



An arm *drapes* around M.J.'s shoulders, FLASH THOMPSON, *self-assured*, handsome, the high school Big Name. He's looking across the bus, out the window, HOWLING with laughter.

**SPIDER-MAN:** I'd like to tell you that's me next to her.

*We pull back, toward the front of the bus. Another KID.*

**SPIDER-MAN:** Or even that.

*Further back. Another KID, *messily* eating a jelly doughnut.*

**SPIDER-MAN:** Heck, I'd even take him.

*We turn, look out the window, see what they're laughing about. PETER PARKER, 17, *bespectacled* and book-bagged, chasing after the school bus, to the *derision* of everyone aboard. M.J. can't take it anymore. She jumps up, hurries to the front of the bus and SHOUTS over the laughter, to the DRIVER.*

**M.J.:** Stop the bus?! He's been *chasing* us since Woodhaven Boulevard!

*There is a collective AWWWW as the bus slows down.*

### **AT THE FRONT**

*Peter climbs onto the bus, breathless, *limping*.*

**PETER:** Thanks... sorry... sorry... thanks...

*He eyes an open seat next to a GEEKY GIRL with a mouthful of braces. She makes eye contact with Peter, moves her books to occupy the vacant space.*

**GEEKY GIRL:** Don't even think about it.

*Peter moves on. As he makes his way down the aisle, M.J. sits down next to Flash again, next to the window this time. When she's not looking, Flash slides his foot out in front of Peter's beat up sneakers. Peter trips and falls, hard, face down in the *aisle*. More laughter. M.J. looks sharply at Flash -- did you do that?*

**FLASH:** (outraged innocence) What?

*On the floor, Peter lifts his head, looks at Flash and M.J. Flash is grinning, M.J. is staring down at him with pity. Peter looks at her, helpless, glasses *dangling* from one ear.*

**SPIDER-MAN:** That's me. Peter Parker.

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bespectacled-メガネを着ている

derision-冷笑

messily-乱雑に

dangling-ぶら下がっている

drapes-羽織る

modest-控えめな

chasing-追いかけてる

limping-跛行

self-assured -自信のある

## EXTERIOR QUEENSBORO BRIDGE – DAY

The yellow bus crosses the Queensboro Bridge and heads for the spectacular skyline of Manhattan.

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## EXTERIOR COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – DAY

A stressed out TEACHER, with a clipboard, enters frame. The students are gathered around the steps. Teen energy. Peter, his camera hanging around his neck, stands alone. M.J. is with her girlfriends.

**TEACHER:** Okay, people, no wandering! Proceed directly to the KNOCK IT THE HELL OFF! The steps and into the building.

*They all move slowly to steps. They turn to see: A CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN BENTLEY - PULLING TO THE CURB. Inside is HARRY OSBORN, seventeen, sits in the back seat, next to NORMAN OSBORN, mid-forties. Norman exudes power and anger. Harry is slowly acquiring both.*

## INTERIOR BENTLEY – DAY

**HARRY:** Dad, could you drive around the corner.

**OSBORN:** Why? The door's right here.

**HARRY:** These are public school kids. I'm not showing up to school in a Bentley.

**OSBORN:** What? You want me to trade in my car for a Jetta because you flunked out of every private school I sent you to?

**HARRY:** They were not for me. I told you that. It wasn't me.

**OSBORN:** Of course it was! (reaches for Harry's door) Don't ever be ashamed of who you are.

**HARRY:** Dad, I'm not ashamed, I'm just not what you...

**OSBORN:** What, Harry?

**HARRY:** Forget it, dad.

*Harry gets out of the Bentley.*

## EXTERIOR COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – DAY

**PETER:** (big lovely grin) Hi ya, Harry.

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aisle-通路

ashamed-恥ずかしい

chauffer-運転手付き

hanging-ぶら下がっている

spectacular-壮観な

stressed-強調

**HARRY:** Hey, Peter.

*Behind them the car door opens. Norman emerges holding Harry's book bag.*

**OSBORN:** Won't you be needing this?

*Osborn hands Harry the bag.*

**HARRY:** (Moving around car to sidewalk) Peter, this is my father, Norman Osborn.

**PETER:** Great honor to meet you.

*Harry is looking off at M.J. who is making conversation with her girlfriends about the arrival of the Bentley.*

**OSBORN:** I've heard a lot about you. Harry tells me you're quite the science whiz.

**PETER:** Well, I don't know about that.

**HARRY:** He's being modest. I told you, he's won all the prizes.

**OSBORN:** Anyone who can get Harry to pass Chemistry shouldn't be modest.

**PETER:** Harry's really smart. He didn't really need my help.

**HARRY:** We have to go, Dad.

*Norman lays his paternal hand on Harry's shoulder, squeezes too hard.*

**OSBORN:** I'm something of a scientist myself, you know.

**PETER:** I know. I know all about OsCorp. You guys are designing the guidance and re-entry systems for the first shuttle mission to Mars. Really brilliant.

