

# The Two Lou's Switcheroos

A Twin Tale  
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Lou Bo and Lou Bob were born just seconds apart.

“Identical twins!” shouted the doctor. “And I do mean identical! Why, I’ve never had two kids enter this world so close together!”

“Identical twins!” shouted the nurses.

“Identical twins!” shouted the boys’ father, Papa Lou Big.

Louease, the mom, just smiled a great smile as her little baby boys were placed in her arms.

“Lou Bo and Lou Bob,” she sighed.



As Lou Bo and Lou Bob grew and grew, they looked so very much alike that there were only four people who could tell them apart.

Of course, Lou Bob and Lou Bo knew who was who. And Mama Louease could always tell the difference. At times she wondered how she could tell them apart – but she just could.

Papa Lou Big could usually tell which son was which. But even Lou Big occasionally told the wrong boy to do the right thing.

During the boys' elementary school years, Lou Bob and Lou Bo grew to be more than twin brothers.

They grew into true friends as well. They had so much more in common than their identical looks that they chose to do a lot of things together, as well as with other friends.

It was during this time that the boys also came to realize just how much they looked alike. But, instead of getting upset with the fact that no one could tell them apart, the boys actually came to like it!

"Lou Bob?" asked Lou Bo one day ... "Does it bother you when people call you Lou Bo instead of Lou Bob?"

"No, bro," replied Lou Bob. "I think it's rather funny myself!"

"So do I!" laughed Lou Bo.

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Lou Bo and Lou Bob made a decision to have fun with their identical looks. The two boys became truly skilled at switching places without anyone knowing anything was different.

By dressing exactly alike, or at times switching clothes, Lou Bob would sit in on Lou Bo's math class, and Lou Bo would go to Lou Bob's English class.

Later in the day, Lou Bob would attend karate practice as Lou Bo attended a judo practice next door. Then, very quickly and slyly, they would switch places.

Even their closest friends never knew that the switches were taking place!

The boys continued their playful and mischievous ways as they went on to high school, switching places with each other and fooling people all the time.

NO ONE ever knew the difference.



One day during school, Lou Bob and Lou Bo realized they had some choices to make about which sports they were going to play.

Both of the boys were outstanding athletes and excelled in every sport they chose to play. But now, both boys wanted to go out for the Winnmore High School soccer team, and both wanted to play on the Winnmore High football team as well. However, both sports were played at the same time, during the same season.

All at once, as they sat there thinking about which sport to play, both Lou Bob and Lou Bo came up with the same answer at the same time.

“We’ll simply switch in sports as well!” they both hollered as one voice.

“Imagine it,” said a grinning Lou Bob, “We’ll be able to do twice as much as anyone else has before!”

“We’ll be able to play every sport we ever dreamed of!” laughed Lou Bo. “We’ll just switch places now and then, and one day, we’ll have played every sport we ever wanted to!”

And so began a dreamlike life for two boys who considered themselves two of the luckiest guys on the face of the earth.

Lou Bo made the track team, and Lou Bob made the football team. But from one week to the next, both boys played both sports, doing well and having the grandest time doing it.

As time passed and the boys grew older, they continued to pull their switcheroos.

By the time the boys were high school seniors, they had played and lettered in every sport the school had to offer.

Baseball and football – wrestling and soccer – hockey and track – basketball and diving – water polo and tennis – Everything they wanted to experience, they simply arranged in pairs!



Upon graduating from Winnmore High as two of the greatest scholar-athletes in the school's history, Lou Bo and Lou Bob received dozens of terrific scholarship offers from many prestigious colleges.

"How are we supposed to choose one school out of so many great colleges?" asked Lou Bo.

Suddenly, a sly smile began to spread across Lou Bob's face.

"Who said we had to pick just *one*?!" he asked.

Since the boys' twin talents had worked so well for them over the years, and since they so enjoyed getting to do twice as much as anyone else, the boys decided they would continue to share each other's experiences.

