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Her ~~wee~~ hands, curving away from the ~~straps~~ ^{down} that held them, might have been mittens pinned ~~to~~ ^{crookedly} ~~on~~ ^{ON} a clothes line ^{by a slattern} ~~by a slattern~~. Or by anybody careless about laundry hung in public. But the plum polish on nails bitten ~~below~~ ^{to} the quick gave her tiny hands a womanly look and made Romen think she herself was the ~~slattern~~ ^{slut}—the one with no regard for what people might think.

He was next. And ready too, in spite of the little hands and in spite of the mewling in her throat. He stood near the headboard ^{charged by} ~~aware~~ of Theo's grunting and his head bobbing above the girl's face which was turned to the wall and partially hidden beneath hair undone by writhing.