

Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for BostonLegal.org Season Four, Episode 7 (04x07) Attack of the Xenophobes. Airdate: Nov 13, 2007 By Debb from Montreal

Thoughtfully yours: *"The Dream Police"* The premise that technology will one day enable and render our own thoughts as evidence against us is the theme of the Voyager episode "Random Thoughts". Similar to the presence of fear detected by medical equipment in Jeffrey Bass mind, Lt. B'Elanna Torres is arrested by Mari, a race of telepathic lifeforms, for angry thoughts that lead to a cascade of violent events among the telepathic inhabitants. This episode further goes on to link violent thoughts to the trade of violent memories for financial gain and entertainment. Dare I say Clarisse on YouTube? (All I can say here is that they don't pay Gary Anthony nearly enough...)



VOY "Random Thoughts" Lt. B'Elanna Torres (a Human/Klingon hybrid) played by Roxann Dawson, undergoes neurogenic restructuring. http://images2.wikia.nocookie.net/memoryalpha/en/images/8/88/Neurogenic_restructuring.jpg



VOY "Random Thoughts" Captain Kathryn (Kate Mulgrew) has her mind probed by the Mari investigators <http://www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200306/voy-178-captain-janeway-has-her/320x240.jpg>

Cheap Trick said it best:

Dream Police
Words and Music by Rick Nielsen

The dream police, they live inside of my head.
The dream police, they come to me in my bed.
The dream police, they're coming to arrest me, oh no.

You know that talk is cheap, and those rumors ain't nice.
And when I fall asleep I don't think I'll survive the night, the night.

'Cause they're waiting for me.
They're looking for me.
Ev'ry single night they're driving me insane.
Those men inside my brain.

Well, I can't tell lies, 'cause they're listening to me.
And when I fall asleep, bet they're spying on me tonight, tonight.

I try to sleep, they're wide-awake, they won't let me alone.
They don't get paid or take vacations, or let me alone.
They spy on me, I try to hide, they won't let me alone.
They persecute me, they're the judge and jury all in one.

<http://www.sing365.com/music/lyric.nsf/Dream-Police-lyrics-Cheap-Trick/B44D9787476BEF63482568CF001202AE>

Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), John Larroquette (Carl Sack), Gary Anthony Williams (Clarence Bell); Henry Gibson (Judge Clark Brown) Pamela Adlon (Attorney Emma Path), Ivar Brogger (Professor Tyler), Thomas F. Wilson (Jeffrey Bass), Lamont Thompson (Officer Aaron Payne)

(I believe, at eight, this is a record number of Trek Alumni for a single Boston Legal episode.)

Ivar Brogger:



VOY: "Natural Law" Ivar Brogger portrays the Ledosian expedition leader Dr, Barus.
http://images2.wikia.nocookie.net/memoryalpha/en/images/7/76/Barus_ledosian.jpg



VOY: "Unity" Ivar Brogger as the Romulan, Dr. Orum, former Borg drone.
<http://images1.wikia.nocookie.net/memoryalpha/en/images/3/34/Orum.jpg>



Ivar Brogger publicity photo
<http://ia.imdb.com/media/imdb/01/1/92/01/09f.jpg>

Henry Gibson:



DS9 "Profit and Lace"
 Henry Gibson as Nilva, the Ferengi
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Nebula/4156/infirmary/xeno/ferengi/nilva.jpg>
<http://www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200506/ds9-547-nilva/320x240.jpg>

Thomas F. Wilson:



VOY (VG): Elite Force (2000) (VG) (voice)
 Thomas F. Wilson voices the character Crewman Rick Biessman depicted at left.
<http://eliteforce.3dactionplanet.gamespy.com/ef1/images/chars/biessman.jpg>
 and at right as Biff Tannen from "Back to the Future"
http://images.google.ca/url?q=http://www.gostar.com/framer/tom_wilson3.gif&usq=AFQjCNEeKW_a0GmGLjH2gZv4_sKe4JY0oA



Lamont Thompson:



Lamont Thompson
publicity photo
ENT "Cold Front" N.D.
Alien Pilgrim #1 was on
a transport to witness a
protostar called the
Great Plume of
Agosoria. He believed
that this was the place
that the universe began.

<http://ia.imdb.com/media/ia/db/01/I/16/67/78m.jpg>