

030 PIER GIORGIO
(closer)
How are we doing?

031 ERNESTO
Valeria's tired. She wants to go back. Tommaso is hungry. I have blisters on my feet. I wore the wrong shoes.

032 PIER GIORGIO
Let's take a look.

SITTING ON ROCKS, SHOES UNTIED AND TAKEN OFF

033 PIER GIORGIO (CONT'D)
Oh, that's nasty Ernesto. Your feet must be killing you. Here, take my hiking boots.

SITS ON ROCK, EXCHANGE OF BOOTS

PIER GIORGIO (CONT'D)
We're about the same size. Let's wrap your feet and put some balm on them. I have it here in pack. And I have an extra pair of heavy socks for you.

034 ERNESTO
No, you keep your shoes, you'll need them.

035 PIER GIORGIO
My feet are like leather. I'm half mountain goat. I'll be fine, and I want you to enjoy the day so you come back next week when we climb a really tough mountain.

ERNESTO AND TOMMASO LAUGH

036 ERNESTO
OK, thanks Pier Giorgio.

037 VALERIA
Thank you, Pier Giorgio. You came prepared.

038 PIER GIORGIO
You have to be prepared in the mountains.

039 TOMMASO

Do you have any food?

040 PIER GIORGIO

Marco has lunch at the top. He's headed up already. But I have some water, some chocolate and nuts I can give you.

RUMMAGING IN HIS BAG

041 PIER GIORGIO (CONT'D)

Here you go. Enjoy. You're all doing very well for your first time.

042 VALERIA

Really? I don't think so. The three of us are a bit of a disaster.

043 PIER GIORGIO

Nonsense. You should have seen me the first time I climbed this mountain. I cried like a baby.

044 TOMMASO

(eating his chocolate)

Really? When was that?

045 PIER GIORGIO

Umm, when I was a baby.

THEY ALL LAUGH. WARMED UP NOW AND READY

046 PIER GIORGIO (CONT'D)

So, Ernesto and Tommaso, why don't you two join Marco at the top and get our lunch together. Valeria and I will catch up to you.

047 VALERIA

No, Pier Giorgio. You don't have to do that. You go with the others and enjoy the hike. I'll wait here.

048 PIER GIORGIO

And leave you here alone with the mountain goats? Not a chance. I insist. Go, ragazzi, we'll join you in a minute.

049 **ERNESTO**

OK. Don't be long.

049r TOMMASO

We'll save some wine for you.

050 **ERNESTO**
Ciao Valeria.

The Merry Beggars