

The Thin End

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Theme: Halloween

Enter 1 carrying a witches hat and broom. Puts them down and gets a list out of pocket, ticking items off.

1 Right, that's the hat and the broom. Just need the cape and the face paint, and I think I'm set.

Enter 2

2 Mmm. That was really nice.

1 What was?

2 Tea. I cooked myself some stuffed pumpkin.

1 Pumpkin?

2 Yep. There was one in the cupboard. It had been there a few days and nobody seemed to want it, so I thought I'd eat it up.

1 Who did you ask?

2 All the others.

1 You didn't ask me.

2 Didn't I?

1 No.

2 Are you sure, I thought I did.

1 I'm sure because that was my pumpkin, and I did want it.

2 Oops. Sorry.

1 When we all decided to share a house together, we did say that we wouldn't eat other people's food, or use their things without asking.

2 I'm sorry. I thought I'd asked you. It was a mistake, that's all. I didn't think you ate much in the way of vegetables anyway.

1 I wasn't going to eat it.

2 What did you want it for then?

1 Halloween.

2 Halloween?

1 Yeah, I was supposed to be making a pumpkin lamp to take with me to the party tonight. But now of course, it's too late to buy another one.

2 That's just as well then.

1 Why's that?

2 Do you know anything about Halloween?

1 Only how to make lanterns.

2 Did you know that it's all to do with the spirit world.

1 I know it's all to do with ghosts and ghouls and things.

2 It actually originates from the Norse, and is a holiday that the people observed out of fear. They believed that the dead who were killed in battle or executed for crimes would wander the earth looking for a home.

1 That's horrible.

- 2 So they used to carve pumpkins with faces to provide a resting place for these restless spirits, and the candle was put in it to guide the spirits to the pumpkin so that they wouldn't come in and haunt the house.
- 1 I didn't realise that.
- 2 Not many people do nowadays, but what you're trying to do with the pumpkin lamp is attract spirits. And you were wanting to make one and carry it around with you?
- 1 Yeah, I know, but it's only a bit of fun, isn't it?
- 2 Personally, I think it's the thin end of the wedge.
- 1 What do you mean?
- 2 It's yet another of Satan's little lies. Those lies that distort the truth. Things like, there's no harm in this sort of thing. It's only a bit of fun. If we start dabbling in this sort of thing, pretty soon we'll need more than a carved out pumpkin to save us.
- 1 Do you know, suddenly, I've gone right off this idea of going to this halloween party. *[Picks up witches hat and broom]* Come on, I'll chuck these away and you can tell me a bit more about all this.
- 2 Okay
[Exit]

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