

# Introduction to Sketch

**Narrator** Paul was on a mission. For God.

He wanted to tell the whole world the Good News about Jesus.

He had already made one journey around the Mediterranean, visiting the island of Cyprus and also Galatia, a region we now call Turkey.

On this, his second journey, he first re-visited these towns in Turkey and then wanted to push further into Asia.

## Flight of fancy, or how Paul received his guidance

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**Characters:** *Paul, here a little choleric (with a well-traveled suitcase, if possible with labels of destinations Paul has visited on his missionary travels)*  
*Angel Airline Receptionist, politely obstructive, slightly nutty*

**Angel** *(on tannoy)* Welcome to Troas Airport! Angel Airlines! Flights to Greece and Asia!

**Paul** *(Paul enters with suitcase)* Two tickets for Asia please.

**Angel** Why?

**Paul** I'm sorry?

**Angel** Why do you want to go?

**Paul** Is there some problem?

**Angel** Greece much better. Culture, coffee shops, proper loos.

**Paul** I'm not interested in my personal comfort.

**Angel** Greece: tough - marble's hard on the feet.

**Paul** This is all Greek to me. You're an airline. You're supposed to give me what I want.

**Angel** *(smiles)* We have your interests at heart.

**Paul** *(mounting anger)* Let me tell you. I'm a determined man, I've experienced a lot of hardship to go to Asia, and I'm not giving up now.

**Angel** You wouldn't be disobeying God?

**Paul** What?!

**Angel** If you are, we can arrange for you to be swallowed by a whale.

**Paul** At 30,000 feet?!

**Angel** *(improbably)* A high jumping one.

**Paul** *(exasperated, ironic)* Can't I just take a peep at Asia? See if you're right?

**Angel** Very well. Ohhh! You've just missed the flight. And the only one this year.

Give you a ticket for Greece instead?

**Paul** I DON'T WANT TO GO TO GREECE!

**Angel** They need a missionary to help them. Could be a big Greek Revival.

Circumstances block your way . . . perhaps God is leading.

**Paul** *(exhausted)* Look. You're an airline, not my spiritual director.

**Angel** Angel Airlines. We tell people where to go.

**Paul** Angel Airlines? Never heard of you! *(pause)* Oh. *(pause)* Angel Airlines.

*(smiles)* Is this a dream?

**Angel** A flight of fancy.

**Paul** *(smiling hereon)* Oh I'm sorry. Two tickets to Greece, please.

**Angel** Free downgrade to missionary class?

**Paul** That's - strapped to the wing?

**Angel** On a wing and a prayer.

**Paul** Thank you so much. Circumstances block your way . . . perhaps God is leading . . . dreams . . . must put that in my next letter . . . *(whistles off)*

**Narrator** Reading . . . Acts 16:9-15