

GOING VIRAL

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SETTING — A family room.

CHARACTERS — PARENT 1, PARENT 2, and CHILD. Any genders.

AT RISE — PARENTS 1 and 2 have sat CHILD down for a Serious Conversation.

PARENT 1
...Well!

PARENT 2
So.

PARENT 1
(clears throat)
Hi there.

CHILD
Hello...

PARENT 2
I bet you're wondering what this is all about, huh?

CHILD
A little bit, yeah.

PARENT 1
Absolutely. So would I. So would, y'know, anyone.

PARENT 2
Definitely. I would definitely be wondering too... about... all
this.

Awkward beat.

CHILD
Am I in trouble, or—?

PARENT 2
Hey, no, you're not in trouble. So relax, okay?

PARENT 1
Well, ha ha, you're not in trouble. But we—

PARENT 2 shoots PARENT 1 a hard look.

PARENT 1 (cont.)
No one's in trouble! This isn't about anyone doing anything
wrong. It's just about a thing, where, uh, sometimes—

PARENT 2

You're old enough now, and so responsible, and we, your parents, have decided, that, uh, well—...

PARENT 1

You're ready for something really special. Something we've been keeping safe for you until, until you were ready for it.

(nervous, to PARENT 2)

Okay?

PARENT 2

Okay.

With a flourish, they procure a tablet computer.

BOTH

Surprise!

CHILD

...That's my tablet.

PARENT 2

But look what's on it, honey!

CHILD

(squinting)

"Face Book"? What's that?

PARENT 1

Make a person feel ancient why don't you...! "What's Facebook"!

CHILD

Right. What is it?

PARENT 2

It, well it's something that was really a lot more popular back, back when you were small.

CHILD

(taking the tablet, reading)

That's my name.

PARENT 1

It sure is!

CHILD

And pictures of me.

PARENT 1

Yeah!

CHILD
(swiping through)
...Lots and lots of pictures of me.

PARENT 2
Yeah! Almost all of them.

PARENT 1
No, it's all of them.

CHILD
So... you made this for me?

PARENT 1
Yes we sure did! This is your Facebook profile—it's yours now. We kept it for you until you were thirteen.

PARENT 2
And we created it for you the day we took you home.
(swiping the screen)
See?

PARENT 1
Awww. Look at that widdle nose. Oops! Ha ha ha! Nakey one.

PARENT 2
Oh! And that's when you peed all over—

CHILD
"113 people 'like' this"? What does that mean? What people?

Long, awkward beat.

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