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Okay, now what's the right thing to do? I want to know,



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I wonder if a comment, she made a comment that she really likes one of my brother in law's, but she doesn't care too much for the other. But as long as my sister is happy, that's all that matters. So as long as she was telling me that as long as I'm happy, that's all that matters, because we've had discussions like this in the past that no matter what you all do, what your choices are, as long as you're happy, and the person you're with is a good and honest person. That's all that counts.



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I hope. It just, I know, I had said, keeps cutting out. I know that you and I have seen, I've seen situations, especially during the AIDS epidemic early on, where one partner ended up being sued by the parents. Oh, yes, lost everything, you know, and they may have had a will. But it's theirs. It turns out, that wasn't enough. And I can, you know, and my, my big fear is that God forbid, something's going to happen to Lori, they're not going to have recognized our relationship at all.



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You know, the other thing is good and honest. Well, good, by whose definition? You know, because I think we're, we're pretty good people. I mean, we take care of our kids, we do what we think is right for our community. But in someone else's opinion, were downright evil, you know, just because of who we are.



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Yeah. Well, I don't know. It's hard to know what the what the it's hard to know what the right thing to do is now in your situation in top of all the other family stuff, you're also parents, right.

Now, that brings up a whole bunch of complications, right? Yes. Yeah.



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are we protecting our children?



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are we protecting our children from bigots?



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Can we protect them from the straight people? Please?



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Oh, come on. I know several straight. You know, I've got several straight friends.



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Well, I know you told me you were telling me a story about your neighbor in the back.



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Oh, yeah. That was hilarious. It was not long after we moved in. And the neighbor leaned over to me one day when I was, you know, out doing the lawn with my son or whatever. Well, whose kids are they? And I'm going with her ours? And she's like, well, well, yeah. But who's the mother? And it's like, oh, Teresa's the mother. Oh, and she's like, I forget what she said. But she kept going on about, you know, how she understood how, yeah, I was really good for the kids. And, you know, I was a good role model and all that. But that, you know, they were Teresa's kids. And I was like this, you know, adopted in kind of person. And it's like, no, no, you don't understand these are our children, you know, genetically, biologically. And she just could not get that. Going. And she's going, you know, you're really good with the kids. And I understand it's like, no, you don't understand.



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Laurie? Oh, didn't Jackie Johnny into this. Please. Did you want to get to this conversation? Well, this is Jackie Thorne, by the way, okay,



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I was I was on my way home and listening to the radio and you were commenting about the email from the, from the minors or your children, I hesitate to use the word children, young adults, young adults, their ego. And the thought occurred to me, you know, we do have a real real problem, because of course, the religious right is going to accuse us of either recruiting or contributing black, they don't mind. But what I was thinking was, those of us who are on the internet, or in the chat rooms, and so forth like that, if we would work up a little biography of our own life and some of the problems we've had and how we have resolved those problems, and then post them on the internet, so that the kids that want to can read this, it would not be answering their specific questions, and therefore we couldn't be accused of anything. But we would be relating our own history. And this would give them some facts and considerations that they that they are lacking right now, the educational process to me is very, very important. That's



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a that's I think that's a terrific idea.



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That's a great idea never would have occurred to me,



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that's my trade idea. I have my coming out letter at work on the web for exactly that reason. And there's no reason I couldn't put more experiences out there,



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besides tons of different experiences from transsexuals to cross dressers.




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Well, it's interesting. There's a woman on who has a very, very excellent page on the internet but GNR Gianna Israel gene, I've guessed that's how you pronounce Yeah, Jia, Jia Jiang Israel, I think that's how you pronounce it is she is a transsexual and a professional psychotherapist. And she has some wonderful, wonderful information on her pages about the coming out process. But one area that I disagree with on her as essentially her as her advice and coming out is don't





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boy, I don't agree with that either. And


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the point would be

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Oh, wait, I, you know, I'll be back up here. I understand to some extent why crossdressers? Don't they come up to their wives? You know, but they may not come out to anybody else. And I can understand that there's one sense because there's no pressing need. There's still a big stigma. Well, yeah, there's no pressing need. And I can understand why gays and lesbians may not come out for various reasons, but transsexuals don't have that option. Some true, we're gonna have to come out it's not a question of if it's a question when, because once we start the transition, and it doesn't matter here, whether you're talking about someone female to male or male to female, at some point, they have to go home. Yes. You know, at some point, they have aunts and uncles or cousins or somebody come to visit. That's true. Can't Hi, Ron. So sooner or later, you have to do it.

