

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with StarTrek  
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**Theme 1: Paternally yours, (again):** Unknown offspring, or children with unknown parentage, seems to be a recurring situation for Denny Crane. Last week, we took a close look at Dr. David Marcus, the son of Captain Kirk. Between Donny Crane and Bethany Horowitz, Denny seems to have a knack for children whereby the biological connection is uncertain. Star Trek has its share of offspring that whose parentage may not be what it seems as well of its share of children who were raised by surrogate parents.

Captain Jean Luc Picard (Star Trek: The Next Generation) gets to meet his “son” Jason Vigo only to find out that his genes had been manipulated to appear as though he were genetically related to Captain Picard.



TNG: Bloodlines: Captain Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) in a heart to heart with his “son” Jason Vigo (Ken Olandt). All that hair should have tipped Picard off he wasn't his biological son. [www.startrek.com](http://www.startrek.com) ; [http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/4/4d/Jason\\_Vigo.jpg](http://images.wikia.com/memoryalpha/en/images/4/4d/Jason_Vigo.jpg)

Lt. Cmdr. Worf of the Star Trek Enterprise (D), of The Next Generation was rescued by a Star Trek Officer, Sergey Rozhenko who found Worf at age 5 buried in the rubble after an attack on his planet. His parents had been killed and he was left for dead. Sergey took Worf to his homestead on a farming colony and informed his wife Helena that they would raise the Klingon child as their own.



TNG: Family: Worf (right) played by Michael Dorn and his Russian foster parents Sergey (Theodore Bikel) and Helena Rozhenko (Georgia Brown)  
[www.memoryalpha.com](http://www.memoryalpha.com)

## Theme 2: Out of Uniform (again).

Denny Crane has his share of being in period costuming.



Denny Crane as one of the Lennon sisters (Trick or Treat); as a "Minute Man" (A Whiff and a Prayer); in traditional judiciary robes (Finding Nimmo)

<http://boston-legal.org/7-trick/images/3x7-boston-legal-party-sisters2.jpg> ;

[http://a.abc.com/primetime/bostonlegal/intranet/General\\_Office/evidence\\_to\\_delete/images/Denny-Minuteman2.jpg](http://a.abc.com/primetime/bostonlegal/intranet/General_Office/evidence_to_delete/images/Denny-Minuteman2.jpg) ;

<http://i15.photobucket.com/albums/a376/raura1978/BL%20and%20Spader/15.jpg>

Here's Captain James T. Kirk dressed as a dirty 30's gangster, as a depression-era citizen, and a WWII Nazi, all in the line of duty, of course. (I seriously doubt that Kirk ever be caught wearing women's apparel.)



TOS: Captain James T. Kirk in A Piece of the Action; City of the Edge of Forever, and Patterns of Force

[www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200303/tos-049-the-kid-just-wants-a-p/320x240.jpg](http://www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200303/tos-049-the-kid-just-wants-a-p/320x240.jpg)

[www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200510/tos-028-kirk-with-edith/320x240.jpg](http://www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200510/tos-028-kirk-with-edith/320x240.jpg)

[www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200303/tos-052-kirk-isak-spock-and/320x240.jpg](http://www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200303/tos-052-kirk-isak-spock-and/320x240.jpg)

Not to mention as an American Indian in "The Paradise Syndrome (see Trek in the Courtroom "Fine Young Cannibal").

### Theme 3: Body Parts (again).

The Vidiians, a humanoid species native to the Delta Quadrant and once known as a society of educators, artists and explorers, were inflicted with a terrible disease known as the **phage**, which destroyed the organs of their bodies. The Vidiians survived only through the widespread use of organ transplantation to replace diseased body parts. Although Vidiians relied largely on transplants from dead bodies, their needs were so great that they captured individuals of other species to serve as slaves and involuntary organ donors.

<http://www.starbaseavalon.com/vidiians.html>



VOY "Resolutions": Vidiian physician Danara Pel (Susan Diol) shown at left in a computer simulation and at right with the "phage". [http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Danara\\_Pel](http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Danara_Pel)

**Theme 3: Star Trek Alumni:** William Shatner (Denny Crane), René Auberjonois (Paul Lewiston), Armin Shimmerman (Judge Brian Hooper)