

Will I die for loving mum-to-be?

ONE night I slept with a girl. Four days later my neck was sore. The same week I slept with another girl and afterwards I found out that she had been a month pregnant. Will this harm me or kill me? I am 19 and I have slept with only four girls in my life. Please advise me.

EDWARD

Johannesburg.

I don't think your sore neck had anything to do with sleeping with a girl. Sleeping with a pregnant girl won't harm you or cause your death — unless her boyfriend or husband bursts in on the scene. So quit worrying.

I'm greedy

I HAVE had a very happy school life all the time. Now I have lost interest in schoolwork and feel I cannot continue at this rate. I am 16 and seem to have an enormous sexual appetite. I have lost a few of my good girl friends because I knew I would land them in trouble and they are too innocent. My friends dislike me because I no longer go out with them. I fear I might get into trouble. I will do something drastic if something is not done for me soon. Perhaps I need the help of a psychiatrist. If so, tell me where I can find one.

WORRIED

Cape Town.

You are a growing boy so your "abnormal" interest in sex is quite normal, and I'm sure you don't need a psychiatrist. What you do need, however, is some activity that will drain some of your excess energy and so lower your appetite for sex. Do weightlifting exercises, play soccer, take up boxing or long-distance running. I'm glad you have the good sense not to go around getting young girls into trouble.

No control

I AM so miserable and ashamed of myself I could just die. My girlfriend broke off with me because whenever I make love, I am unable to contain myself and so failed to please her. I am 18 and beginning to be so worried that I can't sleep at night. Candid advice, please Dolly.

SUPERMAN

Tzaneen.

It could be that you get too excited and too anxious. You should relax more, and not think about yourself as a failure. With a patient, understanding girl you should be able to overcome your trouble.

Made to wed

WHEN I was 18 I was forced into marriage with a fellow I didn't and still don't love. I've lived with him for two years, but my married life is unhappy all the time. I must tell you the truth — the biggest fighting and trouble starts when it is time to go to bed, because I refuse to sleep under the same blankets with him. He even reported the matter to our parents, but I still won't sleep with him. What's your advice?

MRS. LONELY

Sharpeville.

I think forced marriages are outdated and cruel.

They can also lead to a great deal of unhappiness, as in your case. I don't blame you one bit for not wanting to sleep with a man you don't love. I also think your husband is foolish to persist in trying to make this marriage work when it has so obviously been a mistake from the word go. I suggest that you get a divorce and start building a life of your own.

She says no

I AM 19 and I have never had relations with a girl because I never had a girlfriend. Now I have fallen in love with a local schoolgirl who is 16. She says she loves me too and wants me to visit her every day when I come from work. But when I ask her to have intercourse with me she refuses. When I ask her the reason, she only says she is afraid. What must I do?

CONDOR

Port Elizabeth.

Find yourself a doll of your own age who is not at school and who can take care of herself. You want to have sex with the girl of 16 for your own selfish reasons, but have you stopped to think what would happen if she found herself pregnant? Would you still love her so much and would you be prepared to stand by her? I think your girl is quite right to refuse to have sex with you and I hope she sticks to her guns. There's time enough for that when she's finished with school.

No ring yet

I HAVE been going out with my boyfriend for three years now, but he does not say anything about marrying me. I have heard that he is getting married, but when and to whom I don't know. When I ask about this he tells me there's no such thing. He still wants me to go out with him. Should I or shouldn't I?

BROKEN HEART

Johannesburg.

It is unfair and selfish of your guy to expect you to continue going out with him if he doesn't want to tell you what his intentions are. Naturally you are looking forward to a home and children, and if he doesn't want any part of this he should tell you so you know where you stand. Have another chat with him and if his answers don't satisfy you, tell him adios. You'll get over your broken heart.

I'm wrinkled

I HAVE been in love with several men, looking forward to marriage and a home. But I have been unfortunate all the time. People tell me that Mr. Right hasn't come yet. Goodness me. How long shall I wait for that Mr. Right, as I am wrinkled and grey already, at the age of 38. I have even tried writing to penpals, but in vain. Please advise me what to do.

VITALITY

Felixton.

Perhaps you were too anxious for marriage and so frightened off all your boyfriends. In any case, some women are fated to be bachelor girls all their

Dear Dolly...

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lives and you may be one. Actually, you are to be envied because you have no responsibilities except to yourself and are free to come and go and do as you please. You should make the best of what you have and enjoy life. Who knows, Mr. Right might come along just when you least expect him if you stop worrying so much about not being married at 38.

Prove it

I AM 16 and in love with a guy five years my senior. I love this guy very much but I am a bit worried. Whenever I am with him he tells me to prove my love because words are not enough. I keep refusing and then he tells me that I don't love him. But I really and truly do. Should I give him the ticket or should I give in?

DESPERATE

Bloemfontein.

For all his 21 years, your guy is terribly immature if he thinks that sex means proving one's love. I think you should make it clear to him that you will not sleep with him, and I'm sure he'll respect you all the more for your decision. If your attitude annoys him and drives him away, then he is not worth all your worry.

Whose child?

RECENTLY I took my children with me to visit my boyfriend at his home. Some hours passed and he went out. Later I went outside and I saw my guy with a girl and a child. I asked some chaps standing nearby who the girl was and they told me she and my boyfriend were in love and the child was my boyfriend's daughter. Do you think I should part with this guy? It seems to me he won't marry me and is just wasting my time.

ANGRY GIRL

Springs.

If it is true that your guy is in love with this other girl, and that the small girl is his daughter, then it does look as though he is wasting your time. Unless you love him so much that you are prepared to put up with his double game until he decides which one of you he wants to marry, I think you should break off with him.

Baby fear

I AM 22 and my boyfriend and I are living together as man and wife. We have one child already, and I am afraid of having another. You see, I don't know if the guy truly loves me because he's not even talking about marrying me. I want your advice before it's too late.

MARINA

Port Elizabeth.

And why do you think he should worry about marrying you when he is already getting everything a married man gets? Women who allow themselves to get into a situation like this have only themselves to blame if they are eventually left with a string of illegitimate kids. You'd better go to your local family planning clinic — or a private doctor, if you prefer — and learn about birth control.