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Toobychubbies

By Nina Kiriki Hoffman

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by Loretta Casteen

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It starts again. The baby begins to cough and choke.

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You can never let anyone suspect, his mother told him. That was the first rule she taught him, and the last, before she left him here alone with It.

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Pale as he was, it was hard to believe he would never rise from this bed. Even in the darkest times, she had never really feared for him; he had always been strong, so strong.

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by Elizabeth Bear

11 December 2006

Nilufer raised her eyes to his. It was not what women did to men, but she was a princess, and he was only a bandit. "I want to be a Witch," she said. "A Witch and not a Queen. I wish to be not loved, but wise. Tell your bandit lord, if he can give me that, I might accept his gift."

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