"Memories"

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EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - DAY

Around a wooden table, a townie family has a picnic by a barbed wire. Beyond, grass fields lie across the horizon.

CLARK, the father (40), fills some water in his young son RUSTY’s (5) plastic glass.

RUSTY
Thanks dad.

Clark gently taps on his head.

CLARK
Good boy.

ELLEN, the mother (36), cuts her daughter AUDREY’s (8) meat. The little girl minds not to put her elbows on the table.

ELLEN
(to Clark)
It’s gonna be the best picnic ever.

A barking dog makes them all turn their heads.

CLARK
Look, kids. It’s Uncle Eddie!

An old shepherd surrounded by sheep and a big dog, walks to them, smoking a pipe. UNCLE EDDIE (65) speaks with a thick Southern accent.

UNCLE EDDIE
Hi everyone.

RUSTY & AUDREY
Hi Uncle Eddie.

Uncle Eddie stops behind the barbed wire, takes his pipe out his mouth, and spits on the ground.

CLARK
(to Ellen)
Uncle Eddie used to tell me fascinating stories when I was a kid.

UNCLE EDDIE
(twitching)
Sure, I did.
ELLEN
(to Eddie)
Tell us. What’s your best pleasant memory, Uncle Eddie?

Uncle Eddie thinks for a while, puffing his pipe.

UNCLE EDDIE
Well, I remember once, I lost one of my sheep. Everyone in town helped me to look for him for four long days. Then, when we found him, to celebrate the event, we all fucked him.

As one, Clark and Ellen put their hands on Rusty and Audrey’s ears. Ellen grimaces.

CLARK
Uncle Eddie! We have children here.

Uncle Eddie’s eye twitches again.

UNCLE EDDIE
Oh, yeah. Sorry.

Ellen grins a polite smile. They are all ready for a second story.

CLARK
So, what’s your second best pleasant memory, Uncle Eddie?

Uncle Eddie scratches his head.

UNCLE EDDIE
There was that time when Old Moe lost his cow. Her name was Daisy. She was the most beautiful cow I never saw.

The whole family stares at him, captivated. Smiling, Ellen takes Audrey in her arms. Clark takes a sip of his orange juice.

UNCLE EDDIE
We all looked for her for eight days. Then, when we finally found her, to celebrate the event, we all fucked her.

Ellen is indignant. Clark spits out his juice. Rusty and Audrey happily clap in their hands.
CLARK (furious)
Uncle Eddie, please!

He wipes his mouth with his sleeve.

UNCLE EDDIE
What?

Ellen frowns and gives her husband a outrageous look.

CLARK
Language!

Uncle Eddie is amused to see the kids reaction.

CLARK
Don’t you have any story without a mistreated animal?

Ellen stares at Uncle Eddie with mean eyes.

ELLEN
Yes. What is your worst memory then?

Uncle Eddie twitches again.

UNCLE EDDIE
Well -- Once I lost my way and --

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