

The Ranch  
Comedy - Drama  
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CHARACTER NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	AGE	GENDER
Chris	A dad. Loves his family.	13	Male
John	Chris's brother.	13	Male
Christina	Chris's wife and a mother.	13	Female
Chris Jr.	Eldest Child.	70	Male
Bob	Youngest child	71	Male
John (Younger)	Has regrets, lived life.	5	Male

Writer's Note:

The characters in this world all age backwards. So older people are actually super young and younger people are actually super old.

SCENE ONE.

Two young boys, appears around 13 years old, CHRIS and JOHN are working hard on the construction of a fence surrounding a small wooden house.. They stop for a moment.

CHRIS

Hey we've been working on this fence all day. We should probably stop and hydrate.

JOHN

Yeah. You're right. Where are the younglings?

CHRIS

Inside with my wife probably. I appreciate you comin to help little brother.

JOHN

I appreciate you givin me a place to stay.

CHRIS

Christina darling!

Christina walks on to the front porch. She is a young girl appearing around 13 years old.

CHRISTINA

Yes dear.

CHRIS

Would you mind getting the kids to get us some water?

CHRISTINA

Of course. (She turns to look inside the house.) Children! Could you grab your father and uncle some waters?

CHRIS JR.

Yes mother!

CHRIS JR. and Bob walk outside from the house. They look around 70ish years old and have waters in their hands.

CHRISTINA

Ok everyone, it's time for some dinner. Let's go inside.

Everyone walks into the house for the evening.

SCENE TWO.

It is now night time Chris comes out to the porch and sits on a rocking chair with a rifle. He lights a lantern next to him Bob comes outside shortly after.

CHRIS

Hey there son.

BOB

Hi dad.

CHRIS

What are you doin out here?

BOB

I wanted to check on you. Why do you have the gun?

CHRIS

Well kiddo. We didn't quite get the fence done so I have to make sure that no predators of the night can get us.

BOB

Predators of the night?

CHRIS

Yeah. Things like wolves and bears.

BOB

Oh gosh dad. You mean wolves and bears can get us at night? (Bob becomes more and more scared as he speaks.) I don't want to get eaten by wolves and bears.

CHRIS

Hey. Hey. That's why I'm out here. I would never let anything happen to you.

BOB

Never?

CHRIS

Never ever.

BOB

Thanks dad.

CHRIS

(Chris scratches Bob on the head.) Now off to bed with you.

Bob goes inside the house. John walks outside.

JOHN

Are you sure you don't want me to take first shift tonight?

CHRIS

That's ok. You go on and sleep. I'll wake you if I need you to take a turn.

JOHN

Ok. Goodnight.

CHRIS

Goodnight.

John walks back inside. Christina comes outside.

CHRISTINA

Well the kids are in bed.

CHRIS

Ok.

CHRISTINA

Can I get you anything before I turn in for the night?

CHRIS

That's ok go ahead and get some sleep.

CHRISTINA

Ok. Wake me if you need anything. Love you. (She gives Chris a kiss on the cheek.)

CHRIS

Love you too.

Christina goes back inside.

Chris sits outside for awhile. Eventually he hears a noise in the darkness. He grabs the lantern and gets up to try to see what it is.

Bear noises can be heard off stage. Chris runs off stage to fight the animal. Gun shots and scratch noise can be heard. The bear is also roaring furiously.

The bear lets out a yelp and makes a sound that shows it has fallen to the ground. Chris limps back onto the stage injured. He collapses to the ground.

John runs outside. The rest of the family walks onto the porch.

JOHN

Chris!

CHRIS

John...

John runs to Chris and cradles him in his arms.

JOHN

Try not to speak.

CHRIS

The bear...

John looks up towards the bear.

JOHN

It's dead. You did it. You saved us.

CHRIS

Good. I love all of y...

Chris goes limp.

Christina, Chris Jr, and Bob are all crying on the porch. John puts his head down on Chris's body.

JOHN

I'm so sorry.

SCENE THREE.

Many years later, John is now a toddler. He is walking up to Chris's grave near the house.

JOHN

Hey Chris. I know I don't come to visit you very often. I wanted to make sure you knew that because of you we finished the fence and we were able to make the house safe. Your sacrifice allowed for us to finish our lives. Christina died in the night so I'm working on a grave for her, but she lived a happy life raising the kids. The kids are growing younger every day. They're married now and I think little Bob is about to have a kid. They visit from time to time. I did the best I could for everyone. I tried to fill your shoes, but I sometimes wonder if I did enough. I just... I feel like it should have been me outside. I wish I had been there to help you fight. I wish that you hadn't had to fight the beast alone. We all seem to remember you a little differently. Of course we all have different perspectives. Christina as a wife, Chris Jr and Bob as sons, and Me as a brother. I'm gonna stop before I start to ramble too much. Thank you for everything. For your sacrifice and your love. I love you brother.

John walks away.

**THE END**