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There is a bed onstage behind a silky curtain, backlit.

PRINCE CHARMING (OS)
Once upon a time in a kingdom far,
far away, the king and queen were
blessed with a beautiful baby girl.
And throughout the land, everyone
was happy... until the sun went down
and they saw that their daughter was
cursed with a frightful enchantment
that took hold each and every night.
Desperate, they sought the help of a
fairy godmother who had them lock
the young princess away in a tower,
there to await the kiss... of the
handsome Prince Charming.

(enters gallantly onstage)
It was he who would chance the perilous journey through blistering cold and scorching desert traveling for many days and nights, risking life and limb to reach the Dragon's keep. For he was the bravest, and most handsome... in all the land.

(looks at the audience)
And it was destiny that his kiss
would break the dreaded curse. He
alone would climb to the highest
room of the tallest tower to enter
the princess's chambers, cross the
room to her sleeping silhouette,
pull back the gossamer curtains to
find her...

(pulls back the curtain to reveal WOLF in the bed. Gasps)

WOLF

What?

CHARMING

Princess... Fiona?

WOLF

No!

CHARMING

(relieved)

Thank heavens. Where is she?

WOLF

She's on her honeymoon.

CHARMING

Honeymoon? With whom?

#### 2 EXT. THE SWAMP

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SHREK

It's so good to be home! Just you and me and...

DONKEY

(offstage)

One is the loneliest number that you ever do...

(enters)

Two can be as bad as one...

SHREK

Donkey?

DONKEY

Shrek! Fiona! Aren't you two a sight for sore eyes! Give us a hug, Shrek, you old love machine. And look at you, Mrs. Shrek. How 'bout a side of sugar for the steed?

SHREK

Donkey, what are you doing here?

DONKEY

Taking care of your love nest for you.

SHREK

Oh, you mean like... sorting the mail and watering the plants?

DONKEY

Yeah, and feeding the fish!

SHREK

I don't have any fish.

DONKEY

You did.

(looks around for the fish)

SHREK

Look at the time. I guess you'd better be going.

DONKEY

Don't you want to tell me about your trip? Or how about a game of Parcheesi?

FIONA

Actually, Donkey? Shouldn't you be getting home to Dragon?

DONKEY

Oh, yeah, that. I don't know. She's been all moody and stuff lately. I thought I'd move in with you.

FIONA

You know we're always happy to see you, Donkey.

SHREK

But Fiona and I are married now. We need a little time, you know, to be together. Just with each other. Alone.

DONKEY

Say no more. You don't have to worry about a thing. I will always be here to make sure nobody bothers you.

SHREK

Donkey!

DONKEY

Yes, roomie?

SHREK

You're bothering me.

DONKEY

Oh, OK. All right, cool. I guess... Me and Pinocchio was going to catch a tournament, anyway, so...Maybe I'll see y'all Sunday for a barbecue or something.

SHREK

He'll be fine. Now, where were we? (giggles)

Oh. I think I remember. Donkey!

DONKEY

I know, I know! Alone! I'm going! I'm going. What do you want me to tell these other guys?

ROYAL MESSENGER enters to fanfare.

MESSENGER

(clears throat)

"Dearest Princess Fiona. You are hereby summoned to the Kingdom of Far, Far Away for a royal ball in celebration of your marriage at which time the King will bestow his royal blessing... upon you and your...uh... Prince Charming. Love, the King and Queen of Far, Far Away. aka Mom and Dad."

FIONA

Mom and Dad?

SHREK

Prince Charming?

DONKEY

Royal ball? Can I come?

SHREK

We're not going.

FIONA & DONKEY

What?

SHREK

I mean, don't you think they might be a bit...shocked to see you like this?

FIONA

Well, they might be a bit surprised. But they're my parents, Shrek. They love me. And don't worry. They'll love you, too.

SHREK

Yeah, right. Somehow I don't think I'll be welcome at the country club.

FIONA

Stop it. They're not like that.

SHREK

How do you explain Sergeant Pompous and the Fancy Pants Club Band?

FIONA

Oh, come on! You could at least give them a chance.

SHREK

To do what? Sharpen their pitchforks?

FIONA

No! They just want to give you their blessing.

SHREK

Oh, great. Now I need their blessing?

FIONA

If you want to be a part of this family, yes!

SHREK

Who says I want to be part of this family?

FIONA

You did! When you married me!

SHREK

Well, there's some fine print for you!

FIONA

(exasperated sigh)

So that's it. You won't come?

SHREK

Trust me. It's a bad idea. We are not going! And that's final!

ALL exit.

### 3 EXT. SHREK SWAMP

SHREK, DONKEY and FIONA re-enter with GINGY and PINOCHIO.

SHREK is carrying luggage.

GINGY

(walking by and picking up the 'warning, Ogres sign') Don't worry! We'll take care of everything. 3

PINOCHIO

Hey, wait for me.