Only now, instead of sharing the same high school, Lou Bo and Lou Bob decided that they would take turns at each other's college!



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Lou Bob and Lou Bo decided that the two colleges must have great teachers, superb sports programs, and a fun location with a nice, sunny climate.

After eliminating all of the colleges that did not have exactly what the boys wanted, Lou Bo and Lou Bob finally decided that California would be the state, and the two colleges would be Sun State University and the University of Beach State, both conveniently located just a few miles from each other.

As college started, the twins continued to have success in switching places whenever they wanted to. They could still fool absolutely everyone they wanted to fool.

Lou Bob would go to classes at Sun State one day, and then attend classes at Beach University the next.

One week, Lou Bo would play football for Sun State, and the next week he'd win a wrestling match for Beach U.

The boys were about three months into their first year of college when they ran into a very large problem.

The biggest football game of the year was coming up, and it was a game between two nearby colleges – Sun State against Beach U!

“Lou Bo, I don’t know what to do! I like *both* schools very much,” said a concerned Lou Bob.

“Me too,” replied Lou Bo. “I’ve been thinking very hard about what to do, and I think I know how we can pull our best switcheroo ever!”

The big game between Sun State and Beach U rolled around, and Lou Bo’s plan was ready. He had come up with a strategy that would allow both boys to play for both colleges in the same game!

Lou Bo started the game for Sun State, and Lou Bob started for Beach U.

Both boys played their hearts out for their teams, and by halftime, Lou Bob had scored three touchdowns for Beach U, and Lou Bo had scored two touchdowns, kicked three field goals and intercepted a pass for Sun State.



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When the teams headed into the locker rooms at halftime, Lou Bo and Lou Bob sprinted to a far back corner room and switched uniforms as fast as they could!

“Hey! Nice interception and touchdowns out there, brother! And three field goals, too?! You’re having a good game, bro!” Lou Bob told Lou Bo.

“Me?! You’re the one who ran all over the field and scored three touchdowns! Nice going, Lou Bob! But now you’re going to have to stop Beach University’s super Lou Bo!

The boys were incredible! Lou Bo scored two second-half touchdowns for Beach U, and Lou Bob caught several passes and scored a dozen more points for Sun State.

When the big game was finally over, the scoreboard told the tale; the boys had helped both teams so much that the game ended up in a tie!

With their pictures scattered throughout sports pages in newspapers throughout California and beyond, Lou Bo and Lou Bob were both extremely pleased with themselves.

They were happy to be sports heroes, but they laughed and laughed as they read the newspaper articles. One newspaper would talk about how Lou Bob scored a touchdown that was actually scored by Lou Bo, and another article would talk about how Lou Bo kicked a field goal that was actually kicked by Lou Bob.

The boys also loved the idea that they were most likely the only two people who had ever played for two colleges in one game!



In order to be able to switch places whenever they wanted to, the boys had to study together almost every night. They also had to make detailed plans for the following days and weeks, deciding where to be, at what time, and even planning exactly what to wear.

“Lou Bo? Do you ever feel bad about our switching places? Or feel like our friends don't really know us?” Lou Bob suddenly asked one night.

“Well, I do feel a little bit guilty ... sometimes,” replied Lou Bo. “But I don't think we're hurting anybody. We're just having fun in life.”

“That's how I feel, too,” said Lou Bob. “I just don't want to hurt our friends' feelings.”

One evening during the fall semester, Lou Bob and Lou Bo got together to go watch Sun State's theater troupe perform a stage play called "The Trouble with Twins."

When the show started and the two stars walked out on stage, Lou Bo and Lou Bob looked at each other in amazement. On stage were two of the prettiest young ladies the boys had ever seen. Not only were they beautiful individuals, they were beautiful identical twins!



“Lou Bob, my brother, we absolutely must meet these ladies!” exclaimed Lou Bo.

“I’m way ahead of you, bro,” said Lou Bob as he made his way toward the aisle. “Meet me by the stage entrance after the show.”

