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Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another,
"What! You, too? I thought I was the only one."--C.S. Lewis

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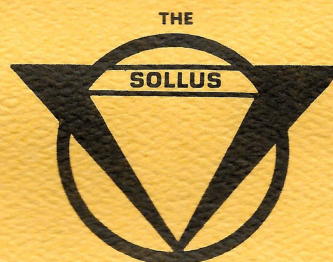
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FROM CATERPILLAR TO BUTTERFLY
by Bobbie (FL-19)

That first Success Week-end was a happy one. Husbands and wives, guys and girl-friends gathered together for a gala experience in crossdressing. There were dresses, blouses, skirts and "unmentionables" to be tried on and displayed; beauty tips and helpful hints to be exchanged. It was a delightful and fulfilling experience where men could be ladies and the attending women understood.

Toward the end of this interlude of bliss my wife, Shannon, had to go out to procure certain items of necessity at a nearby shopping center. Bobbie tagged along, but waited discreetly near the cashier's counter. There stands Bobbie; square of jaw, long wide nose, heavy masculine brows, long ear lobes, thin mouth and sagging bags under the eyes. While Shannon pays for her purchases two teeny-boppers are heard to say

"There's a man (giggle) dressed in women's clothes (giggle). Look at him! Look at him! Look at that face, at that dress. How gross!"

Shannon had the shattering experience that many wives of crossdressers may encounter -- she must join this "man in women's clothing" and walk out of the store with him.

Such an experience requires a solution. The obsession to go public was overpowering even though, obviously, Bobbie could not pass. This was not a matter of remaining in the closet permanently. The problems were great, the alternatives few and the stakes high.

Obviously, the most happy solution would be for Bobbie to be transformed into a woman in manner and appearance. This would require a fairy-godmother of extraordinary talent who could turn mice into breasts and a pumpkin into a feminine featured, mannered and sounding Cinderella. Such a fairy-godmother was found in the form of a doctor of plastic surgery and sexology. The godmother's magic wand consisted of the tools of his trade; scalpels, chisels, needles and thread plus fantastic knowledge and



skill. Bob was assured that with these tools the doctor could transform the sagging fifty+ Bob into a woman appearing to be in her forties.

This godmother, like ones in fairy tales, was authoritarian. Rules were formulated and the whole process developed in conferences with Bobbie and Shannon. A strict set of procedures were written -- in stone; four hours of fast efficient electrology per week; hormones as prescribed; intensive training in the nuances of feminine voice patterns and inflection by a speech therapist; and the most depressing provision, loose 35 pounds.

Since breast development and feminine features (arrived at surgically) will transform Bob to the extent he can no longer pass as a man how will Shannon interrelate with this situation? For Shannon's adjustment the doctor prescribes a behavior pattern that is not immediately understood by the participants. During the transitional period Bobbie will appear only on week-ends. By this means Shannon will realize he is still basically a male; moreover, all of Bob's acquaintances and neighbors will continue to interact with him as a man, at least until Bobbie takes over and Bob no longer exists.

Thus the stage is set for an exciting adventure of change from a "pot scrubber" to Cinderella - a metamorphosis about which many can only dream.

There now follows a diary of the Transition of Bobbie.
Tuesday, January 12, 1982.

My first appointment with the doctor in Jacksonville, Fl. One hour consultation with me. Asked me to bring Shannon when I returned on Saturday the 16th.
Saturday, January 16th.

I met with the doctor for two hours. Then Shannon was interviewed for an hour, after which the doctor agreed to undertake the monumental task of changing a very masculine appearing male into a feminine female.

An extensive physical was given, including height, weight and body measurements with pictures taken from every conceivable angle.

Both Shannon and I were interviewed together and many rules for me to follow were laid down. The object of these rules is to allow a smooth and logical transition from masculinity to femininity with the least embarrassment and complications

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for the principal characters and friends and neighbors.

Saturday, February 20th.

The doctor was surprised with my progress. I've lost twenty-five pounds; a substantial portion of my beard is gone; sessions with the speech therapist have been initiated. My first surgical appointment is set for March 12th when the doctor will shorten and thin my nose, shorten the upper lip and shave the Adam's apple. It will take three or four hours to complete the procedures and I'll spend five or six days in the hospital.

