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001 NARRATOR

Rome. 1554. The young Jesuit novice has been dismissed from the Society of Jesus, and now rides his donkey through the streets of Rome. Reflecting on the words of his former Master, he decides to follow a similar path, but falls into the same traps as the brazen young Ignatius. Will he ever learn?

2 INTRODUCTION 2

002 NARRATOR

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004 NARRATOR

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5 EXT. STREETS OF ROME - NIGHT 5

THE DONKEY CLOPS DOWN THE STREET WITH THE NOVICE, AND LETS OUT A BRAY.

Side 2

START >>>

005 NOVICE

No, I am not lost. I'm just at my wit's end...I want to do God's will. Nothing else. But what even is that?

DONKEY PLODS ON.

006 **NOVICE**

What would Father Ignatius do? What would Father Ignatius do... He would be obedient. He would... Aha! Eh-hem. Oh, Mary, Mother of God, please, show me the way to Santa Maria Maggiore! I want to become your knight and consecrate myself to you! I will guard your altar all night!

(to himself)

Just like Father Ignatius. After that? Then I will... Perhaps I will go on pilgrimage. Or find a cave. Wherever the Spirit leads, I will obey. Now. Where are we?

THE DONKEY BRAYS AGAIN.

007 **NOVICE**

Ugh, it's no use. We're lost. Great. I wish Father Ignatius were here. He would know where to go.

(beat)

That's it! Okay, beast. I'm going to let go of the reigns now. Lead me to Santa Maria Maggiore!

MUSIC TRANSITION:

6 EXT. STREETS OF ROME - MORNING

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CLOP, CLOP, CLOP...

008 **NOVICE**

This was a bad idea. I have no idea where we are.

THE DONKEY STOPS. STARTS TEARING UP AND CHEWING ON CLUMPS OF GRASS.

009 **NOVICE**

No, don't eat- don't. Ugh. It's useless. I need a teacher. I tried to become great, and I became a failure. I need Father Ignatius to help me - he really is great.

THE DONKEY RESPONDS.

010 **NOVICE**

I don't need to be great - I just need to be obedient.

Beat.

011 NOVICE
I'll go and tell him that! That I
learned my lesson! Come on -

LOUD DONKEY CHEWING.

012 NOVICE
OK. You stay here then! Goodbye, <<< END
beast!

THE NOVICE DISMOUNTS AND RUNS OFF.

013 NOVICE
(shrinking into distance)
Father Ignatius! Father Ignatius!

7 EXT. ROMAN COLLEGE - LATER

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WALLA: FATHER IGNATIUS WHISTLES THE VENI CREATOR
SPIRITUS IN THE DISTANCE. THE NOVICE HUFFS AND
PUFFS - EXHAUSTED.

014 NOVICE
(doubled over, wheezing)
There is Master Ignatius, out
whistling in the garden.

015 OLD IGNATIUS
(from the garden)
There you are, Boy! Come over here.

016 NOVICE
Master Ignatius! Let me tell you
what I have learned!

MUSIC SWELLS TO TRANSITION:

8 EXT. GARDEN - LATER

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017 NOVICE
(mid-explanation)
So you see! I am learning to be
obedient, I hope to do God's will.
I guess I just wanted to thank you.

018 OLD IGNATIUS
For what exactly?

019 NOVICE
Father, you have shown me that
obedience is better than greatness.
Greatness is a worthless pursuit.