

Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with StarTrek For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for Boston-Legal.org Season Three, Episode 1: (03x01) Can't We All get A Lung? airdate: Sept 19, 2006] by Debb from Montreal

Theme 1: Imaginary Lovers: If Jerry Espensen lived in the 24th century, he would probably have favoured the company of females in the holodeck, a room where one can live out their fantasies with holographic characters in holographic environments in the same manner by which Lt. Reginald Barclay did in Star Trek: The Next Generation. In an episode entitled "Hollow Pursuits", Lt. Barclay enjoys the company of a holographic Dr. Crusher. Upon discovery of his imaginary "girlfriend" Deanna Troi later counsels Lt. Barclay on his abnormal behaviour and helps him to re-integrate into the real world.

The parallels to Jerry Espensen's situation is uncanny. Both characters have savant abilities while being socially challenged. Both are experts in their field and both are smitten with imaginary girlfriends and both get into real trouble because of their inability to forge real relationships.

heme 2 - "Body Parts" OK. This is too delicious an irony. In an Deep Space Nine episode entitled "Body Parts", Quark, a Ferengi barkeep aboard the spacestation played by none other than **Armin Shimmerman (Judge Hooper in this episode of BL)**, returns from a visit to Ferenginar where he was misdiagnosed with a rare and fatal disease. As Ferengi must pay off their debts before death, Quark decides to put up his remains for bidding on the Ferengi Futures Exchange to earn the needed latinum, the currency of the future.



TNG: "Hollow Pursuits" Dwight Schultz as Lt. Reginald Barclay and Gates McFadden as Dr. Beverly Crusher in a holodeck programme.
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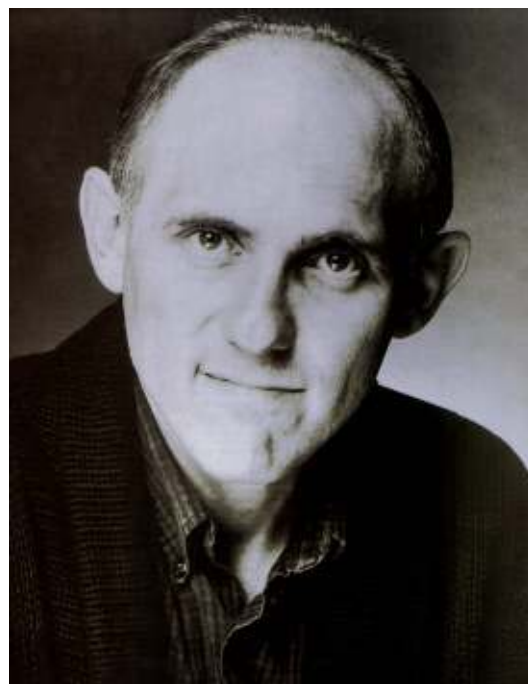
DS9: "Body Parts" Quark (Armin Shimmerman) advised his brother Rom (Max Grodenchik) that he has "settled his affairs"
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Quark accepts a huge anonymous bid of 500 bars of latinum, which he immediately accepts, happy to die a winner. However, Quark learns from his doctor that he isn't going to die after all.

Star Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), René Auberjonois (Paul Lewiston), Armin Shimerman (Judge Brian Hooper), Henry Gibson (Judge Clark Brown)



DS9/TNG: Armin Shimerman as regular cast member, Quark, a Ferengi bartender
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Armin Shimerman
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DS9: Henry Gibson in his recurring role as the Ferengi "Nilva"
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Henry Gibson
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