

Stay home

Dear Ann Landers: My boyfriend is almost 19. I am 17. Several days ago we went on a weekend trip and spent two nights together in a motel.

I know it sounds like a fib, but all we did was kiss. We do not plan to go all the way until we get married.

Dick's mother has been very cool to me. Actually she never was what I would call friendly, but ever since she found the receipt for the motel in Dick's coat pocket, she has been like ice.

I need some advice on how to get along with her, Ann. Please give me some suggestions right away. I am:

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— DESPERATE IN DURHAM

DEAR DES: One way you might get Dick's mother to thaw out is to stop going to motels with her 18-year-old son.

Since you and Dick do not plan to go any further than a kiss until you are married, you will not be needing overnight lodging. No more weekending, Toots.

Dear Ann Landers: Why is it that so many of life's lessons must be learned over and over again — even by the most intelligent people? All of us need to remember that if we tell one person something it is no longer a secret.

I had a problem I didn't want known. When a friend asked why I seemed blue, I compulsively blurted out all the details that had been suppressed for weeks. I swore her to secrecy, confident she wouldn't betray me. I was mistaken. Maybe she only told one person, but that was one too many.

Mutual friends are now phoning to ask questions. Since I told only one person I know she passed it on. I still like her, but our friendship will never be the same. The lesson I have learned is this: If something happens in your life that you don't want the whole town to talk about, keep it to yourself.

— CLATTER-TRAP IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MICH: I am reminded of that old Spanish proverb, "Three people can keep a secret — if two of them are dead."

Dear Ann Landers: I am a transvestite who would like to offer some suggestions to the parents of the 13-year-old transvestite.

Don't encourage your son's cross-dressing, but don't prohibit it either. Trying to make him stop will force him to do it secretly. This could produce anxiety and resentment. If it bothers you, suggest that he dress up when you aren't at home.

Please be aware that there are millions of transvestites in America and the majority of them are heterosexual. The reasons for cross-dressing are many. Although one may stop occasionally, he will usually start again whether he has had counseling or not.

Experts says this is an OK way to release tension. It certainly has been for me. I harm no one and am a good husband, father and practicing attorney.

— ANONYMOUS IN CHICAGO

DEAR ANON: Thanks for a letter that should calm some fears. My consultants say you are right on.

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