

## Helmut Pahlke (Born 1949)

### **In the first place but is the work**

He never wanted to be retired. What he should have done so without a job?

The son of a tailor and a confectionery manufacturer Helmut spends his first years in a villa in Heiligensee, powered by a nanny, but not well guarded. The mother imposed draconian punishments, the father gives him to understand that he is not worth much. When the chocolate factory goes bankrupt, the family moved to a rented flat in Moabit. After the divorce of parents Helmut falls into a deep crisis. He goes, quite naturally, in a home for maladjusted.

He is gifted, he draws and sews. But he broke his apprenticeship as a window dresser. "This is what gay men," says the father, and the demolition of the doctrine and the fact that the son of boxing is not impressed. Emblematic of the relationship with the father of this experience: His father is dying, Helmut rushes to the hospital. When he arrives in the lobby below, the father is dying upstairs in his bed.

In the nursing school gets to know his future wife Brigitte Helmut. Their first child, they still receive during training, followed by four more. He participates in the education bit. He takes on the practical tasks, each child builds a loft bed, washing machine repair and car, drove the crowd of children around the dog along with Steyr-Puch, a small compact car. In the first place but might work.

For many years he worked as a nurse in the "sterilization" of the Moabit Hospital, be they call the sterilization department where the equipment the surgeon cleaned and free of germs. As head of the department, he is hardly at home, which gets its bad marriage. At Christmas he frees his people and himself takes bilayers, because holidays are a horror to him. Possible that he gets more recognition at work than at home, maybe he feels safer in the hospital also simply because between him and the others are the devices. In 1995, Brigitte and Helmut divorce, seal it with the consumption of a goose and Martin go now friendly to each other.

Now he devotes himself to even more work. With the doctor and engineer Thomas Fengler, he founded a company. They fiddle with the question of how the new, stalk-like minimal invasive instruments can be cleaned, negotiate with manufacturers about the dismantling of the instruments and the adaptation of cleaning equipment. Helmut stayed in the lab, when a test requires it, or dips his hand in a disinfectant solution to monitor the effect. Soon they get orders from all over Germany and are interviewed as experts, when it once again have a health scandal in a German hospital.

Mr Thomas is his best friend. And finally, leisure is a term. Together they go to rock concerts and extend business trips, meeting other cities. Although it does not work then, he's good.

In recent years, he refers back to the family. He enjoys spending time with his three grandchildren, whom he affectionately calls his "three disgust." While traveling with his grown children, he has his laptop with you initially and becomes nervous when the phone has no reception. But this is itself, he learns to relax. They travel to the North Cape and Hungary and are planning a trip to Iceland in jointly developed truck

Perhaps life could pensioners like him anyway. But there is no time. The cancer is discovered too late. At least until the trip to Iceland, he wants to hold out. He fails. *Splett Candida*