

John V Marsch, superspy

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Tony Ellis — 23 Jun 1998, 08:26

Sgt Rock wrote:

...It seems to me that in 5th Head, `_everything_` is possible, and here one obvious possibility has been overlooked: Marsch is, precisely as his Kafkaesque captors insist, a spy and assassin.

<snip>

In fact, Marsch has a double cover story: first, that he is an anthropologist from earth. This primary cover is the one he used when moving about Port-Mimizon. He activated his secondary cover when he was arrested: hoping to take advantage of the Sainte Croix natives' ignorance of "abos", he began to pretend that he was an abo trying to pass as an anthropologist from Earth.

What can "Marsch" possibly gain by pretending to belong to a native race everyone thinks died out a century ago? In our terms, it would be like O J Simpson trying to fool the jury by dropping subtle hints that he was in fact jamming with Elvis at the time of the murder.