

There's only one Wayne Matthews!

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Extract

CARL:

I'm standing in the hallway of my house, getting ready for school, combing my greasy hair, giving it the wavy look. , combing the stubble under my nose when my mum comes out of her room laughing at me, she always does that.

WAYNE (as Carl's mum)

You call that a moustache?

CARL

Yeah.

WAYNE (as Carl's mum)

Look like a piece of fluff, the wind could blow it off.

CARL

It makes me look cool.

WAYNE (as Chantelle)

No, it makes you look like a fool.

CARL

My sister Chantelle, mouth this big. Chantelle, why don't you juss...

WAYNE (as Carl's mum)

Hey! Don't you dare. (sniffs) Is that yer daddy aftershave?

CARL

Only a little bit.

WAYNE (as Carl's mum)

Little bit? (waves the air) Oh my lawd!

CARL

Yeah yeah.

WAYNE (as Carl's mum)

So you have a girlfriend? (laughs)

CARL

(cringes) Mum?

WAYNE (as Carl's mum)

Alright.

CARL

If Mum aint bad enough, I now have Chantelle starting.

WAYNE (as Chantelle)

So, was her name then?

CARL

I aint got a girlfriend.

WAYNE (as Chantelle)

Must have a boyfriend.

CARL

I'm gonna slap you so hard, I swear.

WAYNE (as Chantelle)

I'll tell Mum.

CARL

We would walk to the bus stop when Chantelle's silly little friend Melanie would appear. I lit my ciggy, my first of the day, they would giggle and laugh, like they do. The bus couldn't come soon enough.

WAYNE (as Melanie)

(in love) Alright Carl?

CARL

Fine Melanie.

WAYNE (as Melanie)

Call me Mel Carl.

CARL

(deadpan) Mel.

WAYNE (as Melanie)

Can I have a cigarette please Carl?

CARL

You're too young.

WAYNE (as Mel)

So are you.

CARL

Chantelle, come and get your little friend here.

WAYNE (as Mel)

I aint little. (as Chantelle) Juss ignore him Mel, he's in a mood. Don't you think he smells like a girl Mel?

CARL

Chantelle!

WAYNE (as Mel)

I think you smell real nice Carl.

CARL

Yer bus is here. Chantelle, as usual is last to get on, she gives me the standard finger. I just look, as if to say, yeah, and? I finish my ciggy, about to light another one, when I see across the stree. , Leroy, former school bully , who I helped to get expelled cross the street He really wants to give me a proper beating. I stopped to think for a minute what I'm going to do, then I made a quick dash for it! I could hear Leroy giving chase, I run through the park, through the exit, dash over the road, nearly get run over, and leap onto my bus, just as it leaves! I look behind yeah, and see how close Leroy was. He missed getting on the bus within a second. I just smiled and give him the finger as my bus cruises down the road. I reach the top of the bus where I'm greeted by my mates, all chatting at the same time, I aint seen them since we won the school footie match, which we won, with me scoring! They were saying things like good game, great goals, blah blah. I'm so enjoying this.

WAYNE

I'm on the bus as well, Carl strides right past me, like I weren't there. But then he doesn't even know me. I saw his last game when he scored that hat trick. He's got first division football star written all over him.

CARL

Danny, my best mate has my seat ready for me.

WAYNE (as Danny)

Yer outta breath, wass up?

CARL

I juss had Leroy chasing me.

WAYNE (as Danny)

Well, I did warn you about him.

CARL

Shut up Danny, I can handle Leroy.

Wayne, as Danny, sniffs.

CARL

What?

WAYNE (as Danny)

Wass that smell?

WAYNE

I knew I shouldn't be staring at Carl, but I just wish I was like him. I wish I didn't have to put up with annoying idiots like Chris Farrell tapping me on the shoulder asking me the usual questions.

CARL (as Chris)

Oi, Matthews!

WAYNE

What you want Chris?

CARL (as Chris)

I hear you're really clever.

WAYNE

Yeah?

CARL (as Chris)

You better be, cos I bet my mate. What ground do Blackburn Rovers play on?

WAYNE

Ewood Park.

CARL (as Chris)

Derby County?

WAYNE

Baseball Ground.

CARL (as Chris)



Who plays at Selhurst Park?

WAYNE
Crystal Palace.

CARL (as Chris)

Wimbledon?

WAYNE
Plough Lane.

CARL (as Chris)
What about the other divisions, can you do them, Irish Pele?

WAYNE
Find out.

CARL (as Chris)
Brunton Park, Edgely Park. Home Park. Who plays on those grounds?

WAYNE
Carlisle United, Stockport County, Plymouth Argyle.

CARL (as Chris)
Nice one Irish Pele!

WAYNE
There's nuttin about football, that I don't know about.

CARL (as Chris)
Too bad you can't play it. (laughs)