

SURPRISE!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DADDY!

OH, WOW. WOW.

I'M GOING TO STRANGLE YOU.

GO AHEAD. IT'S WORTH IT JUST TO SEE YOUR EXPRESSION.



WERE YOU SURPRISED, DADDY?

NOT EXACTLY, SWEET-HEART. BEING SPIEY FOR SO MANY YEARS, I'M ALWAYS ON MY TOES.



DADDY DOESN'T GET SURPRISED, ANNIE.

DADDY GETS EMBARRASSED.



WHICH IS MUCH BETTER.

WHEN I STRANGLE YOU YOU'LL BE SURPRISED.



DON'T PARTY TOO LATE, PARKER.

THE NEWS NEVER SLEEPS AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU.

LET THE MAN ENJOY HIMSELF, JONAH.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PETE.

SORRY 'BOUT GERMAINE. MY SITTER HAS THE FLU.

THE SWEATERS ARE ALL HALF-OFF.

JAVA CAVA, WE'RE RIGHT NEXT DOOR.

STILL PLAYING FOOTBALL?

ACTUALLY, NO...



HOW'D YOU FIND THE TIME TO DO ALL THIS, MJ?

RUNNING YOUR BOUTIQUE, WRITING YOUR BLOG--

THE PARKER-WATSON MOTTO, PETER: "FAMILY FIRST."



I JUST WISH OUR AUNT'S COULD BE HERE.

REMEMBER HOW HARD ANNA AND MAY WORKED TO GET US TOGETHER?

THEY ARE HERE, MJ.



THEY'RE ALWAYS WITH US.

WHAT'S THIS ONE?

VEGAN VANILLA.

SOY STRAWBERRY.

COCONUT MILK CREAM PIE.



HONEY-SWEETENED NONDAIRY FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE BUN.

FAUX-NUT FUDGE-FREE BROWNIE, RASPBERRY RAINBOW CHEESECAKE WITHOUT CHEESE...

YOU GOT ANY NORMAL FLAVORS?

FghRMM



PEOPLE SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT MY CAROB CREAM PUFF.

MADE WITH 100% PURE CANE JUICE.

SIGH



POOR ANNIE.

WAIT 'TIL SHE SEES THE ALLERGEN-FREE BIRTHDAY CAKE.

AH. YUM. HUH?

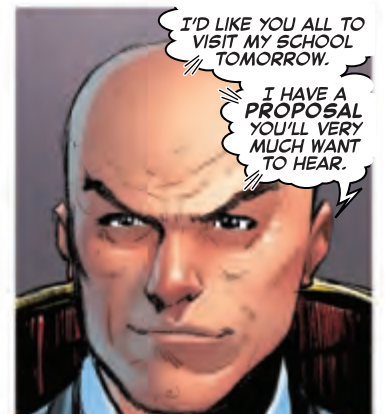
YOUR DAUGHTER IS A CHARMING CHILD, PETER.



PROFESSOR XAVIER?

FORGIVE ME FOR CRASHING YOUR PARTY.

ANNIE IS, IN FACT, THE REASON I'M HERE.



I'D LIKE YOU ALL TO VISIT MY SCHOOL TOMORROW.

I HAVE A PROPOSAL YOU'LL VERY MUCH WANT TO HEAR.

WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK;
THE NEXT DAY...

GOOD
MORNING,
MARY JANE,
PETER...

...AND
OF COURSE,
ANNIE.

WELCOME
TO THE XAVIER'S
SCHOOL FOR
GIFTED
YOUNGSTERS.

UH, MOM?
DAD?

I THINK
THAT BALD
MAN DOWN
THERE IS
TALKING IN
MY
HEAD.





IT'S CALLED
TELEPATHY,
SPIDERLING.

ONE OF MANY SPECIAL
TALENTS NATURE HAS
GRANTED TO THE TEACHERS
AND STUDENTS AT MY
SCHOOL.

MUCH
LIKE YOUR
OWN **SPIDER-**
POWERS.

I GET
MY POWERS
FROM
DADDY.

DID YOU
GET YOURS
FROM **YOUR**
DADDY?

NOT
EXACTLY.

I'M WHAT
SOME PEOPLE
CALL A **MUTANT**, AS
ARE MANY, IF NOT ALL,
OF OUR STUDENTS
HERE.

BUT I THINK
YOU'LL FIND
YOU AND THEY
HAVE A GREAT DEAL
IN COMMON,
NONETHELESS.