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# **Investigation Re-Opened**

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### Chapter 1

Kevin Strong was born on a warm summer's day in 1952. He was the forth son of Jackie and Leo Strong, an accountant and his wife. Jackie stayed mostly at home, taking care of the children, but had a part-time job at the local hairdresser/beauty salon. Kevin's brothers were Stanley, 3 years older, Marcus, 5 years older, and Leo jr., 8 years older.

His parents had always wanted a daughter, but at the birth of their forth son, they gave up. This brought a small depression on Jackie, but she soon came over it and tried to make the best out of the situation. She found a way to compensate for her non-existent daughter by starting dressing Kevin in girls' clothing whenever she had the chance. When she was pregnant with Kevin she was so sure that she would have a girl that she had bought many items of girls' clothing already and she didn't want to just throw them away.

The result was that Kevin very often was dressed up as a girl. At first he didn't like it, but as soon as he discovered that it was a great advantage to him to dressed as a girl, he started to like it. His whole family treated him better and he received many beautiful gifts. The fact that these were girlie things didn't seem to bother him, what was important was the attention they gave him when he was a little girl.

Since his mother mainly stayed at home it was a lot of girl time for Kevin. They even started to call him Kate whenever he was dressed up. But anyway, most of the time he dressed as a boy. This was necessary in order to play with the other kids in the neighborhood, they wouldn't understand how a person could be a boy at one time and a girl at another. And when he started school, there were no other options than to go there as a boy.

It soon became clear that Kevin liked his girl time better than his boy time. As a boy he was very much neglected by the rest of his family, his three older brothers got all the atten-

tion. He never received any gifts designed for a boy, all his boy things were things he inherited from his brothers. He even had to wear the clothes they had grown out of.

Dressing as a girl never occurred outside the close family. His brothers liked to have a sister around and they treated Kate as if she was a real girl. Every Christmas since he was three years old Kevin was dressed as Kate and acted accordingly. He even had a room where he could live out his girlish fantasies.

When he started Grade School he had no other option than go as a boy. Since all public records showed that he was a boy, he had no other choice. At school he had new friends and being with them required that he was a boy. This meant that his girlish days faded more into the background, but they were never far away. If the occasion was there, Kevin became Kate again.

It didn't take long before Kevin had a best friend in school. His name was Martin Gillette and these two soon became inseparable. It seemed that there was a strong tie that bound them together, as if they were born to be best friends. They seemed to have so much in common. They even looked like each other and many people thought they were twins.

Martin Gillette was also born in 1952, but was born in October. His parents were Abigail and Aaron Gillette, and he had three older sisters. His parents were very happy that they finally had a son, but were concerned how it would be for a young boy to grow up with three older sisters. His sisters were Rachel, 2 years older, Carol, 6 years older, and Anita, 10 years older.

So Martin grew up under quite different circumstances than Kevin. But the result was very much the same. All his sisters wanted to use him as someone to play with. To them he was just a doll that happened to be alive. They dressed him as a female doll almost all the time, and had great fun showing him around. As he grew older Martin seemed to like the attention his sisters gave him, and he loved being a girl around them. Whenever he was a boy, his sisters seemed to ignore him, and he didn't get the attention he craved for. He used the attention he got from them as a substitute for not having a boy to play with. Unfortunately for him all the neighbors only had sons that were too old for him. Like Kevin, Martin experienced family holidays dressed as a girl, getting girlie presents and was treated like one. He didn't have much boy clothes, so when he was about to start school, his parents almost panicked, realizing they had to buy lots of clothes for their son. It would be impossible for him to show up in girls clothing at school.

Both fathers had served during WWII. Kevin's father Leo was enlisted right after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. He served in the Infantry with special task as a sharpshooter. He was sent to Europe in late spring of 1942 and stationed in the UK and later deployed to various campaigns in the Mediterranean. He and his company was given a short leave home in 1943. During that period he married Jackie and made her pregnant. He was back in Europe a few short weeks later and was part of the operations on D-day. That same day his oldest child Leo jr. was born. He didn't see his firstborn until almost 14 months later. He had a degree in accounting from before the war, and when dis-

missed, he soon got a job in an accounting company. He was clever and was quickly promotes to more responsible jobs. At the time Kevin was born, he was 33 years old and held a position in the company that was fairly high for a guy his age. The family had settled in San Francisco and had bought a house up in the hills.

