

TONI'S CRAZY, COOL LIFE

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Monologue for Ginger, Holly, Old man Tooly, and Toni

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MOM IS ALWAYS RIGHT

(HOLLY, TONI, AND GINGER ARE IN THE KITCHEN TALKING ABOUT TONI'S IRRITATION WITH ALL OF HER FRIENDS. IT SEEMS EACH OF THEM HAVE SOMETHING THAT SHE DOESN'T LIKE.)

HOLLY

So what's going on with you and Nyja now? Is she getting on your nerves again?

TONI

Mom, do you realize that I have literally seen Nyja every day of my life since I was like....5 yrs old? Who wants to look at someone that much. Every day Mom?

GINGER

Pua Lahilahi (beautiful flower) I know what you mean, my friend Selah is the same way. She borrows my clothes, my shoes, eats my food. Every day I see her. She's always needing something, when all I want from her is a ride to work.

HOLLY (CUTTING AN EYE AT GINGER)

Sounds like your having BFF problems right now. Didn't you just have a spell with Daysia a few days ago?

TONI

Daysia? you mean PBC?

HOLLY

PBC?

TONI

Pakistani Basket Case! Mom, Daysia just uses me to slip notes to boys, black boys.

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TONI (CONT'D)

I don't know why she doesn't just tell her Dad that she likes Dark skin. She irritates me sometimes.

GINGER

That sounds just like Lekika. She is my Hale aikane (best friend) but she has no back bone. I have to do everything for her. I mean she loans me money, and never asks for it back, but I really wish she would get a life.

(HOLLY PUNCHES GINGER IN THE ARM)

HOLLY

And Tepaynga caught some of that molten lava this morning huh?

TONI

Mom, Tepaynga is the worlds biggest 6yr old bully, with the worlds biggest brain and most sarcastic mouth that...

HOLLY

...That worships that ground you walk on and hopes to be just like you when she grows up.

(TONI STANDS WITH HER ARMS UP AND MOUTH WIDE OPEN)

HOLLY (CONT'D)

Toni, maybe the problems aren't with your friends. Maybe the problem is you?

TONI

Oooohhh man Mom, I just explained to you how all of them irritate me. Were you even listening to what I said?

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HOLLY

No Toni, the question is were YOU listening to what you said. Baby, everything that you said was negative and demeaning towards all of those people. People who irritate you and double as your friends. But have you ever stopped to think of what it would be like not to have them in your life?

(TONI WALKS OUT OF THE KITCHEN, INTO THE BACKYARD, OLD MAN TOOLY IS SMOKING A CIGAR, EAVESDROPPING AS USUAL)

OLD MAN TOOLY

Hey friend, come here, I got somethin for ya that oughtta make your day. (He reaches into his pocket and brings out a quarter, handing it to Toni)

TONI

Hey Mr. Tooly, thanks for the quarter.

OLD MAN TOOLY

Anything for a friend.... You know, I'm really not as crazy as you think....I Know the quarter that I give you can't by friendship, but it gives me a reason to be around you. Just to be in your presence because it makes my day to have you as a friend....I'd be willing to bet all of your friends are like that huh? Just wanna be around you?

(TONI LOOKS AT MR TOOLY AND HANGS HER HEAD)

TONI

Mr. Tooly, here's your quarter back. If anything, I should be paying you. I hate to admit it, but I think my mom was right. Matter of fact, Mom is always right.

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