

Struggles of being a homosexual

As I mentioned that my childhood friend considers himself a female he would play houses and dolls with my friends and me, wears my mother's make-up and sometimes we would wear long dresses. He was often teased by other boys and even ill-treated in school. I remember he used to come home crying and I used to cry too. Research studies showed that children who 'cross the line' by showing interest in toys or activities considered appropriate for other sex are often teased and ridiculed by peers, teachers and even other parents (Fagot & Hagan, 1991; Garvey, 1990). I felt bad for him and hated his teachers and the other boys in the colony. As years passed, I noticed him retracted to his own shell and silently suffered depression. Even when he liked someone he cannot say it because of his bad experiences with boys bullying him in school. I wished they have laws in India like the one in California where schools are required by the California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000 to create a safe learning environment for all students no matter what their sexual orientation or identity may be.

According to a 2005 survey about gay bullying statistics, the number one reason a homosexual teen is bullied is because of his appearance and 9 out of 10 homosexual youths reported bullying in schools in the US. Cyber bullying or internet bullying is a serious problem nowadays. Parents are not supervising/monitoring what their kids are surfing in front of computer or any hand-held devices. Chat rooms and other social networking websites are easy targets to spread rumors or post hurtful comments about them being gay, lesbian, bisexual or a transgender and many children are being traumatized and bullied and they are afraid to tell their parents. When they cannot take it anymore, they resorted to hurting themselves, cutting themselves or even commit suicide.