

# Dear D.R.

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## Ann Landers' response

**Landers:** Even though you admit to coming on to Gary and initiating the sexual play, he would be found guilty in a court of law of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. If you had sex with him, he could be convicted of statutory rape. Although you feel you are at fault, let me assure you that this is not the case.

You are 13. Gary knew this when you started to tease him. He should have told you to stop flirting and behave yourself. The burden of keeping the relationship in the proper perspective is on the adult.

Gary could be in big legal trouble if this situation becomes known. It could also break your mother's heart. Stop it at once.