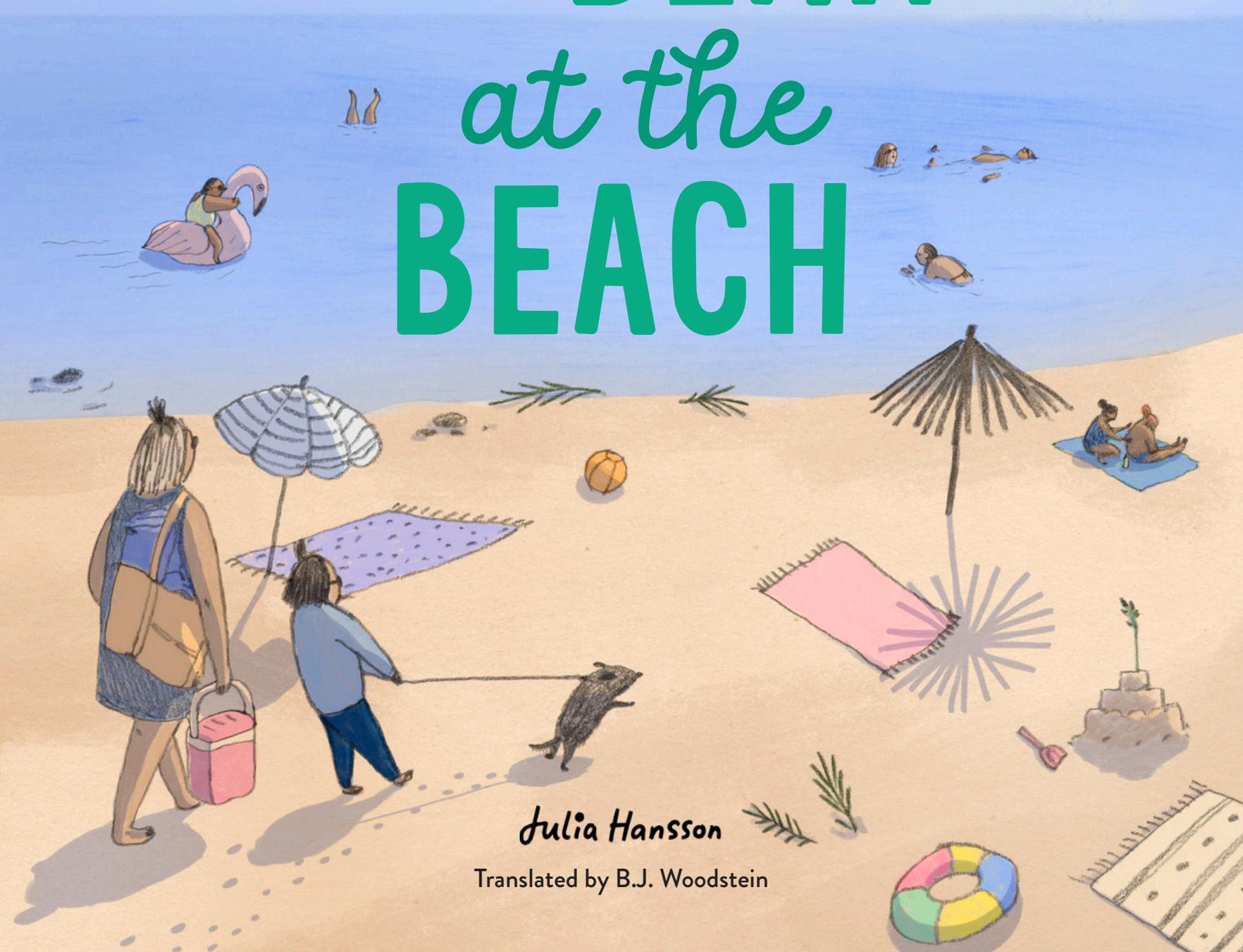




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- Celebrates independence, trying new things and bravery, even if that takes some time.
- Billie is given the space to try something new on her own time, with encouragement and support from her family.
- Billie demonstrates resilience and a growth mindset to a setback and tries something again even though the first time doesn't go well.
- Bright illustrations play with light and shadow to capture the textures and details of the beach.

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Billie, Mom and Bean are spending the day at the beach.



Billie doesn't want to be here. The other children are shouting and splashing. But Billie wants to rest quietly in the shade.

Bean loves the beach! She runs around and around  
and around, rolling in the sand, chewing on  
seaweed and scratching herself on the rocks.





