

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with StarTrek
For: Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom, Boston Illegal
Episode: Helping Hands [02x12; airdate: January 17, 2006]**



www.sherylfranklin.com/images/trek/women/classic/ilia2.jpg
Captain/Cmdr Willard Decker (Stephen Collins) and Persis Khambata as Ilia (deceased) in Star Trek: The Motion Picture

Theme 1: Captain of the Ship

In the StarTrek: The Motion Picture, Admiral Kirk uses his connections at StarFleet to regain command of the Enterprise at the expense of Captain Willard (Will) Decker (Stephen Collins) who is the current commander. Decker argues with Kirk that Kirk's years of absence from the bridge, his age and his unfamiliarity with the re-designed Enterprise would put the mission at risk.

In "Helping Hands", there is the scene whereby Paul Lewiston aka Odo (DS9) and Crane (our leading StarTrek alumnus) argue about Crane's lack of guidance in steering the boat (or ship if you will) and that that task falls to Lewiston as the person best suited to lead the denizens of Crane, Poole and Schmidt.

In a podcast sound bite from the movie, Decker admonishes Kirk for his arrogant insistence on continuing as Captain of the Enterprise.

<http://soundwavs.trekkieguy.com/001.html>

http://www.memory-alpha.org/en/index.php/Stephen_Collins

Theme 2: Captain's Mambo

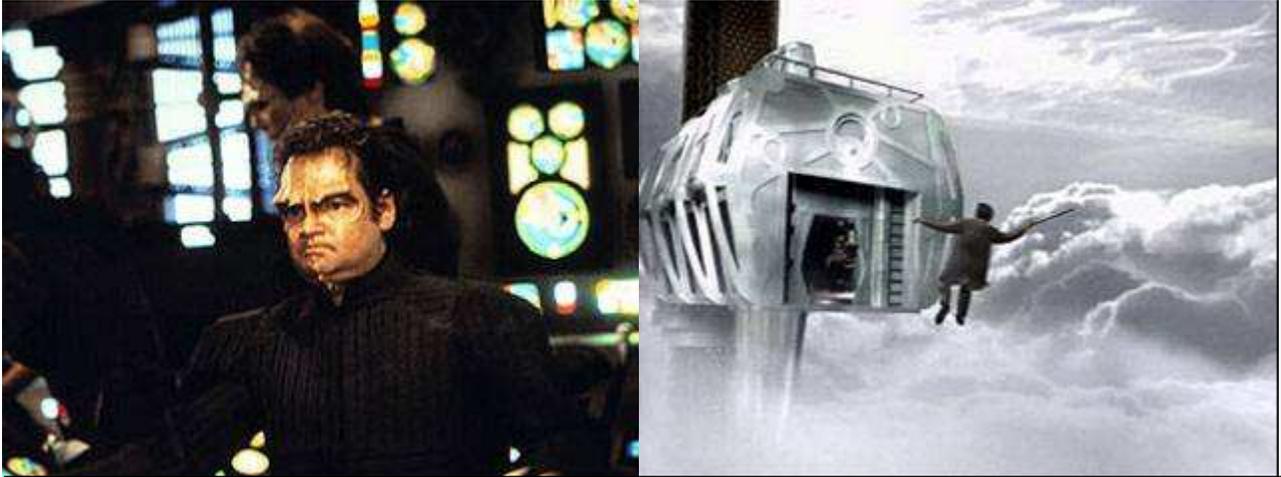


Star Trek: Insurrection – Captain Jean Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) under the energising effects of Planet Baku, dances the Mambo to the tune of "MakeOver Mambo" by Alan Silvestri in his quarters.
www.trekconnection.com/pictures/ST_9/pictures/other/st9-083.jpg

It appears that the Mambo is the dance music of choice for Captain of the Enterprise.

As Patrick Stewart as Captain Picard danced the Mambo alone in his quarters in the 9th Star Trek movie, Insurrection, – so, too, does Shatner do a turn on the rug in his office, also to a mambo.

Theme 3: Star Trek Alumni: William Shatner, René Aubojois, Joanna Cassidy, Kelly Connell
(Attorney John Hoberg)



www.startrek.com Kelly Connell as Sklar played by Kelly Connell Episode: VOY 160 – Rise - Male humanoid Nezu colonist and exo-geologist. Sklar was a murderer and traitor who aided an invasion plot by the Etanian Order. Sklar died after his true agenda was discovered.