

Tina and the Magic Roach

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In a city called Pittsburgh, there lived a merchant, shall we say a street merchant of fine illegal pharmaceuticals. This merchant had a wife who was very ill from some incurable disease from West Virginia. The merchant also had a daughter named Tina. Tina was a very beautiful chocolate brown girl with hair extensions that flowed all the way down her back. Tina was a good girl and always did what her parents told her to do. One day Tina's mother called Tina into her bedroom, because she had a present for her. Tina's mother gave her a music box that had been in the family for generations. This was no ordinary music box, but a magical music box. Tina's mother told her to always respect those who are over you and that someday she would need the magic that lied within the music box. Tina cherished the music box that her sick mother gave her.

It was but a short time after that Tina's mother had passed away. Tina and her father were both saddened by the events that just happened. Tina remembered what her mother told her on her death bed and took heed to it, keeping the music box even closer to her, because it meant so much more now. A short time after the death of Tina's mother, Tina's father began to date, being the old player from the streets that he was. And it was but a week or so he had found himself a woman that he had liked. This woman, was a true ghetto queen in every sense of the word, and before Tina knew it this ghetto queen was going to be her new step mother.

After the wedding Tina's new step mother and her two bad teen aged daughters had moved into Tina's home. Tina's new step mother did not care for Tina at all and always had extra chores for her do around the house, without any compensation, or appreciation.

One day Tina's father had to leave to go to New York for a business delivery, and told her that her new step mother would be taking care of her. Tina knew did not think anything of it and wished her father blessings. Shortly after her father left Tina's stepmother told her that they, meaning Tina's step mother and her sisters were going to go to the mall. Before they went, Tina had a list of impossible chores, such as scrub the whole house, clean the chitterlings, and organize her stepmothers 8 track collect in alphabetical order. After telling Tina her chores, her stepmother and her two sister were on the first EBA, going to the Monroeville mall. Tina knew that she would never get all the chores that were assigned done, so she began to weep. Needing comfort Tina turned to the music box that her natural mother gave her. She began to wind it up, and out of no where came a magical roach. This roach began to talk and asked her why she was so sad. Tina began to explain the whole situation to the magic roach, named Toby. Toby, the roach informed her that he was here to help and told here not to cry he would handle everything. Toby moved to the center of the room and waved his magical antennae, and out of no where the room was covered with hundreds, or maybe even thousands of roaches, with cleaning cloths and pledge, they began to clean the house, wash the chitterlings and organize the 8 track collect, before Tina knew it all the chores were done. She was so happy, that she began to dance to the music of the music box.

It was not too long after that, when Tina's step mother returned from the mall with all kinds of bags from Rave, Payless, and the Dollar Store. Tina saw all the bags and asked if anything was for her. Tina's stepmother, being angry because Tina had finished all of the chores that had been given to her to perfection, told her no there was nothing in the

bags for her, and told her to proceed to bed without any supper. Tina being the good girl that she was, just went to bed, but being thankful for the help that she had received tonight.

The next morning when Tina woke up, and saw that her stepmother and her step sisters were getting ready to leave. They told Tina that they all had appointments to get their hair done for the concert tomorrow. Tina was excited because it had been a while since she had gotten new hair extension, and really needed them badly. Her stepmother informed her that only she and her two daughters were going to the shop to get their hair done for the concert. Before they left Tina's stepmother had a list, even longer than the one the day before. Saddened by the whole events, Tina ran to the music box for comfort again. When she began to wind it up, Toby the magic roach appeared again and asked the beautiful young girl what the problem was. She proceeded to explain the situation to the magical roach. The roach told her not to worry about it, that he would fix it for her, and with a wave of his magic antennae, hundreds, or maybe even thousands of roaches appeared from everywhere, they began doing the list of chores for Tina. Tina was so overjoyed that she began to dance to the music of the music box. Before Tina had knew it all the chores were done and the roaches, including Toby had disappeared. Later, that afternoon, Tina's mother and sister came home from the beauty shop. After seeing that once again the Tina had finished her chores to perfection, she sent her to bed without any supper. Tina being the obedient child, went to bed and did not say a word back to her stepmother.

Then next morning way the day of the M.C. Hammer concert, Tina really wanted to go to the concert, but had no money for tickets, did not have an outfit to wear, and her hair needed done. Tina's stepmother and daughters were going to the concert. They had rented a limo to go see Hammer at the Civic Arena. Tina was sad that she could not go. Before her stepmother and her sister left to go to the concert, they left Tina another list of things to do while they were gone. This list was the hardest list yet, but Tina accepted it and proceeded to her room, while the rest of the household went to the concert.

Tina went to her room crying, because she knew she would not be able to finish the chores, or go to the concert. So, Tina took the music box out and began to wind it, to sooth her sad heart. Just as she began to wind it Toby appeared out of the cracks between her wall. Toby asked why Tina she was so sad, she began to explain to him her situation about the chores, and before you knew here comes hundreds, maybe even thousands of little roaches to do all of the chores for the beautiful Tina, but after this she was still sad. Toby asked her why she was still sad. And Tina told him that she really wanted to go to the M. C. Hammer concert tonight, at the Civic Arena, but she did not have any money, she did not have a way there, she did not have a dress, and her weave needed re-done. Toby informed her that that was not a problem. With a wave of his magic antennae, Tina found her self in one of the best outfits that Rave had to offer at the time, She looked into the mirror, and saw that her weave and been re-done, just like it was in J-Lo's new video. She reached into her purse and found two magical bus tickets. Toby told her to have fun, and just make sure that her step-mother and her step sisters don't see her. Tina took heed to this and went to the bus stop out side of her house. Two seconds later

al private Port Authority Bus came to pick Tina up and she was on her way to the M.C. Hammer concert.

Tina had fun at the concert, and moon walked all night long, with her front row seat ticket. Tina took heed to what Toby told her about not letting her family see her at the concert. Just to ensure that she did not run into her family, she left just before M.C. Hammer did his last number “Please Hammer Don’t Hurt Them”. As soon as Tina left the Arena, she found her private PAT bus waiting for her to take her back to her Wilkinsburg home. Tina arrived at home safe and proceeded to go to bed.

While Tina was in bed she began to cry, because she had realized that everyone that she loved had left out of her life, so she was sad. She pulled out the music box and began to wind it up, hoping the music would put her to sleep. Shortly after she did the Toby the magical roach appeared and asked the beautiful girl why she was crying. She proceeded to tell Toby her problems, and Toby informed her that he loved her. She was so excited to hear that someone, or something had loved her, that she kissed him. It was right before her eyes that Toby transformed into the biggest pimp daddy she had ever seen. She was in love and he was in love. It was that night that Toby had asked Tina to marry him, and she said yes.

Toby reached into his pocket and pulled out two bus passes. Toby and Tina left Tina’s house and headed for the North Hills where they would marry and live happily ever after

