

# Babylonian VO Scriptures

Fanzine dedicated to J. Michael Straczynski's series Babylon 5

Fall Issue 7

BABYLON  
5  
MEET 5



ULTRA SEVEN



ARTICLES  
ON  
MORDEN,  
CARTAGIA,  
T.V. GUIDE &  
NEWS ON TRACY SCOGGINS.

SHARI SHATTUCK JASON CARTER MORE.





## EDITOR'S NOTE

Due to the unexpected length of the articles contained in this issue, they had to be split as "Part One" & "Part Two" for next issue. Even the regular 24 pages had to be expanded in so to fit everything in.

In addition, last issue's B5 VERSUS STARTREK (a laugh for many) was supposed to display B5 & STARTREK caricatures (like the one shown), but missed the deadline. However this issue will show those toons which are scattered in the zine. Of course art was drawn by the talented George 'Joe' Arroyo, who returns in Command Post.

Speaking of my dear (artistic showoff) brother of mine, he recently given me a menu from LA TESSO TANA (the Italian restaurant in which he works in) displaying an entree named after us. Pretty cool, I thought,... so here it is:

PENNE  
ALLA  
ARROYO

Penne pasta gently tossed with bay scallops & crab meat in a cilantro tomato sauce

Life's simple pleasures, albeit I don't think myself a "crab", nevertheless such little things can be so pleasing to me. We thank you Ed Rogers (owner of LA TESSO TANA) and Cheryl Turner who makes out the menu each and every day.

Also Bonnie Bowman informed me about another B5 game out in your nearest comic shop. Actually a boardgame with cardboard cut-outs of BABYLON 5 ships. It's yet unknown if there's a connexion

to the Game Book. Bonnie even told me of BABYLON 5 pewter figures. Well... GO OUT AND GET IT!!

Though Bonnie is 10 steps ahead of me in collecting B5 goodies, making me green with envy, I was fortunate to record The Disney Channel's 4 episode special on HYPERNAUTS.

HYPERNAUTS was created by Ron Thornton who creates the captivating FX universe of BABYLON 5. And assisting him are many B5 familiars like director Janet Greek, musical genius Christopher

Franke, with guest appearances by Ron Campbell & Shari Shattuck. (SEE ARTICLE ON HYPERNAUTS IN ISSUE 4)

Looking forward to the new year and BABYLON 5's new permanent base of operation on the cable network TNT starting January. What a great after x-mas gift!

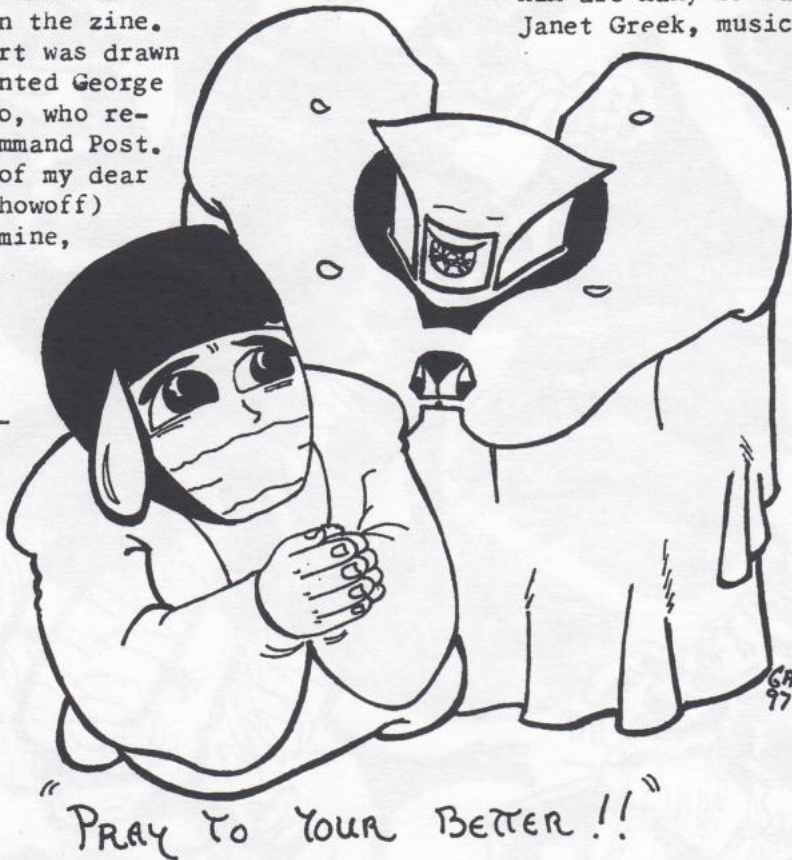
Sadly Claudia Christian (Commander Susan Ivanova) will not return for B5's fifth season (SEE PG.13 ). She was one of my personal favorites. Christian brought to life a true woman for the future to sci fi without wearing

short skirts, tight jumpsuits or push-up bras, a la STARTREK.

Enjoying her performances in comedy (which she does so well), Christian's guest appearance (and look for Joan McMortrey) on TOTAL SECURITY's premiere series depicting a sex-starved wife was slightly disturbing. Though comical similar to her portrayal in the film HEX, I hope Christian doesn't receive notoriety solely for wearing floral-printed underwear.

Nevertheless, Claudia Christian is great in any role or in any attire for that matter. So watch out for next issue's article on this Lady Taboo.

For now read on and enjoy. -LA





ATTENTION B5 COLLECTORS!!! Look out for false adverts on B5 merchandise by MOVIE MADNESS. Last issue I told you to check out SCI FI ENTERTAINMENT's June Issue featuring MOVIE MADNESS's display of B5 stuff. However from personal experience they have made little effort in notifying me of shipment delay that resulted in repeated calls with still no improvement but false claims of "specific attention" after waiting nearly 5 months(!)...and still waiting now for a refund!

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED!!!

On the other hand, STARTECH supplies a large range of B5 collectibles before anyone; like the two imported BABYLON 5 graphic novels (shown above right)! Albeit some merchandise are not in stock resulting in delay, their "imported" material are worth the wait...especially their soon to arrive B5 watches!

And once-upon-a-time STARTECH offered BABYLON 5 logo pins of PSI CORP and EARTH ALLIANCE, now 800 TREKKER carries said items at \$11.95 each...plus BABYLON 5 embroidered polo shirt, sweatshirt, and more! Shipped within 5 working days, 800 TREKKER is the fastest mail order company to deliver the goods!



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Aaarrrgh!!.....My profound apologies  
Fivers, I was just venting out frustra-  
tion, tension and trepidation.

Why?

Yet again our dear editor  
-DeathWalker wannabe  
Linda (Linda  
here:  
I'm far  
worst  
than  
Death-  
Walker!)-  
coerced

COMMAND  
POST



me at pencil point to do what I despise  
most -writing! However I will tolerate  
this threat to my artistic palate.

Hopefully all o'youz enjoyed our pre-  
vious issue "Death Walks Among Us" on  
Sarah Douglas. Price hikes nipped our  
colour cover aspirations, nonetheless  
we're quite happy with the end product.  
Many thanks to CopyCats for a job well  
done.

Coincidentally, Sarah Douglas was fea-  
tured throughout the month of April on  
cable. Sarah Fest highlighted nearly  
every movie she starred in -SUPERMAN II,  
CONAN THE DESTROYER, BEASTMASTER II,

VOODOO, QUEST OF  
THE DELTA KNIGHTS,  
and more. Its about  
time someone ac-  
knowledgeed this remarkable actress.  
Mentioning remarkable British babes  
of sci fi, I would love to see  
Queen of Sci Fi Caroline Munro (STAR  
CRASH) on B5 for an episode or two.  
Munro (pictured below left) has been  
a favorite fantasy...er actress since  
childhood, and I'd really like to see  
her again. Come on Straczynski  
London's calling.

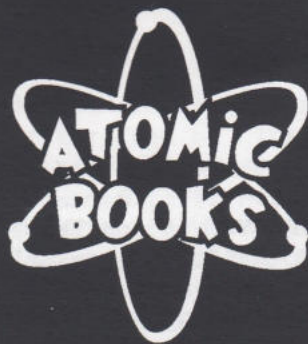
Previous months death editor Linda  
has been very fortunate when it  
comes to B5 paraphernalia: photos of  
Wayne Alexander (Sebastian/Lorien)  
and Claudia Christian (Commander  
Ivanova); British mags (Cult Times,  
SFX, TV Zone and Eclipse) each fea-  
turing articles and posters of B5.

Cult Times and TV Zone, by surprise,  
was found in our local book/magazine  
shop ATOMIC BOOKS (Linda calls it  
"The Smut Shop"). Along side Bettie  
Page paraphernalia (Linda here again:  
Ms Page is the only "non-smut" ma-  
terial.), G Fan (Godzilla fanzine),  
SCREAM QUEENS (B movie Queens revered),  
FEMME FATALE (babes of the boob, i.e.  
TV) and Sploosh! (Linda again: "The  
smut" with many like it.) as well as  
ORIENTAL CINEMA; the publication that  
launched Linda's writing career. In-  
finite thanx to OC editor Damon Foster  
and the Atomic people at ATOMIC BOOKS.

On the subject of magazines, FEMME  
FATALE's "Treks Sexy Fifty" issue  
(August 97) was interesting but ob-  
viously biased. Llya (Persis Kham-  
batta) was #23 insultingly and Keiko  
(Rosalind Chao) took #19. Are these







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mama Vina (Susan Oliver). I wondered if my pencil-packing sister would allow me to comprise my version of said article on B5's sexy 5 or 50. On second thought (and a few blows and swift kicks for her answer), I told her B5 has no "real" candidates able to qualify for such a contest besides Tamylin Tomita, Andrea Thompson, Shari Shattuck, Julia Nickson, and perhaps Mira Furlan; perhaps. (Linda: That's blasphemy!!)

