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Insanely yours: Star Trek had more than its fair share of “compelling characters” (code for the criminally insane). Since there are dozens throughout each series, I have selected one from TOS, TNG, VOY, and DS9.

To be... or not to be... In the TOS episode, Conscience of the King, Kirk recognizes a well-known Shakespearean actor as Kodos the Executioner. Governor Kodos governed the Tarsus IV colony circa 2246, at which time a deadly fungus destroyed the colony’s food



TOS: "The Conscience of the King" Lenore Karidian; actress Barbara Anderson
http://images2.wikia.nocookie.net/memoryalpha/en/images/5/58/Lenore_Karidian.jpg

supply. Kodos applied his own selection process to exterminate half the citizens to save the other half. He was later confused with a burned body and presumed dead. Kirk suspected a Shakespearean actor, Anton Karidian was Kodos the Executioner.



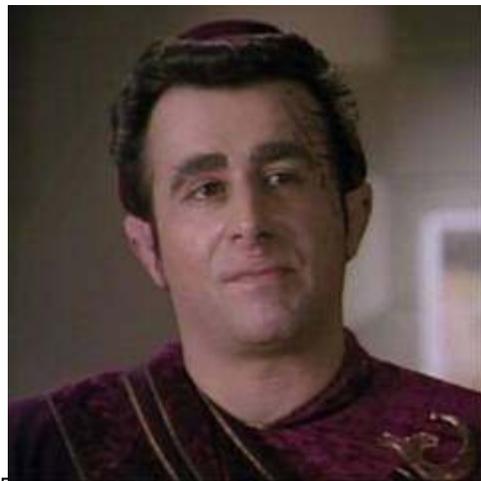
TOS: "The Conscience of the King" Anton Karidian (aka Kodos the Executioner) actor Arnold Moss
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In an effort to protect her father from Kirk’s suspicions, Karidian’s daughter, Lenore, takes it upon herself to kill her father’s accusers. Unfortunately, her phaser shot misses Kirk and she kills her own father instead.

TNG had its share of killers but none so far out at Fajo, who can add kidnapping and possession of illegal weapons to his rap sheet.

Kivas Fajo was a Zibalian trader known throughout the Stacius Trade Guild for his large collection of rare and precious items. Fajo was assisted with his collection by Varria, Fajo kidnapped Lieutenant Commander Data in order to add the android to his collection. After disabling Data, Fajo staged a shuttle explosion making it seem as though that Data had been destroyed. When Data initially refused to cooperate, Fajo threatened to kill Varria unless Data as he was told.

When Varria attempted to help Data escape, Fajo killed her with a Varon-T Disruptor. Witnessing the act, Data prepared to kill Fajo with the Disruptor. Fortunately for Fajo, Data was transported to the Enterprise just as he opened fire and Fajo's life was spared. Fajo was later arrested and his collection was confiscated.



TNG: "The Most Toys" Saul Rubinek as Kivas Fajo
<http://images4.wikia.nocookie.net/memoryalpha/en/images/2/2a/Kivasfajo.jpg>



TNG: "The Most Toys" Jane Daly as Varria
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Holographic psychopath: Not to be outdone by TOS and TNG, Voyager's "compelling character" is Dejaren, a Serosian HD25 Isomorphic Projection, otherwise known as a sentient hologram. However, this one's programming has gone awry and kills six members of Voyager's crew by flooding a lower deck with radiation.



VOY: "Revulsion" Dejaren, a psychopathic hologram played by Leland Orser.
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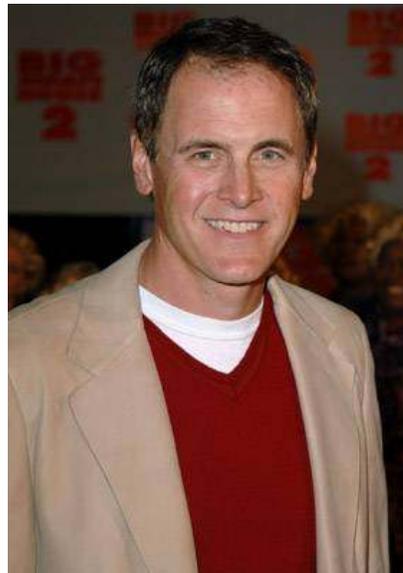
DS9: "A Man Alone" Ibudan, a Bajoran, Stephen James Carver.
<http://images3.wikia.nocookie.net/memoryalpha/en/images/f/f7/Ibudan.jpg>

Clonside: In the DS9 episode "A Man Alone" the charming looking Bajoran at left created a clone of himself for the sole reason of killing him in order to frame Odo (our beloved Rene Auberjonois aka Paul Lewiston) for the murder in revenge for Odo sending him to prison for a previous murder of a Cardassian.

Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), John Larroquette (Carl Sack), Gary Anthony Williams (Clarence Bell), Mark Moses (Attorney George McDougal), Paul Dooley (Judge Wendel Donahue), Michael Wiseman (D.A. Bret Haber)



VOY: "Riddles" Mark Moses as Naroq, a Kesat.
http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/8/87/Naroq%2C_Kesat.jpg



Mark Moses publicity photo:
http://i.imdb.com/Photos/Events/4207/MarkMoses_Grani_7186277_400.jpg



DS9: 4 episodes Paul Dooley as the Cardassian, Enabran Tain, former head of the Obsidian Order
<http://www.ex-astris-scientia.org/gallery/stmagazine/garak-tain.jpg>



Paul Dooley publicity photo:
<http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/es/images/thumb/c/c9/Pauldooley.jpg/200px-Pauldooley.jpg>



VOY "Flesh and Blood, 1 & 2"
Michael Wiseman as a Beta Hirogen
<http://www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200303/voy-253-a-hirogen-hunts-his-ho/240x320.jpg>



Michael Wiseman publicity photo:
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