



The Love Of Her Life

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Kendal Marie Harrison spent most of her twenty six years of life being a loner. she was raised by her only God fearing grandma. She was taught not to make waves. If someone did her wrong she just turned her cheek like the bible had taught her to do. At break time she wasn't on her cell phone like the popular group of nurses in fact she didn't have a cell phone She just recently bought one. She had been looked over several times in favor for one of the popular nurses. The office would tell her it was because she didn't have a cell phone for them to reach her at all times of the day and night.

All of the nurses in the emergency room knew each other, some were more of a friend than others. It seem no matter what the circumstance was there was one nurse who went after Kendal's throat than any other nurse who worked at the Mid City hospital. She had lost track of how many times one nurse had either hit or pushed her but one time Kendal fell down a flight of stairs. The only nurse Kendal was really friendly with a nurse who was married to one of the city's homicide detectives. She was the head of the evening emergency room . She wanted to call the police and have her face charges on assault but Kendal begged Belinda Leah Flanagan not to.

She took a few days off to heal. Belinda came to her apartment on her lunch break every single day. After that day they started calling each other by their nicknames. Belinda wanted to be called Linda and Kendal wanted Linda to call her Marie. They started having lunch together. Linda told her about her extended family and all of the cool things they did on family outings.

Kendal wished that she had a large family like Linda had. Kendal asked her priest why some families was large and others wasn't. He told her that God has his reason. He asked her how her brother was doing. She told him that John her brother was

doing alright., that he also has to work one full time at the hospital and a part time job at a local urgent care clinic. He likes to be able to take his girlfriend on weekend getaways.

Kendal was just the opposite. She was more of a homebody, she would crawl up in a chair and read almost any kind of a book. She didn't have to deal with the bullying. Even though she was average looking and her IQ was average., people make fun of her and her clothing being too old for her age plus she didn't wear makeup and feel makeup is a waste of money..

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Linda was married to the second son of the police commissioner. Her oldest brother in law was killed in the line of duty. The youngest brother in law of hers was a beat cop, and her sister in law was an assistant DA for the city. She enjoyed working under Linda. She had truly learned a lot from her. Kendal blamed herself for Linda dying. She should have rode with that patient while transferring the patient to another hospital. She couldn't do it. She had to pick her grandmother's medication up.. The pharmacy was going to close in fifteen minutes.

Dr. Gordon Shepherd in charge of all new hospital projects was looking into staffing a clinic the hospital was opening on January 2nd. It was for homeless and low income people who wanted to get off of alcohol and drug addiction. She remembered that Linda would help Dr. Shepherd recruit nurses to his new projects. Kendal wondered who was helping him now. She wasn't sure if he had anyone helping him yet with this new project. His project had just been approved. She knocked on Dr. Shepherd's office door

She volunteered to help him but he had already found a new assistant but he would put her on his nurses list for the new project. She agreed and signed up to being a nurse at the rehab clinic . He asked her if she realized it was a live in position. She smiled and agreed it would suit her fine. He didn't know that she was on the layoff list but now she had found another position which kept her job. She lived in a little one room with bath already. It wouldn't be too much different.

She could take off in between her Christmas work schedule and starting her new position on January the second. It wouldn't take but a day to move. She asked Dr. Shepherd when he had picked her room out if it could be in a front room with windows looking out at the square where they have concerts and Winter Wonderland

land during the Christmas season. Dr. Shepherd said it had a bed and dresser drawers. The bath was a three fourths with a little vanity, toilet and a small walk in shower.

Kendal thought this will be great knowing Grandma could move into her little apartment by her brother and wouldn't have to go into a senior citizen facility or move out of town to another relative's home. When she got home she pack her personal items She told grandma everything and showed her a picture of what the outside of the building looked like.

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The next Friday Dr. Shepherd called Kendall into his office and informed her the building was ready to have the furniture moved in and asked her when she could move in to be around for all of the deliveries , She told him she was ready to be transferred when ever he needed her to. She signed the permission slip and was transferred the next day. She knew she would have an easy holiday season. Every year the holiday season the Emergency room saw triple the number of cases than any other time of the year.

Kendal moved her personal items in that afternoon.. She rearranged the bed and dresser then placed a little out door coffee table next to the bed with a nice side chair in the corner. She could see out the window from both the bed and the chair. If you sat on the bed you saw the theater and sitting in the chair you saw the square where the Winter Wonderland was sat up. She called Dr. Shepherd and informed him that she was moved in and ready for the deliveries.

