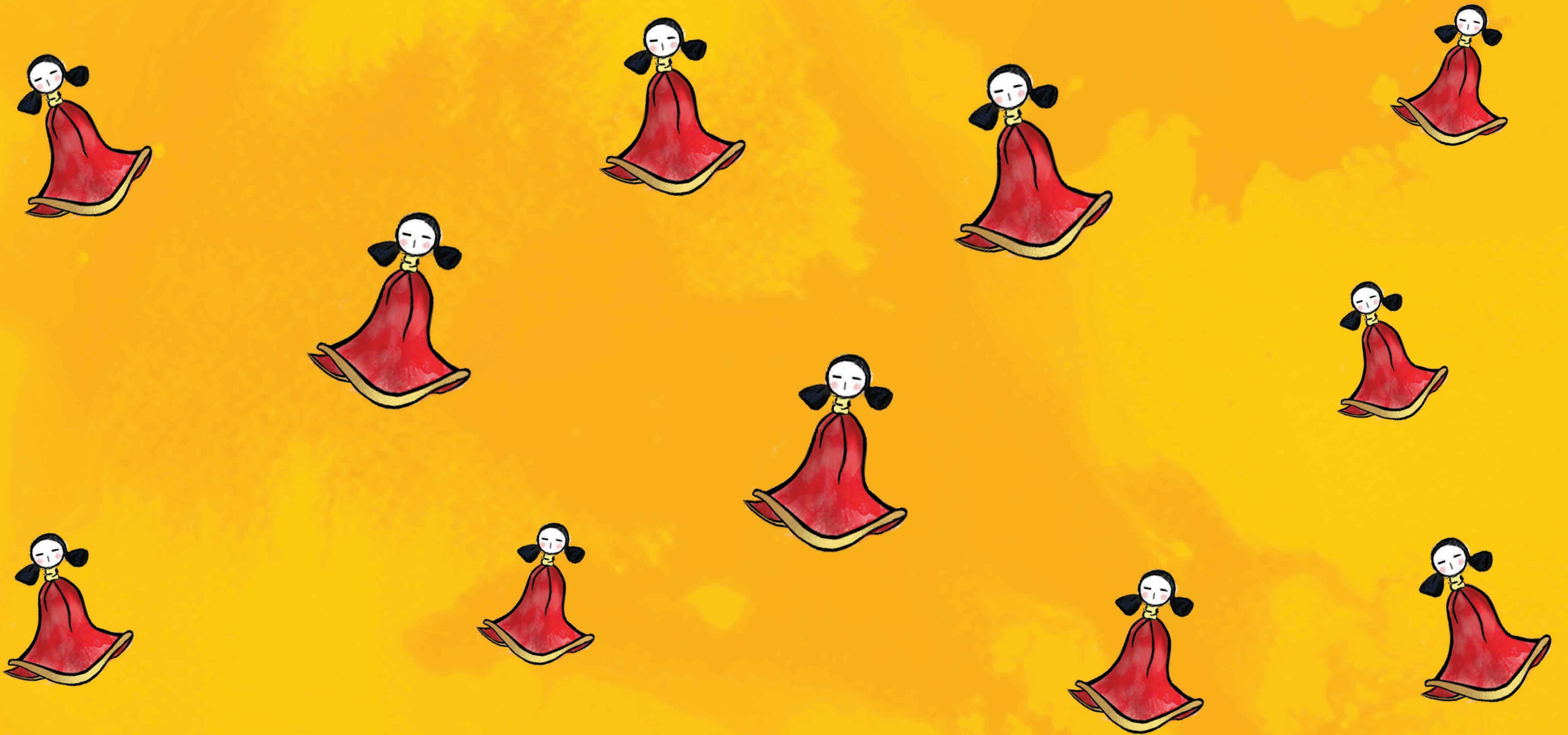


# Tsunamika

Ocean, my Home





The Ocean is home to many, including little Tsunamika.  
People often forget that the mighty Ocean is part of us  
and our ecology.

When the Tsunami hit the coast of Tamil Nadu in 2004, little  
Tsunamika helped the humans restore their livelihood. On a  
visit back to the Ocean, she realized that the marine life is  
under threat due to human intervention.

Just like she helped humans during the devastating Tsunami,  
she now chooses to become the voice of Ocean and Ecology.

This will be the next step in Tsunamika's journey.

Little Tsunamika has something BIG to say.

