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Chapter 1: Dummy_Label On today's episode we're going to talk about what you need to know about dating or even being married to Germans, the good the bad, and the ugly.

Hello lieblings, I'm Maddie, a science fiction and fantasy author has been living in southern Germany since 2014.

So I'm going to be frank, uh, the channel was rather clickbaity because it may come off that I'm only going to focus on negatives, but the thing is cultures are different. Some of these differences are jarring or surprising at first, but it doesn't make them bad, just different.

As I've gotten used to these things I have also seen the good in them so please don't light up my comment section unless you want to help me with the algorithm in which case, you know, with engagement, go for it.

So let's let's do this since it's on youtube we'll do this list style as per usual.

Number one: Germans are not as forthcoming with personal stuff in the beginning. I did a video a million years ago talking about Germans being coconuts and Americans being peaches. Germans are just more reserved in the beginning while we Americans have no problem laying out everything with too much information.

I remember going to a shop in the airport in the states while we were heading back to Germany and this lady asked me how I was doing. I told her fine, asked her how she was doing, and then she started telling me the story about having met some guy online and now he wanted to come and visit her in the states but needed for her to pay for it. And how sus it was and she wanted my opinion and I'm just here going, yeah, so anyway. [Laughter]

On the other hand once you do crack that German coconut you do find a really great friend who will be justice tmi and who will literally walk on coals for you. It's not that you can never get close, you can, but it takes time.

Number two: Germans don't use social media that much. This was both weird and frustrating for me. In the beginning, my then boyfriend, now husband, did have a Facebook profile but his name was purposefully misspelled to keep people from finding him.

He also doesn't like to have his face posted, which is why I only post something with him in it like three times a year on my instagram and why you won't find him on my blog or on this youtube channel,

That's a lie. He's in my New Zealand video but even then I asked him like 10 times if he was absolutely okay with me posting his super hot and sexy face on the video because I knew how much he doesn't like it and he was okay with it thus that's the only video.

It was super weird at first. At the end as a youtuber it can kind of be annoying because I personally think my husband's super hot and I totally want to show him off and brag because I'm narcissistic like that and you know thus feed my raging ego.

But you know respecting his wishes and all that nonsense, on the other hand he's not the only one because like I said it's quite common with Germans I know.

And because of that I am quite used to being around people who just don't obsess about social media and because we're not posting we're also not always on it and when we're not on social media we do actually get to enjoy our time together instead of spending it trying to find that perfect shot.

Or maybe it's because the village we live in is like a notorious black hole for cell phone reception anyway. So you I couldn't post anything if we tried.

Number three: Dating in German means you gotta learn German though the same could be said with dating a Peruvian, or in this case half Peruvian.

This is not to say that you have to be perfectly fluent, especially if there's a dialect involved, uh, because it honestly can be like learning a whole new language on top of already learning high German.

In my experience, the act of trying your best does go a long way especially if you don't live in Germany.

If you do end up moving and living in Germany you're gonna have to learn anyway because that's just what's required for residency, um, on the other hand my husband has been trying to learn Spanish whenever he can because even when we are in the states there is a lot of Spanish spoken and there are several occasions where he is the only one in the room who can't speak it, so yeah.

Number four: Germans prefer experiences over gifts. This was a weird thing to get used to because Americans and Peruvians love giving physical gifts. Actually, when my I family tries to send us gifts for Christmas or for birthdays, physical gifts are easier.

I know the Germans watching this may be confused when I say that, but gifting experiences is hard when you don't know the person that well.

Usually these gifts are in the form of a gift card which in American improving culture can be considered rude or lazy it I don't.

It obviously it depends on the gift, I don't think either is wrong they're simply different and in all honesty as long as the gift is thoughtful then either version of a gift is good.

When it comes to my husband, I do prefer experiences because, on, like my husband and I are the kind of people that we just buy whatever we want, so physical gifts are next to impossible.

So experiences make better presents just because it's something that can be more unique, and it's you know it's something that that doesn't occur that often but that's us.

Number five: Germans aren't risk takers. Germans are practical, they like stability and consistency.

I am a daydreamer, and I'm impulsive, so it's actually been very good having someone who is more grounded, I but I will admit my husband not being much of a risk taker is actually a big reason why I ended up moving to Germany.

He figured out a way that we both could I move closer to each other while keeping our jobs, so that we had something constant in case our relationship didn't work out. It was a practical solution that paid off big because I'm still here.

