

Toni's Crazy Cool Life

Character Bio/Descriptions

Primary Cast



Toni (Squig) Brantley is a teenager who lives with her parents in the suburbs. Her dream is to be a famous actress. Toni is known as a “do-gooder” who is smart and outgoing. She often finds herself in various misadventures, because of her desire to help people, and her ambition to become a superstar actress. (Already Cast, needs understudy)

Nya Parker/Nyja Parker is Toni's best friend and schoolmate. Nya lives a few houses away from Toni and spends a significant amount of time at Toni's house. Nya is practical and has a “smart-aleck” personality, with just a little sassiness. (Teenaged female, 14 – 17yrs, race optional)

Walter Farley is Toni's cousin who lives on the same street. Walter is related to Toni through her father's side of the family. Walter is a nerdy genius with high self-esteem. He sees himself as a “ladies man” and is always to flirting with attractive girls. (Teenaged male, 14 – 18 yrs old, race optional)

Charlie”Dad” Brantley is Toni's dad. He works as a producer for a local television station. Charlie is a good, hard-working father and husband who is unwittingly humorous. Charlie loves to sing blues music, although he sings terribly. (Older African-American male, 30 to 40's)

Holly “Mom” Brantley is Toni's mom. She works as a teacher at a local elementary school. Holly is attractive and smart. She is fairly mild-mannered, but at times she can be perky, and a bit witty. (Hawaiian or exotic looking female that can role play as Hawaiian, 30 – 40's)

Coby is Toni's adopted little brother who at first glance appears to be as quiet as a church mouse, but is always into extreme mischief. Tattle-tale who always manages to incorporate himself into Toni's projects. Technological genius, very sensitive. (7 -10 yr old boy, race optional)

Tepaynga N Melonie Dumplings are 2 sisters that live next door to Toni. Tepaynga is the worlds biggest 6 yr old, and her sister Melonie is right behind her as the worlds biggest 4 yr old. While Tepaynga idolizes Toni, Melonie idolizes Tepaynga. But neither girl will tell her idol of the interest. Tepaynga also tries to Bully Toni, but there's only one problem, she's also the worlds most sensitive bully. Melonie is ever to the rescue. Ready to crush anyone who makes Tepaynga cry. (Possible spin off, Already cast, needs understudy)



Secondary Cast

(Characters initial scene entrance is after 1st commercial break)

O'so Krispie is a pop superstar that Toni emulates. Toni wants to be just like her. She knows every O'so Krispie song, knows all of her dance moves better than O'so, and is president of her fan club. But O'so has never contacted her when she has come to town for a concert. (Already cast, needs understudy)

Peenchy (Peter Minchy) is a character that resembles beeker from the muppets. Super talented drummer, friends with Toni in elementary school, struggling to stay in touch with her till after college, when he can marry her. Very lactose intolerant. (14 – 17 yr old boy, race optional)

Keelah Chauncey is a fellow student in Toni's drama class, very talented, could play any part given, but chooses to turn every part into a boy-crazy teenaged girl. (14 – 17 yr old girl, race optional)

Jenson Gotty is a class-clown of Toni's drama class who is torn between his Jewish and Italian roots. Switches daily from wearing a fake bearded and a fedora, to wearing ancient roman costumes. Classmate. (14 – 17 yr old boy, Jewish or Italian, or dark-haired features as such)

Daysia Ali is a close friend to Toni who has major boy problems. True to her heritage, but fears that she is more attracted to African-American boys than her own race, Pakistani. Very emotional all the time. Tries to get Toni to do her dirty work and contact the boys to let them know she's interested. Which usually leads to them being attracted to Toni. (14 – 17 yr old female, Indian or regional looking)

Menda Gonzalez is the Spanish version of Toni. In Toni's drama class, competes with her on every level, in every category, Toni's ultimate competitor. Behind closed doors, her and Toni really admire each other, but would never tell, so they stay at odds. (Possible spin-off, 14 – 17 yr old Hispanic or dark latin features female)

