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Mufaro lived in an African village and long time ago.

Mufaro had two beautiful daughters, Manyara and Nyasha.

Manyara was a very mean girl and Nyasha was very sweet and kind.

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Manyara would say mean things to Nyasha.

Nyasha would take care of her garden and the animals in it.

Nyasha became friends with a snake in the garden and named him Nyoka.

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One day a messenger told Mufaro the King wanted to marry a woman.

Mufaro wanted one of his daughters to marry the King and become the Queen.

The King was looking for the most beautiful and worthy woman to become the Queen.
That night Manyara secretly left her village to go see the King.

She wanted to meet the King first.

She started her journey in the forest.

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On her journey, Manyara saw a boy who was very hungry.

He asked her to share her food.

Manyara yelled at the boy and did not share her food.

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Manyara saw an old woman on her journey.

The old woman tried to give Manyara advice.

Manyara yelled at the old woman and continued her journey to see the King.

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In the morning everyone in the village looked for Manyara.

Everyone went to the city to see the King and Manyara.

Nyasha went on the journey too.

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Nyasha followed the same path as Manyara to see the King.

Nyasha came across the hungry boy and the old woman as well.

Nyasha was kind to them.

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Nyasha arrived to the King's palace.

Manyara ran out of the palace crying and screaming.

Manyara said a three headed snake sat in the King's throne.
Nyasha went into the King’s palace.

On the King’s throne was Nyoka the snake.

Nyasha saw Nyoka change from a snake to the King.
“I am the King, but you know me as Nyoka,” the King said to Nyasha.

“I was also the hungry boy and old woman,” said the King.

“You have proven to be the most beautiful and worthy woman to become Queen.”

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The King asked Nyasha to marry him.

Nyasha married the King and became the Queen.

Manyara became a servant in the palace.

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