

ACT ONE**SCENE NINE**

(FIONA'S TOWER. Like every day, SHE'S in the midst of singing her song of hope, though this time with a tambourine...)

FIONA

I KNOW IT'S TODAY... OO-OO-OO-OO

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SHREK

(offstage)

Helloooo! Anyone up there?!

(FIONA stops, and looks around, in a panic. Is this really it? After all these years? SHE runs around straightening up.)

SHREK, meanwhile, climbs up the side of the tower outside.)

(calls up to her)

Shouldn't you toss down some hair or something?

(grunting as HE climbs)

Man, I should've worn my cup.

(As his voice gets closer, FIONA leaps into her bed, and straightens her dress. SHE grabs a bouquet, clutches it to her breast, and resumes her Sleeping Beauty pose.)

SHREK finally climbs in her window.)

(windy)

Phew.

(And then he sees Fiona lying in her bed, eyes closed.)

Aw great, I got one of the snoozers.

(HE approaches the bed, visor lowered. FIONA puckers her lips slightly. SHREK bends over her... grabs her by the shoulders, and shakes her.)

Wake up!

FIONA

(being shaken)

Uhl-uhl-uhl!

SHREK

Are you Princess Fiona?

FIONA

(recovering)

I am. Awaiting a knight so bold as to rescue me.

SHREK

Ah, that's nice. Now let's go.

FIONA

But wait, Sir Knight! I have long awaited this day!

(with a flourish)

And I would'st first like to knowest the name of my champion.

SHREK

Um... Shrek.

FIONA

Sir, Shrek...

(produces handkerchief)

I pray that you take this favor as a token of my gratitude.

(SHREK regards the handkerchief, then wipes his neck with it, and hands it back to her.)

SHREK

Thanks.

(looks around, confused)

So where's the door?

FIONA

There is no door.

SHREK

What do you mean there's no door? How do we get down?

FIONA

Why, the same way you got up?

SHREK

The same way I—?! Oh come on! I just—!

(realizes he has no choice)

Alright then, let's go.

(moves to the window)

FIONA

Now holdest on, Sir Knight. Don't you want to savor this moment? It be-eth our first meeting. It must be a wonderful and romantic scene.

(strikes a pose)

SHREK

Ahhh... no.

FIONA

Why not?

SHREK

I... I have helmet hair.

FIONA

(cooly)

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

SHREK

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

FIONA

(giggles)

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

(also laughing)

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

FIONA

(losing patience)

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

(...of course)

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.

(HE sighs, irritated.)

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

(stops)

Tomorrow?

(suddenly realizes)

Oh my gosh, it's almost sunset!

SHREK

So?

FIONA

(looks to setting sun)

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 and DONKEY stop in their tracks.)

SHREK

Very well. There's a cave right there.

DONKEY

Shrek! That's no place for a princess.

FIONA

(more concerned with the setting sun)

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

(heads for the cave)

DONKEY

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

FIONA

I said GOOD NIGHT!

(SHE disappears into the cave. SHREK and DONKEY stand in silence for a moment.)

SHREK

Oh wouldja look at that.

FIONA

What is it?

#14b – *It's Duloc*

SHREK

It's... it's Duloc.

FIONA

Oh. Duloc. I didn't realize we were so close.

SHREK

No, me either.

DONKEY

Congratulations, Princess. Your future awaits.

FIONA

(tries to smile)

Yes, it does.

SHREK

Ah well, so much for that batch of S'nothers I was gonna make us.

FIONA

S'nothers?

SHREK

They're traditional ogre campfire snacks. A little bit like S'mores but instead of marshmallow and chocolate, we use squirrel gizzards and mulch. Oh, they just melt in your mouth!

DONKEY

(queasy)

I think I need to sit down for a minute.

SHREK

No, no sitting down. We need to get the princess to Duloc.

FIONA

No, wait, Shrek... I, um... Well, look, I may not get another chance to try one of those S'nothers...

DONKEY

You eat one and you may not get a chance to do ANYTHING!

SHREK

Zip it, Donkey.

FIONA

I was just thinking... maybe Duloc could wait until morning?

SHREK

Morning?

FIONA

Why not? I've spent my whole life without true love. What's one more night?

SHREK

(takes this in)

Alright, I'll find us some dinner

FIONA

I'll get the firewood.

(SHREK and FIONA try to head off, but of course walk straight into each other.)

SHREK

FIONA

Oops

Sorry.

Were you gonna - ?

That's fine.

I'll go the other -

Okay.

You wanna go around?

Should we just -

Go together?

Sure.

(THEY walk off, leaving Donkey to sort out what's going on...)

FIONA

(stops – shocked)

Oh. You... you heard what I said?

SHREK

Every word. Especially, “who could love such a hideous ugly beast?!”

FIONA

But... I thought that wouldn’t matter to you.

SHREK

Yeah, well it does.

(sound of approaching army)

#17 – *The Arrival Of Farquaad*

Ah, right on time. Princess, I’ve brought you a little something.

VOICE OF FARQUAAD

(approaching)

FIOOOONA!

FIONA-FIONA-FIONA- FIONA!

FIONA-FIONA-FIONA- FIONA!

FIOOOONA!

(rears his horse)

Whoooooa, Plastic Horse!

[OR: Condoleeza, Seahawk, Sprinkles, et al.]

