

The closet seems best bet for now

DEAR ANN LANDERS: As I write this letter I am wearing a skirt and blouse, silk underwear, a wig, make-up and high heels. I am a 30-year-old male, happily married and the father of two children. I have never had a homosexual relationship in my life and have no urge to engage in one. I just enjoy wearing women's clothes.

When dressed as a woman I am completely relaxed and totally at ease. Also the feminine side of my personality emerges.

As a woman, I do things any woman might do — straighten the house, cook, go to the supermarket or shopping for my feminine attire.

My wardrobe is extensive but not gaudy. Mostly skirts and blouses, dresses, underwear and high heels. I sleep in male pajamas. My wife understands my need to express my feminine feelings. We spend a lot of time together as two "girlfriends," shopping, chatting, etc. I pass easily and do not worry about detection.

The children are usually asleep when I come home, so there is no problem there. But as they get older and stay up later, I would like to know how to explain to them that Daddy likes to wear women's clothes. A sensible answer is all I want. I am not asking for your approval.

— R.P.

Dear R.P.: Stay in the closet as long as possible where your children are concerned. I see no useful purpose that could be served by sharing this information with them. It would only confuse the kids and possibly encourage them (if they are boys) to imitate Daddy. This you don't need. And they don't either.

ANN LANDERS