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And no matter how good you think you've buried all the information, at some point, and old credit record get gets rough woodworking then yeah, yeah, at some point, something pops up. Someone's gonna ask something,

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it's been five years, and I still get, you know, the occasional credit card offer in the old name or whatever. I mean, it's, as far as I'm concerned, it's never going to stop.

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Lori knows that anything that shows up in my mail name just automatically gets thrown in the trash. It pretty

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much runs with a name from Connecticut from years and years ago. Yeah, one

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of the things about working at a bank is I all day long. That's what part of what I do is I poke credit records and people for loans. And so one day, I thought, I'm gonna pull mine, oh, lo and behold, way back 20 years ago, way the hell back in Connecticut, they there was still a credit record with my male name on it. And I thought this is this is some proof of something that I've talked about for years, which is no matter how well you think it would work running. Computers never forget, you know. So I wrote them back and sent them a copy of my of my court order and said, Get rid of this record. First of all, you should have gotten rid of it after seven years. So do it. And then I went back and checked on the net and checked on my credit record, make sure they did do it. Which is kind of interesting, because not many people get to sit there and pull credit records. Right, you know, but one of the things that I wanted to have everybody come in and talk about to was I know that Beth when she did her coming out process, I know she did it right. Oh, well, thank you. But I mean, and you still had these problems. And I did everything by the book. I mean, you know, if you get a therapist, they tell you what you send pictures, you send information, you send explanations. In my father's case, he simply sent the back on open.



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Yeah, how do you how do you deal with it? Yeah.



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So what do you do when somebody just I don't want to know, now for a year and a half, or maybe it was long it was maybe it was longer? Laurie? I was getting these these letters from my father. Remember, there was like, You're gonna burn in hell, though. There were those letters. Yeah, you know, and it was like he was going to stoke the fire for me. And I finally get disgusted with it and sent back a note and said, look, it's like this. If you're gonna send me these letters, then stop sending them because I'm not interested



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in the cross has kept getting bigger and bigger. He



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would send me his crosses in the mail, which, you know, so finally, after a while, he just that he would send me letters. Last name only. Right? dipalma No, first no first name. And it wasn't until about a year ago, I've noticed more reason that maybe six, seven months ago, that he finally started sending letters that included my first name, but still he had never told his wife. He had never told anyone in his family. And I knew that my father was getting more and more ill. And because he, my father is the kind of person that you'd say to them. How are you? How are you doing yet? Fine. Everything okay, yeah. Then I talked to my aunt and she said, you know, your dad had colon cancer. And I call my father back and say you didn't tell me you had colon cancer? Well, I didn't want to worry you. And you just want to chuckle and say you put you said you are fine. You're not fine. So it was the kind of thing that would think it just makes me nuts.



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Actually, that sounds like a typical parent.



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Oh, wow. Yeah, that that goes beyond. Yeah.



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Yeah, some things are universal. But it wasn't until I think he knew that he was really ill that he finally decided to make peace. And I wondered since then, whether part of his willingness to make peace was he knew he wouldn't have to deal with the neighbors anymore.



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The neighbors saying who cares?



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They say to me now let my wife deal with it. In an essence, that's exactly what did happen. And in fairness to her, was it you Laurie that went NASA or was it A about what about, you know, how do you want to handle the few who was at you? And what, what did she tell you



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do what you think is best.



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pretty advanced.



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She said, Do what you need to



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do what you need to do this. So, I mean, the first time she knew about this was this is you want a classic example of how not to have things happen. I went to her house to go and comfort her.

After all, she was my dad's wife for 20 something years. So I wanted to go and comfort her. And I walked in through door to say hello to her. And my father's brother was sitting there. Now he had no clue. He had never heard about me. The last time he saw me, I was 12 years old. Oh. So now I'm reaching over to him. And I'm saying Hi, I am thinking, How do I say this? I used to be his son. Now. That's not right. I'm, I'm his daughter. Now. That's not right. So I finally said, I'm Sarah. And you used to know me as Lenny. And he looked at me with lupus look of like, eat crap and died is I know who you are. Whoa. And that was the full extent of our conversation for three days. Wow. I know who you are. Period. The first time I met my brothers sisters was at the wake. Wow. Instance. He had never been able to tell anyone never find it is hard to do it.



