



# PAINS OF THE PLAINS

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## SYNOPSIS

Welcome to Monheim on the Rhine, situated between Cologne and Duesseldorf, 45,000 inhabitants. Ten years ago, here Daniel Zimmermann together with some school mates founded the Youth Party PETO. Today PETO is the strongest parliamentary group, and Daniel Zimmermann, at the age of 27, is the youngest mayor in Germany. For one year, from Daniel's first speech to decisions important for the city, we accompany him on his ways as a mayor. Public debts of 120 million Euros, controversies between the parliamentary groups, an obscure administrative apparatus - with the new position a daily struggle for compromises and allies has begun. Now Daniel Zimmermann must show that he is able to govern a city.

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