

# MY HUSBAND, THE SEX-CHANGE PARA

HOUSEWIFE Vi Palmer is leaving her husband . . . because he is changing into a woman.

In the past few years, the tough ex-paratrooper she married has turned from a muscular 38-34-40 male into a shapely 36-26-30.

Now Raymond — or Rachel, as he prefers to be known—is awaiting a minor operation to complete his sexual transformation.

But Mrs. Palmer has had enough.

The "strain" of living together is forcing her to quit their council house home.

At the house in Olton, Solihull, yesterday, 53-year-old mother-of-two Vi said:

"There are irreconcilable differences

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between us. The whole relationship now seems pointless because we are both women.

"My health is starting to break down because of the strain. It is best to split up."

The 60-year-old husband said: "I can't help what has happened to me. I would have preferred to remain a man.

"However, I have come to terms with being a woman."



THEN: Rachel before.



NOW: Rachel today.