When the show ended, Lou Bo made his way through the crowd to the front of the stage. Lou Bob was waiting for him there, and he was holding roses and a box of chocolates.

“Roses for one twin and chocolates for the other,” smiled Lou Bob. “I only hope they think we’re half as handsome as we think they are pretty!”

“We’ll find out in a minute, won’t we?” said a grinning Lou Bo.

The boys made their way through the crowd and received permission to go backstage. As they rounded a corner on their way to the dressing rooms, there they were – the stars of the show.

The girls saw Lou Bo and Lou Bob at the same time the boys saw them, and for a few seconds, the four of them could only stare at each other in amazement.

Finally, Lou Bo stepped forward to the twin directly in front of him and presented the roses.



“My name is Lou Bo,” he smiled. “And this is my brother, Lou Bob.”

The girls looked at each other and smiled brightly, shaking their heads in amazement over just how identical the boys were.

“My name is Marti Lynn, and this is my sister, Mari Lynn. We’ve heard quite a bit about you two.”

“No way!” laughed Lou Bo. “Unbelievable!” chuckled Lou Bob. The girls were just as amazingly identical as Lou Bob and Lou Bo.

From the very moment they met, Lou Bob fit perfectly with Mari Lynn, and Lou Bo was the man Marti Lynn had dreamed of.

Both Marti Lynn and Mari Lynn knew deep down they had found the true loves of their lives, and they also knew that someday, the two Lynn’s would marry the two Lou’s.

As they continued dating, the boys enjoyed every opportunity to watch the girls perform with their acting groups.

The girls were also having fun attending the boys' sporting events. They came to the baseball games and the diving competitions, the track meets and the wrestling matches, and all the other sports the boys played.

It was during one certain sporting event, however, the girls began to notice that something was ... not ... quite ... right.

The girls had come to know their boys so well, they could actually tell them apart! And when the boys pulled their switcheroo, the girls noticed it! They knew the boys were switching teams!

“Marti Lynn! Isn't that Lou Bob batting for Lou Bo's team?!” asked a confused Mari Lynn.

“And that's Lou Bo playing catcher for Lou Bob's team!” exclaimed an equally surprised Marti Lynn.



Following the game, the girls confronted Lou Bo and Lou Bob, asking them why they would switch teams.

The girls were stunned to hear the boys calmly explain that they made these switches whenever they felt like it. They were also shocked to learn that the boys had been pulling these switcheroos for years – since they were young boys.

“We’ve gotten to do twice as much as any *one* person in the world could ever do!” exclaimed Lou Bob.

“Isn’t it amazing?” asked Lou Bo. “We look so much alike that no one has ever known. You two are the very first people to notice!”

“But haven’t you felt guilty, fooling all those people?” asked Marti Lynn.

“And what about all those friends who thought you were Lou Bo, and you were Lou Bob?” Mari Lynn asked the boys.

The boys looked at each other thoughtfully. “Well, we’ve never wanted to hurt anyone! We just wanted to experience as much of this great life as possible,” said Lou Bob.



During the summer break from college, Marti Lynn and Lou Bo began to spend a lot of their free time together, as did Mari Lynn and Lou Bob.

One day, however, the boys realized that they had become so involved with their girlfriends that they had not seen each other in quite a while. They also realized that they were missing each other's friendship.

"Lou Bob, I miss you, bro. All this summer, we haven't done anything together!"

"I know, Lou Bo. We're going to have to change that! Besides, Mari Lynn was telling me that she misses Marti Lynn these days, too."

"Well, how come we never double-date?" asked Lou Bo. "We could see each other and be with our lovely girlfriends at the same time!"

When the boys told Mari Lynn and Marti Lynn that they were going to start double-dating, the girls were very happy about it.

“Let us handle all of the arrangements for the first big double-date,” said Marti Lynn.

