



Advice
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It doesn't have to mean the marriage is over

Dear Ann Landers: I was married four years ago to a man I thought I knew very well. We went together for three years. He is 32 and I am 28.

Rob never showed any signs of not being normal. He is a terrific lover, adores tennis, sailing and is a champion bowler. Our life together was great until last week when I discovered a suitcase filled with women's clothes, wigs, high heels, makeup — the works. When I questioned Rob, he said they were costumes and junk left over from his college drama days. Then one night I returned from Toledo unexpectedly on an earlier plane. I caught him dressed up in a sequin gown, platform heels, a blonde wig looking just beautiful.

He confessed he had been dressing up for some time -but swore he had never gone out in public that way. He says he gets a big kick out of it and hopes I will understand.

Well — I DON'T understand. We have two lovely children. Rob is a wonderful father and husband. Our sex life is fine. He is an attorney and does very well.

Is he a closet homosexual? Do you think he has a boyfriend on the side? What should I do? — Zonked

Dear Z.: Your husband is a transvestite. I have read a great deal about transvestism these last few months and have come to the conclusion, belatedly, I'm sorry to say, that very few are homosexuals. These men get their jollies dressing up. They are very much aware of their maleness and have no wish to be females, nor do they want to experience sex with other men.

Most transvestites are married and have families. Their wives say they are wonderful husbands and fathers. I suggest that you get some counseling so you can adjust to and cope with the situation.