

# Akatope

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Once upon a time there lived an elderly woman who always wanted a child.

The woman took the best clay soil she could find and started to make a girl.

The girl who was made of mud  
then turned into a real human  
girl.



The elderly woman was very happy.

She named the girl Akatope.

She loved Akatope very much.





Akatope was warned by her elderly mother not to come out of the hut but she would not listen.

Whenever her mother was not aware, Akatope would sneak out to play with the other children.

One day as Akatope was out playing with the other children, it began to rain hard.





The other children ran to their huts but as Akatope ran to hers, her legs started to dissolve.

She hunched over and sat down between bushes.



The other children told their parents what had happened to Akatope.

They were very sad and shocked.



When the elderly woman heard what had happened to her only child, she cried for many days.

The villagers who visited her, decided to bring another little girl who had been orphaned to take the place of Akatope.

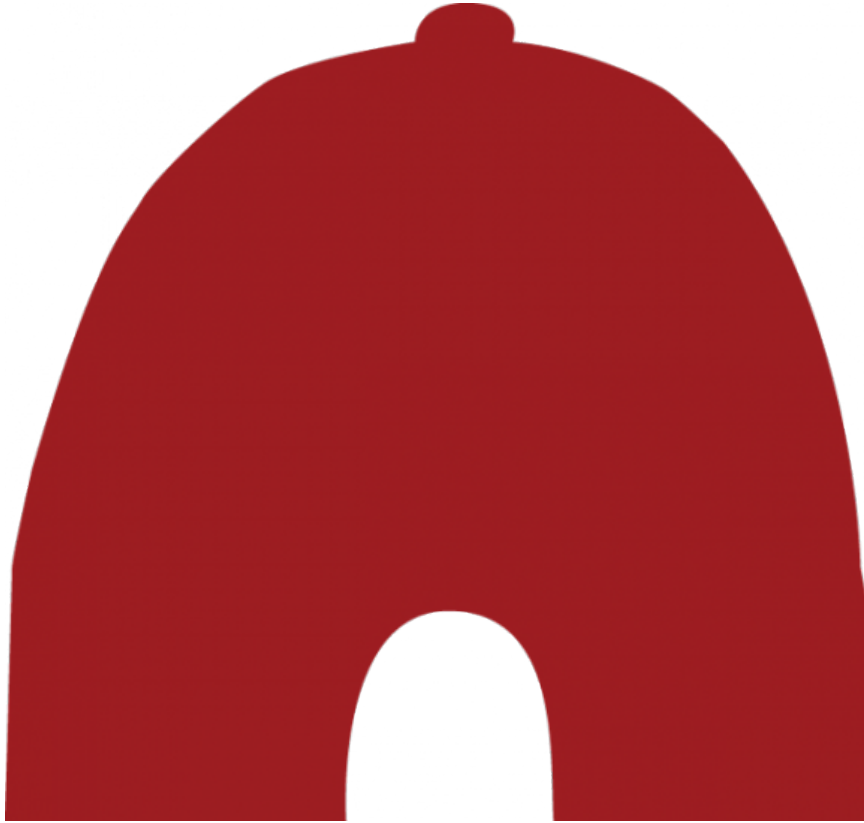


But that was not necessary.

A big surprise awaited the elderly woman!

Few days after the orphan girl had been welcomed to the elderly woman's home, there was a gentle knock on the door.





"Who could that be," the elderly woman wondered.

When she opened the door, she could not contain her joy.

Akatope had come home.

But she was tired and sick.





Akatope's elderly mother sold everything she owned.

She used the money to treat Akatope.

Akatope grew up to be the most beautiful girl in the village.

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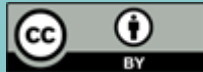
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