That night while looking out she saw all kinds of pretty lights. That was one thing from early in her life through this day she liked about Christmas. This year it made her feel like she was right in the middle of the Christmas gatherings instead of just the Christmas spirit. Early the next morning Kendal showered, ate breakfast which consisted of hot cereal, toast, and milk. She was ready for the furniture to be delivered. At nine sharp two big semis pulled up at the front door followed by Dr. Shepherd's car.. Both of the semi trailers had the front lobby furniture, The library's furniture, and the gathering room's furniture in them.

The men unloaded the library's two honey pine tables with six chairs each for a total of twelve chairs. They matched the built in bookcase and two side chairs one on each side of big picture window looking out toward the front of the building into the

downtown part of the entertainment area of town. Kendal knew that was the window that she would be looking out of that night.

The first thing a person saw when they stepped into the front lobby would be this big beautiful chandelier made with gold metal and glass. Situated on the right side of the room was a two seat lounge facing the sign in desk with two side chairs divided by end tables on each side of the two seat lounge with plenty of room in between them to access the sign in desk.

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The left side of the room there was three sectional sofas with coffee tables in front of them. The sofa that was closest to the middle of the room was facing a seventy inch flat screen television. Two beautiful pictures was on the side wall. One was a woman and girl sitting on a swing and the other was two women sitting on a porch of a two story white house with gold metal candle holders with white LED candles around them.

The last of the two semi trailers pulled around past the back of the building to the side of the building by the garden area using the garden entrance into the gathering room's. On the darkest end of the gathering room there were a series of overhead lights that was now shining on two tables that the residents could play board and card games with their visitors when they come to visit.

On the other end of the room was a beautiful wood burning fireplace with seating around it. In the middle of the room just right of the archway that lead out into the garden with hooks installed in the wood rafters above where the facility's plants would be hung using plant hangers that could be raised and lowered so the staff could water them. Pictures of families was hung on the white concrete brick walls and area rugs laid on the red brick flooring in front of the fireplace and in between the two tables at the other end of the room.

The facility's chapel on the second floor had the most beautiful stain glass windows facing out into the garden area would be staffed by volunteer men of the cloth of different faiths. Kendal had prayed in the chapel for guidance. The rest of the second floor except for the staff's break room and nurses station was the where the resident's rooms was located at.. The next day the kitchen staff arrived and started unpacking the kitchen utensils and setting up the kitchen. The food items would be arriving the

next day.

The dining room had several long tables situated with benches on both sides of the tables. Most of the building walls was painted white with one exception the children's in door play room was white with painted rainbows of all colors , flowers , even a Noah's ark. Kendal wondered who would be watching children while they play in that room. She was glad that the playroom was an open area with no doors attached.

On the west side of the second floor was the men's ward. It was separated by big heavy fire proof doors. that opens and closes automatically. In between was a hall that had the security guards station and their office where their cameras of every public part of the clinic with the exception of residents and staff quarters. Kendal room was on the women's quarters.

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On New Years eve she spent it in the front lobby watching the New York's ball fall then went upstairs to her room to get ready for bed when she received a call that there was an emergency that required one pregnant young lady that couldn't stay in the hospital but her doctor didn't want her out on the street. Kendal met her at the front door and showed her to the room next to hers. On new years day they ate together while the live in staff was moving in.

One of the nurses name Margret Ann Newhouse thought that Kendal and the young woman should move in her furniture when Dr. Shepherd in a letter stated if they had their own furniture they need to bring a couple of people to help them. She was mad as a mad hatter. but did get a couple of men to move her furniture in. She was also mad because the main security guard also a police detective had a bigger room than hers.

The security guard's rooms was good size that was big enough to have a king size bed with plenty of room to get around. Kendal knew the next day was going to a very busy day if not the busiest day in the history of the clinic. Kendal thought next year there will be a huge decorated tree in front of the window. She wondered what other kinds of decorations would be used. She couldn't wait to see how it looked. Little did she know how much her life would be different.

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The first three months went by fairly easy. Kendal enjoyed visiting with her old friend's husband David Thomas Flanagan, the main security guard . The first weekend he was on duty he saw her carrying the Sunday paper. He asked her if she was going to read the whole paper. She told him no I like doing the puzzles in the paper. The Crossword because it keeps your mind thinking even though she wasn't that good with the words and then the sudoku which was more her style working with numbers. David told her that his grandfather does the paper's crossword puzzle and sometimes had to ask another member of the family for the answer to a question He asked her if she bought the paper every day. She lowered her head and replied heavens no I can't afford that. then every day after that he provided her a paper.

She enjoyed him bringing her the paper. For some reason she thought it was from his grandfather house. She loved seeing him sitting in the only chair in her room just across from her bed. One evening she had taken her shower and put her pj's made out of nylon fabric. The top was a sleeveless camisole with hip hugger bottoms leaving her mid section bare. when he knocked on her door. She grabbed her robe and put it on tying it on the left side and answered the door. She was joking with him on the way his tie was chocking him and bent over to loosen up his tie when her robe's stash got caught in the chair's arm. The robe opened and he could see through her pj's .

