“A Sheep in Wolf’s Clothing”
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What Two lambs are ready to graduate and leave the flock. One is too anxious and the other is too excited. What happens next reminds them that they have a Shepherd for a reason.
Themes: Graduation, High School, College, Senior Sunday

Who Ewenice
Ramsey
Beowolf
Wolfgang
The Shepherd

When At a time when shepherds looked like shepherds

Wear Two black ball caps with cotton balls glued all over them to look like sheep’s Wool and long black Ears glued to hang down from the sides (like sheep ears) Three tee shirts with Wolfpack written on them A shepherd’s headdress, staff and rod

Why Psalm 23, and because graduation is scary

How Have fun with the puns. Be comical. The entrances and exits should be quick so there’s no downtime in the dialogue.

Time Approximately 5 minutes
Ewenice and Ramsey enter. Ramsey is carrying a Bible.

Ewenice: Well, here we are. I can’t believe it! We’re actually graduating! Leaving the flock. Going out on our own.

Ramsey: Yeah.

Ewenice: Ramsey, you don’t sound too excited.

Ramsey: I’m not. I’m worried. I’ve always been part of the flock.

Ewenice: Don’t you want to try new things? Have some wild and wooly times? Get away from the Shepherd and see what life is really like when you plan it all for yourself?

Ramsey: Ewenice, I’m a sheep. Sheep were meant to be in a flock and to be cared for by a Shepherd.

Ewenice: It’s been great having the Shepherd to look after us. I’m glad he takes such good care of me. But, all of those warnings about the big bad wolf? Really? I want to meet some. Experience their lifestyle before I judge it.

Ramsey: Don’t you remember what it says in the book? “Fierce wolves will come among you and they will not spare the flock.” That doesn’t sound too friendly to me.

Ewenice: Oh, that’s just old-fashioned. Wolves are furry and cute. Besides, I’ve always wanted to go out on my own. Look over there. The grass is definitely greener over there. (Runs off stage)

Ramsey: (calling after her and holding up a Bible) Ewenice, you should at least take your… (faces audience) Ewenice didn’t take her book (holds up Bible again) She’s going to need this book to tell her how to find some still water to drink. I have a bad feeling about this. (Walks off stage)

As soon as Ramsey exits, Ewenice, Beowolf, and Wolfgang enter. This transition should be quick so there is no downtime in the dialogue. They are all wearing tee shirts that say Go Wolfpack.

Ewenice: Wow! That was so much fun. I never knew that being a wolf was so exciting.

Beowolf: (howling) Whooooo whoooo hooo hooo! I love the pack life. Running around at night. Baying at the moon. Chasing things!
Wolfgang: Awooooo! Chasing things. I wish we could find a lamb to chase. I'm hungry.
Ewenice: A lamb to chase?
Beowolf: Yes, a lamb. Lambs are tender, juicy and Delicious!
Wolfgang: …and wooly. Really, really wooly. All that wool could get stuck in your teeth. If, you ate one…
Beowolf: Not if. When. Let’s go find a lamb to eat.
Ewenice: Beowolf? Uh, ummm, well, I can’t. I’m a vegetarian. I could never eat lamb.
Wolfgang: That’s just because you’ve never tried it. Look, there’s one, now!
Beowulf: It looks tender.

Ramsey enters from the side. He’s carrying the Bible. He sees Ewenice and her two new friends.

Ramsey: (waves and yells and holds up Bible) Hey Ewenice!
Ewenice is standing behind Wolfgang and Beowolf making gestures to try to get Ramsey to leave, but he runs up.

Ramsey: How’s life outside the flock? I see you’ve made some new friends.
Beowolf: (looks at Ewenice) Outside the flock? Did you hear that Wolfgang? Our little vegetarian friend…
Wolfgang: …is a sheep in wolf’s clothing. How nice of you to join us…
Beowolf: …for dinner. (They surround Ewenice who screams.)
Ewenice: HELP!

The Shepherd, with his rod and staff, steps out. Ramsey hides behind him.

Shepherd: Back off boys. These lambs belong to me. (He threatens them with the rod and staff and they slink off stage. Then he turns to Ewenice) Ewenice, why were you pretending to be a wolf? And for goodness sakes, what are you doing hanging out in the Valley of the Shadow of Death?
Ewenice: *(hugs Shepherd)* You saved me. I turned my back on the flock, but you saved me, anyway. I don’t know how to thank you.

Shepherd: You can thank your friend Ramsey. He’s been pestering me every day since you left to keep an eye on you. So, I did.

Ramsey: Ewenice, you left without your book. And, I couldn’t find you to give it to you, but I knew the Shepherd could find you. Remember the time he left ninety-nine of us behind?

Ewenice: So he could go find the little lost lamb. Yes, Ramsey, I remember. I guess I was the lost lamb this time. *(She turns to the Shepherd)* Thank you for remembering me.

Shepherd: I always remember my lambs, and recognize them *(chuckles)* even when they’re dressed in wolf’s clothing. But Ewenice, you need me. I’m taller than you and I can see everywhere and everything, while you can only see what’s in front of you.

Ramsey: Yeah, Ewenice, we’re too short. That’s why we should stay right here in the flock with the Shepherd and never leave.

Shepherd: Ramsey, you’re wrong. I want you to leave. I want you to try new things.

Ramsey: It’s not safe to leave. You saw what happened to Ewenice.

Shepherd: Ramsey, you’re never out of my sight, even when you can’t see me. Besides, I’m sure your mother and father and all your aunts and uncles will pester me to keep an eye on you.

Ewenice: Yeah, Ramsey. Besides, you saw what happened when I was afraid and called out. The Shepherd came.

Ramsey: I don’t know.

Ewenice: Well, I do. Let’s go. Let’s find some greener pastures, only this time, I’ll take my book along, and my friend. *(Takes book from Ramsey and hugs him)* We’ll look out for each other.

Shepherd: And I’ll always look out for the two of you. Remember, I have promised to take you to greener pastures, to help you find still water, to restore you when you are too tired to go on. Now, be bold! Just don’t forget to read the book. I gave it to you for a reason. And, call out to me when you need me or if you just want to talk. I love you.

E and R: We love you, too! *(They exit)*
Shepherd: I'll never understand why my sheep are so fascinated by wolves. A shepherd's work is never done.

Exits