To continue, in TOY FARE magazine Linda discovered the yet to be released 10" Kosh (shown above), Sheridan and Shadow dolls!

TV Guide's sci fi issue (July 5, 1997) placed B5's triumvirate on its esoteric cover (Linda claims to have forced TV Guide's crew into producing this issue). Apparently



after lengthy petitions (i.e. hate-u-mail), TV G heeded my sisters words of wisdom.

Their "article" overflowing with Babylonian Scriptures info, freely given to the half-wits that run the Guide, blatantly parade B5's cast as if they discovered the show themselves. Linda doesn't need your thanks or approval Guide, however its time overdo...B5 is the only true sci fi on screen today and finally you learned that!

In addition, TV Guide's "TV Guide's Look At Sci Fi" needs glasses. Not only did TV G show just 1 minute of footage (all Bill Mummy), they practically brushed it aside and tried to compliment the series as "daring". TV G

should have been more accurate by titling their "show" -"TV Guide Looks at "American" Sci Fi". Where were DR WHO, ULTRAMAN, ULTRA 7, DAI RANGERS, KAMEN RIDER, even VR TROOPERS for that matter? Evenmoreso, fine American series were left unnoticed: SWAMPTHING, ROBOCOP, FLASH, WONDERWOMAN, etc...

Good try TV G, but you fail again. Stick with the soaps.

Among B5 regular columns and features, we have a special G'Kar and Londo team up column; Linda's Mr Morden and Emperor Cartagia (Part One) article, and another installment of B5 VERSUS. This time against B5's sole competitor on TNT's sci fi agenda Japan's Ultra 7 and family (pictured left)!

Many have called/written to us about supplying latecomers with first season episodes (SEE PAGE 10).

Babylonian Scriptures tees are also in the works (SEE PAGE 10). Wear them to sci cons to honeymoons, maybe Shari Shattuck will wear one (just the tee mind you).

Most subscribers have inquired



# BABYLON 5 GUEST STARS

PAGE 1

Y&R's  
Shari  
Shattuck



With help from David Bassom's CREATING BABYLON 5 and THE A-Z GUIDE TO BABYLON 5, sci-fi publications and going over each episode's list of B5 guest stars, I put together this article acknowledging the special appearances from veteran actors like Michael Ansara and Adrienne Barbeau along with many other talents. The columns will list B5 guest stars not mentioned in the article past and present. Enjoy.

## IMPRINT OF ADMIRATION AND IRE

"Black and terrible storm," warned Elric, the human Technomage admonishing Captain Sheridan of the coming of Shadows. "It was so great to work with Michael Ansara (Elric in "The Geometry of Shadows")," Boxleitner told STARLOG in an interview. "He was very gracious, and, in fact, we sat down and ran the lines as many times as he wanted to. We had to use a few cue cards, because he had such long speeches, and I had great empathy for him."

However unlike Ansara's sincere and enigmatic demeanor as Elric, W. Morgan Sheppard arrived on B5 seeking your very soul. Known as Jhak'Tot (SoulHunter) to the Minbari, a keeper of souls at the moment of a person(s) death, turned rogue after failing to collect "the greater souls" like that of Minbari leader Dukhat. Deciding not to wait for death, but to cause it, Soul Hunter "stole" souls in order to preserve them. A Hammer Horror character to be sure easily depicted by Shep-



pard. "God, you're creepy," Sheppard recalled horror hostess Elvira's apt description of him in ELVIRA, MISTRESS OF THE DARK (1994).

"It's wonderful to be working with some of these people," Boxleitner once said. "We had Jessica Walter, playing the senator on a video screen I was talking to, and Robert Foxworth, who's playing a recurring role as General Hague. I don't think this fazes any of the younger audiences. They might not know who some of these people are, but it's great to be working with them." Particularly with their long history in celluloid, time off screen was for story telling. "Russ Tamblyn talked about acting in WEST SIDE STORY, which is what most of the crew knew him from," Boxleitner stated. "He sat there and told stories about working on it. I (also) enjoyed working with Walter Koenig, because he tells the greatest STARTREK and William Shatner stories."

In addition, working with veteran actors have left an impact on B5's general cast. "He was great, a very quiet, unassuming individual who made an effort to know everyone's name on the set," Richard Biggs (alias Dr. Stephen Franklin) said about Michael York (STARLOG's June '97 Issue). Well known to sci-fi fans as the straightforward "let's have sex" Logan in LOGAN'S RUN (1976), the alluring Michael York guest stars on BABYLON 5 as a gunner during the Earth/Minbari War claiming he's King Arthur ("A Late Delivery From Avalon"). Biggs was astonished in how York transformed into King Arthur. "Seconds before the camera rolled, you could see him going somewhere," Biggs said. "It was wonderful watching him act, but what really affected me was watching this man get to where he needed to be King Arthur, or believe he was King Arthur, and that really got me going." Similar was said about Paul Winfield (STARTREK II/MARS ATTACK!). "I remember him from (the movie) SOUNDER -sitting watching it as a little kid, thinking, 'If he can do it, I can do it' ", Biggs declared. "So to work with him (in "Gropos") and to know that he's been around forever, that was really great." (BABYLON 5: The Official Collector's magazine)

Unfortunately, Claudia Christian had other things to say about Mr Winfield after his statement that B5's set wasn't as "professional" as STARTREK. "Well that's funny, coming from a man who doesn't even know his lines," Christian candidly told CINESCAPE. "Not only did he not know his lines," she continued, "but he said, 'On STARTREK, they work 18 hours a day.' Well, we work 13 (hours a day) and we do it for half the budget, so screw you."

Indeed.

Apparently, BABYLON 5 and STARTREK fans were at each others throats competing for best sci-fi series. Especially hearing reports that STARTREK DS9's concept was stolen from Straczynski's BABYLON 5 after "he d pitched B5 to Paramount first and been turned down be-

## B5's Pilot Guest Stars

Blaire Baron  
John Fleck  
Paul Hampton  
Steven A. Barnett  
William Hayes  
Linda Hoffman  
Robert Jackson  
F. William Parker  
Marianne Robertson  
as hostage  
David Sage  
Ed Wasser  
as Guerra

### ..... Season One

episode one  
Paul Hampton  
as senator  
Peter Trencher  
as Carn Mollari  
Jeff Austin  
Ardwright Chamberlain  
as Kosh  
Maggie Egan  
Mark Hendrickson  
Douglas E. McCoy  
Marianne Robertson  
as Tech. No. 1

episode two  
W. Morgan Sheppard  
John Snyder  
as Soul Hunter #2  
Toni Attell  
Jim Bentley  
Mark Conley  
David D. Darling  
Ted W. Henning

episode three  
Fabiana Udenio  
as Adira Tyree  
Clive Revill  
Mary Woronov  
as Ko Dath  
Jimm Giannini  
Robert Phalen  
as Andrei Ivanova  
Robert DiFillio  
Tom Lowe  
Katharine Mills  
Mike Norris  
Laura Peterson



Momo Yashima

episode four  
David McCallum  
Marshall Teague  
Patricia Healy  
Sav Farrow  
Daniel Hutchison  
Sylva Kelegian  
Tony Rizzoli  
Paul Yeuell

episode five  
Julia Nickson  
as Catherine Sakai  
Thomas Kopache  
Joy Hardin  
Calvin Jung  
Randall Kirby

fore taking it to Warner Bros.," noted Stephen C. Smith in SCI FI UNIVERSE's May 1997 Issue. Nevertheless, during season three's episode "Point of No Return" Majel Barrett Roddenberry made an appearance, depicting a very important and respected Centauri seeress, to end the freuds between the two universes. Being apart of STARTREK since its initial birth, it must have been a great honour to have Ms Barrett aboard B5 illuminating her all-to-natural sensual beauty.

However ironically the bad-vibes between these two worlds are not severe seeing that a hand full of B5 guest stars are STARTREK familiars: Beth Toussaint, Robin Curtis, Dwight Schultz, Tricia O'Neil, Mary Kay Adams (who played Na'Toth II) and Walter Koenig one of CLASSIC STARTREK's original cast members. Incidentally, Andreas Katsulas (who plays the out-spoken Narn G'Kar) made occasional appearances on STNG; even Julie Caitlin Brown (as G'Kar's attache Na'Toth) made an appearance on STNG and DS9. (SEE ISSUE 4 ON MS BROWN)

And for the record, B5 can equate its unique series with CLASSIC STARTREK, but it cannot yet compete with the 30 year-old sci-fi veteran. As for the other TREK shows -NG,DS9 & VOYAGER- B5's victory over them is assured. Nuff said.

#### SCI OPERA

Many known actors of the sci-fi, horror and fantasy genre have made their mark on B5's serial like Sarah Douglas Jeffrey Combs, David Warner and June Lockhart to name a few. Typed-casted as villainess from her roles in SUPERMAN II

(the best Superman movie) and CONAN THE DESTROYER, Sarah Douglas in addition was a military scientist working with zombies (RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD III) and a puppet spitting out leeches from her mouth (PUPPETMASTER III) prior to her malignant alien portrayal of Jha'Dur -alias DeathWalker- who aspired sentient beings to grovel at her feet in B5 s "DeathWalker." A personal favorite, Douglas s depiction of Jha Dur -the last of the Dilgars was outstanding albeit stereotypical of her past roles. Nevertheless she enjoys the genre. "Since SUPERMAN, I quite like doing fantasy and science fiction.....I ve sort of gotten locked into the science fic-





tion roles." (STARLOG's June '81 Issue)

Jeffrey Combs too is often type-casted usually as a mild-mannered or eccentric Joe either dabbling in the occult (DR MORDRID) or playing with bodyparts (BRIDE OF THE REANIMATOR); and in B5's "Eyes" he's a soft-spoken telepath participating in Commander Sinclair's interrogation opposite Gregory Martin. Albeit Combs (who I envision playing Peter Parker aka SPIDERMAN) made numerous alien appearances on STARTREK:DS9, yet his B-movie roles remain uncredited. He did however appeared in THE FRIGHTENERS which starred Michael J. Fox, though never mentioned during its film release. Sadly talented actors such as Combs are over-shadowed by lame big budget actors who can't act for a heap of beans.

