

# LOSERS AND WINNERS

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## SYNOPSIS

Dortmund: former steel capital of Germany. Here 400 Chinese workers are dismantling a monumental industrial complex in order to reassemble it in China. Despite the harsh working conditions and minuscule wages, they have not lost sight of their goal: to turn the industrial plant into gold back home.

Even though the last German workers at the coking plant are supposed to help the Chinese dismantle their own workplace, the enormity of the task and their own uncertain futures have left them speechless. Their only tactic for survival is to delay and hinder the work.

But the dismantling can no longer be stopped. By the end of the year, the plant is crated up and shipped to China, leaving behind a vast wasteland. In concentrating on this small, concrete slice of reality,

LOSERS AND WINNERS reveals a larger picture of the tremendous upheavals taking place around the world today. Through the protagonists' humour, charm, and scurrility, the film portrays the collision of two very different...

Germany 2006

96 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Economy, Politics, Social issues

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

### PREMIERE

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## FESTIVALS

2007

Grimmme Prize

Film Critics Award – Chicago IDFF

Special Jury Award – 12 IDFF Sao Paulo

Best Film Award – One World Festival

DOK Leipzig

Best Feature Documentary – 7 Hot Docs Toronto

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