DONKEY

Hit it! Move 'em on! Head 'em up! Head 'em up, move 'em on! Head 'em up! Move 'em on, Rawhide! Knock 'em out! Pound 'em dead! Make 'em tea! Buy 'em drinks! Meet their mamas! Milk 'em hard! Rawhide! Yeehaw!

SHREK, FIONA and DONKEY pass back and forth on the stage every time the  $\mbox{E/E}$  (Enter/exit symbol appears)

DONKEY

Are we there yet?

SHREK

No.

DONKEY

Are we there yet?

FIONA

Not yet.

DONKEY

OK, are we there yet?

SHREK

No.

DONKEY

Are we there yet?

FIONA

No!

DONKEY

Are we there yet?

SHREK

Yes.

DONKEY

Really?

SHREK

No!

DONKEY

Are we there yet?

SHREK & FIONA

No!

DONKEY

Are we there yet?

SHREK

(mimics)

Are we there yet?

DONKEY

That's not funny. That's really immature.

SHREK

That's not funny. That's really immature.

DONKEY

This is why nobody likes ogres.

SHREK

This is why nobody likes ogres.

DONKEY

Your loss!

SHREK

Your loss!

DONKEY

I'm gonna just stop talking.

SHREK

Finally!

DONKEY

This is taking forever, Shrek. There's no in-flight movie or nothing!

SHREK

The Kingdom of Far, Far Away, Donkey. That's where we're going. Far, far --

(softly)

away!

DONKEY

All right, all right, I get it. I'm just so darn bored.

SHREK

(groans)

Are we there yet?

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FIONA

(chuckles)

Yes!

DONKEY

Oh, finally!

ALL exit.

# 4 EXT. FAR FAR AWAY - CASTLE ENTRANCE

MESSENGER

Announcing the long-awaited return of the beautiful Princess Fiona and her new husband.

SHREK and FIONA enter off-stage left.

KING and QUEEN enter off-stage right.

FIONA

Well, this is it.

KING

This is it.

MESSENGER

This is it. (exits)

SHREK

(chuckles)

So...you still think this was a good idea?

FIONA

Of course! Look. Mom and Dad look happy to see us.

KING

Who on earth are they?

QUEEN

I think that's our little girl.

KING

That's not little! That's a really big problem. Wasn't she supposed to kiss Prince Charming and break the spell?

QUEEN

Well, he's no Prince Charming, but they do look...

SHREK

Happy now? We came. We saw them. Now let's go before they light the torches.

FIONA

They're my parents.

SHREK

Hello? They locked you in a tower.

FIONA

That was for my own...

KING

Good! Here's our chance. Let's go back inside and pretend we're not home.

QUEEN

Harold, we have to be...

SHREK

Quick! While they're not looking we can make a run for it.

FTONA

Shrek, stop it! Everything's gonna be...

KING

A disaster! There is no way...

FIONA

You can do this.

Both parties begin moving toward eachother

SHREK

I really...

KING

Really...

QUEEN

don't...

SHREK

want...

FIONA

to...

KING

be...

SHREK

Here!

FIONA

Mom... Dad...I'd like you to meet my husband... Shrek.

SHREK

Well, um...It's easy to see where Fiona gets her good looks from. (chuckles nervously)

#### 5 DONKEY ENTERS SHAKING OFF A GUARD

DONKEY

(off-stage)

What do you mean, "not on the list"? Don't tell me you don't know who I am.

(enters)

What's happening, everybody? Thanks for waiting. I had the hardest time getting into this place.

KING

No! No! Bad donkey! Bad! Go!

FIONA

No, Dad! It's all right. It's all right. He's with us. He helped rescue me from the dragon.

DONKEY

That's me: the noble steed.

SHREK

Oh, boy.

QUEEN

So, Fiona, tell us about where you live.

FIONA

Well...Shrek owns his own land. Don't you, honey?

SHREK

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Oh, yes! It's in an enchanted forest abundant in squirrels and cute little duckies and...

DONKEY

(laughing)

What? I know you ain't talking about the swamp.

KING

An ogre from a swamp. Oh! How original.

QUEEN

I suppose that would be a fine place to raise the children.

#### 6 SHREK AND KING COUGH INVOLUNTARILY

SHREK

It's a bit early to be thinking about that, isn't it?

KING

Indeed.

QUEEN

Harold!

SHREK

What's that supposed to mean?

FIONA

Dad. It's great, OK?

KING

For his type, yes.

SHREK

My type?

KING

I suppose any grandchildren I could expect from you would be...

SHREK

Ogres, yes!

QUEEN

Not that there's anything wrong with that. Right, Harold?

KING

Oh, no! No! Of course, not! That is, assuming you don't eat your own young!

FIONA

Dad!

SHREK

No, we usually prefer the ones who've been locked away in a tower!

FIONA

Shrek, please!

KING

I only did that because I love her.

SHREK

Aye, day care or dragon-guarded castle.

KING

You wouldn't understand. You're not her father!

QUEEN

Harold!

FIONA

Shrek!

SHREK

Fiona!

KING

Fiona!

