

Lying character

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adam louis stephanides — 24 Jun 1998, 10:38

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--Adam

Michael Straight — 24 Jun 1998, 12:16 · follows adam louis stephanides

On Wed, 24 Jun 1998, adam louis stephanides wrote:

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I know this happens in the *Soldier* series in several places, and I think I remember that kind of thing happening in *FREE LIVE FREE* too, but I can't remember any specific examples.

Of course much more frequent in Wolfe is for the protagonist to guess what's going on and guess wrong. Silk does that constantly, and Latro too.

-Rostrum