Now Bean is really dirty and really tired.  
Mom thinks Billie should go for a swim too.



The water is cold.

But Bean had been brave.



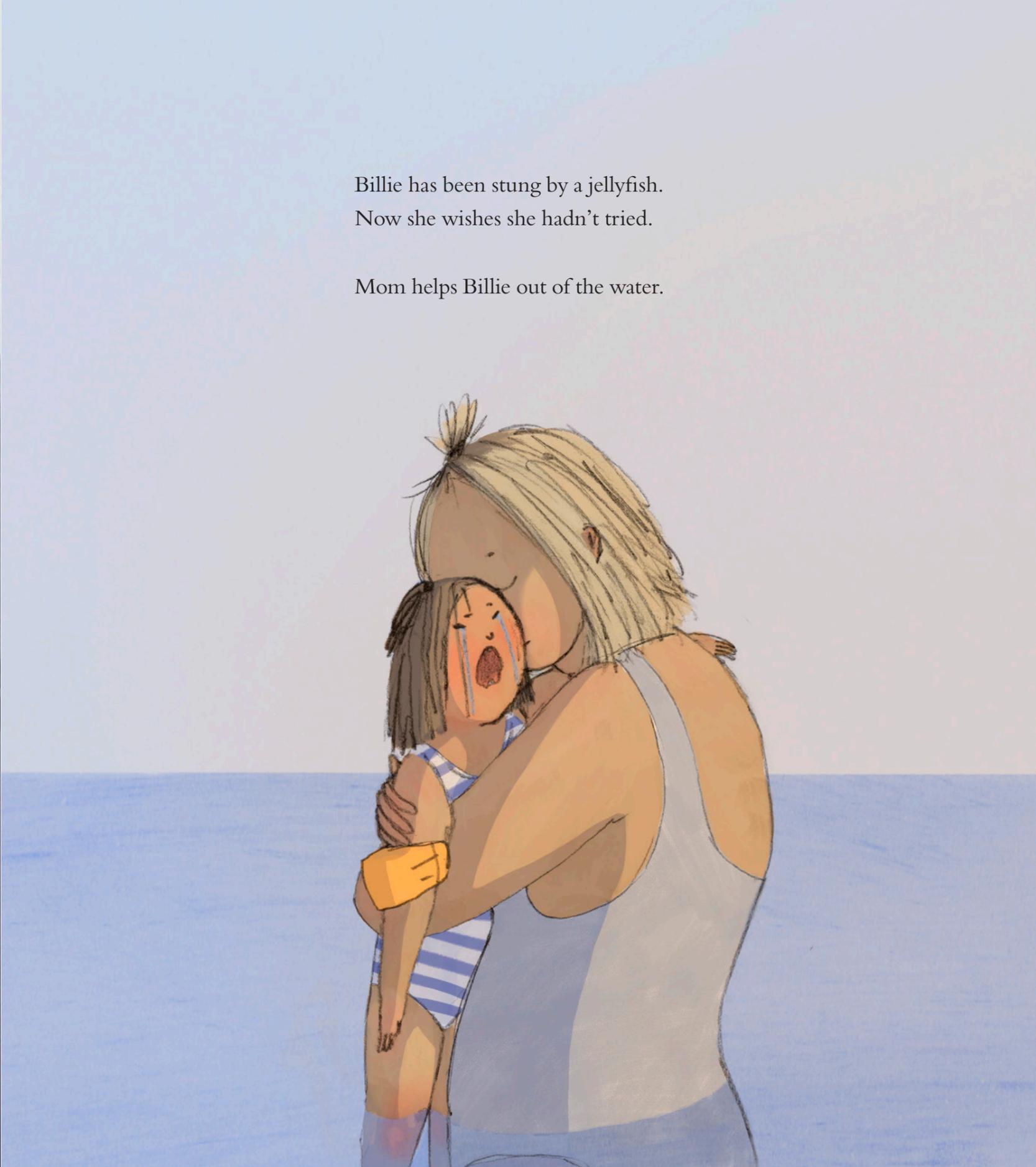
SUDDENLY  
SOMETHING  
REALLY  
HURTS!!





Billie has been stung by a jellyfish.  
Now she wishes she hadn't tried.

Mom helps Billie out of the water.