FIONA

Mom!

QUEEN

Harold...

DONKEY

Donkey!

FIONA exits crying.

# 7 EXT. STREETS OF FAR FAR AWAY

FIONA enters, she hears the voice of FAIRY GODMOTHER

FAIRY GODMOTHER (FG)

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Your fallen tears have called to me So, here comes my sweet remedy I know what every princess needs For her to live life happily...

Both gasp.

FG

Oh, my dear. Oh, look at you. You're all grown up.

FIONA

Who are you?

FG

Oh, sweet pea! I'm your fairy godmother.

FIONA

I have a fairy godmother?

FG

Shush, shush. Now, don't worry. I'm here to make it all better. With just a wave of my magic wand, your troubles will soon be gone. For example, how about a sporty carriage to ride in style, with a sexy manboy chauffeur named Kyle?

KYLE enters.

FIONA

Thank you very much, Fairy Godmother, but...

SHREK enters.

SHREK

Fiona? Fiona.

FIONA

Oh, uh...Fairy Godmother... I'd like you to meet my husband, Shrek.

FG

Your husband? What? What did you say? When did this happen?

FIONA

Shrek is the one who rescued me.

FG

But that can't be right.

SHREK

Oh, great, more relatives!

FIONA

She's just trying to help.

SHREK

Good! She can help us pack. Get your coat, dear. We're leaving.

FIONA

What? I don't want to leave. When did you decide this?

SHREK

Shortly after arriving.

FIONA

Look, I'm sorry...

FG

No, that's all right. I need to go, anyway. But remember, dear. If you should ever need me... happiness...is just a teardrop away.

SHREK

Thanks, but we've got all the happiness we need. Happy, happy, happy...

FG

So I see. Let's go, Kyle.

FIONA

Very nice, Shrek.

SHREK

What? I told you coming here was a bad idea.

FIONA

You could've at least tried to get along with my father.

SHREK

I don't think I was going to get Daddy's blessing, even if I did want it.

FIONA

Do you think it might be nice if somebody asked me what I wanted?

SHREK

Sure. Do you want me to pack for you?

FIONA

You're unbelievable! You're behaving like a...

SHREK

Go on! Say it!

FIONA

Like an ogre!

SHREK

Here's a news flash for you! Whether your parents like it or not...I am an ogre! And guess what, Princess? That's not about to change.

FIONA

I've made changes for you, Shrek. Think about that.

(exits)

DONKEY

That's real smooth, Shrek. "I'm an ogre!"

# 8 INT. KING AND QUEEN'S BEDCHAMBER

KING

I knew this would happen.

QUEEN

You should. You started it.

KING

I can hardly believe that, Lillian. He's the ogre. Not me.

QUEEN

I think, Harold, you're taking this a little too personally. This is Fiona's choice.

KING

But she was supposed to choose the prince we picked for her. I mean, you expect me to give my blessings to this... thing?

QUEEN

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Fiona does. And she'll never forgive you if you don't. I don't want to lose our daughter again, Harold. Oh, you act as if love is totally predictable. Don't you remember when we were young? We used to walk down by the lily pond and...

KING

they were in bloom...

QUEEN

Our first kiss.

KING

It's not the same! I don't think you
realize that our daughter has
married a monster!

QUEEN

Oh, stop being such a drama king.

KING

Fine! Pretend there's nothing wrong! La, di, da, di, da! Isn't it all wonderful! I'd like to know how it could get any worse!

FG

(out on the balcony) Hello, Harold.

KING gasps.

QUEEN

What happened?

KING

Nothing, dear! Just the old crusade wound playing up a bit! I'll just stretch it out here for a while.

FC

We need to talk.

KING

Actually, Fairy Godmother, off to bed.

(yawns)

Already taken my pills, and they tend to make me a bit drowsy. So, how about... we make this a quick visit. What?

(Bumps up against two armed guards)
Oh, hello. Ha-ha-ha! So, what's new?

FG

You remember my son, Prince Charming?

CHARMING enters.

KING

Is that you? My gosh! It's been years. When did you get back?

CHARMING

Oh, about five minutes ago, actually. After I endured blistering winds, scorching desert...I climbed to the highest room in the tallest tower...

FG

Mommy can handle this. He endures blistering winds and scorching desert! He climbs to the highest bloody room of the tallest bloody tower...And what does he find? Some gender-confused wolf telling him that his princess is already married.

KING

It wasn't my fault. He didn't get there in time.

FG

Harold.

(GUARD reaches into his pocket)

You've forced me to do something I really don't want to do.

KING

(gasps)

What is that? What have you got there?

GUARD pulls out a cellphone and gives it to FG.

FG

My diet is ruined! Yes, I'd like two Renaissance Wraps, no mayo... chili rings...

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CHARMING

I'll have the Medieval Meal.

FG

One Medieval Meal and, Harold... Curly fries?

KING

No, thank you.

FG

Sourdough soft taco, then?

KING

No, really, I'm fine.

FG

Nothing else thanks.

