

Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for Boston-Legal.org Season Four, Episode 4 (04x04) Do Tell. Airdate: Oct 16, 2007 By Debb from Montreal

The Young and the Reckless: The circumstances surrounding the child custody case of the young bullfighter (Domingo Obismo played by Jonathan Castellanos) is reminiscent in certain aspects to a child custody case in the TNG episode "Suddenly Human". From the Memory Alpha database, we have this synopsis: "Jeremiah Rossa, the son of Connor and Moira Rossa, born in 2353 at Galen IV colony. Jeremiah's parents were killed during a Talarian attack on the colony during the Galen border conflicts in 2357. As is Talarian custom, children of the enemy are adopted. Jeremiah was adopted by the Talarian officer Endar, who treated him like his own son and gave him the name Jono." Doing the math, that makes Jono no more than 12 when rescued by the crew of Enterprise.



BL: "Do Tell" Domingo Obismo (Jonathan Castellanos). <http://www.boston-legal.org/4-tell/images/4x4-boston-legal-abc-judgeschambers.jpg>

Doctor Crusher advises Captain Picard that Jono's medical exam reveals radiation poisoning, and has sustained two previously fractured ribs, a broken arm, and a low grade concussion, all during the past seven years. She believes that he has been with the Talarians for some time, since he has assimilated their culture, and it is they who could have brutalized him to cause the injuries.

Captain Picard also learns that Jono is the grandson of Admiral Rossa sparking a custody debate. The crew concludes that the boy must rediscover his human identity. Ultimately, we learn that Jono's injuries are as



TNG: "Suddenly Human" Chad Allen portrays Jono, a human teenager rescued from the Talarians. <http://www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200506/tng-176-jono/320x240.jpg>

a result of physical training, not abuse, and Jono chooses to remain with his adopted father.

(Someone should've talked to Worf, then, about his son, Alexander...)



<http://www.klingons.info/alexander.jpg>

Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), John Larroquette (Carl Sack), Gary Anthony Williams (Clarence Bell), Henry Gibson (Judge Clark Brown)



<http://www.ritzcamera.com/articles/images/larroquette.gif>



<http://www.boston-legal.org/3-nimmo/magicgallery/049.htm>