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We're gonna make your brothers sisters.



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Yeah, my mom sorry. My father's sister. Oh, okay. Yeah, my father sister. Okay, since he had never been able to find himself to tell anybody. Same situation. Here. We aren't the week. And now I have to go over and introduce myself and say, you know, I'm so and so. And they look at me said yes, we're aware of you. That's it. Kinda conversation. Thank you very much.



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Well, it sounds like maybe they just heard it. And they haven't had time to process.



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Yeah. And I guess part of, I guess part of the, the question is, what happens if your parents just absolutely refuse to do anything to make life smoother? Because it sounds like if if Theresa hadn't gone home, for example, that you would have been suffering for a hell of a mess when you went.



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You could be could be because even still, right now the plan is that, you know, we're going to have just Theresa and myself and our two kids, and the wake in the funeral and the visitation and all that kind of thing. I've been specifically uninvited from. So I mean, I'll have a chance to do my own grieving and my own peace, but not with the rest of the family.



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And how you can explain that not to be nosy, but how you can explain that to the kids. Your kids are so bright.



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Yeah. Well, they know that. You know, they know grandma doesn't deal. They know everything is just not going to be accepting of me at that location at that time.



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And my mom, unfortunately, I cut her off because Beth and I had already discussed that. I said I really don't want my dad is very well respected attorney. That really isn't. That's part of it, but not really. I got two letters from his his partners, and they were so heart felt, you know, gentleman's gentleman. You know, what you read in these letters? You're like, going this is how I feel for my dad. And I kind of don't i In all honesty, I don't want to embarrass my



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family man enough that I don't want to make a stir at his, you know, I don't want to turn it into the circus.



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See, that was my situation. What's what's the right thing to do here? Yeah. I'm sorry. Oh, yeah.



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Okay. And so, I had art, and I said, you know, let's just do it. We'll go the following day. And we'll just make peace as a family, you know, our fam as our family. And, and Beth was fine with that. And my mom, I had written in the letter and said, you know, maybe at some point in time during the visitations can Beth come up. And I had stopped her.



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Yeah, she was really, really uncomfortable with that whole idea.



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And I think she was going to give, you know, a certain time period that Beth could come in and visit, but I stopped her and because I knew how uncomfortable she was, you know? But since it's kind of a different ballgame, it's your father. Yeah.



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It's not my father. It's, you know, my family only because I'm associated through Teresa. My

respect is for Teresa. My respect for that man is quite high. I mean, he was fine individual. But yeah, he still is for a little while longer anyway. But you know, it's it's, it's a respect that I have equally the kind of respect that I might have had for a great for First of all I had or somebody I knew in my life who is influential but who isn't actually family. Yes. You know what I mean? Yes. And so and so. I really do want to pay my respects to this person, but it's a little different respect than I hold for someone in my own family. My family is sitting here right next to me right now.



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Go ahead. Go Oh, yeah, well, it's time for station right.



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Well, we are back that was Hedwig



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and the Angry Ah, that's the original cast recording of an Off Broadway musical. And it's about what bad is about a a man who has surgery and it is botched. And he ends up as Barbie.



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You know, I looked after one o'clock in the morning I can say this now what is the saying? I want to come back I want to come back as Barbie cuz she pitches everything.



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Yeah, well, yeah. Well, well, it's not a happy thing. No, not at all.



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Not if not yes is not consensual.



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It's been a lot of music is very rock. A couple of ballads that one in particular was called wig in a box. And it's talking about I think it's a good very good song for cross dressers because it's talking about your life is a mess and I just remember bring that wig down from you know, put on the makeup put that wig on and here we go.



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I heard a joke the other day said if Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?



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Oh, that's a good point. We have a postcard that was from a company called The Body Shop. And this this postcard shows a very overweight Barbie. And the heading under the heading underneath it says there are eight women who are supermodels. And 150 million women who aren't which I think is just wonderful.



