

SHREK

Aw, that's not very nice. It's just a Donkey.

(DONKEY is confused.)

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

(terrified)

Step aside, ogre, and let us at him.

SHREK

Why? What did he do?

DONKEY

I-don't-wanna-die- I-don't-wanna-die- I-don't-wanna-die...

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

He's a talking donkey. A freak of nature. As are you, you unsavory beast.

SHREK

Hey now, you're going the right way for a smacked bottom, you are.

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

(trying to muster the courage)

By the order of Lord Farquaad, I am authorized to place you both under arrest.

SHREK

GUARDS

Under arrest, eh?

(advance on them)

ROOOOOOOOOOOOOO

(pure terror)

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

AAAAAAAAAAAAAHHH

AAAAAAAAR!!!!!!

HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!

(Their scream outlasts his roar. There's a moment of bewilderment, then...)

SHREK

(whispers)

This is the part where you run away.

(THEY do, screaming as they flee.)

And don't come back!

(With that done, SHREK takes out a map and tries to figure out which way leads to Duloc.)

DONKEY smiles up at his new hero.)

DONKEY

Can I just say? That was *incredible*. Man, they were trippin' over themselves to get away from you. I *liked* that.

SHREK

(*nose in the map*)

Oh good, I'm glad, now why don't you go celebrate your narrow escape with your friends.

DONKEY

But I don't have any friends.

SHREK

Now there's a shocker.

DONKEY

(*chuckles*)

Heh-heh. Say, you lost or something?

SHREK

No, I'm just trying to figure out the best route to Duloc.

DONKEY

Oh Duloc! I know Duloc! You gotta let me show you the way, because I am like a GPS with fur!

SHREK

(*barely acknowledging him*)

I'll be fine on my own, thanks.

DONKEY

But nobody's fine on their own! Not when you look like we do!

(*realizes he's losing him*)

Hey! Didn't you hear what they said? Man this place is goin' Stepford! We gotta join forces! Otherwise they're gonna lock me up! And I can *not* go back in a cage! I don't know if I mentioned it or not, but I did six years in solitary for impersonating a piñata.

SHREK

(*finally fed up*)

DONKEY

Whoa, that was really scary. And if you don't mind me saying, if *that* don't work your breath'll certainly get the job done.

SHREK

Listen, little Donkey, take a look at me. What am I?

DONKEY

Ahhh... really green?

SHREK

No! I'm an ogre! You know — grab your torch and pitchforks! Doesn't that bother you?

DONKEY

Nope.

SHREK

Really?

DONKEY

Really really.

SHREK

Oh....?

DONKEY

Man, I like you. What's your name?

SHREK

Shrek.

DONKEY

Shrek? Huh. Well, you know what I like about you, Shrek? You got that whole, "I don't care what anybody thinks of me" thing. I like that, I respect that, Shrek. You all right.

SHREK

Oh good. Goodbye.

(moves to go but DONKEY stops him)

#4 – Don't Let Me Go

DONKEY

HEY-HEY-HEY, YA GOTTA LET ME GO WITH YOU.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED A FREAK.

(beat)

WELL MAYBE YOU DO, BUT THAT'S WHY WE GOTTA STICK TOGETHER.