(FIONA is confused. SHE looks from Shrek to Farquaad.)

FARQUAAD

Princess Fiona?

SHREK

As promised... now about my swamp –

FARQUAAD

Cleared off, as agreed. And the deed has been put in your name. Now step away before I change my mind.

(FIONA and SHREK exchange a look. SHREK snatches the deed and turns his back.)

FARQUAAD

Forgive me, Princess, for startling you. I am Lord Farquaad.

FIONA

(composing herself)

Lord Farquaad. Forgive *me*, for I was just saying a short...

(as Farquaad is lifted out of his leg extenders)

...farewell.

FARQUAAD

(chuckles)

Oh, that is so sweet, but you don't have to waste good manners on the ogre. It's not like it has *feelings*.

FIONA

(looks at Shrek and steels herself)

No, you're right, "it" doesn't.

FARQUAAD

(take her hand)

Princess Fiona, beautiful, fair, flawless Fiona...

(gets down on one knee... sort of)

I ask your hand in marriage. Will you be the perfect bride for the perfect groom?

FIONA

(pause, glares at Shrek)

Lord Farquaad... I accept. Nothing would make me —

FARQUAAD

Excellent! I'll start the plans... for tomorrow we wed!

FIONA

No!

(SHREK spins around hopeful.)

I mean, ah, why wait? Let's get married today. Before sunset.

(SHREK scowls and turns away.)

FARQUAAD

Oh! Anxious are we? Captain, ride ahead and tell them it's a Code Red! You're right. The sooner the better. There's so much to do! We'll be married by sunset!

(FIONA and FARQUAAD mount the horse, the perfect rescue image.

DONKEY enters stretching.)

DONKEY

Oh man, there's nothing like a good night's sleep.

(finishes stretch)

What I miss?

FIONA

Fare thee well, ogre.

(THEY back off – beep-beep-beep...)

#17a – Fare Thee Well Ogre

DONKEY

Shrek! What are you doing? You're letting her get away! Look, there's something you don't know! I – I talked to her last night and –

SHREK

Yeah, I know you talked to her last night. You two are great pals aren't ya? So why don't you follow her home.

DONKEY

But Shrek, I want to go home with you.

SHREK

Hey, I told you already, I live alone! My swamp, me. Nobody else, understand? Nobody! Especially useless – pathetic – annoying – talking donkeys!

DONKEY

But – I thought –

SHREK

Yeah, well, you know what? You thought wrong!

(DONKEY is stunned. HE backs out, hurt. SHREK is left alone.)

#18 – Build A Wall

(sings)

I'M GONNA BUILD ME A WALL.
I'LL MAKE IT TEN FEET HIGH.
SEeya LATER, PAL. BUH-BUH-BYE.
NO ONE GETTIN' IN,
SO DON'T YOU EVEN TRY.
A TEN FOOT WALL.

VOICE of SHREK

Stop the wedding!

(FIONA reacts in shock, and with maybe a little hope? SHREK comes down the aisle.)

FIONA

Shrek...?

FARQUAAD

What does *he* want? Really, it's rude enough being alive when no one wants you, but showing up uninvited to a wedding...

SHREK

Fiona—I need to talk to you.

FIONA

Oh, *now* you want to talk? Well it's a little late for that. So if you'll excuse me --

SHREK

But you *can't* marry him!

FIONA

(angry; accusing)

And why not?

SHREK

Because — because he's just marrying you so he can be King.

FARQUAAD

That is *Outrageous!!* Fiona, don't listen to him!

SHREK

He's not your true love.

FIONA

What do *you* know about true love?

SHREK

Well, I, duh...

FARQUAAD

(realizing)

Oh. Oh. Awww.

(laughing)

Oh, this is precious! The ogre has fallen in love with the Princess. Oh good Lord.
Hahahahaha...

*(FARQUAAD motions to the sign-bearer to hold up a sign reading: "Laugh."
The audience laughs. FIONA stares, shocked.)*

FARQUAAD

Guards, take this abomination out of my sight!

FIONA

No! Uhh... I mean... let's hear what the... monster has to say. It might be worth a laugh.

FARQUAAD

Ohh, you are awful.

(to Shrek)

You heard her, ogre. Express yourself... with as few grunts as possible.

#20a - Big Bright Beautiful World Reprise

SHREK

Right. Okay. Um...

(tentative at first)

IT'S A BIG BRIGHT BEAUTIFUL WORLD.
WITH HAPPINESS ALL AROUND.
IT'S PEACHES AND CREAM
IF A DREAM COMES TRUE.

FARQUAAD

(side of the mouth)

Awk-ward...

SHREK

IT'S A BIG BRIGHT BEAUTIFUL WORLD.
WITH POSSIBILITIES EVERYWHERE.
IF TRUE LOVE IS BLIND
MAYBE YOU WON'T MIND THE VIEW?

(getting more determined)

I KNOW I'M NOT THE HANDSOME PRINCE
FOR WHOM YOU'VE WAITED
I DON'T HAVE A FANCY CASTLE.
AND I'M NOT SOPHISTICATED.
A PRINCESS AND AN OGRE,
I ADMIT, IS COMPLICATED.
YOU'VE NEVER READ A BOOK LIKE THIS.
BUT FAIRY TALES SHOULD REALLY BE UPDATED.

