

Minor Edits ***Born to Storms***

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The following minor changes will be made before the next publication:

Additional first scene:

The Beach

“Turn my good cameras out,” said JanetA. “That cloud bank is worth a picture for my monthlies.”

Sarah lifted her smartphone from the holder in her special collar on her left shoulder. She turned it around so that the two best cameras would face out.

“The surf’s up too, very angry,” said Sarah. “I certainly would not like to be out in it today.”

Sarah was walking barefoot and carrying her shoes along the line the waves made at their highest point up the beach. Occasionally she would have to scurry when a big wave tried to push the water up and over her feet. This line was clearly much higher up the beach than it had been on any of her daily walks that year. The normal gentle rhythm of the waves was also lost.

The beach was nearly deserted, not unlike that terrible pandemic time that she had spent isolated in their small apartment the year before. She would have been happy to meet more people now but the weather was just too threatening today.

Their smartphone rang.

“Please get that,” said Sarah. “It is bound to be Dad.”

“Hello,” said Keith. “Where are you?”

“On the beach,” replied JanetA, “not far now, I can see our high-rise clearly.”

“Best come home immediately,” said Keith. “Don’t dally.”

“Be there in ten,” yelled Sarah.

The wind was coming up now, making it hard to hear or to be heard. That did not matter; she knew what her father’s order would be before the phone even rang.

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Check the following minor edits, some have been corrected:

Is: turtle just; should be: turtle just

Is: a game show preenter; should be: a game show presenter

Is: centerstage; should be: center stage

Is: and their Ais, please; should be: and their AIs, please

Is: the old Ais' brains; Should be: the old AIs' brains

Is: Earthbound; Should be: earthbound

From Amazon edit:

{ER2] Make sure you tell how old she is.

[ER4] Do you mean venerable or vulnerable?

[ER5] spell out numbers in dialogue

[ER6] "Booster shots" or "refreshers"

[ER7] complement

[ER8] Should the be "Hatch" rather than "Hath"

[ER10] Should this be "berth" instead of "birth"

[ER11] Is the correct "Bread and Breakfast" should be "Bed and Breakfast"

[ER12] Should this be "pen" instead of "pin"

[ER13] "weights" it or "weighs" it