

# **AUNT CHLOE**

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## **Haitian Remedies**

This is simple, a supernatural curse. Did you visit the Voodoo priestess? Did you speak to Loas? Oh mwen bondye, I haven't seen you at church in two months. You need to pray to God for forgiveness. [Sucks teeth] Cha! Our family is not crazy. You cannot go to the doctor or they will whisper about us behind our backs. Come, we will fix this at home. What have you been eating lately? Only fresh food, only clean meat. Here, take this tea for clarity. I told you not to fight with that woman. Everyone knows not to look at that house. They have hexed you. This is their doing. With all that needs to be done you choose to unearth these problems now? Selfish tifi. Think of your children. Come, sing. Come, dance! You worry too much. Don't be discouraged. You are making this bigger than it needs to be. We'll fill your empty head. I knew someone just like you. They have a family now. They own a store. Do you think they would have that if they told someone else? We are all meant to suffer in this life. This is your burden to carry in the name of God. This is your cross, so consume in silence. They are memories not delusions. They are memories not hallucinations. They are memories. They are memories. They are memories...they are memories...they are memories..they are