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Yes. Yes that is he wanted to talk about oh let's let's talk about this real quickly. A caller called in and said he and his five friends were very offended by the comment on airline employees. They are airline employees and decided stop listening. What in the hell did we ever say about airline employees I picked on air Tran well that's an airline that's an airline but I don't pick on the employees the employees were fine it's the airline I didn't trust there we go. So anyway, I'm



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sorry if I offended you but that happens a lot on the show. When you put your microphones back



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Oh yes. Thank you very much. No, I you know, I often said every time I turned on this microphone, no matter what I say I'm gonna piss off a bunch of people that's half



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the fun saw somebody we had a bad show



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well you just use one of George Carlin seven words so well I'm so you No, no,



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no, no, that's all right. Wait until after we come back from the news and I started talking about how much I agree with Bree hill that hate crime laws and not necessarily a great idea will probably piss off a lot more people.



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I'm Anya and that one's right on girl girl.



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I started out talking about the transgendered youth and with with the time that we've got left here, I wanted to talk about the coming out process and covered a little bit from start to finish the reason for that



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and everybody wants Jackie to tell about her coming out yeah experience because she is like the mother of all of us. I've often talked about how Jackie came and talked to the game lesbian switchboard and and really that's where we got our first our first information.



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Jackie's my godmother about transgendered folks in Jackie's my godmother, godmother all except mother



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shouldn't do that to you. You're not going for fairy godmother, though. No, no,



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you were telling us a story while we were off the air and tell him you? Well,



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the thing about it was you know the the I was talking with Sarah about the fact that when you

the thing about it was you know the the I was talking with Sarah about the fact that when my ex wife we were divorced for about two years before she found out and of course first thing she did was she told the two kids and second thing she did was she told the Minister of our church which happened to be Southern Baptists out and it was funny because of course my son on who I had done all sorts of things with I was his coach and Little League football and we going out duck and deer hunting together. And we water skied and snow skied together. And, you know, so my son really didn't have a problem with it. My daughter, of course, was younger, and she was living with her mother. And she had a problem with it only because of the fact of what her mother told her. But once she got out of high school, and out on her own in college, and got talking with her brother, she found out that well, maybe the only it wasn't such an SOB after all, and particularly when she needed money to go to college. But that was, that was neither here nor there. But anyhow, this, this just about a year ago. We'd been divorced for 15 years, and my ex wife who had diabetes and heart trouble and all the related complications passed away. And so I went to the memorial service, it was held at the church that we both belong to, and the Associate Minister there and Christian minister who was neither that day. Bye, basically, you know, took the attitude that I was not entitled to have any feelings or emotions. And granted, I, you know, I have no, I have no, frankly, any love for her anymore. But she was a part of my life for 20 years. She's the mother of my children. You know, I'm not supposed to have any emotions. I'm not supposed to have any grief. You know, I'm just, I'm just supposed to, you know, blow it off and not, you know, and not have any kind of closure. Well, this is ridiculous. And particularly for someone who is supposedly a so called Christian, to express that attitude to someone else, is just reprehensible as far as I'm concerned.



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And I think what we need to explain to the audience who may not know you or may not be familiar, you are a heterosexual,



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sexual crossdresser. And how I have been since I was four or five years of age, I was married for 20 years, been divorced for wives divorced for 15 years until my wife passed away. My kids are grown. My son is married has has a, as a son of his own. My daughter is a teacher here in the Houston area. We, you know, communicate once or twice a month or so we can talk on the phone every once in a while we'll go out to dinner and this sort of thing.



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Sounds pretty normal to me. Yeah.



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But by the same token, it's, you know, it's as her father, I don't, you know, I don't flaunt it. I don't push it in her face or anything like that. And she's aware of this side of my personality. And, you know, I've explained to her that, you know, this is part of who I am. It's part of what makes me who I am.



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Well, Jackie, I know. Jackie has has long been one of the leaders in this community. Absolutely. And it's about doggone time, Jackie. Jackie, just recently won the Lifetime Achievement Award at the transgender unity banquet. Yes. And I can't think of anybody more deserving, Doug on time. Yeah, thank



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you. Thank you. It was a it was totally unexpected total surprise to me, really, I appreciate it more than I can say. The members of the gender community who know me and know that, you know, the last two years, I was running for impersonating federal court. And I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the gender community who did turn out for me, and they did turn out in force, and I appreciate it more than I can say.



