

TRADITION

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ALEX  
Tomorrow's the big day!

THALIA  
What's tomorrow?

ALEX  
You're joking right? Today's  
Christmas Eve.

THALIA  
Oh right. (beat) I don't celebrate  
Christmas.

ALEX  
Oh no. I'm so sorry.

THALIA  
Don't be.

ALEX  
It must be hard when you lose  
someone you love around the  
holidays. Who was it? What  
happened?

THALIA  
Uh. I'm not --

ALEX  
You're right. Too personal. What  
was I thinking? Here you are  
suffering from some tragedy and I'm  
just being all nosey. Carry on in  
your sorrow.

THALIA  
There wasn't a tragedy. My family  
just doesn't do Christmas. It's not  
really our thing.

ALEX  
Not 'your thing'?! Christmas is  
everybody's 'THING'. What is wrong  
with you people?

THALIA  
We're Jewish. We celebrate  
Hannukah.

ALEX

Oh. (realizing) Oh my gosh. I didn't mean 'wrong' or 'you people'. Of course you celebrate the beautiful tradition of Hannukah. That's the one where for forty days and forty nights... with the pointy candle thingy and there's something about a dradel...

THALIA

Relax. It's cool. *I* don't even know what Hannukah's about.