

Meet Lily

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Set in the 1970's,
this tells the story of Lily,
an orphan who survives
Cyclone Tracy...

I lay there cold and shivering,
my clothes soaked through.
You could hear the water
smashing against the sides of
the orphanage.

The sea had never sounded
so angry or churned up. All
twenty girls and three teachers
lay huddled on the mattresses
scattered across the basement
floor.

Someone rolled over next to
me. I thought it was Amy or
Chloe but I wasn't not sure. I
cried myself to sleep.

I woke to the sounds of
grinding stone collapsing to
the ground. That was when I
realised that this Red Bricked
orphanage, the only home I
knew, was being taken apart
by the sea and pretty soon it
would be no more.

I felt numb. I had cried all
the tears I had, so now I just
lay there cold and numb,
listening to the crashing
churning water that seemed
so hungry for victims.