

**ZDF**

## **From clown to cowboy**

### **Script with timecodes / ENGLISH**

**10:00:13:00**

Uncle (off): Please welcome our clown Pepino with a warm extra applause! Pepino!

**10:00:50:00**

Timo (off): My name is Timo, in the show they call me Pepino, that's a clown's name. I'm eleven years old and have been doing the clown part since I was two.

**10:01:02:00**

Timo (on): In our circus the kids always start off as clowns and when you become older you get to do other things. And I've decided to play a cowboy, which will be knife throwing and handling the lasso.

**10:01:22:00**

Timo (off): Right now my brother-in-law does the knife throwing. You have to be very careful as a knife thrower not to hit anyone.

Manuel, my brother-in-law, is a good knife thrower. I'll become as good as he is ...

**10:01:35:00**

Timo (off): I think even better than Manuel.

**10:01:41:00**

Timo (off): Here at the circus, we're all one big family. Well, altogether we're about fifty people. All of them related somehow by marriage.

**10:01:51:00**

Timo (off): I live in this caravan with my sister. Sometimes we get on each other's nerves.

**10:01:58:00**

Sister (on): You have to clean up for your rabbit, too, don't you, Timo?

Timo (on): Yeah...!

**10:02:03:00**

Timo (off): Here at the circus we have a clear separation between what boys and girls do. The household is the girls' business and the boys work more outside.

**10:02:16:00**

Timo (on): These are my two goats here, Minni and Maxi. This one here is two years old, Minni, and the other one is five.

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Timo (off): At our circus we also have this petting zoo. Kids can go in there and pet the animals.

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Timo (on): Here we go, here we go! The German champion: Timo Neigert!

**10:03:04:00**

Timo (off): Now that I want to become a cowboy I have to practise a lot. What I have to practise is the knife throwing and handling the lasso. My brother-in-law is going to help me, so I'm well up on it soon.

**10:03:16:00**

Timo (on): Where are the knives?

Brother-in-law (on): They have to be somewhere!

Timo (on): I've got them!

Brother-in-law (on): Do you have them?

Timo (on): Here they are!

Brother-in-law (on): Then take them out!

Timo (on): Now all of the others.

**10:03:27:00**

Timo (off): Knife throwing can be really dangerous, you really have to be careful. The knives we have are very, very sharp.

**10:03:37:00**

Timo (off): The plank has to be wet so that the knives stick in there better.

**10:03:41:00**

Brother-in-law (on): Watch out! Before you start, always bear in mind that the knives are sharp. Don't throw in the middle. Always keep on the left or right side of the planks and throw gently. Always hold them from the bottom and then throw with one movement.

**10:03:55:00**

Brother-in-law (on): Slower! Gently!

**10:04:08:00**

Brother-in-law (on): Closer. Slower, but gently!

**10:04:14:00**

Brother-in-law (on): Just like that!

**10:04:17:00**

Timo (off): Apart from the knife throwing I have to practice handling the lasso.

**10:04:20:00**

Brother-in-law (on): Do it slowly, gently, then it will work.

**10:04:23:00**

Timo (off): This is not so much fun, but it belongs to the cowboy part.

**10:04:29:00**

Timo (off): Handling the lasso is harder for me than knife throwing, I can't do it as well.

**10:04:33:00**

Timo (on): Manuel, I've had it.

Brother-in-law (on): Why don't you feel like it any more?

Timo (on): It doesn't work!

Brother-in-law (on): What do you mean, it doesn't work??? Dude, where's your motivation?

Timo (on): Well, it doesn't work!

Brother-in-law (on): It doesn't work? It's not only knife throwing, you also have to do the lasso. Come on, or don't you feel like it any more?

Timo (on): I don't feel like it!

Brother-in-law (on): I don't feel like it, I don't feel like it! I always have to practise, too, so I can do new tricks. Just make a little effort!

**10:04:56:00**

Timo (on): Sometimes it gets on your nerves when things don't work. It makes you want to crawl away and hide somewhere. But when they do work it makes you want to leap up with joy.

**10:05:31:00**

Timo (off): With the circus, we move on to another town every week. Sometimes that's annoying, sometimes you have friends in other places and then you don't see them for two years, three years it can take. That's dumb.

**10:05:48:00**

Timo (off): In summer we have a school here, a circus school. It's like a normal classroom, only smaller.

**10:05:57:00**

Teacher (on): Timo, that was really a great idea.

Timo (on): Was that correct?

**10:06:01:00**

Timo (on): I couldn't imagine going to school every day, because we have so little time.

Cousin (on): We have to make preparations for the big top, clean everything up, and then we have to practise, too.

Timo (on): That's why we have classes only two times a week, they choose what days. Sometimes we have classes on Saturdays or Sundays.

Cousin (on): When the others have a day off...

Timo (on): Because then we have more time. And whenever we have time, that's when we have classes... but we always manage to have classes two times a week.

