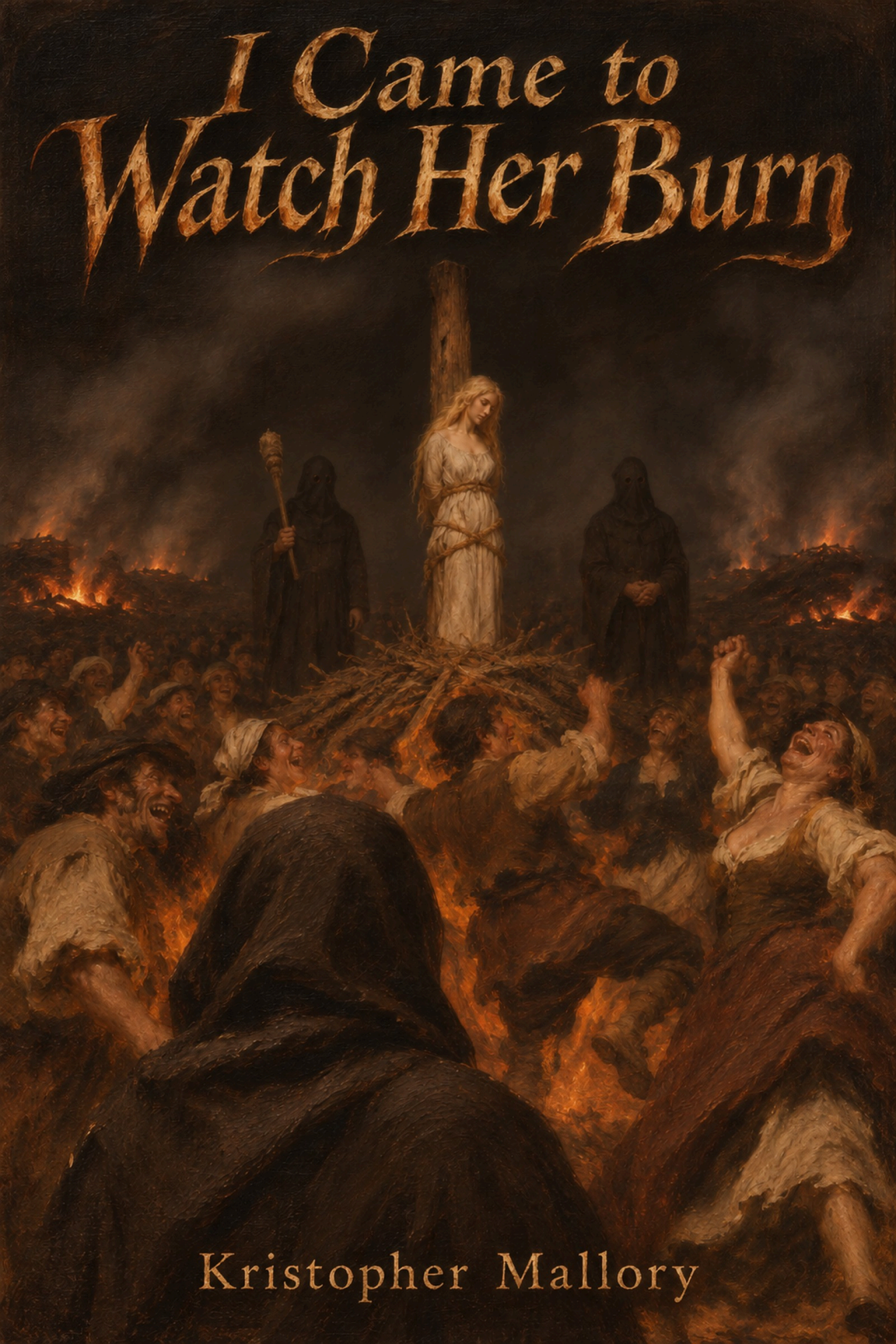
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I Came to Watch Her Burn

“By the pricking of my thumbs,
Something wicked this way comes.”

~ William Shakespeare, Macbeth

“Burn the witch!” the mob chanted, cheering as the men in black hoods bound the condemned flaxen-haired girl to a stake surrounded by kindling. And many smiled, dancing around the remains of several smoldering pyres while the charred, innocent corpses silently grinned back. They all danced and smiled or cheered and chanted. Though not I…

I came to watch her burn.