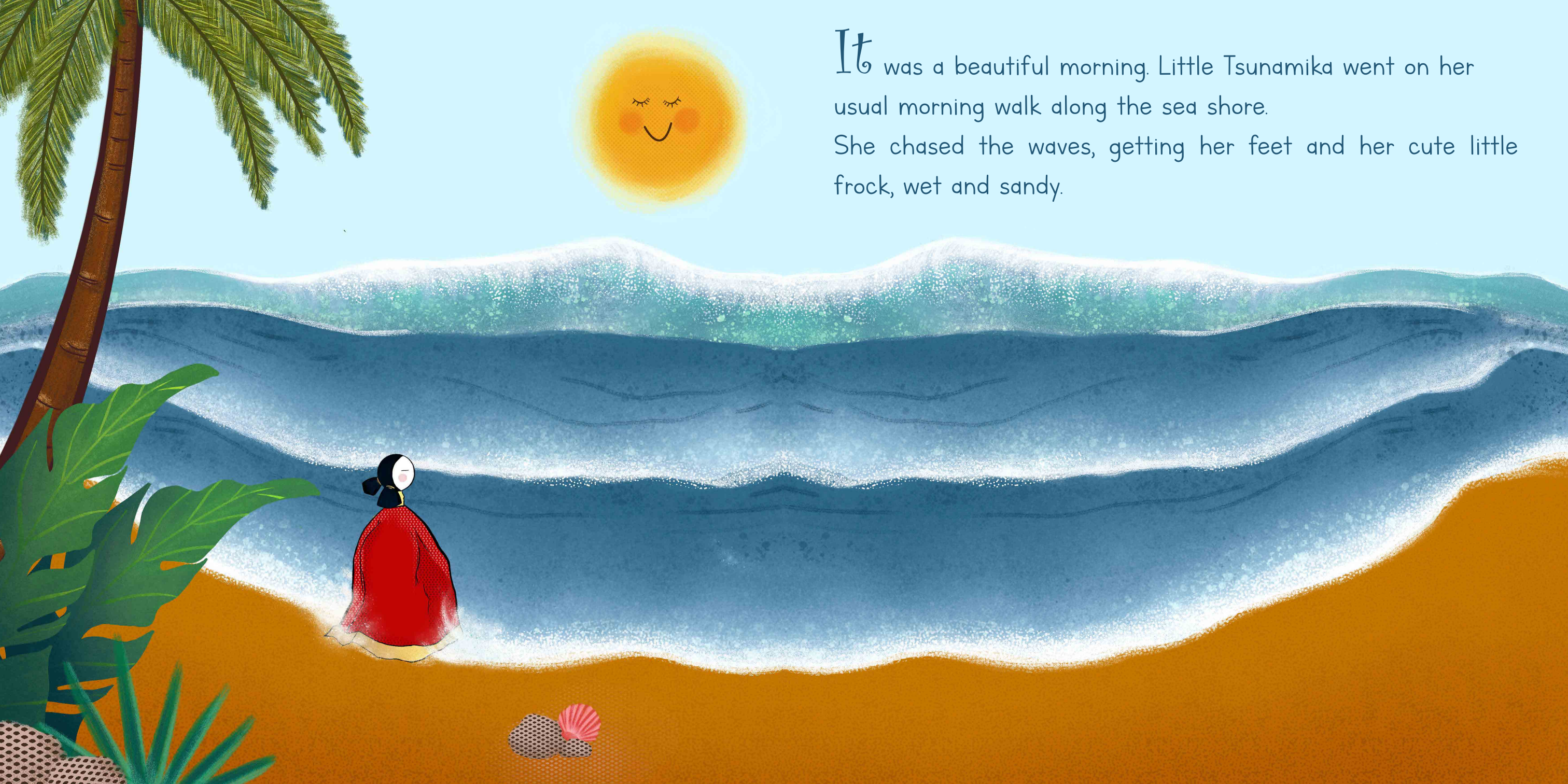
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from \_\_\_\_\_.



It was a beautiful morning. Little Tsunamika went on her usual morning walk along the sea shore. She chased the waves, getting her feet and her cute little frock, wet and sandy.



Some distance away, a little fish was having fun, popping up and diving back into the cool blue sea. The fish saw Tsunamika and waved a friendly fin and cheerfully said,

‘Hey little girl, would you like to join me for a swim?’

‘Yes! Let’s go swimming!’

Tsunamika joined the little fish and they happily glided along.

‘My name is Tsunamika. What’s yours?’

‘My name is Mimi’, replied Mimi, the talking fish. Tsunamika and Mimi dove into the depths like two little jet planes doing all kinds of underwater acrobatics.





'Would you like to come to my house?'

Mimi asked Tsunamika as they passed by the underwater fish city where Mimi lived.

Tsunamika saw that the city was filled with a lot of trash. She was saddened to see that the beauty of the ocean city was lost, corals were dead and the fish were scarce. All kinds of plastics, from old computer parts, broken toys, plastic bags, all scattered around, destroying the health of the great ocean.

'Is this because of the climate change that my friends were talking about?'

Mimi introduced her family to Tsunamika.

They all welcomed her joyfully. But Tsunamika was too sad seeing the black pollution that was destroying the life of her fish friends.

'Cheer up, little girl,'

'You have the power to save our city', said Mimi's mother.

'I'm so small. How can I have such powers?', Tsunamika asked surprised.

