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Weird Holiday Traditions

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By now you're all probably used to decorating trees, eating candy canes, and receiving gifts on Christmas morning. Those are all the normal Christmas traditions.

There are actually a lot of holiday traditions worldwide that are a bit more strange and peculiar than just sitting around stuffing yourself with turkey and pudding.

For example, in Yugoslavia on the second Sunday of Christmas, children creep in and tie their mother down to a chair and yell "Mother's day, Mother's day! What will you pay to get away?"

Then traditionally, the mother gives the kids presents. A week later the same thing is done to the father who also consequently has to give the children presents.

If you think your family is weird because your Uncle has one too many drinks on Christmas and goes to sleep under the tree, think again. In Greenland, several months

very strong.

In some rural areas near south Wales, a character named Mari Llwyd is played by a person hiding under a horse hair sheet and carrying a horse's skull on pike.

She parades the streets of Wales with her band of followers called mummers. Anyone who is "given the bite" by the horses jaw has to pay a cash fine.

A junior at Oak Forest High School named Jake Karlson was eager to share his weird Christmas tradition with me. He said that after the meal on Christmas day his uncle hides a pickle in the Christmas tree. Then, he and his younger brother Josh have to try to find the pickle amongst the ornaments and fern leaves.

The one who finds the pickle first is then given a present from their uncle.

So maybe instead of just getting stuffed on mashed potatoes and turkey and opening Christmas presents, you