

Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for Boston-Legal.org Season Three, Episode 13 (03x13) Dumping Bella; airdate: Jan. 30, 2007] by Debb from Montreal

Shades of Black and White: The tip of the hat is, once again, to interracial relationships. First mentioned in *Trek in the Courtroom* for *Death be Not Proud*, we reminisce about TV's first interracial kiss between Captain Kirk and Lt. Uhura and its Boston Legal version between Alan and Chelina. In *Dumping Bella*, Boston Legal revisits that moment with a tender peck shared by Claire and Clarence. Alan and Vanessa are also getting pretty close to another ebony and ivory moment.

Shades of Blue: It is no coincidence that Bella is sporting Blue. They could have picked any colour other than melancholy Blue. Certainly, this episode ends sadly for Bella. I felt the episode wasn't so much about theme as it is about message: Love knows no colour, age, size. Nowhere is this truer than in the Star Trek universe as we pay homage to the blue alien races, namely Bolians and Andorians.



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First, a look at the **Bolians**:



A Bolian Female
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/4/49/BolianFemale.jpg>



VOY: "Someone to Watch Over Me"
Two Bolians courting
http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/b/b1/Bolians_courting.jpg



DS9: "Field of Fire" Petty Officer Zim Brott and his children.
http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/e/e8/Zim_Brott_and_his_children.JPG

The **Andorians**:



ENT: "Proving Ground" Lt Talas, Andorian female serving in the Andorian Imperial Guard
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/e/ed/Talas2153.jpg>



STIV: "The Voyage Home"
Andorian admiral with the Federation Council
http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/5/57/Andorian_admiral_2286.jpg



ENT: "These Are the Voyages..."
Shran and Talla in 2161
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/8/8e/Talla-Shran.jpg>

See Through Partitions: Referencing the scene where Alan and Vanessa converse through a glass wall. Gee, where have we seen that before?



STII: "The Wrath of Khan. Admiral Kirk and Captain Spock near death.
http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/b/b0/Spock%27s_death.jpg

Star Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), René Auberjonois (Paul Lewiston), Christopher Neiman (Marshall Prig), Michael Reisz (writer).



VOY: "Inside Man" Christopher Neiman portrays Yeggie, a Ferengi.
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/3/3d/Yeggie.jpg>



Christopher Neiman publicity photo
http://imdb.com/gallery/hh/0624842/HH/0624842/iid_892451.jpg?path=pgallery&path_key=Neiman,%20Christopher