Auspiciously, David Warner obtained a successful acting career targeting nearly every known genre. He was once Supreme Evil (TIME BANDITS), a wolf slayer (COMPANY OF WOLVES) and even starred in two STARTREK movies (STARTREK V: THE FINAL FRONTIER/STARTREK: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY; the last best STARTREK movie). Furthermore he voices an archenemy on BATMAN:THE ANIMATED SERIES. This skillfully talented gentleman brings his forte to BABYLON 5 in "Grail" as a man searching for the ancient holy grail. Surprisingly, Warner starred with Jeffrey Combs in the anthological film NECRONOMICON and in SCI FI CHANNEL's QUEST OF THE DELTA KNIGHTS with Sarah Douglas.

But while those noted are familiarized on the big screen, June Lockhart was a household name as Mrs Robinson in the 60s sci-fi series LOST IN SPACE. Lockhart docked on B5 under Dr Laura Rosen who utilized a mysterious alien device to heal the sick. Though Bill Mumy (who plays Lennier) played Mrs Robinson's son -Will Robinson- he never cross paths with his TV mum on the station.

Turhan Bey, Adrienne Barbeau, Michael Beck, Beverly Leech, Aubrey Morris, Elaine Thomas, Joan McMortrey, Greg McKinney, Melissa Gilbert and Robert Englund are others who walked on the five-mile-long behemoth in space. Although apparently Englund (V/NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET) has been on B5 for some time according to the episode "Grey 17 Is Missing". Does this mean all that had transpired may be simply a dream brought on by Englund? Hmmm..

Anyway, with B5's continuity it has welcomed actors who follow an all to familiar concept. "Coming from a soap opera background, I..loved (B5's) continuing story," Wortham Krimmer told SFX. Playing mad man Emperor Cartagia, Krimmer must have shocked his soap fans who know him for the soft-spoken Andrew Carpenter on ONE LIFE TO LIVE. (SEE PROFILE ON KRIMMER IN THIS ISSUE)



Michael McKenzie  
Glenn Robinson  
Erich Martin Von  
Hicks

episode 6

Walter Koenig  
William Allen Young  
Felicity Waterman  
as Kelsey  
Don Dowe  
Elisa Pensler Gabriell  
Kevin Page  
Mark S. Porro  
Macaulay Bruton

episode7

Tristan Rogers  
as Malcolm Biggs  
Nancy Lee Grahn  
Michael Paul Chan  
as Roberts  
Rodney Eastman  
Danica McKellar  
Diane Adair  
Richard Chaves  
Chuck Butto

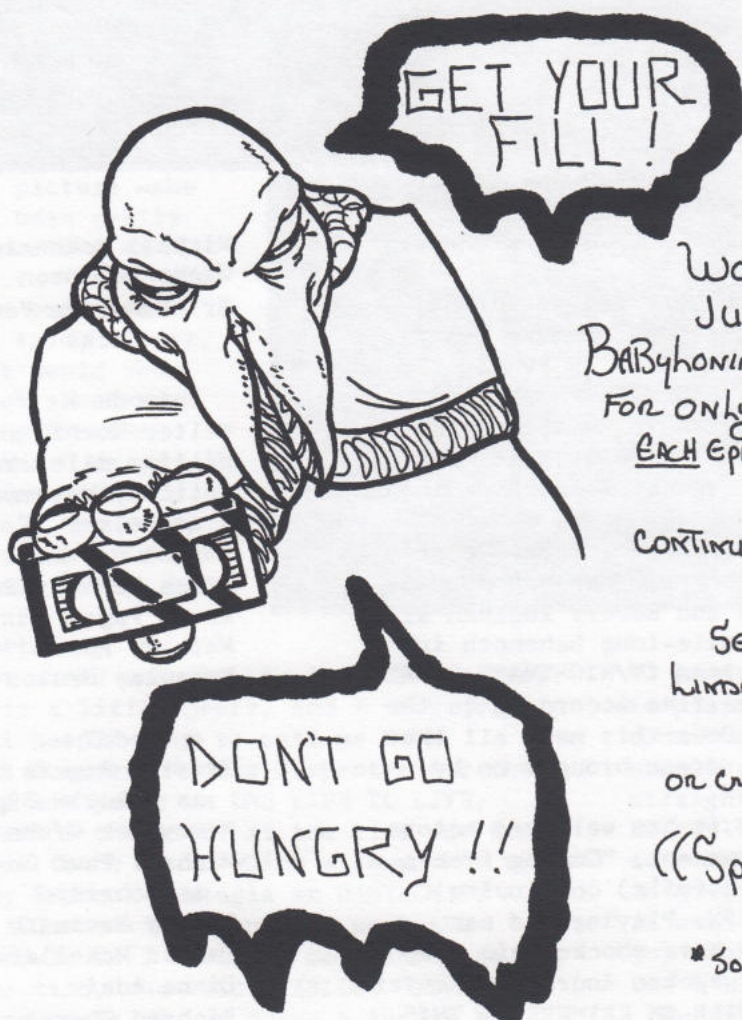
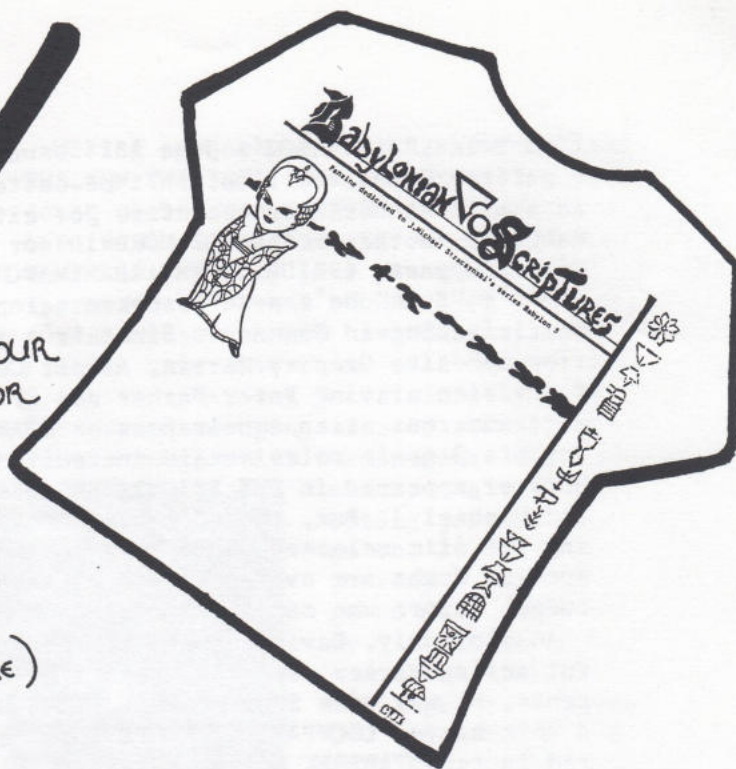


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Yes, soap stars like Nancy Lee Grahn (SANTA BARBARA), Kim Zimmer (GUIDING LIGHT), Sarah Douglas (FALCON CREST), even Phil Morris (who you've seen as an investigator in SNICKERS' parody of X FILE commercials) made a brief appearance on B5. But no one raised the station's blood pressure than the sultry Shari Shattuck (pictured below right). Just ask Zack Allen when she revved his engine in "Voices of Authority." Julie Musante (Shattuck) arrived on B5 as Captain Sheridan's "political advisor" to his displeasure. (Well, excluding his moment alone with her.) Anyhow, Ms Musante soon vanished like an unforgettable flame.

Those who may have fallen head-over-heels like Zack for Ms Shattuck can see her in film prior to her role in YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS. In fact, Shattuck starred with Claudia Christian, Marc Alaimo (alias Gul Dukat) and Armin Shimerman (alias Quark) in the sci-fi flick ARENA; added with Don "The Dragon" Wilson in OUT FOR BLOOD, DEAD ON and IMMORTAL SINS portraying a luscious succubus. Evenmore-

so, Shattuck made a brief appearance dressed like a Dilgar in the short-lived young adult

orientated sci-fi series HYPERNAUTS

created by B5's FX genius Ron Thornton. (SEE ISSUE 4

ON HYPERNAUTS)

coincidentally, while in the process of putting

episode 8  
Judson Scott  
Christopher Neame  
Jim Youngs  
Justin Williams  
as Mitchell  
Joe Banks  
Gary Cervantes  
Fumi Shishino

episode 9  
Sarah Douglas  
Robin Curtis  
Cosie Costa  
as Abbut  
Aki Aleong  
as Senator Hidoshi

episode 10  
Tricia O'Neil  
Stephen Lee  
Silvana Gallardo  
Jonathan Charles  
Kaplan  
as Shon

episode 11  
Elaine Thomas  
as Lianna Kemmer  
Tom Donaldson



\*\*ROBERT WORTHAM KRIMMER (above left), KIM ZIMMER (below left) & NANCY LEE GRAHN (above)\*\*

ting this article together SOAP OPERA NEWS featured a short piece on soap stars who appeared on STARTREK because of NASA's fascinating pictures from Mars. (July 29, 1997)

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David Austin Cook  
 David Crowley  
 Jose Rosario  
 Robin Wake  
     as young Lianna  
 Rod Perry

episode 12  
 Katy Boyer  
     as Neeoma Connolly  
 Jose Rey  
 Ricardo Martinez  
 Floyd Vaughn

episode 13  
 Gerrit Graham  
     as Lord Kiro  
 Fredi Olster  
     as Lady Ladira  
 Whip Hubley  
 Anita Brabec  
 Joshua Cox  
 Garry Kluger  
 Lee Mathis  
 Douglas E. McCoy  
 Hector Mercado  
 Robert Silver  
 Ed Wasser  
 Lynn Red Williams

episode 14  
 Greg McKinney  
     as Walker Smith  
 Soon-Teck Oh  
     as The Muta-Do  
 Don Stroud  
     as Caliban  
 Theodore Bikel  
 James Jude Courtney  
 Lenore Kasdorf

episode 15  
 David Warner  
     as Aldous Gajic  
 William Sanderson  
 Tom Booker  
     as Jinxo  
 Jim Norton  
 Linda Lodge  
 John Flinn  
     as Mr Flinn

episode 16  
 Gregory Martin  
 Jeffrey Combs  
 Marie Chambers  
 David L. Crowley  
 Frank Farmer



"I'M NOT A NUMBER DAMMIT, DON'T EVER  
 SAY THAT TO ME AGAIN, EVER!!"