It embarrassed her. She could feel her face turning red as she turned and headed into her bathroom when he touched her arm and stepped in between her and the bathroom . He told her that she shouldn't feel bad about it and that yes he did enjoy the view, that she was a beautiful lady. He gently with both hands slipped her robe off of her shoulders making it fall to the ground. Then he did that again this time to her camisole top. It felled down around her waist. he then gently had his hands around her waist slipping his hands under the top and the bottoms even her underpants and

made them fall to her ankles With his foot he stepped on them in the middle making her to step out of her clothes while backing her up to the bed. That night they made love. It was the first and only time. He knew she was un experience in showing affection. but he didn't know she was a virgin until that night. It was kind of embarrassing to her. Afterwards she ran into her bathroom. She had started to bleed. She didn't know that happens the first time a woman makes love to a man. He knew she had just really became a woman.

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The residents enjoyed their time at the rehab facility and several had gotten clean and was ready to leave the facility including their very first patient Candy until the night before her dismissal. Kendal had the evening off and decided to go across to the theater to watch this play Phantom of the Opera. She had invited Candy but Candy wasn't feeling good being due any time. She said she was tired and just needed to go to bed.

Margret was mad at Kendal and decided to take it out on Candy. During her night med pass she gave Candy something. When Candy asked her what the pill was she told her it a med that they give just to relax her so she would get a good night's sleep. The next morning Candy failed the drug test she called the police and she was arrested. She would have the baby in jail and the baby would be taken away from her. Candy kept telling the police what happen but of course who would they believe a druggie or a nurse.

Kendal believed Candy. She felt really bad for her and knew that Candy was just a pawn for Margret to use to get even with her. She had been told to stay away from David. Kendal couldn't though she could have a friend if she wanted. A few weeks later David knocked on her door. He had several papers in his hand and a laptop. He told her it had a whole year internet service on it and knew by then she probably would be able to get her own internet service. As he sat in that chair she realized he filled in that chair and looked amazing and realized that she was deeply in love with him. She excused herself and went into her bathroom

When she came back out David had already left. She walk down the hall ninety feet then turned and walked another ten feet. She realized he wasn't at his desk so she knocked on his sleeping quarter room door. When he opened it she saw Margret in a

robe turning over flipping her long blond hair toward her back while yelling at David you need to report her to Dr. Shepherd. Kendal said something like I was going to ask a favor and turned and went back toward her room. She could hear Margret still yelling You need to complain to Dr. Shepherd half way down the hall. Margret also was yelling how dare that idiot think she could to disturb us like she did.

Kendal didn't know if he had sex with Margret that night. The next day Margret wasn't at breakfast. Kendal had to give the residents their morning medication. later that afternoon a bouquet of roses came for Margret. The card said I found my true love last night Love David. It was David's evening off so Kendal knew she would have to watch her back around Margret. She was ridicule all evening long about she couldn't get anything right and had to go to the bathroom quite often. All evening Margret called Kendal pissy ant in front of the residents. Kendal was glad it wasn't her evening to hand out medication. Directly after dinner she went to her room to stay there. On the way she grabbed a couple of snacks.

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She already had bottle water in her room. Another trip to the bathroom again. She turned and saw in her full length mirror where she had both of her hands on her stomach. She softly spoke the words Baby I was going to him about you but I can't now. The next day Kendal's relief worker Casey came in and told Kendal that Dr. Shepherd sent her to take over and demand Kendal to report to his office at the hospital ASAP. Kendal grabbed a sweater and her car keys and left.

She went right to Dr. Shepherd's and knocked. When he yelled to come in she did. He wasn't a very happy person and he demanded her to have a seat. He informed her that he had been contacted by a relative of David that works for the DA's office named Mary Rose Flanagan that she had a complaint about Kendal providing drugs to some of the residents while partying with them and for stalking and threatening him. Kendal told Dr. Shepherd that wasn't true and asked him if he spoke to David's sister. He stated no the message came in while he was in surgery. She begged him to get ahold of Mary Rose directly and ask her.

Before Kendall left he ordered her to go and get her personal items leave her badge and key to her room and the entrance door and he would let her know when he wants her to come back. She did exactly what he asked of her. She took her suitcase and first thing she packed was the laptop and laid her clothing on top of it then she went to Casey and turned in the keys and badge. She told Casey that she had straightened up her room including taking her bed linens which she had in a bag along with her hygiene items. Casey stated I'm sure you're not stealing anything. Kendal begged her to inspect the room and what she was leaving with. Casey did just that and Kendal signed that particular form. She left without saying a word to anyone else.

