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**Modjadji**  
**The Rain Queen**

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Once upon a time, long ago,  
in the southern part of Africa,  
there lived a Chief and his wife.

The Chief ruled over the land,  
over fields and over villages.  
The Chief and his wife were kind  
people and lived  
a comfortable life.

They had everything they could  
wish for – except a child.

The Chief sighed and said,  
"If only we could have a child  
to share our days and our work."

His wife nodded, saying,  
"We pray and hope every day,  
yet still..."