Drew Letchworth

episode 17  
 John Vickery  
 Grace Una  
     as Alisa Beldon  
 Richard Henry  
 Patrick O'Brien

episode 18  
 Louis Turenne  
     as Draal  
 Curt Lowens  
 Craig Barnett  
 Langdon Bensing  
 Kelly Coyle  
 Kathryn Cressida  
 Jim Ishida  
 Lenore Kasdorf  
 Patty Toy  
 Jerry Well

episode 19  
 Ron Canada  
 Denise Gentile  
     as Lise Hampton  
 Chip Heller  
 Michelan Sisti

episode 20  
 Kent Broadhurst  
 Tim Choate  
 Frank Costa  
 Tommy Rosales

episode 21  
 June Lockhart  
 Kate McNeil  
 Mark Rolston  
 Damian London  
     as Centauri senator  
 Lynn Anderson  
 Phillippe Bergeron  
 Kevin McBride  
 Constance Zimmer

episode 22  
 Liz Burnette  
 Edward Conery  
 Cheryl Francis  
 Harrington  
 James Kiriya-Lem  
 Wesley Leong  
 Gianin Loffler  
 David Anthony Marshall  
 Gary McGurk  
 John Rioj  
 Bergen Williams





Tracy  
Scoggins

# THE CORQUEMAN Report

**FIRST  
EDITION**

## NEW CAPTAIN ON BOARD!

Captain Elizabeth Lochley played by Tracy Scoggins, the well-known sexy veteran actress of THE COLBYS and DYNASTY, is BABYLON 5's new head-honcho while warhorse Captain John Sheridan (Bruce Boxleitner) turns president.

Tracy Scoggins after leaving the stereotype brought on by her roles mentioned above became a "hardbody" portraying more assertive characters as in Charles Band's FullMoon Production DEMONIC TOYS and DOLLMAN vs DEMONIC TOYS. She has also starred in the erotic thriller DEAD ON with Shari Shattuck (the sultry "political advisor" Ms Mustane in B5's "Voices of Authority"). In addition, Scoggins made guest appearances on HIGHLANDER, LOIS AND CLARK, and even DS9.

There will be further information on Tracy Scoggins when available.

## IVANOVA IS MISSING

Sadly general cast member Claudia Christian who plays Commander Susan Ivanova will not be appearing in B5's launched 5th season to start January 19, 1998 on TNT after B5's January 4th premiere of "In The Beginning", followed by "The Gathering". (BABYLON 5 re-runs start January 5, 1998) However Commander Ivanova will remain Christian's character "in case she wants to come back," Straczynski told TV GUIDE (August 16, 1997). "Instead, we're bringing in a new second-in-command, Captain Elizabeth

Lochley (SEE LEFT), who was on the wrong side of the civil war on Earth. It gives us dramatic tension, just as when Captain Sheridan (Bruce Boxleitner) came on: 'Here is someone new... can we trust her?'"

## SHE SAID, THEY SAID

There's report of what Claudia Christian calls "a great lack of communication" between her (and agent) and WB which resulted in a fax letter stating she was fired. However plenty of "rumors" have broke this situation out of proportion.

With the idea B5 was cancelled, Christian (including the rest of the general cast) went on auditioning for other roles. Christian auditioned for "lady borg" on VOYAGER (which obviously she did not get possibly due to lack of mammograms) to starring in TOTAL SECURITY's series pilot. Including two films (GUARDIAN/THICK AND THIN) along with a guest appearance on the British TV series SPACE CADETS (pictured right).



Unfortunately, rumor has it Claudia Christian never extended her contract awaiting the negotiations between WB and TNT, and failed to give prompt notice of her return to B5's 5th season. Nevertheless, Christian claims to have "hesitation in extending my contract renewal because I wanted to get their assurance that in the 5th season I could get at least 4 episodes off to do a film. That was the only thing I was asking for. No raise -accepting a pay-cut- simply less episodes, period." That's when she said, "my agent had received a fax stating that the offer for me to be on B5 was withdrawn. In es-



sence, I was fired."

TNT insisted she do all 22 episodes or nothing.

The rest remains what she said, they said. An inevitable event that will hopefully be resolved.

#### JMS DIRECTS

On the subject of the series, the withheld episodes resume this October (Between The Darkness And The Light, End Game, Rising Star, The Deconstruction of Falling Stars).

"The Deconstruction of Falling Stars" replaced "Sleeping In Light", the final episode of BABYLON 5 directed by the GreatMaker (JMS) himself!

(Below SFX...a British zine...interviews J. Michael Straczynski in their September 1997 Issue.)

**B**y the time BABYLON 5 had safely secured its fifth season last month, the final episode, entitled "Sleeping In Light," was already in the can, where it'll now stay for a year until five has played itself out.

Which means we'll have to wait another season before we get to see JMS's directorial debut. That's right. After writing more than 50 episodes, he's now stepped behind the cameras to direct.

"Everything you see on screen is there shot for shot, line for line, in the script. What I tried to do was create, as closely as possible, what I had in my head when I wrote it, and not to embarrass myself. Well, I blew that second goal almost immediately! On the very first day, my very first shot, they all hit their marks and stood there. Minutes went by, and then someone leant over to me and said, 'You have to say action or they can't move.' I had to pretend I was thinking about the scene!

"But of all the episodes, this one is 100% what I saw in my head. Warners are very happy with the cut, and everyone here has seen it and loved it, saying it's very emotional and very moving."

The last time anyone had such total control over an episode was at the end of THE PRISONER, when Patrick McGoohan took on an equally wide range of roles

to produce a very individual finale. But Straczynski insists there's no comparison between the two.

"They're very different episodes. The whole visual style and structure of 'Fall Out' was very experimental, whereas on 'Sleeping in Light' the direction is pretty conventional. It isn't the sort of story that calls for flashiness. Most of this series is done at a shout. This one's a whisper. So I had to make the directing style unobtrusive, with the focus on what was happening on camera. The fireworks lie in what's happening with the characters, not in a neat camera moves."

So will he be directing more B5 episodes? "I have no desire to be a director. I think I'd reach my level of incompetence with breathtaking speed! I did it once in order to become a better writer by learning that side of the work. If I were to do it again the most I'd do would be to do 522, because then I would have completed all the scripts for season five. But I doubt it. If I never direct again, I'll be happy with that."  
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"I've carried this story like a hermit crab carries its shell for five long years, counting the pilot," Straczynski told Universe Today. "It's been an 'awfully' long and difficult road, and no one will ever really know just how hard this show was to make. Nor should they, because it isn't the difficulty that makes the story, the 'story' makes the story. But one way or another, aired as 522 or 422, when it airs the burden is off at last. Then it no longer belongs to me. It belongs to you. As should be. And, in the end, I think you'll be pleased."

#### ANOTHER HUGO FOR BABYLON 5

That's right, BABYLON 5 won another Hugo Award in the Best Dramatic Presentation category for "Severed Dreams." Last year they won a Hugo for "Coming of Shadows." In addition, Andrea Katsulas (who plays the lovable G Kar) won an SFX award for Best Actor.



## CHECK OUT!

Want to see more of Tamlyn Tomita, Jeff Conaway and Robert Wortham Krimmer (Emperor Cartagia)? Check out an episode of **THE SENTINEL** where Tamlyn Tomita (BABYLON 5's original Lt. Commander Laurel Takashima) makes a guest appearance: Jeff Conaway (Security Chief Zack Allen) stars in the sci-fi film 2002: RAPE OF EDEN including a brief role in **ELVIRA, MISTRESS OF THE DARK** (1994); and Robert Wortham Krimmer plays a small part in **REMINGTON STEELE**.

## REPORT FROM OBSERVATION DOME

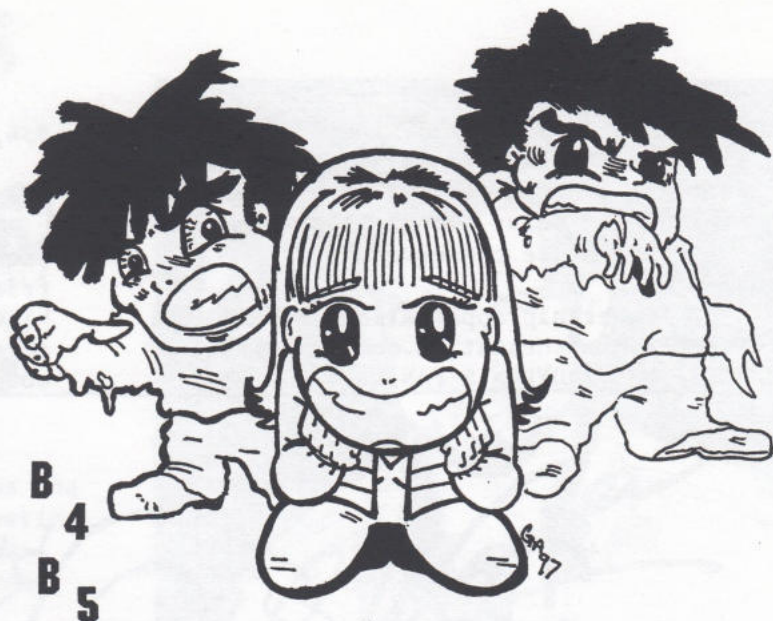
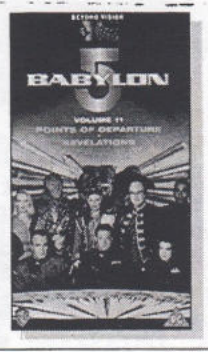
The new British series **THE HERETIC** starring Ed Wasser (Mr Morden) and Michael O'Hare (Sinclair/Valen) will also feature other B5 familiars: Julie Caitlin Brown, Joshua Cox and Morgan Hunter.

