**P7560 PROBLEM CHILD** (USA, 1990)
(Other titles: Junior le terrible; Piccola peste)

**Credits:** director, Dennis Dugan; writers, Scott Alexander, Larry Karaszewski.
**Cast:** John Ritter, Jack Warden, Michael Oliver, Gilbert Gottfried.

**Summary:** Comedy film set in the contemporary U.S. Ben Healy (Ritter) and his wife Flo (Yasbeck) adopt a seven-year-old (Oliver) to help brighten their lives. Thinking all his new son needs is some loving attention, Ben puts up with Junior’s misbehavior - but only to a point. Junior’s pen-pal and hero (Richards) is a serial killer. The killer escapes from prison and kidnaps Junior. Ben realizes that beneath the little monster lurks an angel craving affection and goes to his rescue. Includes a scene which parodies the “I love the smell of napalm in the morning” scene in *Apocalypse now*.

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