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Reading Greek - Text and Vocabulary 12G, lines 1-22

Strymodoros: <sup>1.1</sup> would be lost, if I remember -

Komias : You seem to me, O Strymodoros, <sup>1.2</sup> to be placed in some perplexity. Therefore do not conceal the perplexity, being ashamed in front of Euergides, but tell me what you are perplexed about.

Stry: I will tell you, Oh Komias, <sup>1.3</sup> On account of what did Apollodoros make mention of Lysias and Metaneiras? For I do not remember. I would like, however, <sup>1.4</sup> to mention what the contestant in the lawsuit said, by Zeus. Would that I remembered everything he said, <sup>1.5</sup> I would be lost, if I remember. For how would someone put down the vote correctly, if he didn't remember the speeches?

Ko: <sup>1.6</sup> It is a difficult thing for a juror to decide a case, if he doesn't remember everything the prosecutor says. If, however, you were to become a sophist, you would easily remember all the speeches, O Strymodoros, as seems reasonable, you would not forget the things said. But, just like a certain Hippias, having heard once, you would remember everything.

Stry: Like Hippias? Would that I had been born Hippias.

Ko: If you were Hippias now, you would be able to recite all the archons from Solon. For Hippias, after hearing them once, remembered fifty names.

Stry: Oh, the skill. Would that I remembered so many things. But I am not wise by nature. If all the Sophists were to teach me, they would not be able to make me a sophist. But if Hippias were with us now, how would he teach me? And what would he say? And how would I learn?

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- 1.1 'May I be destroyed'
- 1.2 just 'to be' - katasthnai is an active infinitive
- 1.3 Better English is 'why'
- 1.4 still has the meaning 'remember' here
- 1.5 See above
- 1.6 'indeed' (dh)