I'm overjoyed. At last something is being done. The doctor also changed my hormone procedure from capsules to injections.

While waiting for March 12th to arrive I will, with the help of my wonderful Shannon, practice my new speech patterns, walking in heels, sitting, standing and the art of make-up. I'm also continuing my diet which both Shannon and I find easy to follow. Yes Shannon, also on the diet, has lost 15 pounds.

This Saturday Bob and Shannon went shopping and saw, among other things, a darling oyster jacket with navy belt and buttons, a straight oyster skirt and a navy pleated skirt, but horror of horrors it was only available in size 14. Shannon said "Buy it." I couldn't wait to get home and try it. Surprise! It fit beautifully. I was on Cloud Nine. Imagine, from size 20 to size 14. Wow!

Friday, March 15th.

Mary Lou, my speech therapist, has requested that I come to the sessions crossdressed so she can get a better perspective of me using a feminine voice. I need little persuading.

So, here I sit all dressed up waiting for the time to go. I know this will be quite an experience and I wouldn't miss it for the world. While waiting I took some pictures of myself. It will be interesting to compare these with ones I'll take post-surgically.

I've lost more weight. I'm down to 164 with only four more to go.

Friday, March 15th (8 p.m.)

Mary Lou was really surprised and impressed. She said I looked so much better than my pictures. While dressed, my voice really was more feminine and persisted in

a higher pitch. After a little while she made a notation for a modification and not thinking wrote "Have her speak more breathless". Now she wants me to dress for each session, if possible. She said, dressed, I would be much easier to work with. (Mary Lou, stop twisting my arm so.)

Thursday, March 11th.

Checked into the hospital at 3:30 p.m. and was assigned a room. After the usual tests were taken I was served the last food I would have prior to surgery.

Thursday (Midnight).

I decided to add to my diary since I can't sleep anyway. I'm very nervous, but I guess that's only natural. Doctor talked to me this evening and said he will do each segment of my transformation as soon as he feels I'm ready. Obviously he's a very careful and precise person. Also, he's quite demanding. I know he's doing this to protect me, but it sometimes is hard to follow his instructions. He's checked me into the hospital under an assumed name. I've had x-rays, blood taken, pressure and pulse taken three times and of course no food or drink. I wonder what I'll look like after tomorrow. What we ladies go through to look beautiful!

Sunday, March 14th.

I haven't been able to add anything 'til now because I've had ice packs on my face and eyes. The ice packs have to be changed every twenty to thirty minutes. My nose is packed, eyes black and blue, lip swollen and I have to breathe through my mouth. I have a two inch cut across my throat, but no soreness there unless it's bumped. Wonder of wonders, the prominent Adam's apple with which I've lived all my life is gone. Only a smooth semblance remains.

Shannon has been my nurse and stayed with me throughout. What a wonderful person. She has changed the ice packs, waited on me hand and foot and even bathed me yesterday. She left for home at 2 p.m. today but will be back Wednesday to take me home. By that time all the stitches and packing will have been removed. The doctor says I'm recuperating well and progressing well with my change to Bobbie.

Monday, March 15th.

Doctor removed the stitches and then removed the packing from my nose. I had the distinct impression he was pulling my brain out through my nose. The packing



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removal has been the most painful part of the whole procedure -- so far.

Wednesday, March 17th.

Shannon checked me out of the hospital and drove me home. It is so nice to sleep in our own bed. Most of the discoloration has disappeared, but I still have quite a bit of swelling and numbness in my nose and upper lip.

Friday, March 19th.

I went in for a check-up today and the doctor asked me to stay over (in Jacksonsville) and return to his office Saturday morning. He provided me with details of my transitional period. He told me some of the things to expect as a woman and how to react to different situations. (Possibly a woman would be better qualified for this.)

Monday, April 15th.

