

Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with StarTrek
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Theme 1: Parental eSTRANGEment

Rene Auberjonois finally gets his turn as a parent with a relationship gone awry with an offspring -- a theme revisited many times in each and every series of Star Trek beginning with (1) Spock whose relationship with his own father, Sarek, who felt his son was too human at birth also opposed Spock's decision to enlist in Starfleet -- their relationship had been strained for many years until Spock decided to complete his father's work to re-unify the Vulcans with their Romulan cousins. (2) Kirk never even knew he had a son until he crossed paths with a former flame, Dr. Carol Marcus. (3) Lt. Tom Paris was sent to military prison after accidentally causing the deaths of 3 cadets during a Starfleet Academy training mission. His father presided over the court proceedings. (4) T'Pol and T'Les were separated as they were in disagreement over T'Pol's decision to join Starfleet and over T'Les' faith in a forbidden Vulcan culture. (5) Lt. Malcolm Reed father opposed his enlistment to Starfleet rather than following the family's traditions of a long line of Navy men.

Spock / Sarek (TOS)

Captain Kirk / Dr. David Marcus (TMP) (*audio clips)

Lt. Tom Paris / Admiral Paris (TNG / Voyager)

T'Pol / T'Les (Enterprise)

Lt. Malcom Reed / Stuart Reed (Enterprise)



www.startrek.com Ambassador Spock and Ambassador Sarek (TNG)



www.startrek.com Dr. David Marcus and Admiral James T. Kirk (TOS)



www.startrek.com Lt. Thomas Eugene Paris and Admiral Owen Paris (VOY)



www.startrek.com T'Pol comforts her mother T'Les (ENT)



www.startrek.com Lt. Malcolm Reed and Stuart Reed (ENT)

All's well that ends well.

Theme 2: Wedding Belles



<http://yuchtar.users4.50megs.com/cgi-bin/i/Gallery/wedding.jpg>
Worf / Jadzia Dax (DS9)



<http://unix.worldpath.net/~kelhapam/wedding1.jpg> Captain Kathryn Janeway performs the wedding ceremony for Lt. Tom Paris and Lt. B'Elanna Torres marry aboard USS Voyager



www.dolphincry.com/imzadieverlasting/gym/weddingalbum.htm
Cmdr Riker and Counselor Troi (Nemesis) on Earth



www.memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Image:OBriensWedding.jpg
Captain Jean-Luc Picard marries Chief Engineer Miles O'Brien and Keiko aboard the USS Enterprise



www.memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Image:Vulcan_marriage_ceremony.jpg
The Vulcan marriage ceremony of T'Pol and Koss (Enterprise)

Theme 3: Star Trek Alumni: William Shatner, René Auberjonois, Michael Ensign



http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Michael_Ensign

Judge Paul Resnick:

Witches of Mass Destruction
It Girls and Beyond
An Eye for an Eye
Catch and Release
Live Big

Michael Ensign
www.imdb.com/gallery/hh/0268117/lid_975249.jpg