Martin's father had made a career in the military. He joined the Navy right after High School and soon received officer's training. At the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor he was stationed at the base and managed to survive without any serious injuries. He had married Abigail that summer and by the time of the attack, she was four months pregnant. Anita was born in May the following year while her dad was fighting the Japanese in the Pacific. He stayed there all through the war and didn't see his first born until he returned home in August –45. It didn't take long before Abby was pregnant again, this time with Carol who was born in June –46. Anita was at this time four years old and hadn't seen her father at all since she was born. He spent a lot of time with her and his wife to make up for the four years he lost.

Aaron retired in –59 and moved to San Francisco. He bought a house in the hills and got a job as manager of a large supermarket. By the time he retired for good he was manager of all the supermarkets in that chain in California.

In 1959 Kevin started in second grade in Grade School. This year he got a new classmate. His name was Martin Gillette and had just moved in from Sam Diego. Kevin saw almost right away that Martin was just as much reclusive as himself and decided to make contact right away. He had heard how newcomers could be bullied by the others, so by making contact right away, he might avoid that. Somebody had tried to bully him during first grade, but thanks to his older brothers Marc and Stan he came through first grade with any problems. Now only Stan was left in his school, but since he was a 5th grader, Kevin still felt safe,

But the newcomer didn't have any big brothers to take care of him, he had only sisters and they were not much help in cases like this. Kevin knew this and decided to get the new guy right under his and his brothers' protection from day one. Besides, he felt right away that he and Martin had something in common they could share. Hence he took contact on day two.

It didn't take long before the bonds were tight between them. They became inseparable within the first week and with Stan in the background, nobody dared to touch them.

The bonds between Kevin and Martin grew stronger by the day. They spent almost all their spare time together and often spent the night at each other's houses. Both their parents liked their son's mew friend, and encouraged their friendship. They all hoped that this could help them grow more into boys and men than what they had done to them.

Then suddenly one day when they were in Kevin's room, Martin got a glimpse into a closet that had always been closed to him. What he saw surprised him very much. There inside hung an array of girls' clothing fit for a person Kevin's size. Could Kevin really be like him? A young boy that dressed as a girl from time to time? Where they soul mates in more ways than one? He just had to find out. But how? Since Kevin didn't have any sisters, it couldn't be leftovers from an older sister, so it had to be his own. This meant that

Kevin did dress as a girl, just like he did. He decided the best way would be to let Kevin see his closet full of girls' clothing. Then he would understand and they would be even closer.

Next time Kevin visited Martin's house and they were playing in his room, Martin had left the closet with his girl cloths ajar. This way Kevin could peek through the opening and see that Martin had the same things as he. Kevin took the bait and looked through the opening. What he saw surprised him; here in Martin's room was a closet full of girls clothing, just like the one he had. Could this mean that were even closer? Martin could see in Kevin's eyes that he had seen the clothes and wondered if he dared open his mouth about it. But Kevin didn't say a word. Martin became impatient and confronted Kevin with the issue. "I can see in your face that you have seen my closet with girls clothing," he said, "I had the door open on purpose just for you to see. Last time I was at your house I saw into a closet with girls clothing in your room, and since you don't have any sisters, I assumed they were yours. That's why I decided to show you mine. You see, I think we both like to dress as girls, and I think we should tell our parents and develop this further. I have already started thinking about becoming a woman when I grow up. What about you?"

Kevin was dumbfounded. Here he was in his best friend's room and just discovered that he as well liked to dress as a girl. Kevin hadn't thought about becoming a woman yet, but from what he had read, it might be an option. Even at this time, the early sixties, it was not uncommon to hear about men who had changed their gender to become women. But then another thing dawned upon him; they both wanted to become women, but had two different backgrounds for coming to that conclusion. He, Kevin, because he didn't have any sisters, and Martin, because he didn't have anything but sisters. What a strange world. He walked up to Martin and gave him a great hug and said: "Yes, I'm just like you. I also would like to be a girl and hope that when I grow up it will be more acceptable for guys like us to become women."

From that moment on they became even closer, and vowed to stay together until death took them apart.

