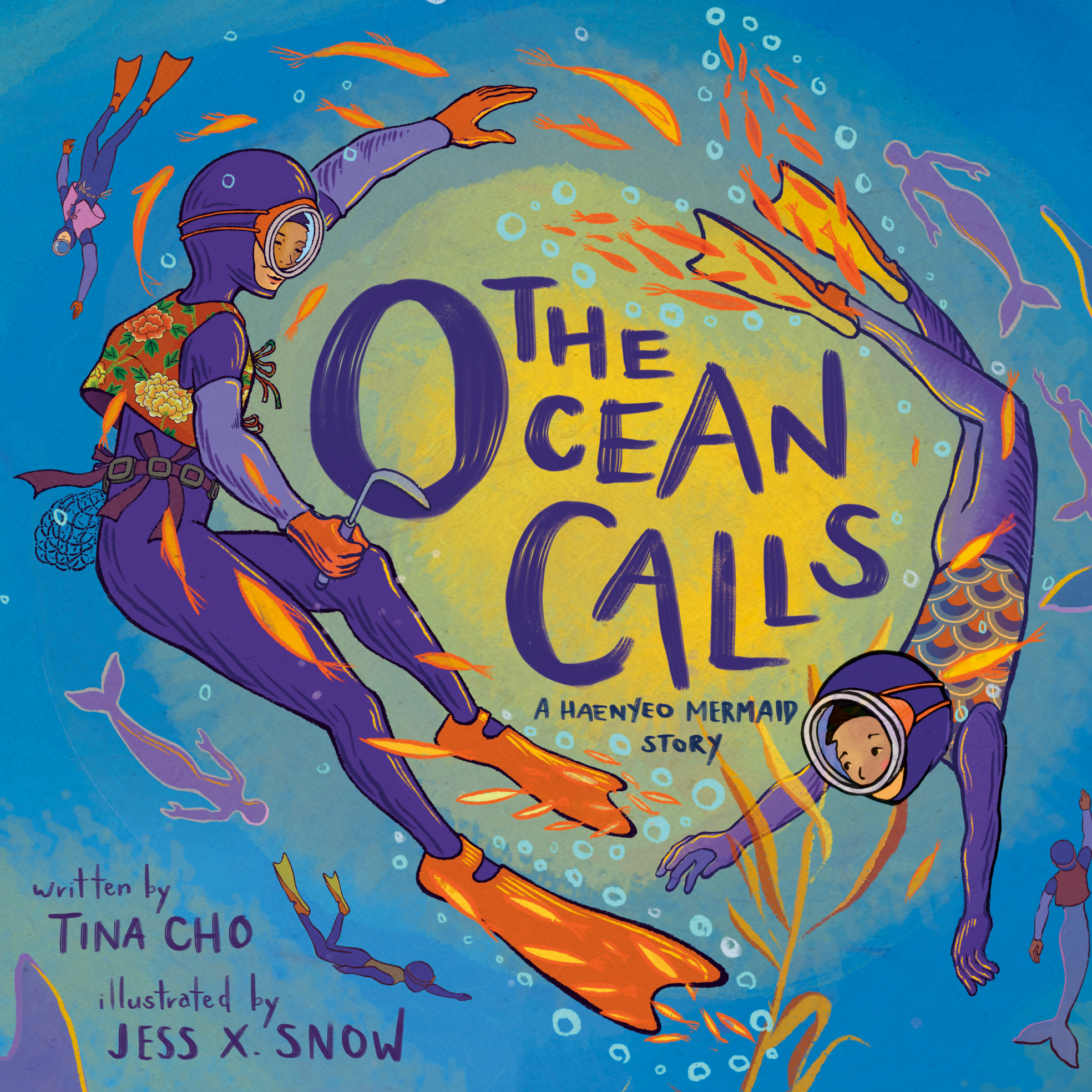




THE OCEAN CALLS

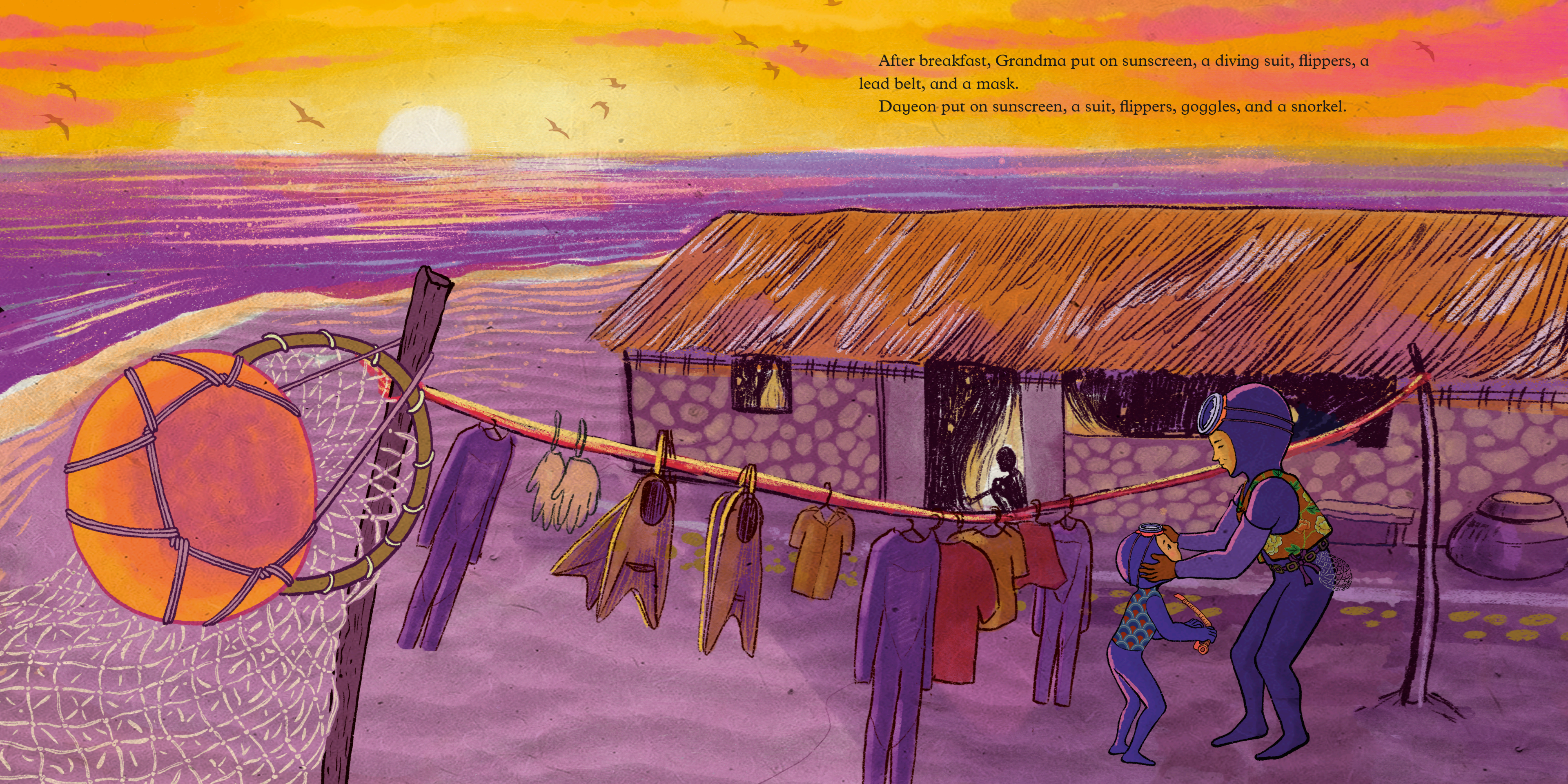
A HAENYEO MERMAID
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After breakfast, Grandma put on sunscreen, a diving suit, flippers, a lead belt, and a mask.

