

Mavis broke from her parents' congregation years ago, but she still hasn't recovered. Their impossible expectations and soul-shredding critiques have dug deep into her mind, and she's taunted by the knowledge that even when she's done nothing wrong, she'll never be right.

Now Mavis is afraid she's about to lose the only thing she has: her husband, Jerrod. The man she's always known was too good to be true. No one thinks she deserves him—not even after surviving the serial cheater they wanted her to stick by—and soon they'll all find out they were right.

Mavis is already unraveling when a brush with death shows her what real fear looks like. Soon, she's under constant attack from all directions. As the assaults turn increasingly vicious and bizarre, Mavis realizes that hell isn't reserved for the afterlife.

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