But Martin didn't stop there. He called his mother, and when she came to his room he told her about Kevin's pleasure in dressing up as a girl and how his mother had encouraged him to do so. Abby became ecstatic; her son had found a friend who liked to do the same. She had to call Kevin's mother right away. She had met her several times at the hair-dresser, the same place she had obtained the wig for Martin's girlish escapades. She ran to the telephone and dialed the number right away. The moment they replied at the hair-dresser's, she asked for Jackie Strong, claiming it was urgent. Jackie was busy with a customer, but took time to speak to Abby. She was after all one of her best customers. "Hi Abby," Jackie replied, "What's up? Do you need an urgent appointment?"

"Not quite, but I need to speak to you as quickly as possible. I can't talk about it on the phone, but it's about our youngest children."

"I can make a short break in about half an hour. Can you meet me at the small café next door? If you arrive first, just find a table in the back since I understand you want to talk to me undisturbed."

"That's right. I'll be there."

Thirty minutes later Abby entered the café and sat down at a table in the back. Two minutes later Jackie came trough the door to join her. She sat down and repeated her question from the phone conversation. "What's up Abby? You seem so agitated."

"I am, but let's find something to eat and drink first." They walked up to the counter and bought a cup of coffee and a cake. After the first sip Abby said: "Jackie, I had the most wonderful revelation today. Your son Kevin was at my house playing with Martin. Martin had left one of his closets ajar and Kevin discovered what was inside. It was full of girls' clothing, and they were for Martin. But Kevin didn't bother, he said straight away that he had a closet just like that. In fact he admitted that two days earlier when Martin was in Kevin's room, he had left the door to a similar closet open just to see how Martin reacted. Martin hadn't said a word, but had instead decided that he would leave his closet door open next time Kevin came along. And there they were, two eight years old boys who both liked to dress as girls and had their mothers' support. Jackie, we must take advantage of this."

"I agree," Jackie replied. "To tell you the truth, I started it all with Kevin. I was so desperate to have a girl that I have tried to make Kevin the girl I never had. I call him Kate when he's a girl."

"To me it's quite different," Abby said, "Martin was the boy I desperately wanted, but my three daughters wanted to play with him and make him their own special living doll, and he seemed to like it. And to be honest, I don't mind. My husband isn't all that happy about it; he wanted desperately to have a son, but is now stuck with four daughters. He hopes though, that he will grow out of it when he gets through puberty."

"For us it's quite different. Both my husband and I are happy to have the daughter we never had. We hope that he would like to be a girl on permanent basis, and if he wishes to go through the operation to become one, we'll support him all the way. We just have to wait and see what happens when he enters adolescence.

"I have a suggestion. Why don't we both take our youngest child to the salon just about closing time on Saturday and dress them up as two charming young girls. Then we will take our 'daughters out shopping and to get something to eat. We can drive to a mall in Oakland, nobody knows us there. Then we really can have fun with our girls.

"That's a super idea. Let's meet here just before three on Saturday. I'll tell Kevin to go to Martin on Saturday and you can take them both to the salon. I will be ready and waiting for you. Don't bring any clothes, I'll take care of that. Just bring the boys and don't tell them anything about our plans."

"Rest assured. You can trust me on this. I love to see how they react when they understand what will happen to them."

"Neither can I. But I have to leave now; the customers are waiting. See you Saturday."

"See you. I'll be there a few minutes before three."

They gave each other a short hug before Jackie disappeared through the door. Abby returned home with a wry smile in her face.

On Saturday Abby returned to the salon with both Martin and Kevin. They didn't know what to expect, except that they should meet Kevin's mother and have an afternoon out together. They arrived a few minutes after closing time so Jackie let them in through a rear entrance. Once inside the two boys had to sit down while Jackie started talking to them. "Listen boys," she said, "both Abby and I know that the two of you like to dress up as little girls and have done so for several years already. I have dressed Kevin as a girl since he was three years old, or maybe younger; while Martin's sisters have, with their mother's consent, dressed him as a girl for just as long. What we plan now is to dress you as eight years old girls and take you to a mall in Oakland where we all will have some mother and daughter fun. Abby knows all about that, having had three daughters before Martin, this is new to me and something I have missed since I wanted children. Are you with us?"

