

Steel Magnolias Audition Scene - The Magnolia Tree

- Characters Ouiser, Clairee, Truvy, Shelby, M'Lynn, Annelle
- M'LYNN:** Ouiser, the judge has not decided whose tree that is exactly.
- OUISER:** It's mine!
- (Enter Annelle with glass of water.)*
- Be that as it may ... it would not be too much to ask for me to have one blossom to brighten my home. I am all alone except for my dog.
- CLAIREE:** You need something in your life besides that dumb animal ...
- OUISER:** Put a lid on it, Clairee. I was standing there looking at my ... my naked magnolia tree when I saw Drum across the way loading what appeared to be a cannon. I asked him what happened to all those magnolia blossoms. He said the wind probably blew them off during the night. Then I asked him how the wind managed to blow them all off into your pool. Then he fired at me! Is that rude or what?
- M'LYNN:** They're blanks. And Drum would never aim a gun at a lady.
- OUISER:** He's a real gentleman. I'll bet he takes the dishes out of the sink before he pees in it.
- M'LYNN:** That's uncalled for.
- OUISER:** All I know is my poor animal has to be sedated. He has a condition.
- SHELBY:** Are you sure that's true? Rhett is a very old dog.
- OUISER:** I am simply going on what the vet tells me.
- CLAIREE:** Which vet?
- OUISER:** Whitey Black.
- CLAIREE:** That's your first mistake. Whitey Black is a moron. I'm not even sure he has opposable thumbs.
- SHELBY:** Miss Ouiser, Daddy is not trying to drive you crazy. He's just trying to make my reception nice. His heart's in the right place.
- OUISER:** But he cannot do this to my dog! My dog is on his last legs! What am I going to do with the poor animal?
- CLAIREE:** *(Holding up the recipe box.)* I've got a lot of good recipes here.
- OUISER:** *(To Annelle.)* Darling ... whatever your name is ... would you look out the window and check on my dog while I smack Clairee on her smart mouth? You may not believe this, but these are the dearest friends I have in this town.
- ANNELLE:** His color's good. His skin is real pink.
- SHELBY:** I know for a fact there will be no more gunshots. So why don't you relax, Miss Ouiser? Have some coffee.



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- TRUVY:** Ladies. This is going to work out beautifully. I'm almost through with Shelby. Anelle can shampoo Ouiser. See. Life can be wonderful.
- OUISER:** All right. As long as there's no more gunshots, I'll stay.