

## tell trinity

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### The girlfriend, the daughter, the relationship & the father

#### Dear Trinity,

I came out last year in my first lesbian relationship. Next month my girlfriend and I plan to move to another state because of her job. However, I have a three-year-old daughter whose father is active in her life. Now, if I move, he wants custody. Help?

**Daddy's Little Girl, Virginia Beach, VA**

#### Dear DLG,

For gay custody/legal disputes contact Lambda Legal ([lambdalegal.org](http://lambdalegal.org)). I

worked for them in college. Now, since this is about taking your daughter away, I must ask, "Is the father the real troublemaker or is it your girlfriend who wants to move?" Being raised by two families is hard, but in two states, please! Who gets your daughter and who gets a long-distance relationship is the issue. Honey, someone has to bend cupid's arrow a little! Get your girlfriend a local job and tell her if she loves you she has to stay before you end up childless!

#### Hello Trinity,

So, many people today want to be single. But, I've been with my lover for nine years and it's as good as day one. Don't you think a lasting, loving relationship is healthier than being single?

**Marriage Minded, Albuquerque, NM**

#### Hello Marriage Minded,

Yes, I remember reading a study that said couples live longer. Maybe it's related to housework? But, sweetie, not all relationships are healthy like yours and single life does have many adventures that may not be healthy but fun! (Take a tour with your reading of my cartoon.)

#### Hey Trinity,

I'm 22 and living with my boyfriend for eight months. He's a hard-working homeowner. However, he's 26 and when I want to get my freak on with him he's not interested. I love him, but I have needs!

**Sexually Frustrated, Charlotte, NC**

#### Hey SF,

Being tired and sexually excited rarely go hand in fist. So, start by acting and dressing sexier without being too aggressive and add some wine with dinner. Once he's loosened up, let's see what happens. And, lastly, take vacations. Couples do it to help their sex life. It's the rule. Baby, you may have to work as hard as him to put him into "the mood."

#### Dearest Trinity,

I just started dating someone really great. This time I promised

myself I was going to be the best boyfriend ever. Any ideas for keeping my promise?

**Mr. Best Ever, Paris, France**

#### Dearest Mr. New Declaration,

To keep promises or declarations one has to make a business plan and stick to it. Even when you fail, pumpkin, which you

may, you must get right back up and stick to it again. And, to keep you on track here are:

### Trinity's Tough Declarations For Being An Excellent Boyfriend Or Girlfriend

1. **Commitment:** I promise to *not* date, sleep with or search the internet for anyone other than my b-friend.
2. **Compromise:** I promise to *not* "throw in the towel" whenever we have a problem.
3. **Resiliency:** I promise to *make* time, dinner and endless attempts toward making my relationship healthy and lasting.
4. **Adventure:** I promise to continually try *new* things that will make me a better girlfriend: intellectually, emotionally and sexually.
5. **Intrigue:** I promise to *keep* a little mystery about myself, as well as push myself toward being interesting, exciting and fun.
6. **Romance:** I promise to *be* affectionate, charitable and romantic, as well as help with the chores.
7. **Control:** I promise *never* to be smothering, insecure or controlling.
8. **Communication:** I promise to *always* listen and communicate my feelings, yet keep some problems to myself so not to burden the relationship.
9. **Change:** I promise to change bad habits, work on deep-seated issues and *not* make my mate my therapist.
10. **Lastly, responsibility:** I promise to take responsibility for my actions, not blame anyone for being themselves and compromise...till it kills me! ::

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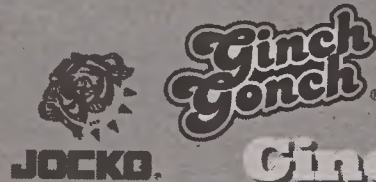


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