“We’ll handle everything,” added Mari Lynn. “We want to plan a fun, romantic Saturday night out on the town for you two.”

The boys were all smiles over the idea.

“Fantastic!” said Lou Bo.

“You two are the greatest!” added Lou Bob.

When Saturday rolled around, the date was on. The girls had earned enough money from their jobs to pay for a limousine for the evening. They had also bought very pretty, matching dresses.

The four rode all over town. They went to the movies, then later ate at a fancy restaurant. After that, they cruised around in the limousine, waving to everybody they knew, and to many people they didn’t know.



In the evening, the girls had the driver cruise the big limousine to a scenic parking spot right near the ocean. It had been a perfect evening of California fun.

The sun was setting as they got out of the limousine, and all four walked along in the sand as a gigantic orange sun was dipping down into the farthest edge of the ocean.

Lou Bo took Marti Lynn in his arms, and Lou Bob embraced Mari Lynn.

“Thank you, Marti Lynn. This has been the most perfect evening,” said Lou Bo.

“Lou Bo is right. I’ll never forget this evening as long as I live!” said Lou Bob.

As Lou Bob started to give Mari Lynn a kiss, she turned her head away so that his lips landed in her hair. Lou Bo was going to give Marti Lynn a big smooch, too, but when he tried, she covered her lips with her hand!



Lou Bo and Lou Bob looked at each other in surprise.

“What in the world?! Don’t you like me anymore?” asked a disappointed Lou Bo.

“I thought that we had something special, Mari Lynn!” said a saddened Lou Bob.

Suddenly, Mari Lynn answered Lou Bob, shocking both boys at the same time. She said, “I don’t like you, Lou Bob, I love you!” But the answer came from the girl in Lou Bo’s arms!!

“What!?!” both boys exclaimed in confusion.

“And I love you very much, too, Lou Bo!” said the girl in Lou Bob’s arms.

Mari Lynn slowly pulled away from Lou Bo. She walked over to Lou Bob and put her arms around his neck. Marti Lynn walked over and embraced her boyfriend, Lou Bo.

“We hope you aren’t too terribly mad at us, but we felt you boys needed a little lesson in how a *switcheroo* feels,” Marti Lynn told Lou Bo.

“We really didn’t want to make you mad at us,” said Mari Lynn, “but how does it feel, knowing you’ve been sitting by, talking to, and flirting with my sister all night – when you thought it was me?”

“Ouch,” Lou Bob answered.

“Double ouch!” said Lou Bo.

Lou Bob and Lou Bo stared at each other for just a few, intense seconds. At last, a deep understanding of how their switching places might make people feel began to settle over them.

“Well, my twin brother, it looks like our days of pulling the ’ol switcheroo may have come to a sudden end,” sighed Lou Bob.

“I’m afraid it does look that way. I guess from now on, instead of being the famous Two Lou’s, we’ll just simply be *one* Bo and *one* Bob.”



Mari Lynn and Marti Lynn smiled at each other as if they knew something the boys did not.

“There is still a way to be known as the Two Lou’s!” the girls stated together.

“When we get married,” said Marti Lynn, putting her arms around Lou Bo, “I’ll become Mrs. Marti Lynn-Lou.”

“And I’ll become Mari Lynn-Lou,” added Mari Lynn as she hugged Lou Bob.

“So you see, your decision to stop switching places won’t keep you from experiencing twice as much life as everyone else,” said Marti Lynn.

“Because you’ll still have a twin by your side, sharing every experience with you!” said a grinning Mari Lynn.



Lou Bob and Lou Bo stood silently for a brief moment, feeling a tad bit sad that the days of pulling their switcheroos had come to an end. But as they looked at each other, contented grins began to spread across their faces, and they grew until they had turned into gigantic, beaming smiles.

And as they walked along the California beach with Marti Lynn and Mari Lynn, Lou Bob and Lou Bo knew they had no reason whatsoever to be sad.

In fact, they knew they were two of the luckiest guys in the world.

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