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# Nobody's business

Dear Ann Landers: Last October, my wife and I were invited to a Halloween party. She went dressed as a football player and talked me into going as a cheerleader. When she suggested I wear a pair of her pantyhose because my skirt was so short I thought she was crazy, but after I put them on they felt terrific. They also kept my legs warm. I asked her to get me some of my own (in a larger size) and she said OK. I

have been wearing pantyhose ever since.

In the summer when it is hot and humid, my trousers don't stick to my legs like they used to. I

wear my regular socks over the pantyhose so the guys at work won't catch on. They would think I was "AC/DC," if you know what I mean.

What I want to know is why the manufacturers don't advertise pantyhose for men. They make a lot of sense. It's a darned shame that a person like me has to walk around scared that if I had a sudden heart attack or got into an accident, the doctors or nurses would think I was kinky.

Please print my letter and urge other men to try pantyhose. Also, encourage the manufacturers to take this bold step.

— Anonymous In Worcester, Mass.

Dear Worcester: If skirts for men catch on, pantyhose cannot be far behind. Meanwhile, if you find them comfortable, and your wife doesn't mind, it's nobody's business.

Dear Ann Landers: This is my fifth letter to you and my last, if I don't get an answer. I have been looking in the paper every day and have not missed an issue, even while on vacation. Please give me some advice before I blow my top.

My problem is stepchildren from a former marriage. They are ruining my life. My husband and I are in our early 50s and have three kids each. I say "kids" because that is what his daughters and son act like, although they are grown — and were when we married.

We both have excellent jobs and should be in a position to travel and enjoy some of the better things in life. We aren't because of his kids. They are constantly asking for money for car payments, dental work, down payments for this and that, even fur coats. My children never ask for anything. They have been self-supporting ever since they got out of college. All three worked, paid back their college loans and are completely independent.

We can't even afford a new car (which we need desperately) because we both have to help his kids out every month.

I feel that my husband is not being fair to me. His refusal to stand up to his kids is ruining our marriage.

He is a wonderful man and I do love him, but the freeloaders are making me think I might be better off alone. Please tell me what to do.

— Totaled In Trenton

Dear Totaled: At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I'll say it again. When couples with children marry, they should decide in advance how much help they are going to give their children. And stick to it.

You need joint counseling — and fast. It's your only chance. And his, too.

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