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*Ruim.* Vile, wicked, useless, rotten, faulty, poor. *Ruins.* The plural. *O pensamento ruim.* Bad thought. *Os pensamentos ruins.* Just more of the same. Drop it! *Deixar pra lá!* Oh don't I wish—just to do it, just to stop questioning what no longer needs questioning—*identidade*, purpose, plot—and just questing. But where? For what? Despite myself I've grown fond of the hubbub on the cobbled pedestrian way, the pulse of the hawkers, the thrum of dreams I can't find my way into, they're so intimate and unself-conscious. Fond too of this quirky skyline, its drab concrete high-rises, church steeples, corrugated rooftops, and the oblique angle at which I view the silvered dome glinting above four baroque clocks, each boldly facing up to a cardinal direction, none keeping exactly the same time, and all differing from mine. *Na verdade,* fond frees me to leave. *Então, amanhã à noite,* so tomorrow night, we *rumamos,* head out for somewhere new inside us, *resplandecentemente* ordinary.