Another check-up. Still swelling and numbness in the nose and upper lip. But no discoloration. Doctor said I could expect the swelling and numbness to last six to eight months. He also said I was progressing exceptionally well and fast. My hormones were increased from one to two injections per month. He said I could begin injecting them myself. My breasts were sore twelve days or so.

Saturday, April 17th.

Shannon and I had a three hour consultation with doctor today. He is helping Shannon to cope with Bobbie. I think it's helping too. She is more understanding of me and my problems now and I'm more aware of her feelings. I'm sure, when the time comes for me to change completely both of us will be prepared for another woman to come into the house.

Doctor has scheduled my next surgery for May 28th during which he'll remove the folds of skin from over my eyes, the bags from underneath and the wrinkles from the sides.

Why am I going through all this trouble, pain and expense? Having been a closet crossdresser all my life, my children grown and gone and having such a wonderful and understanding wife I feel the time has now come for me to live out the balance of my life in the only way I want to - as a woman. Also, I have accumulated enough money and have a reasonably comfortable income so I'm not depriving Shannon of anything and I feel I should be able to spend the time and money in a way that makes me the happiest so long as it doesn't deprive Shannon of

happiness.

Since losing all that weight I have the body of a forty year old woman who has taken care of herself. My waist has gotten smaller, my hips larger and I'm now filling a 38-B bra. For the first time in my life I'm in love with my own body and feel I have something of which to be proud. With this body I don't want the face of a sixty year old topping it.

Sunday, April 18th.

A move from the old neighborhood was in order so we bought and moved into a new home on a canal where we can keep our boat right at the seawall by the back door. We had the inside walls painted, new carpeting throughout, new drapes on all the windows and sliding glass doors. Our furniture fits as though made for the new house. We just love it. There is a screened, private patio facing the canal where we plan to spend much of our time. The move may be premature in Bobbie's transition but I do have a plan.

Wednesday, May 5th.

Bobbie has been a bad girl not strictly following doctor's orders. Since she passes so much better now she has been going out quite a lot. In fact, she has been trying on ladies clothing in many of the department stores.

Mary Lou, my speech therapist, has released me and sent a good report to the doctor indicating my voice and mannerisms have become more feminine and I have gone from very male to female in only three months. She also said she was amazed that I could do it in such a short time.

Friday, May 28th.

Back to the hospital via the out-patient clinic for my eye surgery. The operation took two hours and a half. Shannon drove me home because I had to keep ice packs on my eyes.

Tuesday, June 2nd.

Doctor removed all the stitches in his office. Let me tell you, he did a marvelous job. Absolutely no scars can be seen, there is very little swelling, little pain and only a dime sized blue spot on each cheek bone. The worst part was keeping ice packs on my eyes for three days. When I did see my eyes I couldn't believe how good they looked.

Another consultation with Shannon and me is scheduled for Saturday, the 26th, when the next surgical procedure will be discussed. The frontal bone above and between my eyes will be shaved down and he will make my chin less square. After

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this procedure I will have a definite feminine face. Doctor wants me to stay in Jacksonville and start living full-time as a woman, although I won't, for several reasons, have reassignment surgery but will rather simply live as a woman everywhere except the bedroom. The details are being worked out.

Electrology is progressing well and I now only shave my neck. A side-effect of the hormones is the hair on my head is growing back. I had a bald spot the size of an old fashioned silver dollar at the crown which is completely covered now and the hair at the front is filling in. My body hair is much finer and there is much less of it.

Editor's Note. Thus ends Chapter One of the latest Perils of Pauline. Stay tuned to this channel for the next installment.



OUT AND ABOUT

SAN FRANCISCO The August 11th meeting was well attended (possibly because of the S&M presentation by the Janus Society). Some faces we haven't see in a long time were visible and, of course, many of our "regulars". We were especially pleased to see Regina make it over from Oakland, Franscine was able to tear herself away from her thriving bar on Hyde to attend. The usual Foursome from Sacramento made down and Tala and Sandy made it up from Palo Alto. Dave braved the fog on the Golden Gate to make it in from Santa Rosa and of course the SF contingent braved the almost ever present summer fog. Diane, looking lovely as usual, made it in from Daly City. We're always pleased to see so many attending. Especially those who travel two or three hours.

