Hearty Italian Sausage Soup with Kale and Zucchini

The goods:

- 1 lb. Hot Italian Sausages
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- · 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 red peppers, diced
- 2 zucchinis, diced
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 8 cups chicken broth
- 1 (28 ounce) can whole tomatoes, crushed
- 1 1/2 cups chopped kale
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 2 cups pasta (e.g. elbows, shells), cooked to package instructions
- Salt and black pepper to taste

Let's cook!

- 1. Remove the sausages from their casings
- 2. In a large pan on medium heat, brown the sausages while breaking down into bite size pieces and until cooked through
- Drain grease from the pan and move the cooked meat to a plate with paper towels
- 4. In a large pot over medium heat add the olive oil
- 5. Add onion, stir and sauté for 2 3 minutes until soft
- 6. Add garlic, red peppers and zucchini, stir and sauté for 2 3 minutes
- 7. Add bay leaf and red pepper flakes
- 8. Add broth, tomatoes with juices, kale, basil and sausage
- 9. Bring to a boil and reduce temperature to low, simmer for 30 minutes
- 10. Add pasta, stir
- 11. Add salt and pepper to taste