Both boys wanted to protest, but deep inside they knew they wanted to go. They loved being girls, and a better opportunity than this they would never get. So they answered yes without too much hesitation, Both mother's knew they would say yes, but they also knew that they were afraid that someone they knew would see them and use that later to bully or ridicule them. But the boys stood their ground, they wanted to go to Oakland with their mothers, being dressed as girls.

It didn't take long to dress up two eight years old boys as girls. It was a warm spring day so all they needed was a girlie panty, a cute dress and shoes and socks that suited young girls like them. To make them really convincing they both had to wear a wig with a hairstyle suited for girls like them. On their feet they had bobby socks and little girls' shoes. To make them even more girlish they had their fingernails painted pink. An almost invisible touch of make-up finished them off. They both looked very convincing. Before they left Jackie said: "Remember that from now on Kevin is called Kate and Martin is called Mary. This is very important. We can't afford to get out of character."

Both kids nodded. They understood. Names had to match their looks.

The trip to the mall in Oakland was a great success. Kate and Mary had such a good time. They went to several shops for girls' apparel and clothes and tried on many various outfits. None of the clerks had any suspicion that these two little girls in fact were boys.

When the clock was almost six they walked over to a hamburger restaurant to have a meal. There to their great surprise they saw the rest of their families waiting for them. That frightened Kate and Mary a little, but they soon understood that they all supported them and had nothing to fear.

The year was 1960 and this was the beginning of a very close friendship between the two families, a friendship that would later lead to close ties between other members of the two families as well. Leo Strong jr. started dating Carol Gillette that summer. They would marry as soon as Carol graduated from college. Later things started to develop between Stanley and Rachel and they would also end up married to each other.

The oldest girl Anita was now 18 and would graduate from High School one month later. She had always been the one closest to Martin/Mary and used him as her special doll to dress in whatever kind of girls clothing she had found. Their ties were very strong, and

she hated leaving for college with her youngest sibling still at home. But she had to go. She planned to study European history and most probably would spend a lot of time in Europe the coming years.

That left Marcus on his own. He had never cared for that girl thing his brother was doing. But he didn't ridicule him an any way and let him have a life of his own. He would later become an aircraft engineer and start working for Boeing in Seattle. After college he only saw his family during special events like anniversaries and such. He would establish his own family and stay away from what he called his weird parents and siblings as much as possible.

But this set the pace for the years to come. Kevin and Martin were allowed to dress up as Kate and Mary as often as they liked and would be taken places by their siblings and/or parents. Anita was the one that did the most work on the boys. She taught them everything they needed to become convincing girls. She attended a college nearby and continued tutoring the boys on how to be girls. The adults thought it was cute and encouraged her all the time. Carol and Rachel also thought it was nice to have two younger 'sisters'. Leo jr. and Stanley were happy to have the sister they always had wanted so much. Only Marcus resented it all. So as soon as he finished High School in 1965 he was out of the family. He went to a college in Seattle and as we already know, started working for Boeing right away. By working for a company that made military equipment, he also avoided the draft for going to Vietnam. Leo jr. was just old enough to stay home, while Stan had to go. He had seen the danger and joined the Air Force just after High School. There he received fighter pilot training and subsequently flew several mission during the conflict. Once back home he left the Air Force and became a pilot with United Airlines flying passenger jets. His oldest brother Leo jr. went to university and became a computer engineer. He is still working on computers, being employed by a prestigious university in California.

To take a look at the girls we know already that Anita received a degree in European History. Later she went on to get a Ph.D. on the same subject. During one of her stays in London she met Sean McLaren who was majoring on European History like her. They went back to the States and took a job at a University, married and had two children. After Martin and Kevin had graduated from college they moved back to London and lived there for ,many years to come.

Carol received a degree in English and American literature and taught these subjects in Senior High. She married Leo jr. while still in College in 1969. They had one son, Roger, born in 1972. Rachel studied law and became a business lawyer, She married Stan just after college while he was on leave from the Air Force. They later settled in Denver and had two daughters and one son.

