

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with StarTrek
Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for Boston-Legal.org
Episode: Stick It [02x19: airdate: March 14, 2006] by Debb from Montreal**

Theme 1: WMD, Torture, and Spying: “Do not confuse dissent with disloyalty” was the defense Alan Shore employed in the tax evasion case against Melissa. It is also was the foundation by which David E. Kelly underscored the current affairs and the United States role in Aghanistan and Iraq. The reasons provided by government perhaps a ruse for a more lucrative commodity, that being **oil**.

Sounds like... **STAR TREK IX: INSURRECTION**

Meddling in the affairs of other countries for less than noble reasons is the underlying theme in this episode of Boston Legal and is very much the premise for “Insurrection”. A TNG movie that has Starfleet breaking its own regulations and specifically the prime directive of non interference in other worlds. Substitute oil for a 24th century precious commodity and you have today’s world dilemma in a futuristic setting.



The **Rings of Baku** contain **metaphasic radiation particles**. This age defying **regenerative radiation**, the basis for incredibly long lifespans (aka the fountain of youth) is coveted by the So'na who convince Admiral Doherty of Starfleet that it is worth relocating the inhabitants of Ba'ku in order to harvest the particles. However, this means destroying the planet first.

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SPYING: Starfleet spies on the Ba'Ku village in St: Insurrection. The planet and their peaceful culture is studied by the Federation and the So'na – in secrecy from an concealed station on a hilltop (bottom). Cmdr. Data exposes the “duck blind” station (right).

Top: www.trekconnection.com/pictures/ST_9/pictures/other/st9-001.jpg

Left: http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Image:Duck_blind-baku.jpg





Badguy: Adhar Ru'af (So'na) played by F. Murray Abraham. Ru'af undergoes "face-stretching". A cosmetic procedure used by the So'na.

L: <http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Ru%27af> (left)

R: www.allmoviephoto.com/photo/f_murray_abraham_star_trek_insurrection_001.html



**TORTURE: Death by
facestretching**

(L) Badguy Admiral Dougherty (played by Anthony Zerbe) is killed by the So'na

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(R) Against Admiral Dougherty's orders, Captain Picard and the Enterprise crew return to the planet's surface to prevent the relocation of the Ba'ku.

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Theme 2: "It's About the Girl...":

Well, there has to be a damsel in distress...

(Anij (played by Donny Murphy)



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(L) www.sherylfranklin.com/images/trek/women/tng/anij002.jpg

(R) www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200307/qal-mov-ix-02/240x320.jpg



Theme 3: Star Trek Alumni: William Shatner, René Auberjonois, Ron Canada (see “Smile”) as Judge Willard Reese.

Did you know? Both William Shatner and René Auberjonois had portrayed other characters in the Star Trek series. William Shatner portrayed not only the legendary Captain (Admiral) James T. Kirk but Captain Kirk’s own brother George Samuel Kirk in The Original Series while René Auberjonois, famous for his role as Odo in Deep Space Nine also portrayed Ezral, a character in the Enterprise series.



Ezral (2151) ENT: “Oasis”

Ezral was played by Star Trek: Deep Space Nine cast member **Rene Auberjonois**.

<http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Ezral>

Ezral was the Chief engineer on a Kantare starship that crash landed on a planet in 2130. He believed that he had caused the deaths of the crew. When the plasma injectors overloaded during an ion storm, he left his post to protect his daughter, Liana, instead of trying to repair the injectors. He created a holographic crew to ease his guilt and provide companions for his daughter. When Enterprise crew discovered his ruse in 2151, he was persuaded to leave the planet with Liana.



George Samuel Kirk (2266) ST: Operation Annihilate!

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

George Samuel Kirk as portrayed by **William Shatner** was the brother of Starfleet captain James T. Kirk. He was usually called George, but his brother always called him Sam. He had three sons.

In 2266 Sam Kirk wished to be transferred to the Earth Colony II research station. He was a research biologist living with his family on Deneva in 2267, when travelers from Ingraham B brought neural parasites to the colony. Many of the colonists, including Sam, were attacked and infiltrated by the parasites. The infiltration killed Sam and his wife Aurelan, but their son Peter survived.