

# Timoune #1

ALL

WELL, THAT'S WHAT SOME SAY!  
SOME SAY!  
SOME SAY!

STORYTELLER (ANDREA)

At last, still wearing her painful new city shoes, Ti Moune arrived at the gates of the Hotel Beauxhomme. But the fierce guard at the gate saw that Ti Moune had nothing to sell to the tourists.

GATEKEEPER (ARMAND)

Stop!

STORYTELLER (ASAKA)

But Ti Moune must have smiled her most beautiful smile. And Erzulie must have touched the fierce guard on the shoulder, for he nodded. The gate swung open. And Ti Moune entered, and went in search of her Daniel.

ALL

SOME SAY...

MAMA

SOME SAY SHE SCRUBBED THE FLOORS  
TILL SHE LEARNED WHERE HE WAS KEPT

TONTON

SOME SAY...

SOME SAY SHE CLIMBED A VINE  
TO THE WINDOW WHERE HE SLEPT

BOTH

SOME SAY...

THE GODS JUST LIFTED HER UP  
AND PLACED HER WHERE HE LAY

ALL

WELL, NO ONE KNOWS HOW THE REAL TRUTH GOES  
IT ALL DEPENDS WHAT YOU HEAR FROM FRIENDS  
IT'S NO SURPRISE  
IF IT'S ALL JUST LIES  
BUT THAT'S WHAT SOME SAY  
THAT'S WHAT SOME SAY  
THAT'S WHAT SOME SAY...  
THAT'S WHAT SOME SAY...

LITTLE GIRL

SOME SAY  
SOME SAY  
SOME SAY

*(TI MOUNE enters Daniel's room, and approaches HIM. HE sits up in bed, startled.)*

DANIEL

Where did you come from? You're not supposed to be in here.

start  
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TI MOUNE

Don't you remember me? It's Ti Moune.

DANIEL

Get out before I call a guard!

TI MOUNE

You don't know me! I saved your life!

DANIEL

Saved my life? What are you talking about?

TI MOUNE

You don't remember?

DANIEL

No.

TI MOUNE

I was the one who found you crushed inside your car. I watched over you when you nearly died. I bathed you. I gave you my own mat to lie on. I...I have seen the scar on your chest. Like a half moon. Here.

DANIEL

So it was you.

TI MOUNE

Yes. You're very ill. You burn like a fire.

DANIEL

My leg won't heal.

TI MOUNE

The gods sent me to make you well.

DANIEL

You think your peasant superstitions can do what doctors can't, little girl?

TI MOUNE

I kept you alive in the face of death. Anyone from my village will tell you so. And I can heal you, now.

DANIEL

You're very young.

TI MOUNE

I came all this way to be with you. Let me stay.

DANIEL

And so pretty.

TI MOUNE

I am telling you the truth.

DANIEL

A pretty Ti Moune sent by the gods.

TI MOUNE

Yes.

DANIEL

Come here, then. What harm can it do. Stay the night, and show me your powers. Make me forget this pain. Who knows. Perhaps the gods did send me a gift, after all.

*(SHE strokes HIS face. Gradually SHE cradles HIM in HER arms. Gently and tentatively, she lies down next to him, as ERZULIE appears to preside over THEM.)*

STOP

# Timoune #2

STORY TELLERS

OOH LA

PAPA GE (in rhythm)  
Never meant to meet.

STORY TELLERS

OOH LA

PAPA GE (in rhythm)  
Two different worlds. But if the gods move our feet...  
*(TI MOUNE and Daniel embrace)*

ALL (EXCEPT DANIEL & TI MOUNE)

WE DANCE!  
WE DANCE!  
WE DANCE!

*(STORYTELLERS take their original positions  
around the fire as the lights dim, and the  
storm rises again.)*

STORYTELLER (PAPA GE)

Once on this island, the gods sent a storm even worse than  
this one.

STORYTELLER (ANDREA)

But out of that terrible storm, there came a story.

STORYTELLER (MAMA)

The tale of a peasant girl who fell in love with a young  
grand homme.

STORYTELLER (ASAKA)

A girl chosen by the gods for a magical fate.

ALL

The story of Ti Moune!

*(Daniel exits and TI MOUNE follows him)*

STORYTELLER (ARMAND)

The story begins on the night of a flood!

STOP

DO storyteller lines as your  
character!