

SMOKED TURKEY

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FADE IN:

INT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - MORNING

Inside a two story house is a normal style house.

A GUY sits on a rocking chair watching the Macy's day parade.

GUY

(like he's talking to  
someone)

All these people in this parade,  
nothing but a bunch of crazies;  
All the clothes and things they are  
doing ... I mean look at it  
outside, I wouldn't want to be  
outside ... but it gives me  
something to watch so God Bless  
'em.

SMOKE FILLS THE AIR.

WOMAN (O.S.)

(screams)

This stupid oven. It doesn't want  
me to cook ... everything about it  
hates me!

GUY

(yelling)

Could you be quite, I'm trying to  
watch the Macy's parade.

(smells air)

Could you try not to stink up the  
house?

WOMAN (O.S.)

(screaming)

Your mouth stinks up this house;  
The oven stinks up the house ...  
why couldn't you just do what you  
were supposed to oven, and cook not  
burn the food.

Two kids run down the stairs.

GIRL

Is the oven burning the food again?

BOY

I think something is burning.

SMOKE ALARMS GO OFF.

BOY (CONT'D)  
And now thanksgiving has begun.

GIRL  
The oven is burning the food again.  
(yelling)  
Do you need any help with the oven?

WOMAN (O.S.)  
I don't need any help; The oven  
needs help!

GIRL  
This is definitely Thanksgiving.

GUY  
Thanksgiving? I'd love  
thanksgiving where I can watch the  
parade ... and I can't even listen  
to it, because all I hear are smoke  
alarms.

BOY  
I'll go take care of he smoke  
alarms.

GIRL  
And I'll go take care of the oven.

Girl goes to kitchen.

Boy to smoke alarms.

GUY  
And I'm going to sit here and try  
and watch the parade ... and I say  
TRY because of what you all are  
doing!

GIRL (O.S.)  
The turkey is burnt ... I mean  
really burnt.

GUY  
Burnt Turkey? Who cares ... I'm  
trying to watch the parade!

WOMAN (O.S.)  
I don't care if it's burnt, if you  
don't eat this turkey ... I will  
never do anymore cooking around  
this house!

GUY

You say that every time you burn something.

KNOCKING ON DOOR.

GUY (CONT'D)

(yelling)

Police are here! They are here to arrest you for burning the house down.

WOMAN (O.S.)

The oven is trying to burn the house down ... I'm not trying to burn the house down.

Boy runs to door, opens it.

Police stand smiling.

GUY

(looks out)

Told ya! It's the police ... she's in the kitchen, go get her.

POLICE MAN

What did he just say?

BOY

Forget what he said ... things are burning, it's Thanksgiving ... it's just Thanksgiving.

POLICE MAN

Burning?

BOY

It's Thanksgiving, the turkey gets burnt ... it's just Thanksgiving.

POLICE MAN

Well, there is something we wanted to do randomly and we ended up choosing a random house ... so this could be something you guys may want.

Be brings out a turkey.

BOY

You are giving us a turkey?

POLICE MAN

We are giving a turkey out, and you guys got it unless you don't want it?

BOY

Well, We've already had one burnt turkey, we've never had two.

POLICE MAN

It's yours, just take it if you want it.

GUY

Whatever it is, just take it; Unless it is a warrant don't take it.

Girl comes out.

GIRL

I thought I heard someone say ...  
(looks at police)  
Police?

BOY

They came here to give us a turkey.

GIRL

They knew we burnt the first one?

POLICE MAN

So, yes or no?

Boy takes turkey.

GUY

Who on earth would give us another turkey?

POLICE MAN

We brought you a free turkey.

GUY

Leave the turkey; Arrest the woman in the kitchen.

POLICE MAN

Why does he want someone arrested?

BOY

She burns the turkey, so he wants her arrested because she burns the turkey.

GIRL

(walks up)

Let her know about the turkey ...  
forget what he said, he just wants  
to watch what he wants to watch.  
He can't due to the noise.

GUY (O.S.)

(looks at turkey)

Why would you want to give that to  
her, she's gonna burn it.

POLICE MAN

Does she really burn food?

GIRL

She says she doesn't burn the food,  
she says the oven burns the food.

POLICE MAN

If you all want, I know someone who  
can come and take a look at it  
sometime.

GUY (O.S.)

It ain't the oven.

POLICE MAN

(kind of laughing)

I think I'll tell him and let you  
guys decide if you want to follow  
through with it.

GUY (O.S.)

You should follow through with that  
arrest.

GIRL

Again, forget what he says.

Woman and Boy walk out.

WOMAN

Excuse me, excuse me, officer.

POLICE MAN

Yes, ma'am.

WOMAN

I would like to thank you for what  
you have given us.

