

092 MAGNUS

Abbot Aurelius never drew attention to it.

093 BENEDICT

I see. And Mass is optional as well?

094 CASSIUS

He preferred if we attended, but we didn't have to if we were busy with something else.

OCTAVIAN

Abbot Aurelius was very understanding. He accompanied us through many wonderful years.

095 CASSIUS

We do abide by the rule of poverty, however.

096 BENEDICT

Yes, and that is good. The monastery here is simple and plain. There are few distractions from prayer.

097 CASSIUS

It could use a few more comforts.

098 BENEDICT

Comforts?

099 CASSIUS

A real bed, perhaps, instead of a straw mat on a hard floor.

100 BENEDICT

And that would help you serve God?

101 CASSIUS

It would help.

102 BENEDICT

I think what is needed are some common rules for all of us to live by.

105 SATURNUS

Rules?

106 BENEDICT

Just a few simple ones.