But now back to Kevin and Martin. As mentioned they dressed as girls as often as they could. Everybody in the two families wondered what would happen to them during puberty. Would that change their outlook on life? In fact it didn't. All through adolescence they stayed true to their crossdressing. They had no interest in girls, they were only occupied with each other. They even mentioned to their parents that they would like to marry each other. This caused a problem for their parents. They would like to see their sons happy, but marry each other? Was that possible? It was Anita that took some initiative in

the matter. Since they were living in San Francisco who at that time already had become quite liberal on sexual issues, she found someone that could help. It turned out that someone had a solution. As long as one of them shows up in a wedding gown it would be possible, he said. He also mentioned that they could make a name change on one of them, and that would make the marriage legal in the eyes of the law. Then they could live as man and wife forever after. It would even be possible to make an operation so that at least one of them had the looks of a woman, even while naked.

This was a solution Anita liked. The problem would be who should wear the dress. Then she thought up a solution, why not make two weddings out of it and let Kevin wear the dress in one of them and Martin in the other. The weddings could be very private and take place on two consecutive weekends. If they wanted an operation as well, that could be taken care of later.

Another issue that arose during adolescence was that during that period girls started to have breasts. That meant that Mary and Kate also required breasts while out on the town. That also required some new outfits like bra and girdles and stockings as well as high-heeled shoes. Both Jackie and Abby made sure their young crossdressers had all they needed. They were also taught how to put the garments on and how to walk in high-heeled shoes. It was during the combined Christmas dinner in 1966 that they both wore high heels and proper make-up and jewelry for the first time. They both looked radiant and any boy their age would fall in love instantly.

For Kevin and Martin this was a very big treat. They were so happy in their girlish finery and they wished they would never have to take it off. They wore bras with falsies and felt really like 14-year old girls. They wore just the right amount of make-up, looking a little bit older than their real age. Even their fingernails were painted red for the occasion.

They stayed this way for most of the Christmas period. They were even celebrating New Year's Eve with their parents as girls. They had gone to a restaurant on the other side of town where nobody knew them and were really having a good time. The restaurant even had dancing and they both asked to dance with boys they didn't know. Their mothers had given them dancing lessons, a skill that proved valuable that night. When the music stopped at midnight and the bells started to call in the New Year, their male dancing partners even gave them a kiss on the mouth. When these boys asked for a date a few days from that night, they had to decline of course. They said that they came from out of town and had to return home soon. The did not exchange any addresses or telephone numbers. It seemed that they left two boys with broken hearts. But it had to be that way. After all they were boys as well and only pretended to be girls for the occasion. If they should go on dates it would be with each other.

And so it was. Kevin and Martin fell in love with each other. It soon became clear that they both were gay and preferred male company. They started experimenting with each other, but that gave them no joy. Both of them wanted to be a girl. They tried it while they were both dressed as girls, and that was much better. Then they could relate to each other. Making love as two girls were very satisfying for them both.

But there was one problem. It was still in the mid-sixties and the world wasn't quite ready for an openly lesbian couple. They weren't ready for an all male relationship either, for that matter. So the only solution was that one of them dressed as a girl and the other

stayed a boy. This way they could go on dates and have fun, just like other teenagers. Their parents approved, they thought it was a very good solution.

It did happen, however, that they went out as two girls. On one occasion, when they both were 16 years old they were picked up by two handsome boys. They had seen the boys before; they were on another school's football team and were one year older than them. The boys seemed very nice and treated them the way girls like to be treated. Both Kate and Mary were dressed in such a way that they showed a little flesh, and that seemed to put some ideas into the boys' heads. They had a car and took Kate and Mary to a secluded spot and parked the car. It didn't take long before one of the boys climbed into the back seat and urged Mary to climb into the front seat. She didn't have a choice in the matter. Soon the boys started kissing and fumbling with our two friends. Mary and Kate understood right away that this could lead to disaster and did their best to fence them off. They knew that the boys soon would find out that these girls didn't have any real breasts and that they had a bulge in their panties instead of a flat area. In addition their wigs might be dislocated and that might give them away as well.

But both Kate and Mary liked the kissing and cuddling and didn't want them to stop. It felt too good to have a boy kissing them. But soon matter turned for the worse, soon Kate felt a hand searching for her groin, a move she had too stop before disaster struck. She managed to fence the boy off, telling that she was a good girl and wanted to save that for later. Fortunately the boy obliged, he didn't want his reputation ruined and respected her decision. His friend in the front seat realized what was going on in the back and did the same with Mary. He withdrew his hand and settled for the kissing and hugging. This went on for an hour before the girls were taken home. They talked about meeting again later, but that never happened. This was a one time meeting the way Kate and Mary wanted it. They preferred each others company.

