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Tanty Joan at the Airport

[A.T.A FLIGHT NO. AA 088]
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Fed up ah cold New York an' workin' so hard everyday So ah decided to book ah flight to Trinidad on A.T.A. To spend de Christmas, relax, an' enjoy some sea breeze Drink some babash, some rum punch set meh mind at ease

Ah ent cook, ah ent eat, ah so busy, ah can't be late Dey say get dere early, an' absolutely no overweight An' girl, dey ent give ah seat when ah book meh flight Ah feel dey overbook, but de eh go add to meh plight

De flight leave at seven, but ah reach dere since three A.T.A. section close, ah cold, an' ah have ah hot pee Ah can't find ah bathroom, ah trembling, is ten degrees Wish ah could do it dere, but ah 'fraid meh butt freeze

When de door open, ah bolt in, an' ah was third on de line Inside warm, dis is heaven, yuh girl feelin' super fine Ah waitin', yes ah watchin' as de line gettin' really long De flight manager come to de desk an' start singin' ah song

Sorry for the inconvenience, please can you bear with us Bear wit' us my ass, yuh know, all dem Trini start to cuss As I was saying, excuse us, we are very sorry for de delay De counter we are using for dis mornin' is nine doors away

Ah been waitin' here for hours was third on line now ah las, All dem A.T.A. people could line up an' kiss meh black ass We reach de check in counter me, Noreen, Kiesha, Auntie Joan She thirty pounds overweight, Joan shoulda leave dem ting home



Ah get in she suitcase trowing ting left, trowing ting right Ah don't care what get leave back ah ent missin' dis flight Ah throw way all de clothes she was carryin' for she friends An' ah twenty pound ham, Lord, it look like we nightmare end.

We get check in, oh boy de departure gate half ah mile away When we reach dere we tired, we ent bitchin', no, not today Ah sit down dere blowin' short, ah tryin' to ketch meh breat' Ah fat woman comin', she crawlin' an' she covered wit' sweat

She say can yuh move 'round lemme sit down, recover, get at ease No overweight dem people throwin' way all dem good clothes please She say ah work so damn hard in dis bitter cold to spend meh money Ah have on every piece ah extra clothes, dey going home wit' meh

After ten minutes de woman stand up, start to take off clothes She peel of five pants, two belt, an' eight pair ah panty hose She take off seven shirts an' ah tell yuh four extra brassiere Before she get down to de original outfit she was goin' to wear

De flight was off de ground, finally, more than three hours late Ah ent care ah goin' home for Christmas yuh better get dat straight Once again when we reach Trinidad for Auntie Joan ham ah apologize She say ah went for it after check in, it in meh bag check de size