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The perfect education



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Ronald was one of the many war veterans I met, from Vietnam to Afghanistan. Some of them became militants against the wars of the rich; Others tried to justify the loss of a leg or a life before suicide.

For some reason, the discussion about the 1976 coup d'état in Argentina had drifted to family education. Ronald (his name was different) raised a hand and presented his theory of the education of children and the impact on the destiny of a society and a nation. That popular myth of "the family is the basis of society."

Had 22 years old. He had no children, he said, but had been educated by two parents. that they had never given him a flip-flop, not even when he had yelled at him. His father the classic "N'Gger Motherfucker" (literal translation: "Black rapist of your mother"). In Spanish there is no such obscene offense.

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Their Parents hadn't even raised their voices to correct him. Had appealed to the classic model of Disney psychology, trying to understand their frustration. At home, everything was discussed democratically.

"But a family is not a democracy," I observed.

"Mine does. Not all families are the same..."

"True. Neither all children nor all parents are the same..."

By then, Ronald was very young; He had no children, which he didn't. It disqualified him from having an opinion on how to raise a child. But yes for moralize. In reality, we are all unable to moralize, especially in matters that we ignore so much, such as the private life of our neighbors.

—My Parents," Ronald said, with the faith of the convinced, "were always there. against all forms of violence in education..."

At this moment, he stopped for two seconds and another student took the opportunity to support his classmate with more personal examples. I think someone mentioned Mother Teresa, who had not had children but had still been a mother. A terrible mother, it should be added, like St. Teresa a few centuries earlier. Like some celibate, but not teetotaling, priests, whom everyone calls *a father* while giving marriage advice and sex education classes.

No I remember what the student said about her parents in Nebraska, because I I was thinking about Ronald. The young man suffered from post-traumatic disorder. The day I spent the movie *Missing* (about the coup d'état in Chile, with Jack Lemmon) left the auditorium running. Then he told me that because of his condition he could not witness violent scenes because he himself lost control and became violent.

I I knew Ronald quite well because he had been to me many times. office and many times we had ended up talking about his experience in Iraq. He had been sent to that war justified by lies, as almost all, from where he came back with that trauma or disorder he didn't seem to have. priest. The young survivors of that and other wars I met (some dead in life) thought they knew what it was all about, although They used to spend their days shooting at the enemy, until they were exhausted, or charging The body of a fallen comrade. A few understood that, in In reality, as Mohamed Ali said, they had gone to the other side of the world to kill and die for the usual poems: God, country, freedom, democracy and national security. The others, the last thing they wanted To hear was that they had been just pawns of an old chess.

Ronald was one of the many war veterans I met, from Vietnam to Afghanistan. Some of them became militants against the wars of the rich; Others tried to justify the loss of a leg or a life before suicide. Thousands of them (16,000) commit suicide every year in the United States, but the media prefers to focus on *real news*. Along with their government psychologists, many of these fighters became distinct characters in my novels, such as *Crisis* and *The Sea Was Serene*. I think there was no other way to explore the problem from within.

Now Ronald is pastor of a church in Texas. That probably saved him. of suicide or government psychologists managed to control their stress post-traumatic. His preaching of Jesus' nonviolence does not prevent him, nor to him and his parishioners, to accumulate weapons of war in their homes, only Just in case, just in case one day they must defend freedom against others compatriots who are not thinking alike. As in toxic videos and viral where a poor boy is harassed by *bullies* and in the end he blows them all up with elegant kicks, Roland teaches him Your children The virtues of education free of all kinds of violence that his parents taught him. Until it is necessary to resort to the Solution as always, always in self-defense. Do we have the right to defend ourselves, or not?

The Ronald's parents had raised him with love, without violence. Love of dialogue, to weapons, but only for personal protection and to protect freedom. Love of Jesus, but not love of Jesus. An education kindly built in the neat and proud devotion in the church On Sundays, at bucolic *Thanksgiving* dinners in November and at video games almost every day.

Video games and education in nonviolent values, like the one Ronald continued to play when he was sent to Iraq. Only, every time I pressed a button, the other players really died. As the Andrew Jackson of the twenty-dollar bills said, when he assured that he should have taken the lands of the savages to give them to "the lovers of freedom" and the *good* Winston Churchill, when he recommended using chemical weapons, it was a necessary sacrifice to suppress the savages who do not understand that of civilization and nonviolence.

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