From the beginning Anita was their tutor. She taught them everything they needed to know about being girls. When she finished college Kevin and Martin was just in the age where girls started to grow breasts and become women. At that time she also got a lot of help from Carol who at that time finished High School. She took over more of the tutoring, closely helped by Rachel who were only two years older than the boys.

So every other weekend Kevin and Martin changed between being boy and girl. They went out together, Kevin with Mary and Martin with Kate. Kate was the blonde one, Mary the brunette. That was something they had agreed upon from the day they became really serious about being girls.

Leo jr. and Carol were they first to be wed. It happened in 1966, just as Leo jr. had graduated from College. At that time Kevin and Martin were 14 years old and they were both bridesmaids at the wedding. Two years later Anita married Sean. The wedding took place in San Francisco, but this time, due to Sean's family, it was Kevin and Martin that were present at the wedding.

## Chapter 2

When it was time to go to college Kevin and Martin had to make a big decision. The year was now 1970 and the world had become a little more liberal. It was during the Vietnam War and they both stood a great chance of being drafted. But neither of them wanted to go, and since they didn't volunteer for any military training, college was the only option. At this time Anita was still working in the background and came up with the ideal solution. One start out as a boy, the other as a girl. Two years into college they make their weddings, two of them, with both getting the chance of being a bride. After the weddings they continue as man and wife and the one that's the woman, would go through a sex change operation. The other would stay a man on the outside, but dress as a woman whenever he liked. Later they could start work as a husband and wife team.

This sounded easy enough; there was only one problem; who should become the woman. After long debates and many negotiations it was decided that Martin should be the woman and have his sex officially changed and live as a woman the rest of her life. Kevin would be the man, but could dress up as often as he liked. But to the society at large, he must be the husband and therefore a man.

Kevin didn't like the idea, he wanted to live like a woman as well. But he understood that two women living together wasn't accepted at these times, so he settled with the solution. That meant that the Strong family would end up having four sons, while the Gillette family would have four daughters.

In the summer of 1970 Rachel and Stan also had their wedding. At this wedding our two friends showed up as Kevin and Mary. That was also the way they started college. Mary was accepted as a female student, it only took a little convincing before the college agreed. They both started on the same education, they both wanted to be dentists.

That summer also saw the first wedding between Kevin and Martin, or shall we say Kate and Martin. This was Kevin's, or Kate's, only chance to be seen in a wedding gown. The wedding was held on the garden of the Strong family and only the closest family was present. The proper pictures were taken and later kept as a fond memory. A few days later Martin, or Mary, received her new papers, telling everyone that her name now was Mary Jane Gillette, youngest daughter of Abigail and Aaron Gillette. Under this name and with these papers she started college along with her partner Kevin Strong. Mary was still not 100% legal female, she had to live the part at least two years before she could have the operation. But she started on hormones right away.

To prepare for her operation she went regularly to a physician that monitored her development closely. The operation would be performed as soon as her physician said she was ready. He was in constant contact with the clinic that would do the operation. She was set to go there as soon as she graduated from college.

The official wedding between Mary Jane Gillette and Kevin Alistair Strong took place in early July 1972. Both the bride and the groom was 20 years of age at that time. Mary had received the papers that she now was a woman in the eyes of the law just three weeks prior. Her dream since childhood had finally come true. All her sisters were at the wedding and Anita, the oldest, was maid-of-honor. Kevin's best man was his oldest brother, Leo jr.

Just after graduation in 1974 Mary went to the clinic for the operation. She returned to Kevin after two weeks, feeling fulfilled as a woman. Kevin couldn't help being jealous, but he had willingly agreed to the arrangement and had to live with that. He knew, however, that he could dress up as Kate any time he liked, and he planned to do so a lot in the future. He could easily see the two of them walking down the street as two beautiful young women.

When the operation was over they went back to college to have an extra year in order to specialize in certain areas. During that year they heard that a new dental center was about to be set up just outside Los Angeles and decided to apply for jobs there. They were accepted as once. They were the junior dentists at the center, but that didn't bother them. Their colleagues seemed very nice and easy to get along with. They found a house not too

far away and moved in. They started life with a huge mort-gage, but thinking about how much money a dentist could make, it didn't bother them too much.