The Dome also reports Previews/Toys R US are going to sell BABYLON 5 action figures. The first to be released are Marcus, Lennier, and Vir. For more info: <http://www.diamdcom.com/previews/merchandise/babylon.html>

Columbia House Video are now selling BABYLON 5! The pilot priced at \$4.95 (plus \$3.59 p/h) with each additional video for \$19.95. All I have to say is, "It's about damn time!"

Sonic Images will start releasing B5 episodessoundtracks on CD and are asking for fan input on other episodes. For more information contact: SONIC IMAGES, PO Box 691626, West Hollywood, CA 90069; Fax: (213)650 1016; [www.sonicimages.com](http://www.sonicimages.com).

The Hamilton Collection has just released B5 collector plates starting with Captain John Sheridan (priced under \$40 with p/h). You can call 1 (904)279 1300 to order; or write to them at: The Hamilton Collection, 4810 Executive Park Ct., PO Box 2567, Jacksonville, FL 32232.



## LYTA BATTLED MINDLESS ZOMBIES !!!

## FAREWELL TO THE DOME

Sadly Jerrie Marchand, editor of The Observation Dome, will discontinue the newsletter dedicated to BABYLON 5.

"One of the best things about doing the newsletter has been meeting other B5 fans."

Jerrie Marchand

## UNIVERSE TODAY...BACK IN BUSINESS

After the long wait for issue 3 of Universe Today, the official BABYLON 5 newsletter, the fan club is back in business with a new look and new editor Michael Zmuda. The same editor of Centaurian Sentinel.

"Recently I was given the opportunity to become editor of Universe Today, an offer I found too irresistible to pass up. In addition, Sandra Bruckner will also be joining Universe Today as Co-Editor, and as administrator for The Official Babylon 5 Fan Club's Web site. Sandy was previously Senior Editor for The Centaurian Sentinel and is currently Publisher of the weekly online newsletter, The Zocalo. Together we will continue to maintain this newsletter and the Web site as your links to the BABYLON 5 Universe. I feel that the opportunity to take a position in Universe Today's C&C is one of those 'choices'



that JMS is always talking about; 'Too often we go through our life not making choices, better our lives, change things -we coast along...Your choices have immediate consequences.'"

For membership application, e-mail membership@thestation.com, or send a SASE to: BABYLON 5 FAN CLUB, PO Box

856, North Hollywood, CA 91603

### THE "BIG" PROPOSAL

Richard Biggs proposed to his girlfriend at a UK convention. She said, "YOUR NUTS...NO!" Just kidding. She accepted. Future happiness for the couple!



Dear Linda Arroyo,

I have just received my first copy of The Babylonian Scriptures and I am very pleased. Your magazine is informative and just plain fun. I have just recently discovered BABYLON 5 and I am completely hooked; I am also completely confused!! I am looking forward to watching the past episodes and your episode synopsis helped out quite abit.

...Thank you again for a very enjoyable magazine.

Ria L Molduin  
Bakersfield, CA

Dear Ria,

Thanx for the compliment. I'm pleased many readers enjoy Babylonian Scriptures, unusual that it is. And some are just as confused about BABYLON 5 as you are, so you're not alone.

Welcome to Babylonian Scriptures, and spread the word about BS before the servants of the Shadows find us out!

PS I forgot to ask -Are you a Dwight Yoakam fan? Either next issue or the following will feature this urban-blue-eyed-cowboy.

Dear Linda,

Sending pictures of me as Delenn; I won 3rd place in NovaCon masquerade workmanship class judged by woman who does costumes for movies & Jason G. Carter (he's a real wild man). Also have you heard about Claudia Christian? Not signing up for 5th season?

Pam Truesdale  
Chesterfield, VA

Pam,

Thanx a million for the photos! (SEE PAGE 31)

Reason why Claudia Christian hasn't signed on for the 5th season, because she just filmed a pilot called TOTAL SECURITY with Jim Bulushi and has filmed an ~~Untitled~~ TV movie. Due to BABYLON 5's proposed cancellation Christian simply went on with her career before the series was permitted to continue on its 5th season. (SEE PAGE 13 FOR MORE INFORMATION)



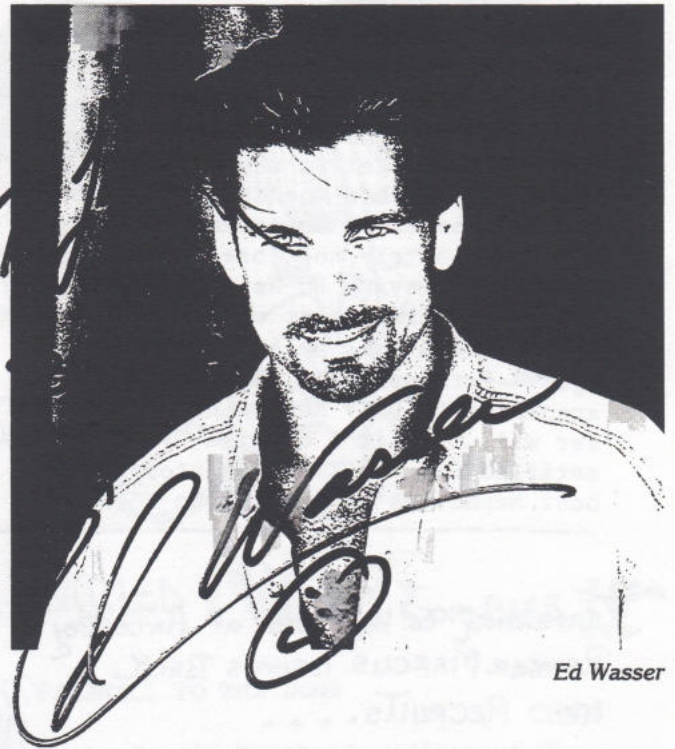
# ED WASSER;

FROM ANGEL OF DEATH  
TO ANGEL.

Debuting in season one's "Signs and Portents" initiating a clandestine business relationship with Centauri Ambassador Londo Mollari, Mr Morden set forth an impending war with Shadows of Z'ha'dum. Morden remained a complete mystery to the crew (and us, the viewers) plotting to bring down the Narns on Ambassador Mollari's request. Only later (actually in season two's "In The Shadow of Z'ha'dum") did we discover Morden was stationed on The Icarus in which Captain Sheridan's wife, Anna, was thought dead.

Besides playing the ultimate villain on B5, Morden was an agent of the Shadows, an ambassador (for lack of a better word) who elucidated the dwellers of Z'ha'dum's method of destruction equals progression. However those plans were interrupted after the death of Ambassador Kosh. With the Vorlons now apart of the war leasing their wrath on the dark ones' supporters (whom crept into their followers home-world after theirs was destroyed by Sheridan), Morden was then decapitated on Londo's order, after he found out Morden killed his only love inso to have him sign back on with his "associates".

"After attending S.U.N.Y. Purchase in New York, Wasser did a large amount of regional theater," stated in STARLOG's interview with the actor (November '96). However he nearly "derailed a promising acting career" when he decided to run a company called Ad Skates. Rollerskating around the streets of my birthplace -Manhattan- passing out flyers, Wasser later began producing "corporate videos, in-house training tapes and business-to-business communications." Caned by his grandmother to pursue a



Ed Wasser

"self" investment career (well she didn't really "cane" him, she encouraged), Wasser moved to California where his career boosted.

Making appearances in television (MURDER, SHE WROTE, QUANTUM LEAP, LIFE GOES ON) and in film (STORMSWEEP, ROYAL AFFAIR), Wasser soon arrived on B5 as a reader for the pilot who playacts with the auditioning actors inso they can have "someone to bounce off, as opposed to a casting person delivering those lines without any inflection -hardly a confidence builder for any actor trying to do his best," STARLOG declared.

But in the long run, Wasser was "the first one" (pun intended) to take part in the making of BABYLON 5. He had the initial glimpse at the general cast which included Mira Furlan and Michael O'Hare. And evenmoreso, making a small appearance in B5 s pilot as a technician named Guerra. Persistent (much like his alter-ego), Wasser wanted to continue working in the series -thus Mr Morden was born.

Engulfing this 1940ish style character Wasser began searching around crystal shops to obtain some symbol or talisman



linking Morden's relation to the Shadows. Purchasing a black stone turning a lovely translucent green in the light, his "talisman" of the Shadows was well approved. You get to see the stone occasionally when Morden happens to appear on the show. Unfortunately he is gone, but surely not forgotten.

