

Even the phonies from Yale get spotted by eagle-eyed Ann

Dear Ann Landers: I am an occasional transvestite. From time to time I enjoy dressing as a woman. It gives me a lot of pleasure, and I'm not hurting anyone.

I always dress up privately because I can't afford to have this side of my life known.

My problem is shopping for clothes. I buy high-quality things, and I want my garments to fit well. Most shops will not allow me to try on the dresses in the dressing rooms. I admit it may seem odd for a man to be buying a blouse or an evening gown for himself, but the rooms are private and I would offend no one.

When I shop for a suit in a men's store, I need to try it on for size to see how it looks on me. Why shouldn't I have the same privilege when I shop for a dress or a pair of high heels?

Do you have any suggestions on how to handle the problem?

- Locked Out In Lincoln

Dear Linc: In spite of your signature, the envelope tells me your letter came from Portland, Maine. Actually, I thought it came from New Haven because the best phonies are written by Yale students. While your "problem" is not inconceivable, you blew your cover and I will tell you how.

ANN LANDERS



A cross-dresser who says he cannot afford to have this aspect of his life known is not about to try on high heels in a shoe store, nor would he select dresses openly and ask to be shown to a dressing room. I think you need a hobby. You seem to have a lot of time on your hands, Bub.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing this for my mother. She is so mad she can't see straight, much less hold a pen.

Mom gave her best friend \$20 for her birthday and told her to go to the

track and have a good time.

This friend, who doesn't know a piece of horse meat from a T-bone steak, went to the track, hit the daily double and won \$550. She phoned Mom — all excited — and said, "I'm so thrilled! I'm going to buy you the prettiest scarf in town!" Mom thinks her friend should have split the winnings. What do you say?

- Glendale, Calif. Beef

Dear Beef: Split? Why? Your Mom didn't ask her to place a bet. She just said, "Have a good time." I do agree, however, that a scarf doesn't quite make it. In my opinion, \$100 would have been about right.

Dear Ann Landers: Recently I married a man whose wife passed away two years ago. We get along beautifully. Something is hurting our relationship, and I don't know what to do about it.

My husband's daughter (I will call her Sue) is the apple of his eye. She is married to a fine young man. They

have two youngsters. Sue hasn't been in our home since our marriage. She says she can't bring herself to walk through the door. She grew up in this house, was married in the living room and says it is filled with memories of her mother.

My husband believes Sue doesn't like me and that is why she will not come to our home. This has created a wall between us, and I need your help.

- Grosse Point, Mich. Sorrow

Dear GPS: Have you suggested to your husband that YOU would feel more comfortable in another house?

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