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Abandoned by the world around her, Carly believes she is fated to a life of torment at the hands of her stepfather and is desperate for an escape. When she can bear the abuse no longer and gives in to a thunderous rage, she suddenly finds herself in an unfamiliar, yet beautiful storm world.

This limbo between dimensions appears to be her private sanctuary, but it may just be her purgatory.

No one escapes fate without sacrifice, but is the price more than Carly is willing to pay?



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I can't remember the last time I was this angry, if ever. My ears ring with the sound of my rushing blood. I feel my pulse in my fists as my fingers dig into my palms. I stare at the rain and forget to blink. The current in my ears grows louder.

I think I am daring him right now. I think I am daring God.

My body slightly rocks to my heartbeat. The lightning catches a snapshot, and the rain freezes in place. I have no escape. The ninth step creaks. I close my eyes.

There is a very loud CLICK in my head. So loud I jump. I spin toward the door, wondering how I missed the moan of the landing and his approach toward my room. I have to blink. Then I do it again.

I am not in my room.

I am in the storm.

About the Author



There's a phrase in the South, "telling stories," which means telling lies. Growing up, Karen Metcalf told a lot of stories, which wasn't always a good thing. She was raised on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where she spent most of her time reading science fiction and horror. She continues to explore those worlds through her writing today. Karen is 24 years old and lives in Tucson, Arizona.

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