

(SHREK and DONKEY enter, out of breath and with excitement.)

DONKEY

Did you see that? Did you see that? Shrek here found an axe, laying right there in that tired old castle and then BAM! He cut this rope! And the rope held up this ol' gothic looking chandelier! And the chandelier fell right on the dragon and that's how we escaped the fire breathing dragon! Who the man? Who the man? Shrek the man!

FIONA

You did it! You-did-it-you-did-it-you-did-it. You're amazing, you're wonderful, you're... a little unorthodox I'll admit but- Thy deed is great, and thine heart is pure. I am eternally in your debt.

(SHREK enjoys the attention. DONKEY, however, feels slighted.)

DONKEY

Ahem.

FIONA

And where would a brave knight be without his noble steed?

DONKEY

Alright! I hope you heard that. She called me a "noble steed!" She thinks I'm a steed.

FIONA

Well, Sir Shrek, the battle is won. You may remove your helmet.

SHREK

Ahhh... no.

FIONA

Why not?

SHREK

I... I have helmet hair.

FIONA

Please, I wouldst look upon the face of my rescuer.

SHREK

Oh no, you wouldn't... est.

FIONA

But – how will you kiss me?

SHREK

What? That wasn't in the job description.

DONKEY

Maybe it's a perk.

FIONA

No – it's destiny. "A princess is rescued by a brave knight and then they share true love's first kiss."

DONKEY

With Shrek?! You think that Shrek is your true love?
Hahahahaha!

FIONA

What is so funny?

SHREK

Well, let's just say I'm not your type, okay?

FIONA

Of course you are. You're my rescuer! Now, remove your helmet.

SHREK

Look, I really don't think that's a good idea.

FIONA

Just take off the helmet.

SHREK

I'm not going to.

FIONA

Take it off!

SHREK

No!

FIONA

NOW!

SHREK

Okay! Easy. As you command, Your Highness...

(SHREK removes his helmet. FIONA stares at him blankly, confused but not frightened. SHREK smiles.)

FIONA

You're... an ogre?

SHREK

Oh, you were expecting Prince Charming?

FIONA

Well... yes actually. Oh, no! I'm supposed to be rescued by my true love! Not by some ogre and his... pet.

DONKEY

Well, so much for noble steed.

FIONA

You're not supposed to be an ogre.

SHREK

Princess, I was sent to rescue you by Lord Farquaad, okay? He's the one who wants to marry you.

FIONA

Oh. Then why didn't he come rescue me?

SHREK

Good question. You should ask him that when we get there tomorrow.

FIONA

Tomorrow? Oh my gosh, it's almost sunset!

SHREK

So?

FIONA

I didn't realize it was so late. We need to make camp.

SHREK

Camp? But you've just escaped!

FIONA

Yes, and I found the whole ordeal quite exhausting. I need to rest immediately.

SHREK

That's unfortunate, because we're gonna keep going.

FIONA

I NEED TO FIND SOMEWHERE TO CAMP RIGHT NOW!

SHREK
Very well. There's a cave right there.

DONKEY
Shrek! That's no place for a princess.

FIONA
No, no it's perfect. Well gentlemen, I bid thee good night!

DONKEY
You want me to read you a bedtime story? Cause I will.

FIONA
I said GOOD NIGHT!

(FIONA exits. A beat.)

DONKEY
She seems nice. You want me to read you a bedtime story?

SHREK
Say goodnight, Donkey.

DONKEY
Goodnight, Donkey.