**10:06:36:00**

Timo (off): I've been practising a lot in the last weeks. I've become more confident, so that today I'll throw at a plank with a person standing there for the first time.

**10:06:45:00**

Timo (on): He doesn't have to be scared of me, I throw safely... dead sure, that's how I throw!!!

**10:06:52:00**

Father (on): Ok, when you throw against the wall, always imagine there's nobody there. When your brother-in-law Manuel is there, always try to think there's nobody there. And you have to be confident, don't get nervous. Ok?

Timo (on): Yes.

Father (on): Go like this, let's see if your hand is calm. Hold it like this for a second. Exactly!

Cousin (on): Last order for you: Throw at the sides and not above my head. I'll step away a bit, so it doesn't hit me in the face in case it doesn't hold.

Father (on): Are you confident?

Timo (on): Yes!

Father (on): Ok, looks good then!

**10:07:39:00**

Father (on): Hey, watch out, there's somebody standing there!

**10:08:05:00**

Mother (on): Timo, great!

Father (on): You see? Now all that practise has paid.

Mother (on): Now you'll become a great artist.

Father (on): That was better than me. I'm really proud of you! You did well!

Timo (on): Thanks!

**10:08:39:00**

Timo (off): We're in a new town here. In three days our first performance begins, that's why we're posting these ad signs now.

**10:08:49:00**

Timo (on): One day I'm going to take over the circus with my cousins. I couldn't ever imagine working in a bigger circus, also because of my family. My great grandfather, my great grandmother founded it, so I couldn't imagine not to take over the circus. So I'm going to stay with my favourite circus Caroli.

**10:09:17:00**

Timo (on): Trust me!

Sister (on): I love... Stop! I have to turn around. I love you, you know...

**10:09:28:00**

Timo (off): Well, the knife throwing already works really well. Even my sister has the heart to stand in front of the planks.

**10:09:35:00**

Sister (on): I love you, that was really good... Thank God!

**10:09:38:00**

Timo (off): But with the lasso it's still difficult, I still have to practise it a little.

**10:10:17:00**

Brother-in-law (on): Let it fall! Well done, now you can take part.

Timo (on): Exactly!

Brother-in-law (on): Are you looking forward to it?

Timo (on): Yes!

Brother-in-law (on): Me too!

**10:10:23:00**

Timo (on): The part with the cowboy works really well now, because I practised so many weeks with the lasso; it's going to work well... nobody will get thrown to death or anything...

**10:10:38:00**

Timo (off): Today I'm looking for a new cowboy costume for my new part as cowboy; we're going to a costume store for it, where many circuses buy their costumes.

**10:10:47:00**

Timo (on): Please don't look, you pretty ones!!!

**10:10:55:00**

Sister (off): Take that off, it doesn't look good on you!

**10:11:03:00**

Timo (on): Here comes Steve! This should be white, black and white!

**10:11:21:00**

Sister (on): That's the right size!

**10:11:24:00**

Brother-in-law (on): Right, that's it, Timo.

Sister (on): That's it, yes! You look good.

Brother-in-law (on): That looks good, a different colour for a change.

Sister (on): Do you like it?

Timo (on): I like it; if you like it, I like it.

Sister (off): Ok, then I like it, too.

**10:11:43:00**

Timo (off): Today's the big day, I'll play my part as cowboy for the first time. It's always pretty exciting to see how the arena slowly fills with people, but I'm looking forward to my show.

**10:11:54:00**

Timo (on): Oh oh, there are a lot of people there.

Sister (on): Do you have stage fright?

Timo (on): Yes!

Sister (on): It will go away once you're in there.

Timo (on): Yeah, like the first time I was clown.

**10:12:05:00**

Father (on): All beginnings are difficult, there's a first time for everything.

Timo (on): Right!

Father (on): You'll make it. It will work.

Sister (on): I'm shivering more than he is.

Father (on): You don't need to shiver, he's pretty cool, he'll make it.

**10:12:19:00**

Timo (on): Well, I have stage fright, I'm excited and beginning to tremble a little...

**10:12:23:00**

Timo (on): But once you're in the arena, it will disappear.

**10:12:27:00**

Father (on): Dear guests, dear children, now we're going to go west, to the wild west.

**10:12:33:00**

Uncle (on): Ok, positions, everybody.

Cousin (on): You can do it!

**10:12:37:00**

Father (on): Now welcome the group Les Trigras, please! Curtain up for Timo, the youngest cowboy!!

**10:13:46:00**

Sister (on): You did that well, I didn't die.

Timo (on): All that lipstick on here now.

Sister (on): You were so good, really, very good!

**10:13:56:00**

Timo (on): I feel really good now, my sister also did well and now I'm finally a cowboy.

Mother (on): Now you're a big cowboy!

Timo (on): Right! And you're the cowgirl!!!