

Polish superstitions



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Summary of the presentation

Polish superstitions can be divided into these three groups:



01 **BAD LUCK**

that is, what you should avoid and what you should do to be able to live peacefully

02 **GOOD LUCK**

that is, how to know when it is your lucky day

03 **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING SPECIFIC**

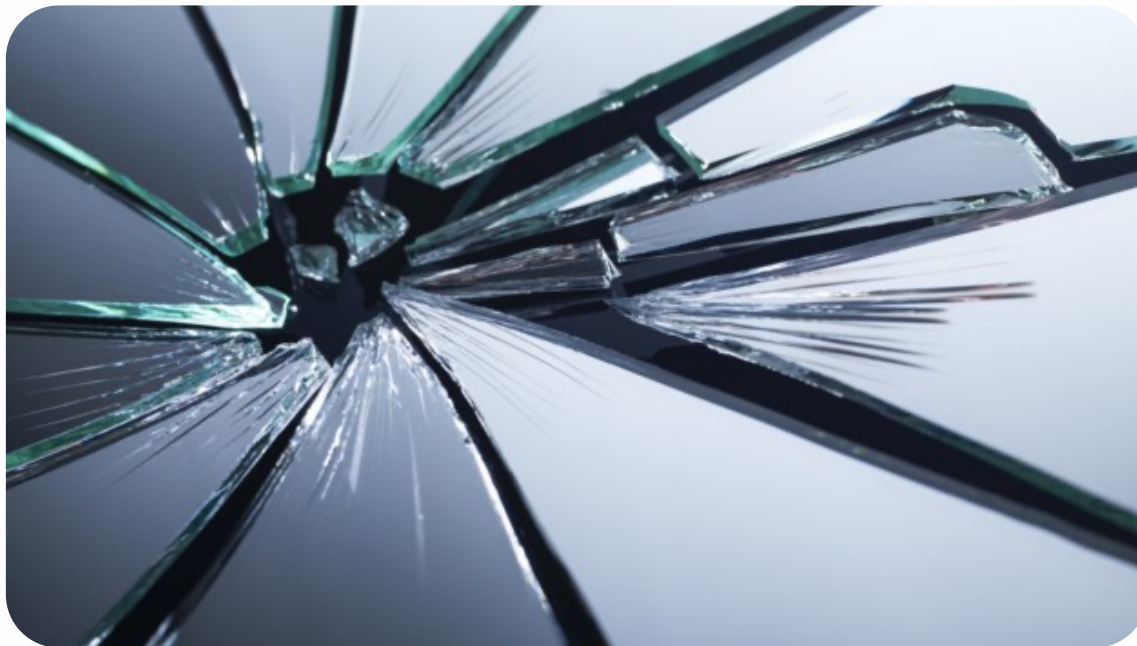
that is a group unrelated to good or bad luck

I. Bad luck - what to avoid



BROKEN MIRROR

in Poland, we believe that if you break the mirror, it means 7 years of unhappiness for you



BLACK CAT CROSSING THE STREET

when you see a black cat running through the street in front of you - you'll have a bad luck this day



GETTING OUT OF BED WITH THE LEFT FOOT

when, after getting up, your left foot will be the first to touch the ground, do not expect it to be your lucky day

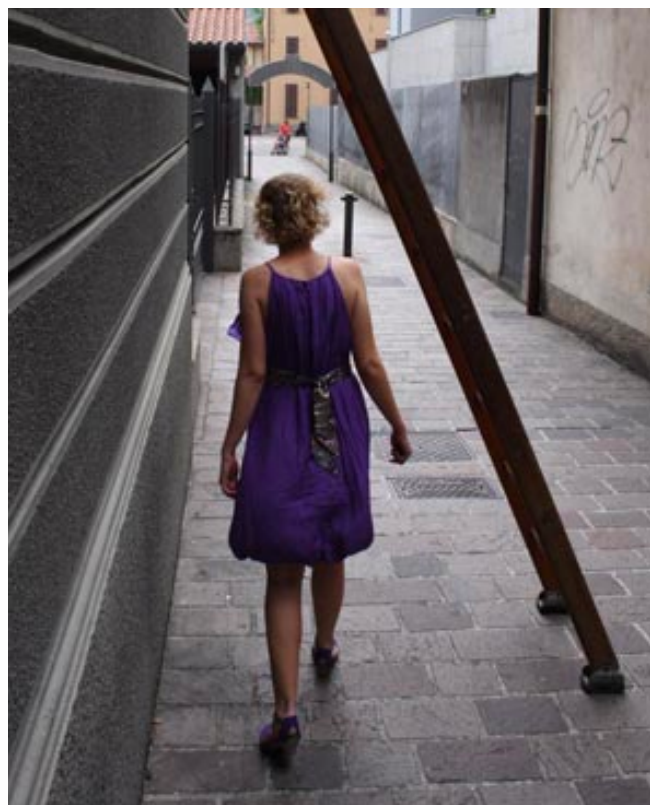


What else means bad luck in Poland?



