

SCENE THREE: The Common Room at Hogwash School

HARRY, HERMIONE AND RON enter. They have prepared for the journey and are carrying bags/trucksacks.

HARRY: So, are we ready to go on our quest to find the goblet of youth and place it onto the rock of ages?

HERMIONE: Well, we have sandwiches, crisps, lots of chocolate and bottles of Pepsi.

HARRY: Sounds like a good balanced diet. Thanks Hermon... Himorn... *(He can't pronounce her name)*

HERMIONE: *(Telling him)* Her-mi-on-e!

HARRY: I know, I know! *(Pause, then showing off)* I have been chosen to undertake this dangerous quest to rid the world of the evil presence of he who cannot be named but is called Fred. I will be noble and will bravely lead the way.

HERMIONE: What will I do?

HARRY: You will scream a lot in a girly way then come up with clever solutions which I will pass off as my own.

HERMIONE: *(Angrily)* I will not!

HARRY: Please yourself.

RON: What about me?

HARRY: You, Roy...

RON: *(Correcting him)* ...Ron.

HARRY: Whatever. You will say 'golly' and 'gosh' a lot and tell me I'm brilliant.

RON: Thanks, Harry.

HARRY: So, on with the quest!

HERMIONE: Just a minute! Who says you have to lead? Any reason why I can't do it?

HARRY: Are you the chosen one?

HERMIONE: Well...no.

HARRY: 'Nuff said, then. (*Grandly*) On with the quest!

RON: Golly. Gosh. You're brilliant Harry.

HARRY: That's the way, Rick.

RON: (*Correcting him*) Ron. It's Ron.

HARRY: Whatever...

HARRY, HERMIONE and RON all exit.

SCENE FOUR: Somewhere in Middle Earth

SAAAM and MOJO enter. They are carrying bags and are already becoming weary of their journey. They are still on their knees to begin with but are beginning to feel the pain.

MOJO: Shall we stop this?

SAAAM: Yes please.

They both stand and continue the rest of the play on foot.

MOJO: Where are we Saaam?

SAAAM: Somewhere in Middle Earth on the way to the cave of darkness, mister Mojo.

MOJO: *(Dreamily)* I feel the pull of the cave, Saaam.

SAAAM: Do you? *(Pause, then a bit confused)* Already?

MOJO: I feel the force of darkness, Saaam.

SAAAM: Where?

MOJO: *(Pointing to his elbow)* Right here.

SAAAM: *(Looking around nervously)* I sense the evil, too. We will rest here a while.

They put their bags down and sit down, thankfully.

SMEEGLE creeps up behind them, unseen. He half-crawls on all fours.

He taps MOJO on the right shoulder then jumps to the left, so MOJO doesn't see him.

He then taps SAAAM on the left shoulder and jumps to the right, so SAAAM doesn't see him.

MOJO and SAAAM begin to accuse each other of doing the tapping and start to argue.

SMEEGLE taps them both at the same time and they turn around and see him.

Everyone screams. *SMEEGLE runs to the side and speaks in a creepy, rasping voice.*

SMEEGLE: Smeeple is good. Smeeple is here to help mister Mojo.

SAAAM: *(Angrily)* You made mister Mojo jump!

MOJO: *(Calming him)* It's all right, Saaam.

SAAAM: It's not all right! What's he doing here? He's evil.

SMEEGLE: Smeeple here to lead you to the cave of darkness.
Smeeple friend.

MOJO: We have to trust him, Saaam.

SAAAM: Why?

MOJO: He won't harm us.

SAAAM: Look, he's evil! A baddy!

SMEEGLE: Smeeple is master's friend. Not evil.

SAAAM: *(Trying to get MOJO to understand)* He wants the goblet!

MOJO: We have to trust him, Saaam.

SAAAM: Let me see if I've got this right. Smeeple used to be good, now he's evil. He wants what we've got and is going to lead us to the cave of darkness so he can steal it, but you think we should trust him?

MOJO: We have to trust him, Saaam.

SAAAM: Right. Fine. Don't say I didn't warn you.

SAAAM picks up the bags and prepares to leave.

SAAAM: Let's go.

SMEEGLE: *(Aside to Saaam, nastily)* That showed you.

SAAAM: Shut it, freak!

They begin to exit, MOJO leading the way.