

# THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(22) Dreamweaver

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A Catholic layman asked Benedict to found a monastery on his estate at [Terracina](#). Benedict gladly accepted and chose an abbot and another monk as an assistant for this task. Before they left for Terracina, Benedict specified a date upon which he would come to give them specific instructions about the new monastery's buildings and construction. He gave them his blessing, and they traveled to the new site. They waited and looked forward to the appointed day of Benedict's arrival. The night before his expected visit, Benedict appeared to each of the monks in a dream and showed them exactly where each building of the monastery was to be constructed. Upon waking, the monks shared their dream with each other, but still waited for Benedict's promised visit. When the day passed without Benedict's visit, the monks returned to him, disappointed, saying, "Father we waited for your instructions, but you did not come." Benedict replied, "What do you mean? Did I not come as promised? Did I not come to both of you in a dream to show you where to construct the monastery? Go back and build as you were instructed in the dream." The monks returned to Terracina filled with wonder, and constructed the monastery as they had been instructed in the vision.

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