HEART MONITOR

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They were laying in the grass with their thighs squeezed together. They were afraid that the spiders would crawl up their slim, ushaped gaps and get inside them. He wasn't sure how it would happen to her, just that it was possible.

I wanted to touch their hair. I wanted to teach them how to set my heart monitor correctly. I wanted to show them where the wires go and what they do when they get there. I wanted to show them how it unpacks and saves.

I wanted to show them how terrified he is to love me every time he looks at them there, in the front yard, below the house and giggling.