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Say, isn't it? This is such a cool community? Yes. This is it's such a cool community. Well, I wanted to talk about the coming out process, okay. And I wanted to take it from a little different angle here for a minute. When a when a gay or lesbian person starts to starts the coming out process. And when they do when they go in, they talk to their family. The family has a hard time with it, but they still have a son or daughter. Yes. When a crossdresser comes out. Typically when they first come out the person they're going to come out to their wife. That's assuming that the CrossDresser is male cross dressing is a female, which is not always the case. Right? Right. But typically, the first person they're going to come out to is the wife. And oftentimes in that situation, the issue is not so much the cross dressing, as it is an issue of honesty. In a case of a transsexual, though, when they come out, they are going to a parent and they're essentially saying to the parent, I know what The records say I was born as, but they're an error. The birth, the birth certificate may say I was born as male, but that's a mistake. Or it may say it was a female. But that's an error in to ask a parent to accept that. Maybe too much. At least initially.



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Well, it takes it takes, it's it takes time and any cup coming out for anyone. How long did it take you personally, to come out to yourself? And you can't expect your parents or your friends or your family to just jump up and automatically be accepting they have they have their coming out process? Do



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they have a grieving process? Yes. Yeah. And, and I wanted to approach it from a little different viewpoint. When Laurie first knew me, Laurie on Lauren Lauren, when she met me, I was already Sarah. Um, but she's had a unique view of watching my transition. And I know Teresa in Beth have a very unique situation because they were legally husband and wife when this

process started. And I think that in between us, you have two couples who have reached the same place but got there in very different ways. And I wanted to talk about that a little bit lower you want, you want to talk about what you've seen in my transition process.



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I have to tell you, when Sarah and I first got together, she would not even go out to pick up the paper and as she was in full makeup and completely dressed. And now she says, Oh, what the hell? I'm too tired to do that. So she's progressed quite a bit.



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So I mean, the glamour part has worn off. It's not it's not all makeup and gowns, right?



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Not only not only is the clamor has worn off, but Laurie is right there was a time I wouldn't want to get the newspaper I and my makeup just couldn't be good. It'd be perfect. And Laura, Laura is one that convinced me that actually no one's looking at heart. So go through what you



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finally convinced about the glands tests that when you walk by the bathroom mirror, you just glance and and keep walking. It's all people see of you.



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That's true. That's true. A lot. Yeah.



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Yeah. Laurie, Laurie taught me that. Basically, people will look at you to the extent to which they can avoid bumping into you. So it was very funny, because early in the transition period, people would stop me. Or they would looking at me and just staring and I think what are they looking at? And finally, one day, this lady stopped. And she said, Excuse me, but I've got to know is that your real hair color? And so that was it. That was it? That's what they were looking at. Yeah, it was probably a good lesson for me. Yeah. But she's also watched me go through a lot with family, right? This is radiotelephone.



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I've noticed you with with you, mother and your dad and your daughter and just from start to finish the progress of how you've got together and made friends and got to know your family

again. And I have to say but a very cool grandmother and a very cool and



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I have my grandmother is 92 years old. God God bless her 92 years old. And her whole attitude is it could be you could be have a terrible fatal disease or something. You know, you could have been in a car wreck and you mean not we'll deal with it. Yeah, you know, and my aunt of God bless her. Her attitude is I loved you before. I love you now. So what's the problem? You know, why can't the world



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be like that



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my 85 year old grammar grandmother's opinion is Hey, life's too short. Go do what you want.



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Who wasn't who you told you. A transgender man said well, at least you're not Republican.



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That was my uncle buddy. Yeah. Yes, it was pretty funny because he looked me right in the eye. And he had this big greatest as well, you know, at least you're not Republican.



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I like that.



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He's probably never I don't think he can't even think Republican vote. Now that's, that's interesting, have a unique situation because you were husband and wife. And you might want to talk about that process a little bit. I mean, you still are I don't want to make it sound like you divorce. But it's a different kind of coming out.



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I think we've kind of given up on those kinds of labels. Yeah, your works. You know, what the heck yeah.



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No, what was that all like?