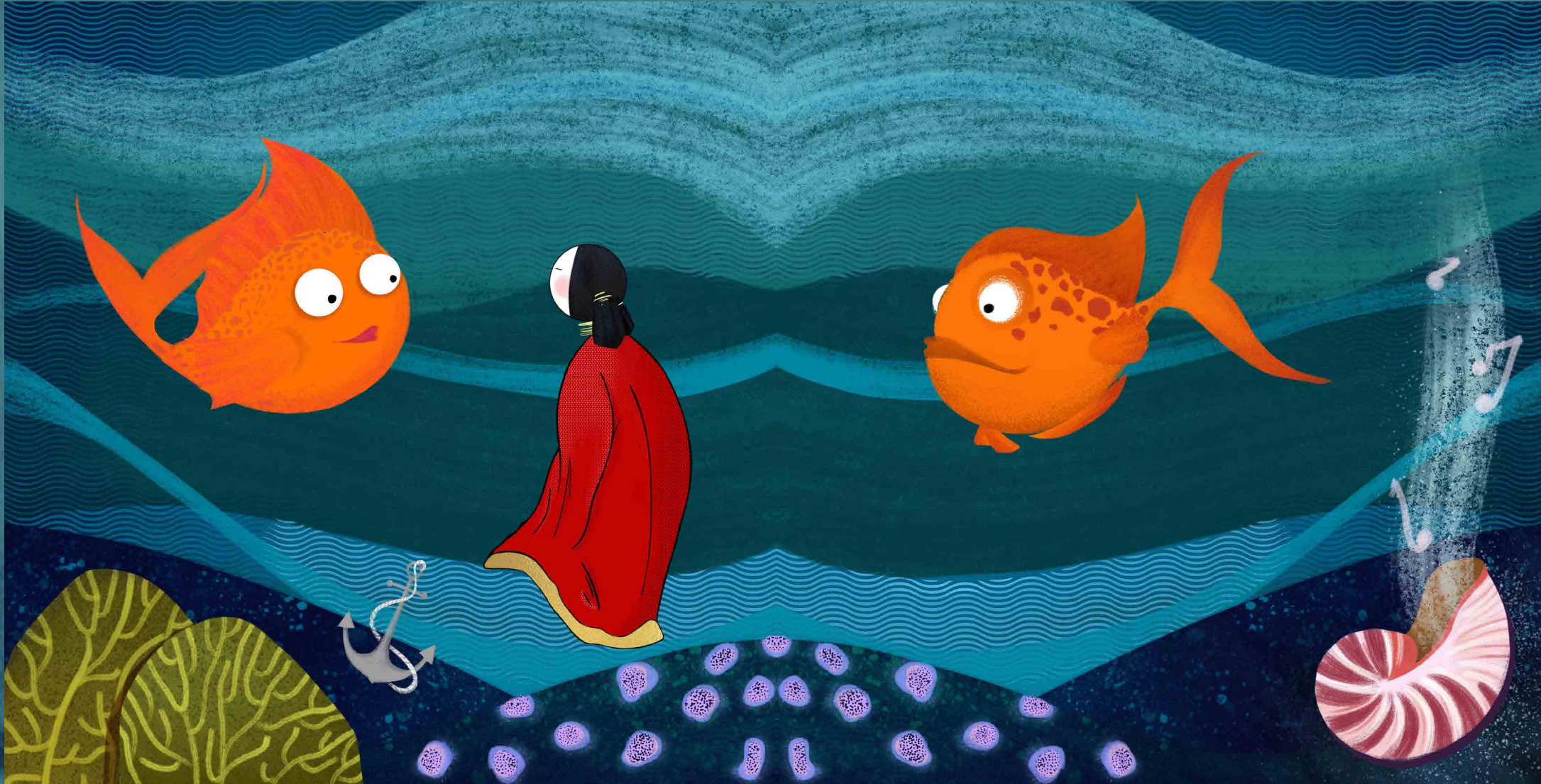


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'No problem is too big for those who care,' said Mimi's mother.

'When you go back to the land, request your friends to reduce the use of plastic. Recycle and up-cycle plastic as much as you can.'





'If we do the little things right, great things will happen, isn't that right mother?', quipped little Mimi.



Tsunamika smiles and recognizes her responsibility. She bids them good-bye and started to head back home. As she went, she was determined to do something to save the ocean and her fish friends.



That evening, Tsunamika invited her friends to her house and told them all that she saw in the ocean.

‘It was everywhere,’ she squealed.

‘In the corals, in the sea bed, floating in the ocean. Plastic was stuck even in the fins of the fish.’

‘The ocean city is asking for help, we must help,’ said Tsunamika,

‘But Tsunamika, we are so little. How can we help the Mighty Ocean?’ asked Nanda.

‘No problem is too big for those who care,’ she reminded them.

‘Yes! We love our ocean and we will take action!’ said the little children.

‘Friends, this garbage belongs to us and is our responsibility,’ replied Tsunamika.

*The* little group made the following promises to themselves that day.

- I will reduce the use of plastic for me and my house.
- I will carry a bag every time I go to the shop.
- I will help separate wet and dry garbage at home.
- I will find solutions to protect my beautiful Ocean.
- I will reduce, re-use, recycle and refuse.

They then sat around the fire, singing songs for the ocean under the starry night sky.

All the people of the village became the Ocean's friends. They found interesting ways to reuse and up-cycle plastic. With their little efforts they showed their love for the Ocean.

Tsunamika became the voice of the Ocean.



We Live because  
the Ocean Lives !





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