

at the gates of the
Moune had nothing

Moune must have
the door swung open. And

MOTHER (MAMA)

HE SCRUBBED THE FLOOR
HEARNED WHERE HE WAS KE

MOTHER (TONTON)

HE CLIMBED A VINE
TOWARD WHERE HE SLEPT.

MOTHERS (MAMA, TONTO)

JUST LIFTED HER UP
AND DROPPED HER WHERE HE LAY

LITTLE GIRL

(She sits up in bed, startled)

DANIEL

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

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)

#11 *The Human Heart*

STORYTELLERS

(OFFSTAGE)

AAAH -

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ERZULIE

THE COURAGE OF A DREAMER,
THE INNOCENCE OF YOUTH,
THE FAILURES AND THE FOOLISHNESS
THAT LEAD US TO THE TRUTH,

ERZULIE, STORYTELLERS

THE HOPES THAT MAKE US HAPPY,

ERZULIE

THE HOPES THAT DON'T COME TRUE,

ERZULIE, STORYTELLERS

AND ALL THE LOVE THERE EVER WAS:

ERZULIE

I SEE THIS ALL IN YOU.

ERZULIE, STORYTELLERS

YOU ARE PART,
PART OF THE HUMAN HEART.