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Joséphine Baker's Broken Dream

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From the stage to the Pantheon, the moving journey of one of the greatest figures of the 20th century, as told by her son.

Behind the sequins and fantastical costumes of this song-and-dance sensation hid a woman whose life was nothing less than extraordinary. Joséphine Baker fought with the French Resistance during World War II and against racism afterward. She has always fought for equality and justice among human beings.

At the peak of her career, she and her husband Jo Bouillon decided to adopt children of different ethnicities and religions to prove to the world that fraternity between people wasn't merely a utopian dream. She settled down in a castle in the middle of France with her "rainbow tribe." But one day, her debts caught up to her...

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