Those attending wish to again express their appreciation to Debbie, Chris and the other people from Janus for their informative and thought provoking talk on and demonstrations in the various aspects of S&M. While S&M may not consciously be everyone's cup of tea, many, unknowingly do participate. Aren't tight, lace-up corsets, waist cinchers and those deliciously, wicked high, high heels a little on the masochistic side?

We'd like to have a party night in November. Any suggestions?

CHICAGO. The Main Office received an invitation to attend Gay Night at a local skating rink and since no one in California wanted to take advantage of it they sent it to us. The rink provided 100 free passes and we made a night of it on August 11th. We even provided some of the extra tickets to the local Tri-Sigma Chapter and a couple of the T-S members joined us making a night of it at the rink. Approximately 25 girls had a real ball at the rink. Why, there were even a couple of micro-mini skating dresses visible. Where do you usually wear those girls?

We'll have a report on the Luau Party in the next issue -- I promise. Oh, we're expecting Betty (CA-79) from the Bay Area to attend. She is back here for a high school class reunion and has promised to make the party if at all possible.

I've weighed the pros and cons of sending Xerox copies of a letter as meeting invitations ILO of the currently used postcard. It may cost a little more to use First Class postage, but at least I'll be able to move my fingers after writing only one letter instead of the 70 or so postcards I now hand-write each month. It isn't that I don't like using the postcards, but my fingers are getting old and they just don't bounce back like they used to after a long session with the pen.

Sharon (IL-1)

The Northwest Chapter in Portland (OR - for all you Mainiacs) is going great guns and jumping the gun on recruiting. Ellen and Linda provided copies of the notices Chapter members are placing on bulletin boards and other conspicuous places. Some were placed on dorm bulletin boards at 2 local colleges.

The pictures in the center-fold were taken at a recent meeting. We wish they could be printed in color because the red outfit Linda Lee is wearing is just lovely and ever so sexy.

BEAUTY PAGEANT

CHICAGO -- Miss Continental Gay, USA. September 5th and 6th at the Park West (night club). Contact Sharon Hess, PO Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 or call (312) 472-4518.

Don't miss this one.

MAIL BAG

Dear GGA,
Dear Editors,

I am a female-to-male TS and before I started receiving my hormones I was very depressed when I would get my period -- which was adding insult to injury. Because I was depressed during that time I more than once attempted suicide.

For others who feel very depressed during this time I would like to point out that there is a hormone called Danocrine which was prescribed for me by my endocrinologist. The drug stopped my period which made my life easier to bear.
David (A subscriber)

Thanks for the hint David. We'd like to remind readers that drugs should ONLY be taken if and as prescribed by a member of the white-suited pill-pusher society -- sometimes known as medical doctors. To see what the effects and side-effects of this, or any, drug contact the Reference Section of your local library and ask for the Physician's Desk Reference (PDR). Bear in mind this tome is published and given away free of charge to members of the medical profession by the drug manufacturers.

Dear GGA,

I first made contact with you in November, 1978 and started to associate with your group several months later. From that point on my life changed ---- for the better. I was no longer plagued by the terrible feelings of loneliness and isolation and, I can honestly say that today I am a much happier person and that my perspectives on life have undergone a very significant revision.

So, please accept my heart-felt thanks for all of your efforts. My only regret is that geographical and other factors have made it difficult for me to attend the San Jose meetings, except on a sporadic basis.

Susan (CA-34)

Dear Phoenix,

I couldn't help but notice the space given to the Success Group's Daytona Event in our July issue of the Phoenix.

To that I would like to add my personal experience as a guest of Susan Armstrong and her lovely wife, Shirley, should any of our girls find themselves in the Tampa, Fl area.

I arrived known to them only by correspondence and their knowledge that I am a TV and a member of GGA. Frankly, I have never had an experience where I was more welcome. Not only was I accepted on face value (unless I proved otherwise), but Susan went out of her way to help with any needs I might have as a TV who had only recently, and very gingerly, placed both feet outside of the closet.

