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RUSSIAN SUPERSTITIONS

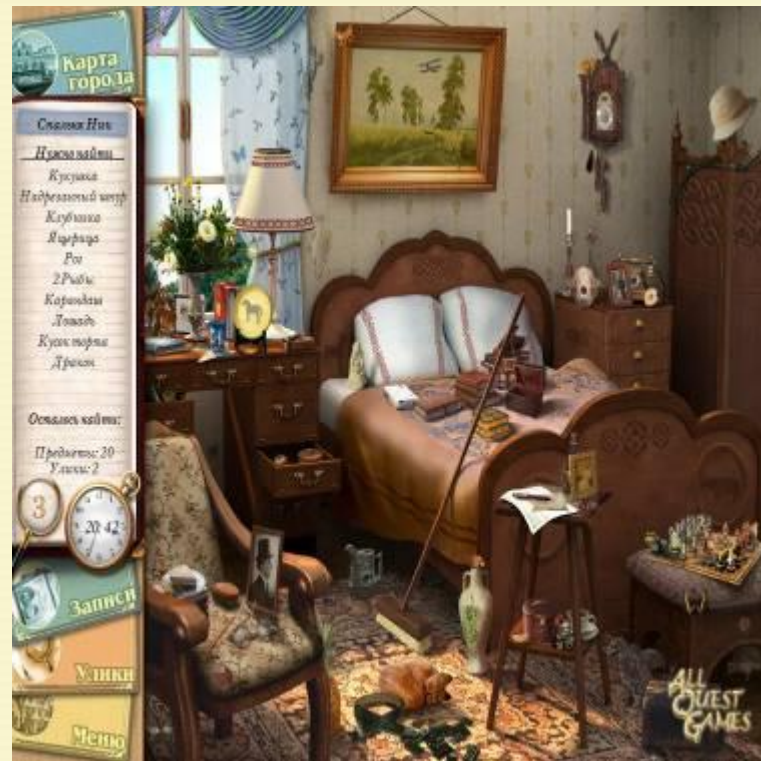
SIT BEFORE LEAVING THE HOUSE!



Before leaving for a long journey travelers must sit for a moment in silence before leaving the house.

DON'T CLEAN THE THE HOUSE!

After someone has left the house on a long journey, their room and their things should not be cleaned up until they have arrived.



SPLIT ON OR KNOCK ON WOOD!



Knocking on wood is practiced in Russia as in other countries.

However Russians often knock three times and add three spits over left shoulder.

DON'T BREAK A MIRROR!

Breaking a mirror is considered as bad luck in Russia.



DON'T STEP ON MY FOOT!

If one person accidentally steps on another person's foot, it is common for the person who was stepped on to lightly step on the foot of the person who stepped first. It is said that they thus avoid a future conflict.



DON'T CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY BEFORE IT!



Birthday parties should be celebrated on or after one's birthday, not before.

And never give someone birthday wishes and presents before their birthday.

DON'T FORGET THINGS!

Returning home for forgotten things is a bad omen.

If returning is necessary, you should look in the mirror before leaving the house again. Otherwise the journey will be bad.



NEVER GIVE SHARP OBJECTS AS GIFTS!



Russians consider giving sharp objects, like knives or scissors, as gifts, to be taboo. You can avoid this taboo taking symbolic little money, for example one Russian ruble, in exchange as if it is a trade, not a gift.

DON'T STEP OVER PEOPLE!

It is often considered taboo to step over people, or parts of their body. It is often said that it will prevent the person from growing.



NEVER GIVE UNMARRIED PEOPLE A CORNER SEAT!



Unmarried people should not sit at the corner of the table. Otherwise they will not marry. Sometimes it is said that you will not marry for 7 years.

DON'T GIVE AN EMPTY PURSE AS A GIFT!

A purse as a gift requires a little money inside.

Given empty it causes bad financial luck.



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*I WISH YOU
GOOD LUCK!*