

# WORLD EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

**M**ELANIE BROWN is a "terrible mother" to her and Eddie Murphy's 5-month-old daughter Angel, claims the Spice former housekeeper.

In a world exclusive tell-all interview, Tonia Lamere told The ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY she quit working for Mel B at her California home because she only has three hours a day because Mel B is so busy. She landed from her job because she was pre-occupied with her own two children.

And Scary Spice, who is fighting a multimillion-dollar lawsuit payout from Eddie Murphy's housekeeper, says what Tonia says was an apparent lack of interest in infant daughter Angel.

"I think she holds her a total of about 15 minutes a day," divulged Tonia. "In my opinion, Mel's just a terrible mother."

Tonia charges that Mel went out one day and left the baby, then just a few months old, in her care for four days. Mel had taken off to Las Vegas to marry new hubby Stephen Belafonte, but she didn't tell Tonia that until she returned.

**"I WAS SHOCKED," SAID TONIA.**

"I had just been hired on June 6 to start my housekeeping job - and she asked me to stay late to baby-sit Angel. And one evening of sitting with the baby turned into four days! The child was sick, there was no money, and when Mel called she never even asked about the baby."

Tonia recalled another time Mel daddled her with the infant.

"One morning, she called me at 7 a.m. and asked me to come early because the nanny wouldn't be there until 10 a.m. When I told her that I had my own kids to tend to, she said: 'Please, Tonia - I'm too hung over this morning to take care of Angel.'"

"Plus, I'm not even a nanny, which Mel needs because she seems to have no interest in taking care of Angel." And Tonia adds the baby hasn't been able to adjust to one caretaker, because Mel keeps firing her nannies.

"In all the households I have ever worked, I've never seen a worse mother than her."

Tonia painted an eye-opening picture of life behind the scenes with Mel, who went through a bitter public breakup with Eddie before rebounding into a whirlwind marriage to producer Stephen.

Tonia believes that Mel is contributing to her baby daughter's health problems because of her constant smoking.

Said Tonia: "Mel chain-smokes around both kids."

"It bothers them so much - but she still smokes around them, and doesn't even bother to go outside."

Tonia also says Mel's household is a mess. When she would arrive in the morning, she'd find empty wine bottles and cigarette butts

all over the house.

"Mel used the countertops, not ashtrays, to stub out her smokes," said Tonia. "The house smelled like old alcohol and stale cigarette smoke. I couldn't believe that people - especially with children around - could live like that."

In addition, the former housekeeper said the star's refrigerator is often empty.

"Mel is on a strict diet, and much of



Mel B's baby, Angel Iris



Mel B and her daughters Phoenix Chi and Angel Iris spend the day with Stephen and his daughter Giselle

**I really think Eddie should be aware of how poorly Angel is taken care of.**