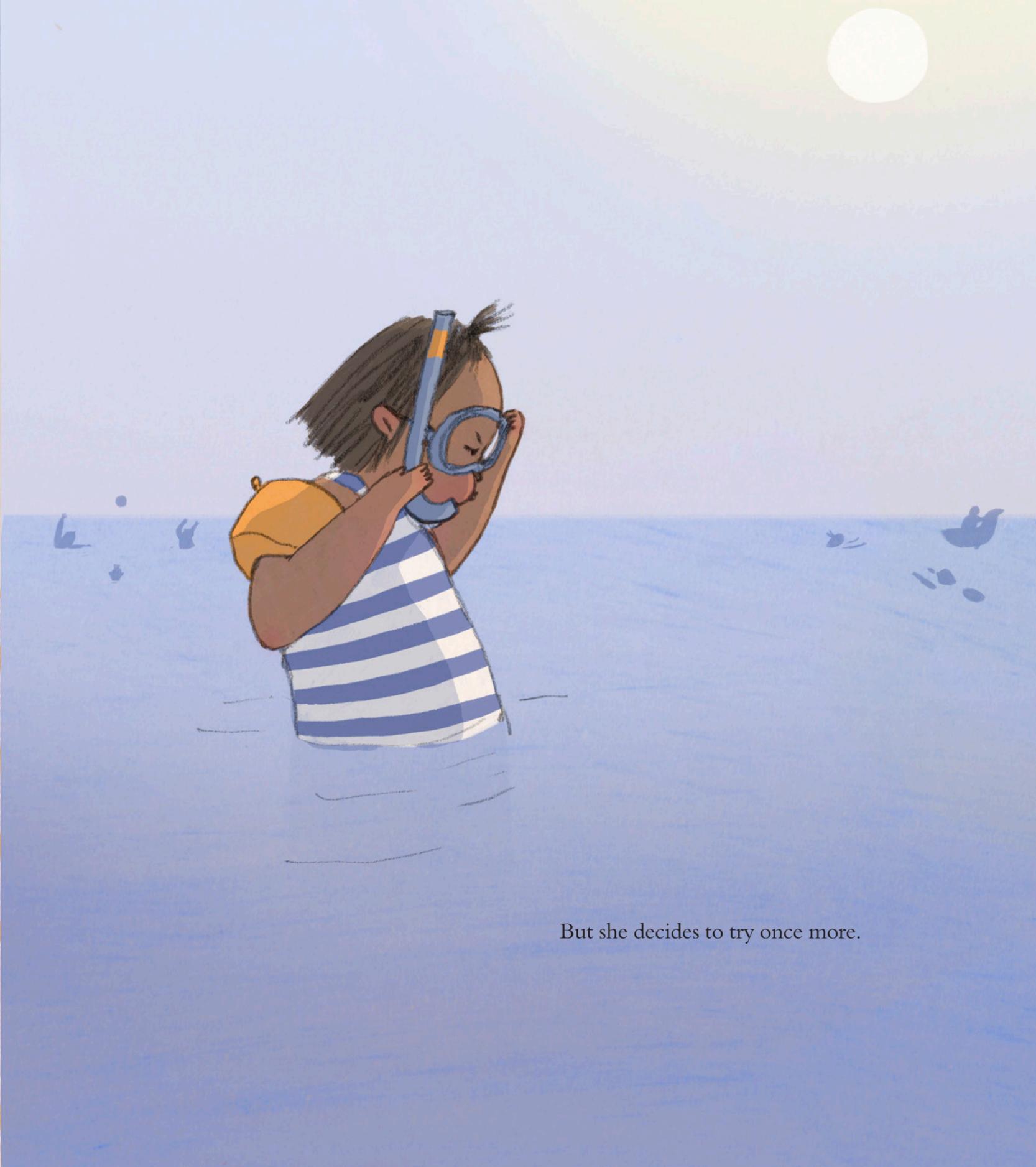


Billie gets band-aids for the red marks, even though they aren't bleeding.