POLICE MAN

You are welcome ... with everything I have been told, I'm glad I brought it to you guys ... I mentioned I know someone who maybe able to help if you want?

WOMAN

I think that is something we could use since that one back there does nothing but complain.

GUY (O.S.)

You should taste her turkey, than we'll see whose complaining.

WOMAN

Ignore what he says, once he eats he'll shut up.

POLICE MAN

I will make sure to let him know, and have him contact yous ...  
(thinks)  
What are you guys going to do with that burnt turkey?

Guy gets up walks to door.

GUY

Don't tell me there is someone out there who you want to try and torture by giving them her food.

WOMAN

(smacks guy)  
You complain, but anytime I cook, you eat. So, yes officer, go on.

POLICE MAN

I do know some people who could use some extra this thanksgiving. So i figured if you are going to use the new one ... that they could have the one you have already been cooking. I'm sure they would enjoy the deliciousness that you created, even if it has gotten burnt.

GUY

Delicious?

WOMAN

(looks at Guy)

Be quiet.

(looks at Officer)

You are more than welcome to take what we have; You have given us something ... so you can have that one.

POLICE MAN

I know the people I give it to will be very happy and thankful for you.

WOMAN

(looks at Guy)

Go get the turkey.

GUY

Why should I, you are the one who...

WOMAN

(looks at Guy)

Just go get it.

GUY

(going)

And there goes anything I wanted to do this morning ...

(to himself)

The officer is going to serve them, but not protect them from her food.

GIRL

(to officer)

Do they need anything else besides that turkey?

WOMAN

(to officer)

That's a good question; Officer?

POLICE MAN

I am not quite sure if they do or do not need anything else ... so I wouldn't be surprised if they did.

BOY

Do they have any kids our age? I got some extra clothing.

GIRL

Me too.



POLICE MAN

(smiles)

They do, they actually do; You don't have to give anything else.

GIRL

We want too.

They both run off.

POLICE MAN

Good kids.

Guy walks out with the turkey.

GUY

I got the turkey; You can say no, and you probably should say no.

WOMAN

Just be quiet.

POLICE MAN

Like I said, they are going to be very thankful for what you are giving them.

Guy gives police man the turkey.

WOMAN

(looks at Guy)

You keep quiet, don't say a word.

POLICE MAN

I appreciate you helping by giving this turkey away .. I will be right back.

WOMAN

(watches)

Talk about a real Thanksgiving blessing for him to show up. Hopefully the next one doesn't burn.

GUY

Hopefully.

WOMAN

That's it? No wise crack about my cooking?

SILENCE.

WOMAN (CONT'D)  
All of a sudden silent.

Kids run down with clothes.

BOY  
We got clothes.

WOMAN  
(laughing)  
Are you giving away all of your clothes.

GUY  
They are giving away clothes?

GIRL  
We are giving away clothes.

WOMAN  
They are giving away clothes.

GUY  
(looks at woman)  
At least ...  
(looks at kids)  
That's good.

Police Man walks back.

GIRL  
I hope these are the types of clothing they would like.

POLICE MAN  
(surprised)  
That really is an amazing amount of clothing you are going to give away.

WOMAN  
I was surprised at what they were giving away as well.

GUY  
Good kids.

POLICE MAN  
You guys are really helping to make them really blessed.

WOMAN  
It was our way of thanking you for blessing us with that turkey.

Guy silently laughs.

WOMAN (CONT'D)

I hope your Thanksgiving is as blessed as you have helped to make others.

POLICE MAN

You guys are very welcome, and I thank you. You guys really did raise some good kids.

BOY

We got good parents ... we know what it's like to not have certain things in life.

GIRL

We are foster kids, and they are our foster parents, but all they are to us are parents.

POLICE MAN

(smiling)

I understand what you guys are saying as I grew up a foster kid with foster parents ... so I understand what it is like being a foster.

WOMAN

We would never ever replace these kids for anyone.

They all hug.

GIRL

(to officer)

Would you like to join some fosters for a foster hug?

Police Man hugs.

POLICE MAN

Just because you are a foster in no way shape or form makes you less because you are a foster. If you happen to remember anything, always remember that.

Girl and Boy hug Police Man.

Guys tears up a bit.

WOMAN

We were all fosters at once.

Girl and Boy hug parents.

Police Man happily nods and walks off.

GIRL

You can come back any time;  
Fosters always welcome fosters.

Police Man stops, looks back.

POLICE MAN

I thank you, and I will.

Happy tears form as he walks away.

GUY

That's a really good cop,  
(pauses)  
He protected us from your food.

WOMAN

(laughing)  
Be quiet.

Boy and Girl watch cop.

FADE OUT:

THE END