(hangs up)

We made a deal, Harold, and I assume you don't want me to go back on my part.

KING

(sighs deeply)

Indeed not.

FG

So, Fiona and Charming will be together.

KING

Yes.

FG

Believe me, Harold. It's what's best. Not only for your daughter...but for your Kingdom.

KING

What am I supposed to do about it?

FG

Use your imagination.

# 9 INT. AT A PUB IN THE WOODS

KING enters. A woman (UGLY STEPSISTER) is cleaning a glass with her back to the audience.

KING

(clears throat)

Excuse me. Uh... excuse me. I'm looking for the Ugly Stepsister.

UGLY STEPSISTER turns around to reveal herself.

KING

Ah! There you are. Right. You see, I need to have someone taken care of.

UGLY STEPSISTER

Who's the guy?

KING

Well, he's not a guy, per se. Um... He's an ogre.

UGLY STEPSISTER

Hey, buddy, let me clue you in. There's only one fellow who can handle a job like that, and, frankly...he don't like to be disturbed.

KING

Where could I find him?

UGLY STEPSISTER point to the dark corner of the room.

KING

Hello?

MYSTERIOUS VOICE

Who dares speak to me?

KING

Sorry! I hope I'm not interrupting, but I'm told you're the one to talk to about an ogre problem?

VOICE

You are told correct. But for this, I charge a great deal of money.

KING

Would... this be enough?

(holds up a heavy satchel of coins)

VOICE

You have engaged my valuable services, Your Majesty. Just tell me where I can find this ogre.

10 INT. CASTLE 10

SHREK is alone reading FIONA's diary.

FIONA (OFFSTAGE)

Dear Diary... Sleeping Beauty is having a slumber party tomorrow, but Dad says I can't go. He never lets me out after sunset. Dad says I'm going away for a while. Must be like some finishing school. Mom says that when I'm old enough, my Prince Charming will rescue me from my tower and bring me back to my family, and we'll all live happily ever after. Mrs. Fiona Charming. Mrs. Fiona Charming. Charming.

A knock on door.

KING

Sorry. I hope I'm not interrupting anything.

SHREK

No, no. I was just reading a, uh... a scary book.

KTNG

I was hoping you'd let me apologize for my despicable behavior earlier.

SHREK

Okay...

KING

I don't know what came over me. Do you suppose we could pretend it never happened and start over...

SHREK

Look, Your Majesty, I just...

KING

Please. Call me Dad.

SHREK

Dad. We both acted like ogres. Maybe we just need some time to get to know each other.

KING

Excellent idea! I was actually hoping you might join me for a morning hunt. A little father-son time? I know it would mean the world to Fiona. Shall we say, by the old oak?

SHREK

Sure.

FADE OUT:

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### 11 EXT. IN THE FOREST

SHREK

Face it, Donkey! We're lost.

DONKEY

We can't be lost. We followed the King's instructions exactly. "Head to the darkest part of the woods...""Past the sinister trees with scary-looking branches." The bush shaped like Shirley Bassey!

SHREK

We passed that three times already!

DONKEY

You were the one who said not to stop for directions.

SHREK

Oh, great. My one chance to fix things up with Fiona's dad and I end up lost in the woods with you!

DONKEY

Don't get huffy! I'm only trying to help.

SHREK

I know! I know. I'm sorry, all
right?

DONKEY

Hey, don't worry about it.

SHREK

I just really need to make things work with this guy.

DONKEY

Yeah, sure. Now let's go bond with Daddy.

SHREK hears purring.

SHREK

Well, well, well, Donkey. I know it was kind of a tender moment back there, but the purring?

DONKEY

What? I ain't purring.

SHREK

Sure. What's next? A hug?

DONKEY

Hey, Shrek. Donkeys don't purr. What do you think I am, some kind of a...

PUSS IN BOOTS enters.

PUSS

Ha-ha! Fear me, if you dare!

SHREK

Look! A little cat.

DONKEY

Look out, Shrek! He got a piece!

SHREK

It's a cat, Donkey. Come here, little kitty, kitty. Come on, little kitty. Come here.

PUSS scratches SHREK's outstretched hand.

PUSS

Now, ye ogre, pray for mercy from...Puss... in Boots!

SHREK

I'll kill that cat!

PUSS

Ah-ha-ha!

(coughs, wheezes, retches, coughs, chuckles)

Hairball.

DONKEY

Oh! That is nasty!

SHREK

What should we do with him?

DONKEY

Take the sword and neuter him.

**PUSS** 

Oh, no! Por favor! Please! I implore you! It was nothing personal, Señor. I was doing it only for my family. My mother, she is sick. And my father lives off the garbage! The King offered me much in gold and I have a litter of brothers...

SHREK

Whoa, whoa, whoa! Fiona's father paid you to do this?

PUSS

The rich King? Sí.

SHREK

Well, so much for Dad's royal blessing.

DONKEY

Don't feel bad. Almost everybody that meets you wants to kill you.