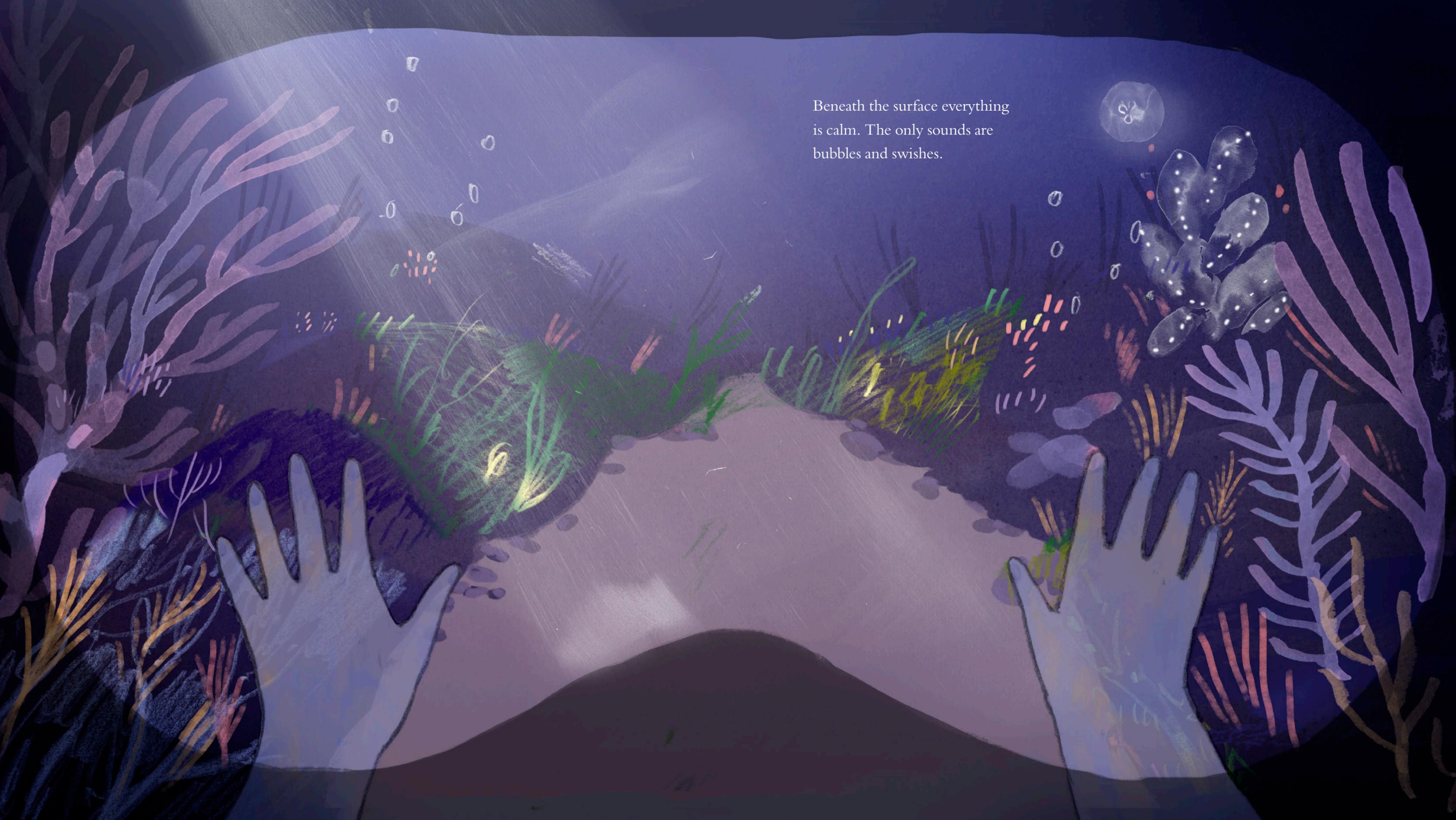




Bean has found a snorkel mask for Billie.  
Mom thinks it could be more fun to swim  
with that on. Billie thinks about the jellyfish.



But she decides to try once more.



Beneath the surface everything  
is calm. The only sounds are  
bubbles and swishes.

Billie finds an underwater garden full of shells and stones and all sorts of creatures— little fish, prawns and crabs.



Down at the bottom, something glitters.



Bean thinks Billie was gone a very long time.



It's already time to go home.





Her leg still hurts a little, but Billie doesn't mind anymore. She is holding a secret in her hand.



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# A world of quiet wonder waits beneath the surface.

Billie prefers playing quietly, but the beach is a noisy place. Her energetic dog, Bean, is happy to explore the sand and water. When Billie does try going for a swim, she is stung by a jellyfish and heads back to shore. Then Bean convinces Billie to get back in the water where she soon discovers a whole world of quiet solitude and spectacular color beneath the surface.

Celebrating the supportive relationship between a child and her dog, this story shows how we can all be brave and achieve things in our own time.



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