

Dear Thomas, dear Forgotteners,

Almost everybody knows the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen, a Danish collector and writer of fairy-tales. But only a few know that in his book is an unknown fairy-tale with the following title

The Story of the Forgotten Men

Please allow me to read this fairy tale today to Thomas and the rest of you.

The Story of the Forgotten Men (origin unknown)

Once upon a time there lived a man named Manfred Müller (#2 in Forgotten appearance statistics) - he was very unhappy. He loved to talk and eat and drink with buddies or friends. But he could not find them. All over the place there were women, shopping, having luxury coffee or parties, international women's clubs etc. etc. - and the women were chattering all the time, even via telephone.

Where were his companions? I think - he talked to himself - I have to go to see the old wise man.

Well, said the old wise man: You are living in miserable times. In former times men and women were equal. The women had a lot of children and were occupied with them, the men were free and could do what they wanted.

Nowadays, the woman sends the man out to work hard, and in the evening the men are not allowed to leave their houses, but must sit with their women on the sofa and watch TV or even do other things with them. Some of our companions are even caged in dark holes.

The only man who could help is called Thomas and you have to go to the Stadt called Berlin, very far in the East. There, please ask for Thomas, perhaps he can help you.

And Manfred made his way to Berlin, at that time it was very difficult - he had to pass the Russian cordon around the town (mostly women as he had heard). Anyway, finally he arrived in Berlin and the Berliners showed him the house of Thomas. There he read the sign:

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What an extra-ordinary man!

He rang the bell. A woman opened. Manfred cringed...

However the woman said politely: This is the house of **Thomas**, I am the wife of **Thomas**, he is sitting in the **main** room. If you or **Thomas** want something, I am pleased to serve you and she disappeared.

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Thomas kindly welcomed him in the hallway and said:

I knew you were coming and I will help you: Please have a quick glance through the door: What a paradise, 12 or 15 friendly men were sitting relaxed around various tables, engaged in intelligent discussions, joking, drinking a gorgeous red wine and some were even smoking...

Thomas closed the door: Listen, Manfred, I will establish free men's groups everywhere, to give men room again to enjoy themselves and interact with each other. I will name them "The Forgotten Men" to deceive the women, that with these groups mankind will come back to its original rights. Will you help me?

Manfred nodded.

Soon they started their endeavour and gathered men in groups. The bold men came out first from their houses and cages and a lot followed. Thomas gave everybody a name badge, so they knew each other's names and could start talking with each other and enjoying themselves, and thus The Forgotten Men made mankind happy again. And if they haven't passed away, they're still meeting happily ever after.

Dear Thomas,

We are The Forgotteners, however we will never forget what you did, we hope you will support us for many years to come. We have unanimously decided to nominate you as our talisman forever.

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