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effect on ticket sales. Finally nobody went to plays at all. For several centuries.

But then the Roman Empire collapsed and primitive Teutonic rites became fashionable. All over the countryside little theatre groups began putting on plays dealing with death and rebirth of the annual wheat crop.

As usual, the actors were unhappy. They complained that playing a stalk of wheat offered little opportunity for character delineation. A Benedictine nun named Hrosvitha tried to help out by writing plays in the style of "New Comedy," or as close as she could get to that style. Her work glorified chastity and martyrdom, however, and so failed to attract a mass audience. Hrosvitha quit the theatre after only six plays, for this reason and because her name was always spelled wrong in the Playbill.

Her departure was a shame because the Church soon entered the theatre in a big way with its Miracle plays, or possibly Mystery plays. Even then no one ever knew which was which. A common joke  
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PLAYBILL dining and entertainment guide

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