

AN INDECISIVE BRAY FROM THE DONKEY.

051 YOUNG IGNATIUS

Look ahead - there is a split in the road. The knave has taken the road to the left. I will let go of the reigns. If you think I should disembowel the blasphemous Moor, follow him. If not, if you think I should continue to Montserrat, take the road to the right. Vale?

THE DONKEY RESPONDS.

052 YOUNG IGNATIUS

That's the spirit! Here we are at the split in the road -

053 NOVICE (V.O.)

Hold on. Stop there, Father...

SFX CUT TO RAINING ON THE WINDOWS:

8 INT. IGNATIUS'S STUDY - NIGHT

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054 NOVICE

You did what?

055 OLD IGNATIUS

START >>> Íñigo let the donkey decide.

056 NOVICE

You let your donkey decide whether or not you would kill a man?!

057 OLD IGNATIUS

Don't act so surprised, I have seen you conversing with your donkey.

058 NOVICE

(embarrassed)

Well... Yes... But to kill a man?!
That's s a big deal!

059 OLD IGNATIUS

Íñigo was like you - confused. He had no idea how to discern. If it makes you feel better, the beast chose the road to Montserrat.

060 NOVICE

I suppose that makes me feel a little better.

061 OLD IGNATIUS

Shall I continue?

062 NOVICE

I- erm. One moment.

(writing)

...Íñigo... did... not... slay the Moor. Okay. Please, continue.

063 OLD IGNATIUS

(clears throat)

Íñigo made it to the abbey of Santa Maria in Montserrat. There he desired to confess all of his sins and start his new life.

064 NOVICE

What do you mean you confessed all the sins of your life? Your whole life?

065 OLD IGNATIUS

Sí. Íñigo confessed every sin he could remember from his whole life.

066 NOVICE

How long did that take?!

067 OLD IGNATIUS

Hr examined his conscience for three days before he entered the confessional.

068 NOVICE

(amazed)

Three whole days.

069 OLD IGNATIUS

I should note something here for you, boy. Íñigo...he had many sins. Things he did as a soldier, at parties...disordered attachments to stimulating drink. Evil thoughts.

070 NOVICE

You confessed your thoughts?

071 OLD IGNATIUS

Thoughts can be very sinful. But you'll be happy to hear that Íñigo made another important spiritual observation.

072 NOVICE
(eager)
What was it?

073 OLD IGNATIUS
Behind every dirty deed, drunken stupor, and, yes, even behind every evil thought, was the rotten root of sinful pride. This was the source of Íñigo's vainglory.

074 NOVICE
Aha! Perfect. Now, tell me Father. What did you do to overcome your vainglory?

WALLA: THE MASTER LAUGHS, WHICH IS VERY PAINFUL AND DIFFICULT FOR HIM.

075 OLD IGNATIUS
Now the story really begins.

MUSIC FADES IN TO TRANSITION:

076 OLD IGNATIUS
After Íñigo confessed his sins, he told the priest of his plans to

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SFX CROSSFADE - MATCH DIALOGUE W/ YOUNG IGNATIUS:

077 OLD IGNATIUS
...consecrate himself as a Knight of the Blessed Virgin Mary...

077r YOUNG IGNATIUS
...consecrate myself as a Knight of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

10 INT. SANTA MARIA DE MONTSERRAT - DAY

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078 YOUNG IGNATIUS
What do you think, father?

079 PRIEST
Hmm. I have heard of other such exploits. In fact, I've heard of a tradition where soldierly men would keep an all night vigil to guard an altar dedicated to the Mother of God. We have such an altar here.

080 YOUNG IGNATIUS
Guard it? Pray, tell, from what?