

Definitions for Four Techniques of Satire:

Exaggeration

To enlarge, increase, or represent something beyond normal bounds so that it becomes ridiculous and its faults can be seen.

Incongruity

To present things that are out of place or are absurd in relation to its surroundings.

Reversal

To present the opposite of the normal order (e.g., the order of events, hierarchical order).

Parody

To imitate the techniques and/or style of some person, place, or thing.

Examples seen in *Shrek* film clip:

Exaggeration

Princess Fiona fights and successfully defeats Robin Hood and all of his Merry Men without any help and without any weapons.

Incongruity

Princess Fiona uses her ponytail to deliver a knockout punch to one of the Merry Men. While frozen in a mid-air martial arts kick, Princess Fiona pauses to fix her disheveled hair before knocking out two of the Merry Men.

Reversal

The roles of the hero and the damsel in distress have been reversed. In this clip, it is Princess Fiona, the rescuer, who fights and defeats the foe.

Parody

The fight scene is an exaggerated imitation of the martial arts style and special effects used in movies such as *The Matrix* and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.