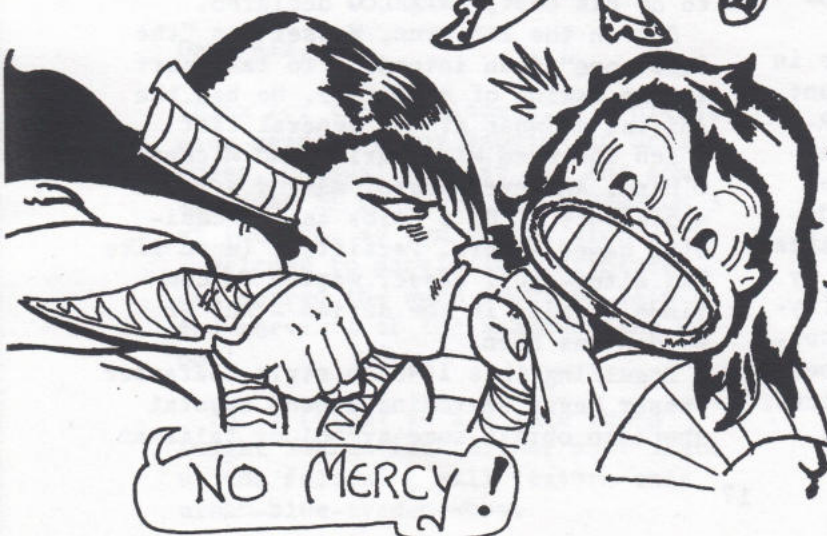
Still believing Ed Wasser could pass for Rod Serling (host of TWILIGHT ZONE), nevertheless will he ever appear on B5 again? Perhaps. Well, I hope so! But according to USTV Review next year Wasser will star in a British TV series entitled THE HERETIC. The story is about Nephilims attempting to open the

gates of Hell. No, Wasser doesn't play a villain this time. In fact he plays a hero endeavouring to stop these fallen angels. (Also starring in the series are Michael O'Hare, Julie Caitlin Brown, Joshua Cox and Morgan Hunter.)

So being remembered for bringing a dark cloud over spacestation B5, here's the address to Ed Wasser's fan club in which I received the charming autographed photo shown (Thanx Ed!): ED WASSER FAN CLUB or E.W.F.C., PO Box 1641, Corvallis, OR 97339. \*

## TRAVELING TO HIS PLACE OF ANCESTRY RANGER MARCUS BRINGS BACK NEW RECRUITS.....

BABY RANGER-  
SPORTY RANGER-  
SCARY RANGER-  
POST RANGER-  
& SEXY RANGER.



BUT... BUT DEKENN,  
CAPT. SHERIDAN SAID TO  
BRING MORE SPICE TO  
THE RANGERS !!





## BABYLON 5 SEASON TO SEASON EPISODE GUIDE

Movie pilot:

THE GATHERING

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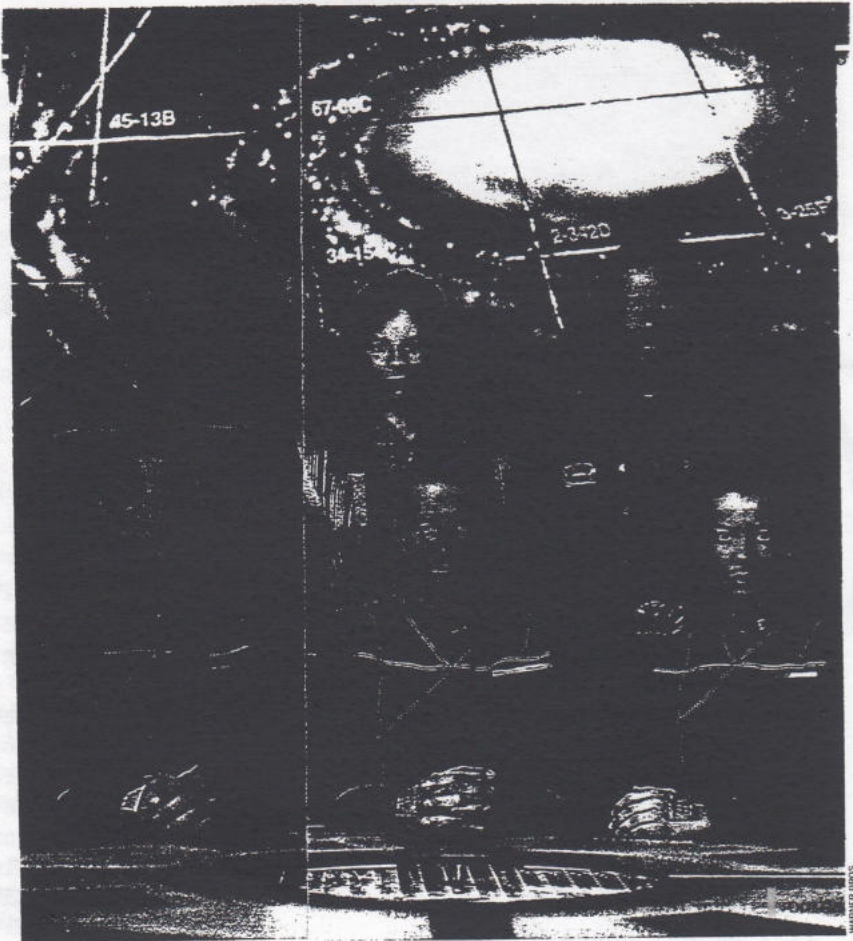
- 401: Hour of The Wolf
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- 405: The Long Night
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Falling Stars

TO BE CONTINUE.....



Nerve of some sentient beings! Here we have a major cast member killed off only to be re-animated, but still dead?! And will only "live" for 60yrs. Of course I'm talking about Captain Sheridan the zombie! Having Earthers as writers and executives have some advantages, if only I was so fortunate.

Sheridan died and revived so quickly I hardly had the chance to torture the bastard! Earth writers should have written him straight to Hell!

Imagine Sheridan in an on-going series where I and my loyal minions pound and gnaw at his flesh vigorously. With my ever fleeting sense of compassion,

I'll let him peer into the living world to witness his dear Delenn in the arms of a carrion eater, a feeder, or better yet Ivanova! HA HA HA HA!!!

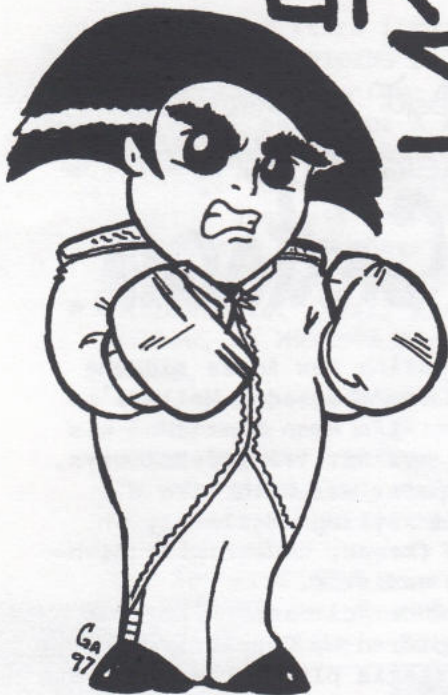
Ah, the pleasure I could have seeing Sheridan rot! Unlike that foul movie GHOST, Sheridan will not be allowed to venture out of my realm to mingle with his beloved. And if Delenn insists on seeing him, she'll just have to take the initiative -euthanasia! HA HA!



**DEATH WALKERS**  
**MORTUARY**



# G'KAR & LONDO SQUARE OFF.



G'KAR: Appalling, utterly appalling! TV GUIDE waits four years, four years to decide we're good enough to monopolize (July 5, 1997). What do they intend to do next...invade our homes and private lives to discover how "human" we really are?!

LONDO: Speak for yourself, G'Kar! Although the Earthers are late to "discover" our potential, I don't mind the recognition, little that it is.

G'KAR: Recognition?! I will be forever "recognized" as a head on someone's mantle!

LONDO: Not mine, I assure you! But I see your point G'Kar. I for one would not enjoy a night's sleep knowing an Earther's child will twist my neck and step on me in the form of a "doll!"

G'KAR: I would.

LONDO: I might add, we could use the publicity, G'Kar.

G'KAR: "We" have more than enough Mollari on the Earth continent Europe. "We" wouldn't want to follow Centauri footsteps and expand where "we" are not wanted.

LONDO: See here G'Kar, all I ask is to take in and accept the adulation, little that it is.

G'KAR: Not when that adulation is the source of misspelling Great-Maker's name; ignorance of BS (for

4 decades); stupidly forgetting to mention Andrea Thompson's marriage to Mr. Garibaldi; and left me out of their cover! Unforgivable!

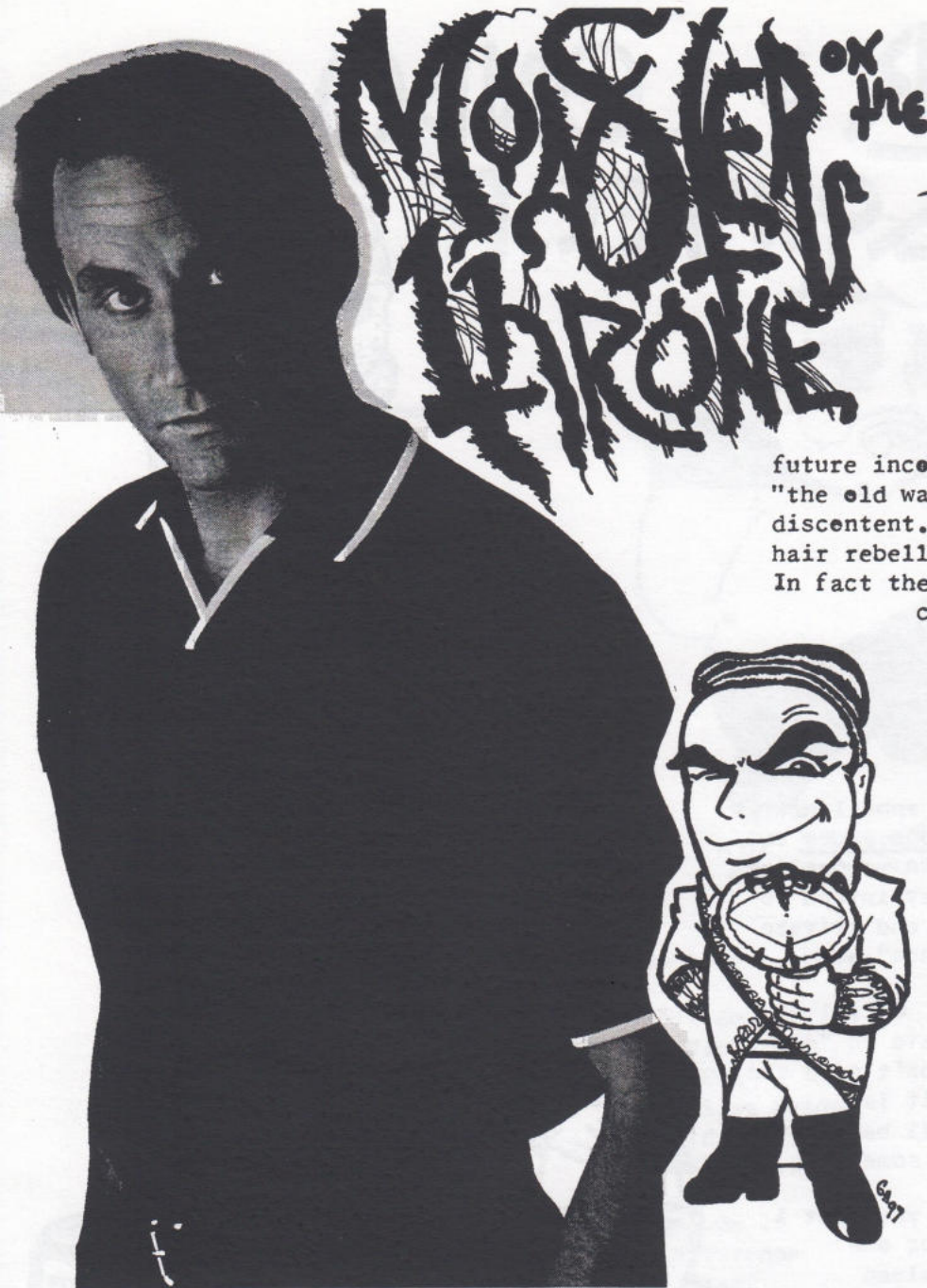
LONDO: You have your name before mine in this debate, G'Kar...that should make you a joyous little Narn, yes.

