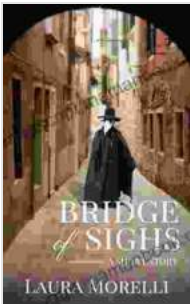


# The Bubonic Plague: A Short Story

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## Origins of the Plague

The bubonic plague is caused by the bacterium *Yersinia pestis*. The bacterium is found in rodents, and it is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected flea. The plague can also be transmitted through contact with infected animals or their carcasses.

The bubonic plague originated in Central Asia, and it is thought to have been spread to Europe by traders and travelers. The first cases of the plague in Europe were reported in Sicily in 1347. From there, the plague

spread rapidly throughout the continent, reaching England in 1348 and Scandinavia in 1350.

## **Symptoms of the Plague**

The bubonic plague is characterized by the development of buboes, which are swollen lymph nodes. The buboes are usually located in the armpits, groin, or neck. Other symptoms of the plague include fever, chills, headache, and nausea.

The pneumonic plague is a more severe form of the plague that affects the lungs. Symptoms of the pneumonic plague include shortness of breath, chest pain, and coughing up blood.

## **Treatment of the Plague**

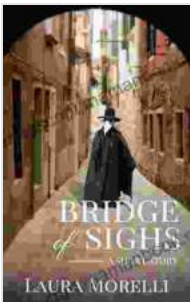
There was no effective treatment for the bubonic plague in the 14th century. Most people who contracted the disease died within a few days. Some people tried to treat the plague with bloodletting, leeches, or herbs, but these treatments were ineffective.

## **Impact of the Plague**

The bubonic plague had a devastating impact on European society. The death of so many people led to a labor shortage, which in turn led to a decline in economic activity. The plague also caused social and political unrest, as people began to distrust their leaders and the Church.

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