SHREK

Maybe Fiona would've been better off if I were some sort of Prince Charming.

PUSS

That's what the King said. Oh, uh... sorry. I thought that question was directed at me.

DONKEY

Shrek, Fiona knows you'd do anything for her.

SHREK

Well, it's not like I wouldn't change if I could. I just... I just wish I could make her happy. Hold the phone... "Happiness. Just a tear drop away." Donkey! Think of the saddest thing that's ever happened to you!

DONKEY

Aw, man, where do I begin? First there was the time that old farmer tried to sell me for some magic beans. Then this fool had a party and he have the guests trying to pin the tail on me. Then they got drunk and start beating me with a stick, going "Piñata!!" What is a piñata, anyway?

SHREK

No, Donkey! I need you to cry!

DONKEY

Don't go projecting on me. I know you're feeling bad, but you got to (Puss steps on his foot)
Aaaahhh! You little, hairy, litter-licking sack of...

KYLE enters with a cart.

KYLE

Fairy Godmother is away from desk or with a client. But I can help you with your 'Happiness problems' (yawns)

FAIRY GODMOTHER enters and Kyle stands up straight very quickly.

FG

SHREK

Well, um, it seems that Fiona's not exactly happy.

FG

Oh-ho-ho! And there's some question as to why that is? Well, let's explore that, shall we? Cinderella. "Lived happily ever after." No ogres! Snow White. A handsome prince. Oh, no ogres. Sleeping Beauty. No ogres! Hansel and Gretel? No! Thumbelina? No. the Little Mermaid, Pretty Woman...No, no, no! You see, ogres don't live happily ever after.

SHREK

All right, look, lady!

FG

Don't you point...those dirty green sausages at me!

KYLE opens the cart to get a soda and SHREK notices the potions.

SHREK

Ah... that's okay. We'll go. Very sorry to have wasted your time, Miss Godmother.

FG

SHREK looks at KYLE, smiles, then knocks him out.

DONKEY

Shrek, are you off your nut?

SHREK

Donkey, quiet and keep watch.

DONKEY

Keep watch? Yeah, I'll keep watch. I'll watch that wicked witch come and whammy a world of hurt up your backside. I'll laugh, too. I'll be giggling to myself.

SHREK opens the cart and passes potions to PUSS.

PUSS

Toad Stool Softener? Elfa Seltzer? Hex Lax?

SHREK

Help me find "handsome."

PUSS

Hey! How about "Happily Ever After"?

SHREK

Well, what does it do?

**PUSS** 

It says "Beauty Divine."

SHREK

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That'll have to do. She's coming back. Go, Donkey!

ALL exit. FG enters, with CHARMING following after.

FG

What happened here? Kyle! Clean this up.

CHARMING

Mother!

FG

This isn't a good time, pumpkin. Mama's working.

CHARMING

Whoa, what happened here?

FG

The ogre, that's what!

CHARMING

What? Where is he, Mom? I shall rend his head from his shoulders! I will smite him where he stands! He will rue the very day he stole my kingdom from me!

FG

Oh, put it away, Junior! You're still going to be king. We'll just have to come up with something smarter.

KYLE

Pardon. Um...Everything is accounted for, Fairy Godmother, except for one potion.

FG

What?

(looks in the cart)
Oh...I do believe we can make this work to our advantage.

### 12 INT. THE ROYAL CASTLE

QUEEN

Try to at least pretend you're interested in your daughter's wedding ball.

KING

Honestly, Lillian, I don't think it matters. How do we know there will even be a ball?

FIONA

Mom. Dad.

KING

Oh, hello, dear. What's that, Cedric? Right! Coming.

FIONA

Mom, have you seen Shrek?

QUEEN

I haven't. You should ask your father. Be sure and use small words, dear. He's a little slow this morning.

CEDRIC

Can I help you, Your Majesty?

KING

Ah, yes! Um...Mmm! Exquisite. What do you call this dish?

CEDRIC

That would be the dog's breakfast, Your Majesty.

KING

Ah, yes. Very good, then. Carry on, Cedric.

FIONA

Dad? Dad, have you seen Shrek?

KING

No, I haven't, dear. I'm sure he just went off to look for a nice... mud hole to cool down in. You know, after your little spat last night.

FIONA

Oh. You heard that, huh?

KING

The whole kingdom heard you. I mean, after all, it is in his nature to be...well, a bit of a brute.

FIONA

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Him? You know, you didn't exactly roll out the Welcome Wagon.

KING

Well, what did you expect? Look at what he's done to you.

FIONA

Shrek loves me for who I am. I would think you'd be happy for me.

KING

Darling, I'm just thinking about what's best for you. Maybe you should do the same.

# 13 EXT. FOREST

SHREK

(reading the potion)
"Happily Ever After Potion. Maximum strength. For you and your true love. If one of you drinks this, you both will be fine. Happiness, comfort and beauty divine." You both will be fine? I guess it means it'll affect Fiona, too.

