

ACT TWO**SCENE EIGHT**

(SHREK'S SWAMP. DONKEY is assembling a line of rocks, some piled up and starting to resemble a wall.)

SHREK

Donkey? What are you doing?

DONKEY

I'd think you of all people would recognize a wall when you saw one!

SHREK

Well—yeah. But the wall's supposed to go *around* my swamp, not *through* it.

DONKEY

It is. Around your half. See? That's *your* half, and this is *my* half.

SHREK

Oh—*your* half?

DONKEY

Yes, *my* half. I helped rescue the Princess. I did *half* the work, I get *half* the booty.

SHREK

Back off.

DONKEY

No, *you* back off.

SHREK

Stubborn jackass!

DONKEY

Smelly ogre!

SHREK

This is *my* swamp!

DONKEY

There you go again! My-my-my! Me-me-me! Well guess what, now it's *my* turn, so you just shut up and pay attention. You are *mean* to me, you *insult* me and you don't appreciate anything I do. You're always pushing me around or pushing me away! You're so wrapped up in layers, onion boy, you're afraid of your own feelings!

SHREK

If I treated you so badly, then why did you come back?!

DONKEY

Because that's what friends do! They forgive each other!

SHREK

Oh go away!

DONKEY

See! There you are doing it again! Just like you did to Fiona! And all she ever did was like you. Maybe even love you!

SHREK

Love me? She said I was *ugly*! A hideous creature! I heard the two of you talking!

DONKEY

She wasn't talking about *you*! She was talking about... uh... somebody else.

(Silence.)

SHREK

She wasn't talking about me? Well then who was she talking about?

DONKEY

Uh-uh. No way. I ain't saying anything. You don't wanna listen to me, right? *Right?*

SHREK

(getting frustrated)

Donkey!

DONKEY

No.

(DONKEY holds his ground. Defiant.)

SHREK

(begrudgingly)

Okay — look, I'm sorry, alright?

(DONKEY raises an eyebrow, wanting more.)

SHREK

(genuine)

I'm sorry. I guess I *am* just a big, stupid... ugly ogre.

(beat)

Can you forgive me?

DONKEY

(looks Shrek up and down, satisfied)

Hey that's what friends are for, right?