She couldn't ask her brother to let her stay at his place. His girlfriend had just moved

in and her grandmother was being packed and moving to a couple of states away.to a senior citizen resort community. Kendal thought of the ICU waiting room is always letting people stay in their extra rooms to be close to their relative she would leave her suitcase in her car's trunk.

She took her tablet in with some snacks, a couple changes of clothes, her hygiene items , and water in her backpack. Kendal settled into one of their She turned the occupied sign on. .She knew no one would question her. The only way if someone would complained about her. She sat her laptop on a desk by the window then showered and dressed in the same pjs that she had worn the night that she conceived. She was looking on the laptop for jobs listing. She was besides herself.

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A couple of days later Dr. Shepherd called her and asked her to come to his office. She packed her backpack. She placed her backpack in her car and went to Dr. Shepherd's office. She was greeted outside of his office by his assistant and escorted in. He had a smile on his face when he greeted her. He informed her that Mary Rose hadn't even heard the name Kendal and there was no investigation going on in either aspect of the complaint. He asked her if she knew who would have made such a wild accusation against her.

She just shook her head then stated I'm quitting I can't go back there. I wish there was another clinic I could work at where I have an apartment as part of my pay. Dr. Shepherd smiled and asked her if she had heard about the old Saint Paul's Chapel and day care center. She had heard where they had built a new church then the old chapel burned down recently leaving the nuns quarters which was an apartment house and child care center. He informed her the hospital had bought it and was offering an apartment as housing for the staff. There were two apartments that would stay occupied. The apartment manager and a retired veteran that had owned the apartment house before the church bought it.

She could move in now if she wanted to. Kendal accepted and grabbed her things and went directly to the apartment house. The manager greeted her and told her some of the apartments were kitchenettes and others was either a very small one bedroom or a kitchenette with a pantry or storage room. They were situated on the second floor just below the veteran's apartment. She was shown that apartment and liked it very well and agreed to that particular apartment.

The management said there was some furniture in the basement storage unit that she could have if she wanted it. She looked at the furniture and thought to herself the hide

a bed sofa would be too heavy for her to pull out all the time so she picked this black vinyl sofa that the back folded down to make a bed. She also picked this little table that the ends folded down to make more room when raised it made room for to eat. There was a nice little glass top three fourths the size of a regular coffee table. She picked that table.

She was told about the tunnel in the basement the nuns used to go to the child care center. Dr. Shepherd told her about the tunnel and that is what he suggested to use since the west side of town was a very dangerous section of the town. The next morning after sleeping on the vinyl sofa her very first night there kendal walked through the tunnel to the center where workers was putting the finishing touches on the building.

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She informed them of who she was and that she could use two or three men to help her move furniture into her apartment. They informed her they could do that on their lunch break. She agreed to meet them in the apartment's basement. As she was heading back to the tunnel she saw a baby crib and mattress with a sign that stated to be given to the Red Cross for whoever needed it. She needed it really bad so she pushed the crib through the tunnel to the freight elevator and took it to her apartment. She cleaned it with rubbing alcohol then closed the door after she opened the little window to let the smell of the rubbing alcohol to dissipate quickly.

Kendal met the men and showed them the furniture she wanted. She informed them that she s also had picked this white four drawer chest a drawers and that needed to be taken up first, followed by the sofa, coffee table, last would be the little kitchen table. They did exactly how she wanted done and still had time to eat their lunches before going back to work.

Dr. Shepherd showed her around the clinic while the trucks unloaded the furniture and kitchen utensils. Yes this clinic wasn't as big but the staff would be dealing with a lot more dangerous clients but the good thing it was more of an outpatient clinic. He noticed the crib was gone. He asked if the red cross had picked it up. Kendal stated no but I knew somebody who could really use one. Dr. Shepherd smiled while nodding his head. Kendal didn't say anything else but she didn't need to.

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Kendal needed curtains and some other household goods. She noticed a second hand shop just a few doors down from the apartment house but the veteran informed her she needed someone to go with because this wasn't a safe section of town. That afternoon the veteran's son came over and volunteered to go with her. She picked out the curtains she needed along with a few other items. She got a two slice toaster, a set of four plates with glasses, flatware, cups and saucers .When she checked out the cashier told her since she was a first timer she gave her everything was half off. The owner knew she kept putting aside a set of baby sheets and a blanket. She came around and put them in a sack. Kendal told her that she didn't have the money for them. The owner just smiled and told her again everything was half off and she had already rung up those items. Kendal thanked her and left.

When she got back she put the baby items in the top drawer of the chest of drawers until needed. She place some of the baby's hygiene items stating with baby powder, baby oil, a container of little items that she would a few months from now on a pretty runner which hung down on the sides of the chest of drawers.She hand washed the curtains and laid them over the kitchen island to dry. The next day after they were dry she took a chair and hung them up. When she was though she was totally exhausted. She laid down on her quilt that she used to keep the vinyl sofa to keep from sticky due to the hot weather. it was so hot and stuffy she looked in the basement and found a circulating for her to use.

