

Family Erol

„Nevin is my beloved, little sister“

Nevin's brother is 32 years old, academician and married. He is living together with his wife and son in Ankara. As his sister married a woman, he made a wedding present for them.

“It lasted long until we could speak about it”

During her study in Berlin, my sister Nevin met a woman with whom she fell in love and married to 2 years ago. Today they are living together in Cologne. We were sitting in our car and waiting for my father to come out of the supermarket, as Nevin told me that she is fond of women and that some of her close friends had been indeed her lovers. So suddenly, I didn't like hearing that. Then my father came and we changed the topic. Nevin went back to Germany. Not until a year later did Nevin and I speak about her girlfriend in Germany. She showed me photos and there I understood that this girl is her partner. But we didn't talk about it. At that time, I had a lot of problems. I just hugged her and told that we should speak about it when we have enough time to talk. Again one year later we had such an opportunity and she told me timid and cautious that they she and Sophie got married.

“At first I just didn't believe in”

The first time she told me about it, I just thought that Nevin hadn't met the right man yet. I couldn't believe in that she likes women. But after a while I had time to think about all and I met her partner Sophie. Since they had been married, I gave them a wedding gift. She is my beloved, little sister after all!

“Our parents don't know anything about that”

Nevin's partner Sophie is a very nice person. I remarked that as they were here in Turkey for a week. Nevin asked me if she should tell our parents the truth. They are old and we don't know how they may feel afterwards. Heaven forbid they might get upset...! It is better that they know nothing, even though maybe it is hard for Nevin to hide. Our parents like Sophie too though. They think that Nevin and Sophie are best friends and it is also fine.

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She should be happy and live how she wants. I don't often think about all these. My son is now 1,5 years old and I don't know how I may feel myself, if he comes up one day telling me that he is gay. In Turkey it is difficult to be „different“ and not „normal“. Nevin found a way for herself and lives in Europe. I wish one day it will be possible for everybody to talk about that with their parents here too, the same as Sophie can with hers. But I don't know if we or my son will be able to live long to be able to see that.