

Mr. Clean, Mr. Clean

Ok... so this news is only a few weeks old, but the premise is so outrageous that I am surprised that no one else has posted it. It seems that a woman in Germany has filed for divorce from her husband of **15 YEARS**. Why you may ask? Some Hollywood marriages last mere hours so this would seem like an eternity. It seems that Mr. Christian Kropp of Sondershausen Germany has a slight problem with cleanliness. It is NOT that he is a slob and insists upon not ceaning up after himself, but he is apparently a bit **T00** neat. One day, the obsessive compulsiveness went a bit overboard. One of the walls in the house did not meet with Mr. Kropp's white glove treatment so he did what any sensible, well-intentioned man would do: he knocked the wall completely down. Here is a rather amusing reaction to the incident:

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Guys get a bad rap in the culture as a whole. You can't turn on the television without seeing men portrayed as incompetent morons who wouldn't be able to convert oxygen into carbon dioxide unless there was a woman there to help them out. Anybody who has ever spent any time in a dance club would observe that the dysfunction is pretty much spread equally between the genders. While this is true, men are the ones who are most often portrayed as lazy, slovenly, and the type of critters that would happily wallow in a mud hole if given the chance. With that said, it is odd to see a man get a divorce because his wife believed that he was way too clean.

Christian Kropp of Sondershausen, Germany is a bit of neat freak. Like many of the guys who are the basis of home improvement shows, Christian excels at cleaning, various household chores, and rearranging furniture. While many women may find this a charming trait in their mate, some also may be a bit intimidated by a guy who invades their sphere of

competency; especially if he has better taste than his female counterpart. Mrs. Kropp apparently put up with this for a while, but called it quits on the marriage when her hubby decided to demolish and rebuild a wall that he couldn't quite bring up to his standards with any cleaning products that were on the market.

While this may have been vexing, it should not have been completely unexpected. Mr. Kropp's addiction to cleaning may have been unusual, but it was eventually going to collide with the hardwired male trait to take things apart. She is lucky that he didn't take a chain saw to the entire house and start the whole thing over from scratch.

I wonder if he lifts the toilet seat when he is done or squeezes the toothpaste from the bottom of the tube. Hopefully, the two can find happiness again elsewhere.