G'KAR: No! Your name is too close to mine!



"DO YOU LIKE USING HAND CUFFS?"





## ROBERT WORTHAM KRUMMER'S REIGN AS EMPEROR CARTAGIA.

future incorporating new ideas ridding "the old ways" to Ambassador Mollari's discontent. Cartagia even shortened his hair rebelling against traditional ways. In fact the Emperor was much like a child sitting restlessly on the throne, however fiendishly sadistic.



Once "citizen" G'Kar was captured by Centauri guards, Cartagia played him like a child's toy, torturing and demeaning G'Kar to no end. During this time, Mollari (with supporters) plotted to assassinate "the monster on the throne." His attaché Vir Cotto disagreed seeking options, but his efforts to keep Cartagia alive quickly subsided when he witnessed the state of dementia the serene Emperor was in after personally torturing G'Kar for "my scream."

Staying on Centauri Prime, Mollari solely noticed Emperor Cartagia's

madness talking to his counsel of decapitated heads and sheltering the Shadows in exchange for apotheosis. Albeit in the expense of all Centauri as the Verlon's Planet Destroyer annihilate worlds associated with the Shadows.

So the time to remove Centauri's royal terror would come swiftly aided by Mollari's sole-enemy G'Kar. Unexpectedly, Vir was the one to end Cartagia's final reign of horror.

Emperor Cartagia, nephew to the late Turhan, left behind a legacy relative to Earth history. "Likened to the Roman Emperor Caligula; he is insane, giving to killing members of his court at a

"A young man who feels as we do about the future," said the late Lord Refa referring to Emperor Turhan's nephew Cartagia who claimed the throne after the Emperor's death while visiting Babylon 5. And after Prime Minister Malachi's "murder" arranged by Lord Refa himself. "Our need for change" was Lord Refa's words fortifying a new age for Centauri. But he and those who concurred did not foresee the outcome of their destructiveness, first against Narn and then the universe.

Emperor Cartagia was surely Centauri's



whim," wrote David Richardson in CULT TIMES. Cartagia has also been described as Emperor Claudius's stepson and successor Nero who "fiddled" while his city burned to the ground on his behest.

(Linda here! The following contains SFX's interview with the talented Robert Wortham Krimmer in Issue 26.)

For Krimmer, this villain of operatic dimensions was a job in a millien. "He's over the top whatever way you look at it! My current character on the soap I do (ONE LIFE TO LIVE) is the good guy archetype -he's the minister of the town, the moral centre of the community, and he's married with children...Which can be a little boring at times. So when I got this opportunity to play Cartagia I was thrilled. It was a chance to go in an absolute opposite direction.

"When I read the lines I realised I could play him very arch and very straight, but I made a conscious decision to have as much fun as I could. It would have been boring to just play him as a sinister arch-villain."

Krimmer notes that the Emperor's over-the-top nature means he has to walk a fine line between comedy and evil. "I wasn't afraid of that. I knew the structure of the character, I knew he had a beginning, middle and an end, and I wanted him to start off getting a few laughs and then, as the character progressed, to become darker and more sinister."

The actor had been a devotee of BABYLON 5 before Cartagia was offered to him. "I'd done a daytime drama called DAYS OF OUR LIVES for a couple of years way back when and Richard Biggs (Dr Franklin) and I were on the show together, so I would occasionally tune in to watch Richard. And Bruce Buxleitner and I had done another show called SCARECROW AND MRS KING, so I'd enjoyed watching him on that. I loved B5, and you can't help but draw a comparison between it and STARTREK -I'm a STARTREK fan from my college days...I loved BABYLON 5 because it found a unique and different niche from STARTREK. Coming from a soap opera background, I also loved its continuing story."

To help him get into the part of

Cartagia, Krimmer had plenty of help from both the producers and the rest of the cast. "Joe Straczynski and John Copeland gave me a number of episodes to watch to get the feel of the Centauri," he recalls. "I watched them several times, and Peter Jurasik was very helpful. He and I had worked together at MCM Productions on HILL STREET BLUES, and we hit it off. Peter would pull me aside, give me little tips."

The actor's portrayal also drew strength from his experience in classical theatre acting, but for the most part he told himself to simply "just go for it." "Actors are always saying, 'Don't be afraid to go out there and fail,' and yet very few actors actually do that! I have to say that this time I decided to do just that, be as intuitive and as instinctive as possible. I certainly enjoyed it, and I've always believed that if you're having a good time as actor, the audience is having a good time watching!"

Krimmer's association with BABYLON 5 also extends behind the scenes, having known the show's production designer John Iacovelli for many years. "John and I go way, way back, and I have a lot of respect for what he does on B5, with the budget he has -he just creates magic! It's an extraordinary show overall."

Unlike the rest of BABYLON 5's regulars, though, Krimmer had to develop his character very rapidly for the higher demands of season four. "I think they kinda liked what I was bringing to it at the audition and they encouraged me to go with that. We shot the first two episodes over a two or three-day period and Joe would come down and watch -he would take me aside and help me to find the character's legs. By the second episode I think I had a good sense of where the character should be. That was the beauty of (seeing the arc of) Cartagia, because when you do a soap opera you never know the third act and it's such a frustration because there's no arc. I knew that I had room at the beginning to be outrageous and fun, and then in the middle I had to



begin to darken, and then by the end I had to take him to a place where it really justified what happens to him.

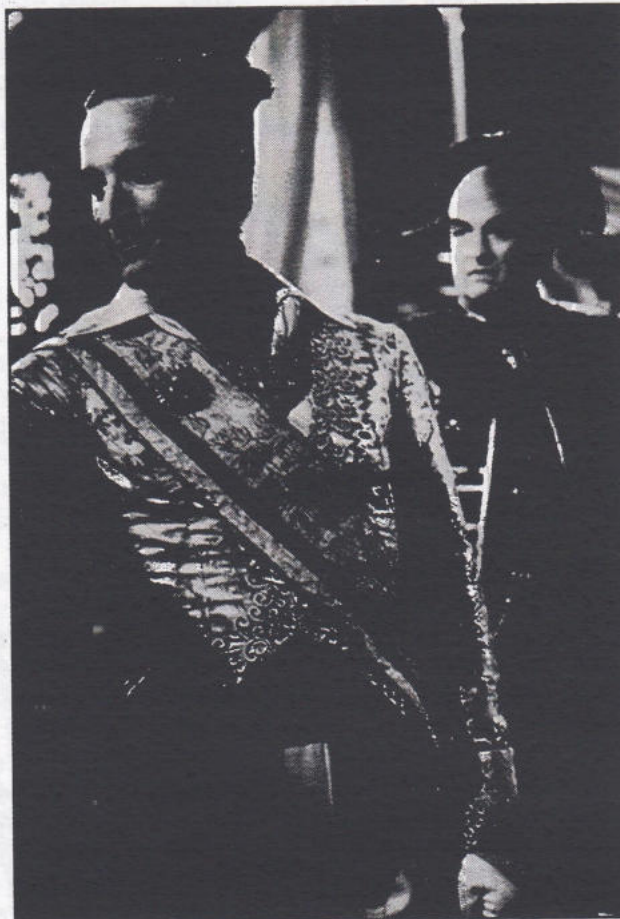
Though credits read Wortham Krimmer as Emperor Cartagia, he prefer people call him "Beb."

"Years ago, when I was at the American Conservatory Theatre (ACT) in San Francisco," Krimmer explained to STARLOG (1997 Yearbook), "I was going by the

name Robert Wortham Krimmer; my wife Mary and I hyphenated our last names after our marriage. The artistic director there at the time said I needed to shorten the name because it dropped down to a second line in the theater programs. I didn't want to drop my wife's name out of the picture -she had been really supportive of my career- so I came home one night and said, 'Honey, what would you think about my using "Wortham Krimmer" as my professional name?' She said, 'I think it's a little goofy, but I sure am flattered,' so I

went ahead and did it. And she's right: it is a little goofy, and I very quickly tell people just to call me Beb."