DONKEY

Hey, man, this don't feel right. My donkey senses are tingling all over. Drop that jug o' voodoo and let's get out of here.

SHREK

It says, "Beauty Divine." How bad can it be?

(sniffs the potion and sneezes)

DONKEY

See, you're allergic to that stuff. You'll have a reaction. And if you think that I'll be smearing Vapor Rub over your chest, think again!

SHREK

Well, here's to us, Fiona.

DONKEY

Shrek? You drink that, there's no going back.

SHREK

I know.

DONKEY

No more wallowing in the mud?

SHREK

I know.

DONKEY

No more itchy butt crack?

SHREK

I know!

DONKEY

But you love being an ogre!

SHREK

I know! But I love Fiona more.

DONKEY

Shrek, no! Wait!

SHREK drinks the potion. There's a long pause then he farts.

DONKEY

I think you grabbed the "Farty Ever After" potion.

PUSS

Maybe it's a dud.

SHREK

Or maybe Fiona and I were never meant to be.

Thunder cracks and he passes out

DONKEY

Shrek!

Black out.

FADE IN:

FIONA enters with her luggage.

KING

There you are! We missed you at dinner. What is it, darling?

FIONA

Dad...I've been thinking about what you said. And I'm going to set things right.

KING

Ah! Excellent! That's my girl.

FIONA

It was a mistake to bring Shrek here. I'm going to go out and find him. And then we'll go back to the swamp where we belong.

QUEEN

Fiona, please! Let's not be rash, darling. You can't go anywhere right now.

Thunder cracks again and FIONA collapses.

KING

Fiona!

### 14 INT. IN THE BARN - MORNING

SISTER

Good morning, sleepyhead. I love your kitty!

SHREK

Oh... My head...

SISTER

Here, I fetched a pail of water.

SHREK

Thanks. Uhh!

(sees his reflection in

the pale)

Aahh! A cute button nose? Thick, wavy locks? Taut, round buttocks? I'm... I'm...

SISTER

Gorgeous!

(moves in closer)

I'm Jill. What's your name?

SHREK

Um... Shrek.

SISTER

Shrek? Wow. Are you from Europe?

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SHREK looks around confused.

SISTER

You're tense. I want to rub your shoulders.

SHREK

Have you seen my donkey?

DONKEY enters and begins studying SHREK, followed by PUSS.

DONKEY

Wow! That's some quality potion, Shrek! What's in that stuff?

PUSS

"Warning: Side effects may include burning, itching, oozing, weeping. Not intended for heart patients or those with... nervous disorders."

SHREK

What?

PUSS

Señor? "To make the effects of this potion permanent, the drinker must obtain his true love's kiss by midnight."

SHREK

Midnight?

DONKEY

Why is it always midnight?

SISTER

Pick me! I'll be your true love!

SHREK

Look, lady, I already have a true love.

SISTER

Oh...

PUSS

Take it from me, Boss. You are going to have one satisfied Princess.

DONKEY

And let's face it. Even though you are a lot easier on the eyes, inside you're the same old mean, salty...

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SHREK

(simultaneously)

Easy.

DONKEY

...cantankerous, foul, angry ogre you always been.

SHREK

And you're still the same annoying donkey.

DONKEY

(Bashful)

Yeah.

SHREK

Well...Look out, Princess. Here comes the new me.

DONKEY

First things first. We need to get you out of those clothes.

SISTER gasps.

# 15 EXT. THE CASTLE GATE

GUARD

Halt!

SHREK

Tell Princess Fiona her husband, Sir Shrek, is here to see her.

FIONA wakes up as a human and looks at herself in the mirror. She screams.

SHREK

Fiona!

FIONA

Shrek?

SHREK runs into FIONA's room as FIONA runs down to the castle gates. FG enters the room just before SHREK, she is cloaked.

SHREK

Fiona?

FG

Hello, handsome.

FIONA

Shrek!

DONKEY

Princess!

FIONA

Donkey?

DONKEY

Wow! That potion worked on you, too?

FIONA

What potion?

DONKEY

Shrek took some magic potion. And well...Now, he's sexy!

FIONA

(looking at PUSS)

Shrek?

PUSS

For you, baby... I could be.

DONKEY

Yeah, you wish.

FIONA

Donkey, where is Shrek?

DONKEY

He went inside looking for you.

DONKEY and PUSS exit.

FIONA

Shrek?

SHREK

Fiona! Fiona!

FG

(blocks his exit with her

wand)

Are you going so soon? Don't you want to see your wife?

CHARMING enters.

CHARMING

Fiona?

FIONA

Shrek?

CHARMING

Aye, Fiona. It is me. What happened to your voice?

SHREK

The potion changed a lot of things, Fiona. But not the way I feel about you.

KING and QUEEN enter.

QUEEN

Fiona?

KING

Charming?

CHARMING

(showing off outfit)

Do you think so?

(laughs)

Dad. I was so hoping you'd approve.

QUEEN

Um... Who are you?

KING

Mom, it's me, Shrek. I know you never get a second chance at a first impression, but, well, what do you think?

