

**BOY: 8-12; nick's nephew...COUPLE SCENES**

GIRL

Uncle Nick, Uncle Nick, Grandma!

They both quickly hug grandma before wrapping themselves around Uncle Nick. Nick surveys the area, stretches and smiles to the wide open country.

BOY

Guess what Uncle Nick?

NICK

What?

BOY

The pig I'm raising for 4-H is gonna be served at a wedding.

NICK

(stunned with profound joy)  
That is the coolest thing I have ever heard.

INT. FARMHOUSE — 3 MONTHS EARLIER

A country home with an old piano in the den and old pictures. The place feels dusty, but doesn't look dusty. A forgettable place, but memorable because it occupies a piece of land that stretches miles in every direction. The farm itself is more like a complex with a cylinder roofed Quonset, old red barn, large tractor garage with metal siding, old hollowed out wooden granaries, and old farm machinery. The long driveway has a row of trees on one side and acres of wheat on the other. Nick, still smiling after what his nephew told him, his mom, and the children enter. A young teenager sits on the couch.

NICK

What's up man?

YOUNG TEENAGER

(disgusted)

nothing.

NICK

(to sister)

What's his problem?

TRACY

We took his cell phone away. Ever since we got him texting last Christmas, I don't know; it's kind of amazing.

NICK

(sarcastically)

Call me old fashioned, but I can remember when I had to have awkward silent conversations on the land line with a cord long enough to get into the bedroom. (switching gears) What's the deal with the boy's pig?

Nick's sister, TRACY (30) healthy figure, but not overweight. A city beauty that moved to the country and an unimposing look on her face, greets them.

TRACY

Somebody bought it for a pig roast at a wedding.

MOM

Do you remember Sheryl's father. Your dad did his funeral a couple years back. They used to come to the Van Hook service. Well it's her daughter Rebecca who's getting married. Do you remember Rebecca?

NICK

Mom, I barely remember Sheryl, how am I gonna remember Rebecca. Anyway. That is probably the coolest thing I have ever heard. His pig is being served at a wedding.

A beat. Nick sits down in the kitchen and looks out the window at the open prairie.

TRACY

Mom told you.

NICK

Yeah, I can't believe it. Have  
you seen him?

TRACY

His mom took it pretty hard to.