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Visiting Ilya's Hometown

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It was nearly thirteen years ago when Ilya saw the place of his childhood for last time. For him it was a place of rare happy days with mostly grievous memories and pain.

He dreamed about going back one day and yet at the same time he was afraid. He was afraid to see their burned house and experience again the feelings he felt in his childhood. He wanted to see his mother and sister's grave and he hoped to find out more information about his father.

The village where he grew up is little but friendly. Kent, Todd, Ilya and I were walking along snow covered village roads. It seemed as if all the people living there were so happy and everything looked like they portray in cartoons.



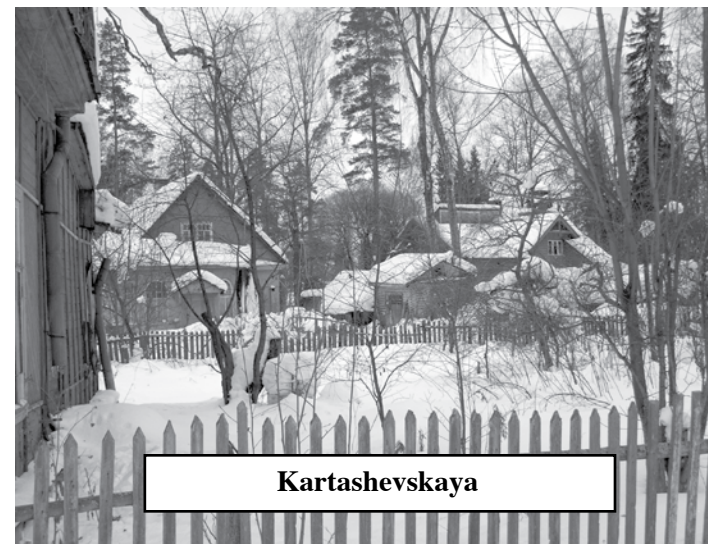
Ilya's burned out childhood home in Kartashevskaya

Ilya's house is on the outskirts of Kartashevskaya by the railway tracks. It wasn't a big house but it was comfortable

and decorated. There was a little garden and a shed. In summers Ilya used to go to the woods with a basket to pick up berries and mushrooms. He loved to swim in the lake and go fishing there.

His father often took Ilya with him to his work place in Saint Petersburg. On one of these days Ilya came back home with candies and coke and all happy but when he entered the house he found out that his brother and sister were dead. Mother left them alone at home and the kids were playing and made a fire. The neighbors rushed in and extinguished the fire but couldn't save the kids. They suffocated because of the smoke.

Ilya's parents drank alcohol. A while after the tragedy of his brother and sister, Ilya with his



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father came back from work and found mother lying on the floor near the door. She refused from being put into the hospital and by the morning she died.

A coffin with mother's body was placed in the shed. Father told Ilya to bring the wood from the shed but Ilya got scary of going inside of the shed so he ran away to the city. This is how his 'independent adult' life started.

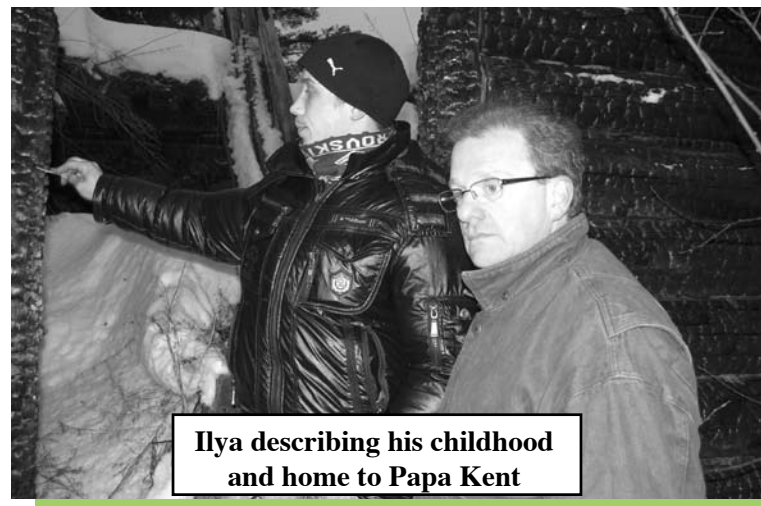
His father remarried and it is believed that his father murdered his second wife and spent the last years of his life in prison. Ilya was placed into an orphanage about two months after his mother's death and ran away at least eight times from the orphanage.

child with adult desires.

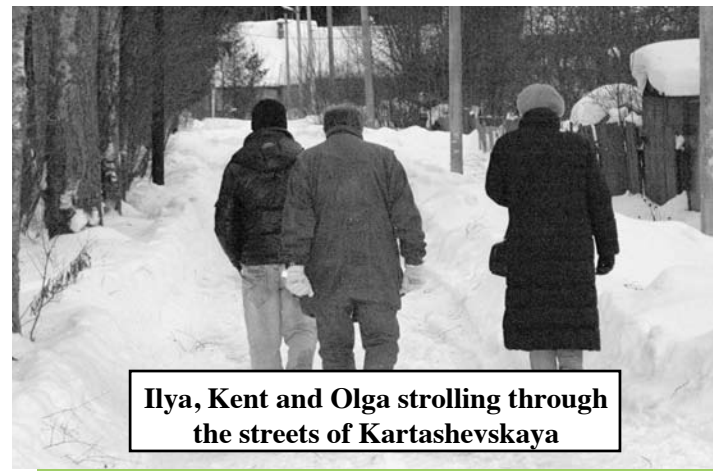
How many Ilyas are out there?

Vadik, Vasya, Sergey, Simeon, Yulia, Ira and Tanya are just a few, and they are hurting and confused just the same as Ilya.

How can they get rid of their past? Who are those who will prepare the way for them and take them by the hand to turn a fairytale into reality?

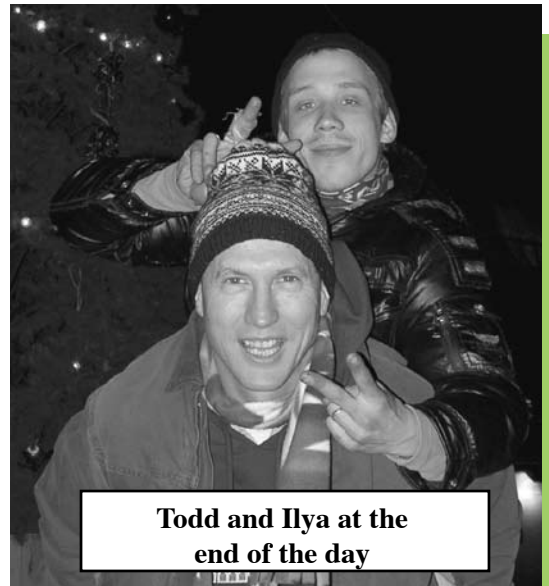


Ilya describing his childhood and home to Papa Kent



Ilya, Kent and Olga strolling through the streets of Kartashevskaya

Thank you so much for your hearts full of love and care and for your endless prayers about God's children. You are making a difference!



Todd and Ilya at the end of the day

There was dubious feeling inside of Ilya as his dream came to pass to visit the place of his childhood. At that same time he experienced pain because of the memories and what he saw. How to overcome this pain?

With his loving father Kent by his side, wise and understanding Todd told a fairytale about a golden boy who could have anything he dreamed about and the boy just needed to receive his father's love into his heart. While Ilya listened the past that can't be changed was a burden on his heart. A boy who too early became an adult was still a

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