

SAY THE RECORDS AT GROSSER ARBER

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Out on one of his famous rambles Brother Magnus,
Known for banishing fierce dragons and who'd harbor
Chipmunks in his cawl, was halted by a bear

Who, with gentle grunts and pawing, led Magnus
To the richest vein of iron ore ever seen. Magnus
In turn, gave the bear some cake and lager

And led him back to the abbey, via the plum arbor,
To amass the amazed monks who, with awl and bore,
Set off with the bear. The bear, being magnanimous,

Showed them every outcrop of magma-laced ore,
Even in his labors standing down a wild boar.
The records say nothing more of the bear

But note however much the local burghers might abhor
His thieving chipmunks, they acclaimed Magnus
"Magnificent as ever stooped among us."

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