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But she didn't. Instead, Kirsti pointed at her line.
"I'm going to visit my Uncle Henrik," she chirped.
"and I'm wearing my brand-new shiny black shoes!"
The soldier chuckled and moved on.

Annemarie gazed through the window again. The
trees, the Baltic Sea, and the cloudy October sky
passed in a blur as they continued north along the
coast.

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from the train. "I wish we could have stopped to visit
the castle. Kings live there. And queens."

Annemarie sighed in exasperation with her little
sister. "They do not," she said. "They did in the old
days. But there aren't any kings there now. Denmark
only has one king, anyway. And he lives in Copen-
hagen."

But Kirsti had pranced away, skipping along the
sidewalk. "Kings and queens," she sang happily.

Mama shrugged and smiled. "Let her dream,
Annemarie. I did the same when I was her age."

She turned, leading the way along a tiny, twisting
street, heading toward the outskirts of the village.
Things have hardly changed here since I was a
girl," she said. "My Aunt Gitte lived there, in that
house" — she pointed — "and she's been dead for
years. But the house is the same. She always had
wonderful flowers in her garden." She peered over
the low stone wall and looked at the few flowering
bushes as they passed the house. "Maybe they still
do, but it's the wrong time of year — there are just
those few chrysanthemums left.

"And see, over there?" She pointed again. "My
best friend — her name was Helena — lived in that
house. Sometimes I used to spend the night
with her. But more often she came to my house
weekends. It was more fun to be in the country

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