I mentioned that I would like to purchase several wigs along with some professional help in the selection and care of these. Presto! I was introduced to Shirl of Shirl's Wig Shop. A wonderful lady who is most helpful to, and understanding of, TV/TS people. I'm delighted with my purchases.

I mentioned that I'd like some professional cosmetic counseling. The next day I was introduced to Marilyn Longworth of the Image Maker Shop. Another absolutely delightful lady who helps us with her talent, her interest and her understanding. After a few days of practice, no problem with coming in to her business dressed so she could properly visualize my efforts and make constructive comments and further assist.

I had grown awfully tired of "dented ears" from clip-ons and decided it was time to enjoy the comfort of pierced ears. Susan "just happened to know" a lady who was happy to assist me without embarrassment of any kind.

I was looking for some clothes and some costume jewelry. Again, Susan knew "just the places to go" where selection wouldn't be an embarrassment.

Then, to add frosting to the cake, on my last day in Florida, they held a small party for me where I had the opportunity to meet other members of the Success Chapter.

Susan Armstrong, and the Success Chapter, deserve our strong support because Susan and The Chapter have their hand held out to any TV/TS who needs it as they venture out of their closets into the wonderful world of femininity.

Thanks for helping them with the Daytona Event. If at all possible, I hope to join them all there in October.

Karen (WI-16)

Editor's Note: We need add nothing to such a great endorsement.

WIFE'S LETTER

In the July Phoenix we ran letters from 2 wives; 1 concerning her husband's crossdressing and one concerning the transsexuality of the person to whom she is married. The Wive's Letters ask for help from the Phoenix readership.

While we don't know what any of you said in your responses because, naturally, we didn't open any of the letters, we simply forwarded them, we do know, from the letter received from one of the wives that your responses were both helpful and certainly appreciated.

We thought part of the letter from Rita (Colorado) should be shared with all of you to let you know how much help a simple thing like taking a few minutes of your time to put thoughts on paper can be to someone else.

Dear GGA,

"I want to thank you for writing me. When I received a response from you I didn't feel quite so alone with my problem. -----

"Also I want to thank you for setting up my letter in the Phoenix and the letters you forwarded to me. Somehow it makes me feel that someone cares and the situation is not as hopeless as it seems.

"Sincerely,
"Rita"

LETTERS TO KATHI

It's been gratifying seeing letters directed to Kathi (MO-15) lowing through the office in response to her letter in the Mail Bag last month. We knew we could count on you good people out there.

Keep up the good work and we hope some friendships will be formed.

Kathi girl, stick with it. You aren't as alone as you thought.

----- CALIFORNIA -----

ATTRACTIVE, young MTF crossdresser wishes to share living arrangements with mature female or TS. I am completing a 12 month public relations/secretarial assignment out-of-state and will be returning to California for permanent residence in October. I am discreet, friendly, honest, a good housekeeper, enjoy cooking with natural foods and enjoy good music and conversation. Write GGA, attn: CA-52, PO Box 62283, Sunnyvale, CA 94088.

KAY'S WAY
by Kay (CA-58)

Well, here we are in Hong Kong. How absolutely divine. First girls - come to Hong Kong in the Fall or Spring (Oct. thru Mar.). Otherwise it's too hot and muggy and you know how that will straighten your hair.

We are ensconced at the Hilton for four gorgeous days to look at the HK TV scene. Such a luxury place with hundreds of attendants everywhere. Right off I had a pedicure and foot massage. Then off to my room to do my toenails in flaming "Sultry Red", by Max Factor. Later that evening as I did my legs in a sudsy bubble bath the sexy red toes peeked out from the tub full of suds.

One of the first things I did while in Hong Kong was visit to the factory and showroom of the company which makes all those delicious spike-heeled shoes we see in catalogs. Can't tell you their names as the people who import them into the U.S. would put out a contract on this gal. Before going over to their shop I put on a pair of pantyhose so I would be able to try on some of the styles.

Darlings, you can't imagine the thrill - tried on at least 15 pair of sandals, pumps, tie pumps, boots and even a pair of toe shoes. The latter are not for me, but I had to see what some people like. Well, you can bet their eyes popped when "the man in the grey flannel suit" pulled off his socks and the crimson toes poked out from under grey hose.

