

FREEZER BURN

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A group of frozen fowls discuss their impending fate and the human holiday called Thanksgiving.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Rehearsal is the key in a sketch involving such unique costuming. Garbage bags tend to make a lot of noise as the actors move, so be sure to keep characters still when they're not supposed to be drawing focus.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 8

TOPIC: Thankfulness

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Psalm 100:4

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Thanksgiving

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Thanksgiving Service

CHARACTERS:

DEAN, RYAN, ADDIE, LILA—turkeys

WANDA—a Cornish hen

LOUIE—a turkey

NORMAN—a duck stuffed inside Louie

JAKE—a chicken stuffed inside Norman

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Plastic garbage bags with appropriate labels

SOUND: Eight wireless microphones, or three to five standing

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: The freezer section of a grocery

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DEAN, RYAN, ADDIE, and LILA are turkeys in the freezer section of a grocery. For costumes, they are wrapped in plastic garbage bags, with "Butterball" written on them. WANDA is also wrapped in plastic and has "Cornish Hen" written on her bag. LOUIS, NORMAN, and JAKE are wrapped in the same bag which says, "Turducken."

ADDIE: This is your fault, Dean, you know that, right?

DEAN: My fault?

ADDIE: That's right. Yours.

DEAN: How is this my fault?

LILA: How is it not? You're the one who is always prancing around like some human. "Oh, look at me, I'm a people! I watch TV! I drink the farmer's Coca-Cola. Hey, guys, the farmer wants to take us for a ride in his truck."

DEAN: Come on, you all didn't want to take a ride?

RYAN: I didn't! I even said so.

DEAN: You went along.

RYAN: It was a Friday night. I didn't want to be alone.

ADDIE: "We'll go for a ride, see the country." Yeah, we saw three miles at best, on the way to the slaughterhouse!

RYAN: And now here we are...naked, no feathers.

LILA: No heads.

ADDIE: Waiting to be dinner.

LOUIE: I don't want to hear it from any of you! You all are still just plain turkeys. Me? I'm a Turducken! They rip my bones out, and stuff a DUCK in me!

NORMAN: At least you aren't the duck stuck inside the turkey!

JAKE: Hey, you're not the chicken stuffed in the duck stuffed in the turkey!

ADDIE: Who cares? We're all dead; we're all headed to the dinner table.

WANDA: Excuse me, turkeys; I couldn't help overhearing your conversation.

DEAN: Yeah, what do you want?