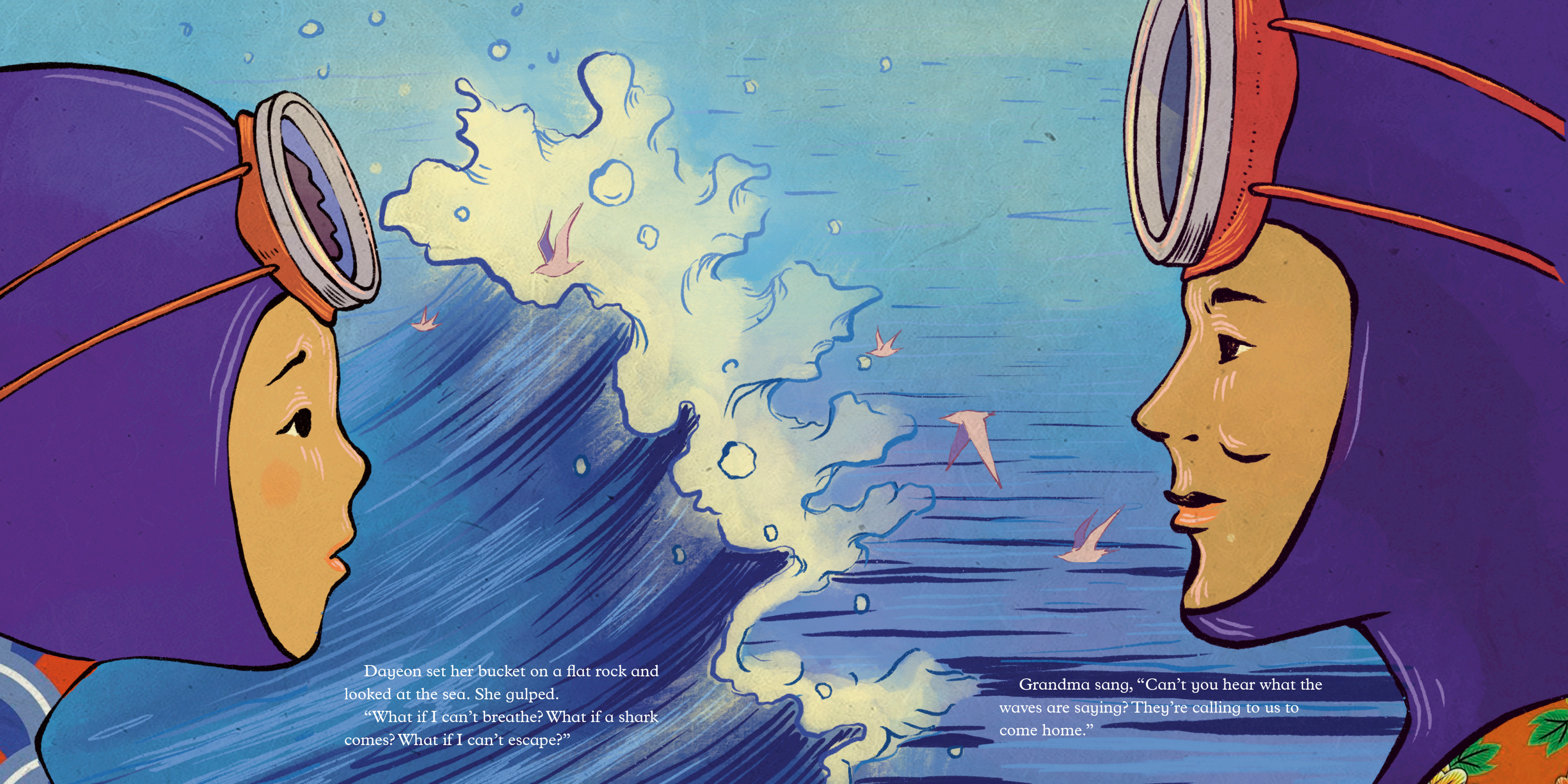
Dayeon put on sunscreen, a suit, flippers, goggles, and a snorkel.



Grandma carried her tools to pluck treasures from the sea.
Dayeon carried hers to pluck treasures from the shore.
Together, they sang a haenyeo song.

*"I eat wind instead of rice . . .
take the waves as my home."*





Dayeon set her bucket on a flat rock and looked at the sea. She gulped.

“What if I can’t breathe? What if a shark comes? What if I can’t escape?”

Grandma sang, “Can’t you hear what the waves are saying? They’re calling to us to come home.”



Dayeon swam right back up.