I tried on a smashing pair of red sandals with 6" heels. Heavens, they're sexy. And as for the black patent spikes, bitchy as hell. Now I know why they like them. Bought a pair of the black patent D'Orsay pumps with 5" heels for my evening out.

If you plan to go to Hong Kong be sure and write Rosemary Langdon, c/o Kay's Way, 200 Main St., Tennent, NJ 07762-0200 at least 30 days in advance. Enclose \$2.00, an airmail SASE and sufficient postage (which is 35 cents per half ounce to Hong Kong). Rosemary is a smashing hostess and will introduce you to other Hong Kong TVs, including Ann, a sexy brunette. And Rosemary will tell you how to find places like the shoe factory.



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A tip: Don't plan on walking the streets at night. Proper Hong Kong ladies always take a taxi. Dress well for the hotels and you'll pass.

On the last night in the city I got my legs sleekly smooth and carefully covered with Carmol 20 lotion - super smooth so there's no roughness on my hose. I dressed in a new beige dress bought especially for this trip and a gorgeous pair of new beige and gold spike sandals. What an absolute thrill - almost electric - to teeter across the marble of the lovely main lobby. My escort was to arrive by car at the front door so I was off to meet him. As I walked into the main floor lobby the turbaned Sikh door-man opened the door in expectation that I would go out. Since my escort wasn't there yet I sat down in a lobby chair. Being low it made it difficult to remain ladylike but I kept my knees together and tucked my spikes under the chair front. In doing so the lace edge of my black half-slip peeked out from under my skirt. I could see it reflected in the shop window to my right but more in the glazed look of the Japanese executive on the chair across from me. I took out a cigarette and before I got out my lighter the Chinese Captain was here to light it. How I loved it -- the crimson red of my lipstick on the cigarette and all. In the Hilton I had purchased a new Lapis bangle bracelet trimmed with gold trim and a hinge to open it so I could almost get it over my hand. Also, I bought the loveliest pair of earrings in crystal with a gold chain to drop down from Chinese symbols fastened to my ear lobe. Their swing as my head turned pulled at my ears to reminded me of my feminine mode as did the tug of my garter on my hip when I sat. The swish of hose as legs crossed - ah ecstasy. It's almost pornographic to walk on plush carpets in spikes. But I must admit, it's great,

My escort arrived and came inside to get me. As we went out to his car I realized its small size would afford someone a good leg show as I got in - no matter how demurely I tried to act. Well, on with the show - what a sight it must have been. The slit skirt, the leg and gold trimmed spike heel, the black lace edged slip - wickedly pausing just for a moment as I got into the little Jaguar seat. Then we were off to a large British home in the Peak Area. My hostess, Rosemary Langdon, is a local TV. We were met

there by Ann, Carrie and Elaine - other HK TVs. For more than two hours we had the most fabulous girl-party before going out for an evening in a couple of hotel bars - I don't mind telling you the envious looks for other women melted me inside.

I went to the disco at the Hilton at the end of the evening. It's called the Den and there is a large traffic of unattached European and Asian men moving through. For my part a 6'4" Spanish man came to my side of the table and politely ask if he could join us. How can one say "No" to such Continental charm? He had a small beard, not full, but well cut and coal black hair. As he squeezed in beside me I could see a spark in his eyes. Since I'm 5'9", without 5" heels, I need someone that tall. Here was the test - would my feminine voice work? What if he asked me to dance? I had taped my breasts so there was fullness in the vee neck on the dress. Also, I had used some dark lipstick to make the Vee seem more accentuated. The necklace and charm I wore actually seemed as if between two swollen mounds. I realized that from a side-view this was even more accentuated. I took a deep breath and realized this also caused an effect. So many things, but I was alive as though an electric wire ran from my ear lobe to my crotch.

