

**ACT ONE**

**SCENE THREE**

*(FOREST. SHREK enters looking at his map.)*

**SHREK**

Now this can't be right, I'm all turned around. I took a right at the candy house, passed that weird old woman in the shoe, and then took a left at Oprah's castle...  
[FOR CHICAGO.]

*(HE notices a crossroads sign pointing in different directions. In one direction, "SWAMP" – and in the other, "DULOC.")*

Now what's this? "Swamp." – Yeah, that's true. "Duloc," good....

*(notices an arrow pointing up – "DONKEY.")*

*(Then we hear a terrified scream coming from somewhere. SHREK looks around, confused. Where is that coming from? Then...)*

**DONKEY**

*(falling out of the sky)*

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh! Watch where you're going Mary Poppins

*(DONKEY lands behind the bush center stage. After a moment, he comes crawling out.)*

I'm okay. You just stay where you are. I'll be alright.

*(climbing up – in some pain)*

That's a lesson right there. Donkeys should *not* be climbing trees. But I had to do something to shake those goons. Guess it worked because –

**CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD**

*(offstage)*

I hear voices over here!

**DONKEY**

Uh-oh. Help a Donkey out, wouldja?

*(HE hides behind the confused Shrek as a phalanx of armored GUARDS comes running on. THEY stop in their tracks when they see Shrek.)*

**GUARDS**

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

*(THEY draw their swords at the sight of him.)*

**CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD**

Ugh, it's hideous!

**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  
OOOOOOOOOOOOOOO  
AAAAAAAAR!!!!!!

*(pure terror)*

AAAAAAAAAAAAAHHH  
HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH  
HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!

*(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.)*