The mob laughed, jesting that they might one day ensnare a real witch as the men in black hoods prepared the execution. And many gossiped, whispering the witch’s mother hid somewhere in the crowd while the flaxen-haired girl cried my name. They all whispered and gossiped or jested and laughed. Though not I…

I came to watch her burn.

The mob rushed forward, fighting for a better view as the men in black hoods lit the kindling. And many prayed, invoking the name of God when the flaxen-haired girl screamed and screamed and screamed. They all invoked the name of God and prayed or fought and rushed. Though not I…

I came to watch her burn.

The mob celebrated, raising their fists as the men in black hoods fanned the fire. And many gasped in confusion, shaking their heads while the flaxen-haired girl continued to shriek from the vengeful, devouring flames. They all shook their heads and gasped in confusion or raised their fists and celebrated. Though not I…

I came to watch her burn.

The mob fled, wailing as the men in black hoods stepped back to reveal flesh melting from bone. And many fell to their knees, begging the flaxen-haired girl for an end while eyeballs popped and sizzled. They all begged and fell to their knees or wailed and fled. Though not I…

I came to watch her burn.

The mob roared, denying their part as the wrath the men in black hoods wrought had come to pass. And many grew silent, welcoming death when it finally came. They all welcomed death and grew silent or denied their part and roared in disbelief. Though not I…

Not I…

I came to watch her burn them all to ash.

THE END.



About the Author



Born near Baltimore, Maryland, Kris has been writing short fiction since he was a kid. First sharing his ramblings on Stealth Fiction and then on Reddit, where most of his stories were posted to r/nosleep. His stories have been featured on The NoSleep Podcast, Chilling Tales for Dark Nights, Tales to Terrify, and Horror on the Rocks. The recording of The Scarecrow Corpse, read by Markiplier, has been heard hundreds of thousands of times. He lives in Melbourne, Australia, with his wife. And occasionally, he turns into a strawberry.

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LET ME TELL YOU HOW I LOST MY EYES

A Short Story Collection by Sammy Fowler

Coming one day. Maybe. Probably not.

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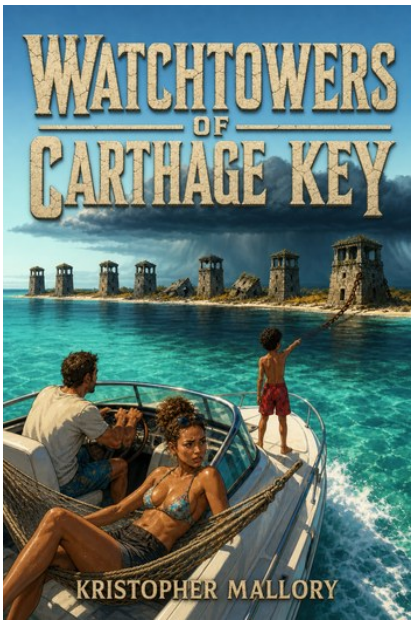
Some stories are better heard in the dark.

I Came to Watch Her Burn has a complete audio narration, read by Verity X, a digital voice. It runs 3 minutes and it's free: play it online, or download it as an MP3 or an audiobook with chapters.

It was first read aloud on The NoSleep Podcast in 2017. That reading is on the same page.

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WATCHTOWERS OF CARTHAGE KEY

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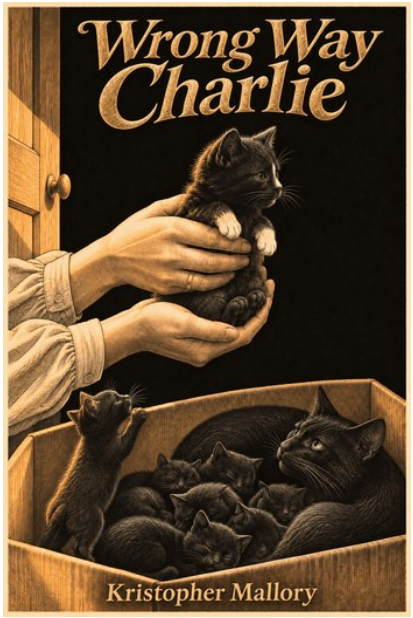
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Marc takes his girlfriend and her son out to an unnamed key far off the Florida coast, where six ruined watchtowers stand guard and nothing swims in the water.