In Hong Kong the process of hustling a girl is called "chatting her up" - and that's what he proceeded to do. I fell for it and soon we were in animated conversation about him and me. I felt his hand move first to my left leg and then slowly to my knee. It was like a wire again - I felt myself drawn to touch him on the leg. With that he snuggled closer and would turn to whisper in my ear rather than talk openly. Then, while turning to respond to him he did the same and brushed my crimson red lips. Instead of excusing himself he pushed forward and planted a full mouthed kiss on me while bringing his left hand up from my leg to put it behind my head so I couldn't get away. I couldn't squirm out of the way or turn as I thought my wig would move. I was trapped there while his tongue thrust deeply into my mouth. Quickly he sucked my tongue into his mouth imprisoning it between his teeth. The sharp pain was like a firecracker. I felt my panties getting moist and my legs started to tremble. I put my hand to his hairy chest

(Kay - continued)

to push him away. Still holding my head prisoner he used his right hand to move my hand down into his lap between his legs. The booth was sheltered so at least no one except our group could see my dilemma. It was like putting my hand on a hot, moist rag. This was going too far too fast. He applied a little extra pressure with his teeth on my tongue while moving my hand. It was as if to say "do something or I'll hurt you". I stroked him and he relaxed his sharp hold on my tongue.

As I "surfaced for air" I knew how a woman feels when dominated by a strong, sensual man - Oh, what a feeling. I could feel my nipples getting hard - but it was something else getting hard that I had to worry about. Quickly, I said "Let's dance." so I could slow him down. I unwound from the position I was in and pushed against him to move from the booth. My legs were unsteady there for a moment as we headed for the dance floor. I looked down to see the crimson toes peeking out at the end of my stockings and the gold ankle bracelet glinting in the light rotating overhead. As my legs swished together I felt wet and hot between my thighs. Since I had put perfume on them before going out I wondered what kind of scent was rising. For sure I was determined he'd never know, but just then he encircled my waist with his left hand after putting my left arm around his neck. This done his left switched my right and his right hand dropped to my fanny. It was like he was tracing a circle with his fingernail on the cheek of my fanny. Oh damn! there goes the wet feeling between my legs. Thank heavens the panty girdle brief I was wearing held my sex from expanding. His hot breath bore into my ear which was being pulled at the lobe by the dangling crystal earring. As we swayed to the beat of the music his leg forced itself between mine. As I moved the continuous tug of my tightly pulled garters was there to continually remind me of my feminine mode and how I was trapped. Again the spike heels, now moving across the floor, seemed to tower and yet I had to fight for control. I was trembling inside. He dipped me backward leaning over the vee in my bosom and planted a kiss there. Then, as he brought me upright, he paused and again a full mouth kiss holding me imprisoned there. Suddenly, the crowd of dancers stopped and started to clap. I felt a blush come

to my face and pulled away from him. Now I had to get back to the booth or lose all control. It was now 1:30 a.m. and I faced a 5:30 a.m. wake-up to go on to Singapore.

To tell the truth girls it was hard to break away. Thinking about how to handle a full evening like this, I almost forgot who and what I was, which is a real danger for a TV. Without question, I, who like to dominate, was on the other end and what a turnabout it could have been. My femme-side had blossomed fully. Had I not been scheduled to go on to another city early in the morning who knows what would have happened.

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Linda Lee



left to right. Janis, Dana, Ellen, Bobbie, Diane and Linda Ann.



Linda Ann

WELL, I FINALLY MADE THE TRIP
by Rebecca (FL-34 - formerly AZ-16)

This happy woman had her surgery June 10th and I feel GREAT, both physically and mentally. I've a few tips to pass on and they go something like this:

I suggest you stay at the Columbian Hotel in Trinidad. It's right across the street from the doctor's office, comfortable, steeped in local history and best of all inexpensive. The Trinidad Motor Inn is also comfortable but somewhat higher priced.

The Day Manager, at the elegant old Columbian, Jaunita is a fabulous, sweet, kind and considerate person and will help anyone who asks.

We all know the surgery itself is expensive so I won't delve into that. What I want to suggest are a few ways to reduce your costs without sacrificing any quality.