THE NUMBER 13

the number 13 generally means bad luck, but when Friday is the thirteenth in a certain month, you may experience extra unhappiness



WALKING UNDER A LADDER

if you happen to walk under a ladder, be careful! that day you will have very bad luck



GREETING AT THE DOORSTEP

if you have invited guests to your home, never greet them when they're standing on the doorstep, it means that misfortune will enter your home

Superstitions about a wedding

Do you know why it is so difficult to choose a wedding date in Poland?



MAY AND NOVEMBER

If you choose to get married in May or November, it is believed that the marriage will be unhappy.



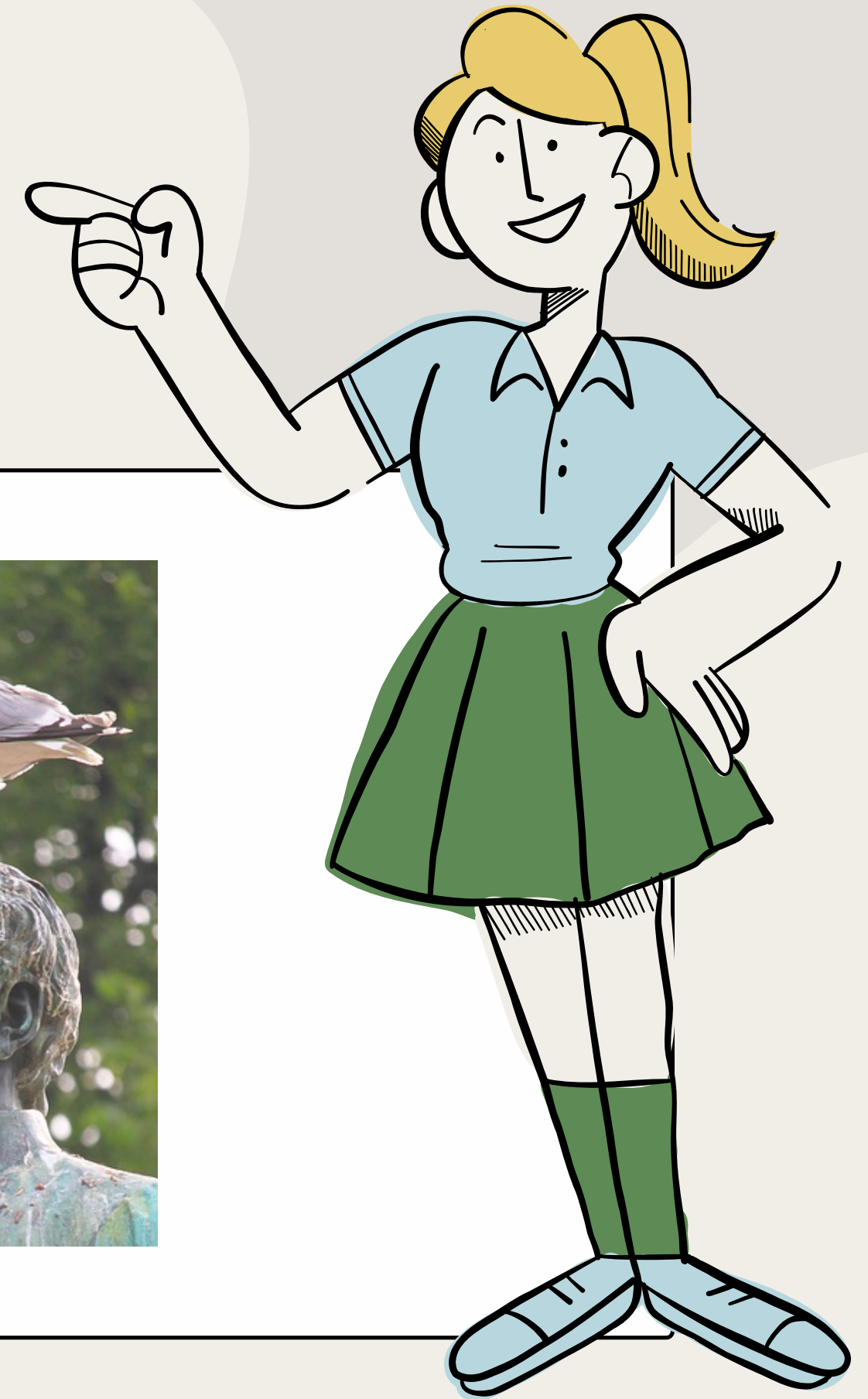
6 LUCKY MONTHS

On the other hand, if you get married in a month containing the letter "r", the marriage will be very happy!

