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Anthropologists usually take an encounter to be an act of empathy: an opening up to the other. Yet etymologists have pointed out that the word encounter is grounded in “the meeting of an adversary”. Originally it referred to the realm of fights, confrontations, battles. In this video-thought, the author wonders how to deal with the fact that his beloved Brazil is increasingly hostile to his way of being. Should he continue the anthropologist’s way of encountering the other, or is it time to put up a fight?

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