(Hugs FIONA)

SHREK

Fiona! Fiona!

FG

Fiona, Fiona! Ho-ho-ho! Oh, shoot! I don't think they can hear us, pigeon.

(sighs deeply)

Don't you think you've already messed her life up enough?

SHREK

I just wanted her to be happy.

FG

And now she can be. Oh, sweetheart. She's finally found the prince of her dreams.

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SHREK

But look at me. Look what I've done for her.

FG

It's time you stop living in a fairy tale, Shrek. She's a princess, and you're an ogre. That's something no amount of potion will ever change.

SHREK

But...I love her.

FG

If you really love her... you'll let her go.

SHREK leaves.

### 16 INT. THE UGLY STEPSISTER'S TAVERN

SISTER

Here you go, boys.

PUSS

Just leave the bottle, Doris.

SISTER

Hey. Why the long face?

SHREK

It was all just a stupid mistake. I never should have rescued her from that tower in the first place.

PUSS

I hate Mondays.

DONKEY

I can't believe you'd walk away from the best thing that happened to you.

SHREK

What choice do I have? She loves that pretty boy, Prince Charming.

DONKEY

Come on. Is he really that good-looking?

SISTER

Are you kidding? He's gorgeous! He has a face that looks like it was

carved by angels.

PUSS

Oh. He sounds dreamy.

SHREK

You know...shockingly, this isn't making me feel any better. Look, guys. It's for the best. Mom and Dad approve, and Fiona gets the man she's always dreamed of. Everybody wins.

DONKEY

Except for you. I don't get it, Shrek. You love Fiona.

SHREK

Aye. And that's why I have to let her go.

KING enters in a cloak, at the back of the tavern.

KING

Excuse me, is she here?

**GUARD** 

She's, uh... in the back.

KING

Oh, hello again. Fairy Godmother. Charming.

FG

You'd better have a good reason for dragging us down here, Harold.

KING

Well, I'm afraid Fiona isn't really... warming up to Prince Charming.

CHARMING

FYI, not my fault.

FG

No, of course it's not, dear.

CHARMING

I mean, how charming can I be when I have to pretend I'm that dreadful ogre?

KING

No, no, it's nobody's fault. Perhaps it's best if we just call the whole thing off, okay?

FG AND CHARMING

What?

KING

You can't force someone to fall in love!

FG

I beg to differ. I do it all the time!

(pulls out a magical
 potion from her bag)
Have Fiona drink this and she'll
fall in love with the first man she
kisses, which will be Charming.

KING

Umm... no.

FC

What did you say?

KING

I can't. I won't do it.

FG

Oh, yes, you will. If you remember, I helped you with your happily ever after. And I can take it away just as easily. Is that what you want? Is it?

KING

No.

FG

Good boy. Now, we have to go. I need to do Charming's hair before the ball. He's hopeless. He's all high in the front. He can never get to the back. You need someone to do the back.

CHARMING

Oh. Thank you, Mother.

DONKEY

Mother?

The ogre! Stop them! Stop them!

The guards grab SHREK, DONKEY and PUSS and all exit.

### 17 INT. THE CASTLE

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The KING enters with a pair of tea cups. He pours the poison into one of them, just before FIONA enters.

KING

Darling? Ah. I thought I might find you here. How about a nice hot cup of tea before the ball?

FIONA

I'm not going.

KING

The whole Kingdom's turned out to celebrate your marriage.

FIONA

There's just one problem. That's not my husband. I mean, look at him.

KING

Yes, he is a bit different, but people change for the ones they love. You'd be surprised how much I changed for your mother.

FIONA

Change? He's completely lost his mind!

KING

Why not come down to the ball and give him another chance? You might find you like this new Shrek.

FIONA

But it's the old one I fell in love with, Dad. I'd give anything to have him back.

(reached for one of the
tea cups)

KING

Darling. That's mine. Decaf. Otherwise I'm up all night.

FIONA

(drinking from the other cup)
Thanks.

18 INT. THE DUNGEON

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DONKEY

I got to get out of here! I got to get out of here! You can't lock us up like this! Let me go! What about my Miranda rights? You're supposed to say I have the right to remain silent. Nobody said I have the right to remain silent!

SHREK

You HAVE the right to remain silent. What you lack is capacity.

PUSS

I must hold on before I, too, go totally mad.

PINOCHIO

Shrek? Donkey?

PUSS

Too late.

SHREK

Gingy! Pinocchio! Get us out of here!

GINGY

Quick! Tell a lie!

PINOCHIO

What should I say?

SHREK

Anything, but quick!

GINGY

Say something crazy like, "I'm wearing LADIES' UNDERWEAR!"

PINOCHIO

I am wearing ladies' underwear.

SHREK

Are you?

PINOCHIO

I most certainly am not!
 (his nose grows)

DONKEY

It looks like you most certainly am are!

PINOCHIO

I am not!

PUSS

What kind?

