

Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for BostonLegal.org Season Four, Episode 9 (04x09) No Brains Left Behind. Airdate: Dec 11, 2007 By Debb from Montreal

Annoyingly yours:

If you think the “Oh my God!”, was annoying teenage angst, let us recall Miri and her gang of Nyah Nyah Nyah Nyah buddies. (writer’s note: If only the comparison stopped there.)

First, we have the sad screenshot displaying fair brunette as the damsel-in-distress.



Allison Miller portrays Marlena Hoffman – teenage angst defined.
www.boston-legal.org/9-Brains/images/4x9-boston-legal-marlena-2.jpg



TOS “Miri” Kim Darby portrays Miri – the epitome of teenage angst.
<http://tos.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/1x08/miri081.jpg>

Secondly, the negative reaction to an intimate, adult moment....



Marlena catches Grammy being embraced by Sack.
www.boston-legal.org/9-Brains/images/4x9-boston-legal-abc-carl-shirley-4.jpg



TOS “Miri” Captain Kirk comforts Yeoman Rand, with a broken-hearted Miri (inset) looking on.
<http://tos.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/1x08/miri210.jpg>
<http://tos.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/1x08/miri215.jpg>

Thirdly, everybody gets serious and works together to solve the problem...



Consider the juxtaposition of Boston Legal actors... (Tara Summers - Katie Lloyd - in the background), Shatner seated with a notebook, Alison Miller studying her material, and Spader working off of a tabletop.
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and compare to the above screenshots, Shatner seated with his book, (Grace Lee Whitney – Janice Rand in the background), Kim Darby studying her material and DeForest Kelly working off of a tabletop.
<http://tos.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/1x08/miri118.jpg>
<http://tos.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/1x08/miri098.jpg>

Finally, there is that moment between Miri and Kirk that is mirrored in Denny's "I can't get over the irony. Long time ago I was with Shirley Schmidt and now I'm old enough to be with her granddaughter."

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The Dress Uniform: or drinking while in uniform... or “every woman loves a man in uniform”



Dr. McCoy and Captain Kirk discuss the mission over a glass of Romulan Ale wearing their dress uniforms.

http://tos.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/3x05/ls_There_In_Truth_No_Beauty_083.JPG

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Allan Shore and Denny Crane discuss the mission over a glass of (looks like rye whiskey) wearing their dress uniforms.

<http://www.boston-legal.org/9-Brains/images/4x9-boston-legal-balcony-3.jpg>



The Star Trek dress uniform in the TNG series reverted to white.

http://www.shadowdalecreations.com/star-trek_insurrection_1.jpg

Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), John Larroquette (Carl Sack), Gary Anthony Williams (Clarence Bell), Henry Gibson (Judge Clark Brown), Mark L. Taylor (Atty. Adam Jorvanka). Colby French (Officer Taylor Jessel)

All the above alumni have been featured previously in "Trek in the Courtroom"; therefore, for this edition, I'll be presenting the new guy:

Colby French



DS9 "When it Rains..." Colby French portrays Ensign Weldon who worked at Starfleet Medical.

http://ds9.trekcore.com/gallery/albums/7x21/whenitrains_367.jpg



Colby French in an undated candid shot

<http://cache.viewimages.com/xc/55894900.jpg?v=1&c=ViewImages&k=2&d=17A4AD9FDB9CF1939847EC77F5F8D1CE623CFDEB8B5303BDA40A659CEC4C8CB6>