It didn't take long before they both had patients enough. It was clear that the area they had established themselves in really needed this kind of services. Most of their patients had previously been to dentists quite a distance away, so having one near their home eased things quite a bit. There were lots of kids in their new neighborhood, and they became regular patients. Kate had a special treat with children, and she made each of them her special project. She knew she couldn't have children of her own, so these kids would have to do.

Kevin and Mary Jane shared their business with four other dentists. They were three men and one woman. The men had been in business for a while, while the woman had just graduated like Kevin and Mary Jane. She was the daughter of one of the other dentists.



In their private life Mary Jane and Kevin spent a lot of time as two women. Kevin loved to dress up as Kate and go to town with Mary Jane. None of their colleagues suspected that he dressed up; to them they were just a normal couple. It happened that they met socially with the other dentists, but since they somewhat older than them, it didn't happen too often. The female colleague, however, they met from time to time. They had graduated at the same time and had many of the same experiences as them. Her name was Susan Langston and was a native of Los Angeles. She was dating an engineer named Roger Harris. He worked for one of the electronic companies in the area. They never told her about Kate though; that would remain a secret between Kevin and Mary Jane.

Both Mary and Kevin liked to gamble. That made them go to Las Vegas once a month to try their luck. They never gambled hard; before they left they agreed upon how much money they could afford to lose, and stopped there. And almost every time they went they went as two women. Mary and Kate really had a great time in the casinos up there. Once in while they went with Susan and Roger, but on those occasions they always went as a straight couple.

Their life soon became the normal routine that most couples experience. They kept their sex life active, Kevin liked to penetrate Mary Jane in both holes. While dressed Kate he could experience Mary Jane pushing a dildo up his ass; something that pleased him very much.

Business was good so they had no problems paying their mortgage. They even managed to save up some money from time to time. One weekend in 1977 they suddenly stroke lucky. One of the jackpots in Vegas happened to come their way and they became rich over night. The money was wisely placed on their bank account and they had many counseling visits to the bank to get some advice on how to invest. It happened that they made very good investments and their money grew quickly. The first thing they did was to pay off their mortgage. They liked their house so they saw no need to buy a new one in a more affluent neighborhood. They did buy two new cars however, but that was something that had to come in the not too distant future anyway. But what they did buy was a chalet in a winter sports area. They were both fond of skiing and having their own place in a ski area was something they had dreamed about for many years.

They spent many happy hours up in that cabin of theirs. They both liked skiing and loved to watch it as well. They could either be there as husband and wife, or as two girl-friends. They also let other members of their family use it from time to time. They were both very sad to hear that Denver turned down the Winter Olympics of 1976; they had both hoped to watch the main ski events during that period. When Lake Placid was awarded the games in 1980, they booked tickets and made reservations as soon as they were available. They went there as Mary Jane and Kate and had lots of fun. It had been so fun to be out together as two girls for a longer period again that they had to make the most out of it. They were 28 years old that year, and had all the fun girls their age could have. Kate had to be a little careful not to get too intimate with the boys though, but she managed well enough. She told them that her boyfriend had allowed her to have fun, but not to get intimate with other men.

Four years later the Winter Olympics would be held in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, and they made arrangements to go there as well. In fact they decided to visit every Winter Olympics

as long as they had the health to travel. They thought about going to the Summer Olympics as well, but two long trips in a calendar year was too much. It would have been better if they had spread the Simmer and Winter Olympics into different year. If that should happen, they would go there as well. Besides going to Moscow in 1980 wasn't a very good idea. And when they learned that the US was boycotting these Olympics, it was not worth going there. In addition being a man in women's clothing in Russia might not be very wise either. Los Angeles in 1984 however, was a completely different issue. This was in the city where they lived, and no one could stop them from going there.

