

Scene 1

Charlie, hanging up the phone: I think I'm losing control of the whole world.

Linus: Now what's wrong?

Charlie: Now she's bringing Rickman too! Peppermint Patty has invited herself, Gabby, Dan, and Rickman over for Thanksgiving dinner and I'm not even going to be home!

Linus: Why don't you just call her back and explain it to her?

Charlie: You can't explain anything to Peppermint Patty. I'm doomed!

Linus: Why don't you just have two dinners? One for you and your friends, and one with your family?

Charlie: I can't cook a Thanksgiving dinner. All I can make is cold cereal, maybe toast.

Linus: That's alright, I could help you. Snoopy, go out to the garage and get a table that we can set up in the back yard!

Snoopy: [dances]

Linus: We don't have any time to play, Snoopy! Please put some chairs around the table!

Scene 2

Patty: Hi, Chuck.

Charlie: Hi, Peppermint Patty, Hi Rickman, Hi Dan and Gabby and Jake.

All: Hi, Chuck.

[all sitting]

Jake: Rickman, would you do the honors?

Rickman: Of course. In the year 1621, the pilgrims held their first Thanksgiving feast. They invited the great Indian chief Massasoit who brought 90 of his brave Indians and a great abundance of food. Governor William Bradford and Captain Miles Standish were honored guests. Elder William Brewster, who was a minister, said a prayer that went

something like this: "We thank God for our homes and our food and our safety in a new land. We thank God for the opportunity to create a new world for freedom and justice. " Amen.

[Snoopy passes out food]

Patty: What's this? A piece of toast? A carrot? Chips? What blockhead cooked all this? What kind of a Thanksgiving dinner is this?

Charlie: Peppermint Patty, I—

Patty: Where's the turkey, Chuck? Don't you know anything about Thanksgiving dinners? Where's the mashed potatoes? Where's the cranberry sauce? Where's the pumpkin pie?

Charlie: [leaves sadly]

Gabby: You were kind of rough on Charlie Brown, weren't you, sir?

Patty: Rough? Look at this. Is this what you call a Thanksgiving Day dinner? We were supposed to be served a real Thanksgiving dinner.

Dan: Now, wait a minute. Did he invite you to dinner or did you invite yourself and us too?

Patty: Gee, I never thought of it like that. Do you think I hurt old Chuck's feelings?

All: YES!

Scene 3

[Patty and Charlie]

Patty: I'm sorry, Chuck. Those early pilgrims were thankful for what had happened to them, and we should be thankful too. We should just be thankful for being together.

I think that's what they mean by "Thanksgiving," Charlie Brown.

Scene 4

[All]

Over the River and through the woods
To grandmother's house we go
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh
through white and drifted snow, oh!
Over the river and through the woods
Oh how the wind does blow
It stings the toes and bites the nose
As over the ground we go.

Charlie: Well, there's only one thing wrong with that. My grandmother lives in a condominium.

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