

Green eyes: disproof of assassin theory?

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Peter Cash — 23 Jun 1998, 14:08

alga wrote:

Nice to see you again, sir!

Thank you. It's good to be on active duty again.

You make a good argument wrt Marsch's humanity and villainy, but there's strong evidence against it, and that is his bright green eyes--the boy and his mother both have bright green eyes, and that is not a human shade. The boy also has pale skin and dark hair, as does the Marsch we see.

You could argue against that, of course, by saying that we only have Marsch's word for that--but then we start going round in circles.

You mean we haven't been? 8^)

We know that the text of the second two novellas in 5th Head is, to some degree, unreliable--I just think it's more unreliable than most participants of this list do. I believe that "A Story" and "V.R.T." are calculated disinformation (while the first novella is merely a self-serving autobiography). So of course my defense against your attack, my dear green friend, is to assert that Marsch wrote about the boy's green eyes (and his mother's matching ones, and the stuff about abos having green eyes in "A Story") precisely because he himself has such green eyes. In fact, it must be that many Annese have green eyes (maybe they interbred with abos, and acquired this trait). Marsch hopes, if not to convince his captors, at least to distract them, to give them something else to think about than his mission. Yes, it's circular...but that's my point.

While looking over the passage where Number Five first meets Marsch and notices his green eyes, I came across Marsch's mention that Number Five is a clone of his father. Others have asked how Marsch could possibly know this...but my theory provides an answer! 8^)

Marsch knows exactly what Maitre looks like, though he has never met the master of 666 Saltimbanque. Why? Because his handlers have shown him pictures of his intended target! Thus, when he meets the boy, he realizes that he looks so like his father that it is likely that they are clones.

And what color are alga's eyes?

Sgt. Rock