Kendal tried to stay in the clinic working so she could stay cool in the air conditioned building. Dr. Shepherd hired an OB-GYN family physician Dr. Kirkman for the clinic. She noticed Kendal had gained a little weight plus she had been seen in the restroom getting sick.. With the heat in her apartment she was getting dizzy and light headed. She got on the elevator and walked through the tunnel to the basement

elevator of the clinic when she passed out. She was seen by one of the student doctors and given a medication for a stomach flu .

Kendal wouldn't take it. She said that wasn't what she needed. Dr. Kirkman saw her in the examination room . She stepped in and asked Kendal how far along was she. She gave her a big bottle of prenatal vitamins. She was told her next appointment. She would see her at the end of the day that way she wouldn't be noticed for awhile. The next appointment the doctor did a ultra sound. They baby was fine and she found out she was expecting a little boy.

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every payday after buying food she got on line and bought things for the baby. She got bottles, a box of wipes, a box of diapers. some cut little onesies, and a few bibs. The next payday she ordered this 32 piece baby shower gift that was all clothes, and a 22 piece clothing baby shower. She thought he needs a lot more clothes than I do. Every payday it was her ritual on stocking up the baby's room. She had boxes of baby formula, wipes, diapers disposables and cloth diapers. even rubber panties. She knew the doctors recommended disposables but just in times when the money wouldn't strength as far as it should he would be taken care. She intended to pile up on baby food the closer her due date got. The doctor said the baby was due early in January.

During the fall with the fall weather she felt good enough to work a lot more short hours at the clinic including in their 24-7 emergency room that they had just opened up. It was getting to become a busy clinic like the one she left. In a way she was happier since her baby had a room of his own and a lot safer here. She still wouldn't tell Dr. Shepherd who tried to get her into a lot of trouble but she knew it was Margret. Someone should tell Margret what she has done to people who are trying to improve their lives by improving themselves.

She felt bad for Candy. She had been in contact with Candy by email at the woman's prison. She was allowed to see Candy's baby every so often and took a picture of her and now a person could send an attachment with their email so she sent her several pictures of her baby girl from a few days old to present. She was hoping some authority figure could get Candy out of prison and give her baby back to her. She voiced that several times to her through her emails.

In October Kendal helped decorate for Halloween with fall leaves, pumpkins, black cats of all sizes and cardboard children ghosts and withes. No decorations was

frightening. They handed out candy to the neighbor children in the Emergency Lobby. She remembered how much fun she had trick or treating. The day after Halloween Kendal replaced the black cats, ghost and witches with turkeys. The staff was allowed to have Thanksgiving dinner paid and staff help by the church in the biggest room there. Again a lot of the community showed and had dinner.

After dinner the community families helped decorate the facility for Christmas. Kendal wondered what the other clinic was decorations looked like. She drove by the front of the building late one night and the big front window was beautiful. She didn't dare walking in to see how the rest of the building look like. She couldn't let anyone know she was within weeks of giving birth

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Kendal hadn't talk to her brother John for a long time. She decided to call him. She asked about the family firist. Then she asked him if he wanted some great news. Of course he did so she told him that she had changed jobs and her new address she told him that she didn't want anyone to know because the hostility at the other clinic and her life had been threatened and because of that she couldn't tell him something else. she knew he wouldn't let it but she didn't know about her younger sister who really need to be in a rehab facility.

John told Kendal whatever news she couldn't tell him at that minute he hoped it was great news and would wait until she could.. He told her to be careful and wished her all the luck in the world. After he hung up she wondered if he thought she had found the love of her life. She then smiled and touched her stomach with both hands and said yes baby you are the love of my life, my little Davy Joe.

In the Staff break room a big Christmas tree was placed in a corner. Closer to Christmas the staff put more gifts under the tree. Kendal wanted to give everybody a gift but she had limited money to spend. She saw on line a box of various Christmas ornaments for not too much money so Kendall order them then got a box of the same cards at a low price. She went through the ornaments and picked out the ornaments she thought each one of the staff would like.

She signed the card then put their names on the front of the envelopes, lastly put the ornament in the envelopes. She arranged them on the tree branched. It made her feel a little better but some of the staff had put her name on boxes of all sizes. On Christmas Eve there was a staff party at three. The staff ate different pastries and had different drinks from water, soda, and punches .Then Dr. Shepherd handed out his envelopes that had Christmas bonuses in them.. On Kendal's envelope it said please wait till you

get home to open. The gifts she got was things for her little Davy Joe.

