

EXT. BOAT - DAY

A small boat with Ayko and Usagi sitting next to each other is moving over the windless sea. In a short distance five other boats with guards in them follow. They reach the shore.

EXT. BEACH - DAY

Usagi and Ayko find themselves on a long white beach. They leave the boats and walk down the yellow sand.

AYKO

You haven't told me yet why we are here!

Usagi just smiles. They reach a place on the beach and Ayko looks down as Usagi bends down slowly, takes a starfish and throws it back into the sea.

She looks down: The whole beach is covered with hundreds upon hundreds of starfishes.

Painfully, slowly Usagi bows down and grabs another one, throws it into the sea. Then he stands up straight and looks over to Ayko.

USAGI

Come girl, help an old man.

Ayko gets it and comes over. She grabs starfishes and throws them back into the water. They keep doing so for a moment until Usagi continues:

USAGI (CONT'D)

Have you talked to your father?

AYKO

Yes. He said I should study with you to become a wiser queen - so basically he forbid me to go!

She throws a starfish.

USAGI

He said it makes you wiser?

He chuckles.

USAGI (CONT'D)

A wise man, the king!

AYKO
(bringing it back on
topic)
I thought first about the people
who are in need right now but then
I can also make more of an impact
later if I study now. I think it
makes sense.

USAGI
Very grown up thoughts of yours
there!

Ayko takes it as a compliment.

AYKO
Why are we throwing those
starfishes back into the sea?

USAGI
Every morning there are hundreds of
new starfishes on those shores.
Sometimes I come here to help them
back into the sea before they die.

AYKO
If there are hundreds of them every
day then it doesn't matter that we
through them back in -

Usagi smiles at her. He holds up a starfish.

USAGI
See this?

Ayko nods. He throws it out into the sea.

USAGI (CONT'D)
It mattered to this one.

Ayko thinks about it.

USAGI (CONT'D)
As far as I know, you can only
learn to act right by acting right
every now and then.

Aykos face lights up. She knows: He just gave her permission
to break her fathers ban. She will be visiting the harbor
city!