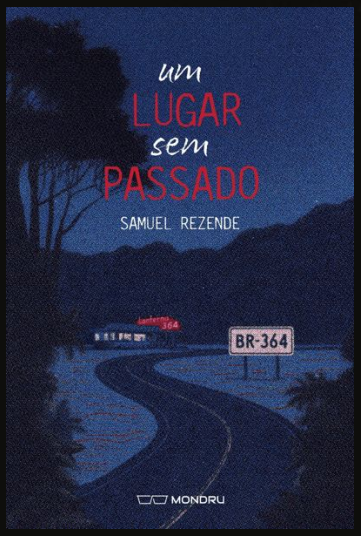
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SYNOPSIS

A Place Without a Past follows the existential trajectory of Ezequiel, a man haunted by the memories of his youth and the departure of his great love, Sirlene. After leaving his family roots and the dusty town of Capim Branco, in Mato Grosso, he embarks on a long journey through the chaotic metropolises of São Paulo and Piracicaba, seeking to fill his inner void, only to encounter the solitude, boredom, and ephemeral connections of the urban environment. Exhausted by his wanderings and the illusions of the big city, Ezequiel returns to his homeland thirty years later to build Lanterna 364, a rustic roadside diner that becomes a haven for a peculiar crew of lost souls and misfit friends. However, this attempt to find peace and oblivion is suddenly disrupted by the arrival of Zara, an alluring nightclub singer whose striking physical resemblance to Sirlene forces him to confront the relentless weight of time and the ghosts of a love he desperately tried to leave behind.

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