

What's so funny? – Boys in tutus

The episodes of *The Little Rascals* are about the everyday life of a children's gang. Together with their dog they experience many things which are partly unusual and sometimes not really allowed. But no matter what they do, they find a way to play a trick on adults. Episodes of the coloured and dubbed version of the Hollywood silent movie classic were broadcast in Germany as a part of a children's show on WDR.

The scene children consider most funny in this episode is a wild chase ending up in a ballet performance. Two tall boys rob two small boys of their marbles. Two older gang members try to get the marbles back. A chase between the marble-thieves and the gang members starts which ends up in the public performance of a dancing school. Eventually, the four boys put on ballet costumes for camouflage and start a little fight on stage – observed by the outraged dance teacher.



Screenshots taken from *Blaubär und Blöd* (WDR) for academic purposes

What's so funny about it?

“When the boys were dancing in dresses. That was so funny. And they were dancing wrong all the time.”

“The two boys who masqueraded as ballerinas and then they screwed it up. And people were laughing about this. And the woman who prepared the ballet, she virtually made a fool of herself.”

“They weren't able to dance. They were always doing this and that and fooling around.”