

lafferty's Camiroi and the government of St. Croix

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Marc Aramini — 24 Mar 2013, 15:06

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António Pedro Marques — 25 Mar 2013, 01:39 · in reply to Marc Aramini

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Marc Aramini — 25 Mar 2013, 03:07 · in reply to António Pedro Marques

Well ... Wasn't Thomas Moore the main character in lafferty' s past master? Then I say, sure, sounds right!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2013, at 6:39 PM, Ant?nio Pedro Marques <antonio at gmail.com> wrote:
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