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# TURKISH FOR BEGINNERS

HOW TO SURVIVE ON AN ISLAND WITH A MEGA-MACHO

CONSTANTIN FILM PRESENTS RAT PACK FILMPRODUCTION PRODUCTION IN COOPERATION WITH ARD DEGETO BR WDR NDR PANDA PLUS BLÜVERDE F.V.T. und CONSTANTIN FILM PRODUKTION "TURKISH FOR BEGINNERS"  
 JOSEFINE PREUSS ELYAS M'BAREK ANNA STIEBLICH ADNAN MARAL PEGAR FERYDANI ARNEL TAÇI KATHARINA KAALI KATJA RIEMANN GUENTHER KAUFMANN DANIELA TOLKIEN  
 GASTSTAB REGINA TIEDEKEN SYLVIA GRAVE PATRICK VEIGEL THORSTEN BOLZE CHARLES LADMIRAL ARRI VEX ANHILKA HUBERT BARTHOLOMAE JOSE BECKMANN HEIKO MAILE WUJIE CINESONG  
 PRODUZENT OLIVER NOHMSEN MANAGER ALEXANDRA SCHUNDER SUPERVISOR KRISTINA STROHM CO-PRODUZENT BETTINA REITZ MANFRED WENZEL ANGELO COLAGROSSI  
 REGIE MARTIN MOSZKOWICZ PRODUKTION LENA SCHOEMANN CHRISTIAN BECKER DOKUMENTAR BORA DAGTEKIN  
 MUSIK INGRID HENN HARALD TURZER  
 CO-PRODUZENT DIETRIK BECKVON BOWLAND AXEL VOGELMANN FRANK KUSCHE PETER SCHILLER

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**Director** Bora Dagtekin

**Cast** Josefine Preuss  
Elyas M'Barek (THE PHYSICIAN)  
Anna Stieblich  
Adnan Maral (UNKNOWN IDENTITY)  
Pegah Ferydoni (WOMEN WITHOUT MEN)

**Genre** Romantic Comedy

**Language** German

**Length** 95 min

**Produced by** Rat Pack Filmproduktion in co-production with ARD Degeto, BR, WDR, NDR, Panda Plus, Bluverde F.V.T. and Constantin Film Produktion



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### SYNOPSIS

Raised by a love-yourself-love-everyone-else therapist mother, Lena not surprisingly has limited tolerance for her mother's tactics in finding a man. And she has even less tolerance for big, loud, ill-mannered, wisecracking proletarians with medieval views on women. So what could be worse for Lena than sitting on the seat next to the man of her nightmares, Cem, on a long, long flight to Thailand? She and her mother are going on vacation, as is the Öztürk family, consisting of the insufferable Cem, his conservative, devout sister Yagmur and their dad Metin. When their plane crashes somewhere in the Indian Ocean, everyone is rescued – except for Lena, Cem, Yagmur and a stuttering young Greek, who are washed up on a lonely island. This gives Cem the opportunity to show his leadership skills, which amount to telling the others what to do. But he's on collision course with Lena, who will have none of this. As the days go by, the sparks fly between Cem and Lena, most igniting explosions of hostility, but others triggering something like affection, and even love. As to what's going on between Lena's mother and Cem's father on the mainland, well, that's another story...

### THE DIRECTOR

Bora Dagtekin, born in 1978, studied screenwriting at the Film Academy Ludwigsburg and graduated in 2006 with an action version of Friedrich Schiller's THE ROBBERS. In 2006 his first comedy also hit the big screen, WHERE IS FRED!? with Til Schweiger and Jürgen Vogel in the lead roles. In the same year ARD first began broadcasting the prize-winning multicultural series TURKISH FOR BEGINNERS. The sassy series has been awarded with two Nymphs at the Television Festival in Monaco, received the BANFF Award in Canada, and the Grimme Prize and German Television Prize. In 2007 Bora Dagtekin wrote the pilots for DOCTOR'S DIARY with Diana Amft and Florian David Fitz in the main roles.

