

Marsch an assassin?

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Marc Aramini — 24 Mar 2013, 15:26

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There is political unrest, and lots of spies running around, and hints of a new French Revolution.

Jeff Wilson — 25 Mar 2013, 04:21 · in reply to Marc Aramini

On Sun, March 24, 2013 10:26, Marc Aramini wrote:

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nate jarvis — 25 Mar 2013, 06:38 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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Jeff Wilson — 25 Mar 2013, 07:24 · in reply to nate jarvis

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Yes, and even if surface gravity were essentially the same, as for Mars and Mercury, the difference in radius changes the perceived rise due to curvature of that surface. St Croix and St Anne would need to be literally identical twin planets.

Which I suppose is within the theme of the stories, but we must note that the only exact duplicates of people spring from the experiments by Number 5's predecessors. What has Homeric Greek science done?

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Marc Aramini — 25 Mar 2013, 12:55 · in reply to nate jarvis

Yes. Marsch's journal shows him hunting but there is no sure indication that the ballistic chart is a rifle conversion for st. Anne or st. Croix from the earth values Marsch was used to.

How much of Marsch' personality is left in VRT? The saliva of the shadow children switch the perceptions of Sandwalker and eastwind. VRT takes that book even though heavy items cost a lot to transport from planet to planet, and little else.

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Marc Aramini — 25 Mar 2013, 14:57 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

Of course, I was only saying the two planets share similar features, so similar gravity is not beyond the realm of thematic possibility. Also equally likely thematically is that Marsch himself

be misidentified as an assassin by a suspicious government (I think only objective identifications free of personal attachment are possible in much of Wolfe, and this is why number 5 can look at VRT and say abo and VRT can look at number five and say clone. Perhaps the government is not objective)

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I believe the book in question, the Field Guide to the Animals of St. Anne, was a volume distinct from the journal of Marsch and was an independent publication he did not write in, except for the ballistics. It certainly is part of his scientific paraphernalia, however, and I'm not sure the distinction is important.

Marc Aramini — 25 Mar 2013, 15:32 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

I assume he could have bought that volume more cheaply on St. Croix than transporting it; the only difference would have been his ballistic scrawls.