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Sommario/riassunto	<p>After a violent encounter with the Feds, retired 'herb smugglers Bobby Joe (of Choctaw descent), Dev (possessing preternatural strength), and Jack Lee, move up to a mountain estate in Visconde de Maua? in Brazil. They each have women in their lives: Bobby Joe has a young son with an old love from the States, Dev has settled with a Brazilian lady, and Jack is in a celibate marriage with an old love who allows him space to pursue his spiritual practice. On the surface, all seems well, but forces are building from two different directions that could combine into a deadly pincer movement. Joa?o Silva, an old Brazilian friend from their days at the University of Georgia, visits with news of the systematic murdering of street children all over Brazil. Joa?o He tells them he is going to try to stop it, and speaks of another old friend who oversees a 'herb plantation in Bahia. He breaks out samples and speaks of the millions of dollars he will need to defend the street children. Bobby Joe rolls a fat joint and then stuns his friends with an announcement. He proposes they come out of retirement to smuggle one last load to help Joa?os cause. This sets in train a series of events with mortal consequences. A load is successfully smuggled into the United States, and Joa?o is given the money. However, enemies emerge and they find common interest with the extra-legal U.S. agents who are in pursuit of the trio. A combined force launches a raid on the estate, but it has nothing to do with warrants, or arrests. Jack Lee is not present when it occurs at dawn one day, but hears the helicopters and afterwards</p>

discovers all of his friends and loved ones shot dead, except for Bobby Joes son. He goes on the hunt and ultimately finds and kills the one who led the raid, and in the process uncovers secrets that leave him reeling. After securing Bobby Joes son into the custody of Joa?os lifetime love, he takes passage on a tramp freighter bound for India. Once again he is alone, bereft, and with blood on his hands, with the ringing words of his guru in his ears, spoken some twenty years before and now seemingly bitterly prophetic and utterly accurate.

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