



FIGHTING WORDS

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The Liberties Festival 2022
YabaDabaDoobas - The Liberties Club

The Wrong Uniform

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Scene One

First day back at St. Brigid's secondary school.

Anto: Sorry but you're wearing the wrong uniform.

Claire: Sorry, what did you say?

Anto: Are you new here?

Claire: Yes - I'm from the north, I've just recently moved to the Coombe.

Anto: What are you doing down here?

Claire: My Daddy got a job in the city.

Anto: You're wearing the wrong uniform?

Claire: Are you sure?

Anto: Yeah.

Claire: Oh my God I'm mortified!

Anto: You should be the teachers are very strict on uniforms.

Claire: Aigh, what shall I do?

Anto: Can you not ring your Ma?

Claire: My Mummy hasn't moved down yet.

Anto: Ah here you calm down.

Claire: Calm down, calm down how am I meant to calm down?

Anto: You're off your rocker pal.

Claire: What's that supposed to mean? I'm standing here in the wrong uniform.

Anto: Will you relax.

Claire: What?

Anto: You still have ten minutes to get to the office and get the proper uniform.

Claire: I don't even know where the office is.

Anto: Down the hall.

Anto's friend Deco comes along.

Claire: Will you come with me?

Anto: No. Why would I go with you?

Deco: Who's your one?

Anto: I don't know - she just walked up to me.

Claire's face drops, she's confused, she walks away towards the office.

Scene Two

Next day. Claire is standing outside Irish class on her own (with the proper uniform on).

Anto: I see you got your act together!

Claire: Whatever!

Sister Colette comes out and brings the whole class into the classroom. She starts to call out the roll.

Sister: Anthony Dunne?

Anto: Ansoe.

Sister: Claire Mc Mahon?

Claire: Aigh!

The whole class proceeds to giggle.

Claire: What's so funny, why are yee laughing?

Deco: Why do you think we're laughin'?

Claire: I don't know, why?

Anto: Because you said, "Aigh" instead of Ansoe.

Claire: Well how was I supposed to know we don't do Irish in Belfast.

Sister Colette (Loud): Cuinas!!!

Deco: Sorry Miss. (Then under his breath) I didn't even do anything?

Sister Colette: What was that Decleen?

Deco: Nothin'.

Sister Colette: If you have something to say, say it down in the office.

Deco: Sister I didn't even say anything.

Sister Colette: Don't talk back. Decleen please leave the room.

Anto: Sister that's not fair.

Sister Colette: D'you want to go with him?

Anto: No, I was just saying.

Sister Colette: Detention for all of you.

All: What? Why?

Scene Three

After class. Sitting in detention.

Anto: D'you want to come to the festival with me?

Claire: What festival?

Anto: The Liberties festival.

Deco: You're a weird for inviting her.

Claire: When is it?

Anto: This Saturday at two o'clock.

Claire: I'll have a think and ask my Daddy first.

Anto: We'll be dressing up.

Claire: Okay.

Anto: Sound.

Deco: You will be the one left with her.

Sister Colette: Be quite!!

Scene Four

Claire at home with her Dad.

Claire: Daddy can I go to the Liberties Festival?

Daddy: With who?

Claire: My friend.

Daddy: Who's your friend?

Claire: One of my class mates.

Daddy: Okay. Be back by 10! Do you need any money for food?

Claire: Gives us ten euro for a curry tray.

Scene Five

They all meet at Fusco's for dinner.

Deco (laughing): Look at this one coming through the door!

Anto: Ah bollix I forgot tell her it was the Liberty festival characters we are dressing up as.

Deco: Ah you are at to making a show of her and she's only after to moving here.

Sister Colette (walks over to their table): I love your costumes but what is that young lady supposed to be?

Randomer: A donut trying to get through a door.

Everyone looks and starts laughing. Claire runs off crying.

Sister Colette: Did you not tell her that you were all supposed to dress up as characters from The Liberties.

Deco: Anto invited her not me.

Sister Colette: You have really embarrassed the girl.

Scene Six

On the stage at St Catherine's Church.

Announcer: We have a winner for best dressed costume. Please put your hands together for Deco who is dressed up as Bang Bang.

The audience starts to clap.

Randomer: Yup the flats!

Announcer: We also have another winner of the Liberties festival of characters and it is a new Liberties character by Claire Mc Mahon called The Liberties Donut!

Randomer: The state of ya!

Everyone laughs.

Anto: (walks up on to the stage and takes the mic): Don't laugh at her we forgot to tell her that it was the Liberties festival of characters.

Claire's Dad: Who let my daughter dress up as a donut?

Claire: Daddy, Stop!

Everyone: Here we go again!

Daddy: C'mon Claire gets out of here!

Randomer: Do'nut let the door hit you on the way out.