

**CHUBBY WUBBY IS IN CHARGE**

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**FADE IN:**

**INT. CHUBBY WUBBY HOUSE - DAY**

**MISS FRO FRO** quickly makes meals. Bags on table with MC and CHUBBY WUBBY on them. The house consists of an open plan kitchen/sitting room, a bedroom and bathroom.

**MISTER MC** walks through looking to see what is going on the in front room then goes back to the bedroom.

Miss Fro Fro goes to the sofa to wake **CHUBBY WUBBY**.

Chubby Wubby has wet the bed. Miss Fro Fro to rush to give her a shower.

Mister MC is on the phone and calls someone named Lola. One sided conversation nut he refers to caller as Lola. He plans to see her at the Club on Friday night.

Chubby Wubby sits at kitchen table. Miss Fro Fro puts her food and backpack on the table.

Chubby Wubby shows Miss Fro Fro a yellow slip. She explains it for a class trip to the Science Museum and costs \$5. Miss Fro Fro looks at the slip.

MISS FRO FRO  
Well if you want to go  
that is fine.  
Go ahead. Sign it.  
You know how is in charge.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
I am in charge.  
(raising her hand happily)

Chubby Wubby signs the permission slip when Mister MC walks in and sees Chubby Wubby signing the form.

MISTER MC  
What is she signing now?

MISS FRO FRO  
We need \$5 for her class trip  
to the Science Museum

MISTER MC  
How you know what its for?

Mister MC puts the form in Miss Fro Fro's face. She puts her head down.

MISTER MC  
 You are so useless.  
 Just as I thought.

MISS FRO FRO  
 God blessed me with  
 Chubby Wubby.  
 She is all I need.

Mister MC reads the slip. He puts it down throws \$5 from his pocket on the table and goes back into the bedroom.

Then Miss Fro Fro rushes Chubby Wubby out the house with her. Miss Fro Fro yells back to Mister MC.

MISS FRO FRO  
 Mike, I gotta be at the  
 store early today.  
 We got a new shipment  
 of meat coming in.

Miss Fro Fro shuts the door. Then Mister MC looks from the curtain.

CUT TO:

**EXT. STREETS - TRAVELLING - DAY**

Miss Fro Fro and Chubby Wubby walk down the street.

CUT TO:

**EXT. SCHOOL BUS STOP - DAY**

Miss Fro Fro and Chubby Wubby arrive at a school bus stop.

MISS FRO FRO  
 Now today you gotta wait  
 here a bit longer.  
 Sorry baby, but momma gotta work.

Miss Fro Fro looks at her watch.

MISS FRO FRO  
 It won't be too long.  
 Just an hour.

Miss Fro Fro kisses Chubby Wubby and walks to work. Chubby Wubby waits until her mother is out of sight. She looks into her bag and finds lots of sweet. She opens some of them and starts to eat. Looking around, she starts to walk back towards her house.

In front of her house, Chubby Wubby sees her father's car. She waits across the street for a moment and sees another car pull into the driveway. It is **MISS LOLA**, the school librarian, who goes into the house.

Chubby Wubby waits a minute. Then she proceeds to walk to her house to go inside.

CUT TO:

**INT. CHUBBY WUBBY HOUSE - DAY**

Chubby Wubby hears noises. She slowly walks through the house. She goes to the bedroom and sees her father and Miss Lola having sex.

MISTER MC  
Chubby Wubby what you  
doing here?

Miss Lola proceeds to put on her clothes. She leaves the room to dress and Mister MC puts on his trousers.

MISTER MC  
Come here!

Chubby Wubby goes to Mister MC and he grabs her by the arm.

MISTER MC  
You betta not tell your momma  
what you saw today or I  
will never give you any  
money or sweets again.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
Ok.

MISTER MC  
Now you go back to the bus stop.

Chubby Wubby walks back to the bus stop. She continues eating the food and snacks her mother left in the bag.

CUT TO:

**EXT. SCHOOL BUS STOP - DAY**

**VIVIAN**, Chubby Wubby's 8year old best friend, comes to the school bus stop.

VIVIAN  
You early.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
Momma had to work early again.

Chubby Wubby is talking with  
a mouth full of sweets.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
Want some?

Vivian takes some sweets from Chubby Wubby. She then looks at her lunch bag and squeezes it.

VIVIAN  
You ain't got no food for lunch.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
Momma didn't pack enough today.

VIVIAN  
You should get a free lunch ticket.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
How you get one of those?

VIVIAN  
My momma said we were poor  
and they gave us one.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
We poor too.

Vivian takes her lunch ticket out to show Chubby Wubby.

CHUBBY WUBBY (cont'd)  
I'm gonna me one of those tickets.

VIVIAN  
Nuh un. You momma gotta do it.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
I'm in charge. My momma have  
to let me do everything.

DISSOLVE TO:

**INT. SCHOOL - MATHS CLASS - DAY**

**MRS HAVEN**, homeroom and Maths teacher, gives the class a pop quiz. Chubby Wubby gets her test. She looks around. She smiles. She looks at the clock. She counts how the number of questions. She looks at her plastic watch then squeezes her legs.

Chubby Wubby also starts to wiggle because she has to go to toilet. She seems to go through test very quickly while wiggling. Chubby Wubby continues to look around to see if anyone else has finished. She finishes the test and immediately raises her hand.

MRS HAVEN  
Ester. You are the first to finish.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
Ma'am can I go to the bathroom?

