

Script Man Up!, ROLE: Nathan, Male, 12-14 years

INT. WILL'S HOUSE - MORNING

NATHAN

Dad! Guess what! Samantha Gunner just called and said she's coming to my party tomorrow. This girl is incredible, Dad. Most people think she's a ninth grader, if you know what I mean.

WILL

I know what you mean.

NATHAN

So, what do I do? How do I handle this?

WILL

Your best bet is a bouncy castle. A bouncy castle is like a twelve-year-old's bachelor pad. She'll be putty in your hands.

NATHAN

Right! I'll definitely need some hand sanitizer. I'll dowse it before the party starts. Those rentals are pretty funky.

Will sees something on facebook.

WILL

Nathan! Did you just defriend me on Facebook?

NATHAN

Well, you update your status too much and it's embarrassing!

WILL

No, it's not!

Nathan sighs.

NATHAN

"Nathan's turning thirteen. Daddy's little man is all grown up! Smiley face"!

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WILL

That's not embarrassing. It's sweet!

NATHAN

It's very embarrassing.

WILL

Well, I'm sorry that I love you and I'm proud you're all grown up. Now go refriend me or you're grounded.

Beat.

WILL (CONT'D)

Listen, about your birthday gift. I wanted to get you something special--

NATHAN

Yeah, Mom gave it to me. I love it. I know it's violent and scary, but I promise I won't get nightmares. I think I'm old enough for it now. Thanks so much, Dad.

WILL

(taking out his old hunting knife)

I think you're old enough for something else too.

NATHAN

(his eyes go wide)

Are you serious? The Old Mohaska?

WILL

Yeah. Every man needs one.

NATHAN

(beside himself)

Thanks, Dad!

WILL

Happy birthday, Nate.