They put the gifts on a push cart and rolled it through the tunnel to her apartment by one of the young stock men. He helped her to unload the cart onto the kitchen island then left after she said thank pushing the cart back to the clinic. Kendal opened the envelope from Dr. Shepherd. It contained two thousand dollars. The next morning before the bank closed she deposited that money in a trust fund for Davy Joe. All the bank need was Davy Joe's birthdate after he was born.

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On December the twenty-eighth Kendal was feeling extra energetic she cleaned the apartment top to bottom then she washed and folded all of the baby clothes then she cleaned all of his drawers. His room looked great. She stocked the baby diaper hanger full and placed his bottles in the slim cabinet shelves next she placed the formula in the other side. She placed the baby bottle warmer in on his dresser. .

Late that night she started having pains she made her way to the emergency room. Dr. Kirkman had just delivered one baby when she heard Kendal was there and yes she was going to have him any time. Dr. Kirkman sat in her office until she was notified she was needed in the delivery room. At two A.M. on December the 30th Davy Joe was born. His official name was David Joseph Mason. That evening Kendal called and told her brother that he was a brand new uncle. She describe what Davy looked like and how much he weighed. On January the second Kendal went to the bank with her new bundle and got his birth date on the trust. When she drove by the other clinic Kendal remembered it was exactly one year before she had a job there. She told little Davy Joe one year ago I never thought how complete my life would be today Thank you little sweetheart.

On January the 15th the clinic faxed all new births to the hospital's medical record department. One of the clerks saw the form for Kendal's baby boy. Margret was at the clinic working and David Thomas was timing out and told his replacement he wouldn't be back for who knows how long due to be assigned to Stakeout this ring leader of a mob leader that starts that evening. He overheard Margret yell what That dam crazy b word. David told her as he pass her she needed to watch her language.

She said sorry It's my father's money hungry girlfriend. inside her mind she was plotting on how to get even with the one person she hated the most. on her personal

laptop she looked up the old Saint Paul's building blue print then the West Side Clinic's blue print from the county's real estate office. She yelled Yeah You are going to get. The on duty security guard overheard her and went to have another talk. While trying to explained to her that she really needed to keep her voice lowered she snarled at him and told him to mind his own dam business. While walking away from her he mumbled under his breath Lucky you're after David and not me One of us would be dead for darn sure and it would be me as the dead person. Lady you are crazy.

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On January the 16th after the clinic closed someone sneaked in through the clinic's emergency room door then went through the tunnel to the apartment building and climbed two flights of stairs and knocked on Kendal's door. It was after ten so Kendal just opened the door using her security chain. Someone started yelling at her Kendal turned pushed the manager's intercom system. Someone was yelling at the top of their voice threatening to kill her and the baby. she kept pushing on the door demanding her to open the door so she could kill that such and such baby. The man living upstairs while his father was on a cruise opened his door. He yelled if you don't quiet down I'll call the police Kendal grabbed her stomach Someone yelled the b word and telling her to let her in. The man upstairs yelled again people here has to work tomorrow the police will be on their way shortly..

The man yelled downstairs I'm calling the police right now. He heard someone running down the stairs. Kendal whispered no you're not killing my baby stepping back just a couple of steps and slammed her door closed then knowing her locks didn't always lock turned her back and sat against the door. The intercom picked up Kendal's last words I can't get to my phone to get help for you my precious sweet boy. I love you Davy Joe.

Early the next morning Davy Joe started crying after he cried for hours the man upstairs called the police and complained stating he had heard yelling as if someone was fighting then after it got quiet he thought that woman downstairs probably had her television up load and he had not heard a baby cry for so long. He thought the lady had been drunk and past out and not taking care of her baby. Could somebody come and make that woman take care of her child.

James Francis Flanagan and his partner answered the call. He saw blood under the

door. He turned the door handle. When turned the door opened an inch. Officer Flanagan pushed on the door. The door opened to the length of the chain. His partner went to the mailboxes and told him the name on the mailbox read the apartment belonged to a Kendal Mason. He called for a detective to report to the address David and his partner had just been relieved from stakeout and was headed back to the station when the call came through. His partner replied on the radio they would respond. When David arrived at the scene he realized that he had keep his brother now a sergeant also from doing his job. They talked a couple of minutes then David told him that he may know the victim please just wait until the supervising sergeant get on the scene.

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A couple of minutes later David's sergeant arrived while the brothers were arguing about why James and his partner was kept from breaking the door down and doing their job. she was upset with both of them until David told her that he might know the victim and who had killed her and he was thinking that her father's attorneys would have a hay day if any of the Flanagan family and their partners was involved. especially with the press.

