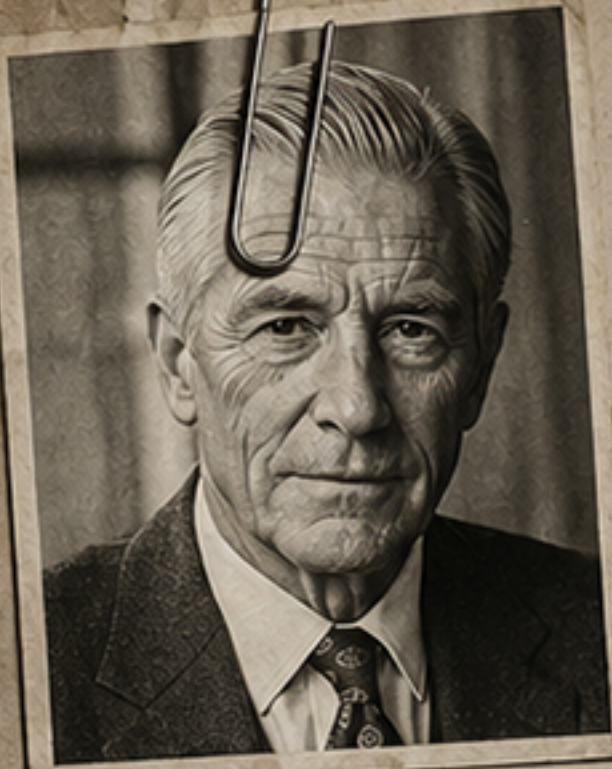




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PERSONNEL FILE

FILE NO: IP-17-8542-R

DATE OPENED: 12.06.1987

OFFICER: H.B.

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NAME: SIR NIGEL RATH

BORN: 11 MARCH 1919

PLACE OF BIRTH: HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND

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RESTRICTED

CLASSIFICATION:

LEVEL R-4

ACCESS: NEED  
TO KNOW.

Wartime  
Record?  
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Sir Nigel Rath sits on Standard Chartered's credit committee, the man whose signature stands between EuroTrade and the four hundred and fifty million pounds it needs to keep its ageing fleet afloat. £450,000,000

Important  
Key Player

Confirm figures  
Source?

He came up through the bank in the conventional way, decades of steady, unglamorous advancement but the steadiness conceals a wartime record he almost never mentions and never trades on, the kind of service that leaves a man with a settled, unhurried way of watching other people try to talk their way past him.

WHY  
HIDDEN?

When Harry and Duncan bring him Evergreen's Discovery findings, Rath doesn't posture and doesn't perform outrage. He tests the report the way he has tested every deal put in front of him for thirty years — pressing for the gap between what the consultants found and what they can prove.

Trust  
Factor?

In Harry's flat refusal to overstate the case, he recognises something he says he has always valued and rarely gets: a man who simply reports what's in front of him. It's that recognition, not the evidence itself, that decides him. \*

He walks EuroTrade's financing back without ever confirming what he suspects, closing the file on Standard Chartered's side with the same unhurried composure he opened it with. Rath never appears again after Descent — no confession, no exposure, no comeuppance, which is rather the point. He is the one person in the novella who looks at the pattern squarely and simply declines to be part of it, and the business goes on regardless, financed by someone with fewer scruples than his.

Pattern  
Aware

WHY  
NO FURTHER  
ACTION?

His phone call at the end of the meeting with Harry and Duncan suggests the possibility that his role in the black world of illegal arms financing isn't over yet.

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