Nikki Savage is the drama teacher for the school. Always cool, always up for a good laugh, but knows how to properly whip you with a pen. An aspiring model and actress. Has had some success in tv and film. Lives behind the one shot of her in Dreamgirls the movie. The one shot of her, in the crowd, as an extra. Single, sexy, and willing to do anything to make it....Anything. (Female, race optional, must look older than 25)



Mr. Funch is the assistant to Ms. Savage. This character mirrors the butler 'Niles from the sitcom, The Nanny. Quick witted, smooth, yet very easily rattled by the kids in the class. Shakespearian expert. (This person MUST be a theater pro. Male, caucasian, beyond 35)

Dianne Brantley is the sister to Charlie. Mirrors Ginger in every way, except the hair. Certified weavologist. Believes that the quickest way to get over a man, is to buy a new wig, or get a new weave job. Very uninhibited. Likes to dress Toni just like her. Payroll manager for a large oil company. Extensive wardrobe.(African American female, 23 to 35 ish, very polished)

D & JaVon are 2 brothers, cousins to Toni who live in another city, but only speak to Toni on skype. Dee loves sports, JaVon is a bookworm. They both fight for Toni's attention by 3way calling on skype and interrupting each others signal from the other room. The twist is that they are a teenaged rap-duo. (Teenaged boys, 14 – 17 yrs old, African-American or Hawaiian)

Jace & Spade are twin sisters in Toni's drama class who look a-like, but are total opposites. Like to dress similar but different, even as high-school students. Same outfits, just different colors. Very animated, forever doing paper, rock, scissors to prove whose right. Fight for the honor of being Toni's best friend. (Have twins in mind, but won't commit, must be twins. 14 – 17 yr old females)

Occasional cast

(Occasionally enters at beginning, but regularly after 2nd commercial break)

Ginger Jakahi is Toni's Aunt, her mom's sister. Very proud of all the cosmetic surgery she's had, from the lips to the hips. Never misses out on an opportunity to tell her sister Holly that she should have married a Hawaiian man. Loves Toni, flirts with Charlie by always coming around in as little clothes as possible. (30 – 40 yr old Hawaiian or exotic looking female)

Old man Tooly is an older man who hates kids, but for some reason loves Toni. Has a boatload of cash, but only offers Toni quarters every time he sees her. Cracks on Nyja, respects Toni's Mom and Dad, only wishes Dad would learn how not to burn barbecue so he wouldn't have to smell it from his yard. Toni's source of reasoning, smokes like a chimney. (Older Caucasian male, 50 -60's)



Cousin Durl is a wanna-be hip-ster. Dad's cousin who considers himself a ghetto psychologist. No highschool diploma, no college, and yet he consistently gives advice, that when taken, will surely lead to destruction. Visits religiously every other Friday, Dad's payday. Uses ebonics, starts every sentence with, "Aaa-mayn?" (African-American male, 30 – 40's)

Mae-mae Jakahi is Holly's mother, Toni's grandmother. Wise in the ways of the Hawaiian traditions, wishes she had been smart like her daughter Holly and married a black man. Forever teaching Toni of her Hawaiian heritage, especially how to shake her hips like a good Hawaiian old-school hoochie mama. Best friends with Charlies mother.(Hawaiian or exotic female, 50 – 60's but very well kept, prefer active, shapely)

LuVenia Brantley (Lulu) is Charlies mother, great cook, lives with a crabs in a bucket mentality, thinks her portion of Toni is the most critical of all because it shows her beautiful caramel color. Best friends with Mae-mae, loves big-boned Hawaiian men. (African-American female, 50 -60's, well kept female)

The racial variety of the cast will be determined by the auditions. The intent is to have a very diverse racial make-up of the cast. Representative of the culture of Houston Tx. Toni's father is African-American, but her mother is Hawaiian. Family members will be respective, but friends of the family will be a comfortable mix of as many races as can be cast.