

**“Hollywood  
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for casting  
the albino as  
the villain  
or the  
mystical  
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**The Da Vinci Code**



For over 40 years, a ghostly pale, red-eyed stereotype has made mischief in more than 60 films. Though played by different actors, the role of the evil movie albino has been consistent. A standard villain, he has battled James Bond ("A View to a Kill"), Dick Tracy (Warren Beatty's "Dick Tracy"), and Keanu Reeves ("The Matrix: Reloaded"). Often an assassin, he has shot at and been killed by Tom Cruise in "The Firm," Mel Gibson in "Lethal Weapon," and Jude Law in "Cold Mountain." He has been a violent threat in the past ("The Princess Bride"), the present ("Die Another Day"), and the future ("The Time Machine").

In "Foul Play," he was a sharp shooter, while in "The Omega Man," he wore the robe of a monk. After a two-year absence from the silver screen (2004 and 2005 featured no evil characters with albinism), the evil albino returns as the gun-toting monk Silas in this summer's blockbuster, "The Da Vinci Code."

**“It would seem that people with albinism are the last minority it is still socially acceptable to persecute.”**

**- Matt Smutko**

The National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation, NOAH, presents:

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Randy, Student, Musician

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## Cinematic portrayal: the evil albino



The Matrix Reloaded



The Time Machine



Kate, Dramaturge, NYC

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The Omega Man



Cold Mountain

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**“One more evil albino makes things just a little harder for my daughter and many others.”** - Karen Jordan, Lexi's mom

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**“Negative portrayals of albinism in film without a counterbalance of ‘normal’ or heroic characters is discriminatory and hurts real people with albinism.”**

Albinism is an inherited, genetic condition that affects about 1 in 17,000 people in the United States across all ethno-cultural heritages. In addition to noticeably reduced pigment in the skin and hair, people with albinism have a visual impairment and are often considered legally blind.

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