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Go ahead. Well, first off, I want to say that we were pretty honest, upfront. I mean, she asked me to marry her, basically. I mean, not in so many words, but she let me know that I should be proposing anytime now. Thank you very much. And I couldn't, I couldn't without letting her know who I was. And the whole the whole concept of being a parent was something that was really You important to me. And it was also something that as someone who viewed my life as going into transition before, you know, marriage or anything like that was going to be completely unavailable to me. And so what she was offering me was darn near as big a part of my personal identity as my gender was the fact that I, you know, would very much have liked to have been apparent. So it took a lot. You know, I never I tried really, really hard to get the gumption up to come out to her and, and I had not come out to my parents or anything else. She was really the first person I had to come out to, I couldn't just slough the issue off. And how did she How did she react, she had to know who she was talking to. So, one morning, when she was on what spring break or something, she decided that she was going to come over to my apartment and surprise me because, you know, I tend not to wake up until 930 or 10, you know, given the opportunity, and it was a Saturday morning. And so she, you know, opened the door and came in discovered my typical sleeping attire. And well, I wasn't the one who got surprised that you were in the



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night gown, I'd say. Yes. And Teresa, I mean, I don't know.



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Honestly, I don't. I know I broke into tears. I think we've been stood there with our mouths wide open. And the only thing I could manage to get out of my face at first was Don't leave.



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And in all honesty, I don't know what did made me stay. I shouldn't I mean, in some respects, I should have left. I but there was something that made me stay. How about love?



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I was gonna say, I think they call it love. Well, yeah.



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It's a little thing, little thing,



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you know, and we had this discussion for several hours.



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You know, I would think there was something to discuss at that point. Yeah.



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And lots of lots of thought, you know, hey, no, my life is gonna be a whole lot different than I thought it was gonna work. Transsexual



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was in there. I mean, you know, whether I remember it or not shock has a lot of shock on both our parts, I'm sure. At the end of that, I think we've pretty much come to agreement that I was going to try my best to maintain my life as it was, and be the husband and the father in his family. And crashing back in here. And I tried. I really did try. I tried really hard and it lasted.



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The caffeine has been wearing.



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Was that your head going against the mic?



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I don't know if it wasn't



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one of our mics.



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But we microphones Viagra just ran out. Yes, it did.



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We went on. We went on that way for what about four years?



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Yeah, about four years, four years.



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And things were just you know, the stress of living my life as a mask, and not letting me be shown was really big. And I was building all the time. And on top of that, you know, all the other normal day to day stress stuff. I was really close to losing it for a while there. And about the time our daughter was born, which is our second and last child. I just you know, I couldn't do it anymore. Just couldn't do it anymore. And that led to a bunch of other long, intense conversations. Yeah.



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And basically, it was like, if you could if wearing a night gown will lead a real relief. So maybe alleviate some of the stress. Yeah, we went through that phase, you know, and just slowly, little, little, little, little bit it basically it's always slow. It's very slow, though. I mean,



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I cannot tell you the number of people I know who at some point or another in my transition have have gone from I think I might be transgendered. I think I'm going to come out I've come out boy, I think I'm transsexual, I'm going to go full time. I'm going to have start hormones. I'm going to go through surgery and now I'm back to woodworking. And I'm standing there watching them come and go. Yes, I've seen dozens and dozens and dozens of people. And a lot of times I'll tell them upfront I'll say You know, you're not going to believe this but if that's really in your future the way you're going you'll be through SRS long before me and they're always like no no, no, no, not never happened. And it's literally been dozens



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of people SRS sex reassignment surgery



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yeah yeah sorry for them is what don't know the alphabet soup. Though



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everybody has has different I mean it



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would have been comfortable it's not a matter of a comfort level for you if you know there are other people in your life absolutely. It's not my comfort level I'm dealing with it's our family's comfort level it's are the all of us together but



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I remember a long time ago you had a transgendered man on the on the show Yes, who said before Before he was a man, he said it was like, having a Halloween costume Halloween costume on that you cannot take off. Yeah.



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Yeah, I thought that was exactly exactly what it's like. And I guess I was lucky because Laurie knew me only asked Sarah. But she's watched me progress from exactly what you were talking about from the person who had to wear makeup only to, you know, just to go out to get the newspaper to Well, I can do with that at some of the time to the hell with it. I'm just gonna live my life to being an activist. And you're right. It's almost like it's a cycle that you go through. It's and it's almost predictable, I think. Yeah, it is. Eventually. I think at some point, you come to a graduation point of sorts where you end up saying, I'm not transgendered anymore. I've reached this endpoint.



