After the Storm

by Alison Reid

She came to paradise to escape her life… not to question everything she thought she wanted.

Rachel is supposed to be planning her wedding—not dancing barefoot under island stars, not losing herself in music, and definitely not doubting the man waiting for her back in London.

But distance changes things.
Silence reveals truth.
And the more time she spends on the island, the more she begins to realise…
Maybe the life she's built isn't the one she wants.

Then she meets him.
Darcy Williams is controlled, powerful, and completely out of her world—a man who doesn't believe in distractions… until she becomes one.
Their connection is instant. Intense. Impossible to ignore.

But Rachel is engaged.
And Darcy doesn't play games.

What starts as stolen moments and quiet tension quickly becomes something far more dangerous—because the closer they get, the harder it becomes to pretend this is nothing.
And when the truth about her relationship begins to unravel… Rachel is forced to choose.

The life she promised herself.
Or the man who makes her feel alive.

Because sometimes… it takes a storm to show you where you truly belong.

Tropes:

🌴 Island Romance
💔 Broken Engagement
❤️ He Falls First
🌿 Self-Discovery
🛡️ Protective Hero
✈️ Vacation Romance

Reader Guide:

🔥 Heat: ★★★☆☆ (Moderately Steamy) *Several open-door scenes with moderate detail*
💔 Angst: ★★★★☆ (High) *Heartbreak, separation, betrayal & strong emotional tension*
❤️ Emotion: ★★★★☆ (Deep) *Powerful emotional journey with heartfelt moments & significant character development*
📖 Dual POV
🌶️ Open-Door Romance
✔️ No Cheating
✨ Guaranteed HEA