

SKIP

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FADE IN:

EXT. RESIDENCE - DRIVEWAY - MORNING

A car sits in the driveway, motor running. JANE, 27, sits behind the wheel.

ANNA, late 50s, stands by the car and watches her granddaughter SOPHIE, 5, adorably precocious, skip rope in the front yard.

JANE

Sorry for the last minute drop off, mom. Work is a pain at the moment.

ANNA

Was gonna visit mom this morning. She's not doing so well, you know.

JANE

So take her with you. God knows that place could use a little bit of joy.

(as she pulls away)

Bye, Sophie! See you soon!

Sophie hardly notices as Jane speeds away. Continues with her jumping. As she does, she sings:

SOPHIE

Cinderella dressed in yella,  
Went downstairs to kiss a fella...

ANNA

Wait a sec, I know this...

SOPHIE

Made a mistake and kissed a snake.  
How many doctors did it take  
One, two, three, four, five...

ANNA

Where did you learn that song?

SOPHIE

My mom taught me.

ANNA

Like I taught her. And like my mom taught me. Speaking of which...

INT./EXT. AUTOMOBILE - MORNING (MOVING)

Anna drives along a quiet roadway. Sophie secure in the back.

SOPHIE

Where are we going, gram?

ANNA

To my mom, love. Your great-gram.

Anna pulls into a parking lot of a retirement center.

EXT. RETIREMENT HOME - COURTYARD - MORNING

Sophie follows Anna as she pushes a wheelchair holding a frail GLORIA, 80s, a silver-haired former beauty. They pull over into the shade of a tree.

ANNA

There you go, mom. Is this okay?

(after no response)

Would you like something to drink?

Gloria just stares into the distance, watching Sophie do cartwheels in the grass.

ANNA (CONT'D)

She's a handful, that Sophie. Just like her mom at her age. Always was your favorite, that Jane. She been by lately?

Gloria can only blink. Waves weakly to Sophie, who runs up.

SOPHIE

(to Anna)

What's wrong with her?

ANNA

Nothing, sweetie. She just can't remember things like she used to. Listen, why don't you show your great-gram how you can jump rope?

Sophie does as she's told. Begins her sing-song verse.

SOPHIE

(while jumping)

Cinderella dressed in yellow  
Went downstairs to kiss her fellow.  
Made a mistake and kissed a snake  
How many doctors did it take?

Gloria smiles. A hint of recognition in her face. As Sophie jumps, Gloria joins in the song.

GLORIA  
(weakly)  
Cinderella dressed in yellow,  
Went downstairs to kiss a fellow...

Anna's amazed. Sophie laughs. She and Gloria continue on.

GLORIA/SOPHIE  
Made a mistake and kissed a snake  
How many doctors did it take?  
One, two, three, four, five...

Anna wipes a tear away, embarrassed.

ANNA  
Mom. You remembered something.  
(beat)  
Do... do you remember me? My name?

Gloria stares at Anna. Nothing.

ANNA (CONT'D)  
No, of course you don't.

They sit silently as Sophie is off on another adventure.

EXT. RETIREMENT HOME - COURTYARD - LATER

A NURSE stands behind Gloria, ready to wheel her away. Anna bends over, gives her a hug.

ANNA  
I'll see you tomorrow, mom.

Anna and Sophia walk toward the exit. Sophie turns to look back. Gloria waves at her. A sweet moment.

SOPHIE  
Wait!

Sophie pulls away from Anna and runs to Gloria. Gives her a big hug. Stands with her a moment.

As Sophie comes running back, Anna smiles brightly through her tears, as she sees the jump rope resting in Gloria's lap.

FADE OUT.