"If you really loved me...":
THE PROBLEM OF DATE RAPE

You look beautiful! Besides, he’s your boyfriend and he loves you.

I’m so excited about the matric dance! But what if he doesn’t like my dress?

Are you also going out?

Yes, I’m meeting some friends at the club.

Have a wonderful time!
I think that guy likes you.

Hey angel, did it hurt when you fell from heaven?

No, but that pick-up line was pretty painful. Bye!

Looks like you need lessons in how to talk to girls!

She is just playing hard-to-get. I am going to try again.

How about just one dance?

Let’s see if your dancing is any better than your pick-up lines!
I would like to get to know you better. Let’s go outside where it’s quieter so we can talk.

Sure.

I will show my friends that I can do more than talk!

Stop! You are hurting me! I don’t want to have sex with you.

I know you really want sex. You were flirting with me, and I have been buying you drinks! How did you think the night would end?

No girl says “no” to me.

Hang on, we just met! You’re getting a bit over-eager.
MEANWHILE, AT THE MATRIC DANCE...

I can see that you and David are in love!

Are you going to take things to the next level tonight?

No. I love him, but I’m not ready for sex.

Your girlfriend really likes you.

Looks like you’re going to score tonight, dude.

Sharp!
I love him, but sex is a big step. We need to talk more about how we feel about each other, and about things like contraception and protection against HIV.

Don't you love me? We have been dating for months. I am tired of waiting!

I love her, but I have heard that girls don't always mean what they say. Should I insist on sex so she will know I am a real man?

I love him, but sex is a big step. We need to talk more about how we feel about each other, and about things like contraception and protection against HIV.
If you loved me, you would have sex with me.

If you loved me, you would not pressure me.

I am glad you told me how you feel. I was wrong to push you. Sex is not love. I was just trying to look cool to my friends.

I’m glad we talked about this. Honesty and respect are important for good relationships. The right time for sex may come, but not yet.
Where to report a rape

If you have been raped, you should immediately report the rape at a Woman and Child Protection Unit, or at any police station. Woman and Child Protection Units are open from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. If it is the evening or a weekend, contact the nearest police station. They will locate a staff member of the Woman and Child Protection Unit for you. Someone from the Woman and Child Protection Unit should be “on call” 24 hours a day.

If you are unable to get in touch with a Woman and Child Protection Unit, ask someone from any police station to take you to a hospital. If they refuse, go to a hospital yourself. It is important that you be examined by a doctor as soon as possible. Tell the doctor that you have been raped. Get in touch with the Woman and Child Protection Unit as soon as you can.
It takes a lot of courage to report a rape, especially if the rapist is someone you know. But if you do not report the rape, the rapist cannot be punished. The rapist will go free and perhaps rape someone else.

If you have been raped, you should immediately report the rape at a Woman and Child Protection Unit, or at any police station. You may also want to talk to a friend or trusted adult such as a social worker or pastor. If you are a child and you are not sure what to do, you can call the child helpline free on 116.

If you would like to talk to someone about relationship issues, you can talk to a parent, relative, a social worker, a school counsellor or a pastor. You can also contact LifeLine/ChildLine:

**ADULTS:**
Call 061-232221.

**CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS:**
Call free on 116.

Anyone can sms LifeLine/ChildLine on 081-6614000 to get sexual and reproductive health information.

If you have a comment or question about this comic, contact the Legal Assistance Centre:

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