



#icarus (original title: Flügel aus Beton)

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When a high school student commits suicide trainee teacher Gabrielle (Viktoria Laly) realizes that there is more to the death than just a young woman's desperate decision to end her life. Since the police do not see any reason to further investigate the case, Gabrielle and her younger sister Ava (Seyna Sylla) try to uncover the real plot behind the suicide. The sisters find out that the dead student participated in a gruesome online-challenge: The players are to complete 17 tasks of which the last is suicide. In order to find the mysterious "King Minos", the initiator of game and, thus, the culprit for her student's death, Gabrielle becomes a player of the IKARUS game herself. She is sucked into a maelstrom of self-violation, depression and wanting to die.

What inspired you to make this film?

Lilly Bogenberger: *I had the idea while watching a documentary about the “Blue Whale Challenge.” The game has since been debunked as a complete fake but the idea of a game with a stranger whose last task is suicide was something that I couldn’t let go off. I have battled with depression myself in my late teens and immediately knew: I can’t be a hundred percent certain that I wouldn’t have been trapped in the same way by somebody like that. And because I’m a screenwriter I write films about the things that interest me...*





What’s the film’s central theme for you?

Lilly Bogenberger: *The central theme is the loneliness of depression; what loneliness does to you, and in how far that loneliness is self-imposed and how that makes you vulnerable. You want to be strong and not give into the depression. But when you’re in the midst of it, it feels “strong” not to talk about it with anyone, to carry it all by yourself and not burden other people, or rather draw other people into it, draw other people down. Asking for help feels like weakness; saying that one cannot go on, that one thinks about ending one’s life or is sad all the time. You isolate yourself more and more, and that is the disease. But because we are sensitive beings we long to be understood and seen, and that’s what makes us susceptible to people who know how to hook into exactly that. People who will make you isolate yourself in your loneliness even more. In “#ikarus” it’s the ominous King Minos; in reality it could be a toxic relationship, a false healer or even society telling you to pull yourself together. When actually the only way out of a depression goes in the opposite direction: Admitting to need help, honestly revealing how one feels. Daring to rely on others and to believe that they will catch you.*

How did you manage to immerse yourself in the young perspective and then portray it throughout the film?

Lilly Bogenberger: *Since my premise for the film was that I myself could have been the victim of something like that, I was already in the perspective of the teenagers in the film. I love writing young characters. It is such an exciting time of life, so pure and formative and much less intellectualized than adulthood. For the young, everything is always at stake; the whole life, the whole identity, the whole world. Since you don’t know yet who you want to be the lens through which you view the world is much more flexible. I find that fascinating. That’s why I try to keep up to date with their slang. And if in doubt, I ask my 19-year-old brother Felix who is a great source of information when it comes to these things. (she laughs)*

CAST LIST

<div>1 GABRIELLE AMADOU</div> <div></div>	<div>Victoire Laly</div> <div>-</div>
<div>2 AWA</div> <div></div>	<div>Seyna Sylla (stage name)</div> <div>-</div>
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5 MELLI



Alicia Stefanis

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6 ANNA



Mascha Paul

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8 RICARDA



Maisie Tipango

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9 MIA SCHÄFER



Rosa Zach

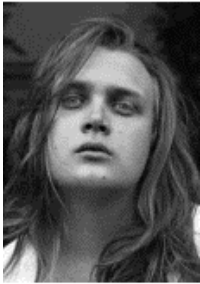
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10 MR. SCHÄFER



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11 BENJAMIN



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12 JAKOB



Mekyas Mulugeta

13 SVEN LAUBNER



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14 DANIEL STÄDKE



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**17 SPEAKER AT DAY OF
MOBBING**



Jakob Walser

18 LEA HOLZAPFEL



Joy Maria Bai

19 SILVIA KIEFER



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20 MARTIN KIEFER



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22 COACH



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23 KICKBOXING STUDENT



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