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Remember what the emperor wore?

ANN LANDERS

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Having been readers of your articles for years, may we ask a question? Is it against the law for a man and wife to appear in public in opposite-sex clothing?

Here is how it started: I am much taller than my husband. We get along well together, and we are both normal sexually. The problem: A few years ago I bought Bill a pair of platform wedgies and asked him to try them on. He objected at first, but after awhile he began to enjoy them. This was psychologically important and pleasant for us both. It makes us nearly the same height.

From the wedgies it was just one step for him to try on my dresses. With makeup and a wig, Bill looks prettier than I. He now enjoys cross-dressing, and I think it's a lot of fun.

A few weeks ago Bill suggested that I wear male clothing, so when we go to a restaurant or to the theater we can be "a couple."

Our main worry: Is what we are doing against the law?

— **Want To Be legal**

Dear Legal: The only law I know of pertaining to clothing is that adults are not permitted to appear in public without any.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: In today's column you mentioned Al-Anon again. You then apologized for sounding like a broken record.

I speak from experience when I say that too often your recommendations fall on deaf ears because no reader wants to admit, "Ann Landers is talking to ME."

I can't tell you how many times I read about Al-Anon in your column, but it slipped by because I didn't have a drinking problem — my husband did. It was my priest who finally told me I was going to Al-Anon whether I wanted to or not.

In three short months Al-Anon has changed my life. I am a far better person that I was before — more tolerant, more loving, more lovable, more giving and more confident.

I don't know what the future has in store for me or my husband, but I am no longer afraid to face it. Sometimes the drinking spouse stops drinking as a result of the dry one's Al-Anon experience. My husband is still drinking, but he is THINKING, too — for the first time in years, and that's a big improvement.

Keep that broken record playing, Ann. You can't say it often enough.

— **One Day At A Time**

Dear One Day: Thank you, thank you ... you ... you ... you.

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