she-wolf came up to me and actually led me to them.

(The boys start growling and pushing each other. Write an image that describes this situation.)

Acca Larentia: They are probably cute if they were cleaned up. Are you sure they are tame?

Faustulus: Don't worry. It's just sibling rivalry. They appear to be twins after all.

Acca Larentia: You know, they look a lot like Rhea Silvia. They have her eyes.

Faustulus: (What would he say? Write your own line.)

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Narrator/Writer: Acca raised the boys until they reached manhood and then she took them to see King Numitor.
(Add some backfill to explain this to the reader.)

Acca Larentia: Now boys, behave yourselves. We are going to see the old king, Numitor.

Romulus: I get to see him first!

Remus: You always get to be first! It's my turn.

Romulus: It is not!

Remus: Is so, you toad!

Romulus: Dog face!

Acca Larentia: Boys! You are acting like wild wolves. Your highness, you'll have to excuse them---childhood trauma.

King Numitor: You know, they have my daughter's eyes.

Acca Larentia: I thought so too. I think they are your long lost grandchildren.

King Numitor: I think you are right. Boys if you are, you must win back the throne from my wicked younger brother, Amulius.

Romulus: Remus, I told you younger brothers were a pain!

Remus: How do you know I'm the younger? We're twins. Maybe you're the younger! You're a pain!

Acca Larentia: (What would she say? Write your own line.)

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Narrator/Writer: The boys went to Alba Longa and deposed King Amulius.
(Write a description of this happening in the story.)

Romulus: Amulius, you will have to leave. You tried to kill us!

Remus: But we are back, so get off the throne!

King Amulius: (What would he say? Write your own line.)

Guard 1: (What would the character say? Write your own line.)

Guard 2: (What would the character say? Write your own line.)

King Numitor: Now I have my old throne back. Thanks, boys. How about you two go build a city of your own?

Remus: Great idea! How about a spot on the other side of the Tiber, one of those seven hills?

Romulus: Let's build it on the Palatine Hill.

Remus: No way, I like the Aventine Hill to the left of the Palatine Hill.

Romulus: Not THAT spot, this spot, and I'm building a wall, so there!

Narrator/Writer: Romulus built the wall and, to show its inadequacy, Remus leaped over it.
(Describe this situation.)

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Remus: (What would he say? Write your own line.)

Romulus: (What would he say? Write your own line.)

King Numitor: (What would he say? Write your own line.)

Gray Wolf: (What would the Gray Wolf say? Write your own line.)

She-wolf: (What would she say? Write your own line.)

Narrator/Writer: (Write the last lines and resolve the plot.)
