An illustration of a coastal scene. In the top left, there is a small wooden house with a red roof and a wooden deck. In the center, a woman in a red dress and a child in a red hat are walking on a sandy beach. In the bottom left, a small wooden boat with a red canopy is on the water. The background is a bright yellow sky and a green sea with white waves. Several large, dark grey rocks are scattered across the beach and in the water.

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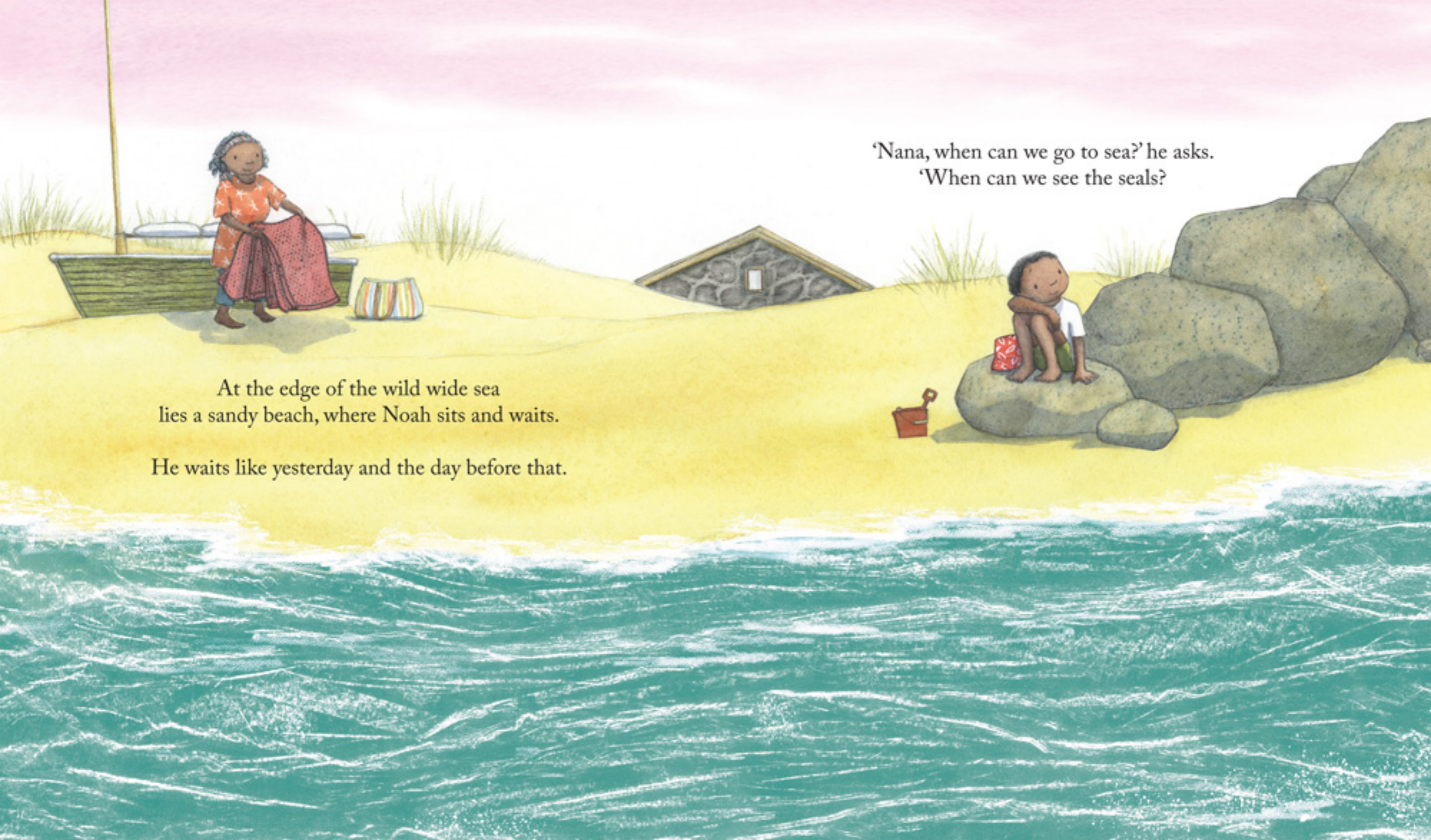
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'Nana, when can we go to sea?' he asks.
'When can we see the seals?'

At the edge of the wild wide sea
lies a sandy beach, where Noah sits and waits.

He waits like yesterday and the day before that.

'One day soon,' says Nana, as always,
'I still need to fix the boat,
before we set sail.

Why don't you play in the sand
again while you wait?'

Noah looks out to sea again,
hoping to see a seal,
but Nana says they don't like
to come ashore here.

