

Parentisms

Brought to you by Adriana Ray

There are certain things our parents say day after day after day. I have made a list of the more "popular" ones. We all have our theories of how our parents learned these secret "codes." The most reasonable explanation is that they have this underground, military-like base where they learned all their nagging and irritating skills. Enjoy.

- All I do is follow you around, picking up after you like some maid.
- Close the door! You don't live in a barn!
- Did you brush your teeth?
- Do you think your socks are going to pick *themselves* up?
- Don't go out with a wet head, you'll catch a cold.
- Don't sit too close to the television; it'll ruin your eyes.
- How do you know you don't like it if you haven't tasted it?
- If it were a snake, it would have bitten you. I'm going to skin you alive!
- Who said life would be fair?
- Pick up your feet.
- Put that down! You don't know where it's been!
- Shut the door! I'm not air conditioning the entire neighborhood!
- So what if Bob's mom lets him do it? If Bob's mom let him jump off the empire state building, would you want me to let you do it too?
- I'll treat you like an adult when you start acting like one.
- Look at this room! It looks like a pigsty! Think of those poor starving children in India... (Or China, or Africa.)
- A little soap and water never killed anyone.
- Go to your room and think about what you did!
- If you don't stop crying, I'm going to give you something to cry about.
- There's enough dirt in those ears to grow potatoes!
- You'll understand when you're older.
- What kind of grade is that!?!?
- Who said life was going to be easy?
- You should have that phone surgically implanted in your ear.
- You're the oldest. You should know better.

Try using these on your parents to outsmart them at their own game. Who knows? You may get some more power in the house. (This is unlikely!) Good Luck!

Extreme Star Wars

by MB Miranda

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If you are a *Star Wars* mega-fan, you probably know Ghyslain Raza.



Raza was fifteen when his parody videos were first posted on the internet. It started when Raza accidentally re-recorded himself wildly swinging a pole in a studio. His "friends," Andy Baio and Jish Mukerji (both webmasters), found the tape and decided to put it on the internet. Result:

Raza's utter downfall.

Many people across the net took the video and started to play with it, adding sound effects, lighting and music. The people began making multiple movies, and soon tens of millions of people all over the world were downloading the film.

Soon, whenever Raza went to a public place, strangers would call to him, "Hey! It's Raza!! Star Wars Kid, hey!!!" He left his school and got a private tutor. Raza was diagnosed with depression afterwards and even sued his classmates for \$310,000 in damages.

Raza has never forgotten what his friends did, and even now at seventeen years old, People are STILL downloading his video. Poor Kid.

And THAT is the legend of the *Star Wars* Kid!!!

Lindsay Backs Out

by Alli Calegari

The fans gather, the stands fill up, the tickets sell, and Lindsay Davenport, the number five-seeded tennis player in the world, backs out!

Every year Amelia Island hosts the Bausch and Lomb Women's Tennis Championships. This would have been Davenports' 10th appearance there. She has won five championships at the Bausch and Lomb.

Davenport was hoping to have an easy competition, with only six other major name players in the tournament including Martina Navratilova, Mary Pierce, Nadia Petrova, Patty Schindler, Liza Raymond, and Conchita Martinez.

Two weeks prior to the Bausch and Lomb, Davenport fractured her back during a hard match between her and Elena Dementieva, also a seeded player. She was forced, because of her injury, to cancel her appearances in the Miami tournament, leading up to the Bausch and Lomb event.

To many people Davenport is a "tennis hero," while to others, she is an "unmovable rock in the road." In any case, Davenport will have to try to earn her crystal trophy at the championship next year.

