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## Murderous Hugs

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When a mother deliberately provokes serious chronic health issues in her child to draw attention to herself...

Delphine was four when her life became a living hell. "Mommy and I had sworn never to bring it up again, that it was over. But after that vow I refused to break, I had several bad patches to go through. I always tried to figure out why I never felt at ease in my own skin, why the fear of death always overwhelmed me, as it had in childhood. Slowly, I became aware this unease probably came from the constant string of hospitals I'd been in since I was a kid, the way my mom manipulated me, all the fears and emotions so well-repressed for all those years. My mind didn't want to remember, but my body never forgot, and was letting me know it."

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