



My Pet Wookiee

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I think I was worried about my labs and everything else because I was coming down with “Con Crud”, a bug that went around at DragonCon.

When I got home, I felt it coming on, and staved it off with Vitamin C for a few days. Then I went to the hospital on Thursday, and I think my body relented, allowing the Crud to take over. Hence waking up on Friday feeling a tad feverish and snotty.

No big deal. What is a big deal is how I got the crud... a real big deal.

There were lots of stars at DragonCon, The Beastmaster, Tank Girl, “The Million Dollar Man” Ted Dibiase and Chewbacca. The last one caught my eye.

It started off innocently enough. Gwenn was stationed at the Bella Morte merch booth, and I wandered around, taking pictures and enjoying the conference and all it had to offer. Then he walked into my life, towering from above.

I read to the Wookiee, and he enjoyed My Pet Virus. I got the sense that no one had ever read to him. Nobody had ever made me laugh like him before. And one thing led to another.

I won't go into details about how I believe I contracted the Con Crud from Chewbacca, but I will say that he will always have a place in my heart.

I should be getting my lab results later today. We'll see if Con Crud affected any of the numbers.

Positively Yours,

Shawn

SUPPORT: I met the fine folks at The Positive Project while at the Staying Alive conference. If you are positive, and would like to share your story, click on Support and learn more about their goal to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS by utilizing those living with the virus.

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