**OSBORN:** Impressive. Your parents must be proud.

**PETER:** I live with my aunt and uncle, they're proud.

**OSBORN:** What about your folks?

**PETER:** My parents died when I was little.

**OSBORN:** I lost my parents as a young boy as well.

**HARRY:** Which no doubt strengthened your iron will to succeed, huh, dad?

**TEACHER:** HEY, YOU TWO, I'M CLOSING THE DOOR!

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modest-控えめな  
whiz-達人

needing-必要

paternal-父方の

**PETER:** (moving away) Nice to meet you, Mr. Osborn.

**OSBORN:** See you again.

**HARRY:** (moving fast up steps, passes M.J., smiles) Hi.

*They walk in. Harry smiles at M.J., now in front of Flash*

**PETER:** He doesn't seem so bad.

**HARRY:** Not if you're a genius. I think he wants to adopt you.

*Harry discretely calls Peter's attention to M.J., primes him to say something.*

**HARRY:** Hey. (nods to M.J.) Say something.

*They approach. M.J. waits, feels the energy. Nothing comes. Harry steps in to fill the awkward moment.*

**HARRY:** Hi. How ya doing?

*M.J. smiles.*

**M.J.:** Hey.

*Peter does nothing, they continue on.*

**HARRY:** Why didn't you say something?

**PETER:** I was about to. It wasn't the right moment.

*Peter manages to look back over his shoulder to where Harry's father still stands beside his car.*

### **CLOSER SHOT OF NORMAN**

*Looking off. He seems a lonely figure. Over him, we hear:*

**GUIDE:** There are more than 32,000 known - species of spider in the world.

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### **INTERIOR COLUMBIA GENETIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE – DAY**

*Thirty-odd students and their teacher are led around a cavernous laboratory by a TOUR GUIDE. They pass a number of large spider exhibits.*

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awkward-気まずい

discretely-離散的に

primes-起端

**TOUR GUIDE:** They are in the order *Aranae*, which is divided into three sub-orders -- *Mesothelea*, *Orthognatha*, and *Labidognatha*. All spiders are carnivorous, ravenous eaters who feed on massive quantities of protein, in liquid form, usually the juices of their prey. Arachnids from each of the three groups possess varying strengths which help them in their constant search for food.

*Peter, the camera around his neck, keeps an eye on M.J. who is joking around with her friends. Flash moves to M.J., puts his arm around her, nuzzles her neck. Peter winces and turns away, back to the tour. M.J. sees Peter's reaction. She pulls away from Flash, embarrassed.*

**TOUR GUIDE:** For example, the jumping spider -- family *Salticidae*, genus *Salticus* –

**TEACHER:** Excuse me. Is anyone paying attention to the genus *Salticus*? (to Guide) I apologize, go on.

**TOUR GUIDE:** The genus *Salticus* can leap up to forty times its body length, thanks to a proportionate muscular strength vastly greater than that of a human being.

*Peter catches the eye of the Tour Guide and gestures to his camera -- okay to take a few pictures?*

**PETER:** For the school paper?

*The Tour Guide nods. A few STUDENTS around Peter roll their eyes, one or two mutter "geek." Peter ignores them, raises the camera. Behind him, one of Flash's CRONIES bumps Peter's elbow on purpose, ruins the picture. Other kids laugh.*

**TOUR GUIDE:** The funnel web spider – family *Hexathelidae*, genus *Atrax* -- one of the deadliest spiders in the world, spins an intricate, funnel-shaped web whose strands have a tensile strength proportionately equal to the type of high-tension wire used in bridge building.

*Peter raises the camera again, gets bumped again. He turns. Flash's Crony steps forward, threatening. A VOICE mutters from nearby.*

**HARRY:** Leave him alone.

*Flash's Crony turns, sees Harry Osborn staring at him.*

**FLASH'S CRONY:** Or what?

**BOY:** Or his father will fire your father.

*Laughter.*

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proportionate-比例した

massive-大規模な  
ravenous-飽くなき

vastly-非常に

nuzzles-鼻を突っ込む  
reaction-反応

threatening-脅かす

**TEACHER:** (loud & clear) The next person who talks is going to fail this course. I kid you not.

**TOUR GUIDE:** The crab spider -- family *Thomisidae*, genus *Misumena* -- spins no web to catch its prey, but hunts instead, using a set of reflexes with nerve conduction velocities so fast some researchers believe it almost borders on precognition, an early awareness of danger, a "spider sense."

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faint -かすかな	hanging-ぶら下がっている	limping-跛行
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