

014 NOVICE

(as he digs)

Digging holes all night. I don't understand. Maybe I should go back to Father Ignatius or, would that only annoy him more? He didn't tell me how long to dig...

(sigh)

The sun is rising. What do you think, beast? Should I go?

THE DONKEY BRAYS. THE NOVICE JAMS THE SHOVEL IN THE DIRT.

015 NOVICE

Good enough for me.

(running and calling out)

Father Ignatius! Father Ignatius!

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EXT. ROMAN COLLEGE - CONTINUOUS

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THE NOVICE CLAMORS QUICKLY UP THE STEPS AGAIN, KNOCKS ON THE DOOR.

Side 1

START >>>

016 NOVICE

Father Ignatius!

THE DOOR OPENS -

017 OLD IGNATIUS

I told you to go away.

018 NOVICE

Master General...please. I've been digging all night! Have mercy on me! I need to talk to you!

019 OLD IGNATIUS

Our Lord never ignored a cry for mercy. Nor shall I. Come with me to the garden.

FATHER IGNATIUS STEPS OUTSIDE, CLOSES THE DOOR. THEY WALK DOWN THE STEPS TOGETHER.

020 OLD IGNATIUS

What is it, my indignant son?

021 NOVICE

Why are you so harsh with me? I simply want to do everything I can for the Society of Jesus!

022 OLD IGNATIUS
Do everything you can, hmm?
(a deep, sickly cough)
And what do you hope to achieve in
the Society?

THEIR STEPS CHANGE FROM COBBLESTONES TO SOFT
GROUND. THE DONKEY BRAYS IN GREETING.

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EXT. GARDENS - CONTINUOUS

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023 NOVICE
Under your direction? Why, I could
be the Superior General someday!
The greatest the world will ever
know! After you, of course.

024 OLD IGNATIUS
To what end?

025 NOVICE
To what end? That is the end!

026 OLD IGNATIUS
To your own glory, then?

027 NOVICE
(backpedaling)
Well, no... I- I just want to be
holy. Like you.

028 OLD IGNATIUS
I know exactly what you want. You
want to be renowned for holiness,
which is very different to being
holy. This is a temptation. It is
vanity!

029 NOVICE
Vanity? No! I- I am magnanimous...
Not vain!

030 OLD IGNATIUS
(a genuine question)
What is the difference?

031 NOVICE
I, uh... Well... I...I suppose I
don't know.

032 OLD IGNATIUS
Magnanimity is doing great things
for God. Doing them to attract
attention to yourself is vainglory.
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OLD IGNATIUS (CONT'D)
So, tell me, do you work for God,
or for yourself?

033 NOVICE
(defensive)
I think I do this for God. Being
Superior General is a good thing,
isn't it? Isn't it great to be...
Great?

034 OLD IGNATIUS
Not if greatness is achieved
through the sin of vainglory! This
is from the devil, son. This is not
greatness at all. It is a trick.

035 NOVICE
(skeptical)
You seem quite sure.

036 OLD IGNATIUS
(another sickly cough)
I am sure because I was once the
most vainglorious sinner of them
all.

037 NOVICE
(pushing his luck)
You must know everything, Father.
So how can I do great things for
God and avoid the temptation to
vainglory? How did you do it?

038 OLD IGNATIUS
Look to Christ, not me. Would I not
just be giving in to the same
temptation by telling you my story?

039 NOVICE
But, Father, you are my teacher!

040 OLD IGNATIUS
Your shovel is a better teacher
than I am.

041 NOVICE
More penance?! Ugh!

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042 OLD IGNATIUS
When you're done, you'll have holes
to plant some rose bushes - restore
the garden to it's former beauty.
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