

1. EXT. VILLAGE - DAY

Best friends Sophie and Agatha walk around the village.

SOPHIE

Oh, I hate my stepmother!

AGATHA

Whoa, whoa. What?

SOPHIE

There's an opening at the factory, so she's making me quit school to bring in more money.

AGATHA

So I will quit too. Can she get me a job there with you?

SOPHIE

And then what? We just fade into this town like everyone else? No, Aggie. My mom said I'm supposed to do something important. Something that matters. So, I'm leaving tonight.

AGATHA

Wait, Sophie... you've never even set foot outside Gavaldon. You don't even know what's out there. None of us really do.

SOPHIE

That's the point. You know nothing can ever happen for me as long as I'm stuck here. I can't settle for an ordinary life. I won't.

pause

AGATHA

Hey, look. (she pulls out the twig crown) Remember?

SOPHIE

Oh!

AGATHA

Yeah, I found it in my attic last week.

SOPHIE

Aw, Agatha.

AGATHA

See? You already did do something that matters. The day you became my friend.

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beat

AGATHA (CONT'D)

Please, I can't handle this place without you. I'll talk to your mom and dad, and I'll tell them how unfair this is. I'll call you Queen Sophie of Gavaldon. I will even let you give me a makeover. Just please don't go.

SOPHIE

Okay.

AGATHA

You promise?

SOPHIE

I promise.

AGATHA

Oh, thank you!