But that same year disaster struck. While one of them was attending special education in dental science, the other stayed home to take care of business. They had planned to spend Christmas and New Year in their ski chalet and the one staying home should go there in advance and make everything ready. During a very cold night the fire was burning too hot and the whole chalet caught fire. The fact that they had stored away large quantities of fuel for their heater, the whole chalet exploded and left nothing but ruins. When the firemen and police arrived they found a skeleton of a person that had been the victim of that explosive fire. The forensic experts found nothing that could identify the body except that the pelvis bone showed that it was a male. Since the police knew who owned the chalet they could with the help of dental records find out who had died in that fire. They managed to trace down Mary Jane and she at once assumed it was Kevin that had perished. She found his dental records and that verified that it indeed was Kevin Strong that had died that day. His family was notified and instead of a cozy Christmas by the fire, the families had to go through a funeral instead. Anita, Mary Jane's oldest sister had moved to England and could not make the funeral on such short notice. But the rest of the Strong and Gillette families were there. Even Marcus came down with his family from Seattle to attend the funeral.

Now Mary Jane was left alone as a widow. But life had to go on, so she continued to work as a dentist along with Susan and her other colleagues. Since they now had one vacant spot, a new dentist joined them in February. Her name was Veronica Peterson and had just finished an extra seminar in dental hygiene after graduating from dental school. She was engaged to a lawyer and they planned to get married in summer of –86. They were still looking for a permanent house and until that was OK and everything was taken care of, they felt they had to live in their rented house.

The first period after Kevin's death Mary Jane felt very depressed. Her colleagues urged her to get out and get a life again, but she hesitated. The memories of Kevin was too strong. One year later though, she had managed to meet a man she fell for. He was a physician and worked as a surgeon in a large hospital. His name was Kyle Masterson and he was 38 years old. He had been a widower for over five years and had two children that lived with him They were Beatrice, 9 years old, and Frederic, 7 years old. Their mother had died in a car accident.

It was soon clear to everybody that Mary Jane and Kyle was the perfect couple. They seemed to love each other very much. The loss of Kevin had been hard on Mary Jane, but Kyle seemed to fill that hole perfectly. She could never forget Kevin, of course, but Kyle was a very good substitute. Having children was another thing that gave Mary Jane pleasure. She couldn't have children of her own, so being stepmother to Beatrice and Frederic

was just perfect for her. The only thing was that they should have come into her life at an earlier stage. They were a little too old to be considered fully her children. The memory of their real mother was still fresh in their memories.

But as time went by Mary Jane became more and more their mother and by the time they graduated from Junior high she was fully accepted as their real mother would have had. It was a proud mother that saw her two children graduate, first from Senior High and later from College.

As soon as Mary Jane and Kyle were wed, she moved into his house and took residence there. The house she and Kevin had bought was sold, and she made a great profit on that sale. She put the money away so it could be used in case her relationship with Kyle went sour. That was totally acceptable to him, they had both lost a loved one and needed some extra in case things went wrong again. Kyle had a similar fund set up after his first wife's death. The insurance company had paid out a large sum after the accident, so he and the kids were very well off. The money would first of all go to the kids' education.

Life turned out to be very good for Mary Jane and Kyle. Mary Jane still maintained contact with her and Kevin's family, but since they still lived in the San Francisco area, visits were scarce. Both the Strong and the Gillette families were happy to see that Mary Jane had recovered so nicely after the loss of Kevin. It was Anita that suffered the most. She had been the one closest to Mary Jane, but after she moved to England with her husband in 1972, the contact had been only by mail and telephone, It improved a little when Internet became available to them both, but it was clear that they had drifted further apart than what they had been before. Most important to Anita, however, was that Mary Jane was happy in her new life.

Kyle was just as interested in sports as Kevin had been and he and Mary Jane decided to go to as many of the Olympics as possible. Mary Jane and Kevin had been to both the Olympics in 1984. The Summer Olympics was easy since it took place in the town where they lived. The first Olympics Mary Jane and Kyle would go to would be the Winter Games in Calgary in 1988. The city wasn't too far away so it would be an easy drive up there. Four years later they preferred the Summer Games in Barcelona. The Winter Games in Albertville, France was skipped that year. From that time on they went to every Olympic Game there was. The International Olympic Committee had decided to move the Winter Games two years, so that the following Winter took place in 1994. Those Games took place in Lillehammer, Norway and was a huge success, both as an event and the success of the Host Country's athletes. On every trip they brought the kids as well. They were brought up to love sports in general, and winter sports in particular.

So all through the eighties and nineties there was not a cloud in the horizon for the Masterson family. They had good jobs and their kids did well in school. Nothing could destroy their happiness.

## Chapter 3