So what brings good luck in Poland?

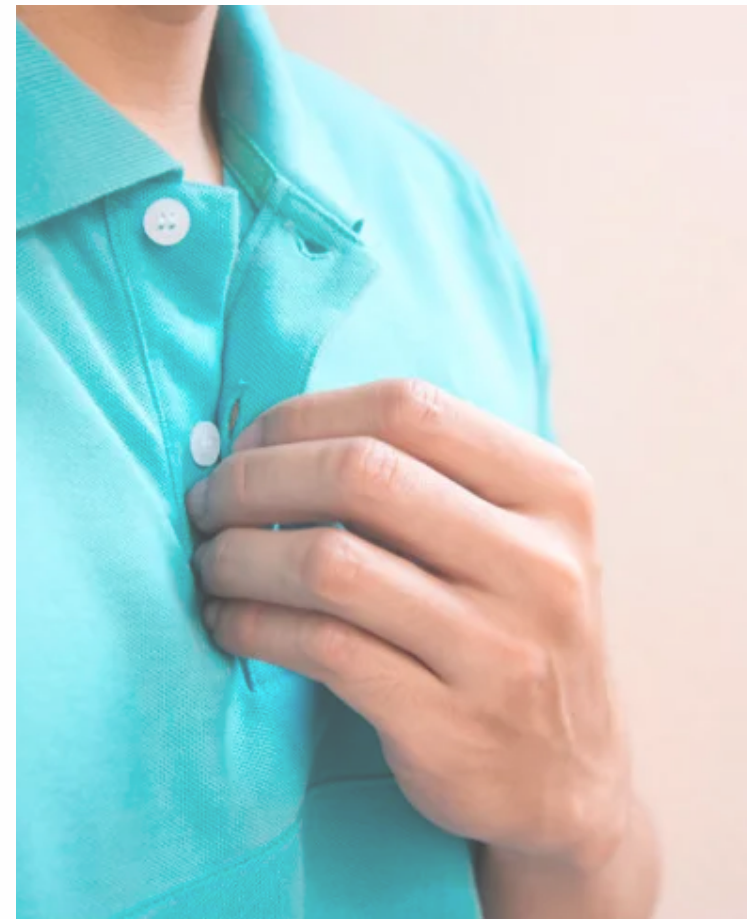
This superstition can surprise you a lot!

If you've ever had such an unpleasant situation that a bird flew over you while walking in the park, which managed to take care of its needs right above you, and its droppings hit your shoulder - don't be angry! There is a belief in Poland that it brings good luck!



So what brings good luck in Poland?

Another way to protect yourself from bad luck is when you see a chimney sweep - grab a button! Today, such a person is less easy to recognize on a normal day in the streets, but this belief has remained in Polish culture.



Do you know what happens when you...?