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Praise for Watchtowers of Carthage Key:

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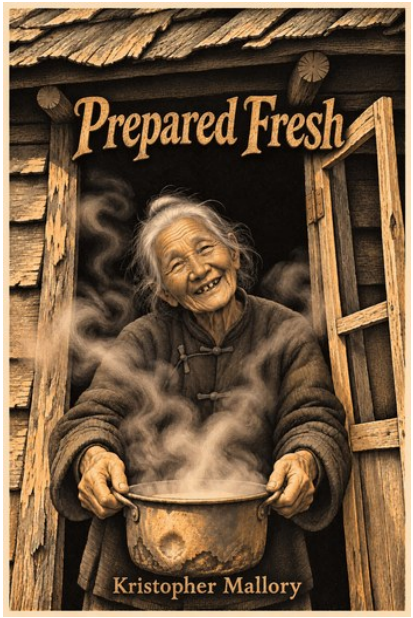
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Sammy Fowler remembers his first best friend, a kitten called Wrong Way Charlie who could never find his way back to the box, and the hallway where it ended.

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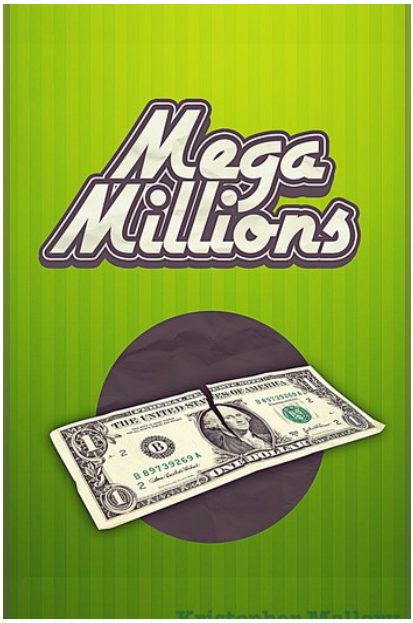
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A cameraman and his comedian host land in rural China chasing fresh food for a pilot, and the only kid who speaks English begs them not to eat it.

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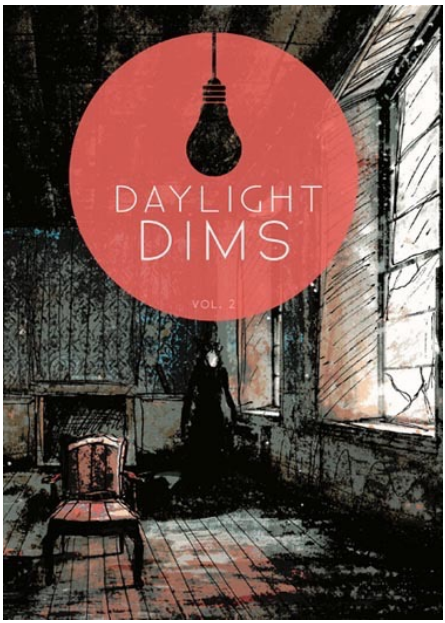
Joshua Harris is just the average blue collar guy, until one night he decides to buy a lotto ticket with his usual pack of beer. Josh thinks he may have won but life spirals into hilarity when he realizes that he can't find the ticket.

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Praise for Mega Millions:

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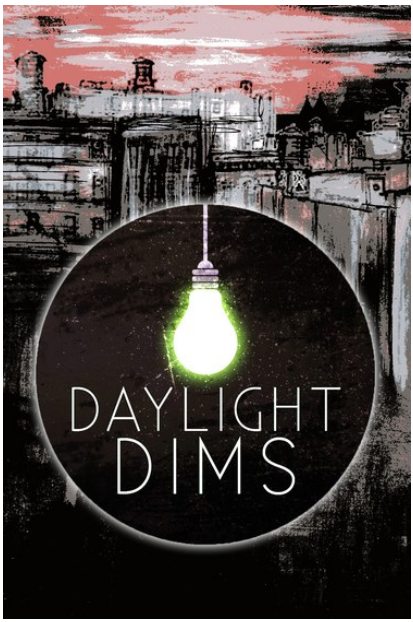
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