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Andrew Mason — 07 Nov 2010, 17:59

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António Pedro Marques — 07 Nov 2010, 20:47 · in reply to Andrew Mason

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Knowing the episode, they might have opted to come in disguise and generally walking unnoticed at that particular time and place.

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Good point. It's unclear to me why people did think so.