GINGY

(looking in the back of PINOCHIO's LEDERHOSEN)

IT'S A THONG!

PINOCHIO

Oww! They're briefs!

GINGY

Are not.

PINOCHIO

Are too!

GINGY

Here we go. Hang tight.
(picks the lock WITH PINOCHIO'S NOSE)

SHREK

Okay boys! We've got to stop that kiss!

DONKEY

I thought you was going to let her go.

SHREK

I was, but I can't let them do this to Fiona.

DONKEY

Boom! That's what I like to hear. Look who's coming around!

PINOCHIO

GINGY

Folks, it looks like we're up chocolate creek without a Popsicle stick.

SHREK

Don't worry guys, I have a plan. To the castle!

# 19 INT. THE ROYAL BALL

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ROYAL MESSENGER

Ladies and gentlemen. Presenting Princess Fiona and her new husband, Prince Shrek.

AUDIENCE applauses, cheering. CHARMING begins waving and encouraging the audience.

FIONA

Shrek, what are you doing?

CHARMING

I'm just playing the part, Fiona.

FIONA

Is that glitter on your lips?

CHARMING

Mm. Cherry flavored. Want to taste?

FIONA

Ugh! What is with you?

CHARMING

But, Muffin Cake...

FIONA gets fed up and turns to leave, CHARMING looks at FG for help.

FG

(Sotto Voce)

Play something! Now!

(turns to the AUDIENCE)

Ladies and gentlemen. I'd like to dedicate this song to... Princess Fiona and Prince Shrek.

CHARMING

Fiona, my Princess. Will you honor me with a dance?

AUDIENCE

Dance! Dance!

FIONA

Since when do you dance?

CHARMING

Fiona, my dearest, if there's one thing I know, it's that love is full of surprises.

OUTSIDE THE BALL

All right, fellas! Let's crash this party!

**GUARD** 

Halt right there!

GINGY

Make me!

GUARD grabs GINGY by the collar.

GINGY

Not the gumdrop button!

DONKEY and PUSS grab the GUARD.

DONKEY

Go! Go! Your lady needs you! Go!

SHREK exits.

PUSS

Today, I repay my debt.

GUARD yells and is chased offstage by PUSS. DONKEY, PINOCHIO and GINGY FOLLOW.

SHREK

Stop! Hey, you! Back away from my wife.

FIONA

Shrek?

FG

You couldn't just go back to your swamp and leave well enough alone.

SHREK

Pinocchio! Get the wand!

PINOCHIO runs for the wand but gets zapped along the way. His 'PINOCHIO' nose is gone.

PINOCHIO

I'm a real boy!

The WOLF barges in and blows the wand out of FG's hand, GINGY picks it up and accidentally zaps PINOCHIO, his wooden nose appears again.

PINOCHIO

I'm a real boy. Aah! Oh.

FG

That's mine!

PUSS and DONKEY enter.

DONKEY

Pray for mercy, from Puss...

PUSS

and Donkey!

FG

She's taken the potion! Kiss her now!

CHARMING kisses FIONA.

SHREK

No!

CHARMING and FIONA look at eachother longingly, SHREK is heartbroken.

FIONA

(headbutting CHARMING)

Hya!

ALL gasp.

SHREK

Fiona.

FIONA

Shrek.

SHREK and FIONA embrace.

FG

Harold! You were supposed to give her the potion!

KING

Well, I guess I gave her the wrong tea.

CHARMING

(snatching the wand and tossing it back to FG)

Mommy!

FIONA

Mommy?

FG

I told you. Ogres don't live happily ever after.

FG tries to zap SHREK but KING grabs the wand. They both disappear.

FIONA

Oh, Dad!

(sobbing)

PINOCHIO

Is he...?

GINGY

Yup. He croaked.

Croak sound can be heard. FIONA picks up a frog.

QUEEN

Harold?

FIONA

Dad?

KING

I'd hoped you'd never see me like this.

DONKEY

And he gave you a hard time!

SHREK

Donkey!

KING

No, no, he's right. I'm sorry. To both of you. I only wanted what was best for Fiona. But I can see now... she already has it. Shrek, Fiona... Will you accept an old frog's apologies... and my blessing?

QUEEN

Harold?

KING

I'm sorry, Lillian. I just wish I could be the man you deserve.

UEEN

You're more that man today than you ever were... warts and all.

Clock chimes.

PUSS

Boss! The Happily Ever After Potion!

SHREK

Midnight! Fiona. Is this what you want? To be this way forever?

FIONA

What?

SHREK

Because if you kiss me now... we can stay like this.

FIONA

You'd do that? For me?

SHREK

Yes.

FIONA

PUSS

Whatever happens, I must not cry! You cannot make me cry! (sobs)

Clock chimes. Flashing lights, as the crowd gathers round and reveals the ogre SHREK and FIONA.

SHREK

Now, where were we? Oh. I remember.

FADE OUT:

Spotlight on DONKEY.

DONKEY

Hey! Isn't we supposed to be having

a fiesta?

FANFARE

THE END.