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“Good boys” by Hugh Findlay

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Yellow-eyed cat reaches up and punches a paw against my bare leg, draws out his crescent of claws and hooks them slightly into the fat of my calf.

Staring, he says “Lowly human, I hereby bestow great favor upon you and I demand, forthwith and without delay, that you do my needful scratching... or else.”

So being familiar, I reach down and scratch under his upturned chin, causing the shallow stick of his grip to instinctively deepen.

I cannot help but flinch, then turn my hand slowly, deliberately, to curl my palm round his softly purring throat.

I smile and say “Exalted sir, I am so deeply honored to act at your behest for you are without a doubt such a good boy — yes oh yes indeed we are both, you and I, such good good boys... are we not?”



Hugh Findlay’s writing and photography have been published in numerous magazines and anthologies, in print and online. He is in the third trimester of life.

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