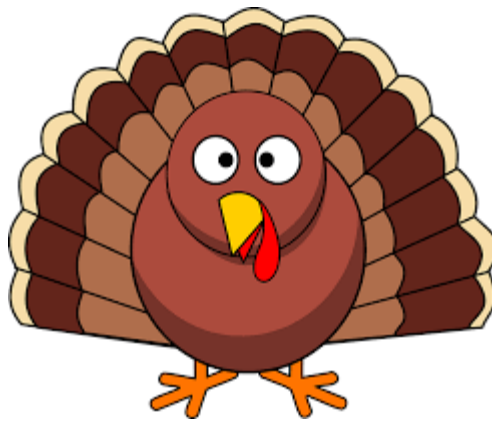


# NO-THANKS- GIVING



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CAST: Mother, Father, Kid #1, Kid #2, Kid #3, Aunt Carol, Uncle John, Grandma, Grandpa

PROPS: Costumes for all, table, plates for all, pumpkin pie

SETTING: Entire cast except Uncle John and Aunt Carol are seated at table

MOTHER: Now children, this is what we always did when I was a kid. Everyone says what they're thankful for one at a time. Mom, you start.

GRANDMA: Oh, I'm thankful for so many things, how can I choose just one?

FATHER: Just pick the first one that pops into your mind.

GRANDMA: *[Starts getting emotional, puts hand over heart]* I'm thankful for my family and especially my beautiful grandchildren! *[blows nose into napkin and starts crying]*

GRANDPA: *[Faces palm]* She does this every single year!

KID #1: *[Leans over to Kid #2, whispers]* Maybe sitting at the grown-up's table isn't so great after all!

KID #2: *[whispers]* Maybe I'll go to a restaurant next year instead.

MOTHER: I heard that! *[Mumbles to herself]* I didn't know my turkey was *that* bad...

FATHER: Your turkey is just wonderful...ish.

GRANDPA: Say, where are John and Carol?

FATHER: They're late. As usual. *[rolls eyes]*

GRANDMA: You should be thankful! We're all here together, and that's all that matters. *[sniffs]*

GRANDPA: Here comes the water works.

*[grandma starts crying again, Uncle John and Aunt Carol enter]*

AUNT CAROL: Sorry we're late. We hit a deer.

UNCLE JOHN: *You* hit a deer.