

If She Never Came

(Part 2)

She was 95 pounds, soaking wet, and about 5 feet tall. Though very petite, she was strong and fast, often racing boys in the dirt yard of the Matthew Henson Housing Projects and beating them at every distance.

The kids would say, "Good race, Little Bit," they called her in the neighborhood.

She was kind, witty, and very pretty, with nappy sandy brown hair often braided in pigtails. She had gorgeous hazel eyes. These traits caught the attention of many boys in the community, especially this rugged boy who lived in the projects. His mother and "Little Bit's" mom played bingo together. He was an athlete, gregarious, popular, and regarded as a slick-tongued devil. He was so slick that after capturing the girl's heart (and a short dating period), he got the young lady pregnant. They were just 16. She eventually dropped out of high school and had a little boy six months later.

The father stayed around until the baby was around 3 years old. She was now a single mom. Her mother told her it was time to move out and take full responsibility. She was alone, no high school diploma, no job, and no formal training to make a living wage. It was the mid-1970s, and the Phoenix streets were not a place for anyone to be, let alone a young mother. She was forced to figure things out for her and her baby boy's well-being. That baby boy was me.

I have overcome fatherlessness, abandonment, emotional and physical abuse, situational poverty, and a nomadic era. Today, I am a doctoral student. I have a Master's degree in kinesiology and an undergraduate degree in music and dance



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education. I have an Associate's degree in the arts. I have many certifications, including training in poverty competency, as Clifton's Strength Coach, and Activism in Sports and Culture from Morehouse College, to name a few. I've traveled the world teaching, singing, dancing, and performing.

I've sung in front of Prince twice. I am an entrepreneur who has had several businesses in luxury transportation, landscaping, and real estate. I am an author, national motivational speaker, and leadership development trainer.

I am in the Hall of Fame for coaching track & field. I have coached state high school and collegiate national champions and an Olympian. I am a devoted friend. I am a worship director. I am a faithful husband and father of four. I am often the go-to person in many people's times of need. I am kind, grace-filled, and thoughtful.

Thank you, mama, for keeping me. Thank you, mama, for raising me. Thank you, mama, for sewing into my life.

Thank you, mama, for always being there. Thank you, mama, for calling me your favorite (even though you have other children, and you probably tell them the same thing).

You are my friend. You are my inspiration. Take great joy knowing you birthed an upstanding, noble man who will change the world. None of this would've happened if you never came. I love you.

I am Torrior Amie. Thank you for being a part of DAILY DADDY™, where fathers and father figures are edified, educated, and empowered. Thank you for having SOUL! 🙏