

(She holds her arms outstretched, soaking up the sun and the glorious morning.)

FIONA

(finally sees them)

Oh, why good morning, men.

DONKEY

(a little concerned for her)

Mornin'.

SHREK

Uhh, princess, did you by any chance eat a few of those funny little mushrooms by the stream?

FIONA

Of course not. I'm just happy that it's a new day, full of promise and fresh starts!

(Shrek and Donkey exchange looks.)

FIONA

And the first thing I'd like to do is apologize for my behavior yesterday. We obviously got off on the wrong foot, and I'd like to make it up to you.

SHREK

You would?

FIONA

Yes, you *did* rescue me after all. So I've gathered a basket of berries for the trip, and I made you each a daisy chain!

(presents them with their daisy chains)

DONKEY

Oh look at these! They're beautiful, princess! Aren't they beautiful, Shrek?

SHREK

(not sure what to do with it)

Uhhh...ihhhh....

FIONA

(re: flowers)

You'll grow to love 'em, I promise. Lead the way!

(She skips off. Shrek dumps his daisy chain in the pit.)

(They travel over the following scene...)

SHREK

So, Princess, do you often frolic with rats?

FIONA

And what if I do?

SHREK

Oh, I don't know, Princess – germ-infested vermin – not exactly what I expected.

FIONA

Well maybe you shouldn't judge people before you get to know them.

(smiles knowingly, and walks off)

DONKEY

(impressed)

Hmm!

FIONA

So tell me about my groom-to-be. Lord Farquaad. What's he like?

SHREK

(with a smile to Donkey)

Well, let me put it this way, Princess – men of Farquaad's stature are in *short* supply.

FIONA

(impressed)

Really?

DONKEY

(chuckles, joins in)

Oh yeah, but he is a *little* intimidating.

FIONA

(loves it)

Well he *must* be!

SHREK

And yet very good at *small* talk.

FIONA

What are you guys doing?

SHREK

What? Just saying ya might wanna lower your expectations a bit.

DONKEY

Yeah, like three feet or so.

(They laugh.)

FIONA

Alright, yuck it up. Doesn't bother me. Not today. After a lifetime of misery, things are finally going my way.

SHREK

(chuckles)

Oh, a lifetime of misery, right. Okay,

(They continue to stroll along. Fiona can't let the exchange go.)

FIONA

You chuckled.

SHREK

Hm?

FIONA

When I said, lifetime of misery. You chuckled.

SHREK

Did I?

FIONA

Yes.

SHREK

Look, I'm sure it was very difficult living in a dragon-guarded tower.

FIONA

It was.

SHREK

I'm sure.

FIONA

Alright then.

(She's turns to go.)

SHREK

Although, it must've been nice to have a roof, and a cozy bed. Which is more than I had when I left home.

FIONA

You're not actually comparing yourself to what I endured?

SHREK

I'm just saying you don't corner the market on unhappy childhoods.