

LIKE BEFORE
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JOSÉ (V.O) – I want to search in my distant past but so present, the worst day in my life. I want to start this trip to search for peace.

CROWD – “Calabouço! Calabouço! Calabouço! Calabouço!”

JOSÉ (V.O) – How many lives were destroyed. Barbarity! Cowardice!

PRIEST (OFF) – Lord, we pray for your servant Edson.

JOSÉ (OFF) – 1968 was the year when my past began.

MULTIDÃO – Murders! Cowards! Murders, Murders!

MILITANTE – We need to understand that they will always appeal for violence.

JOSÉ (V.O) – After my exile, I haven't been here since that day. I return to try to get back the people I lost.

MOTHER (V.O) – Son, I was so worried about you. You were gone for more than a week.

JOSÉ (V.O) – My mother's tenderness.

FATHER (V.O) – Marina, stop spoiling José. I don't want him a weak.

JOSÉ (V.O) – My father was a military on the dictatorship. They were dumped deep in my memory, but they never faded away.

FATHER - Hey you! You disappeared with no explanation!

SPEAKER (OFF) – The “Calabouço” restaurant in Rio de Janeiro was closed down today by the military police. The students threw stones on the police which were answering back with gas bombs.

SPEAKER (V.O) – At the riot the student Edson Luís de Lima Souto was shot.

FATHER (V.O) – What is happening? What are you doing here?

MAN 1 (V.O) -Your son is a communist.

JOSÉ (V.O) – A voice silenced its freedom yell.

FATHER – What is problem? What are you looking at? I was just accomplishing my duties: to defend the nation. I am in no way to blame!

JOSÉ – And who is to blame?

FAHTER – You, young people who think you can change the world.

JOSÉ – Can't you see the shit you left us?

JOSÉ (V.O) – My father, old pathetic. He was always sure he is right.

JOSÉ (V.O) - Inside the house the ghosts are alive. They should stay there to search for the life they lost a long time before they were dead.

JOSÉ (V.O) – How curious is that poor soul! He makes me think about everything I went through to change this situation. But it seems not to be enough. It was not enough.