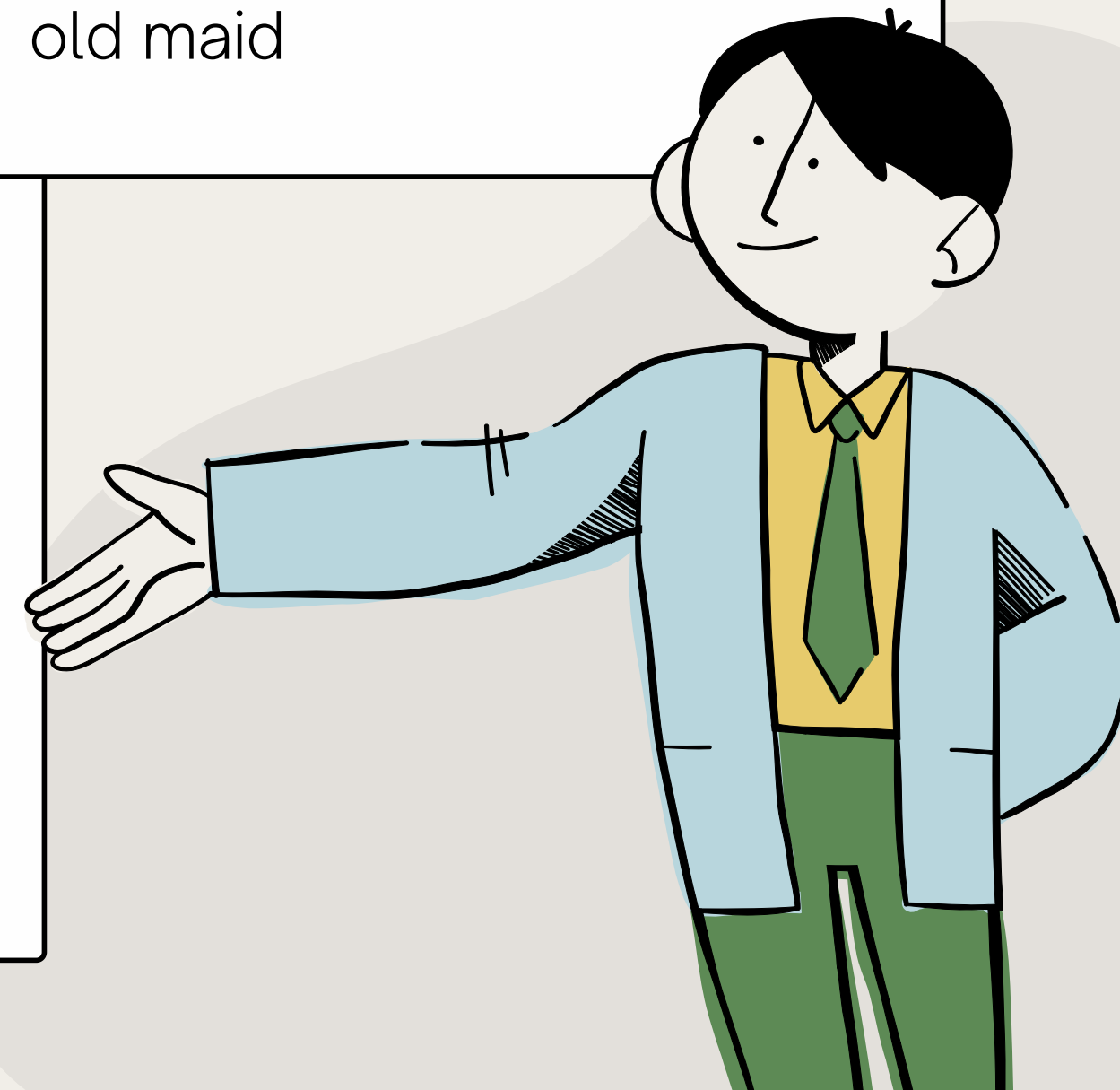


WHEN YOU'RE SITTING AT THE CORNER OF THE TABLE

When during lunch, dinner - you sit at the corner of the table, it means that you will end up as an old bachelor or old maid

WHEN YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING ON THE NEW YEAR'S EVE

It is believed in Poland that what you do on New Year's Eve - this is what you will have all year round. So be careful what you do then!



This is why you should...

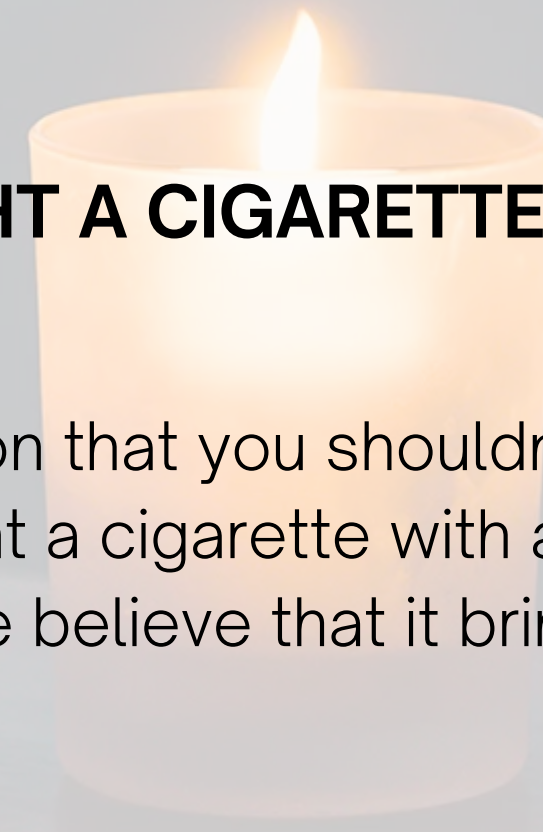


ALWAYS KNOCK ON SOMETHING UNPAINTED AFTER YOU TALK ABOUT SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO HAPPEN

In Poland, when you want to protect yourself from something unpleasant, not good for you - we always say "odpukać w niemalowane" which means "knock on unpainted" and that's what we do. This practice is very common and many people do that.

NEVER LIGHT A CIGARETTE FROM THE CANDLE

Not to mention that you shouldn't smoke at all, but never light a cigarette with a candle! In Poland, some believe that it brings death to a sailor.





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