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Coming in right on time

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Christmas morning, Ma walks down the hall yelling, "Come on, ya!!! Let's get ready to go see Bigma!"

I'm angered, having to wait for my sister to get out the shower. After I finally get to take my shower, I dress, smelling the beautiful aroma of sweet potato pies and a ham Mama put into the oven overnight.

Ma and Da get out of their room, and they are ready to go. Every year it feels like I'm on a NASCAR team, and Ma is the pit crew chief, persistently checking if everything is packed and ready to go.

After a drive of about an hour and 30 minutes, we get to our Bigma's house. We go in through the kitchen door. Aromas hit us all in the face! Turkey, string beans, beets, cabbage, greens, ham, sweet potato pies, cakes, homemade rolls and much more. I hug my aunts and uncles, give my cousins high fives and then give Bigma a big hug. Everybody's around talking about how their lives are going.

I start to reminisce about my childhood, and as I reminisce I notice uneasiness. "My Bigda! My best friend! My only grandfather! Why he had to go? Holidays don't feel the same anymore!"

After a few minutes, I straighten myself up. My Bigda died of a stroke. He meant a lot to me, and he kept the family intact during good and bad times. He would always tell people how good I was doing in school.

I am the only boy from the latest generation. Now I feel like the family looks up to me to do right. I feel honored at my early age to follow his footsteps and become the leading man for our generations to come. I guess I came in right on time.

Delont'e Parker wrote this essay for his composition class at **Old Dominion University**.

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