



Turkey Shoot: He might not be the terrorist you were expecting

by Geoffrey Dutton

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A devout Iraqi war refugee transforms into an unlikely hit man targeting a would-be Sultan on a mission improbable. Swept into a terrorist conspiracy in Piraeus and into the arms of an infidel lover, all that he experiences edits his articles of faith, and could edit some of yours.

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Excerpt (p. 7): As if to remind him he had forgotten something important, a seabird swooped past him with a sharp *shree*. Without ado, then and there, in a chill October mist that obscured all but the blue-dawning sky, Mahmoud Al Ramadi lowered himself to his knees facing the sea. As he had still been afloat at the appointed hour of devotion, he now offered *Fajr ṣalāh*, the dawn prayer. The soothing ritual, while it lasted, obliterated the keening and nattering from across the pebbly strand where he and dozens of others had disembarked. He recited his two *rak'ahs*, adjusted his cap, and slowly arose to survey the human specters huddling nearby. He shared their aspirations for better days abroad, but while almost all would make long, fraught pilgrimages north, his odyssey would pause several hundred kilometers to the west, or so he hoped. ...

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