Mrs Haven nods her head and gives her a hall pass. Chubby Wubby quickly runs out the classroom.

CUT TO:

**EXT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - TRAVELLING - DAY**

Chubby Wubby clumsily runs to the bathroom holding her trousers.

DISSOLVE TO:

**INT. SCHOOL - BATHROOM - DAY**

Chubby Wubby enters the girls toilets and pee runs down her legs. She begins to cry. She goes inside the toilet and locks the door. She stays there. She looks at her watch. The bell rings and Chubby Wubby still stays in the toilet stall. Some minutes later Mrs. Haven enters the bathroom looking for her. Mrs. Haven knocks on the toilet stall door.

MRS. HAVEN  
Ester, you in there?

Chubby Wubby begins to cry louder.

MRS. HAVEN  
Open up. Are you ok?

Chubby Wubby opens the door and is seen still sitting on the toilet seat.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
I peed in my pants! (*crying*)

Mrs. Haven go to her and helps her put her trousers on.

MRS. HAVEN  
Don't you worry.  
We will fix you right up.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
But please, don't tell my dad.

CUT TO:

**INT. SCHOOL - ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - DAY**

Chubby Wubby sits on chair waiting with her empty lunch bag.  
The **ADMINISTRATOR** asks her to come in.

ADMINISTRATOR  
What is it Ester?

CHUBBY WUBBY  
I am poor like Vivian and want  
a free lunch ticket please Ma'am.

ADMINISTRATOR  
(laughing) Goodness. Well, we  
have to make sure you qualify first

The Administrator gets a form out to give to Chubby Wubby.

ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd)  
Now give this to your mother  
and have her fill it out.  
Bring it back to me as soon  
as possible.

Chubby Wubby puts the form in her back pack.

ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd)  
In the meantime, we will give  
you a temporary free lunch ticket.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
Thanks!

Chubby Wubby walks out the office. She sits on the seat in  
the entrance, takes out the form and begins filling it out.

CUT TO:

**INT. SCHOOL - LIBRARY - DAY**

Miss Lola is putting away books. Chubby Wubby walks in and  
the atmosphere is tense. Miss Lola looks at Chubby Wubby and  
she looks back. The Miss Lola walks towards Chubby Wubby.

MISS LOLA  
Look Ester. I am sorry  
about this morning.

Chubby Wubby continues to touch books as if she is browsing and not giving Miss Lola any eye contact.

MISS LOLA  
Ok. I have a letter for you to give to your mother.  
That is why I was at your house this morning.

Miss Lola gives the letter sealed in an envelope to Chubby Wubby who takes it and puts it in her backpack. She then takes a book from the shelf and sits down at a table. Miss Lola continues organising books without paying attention to Chubby Wubby. Chubby Wubby takes the envelope out from Miss Lola.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
(reading)  
Dear Caroline, Sorry to have to tell you this in a letter. I love MC and he loves me. We want to be together. I want to ask you to keep things as civil as possible. Since we know Ester isn't his child, it would be easier if she stayed with you. MC would move in with me. Please consider my offer carefully. Sincerely, Lola.

Chubby Wubby takes the envelope, rips it to shreds and puts in the library waste bin and leaves the library.

CUT TO:

**INT. COOLEY'S MARKET - DAY**

**MR. COOLEY**, owner of Cooley's Market, sits behind the counter. Miss Fro Fro is on the cash register.

MR. COOLEY  
Chubby Wubby, get over here!

Chubby Wubby goes behind the counter and sits next to Mr. Cooley. He gives her a drink from the mini-cooler next to him.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
Mr. Cooley, I want to try to do the cash register.

MR. COOLEY  
You too young.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
I can do it. Let me try.

MR. COOLEY  
Well, all right then.

Mr. Cooley shows Chubby Wubby a bit how to use the cash register. A **CUSTOMER** comes in and he lets her do the transaction.

CUSTOMER  
A pack of Winston's please.

Chubby Wubby gets the cigarettes for the customer.

CHUBBY WUBBY  
The will be \$2.50.

The Customer gives her a \$5bill and she gives him his change. She looks at Mr. Cooley afterwards and smiles.

Then Mr. Cooley goes to the back. While he is away, Chubby Wubby notices that her mother opens the till and takes some money and puts it in her pocket. She also gives Chubby Wubby some sweets to put in her backpack before Mr. Cooley comes.

CUT TO:

**INT. BANK - DAY**

Miss Fro Fro goes to the bank with Chubby Wubby to withdraw some money. She stands in the line to hand her withdrawal book. She approaches the counter and gives the withdrawal slip to the **BANK CLERK**.

BANK CLERK  
Good afternoon. ID please.

Miss Fro Fro gives the clerk her ID. There seems to be a problem.

BANK CLERK (cont'd)  
I am sorry Miss Mixner. You want  
to withdraw \$100 but there is  
only \$20 remaining in your account.

MISS FRO FRO  
That is a mistake. I put all  
my money in there. It should be  
at least \$10,000 in there.

BANK CLERK

I am sorry. After the last  
transfer of \$8,800 to a Miss Lola Goldie,  
you only have \$20 left in your account.

Miss Fro Fro takes her withdrawal slip and ID back. She sits  
on a chair in the bank with Chubby Wubby.

CHUBBY WUBBY

Don't worry momma. I will fix it.  
Remember, I'm in charge.

**FADE OUT.**