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SETTING: *The Bronze Bow*

In a single paragraph, evaluate the thematic significance of this story's LOCAL SETTING – that is, explain how the author uses this structural element to emphasize the story's main themes. As always, refer to the events of the story in your answer. For page-length answers, attach a separate sheet if necessary.

The action of the story ranges from the countryside of ancient Judea to the bustling city of Jerusalem, where political factions struggle for control of the city and plot the overthrow of the Roman regime. The flashing sunlight and sultry heat for which Judea is known mirrors the fiery spirits of the main characters. At the same time, the cloudless sky and serene scenery of the area give no hint of the fomenting rebellion. The setting illustrates the veiled societal tensions which give rise to the story's conflict.