

Deportees <Rapatiados>

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SYNOPSIS

Two Boston Born Cape Verdeans are deported to Cape Verde on drug possession charges and get caught up in a Dutch mafia crime ring and ancient cult of mermaids. Djedje has gravitated toward trouble all his life and accidentally gets his straight-laced plumber cousin Tazinho deported after robbing a Dominican transvestite cocaine dealer. Djedje stays in Mindelo, a college town and ends up boxing in an underground casino with the local Dutch pirate-crime boss Helken. Tazinho goes to stay with their grand parents in a small fishing village where everyone is tattooed with a mermaid. While caught in a storm at sea, Tazinho is saved by a mermaid and soon falls in love with a local woman who has mysterious ties to the ocean. Repulsed by the harsh prostitution and oppression of the locals, Djedje tries to bring Helken down, unaware that the local police are on Helken's payroll. Tazinho comes to Djedje's aide and is forced to attempt a murder of a local politician. With help from the sea, Tazinho manages to liberate Mindelo of Helken and his stranglehold on the island.