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The Sergeant ordered a couple of her police officers to break down the door. they hit the door a couple of times hard enough ot break the security chain. They pushed their way into the apartment pushing Kendal's body out of the way. finally the door flew opened all the way. As the second team of homicide detectives was checking Kendal's body David stepped around all of them into one area of the kitchen around the island to the room where the baby was crying from. He cleaned him up and dressed him in a cute little blue onesies and a pair of blue bottoms. He came back out and opened the refrigerator and took out a bottle. He heated the bottle in the baby's room using one of two bottle warmers in the apartment then sat in the rocker feeding him. Davy Joe had been crying so long that he was totally exhausted that he felled to sleep fairly quick.

David laid him back down on top of the crib's blanket. he saw a scrapbook on top of the dresser. He was looking at it and found this message inside the front cover. To The Love Of My Life David Joseph Mason Born on December the 30th 21 inches long. weighting in at 7 pounds and 4 ounces. You will go by all of these names at some point of your life. D.J. by your high school and college class mates and friends, David Joseph in your working part of your life and by your teachers throughout your school years. Davy Joe by your family and child hood friends You will always be my little Davy Joe

There was also an envelope addressed to Detective David Flanagan. David opened the envelope and read the letter inside. If anything happens to me please raise our son. Incase I die from someone else hand, he will need your protection. You were the first love of my life and he is. the youngest love of my life Please Don't leave Margret alone with him. I love both of you David knew without a shred of a doubt that Davy Joe was his son but the court would need positive proof but right now if he could

prove where the baby was in danger he knew a judge that would put the baby in his custody.

He called his sister and begged her to get the judge to order of protection order for him to protect him until paternity test came back. In no time his sister showed up at the crime scene with orders from the judge. He told his sergeant and sister he was going to take the baby to the crime lab to have a paternity test done. He knew the father did not kill Kendal because the father was at the stake out all night. His sergeant asked how he knew was the father either the mob boss or one of his two goons. David replied no Kendal wasn't that kind of lady.

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David's sergeant told James that his brother was right and finally used his cool head for once. David just replied I just don't want anything to mess up this case. it means that much to me and yes I do think I know who killed her and no I'm not going after the person but my heart wants to.

She spoke up then and asked are you telling me one of your fellow officers is the father. Mary Rose caught onto what he was saying. She got the prettiest smile on her face and asked David are you saying you might be the baby's father. David answered yes but I don't think I am I know I am., and the paternity test will prove it. A young man came running into the building. He was stopped immediately. he was pushed against the wall and asked where he was the night before until early morning. He was told you know you are killed her, and the young man shook his head while showing a lot of grief and said no she's my sister.

He saw David and yelled he's the killer I saw him a few months ago at the other clinic where she worked and just now. He wanted to go after David but James and another police officer stopped him. David told him if he calmed down he could prove he didn't kill Kendal. He told him he was on a all night stake out and just gotten relieved John cried and asked then who did kill her? The sergeant told him what she knew to be the truth that she didn't know but they would catch the killer by using good solid police work. he told them that he knew Kendal had some good news but she was afraid if it got out her life would be in danger didn't know he was going to be an uncle until after the baby was born when Kendal called him and told him about his nephew. he asked if he could see his nephew and what was going to happen to the baby.

David told him that his nephew was under a protection order until the paternity test revealed who the father was and he brought out the baby and let him set on the stairs

and hold him for awhile. The man from upstairs came down to speak to the sergeant. She said the one of the officers noticed her intercom light was on he told her the manager was on the same cruise as his father and her daughter should be here any time to gather up the mail. When the manager's daughter came in She told them that when her mother left for a few days she had a tape recorder the tenants could leave a message for her if something would go wrong in the apartment. Mary Rose followed her into her mother's apartment and listened to the tape from the night before. She received the tape recording.

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She came back and told everyone that the killer was a woman. David told them I have my suspicion who the killer is if I'm right but we will have to really prove it and have the evidence to back it up. without a shred of doubt. His sergeant said yes you said that earlier he asked the head detective if there was a knife set in the apartment. He said yes but not to that knife. One of the women detectives said this knife is a very expensive kitchen knife that usually is sold by the set only. She informed them that there was only two or three store in town that sales them. When she got back to the station she would start running down the knife.

David and a couple of officers took the bed apart in the little guy's room then carried it out to a police van. Then they gathered up some of his clothes, and formula, bottles, the diaper holder, the baby bed dirty linens and he was taken to the Flanagan's family home where they ate their holiday dinner at. After he got the baby settled in David left the baby in his grandfather and the housekeeper Harriet's good hands with two patrol cars parked outside of their house where reported to the station. He was going to help track down that knife. It didn't look too promising as it did before. One of the three businesses no long sale that particular knife set. The other two no longer provide replacement knives. There was one factory left in the country and several in Europe. it was going to take time to track down the murder weapon's owner. Nothing anybody could do but just wait.

