

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(25) A Dragon at the Gate

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One of Benedict's monks had his heart set on leaving the monastery. Time and time again the abbot pointed out to him that this was not the right path for his life, but still the monk persisted in his desire to leave. Finally, Benedict lost patience with him and told him to go. As soon as the monk was outside the gates of the monastery, he was horrified to see a dragon blocking his way. He screamed for help, fearing the dragon would devour him. His brother monks ran to his aid, but could see nothing of the dragon he feared. The monk was only too glad to return to the monastery. Once he was safe within its walls, he promised never to leave again. Through Benedict's prayers he was able to honor his vows and to reject the evil tempting him outside the walls.

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