

EXT. NIGHT - RED CARPET - STEP AND REPEAT - FILM PREMIERE

Limousines arrive, camera's FLASH, crowd commotion, fans scream.

It's CHEECH MARIN! Two beautiful voluptuous ladies in his arms.

Cheech smiles, and TO CAMERA --

CHEECH MARIN

I know, I know. I'm a lucky man. Women,
Money, Power... A lot of power.
Absolute, God-like Power. But it
wasn't always like this...

One of the CAMERA FLASHES takes us to...

EXT. STREET -- STOREFRONTS

THE 1970's.

LIL CHEECH strolls down the street along with his buddies JUNIOR
and MARY LEE.

They stop at in front of TV store windows. Three TV's have WALTER
CRONKITE reporting live from Vietnam. He's stabbing Vietcong as
he does his report. Images of a gruesome war take place. Very
specific scene re-enactment from the movie Platoon.

The kid's mouths are open in awe and shock.

LIL CHEECH

I can't believe this. They make 13-inch
TV's now?

JUNIOR

Yeah, that's huge.

MARY LEE

I heard they're planning to make an
18-inch, in color.

The kids keep walking.

JUNIOR

Hey, guys, wanna hear some messed up?
Got my letter yesterday. I'm gonna be
bused to a White school.

MARY LEE

I got a letter last week. I'm getting
bused to the White school, too.

JUNIOR

It's messed up. I dunno who the government think they is? I wish they mind they own bisnuss.

MARY LEE

How about you, Cheech?

LIL CHEECH

I think they should mind they own bisnuss, too. Always trying to make things right and stuff.

MARY LEE

I'm talking about if got the letter they send to see if you're getting bused to the White school.

LIL CHEECH

Oh, that. I don't gotta worry about that. My dad's a cop. I'm sure he's gonna pull some strings.

CUT TO:

EXT. LIL CHEECH HOME - ZOOM IN

We hear voices inside the home.

DAD

I pulled some string's, son. I called up some favors and got you on that bus to the White school.

INT. LIL CHEECH HOME -

CLOSE ON LIL CHEECH'S FACE --

LIL CHEECH

WHAT!!!!

We see MOM, DAD and CHEECH.

MOM

Now you'll be able to get a decent education.

LIL CHEECH

But I don't want a decent education. I'm just fine with the illusion of learning.

DAD

You're going to that White school, and that's final!

Lil Cheech storms off -- We hear a door slam.

On Dad's angry face --

MOM

Stay calm, Roger. (Pulling out a Reader's Digest) Reader's Digest says that good parenting starts with good communication.

DAD

You're right.

Dad walks after Cheech - LEAVES MOM ALONE IN FRAM. We hear a "SMACK" and an "OUCH" from the other room. Dad comes back to frame.

DAD (CONT'D)

I showed him how I felt. I think he felt it too.

CUT TO:

EXT. SCHOOL BUS --

INT. SCHOOL BUS --

The kids are being bused to the White school, they talk among each other.

JUNIOR

I thought your Dad was going to pull some strings.

LIL CHEECH

Had a change of heart, and after my Dad let me know how he felt, I decided I wanted a decent education.

MARY LEE

Hey, I heard that at White schools all students have their very own book.

JUNIOR

I heard White schools have golden water fountains that pump soda pop.

LIL CHEECH

I heard lockers are made of silver and diamonds.

CREEPY KID on the seat behind them --

CREEPY KID
(slow, creepy) I heard that once you get bused... you never back.

Suspenseful music... Lil Cheech and them get scared.

EXT. BUS --

From that moment on, the bus ride gets a bit scarier. Everyone's quiet.

The bus pulls to an Orange Grove.

BUS DRIVER
This is as far as I can take you...

Kids get off the bus.

LIL CHEECH
Where's the school?

BUS DRIVER
Over there!

Bus driver points to a school at the far end, past the massive Orange Grove.

CUT TO:

EXT. ORANGE GROVE

The kids slowly walk their way through the Orange Grove. Suddenly, they can feel eyes staring at them through the groves.

LIL CHEECH
Something doesn't feel right.

Suddenly a bunch of White kids jump up from behind the groves...

LIL CHEECH, JUNIOR, MARY LEE
White kids!

The gang ducks down as White kids start pounding them with Oranges.

The same war from the TVs earlier takes place.

WALTER CRONKITE shows up and starts reporting on this Orange Fight.

LIL CHEECH and them WIN!

CUT TO:

EXT. SCHOOL --

Kids finally get to the school yard. Where a WHITE KID walks up to them with his "crew".

WHITE KID
(to Cheech) Welcome, Blacky!

Cheech punches the White kid.

LIL CHEECH
Thanks.