Later that afternoon David decided to stop by the family house to check up on his new bundle of joy. He came in through the front door and turned to go upstairs when he noticed the kitchen door open. He heard a noise upstairs and the open door became a red flag so he pulled out his gun and proceed to go up. The baby's room door was ajar so he pushed it open and saw his sister Mary Rose standing by the crib holding Davy Joe. She turned as he lowered his gun and asked why she was there.

She said I came to get to know my nephew better plus to leave off the paternity test results and court order for permanent custody and name change on the baby's birth certificate. He asked her where Fred and Harriet was. Mary Rose told him she took the rest of the afternoon off and relieved them to go to their afternoon Bingo game at the church. David asked her if she had left the back door open. She said no I came in the front door and pops left that way also. Just then they both heard a car speeding off. David went to see if the office watching the back of the house had seen anything. The police cruiser had the trunk opened. David walked around and found the officer stabbed in the back. He called in for assistance. The knife that was used as another weapon was from the same knife set meaning now two very expensive knives were missing probably from the same set.

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Several police vehicles responded with their sirens blearing. He called for the crime team to respond.. He explained how he had found the officer and the back door. The fingerprints on the car wasn't helpful due to they were smeared but the found two good sets of finger prints on the kitchen island where someone had hid behind it then using their hands pulled them selves up again and one the back door as they exited out of the house. David suggested the prints to be run locally first including anyone would had to provide theirs for work claiming he knew his wife Linda had to have hers on file to be able to give narcs to her patients. The officer who was stabbed had to undergo two surgeries but would be alright

David moved a rocking chair into the family room to feed and rock Davy to sleep in the evening while some of the family played card games and watched tv. Gramps would sit in his chair and work on his crossword puzzles Most of the family took turns on getting acquainted with Davy Joe. Mary Rose remembered back when David's sons was little and enjoyed watching her brother bonding with his new baby boy.

Early the next week the investigating team got evidence from overseas that both knives replacement had been ordered and was on their way to America as they spoke. The person who had ordered them stated that somehow they had fallen into the trash compacter by mistake probably they were knocked off of the kitchen cabinet when one of her room mates was cleaning and didn't realize it before turning on the compacter. The name of the person ordering the replacement knives was Margret Ann Newhouse address was a house on the upper part of town. They ran her name in the local hand print data base. They were surely a match.

The sergeant made sure not one of the Flanagan family members was at her house

when she was arrested. After Margret was booked her six lawyers went in front of a judge and got her released under her own accordances. The bail was set at 1.5 Million dollars. David was afraid she would try to kill the baby again or maybe another member of his family was in hair crosshair. while she was out on bail she tried to catch a plane to overseas and was put into custody and this time again she was release. this time he ordered her to wear an ankle bracelet. She also ordered to check in with a court appointed liaison.

When she didn't show up for her appoint they ran a check on her ankle bracelet. The liaison notified the judge. He ordered the police to do a welfare on her. They found she had somehow got out of her restraints. The police order a APB out on her. She had fled the country to avoid prosecution. It took almost a year for the authorities to get her back in the United States to stand trial for one count of Premeditated murder. two counts of attempted murder, assault on a police officer. one count of fleeing to escape capture, one count of destroying a tracking devise. She had two attorneys to help with each charge.

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Her father sat right behind her as the trial started. She kept bursting out at the prosecution team. She nailed her fate when she stood up and yelled across the aisle to David stating Kendal calling her a b word and said that she deserved everything she got and that freaking idiot son of hers needed the same thing that his mother got and she would do it again just like everybody who tries to come between you and me. You're mine and nobody else.

After each side was through with closing arguments the jury was out for five hours. They came back with their decision. Guilty on all charges. In between her conviction and sentencing date David visited both Linda's and Kendal's grave site. He was carrying little Davy Joe to say goodbye to his momma. Of course he didn't understand He had grown so much. If Kendal was looking down on them she would have said he looked so much like his father. At her sentencing trial she was sentenced to life plus one day on murder. Mary Rose thought what a waste of life. She had a great career a head of her.

David knew that Kendal's friend Candy had been set up and asked a judge to transfer her to a halfway house for female inmates where they live there being taught how to take care of their babies. The judge gave the order for her to be transfer. By that time Candy's little girl was almost three years old. David and his partner went to the women's prison with a nice looking dress in her size. She thought maybe there was another trial probably to strip her mother's rights away which if they did she wouldn't have any reason to live. When they pulled in front of that halfway house she saw her mother holding her adorable little girl. her mother was very happy to see her. Inside the house she was told the judge change her jail sentence to one year at the half way house to learn how to be a good mother then she would be released and given her parental rights back.

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