

Marsch and VRT Redux

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Robert Borski — 11 Nov 2000, 01:12

Dan'I Blattid having further amended his original post thusly:

<In other words: There is an Earthborn anthropologist; that is beyond any reasonable doubt. What I am suggesting is that his name is not John V. Marsch. VRT kills him, and takes "John V. Marsch" as his name when he "returns" to civilization.

<As evidence, I've mentioned the abosity of the name and the detail of the passport; I'll mention also that the "V" in "John V. Marsch" strikes me as likely equal to the "V" in VRT.>

Terran anthropologist John Marsch has allegedly splashed down at Roncevaux on Sainte Anne. This argues for a document trail which the authorities could easily follow up on. If there's no record that one John Marsch, late of Earth and academia, has indeed arrived in-country via the proper channels, it's never mentioned--as it almost certainly would be by the various individuals who investigate his case prior to the junior officer.

As for "'A Story,'" as I've argued before, it's probably been written during VRT's incarceration on Saint Croix (Victor makes reference to his prison writings), and the intromitted "V" may be his own personal idea--a further subsuming of the Marsch personna by appending his own first initial as John Marsch's middle initial. If he did a clumsy job with the amending, this might refer to the botched passport, especially if Victor has handwritten the forged V in himself.

Also: do not forget that the detail about 'John' being the name of every abo boy is provided by VRT himself, writing as John Marsch. It may not be true, or more likely may be yet another attempt, either consciously or subconsciously, at linking his identity with the Earthborn anthropologist.

Robert Borski