First, take enough hormones to last until surgery and to see you home. In case you don't know, it is dangerous to take hormones during your immediate post-surgical recovery period. They sometimes cause blood clots and we certainly can do without additional complications. The doctor will give you a prescription when you leave but, if you have enough of your own to see you home you won't need to go to the considerable expense of having the prescription filled at the hospital pharmacy. In all probability you can get the same prescription filled less expensively at home. The doctor will also give you a prescription for pain pills. I suggest you have this one filled because regardless of how strong you think you are you'll need them.

You're going to need a stint for dilating. The stint costs \$250.00 at the hospital. I suggest you do what I did. I bought my stint from another post-op for half price. The hospital will sterilize it for you so there's no problem there. You won't need it after 6 to 8 weeks post-surgically so you can of course sell it when you're done with it.

Douche bags -- you'll need one -- are available from hospital supply, but here again the price is higher than your local drug store.

One thing you can't take with you is a television set -- unless you have one of those little four-inchers. The Auxiliary at the hospital will allow you rent one

from them. Perhaps you and your roommate can split the cost.

My recuperation from surgery went swimmingly and I was allowed out of bed on the seventh day. What a great feeling it was to be able to walk around again. One must remember to take it easy when first getting out of bed after such a long supine period.

Before trying to urinate post-surgically relax, drink plenty of water and do some breathing exercises. All of these things will help. It feels so natural to sit and urinate.

I know you've heard it a hundred times, but it really is necessary for you to know who you are before surgery. It's too late after they roll you into the Recovery Room. Let me tell you about an incident which occurred while I was recuperating.

Another surgical candidate arrived. I showed her my surgery and explained all about the surgery and how I felt. I found she hadn't even tried to modulate her voice or change her mannerisms. She was truly an embarrassment to the TS community, to say nothing of the professionals who recommended her/him for surgery and, I felt, a totally confused individual. Anyway, she left, wearing men's clothing, before surgery. I wonder why she had men's clothing with her. Anyway, I cannot emphasize too strongly that you live the role for the prescribed period -- I lived as a woman two years pre-surgically; find and stay with a therapist qualified in the field of gender dysphoria who knows the difference between the TV the TS, the Drag Queen and homosexual male escaping into the temporary identity of a TS because he may no longer be able to cope with his gayness.

Ask yourself, over and over, "Is this necessary for me? Is it right for me? Is it really what I want/need?"

I pray that each of you finds what you want.

PEN PAL

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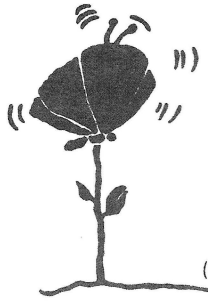
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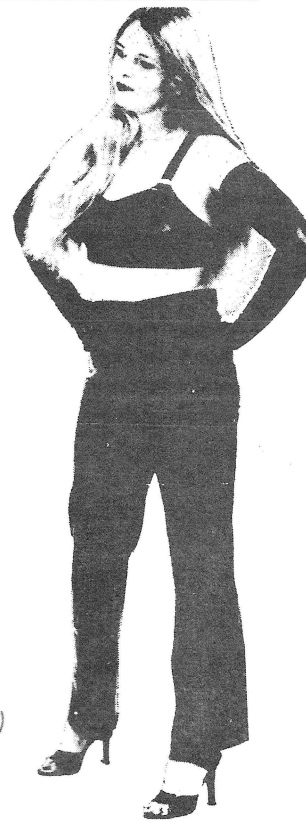
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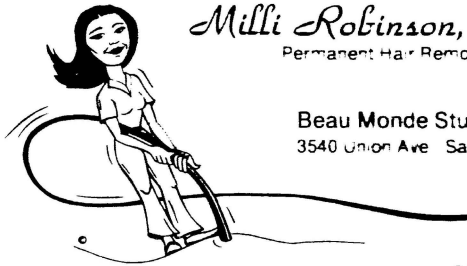
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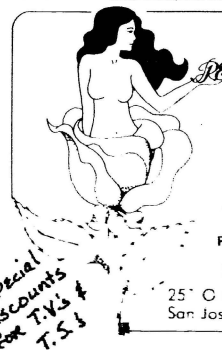
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