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Well, I did. I did all



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that research of maybe the ones the early in the early years did in June.



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Yes, I did. I went with demon Kelly. That's right. And we both weren't wake up to the next true.



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She was, like, Alice Cooper.



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I did all that, you know, before I could even make my first steps. I had to know. I mean, this is not something to take on lightly. So I did an awful lot of soul searching in my early 20s. You know, and and so I'd gone through a lot of the stuff I was seeing all these other people go through with the Oh, I'm just just a crossdresser quote, just a crossdresser. By the way, that phrase cules Yeah, I hate that phrase that. But, you know,



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well, that's true. Because if you're a crossdresser that's, I mean, it's not just the thing.



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Yeah. It's who you are. I mean, why is this a justa? You know, I mean, there's every bit of validity that goes along with that as there is for any other person in their lives, you know, so anyway, it's like, well, you know, this is where I am, well, maybe not, you know, so I did that maybe not as stuff real early on. So I knew I was going into this relationship. And that's so hard when when she wanted me to change who I was. And we had to come to a deal of like, well, maybe I can be who I am. And this other scan. You know what I mean?



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Yeah, I brought something along. If you familiar with Kubler Ross, yeah. Kubler Ross has a, she has the steps of what she calls how to deal with a death, denial or anger. And it's a predictable process of a grieving process. And the first process of grieving is denial. Okay. And she says, It's a state of numbness in belief and disbelief takes hold things like, well, this can't happen to me, or I just don't believe it. And I think early on, we see that process a lot. Yeah. Even with other transsexuals. They are transgendered people. And I think that explains why they end up burning their clothes or going through these purge Oh, yeah. Because it's a form of denial and say, Well, okay, if I just, I'll never do it again. Or I'll get rid of the clothes, so I'll never have to deal with it anymore. I



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was way too Scott's to be better than anything. So just box it up and put it in the way top of the closet.



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I'd like to have some of the money back from the clothes that I burned. Exactly, exactly. And

I'd like to have some of the money back from the clothes that I burned. Exactly, exactly. And then the second one, she says is anger in anger is maybe outwardly expressed his rage or tearing inward by it to be experienced as depression. Then how many people do we know who have suffered from depression? Yeah,



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the hands go up, and



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everyone just about Yeah, just about everybody in it. And I think he's right, in that the next one I thought was interesting is bargaining. Bargaining goes on to help buy time to accept the truth of your situation. And they usually use the example like in the case of transgenders, I'll come, I'll come see you only if I see Larry instead of Laura. Right. Or I'll have lunch with you. If you wear slacks and no makeup. Ways of postponing the inevitable. I think that's yeah, yeah. Depression. Of course, we know, guilt. We did a whole show on guilt and shame is a good one. It was a real good guilt and shame. And she also talks about I'm looking at here, it says, pay to move. And they finally reach acceptance. When you come to terms with it. And the last date she called renewal. Well, you've come to realize you really are different person now. And you let go of the other stuff.



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Before we go to the news, and it's coming up in a few minutes. I want to hear Katrina rose, talking about her coming out. Oh, yeah. Well,



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mine's my microphone. Yes, sir. Okay. My man's kind of different from the rest of you all's in that wasn't in a relationship when I started coming out, not really in one now. And the family I came from was kind of a kind of a distant one that the only relatives that I had seen much of in the probably 10 years prior to my coming out at all, were my mom, my dad, my sister, and the only one I'd really had a lot of contact with, in the year or so prior to coming out was just my mom. And deep down. I had a feeling that ultimately she would be okay with it, or would at least not totally reject me. I didn't know what would happen in between my telling her and her coming to that. The ultimately I just sat her down as a mom. I had been dropping some hands to her for a few months, you know, something something was that right about the time I graduated from law school, something else would be happening. She she had convinced herself that I was going to tell her that I was a gay male. Oh, and that's what she was. That's what she was preparing for. And although I believe that over the last year or so since since I told her, she has developed a different attitude. I really believe that she would have had more of a problem. Had I told her that. Really,



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really it would have been harder for her if you had been gay.