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★ JOSEPHINE BAKER ★

was a symbol of the Jazz Age in Paris, France. She danced her way into people's hearts and became a legend in her time.



Are all of these beautiful faces here to see me?

Well, I'm here to see you!

But before that, she was Freda Josephine McDonald. Born to a former dancer in 1906 in St. Louis, Missouri, young Josephine grew up dancing. And her biggest fan was her mom.



Join me, Mama. Let's dance all night!

Sweetie, I have to go to work if we want to pay rent...

OK, I'll dance enough for both of us!

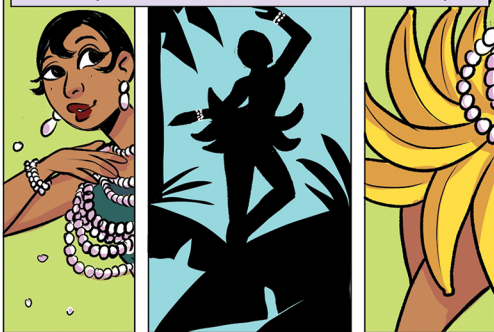


By the time she was eight, working alongside her mom, Josephine knew she wanted the whole world to see her dance and hear her sing!

Josephine's shows were filled with people of all colors! She quickly became one of the most popular and highly paid performers in France.



She was an original and a trendsetter. She could even make a banana skirt look good!



Josephine was the talk of the town.