Number six: Germans are honest. You do need thick skin around Germans.

In my personal experience there are plenty of Germans who do understand the concept of tact which is the idea of being honest but still being aware of other people's feelings, but you will find an alarming number who just don't give a and will be honest for the sake of being honest.

And they are frustrating, especially in the beginning when you don't know the language that well, so you can't even defend yourself.

Like, that's the worst, but for me, once I got fluent in German I really loved talking back to those jerks.

It was worth seeing the look on their faces. It brings me great joy throwing that type of honesty right back in their faces. That's very much the Latin in me, we're very, uh, we get in your face.

Seven: German romance is subtle. I come from, a, an aggressively affectionate family, both on the American side and the Peruvian side. On the Peruvian side Latinos are very I physically affectionate. It's what I grew up with.

I am honestly very interested in seeing how my husband reacts when we finally get to go to Peru because that's gonna be fun.

On the American side, I am one of six I kids, and five of us are girls.

I also have 17 nieces and nephews and the majority are also girls so I think maybe in that case it's because I come from a family of mostly girls that has to do with like the affection bit because here in Germany, my in-laws are mostly boys and they greet each other with a firm handshake.

My point is this sort of goes hand in hand with my first point when it comes to German reservation, Americans and Latinos are open or all about big gestures.

While Germans are more subtle, it's not like they're incapable, um, and like I said these are just observations and you know broad strokes and you have to take these comments with a grain of salt.

There is a big discussion I have been seeing on social media about recognizing a person's love language, how they express themselves, and I think this kind of goes beyond culture, like just being more observant and how people express themselves.

And I think I've not had this problem just because my parents love languages are like very much on different sides of the spectrum. My mom is very super affectionate, my dad kind of shows his love through his other actions which is more subtle.

Thus, coming to Germany, I was prepared for it, so I understood not to, you know. I grew up not always needing big gestures because I had relatives that show their love in other ways, thus, it allowed me to be more observant and notice.

Number eight: Germans are know-it-alls. Yeah this one's really annoying, luckily Germany is the land of poets and debaters, you are allowed to contradict them and flat out tell them they're wrong.

Sometimes they don't like, it but it is both culturally acceptable and encouraged. I know in the states it's considered rude to talk about religions or politics but Germany not so much.

Like, all right, uh, going off topic, so you know about mansplaining right? It is the explanation of something by a man typically to a woman in a manner regarded as condescending or patronizing. Well, um, we in the expat community have coined the phrase German splaining because of how much German besavis is a thing and it's annoying,

I do actually want to make a quick note of the lovely people who do comment on my channel with their further information about topics that I cover, uh, I definitely not directed at y'all, um, I am all for the introduction of new ideas or supplemental information because I have really learned so much from you guys, um, because when you guys interact with me or each other.

It doesn't feel like condescension, it is an educated interaction, so definitely please keep those coming.

Uh, it's just that you know, I've had ,I've, had people try to explain my own degree to me and it's like super annoying, yeah.

Number nine: last, but not least, Germans are humble, okay, and all I probably like how is this bad it actually is something I found refreshing in both American improving culture there is a lot of compliments, and I think a big reason of this is because both cultures are very liberal with compliments and they may not always be warranted and you definitely run into a lot of narcissists as a result, but in Germany you've run into far less of them.

They're here, of course, but, uh, comparatively they're few and far between.

Compliments in general happen way less I often, so I think that's a huge contributing factor. In fact watching a German's face when you pay them a genuine compliment is really cute.

A perfect example: this is my husband, he normally he prefers to be clean-shaven but he has this like perpetual five o'clock shadow that I find equally attractive of course, and there was a time a couple years ago when he went I out went where he went a good while without shaving and had accumulated quite the facial hair, and so this is around Christmas and I was video chatting with my parents while my siblings were there and three out of my four sisters were at the house and they all came on screen to wish us merry Christmas and they took one look at my husband and his beard and immediately went off about how good looking he is.

He should keep it, oh my god, so good looking and honestly I have never seen my husband blush so much in his life. He's just so precious, it's, it's justm yeah, yeah.

Anyway, what do you think? What other reasons am I missing? Let me know in the comments below.

Also, if you want more information, I'm linking one of my favorite articles from the blog, Help! My Wife is German! titled five Reasons You Should Totally Have Sex with a German Dude, because, well, you should. The article was endorsed by me, and that's my list.

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