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Dear Jan,

Thank you so much for your letter. Yes, I was in Q, 4, and got the same treatment you did which has haunted me all my life. I came out in 31-32. Could it be ~~you~~^{Galt} you are describing? Sounds like her. I had eight years of a living hell (sorry) and any confidence I had as a child was knocked out of me, never to return. I am 65 now Jan, but even the love of my husband (now gone, bless him) and my loving family, have ^{not} restored the confidence taken from me. Never certain. Never sure. How I dreaded being ill in case my family were taken from me and put into that awful place. I dreaded not being good enough to them, for them, for my husband. I feel so proud of you, having

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the courage to write your book. May I wish you every success with it; I'm so sorry to hear about your early retirement and I'm also sure you were a wonderful nurse, giving love from your heart, love we were denied. My sister, who was in Q.H. with me is very ill with cancer of the blood. Our name was [REDACTED], but I wouldn't like it published. My family know I was in a home, but I've always felt ashamed about it, and never went into details as I think they would be horrified what I went through. I read in this weeks S.M. if it was so bad why go back for reunions? Today's smile, that one. Obviously someone who hasn't heard a bad word in her life, or who just doesn't believe these things did happen and have left people scarred for life. If you would like to visit me Jan, please do so, you are very welcome, at any time.

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I'm not on the phone, but please write soon.
It's not easy living alone. Look after yourself,
God Bless,

yours Sincerely

Liz

