

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



'Hostility Comes Through, Loud . . .'

Dear Ann Landers: Several weeks ago my husband's ex-wife ran off with a man. Their daughter Nola was instructed to come live with us. We went to court and now have full custody.

Nola likes me and I like her. But many things will have to be changed. She is 11 years old and boy crazy. She wants to wear make-up—eye-goo and the whole bit. She owns two padded bras and has been wearing nylons and heels since she was 10. The girl is lazy, sloppy and mouthy—a carbon copy of her mother.

My patience is wearing thin. What can I do to change this "little darling" into a decent, self-sufficient human being? My husband is on my side and agrees that something must be done. Thank you.—MOTHER NO. 2

Dear No. 2: The first sentence of the second paragraph conflicts with the views expressed in the rest of your letter. Your hostility toward the girl comes through loud and clear, particularly comparing her with her mother—whom you also despise.

The poor kid has probably been knocked from pillar to post. Small wonder she is boy crazy, lazy, mouthy and hostile.

Since your husband is "on your side" evidence that the war is on) it is apparent that the girl doesn't stand a chance in your home.

Seek professional help through your clergyman and find Nola a foster home where she will be understood and dealt with fairly.

Dear Ann Landers: A young woman who is building has me and she talks endlessly to three other men in the office—all out of town. She tries to create the impression that she is interested in them.

I hope you don't think I'm a sneak, but I know more about the girl than she thinks I know because I have a master key to her mailbox and I've been reading her mail.

Not one of these guys is getting to first base. I can tell from their letter that she doesn't give a hoot about any of them.

A gypsy told me that 1964 would be my year for a big romance. I want this girl to be it. How can I let her know the score without revealing my secret?—ANDY

Dear Andy: Did the gypsy say you may be taking a long trip—like Leavenworth? If you don't keep your hands off the neighbor's mail, it could happen.

So far as the girl goes, make a positive pitch of

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your own and forget about the "competition."

Dear Ann Landers: We need a referee. You are it. My husband and son-in-law are on one side, my daughter and I on the other.

Marjorie is going to the hospital in about six weeks to have her first child. I want Marjorie and the new baby to come to my home from the hospital so I can help her take care of the infant for two or three weeks.

Marjorie's husband wants his wife and baby to go to their small apartment from the hospital. He says if I want to help out I can come to their place. This means I won't be able to spend the nights there unless I sleep on a cot. I hate cots.

What is your decision?—TWO TO TWO

Dear Two and Two: It's three to two now—I'm voting with the men.

If you want to help out, first but go to Marjorie's apartment for a few hours daily, and sleep in your own bed.

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