As Reverend Andrew Carpenter for the past six years on ONE LIFE TO LIVE, Robert's character at the time was no where to be found which allowed him to play Emperor Cartagia on BABYLON 5. "...ABC was kind enough to work the schedule so I could do both shows at the same time," he told STARLOG. "For about seven weeks, I was doing a lot of bi-coastal travel!"



Making appearances on MAX HEADROOM and THE NEW TWILIGHT ZONE, Robert truly enjoyed working on BABYLON 5. "I would love to do a regular gig on an SF show, because it really lets you act up a storm; there are no boundaries. I'm sure many actors who have done science fiction have said this, so it's not some great insight, but I certainly had the experience of being able to explore the future freely with the imagination,

which is a very exciting journey to go on. It's a journey I hope to go on many times in my life as an actor.

I think BABYLON 5's a great program, Joe Straczynski's a fantastic writer and I really feel blessed that I had an opportunity to be a part of it. These kinds of experiences where everything works -the character the people you're working with- don't come around very often in an actor's career. That was very much my experience with BABYLON 5, and I'll never forget it."

Oddly enough, Robert found inspiration from a SPAWN action figure to give Cartagia dimension.

"I made a very conscious decision not to play this guy arch," he said. "I didn't want Cartagia to be a one-dimensional bad guy who looked you straight in the eye and was as mean as he could possibly be. I made a very conscious choice in the early scenes to give him somewhere to go. I thought it would be scarier if you had this guy that made you think, 'He's insane, but I kinda like him.'"

To like an "anti-christ" compared to Rev. Carpenter was Robert's chance to

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A n irresistible force meets an immovable object. Apt adage describing ULTRA 7's confrontation with BABYLON 5.

Ultra 7 originates from a long line of Ultra aliens with ULTRAMAN, Earth's first encounter with such exo-heroes. Beginning in the late 60s, Japan's Ultra hero grew to popularity rivaling that of occidental cousins SUPER MAN, DR WHO and STARTREK.

Dominating Japanese toy markets for 30 years, Ultra merchandise surpasses GODZILLA (GOJIRA) and SENTAI (RANGERS) in sales and popularity extending to American shores.

Ultra 7 (my personal hero), one of the eldest and most powerful Ultra-sib, first appeared in 1967 ending in 49 epi-

sodes. 1994 revived Ultra 7 with two movies, a new Ultra 7-2-1 and is showcased on TNT (time varies). Yes, the very same company slated to air B5!

Scoffed and derided by mainstream sci-fi addicts because of movies like GODZILLA vs MEGALON (which was inspired by the Ultra genre) and those awful spliced from a real show POWER RANGERS. Japanese sci-fi will never receive its due merits.

Although Ultra man did get some attention during his tenure on America's version of his TV series, however he quickly faded from the ever fickle minds of trend following sci-fi fans.

Ultra 7 is far more adult themed and serious than said program including his own siblings. Dealing with social, political and



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personal issues, U7 instilled a unique quality to Japanese sci-fi much as STARTREK, DR WHO and B5 do. In fact, one U7 episode corresponds to Gari-baldi's current plight.

An Earther duped into assisting an alien force to dominate the Earth "for its own good" saw through their plans just in time to help Ultra 7 defeat them. Further simile lie within the cast itself. The series included an Earth defense team called ULTRA SQUAD specially trained agents who track down paranormal and alien activity eons before X FILES made it trendy. Headed by stern Commander Kiriyama, the Squad tackle tough aliens as well as difficult lessons (before MEN IN BLACK). Each episode plainly offered morals, resolutions and action between aliens and humans. Hmmm...much like B5, yes?

Thirty years prior to Ivanova's "unique character" is Ultra Squad's Donna who wore the pants (quite tightly indeed), carried fire-arms, nursed wounded comrades, piloted airships, killed aliens, hanged with the guys, handled children and comforted weak women (not the Ivanova way). Dan aka Ultra 7's companion and best buddy, Donna still kept her fetching femininity nicely wrapped in minis, boots and tights.

Ultra 7 himself is disguised as human Dan Moroboshi whose identity remains a secret with the exception of well in-



formed aliens.

Ultra Squads alien agenda (unlike X FILES/MEN IN BLACK), to find aliens and paranormal activity, is fortified with the supporting cast members: sharp-shooter Soga, the strong Furuhashi and explo-

## ウルトラヒーローここに集う!!



sive maniac Amagi.

Most of Ultra 7's "alien nation" of Ultra Kaiju (monsters) are able to grow over 40 meters, have technological advances, enjoy trashing Earth, and never takes anything for an answer! Rarely does Ultra 7 and Ultra Squad encounter "peaceful" exo-visitors.

Armed with his Ultra eye (goggles that allow Dan to morph into Ultra 7) and capsule monster (capsuled creatures able to fit into your pocket and reach over 40 meters when capsule is opened). It will be interesting to see how U7 will handle B5's cornucopial space station backed by a exo-menagerie of menace bent on Earth, toy sales, or TNT domination (whichever comes first) and his Ultra family.

Ultra 7 will probably never be the same after his historic meeting with Babylon 5.

Traveling to his far off constellation M 78, Ultra 7 belly-aches to Ultra Mother of an obscure occidental sci-fi series threatening to oust his show from TNT's airwaves. Upset at her loving son's trepidations, Ultra Mother gathers her family and their enemies to assist Ultra 7's confrontation with his Western counterparts.

Objective: Rule of TNT's sci-fi spot.

Read on.



BABYLON 5: Like titans of myth, Ultra family lead by Ultra 7 emerge from hyperspace and converge on the mammoth exo-cornucopial structure much to quickly for the stalwart crew to act. Commander Kiriyama speaking for the Ultra family request permission to board. "We are on a peaceful mission, don't make us come down there," Kiriyama flatly states.

"Up yours, losers!" shouts an angry Sheridan. "Get the Hell off my station!"

"We'll only give you one more chance Babylon 5...We don't like alien lovers. This is your last warning," Kiriyama snaps back.

Sheridan replies with open defence grid. "Fire at will...NOW!!"

Ultraman, Ultra Joe, Ultra Leo and Ultra Yullian (sister sib) each over 30 meters quickly leap from the station's outer hull and use their solar beams to fuse B5's mighty gun ports shut causing a series of backfires and implusions leaving B5 nearly crippled!

"Send out the fighters...Kill'em all!" Ivanova commands. Half the fleet streaks out to engage Ultra Squad and the Ultra warriors when out of thin air appears StarBeam -Gyron! Attacking full force on this gigantic bird-like monstrosity proves futile. Even their strongest attacks barely cause the regeneration monster to blink. Retaliating, Gyron lets loose his atomic ash breath and destroys most of the fleeing fleet. Ultraman and Yullian dispense of the rest more mercifully...each captured and presented with an Ultra action figure.

#### ROUND 1: Ultra 7

SHERIDAN: "Cease fire!!" Sheridan yells and finally capitulates to Commander Kiriyama's demands. "Who the Hell do you think you are, and what the Hell you want with my station?!" barks Sheridan.

"First of all," Kiriyama begins, "'your station' is full of aliens and we re here to investigate. Sec ond, we want you far away from our territory

..TNT. And third, stop crying about merchandise..BANDAI makes enough Ultra stuff for collectors. There's no need for B5 things in the market. See, here's

a couple of action figures for you and the command staff."

Slapping the coveted figures off his table, Sheridan spits, "Number One, this is my station..what goes on here is none of your business. Number two, TNT is open market, what's the matter afraid of competition? And number three, UP YOURS!"

Angered Kiriyama slaps Sheridan and is quickly retaliated with an action figure in the throat.

#### ROUND 2: Babylon 5

DELENN: Sided by faithful Lennier, Delenn greets honorable Ultra Mother and her heroic son Ultraman, both now in human stature. Ultra Mother viciously attacks Delenn verbally. "Freak! You're an alien in human-guise! How dare you mingle with a terran?!" Lennier angered by Ultra Mother's words answers for his superior. "I must remind you, you yourself are an alien."

"However short one," Ultra Mother replies, "I would never pose as a human, wear a mini to enthrall a man, cause a war, lie to my friends, and hope for self-apotheosis!"

"There is a word Capt. Sheridan taught me," Delenn responds. "What was it again...ah yes, "bitch". You bitch!"

Fuming Ultra Mother delivers a chop to Delenn's fragile neck only to have Lennier block her attack. Unfortunately, Ultraman sneaks a powerhouse punch to Lennier's gut smashing his intestines! Incensed, Delenn kicks Ultraman in the groin just as Ultra Mother shoves her to the wall. Beginning to grow Ultra Mother lunges at Delenn, not fast enough though, because using a dropkick Delenn hurls the titanic mother of Ultras into the unbreathable quarters of Kosh!

#### ROUND 3: Babylon 5

ZACK: Pursued by Furuhashi, Zack is ordered to halt. "Stop right there, alien lover!" yells Furuhashi. "I want to talk to you."

"Hey!" Zack replies. "I m not an "alien lover, I'm just doing my job." And turns away. "Don t turn your back on me, alien licker!" Furuhashi screams as he grabs

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# GREY THOUGHTS



## EXO-TICA: THE SACRED COURTSHIP OF IVANOVA AND MARCUS

Apparently a gradual relationship is flourishing between Commander Susan Ivanova and Ranger Marcus Cole. Albeit it has been left on the backburner due the war with Earth. Nevertheless, there are certain similarities in Sumerian tablets translated by the preeminent expert on Sumer Samuel Noah Kramer that relate to their courtship.

The Great Sumerian Goddess Inanna representing spirituality, art and war refused her brother's choice in who to be her husband -the inflexible arrogant shepherd Dumuzi.

I must point out, Dumuzi's occupation is not to be belittled. To understand his position you'll first need to acknowledge Jesus, The Shepherd King...however Dumuzi is Shepherd King in the first half of the third millennium B.C.E (Before the Common Era). "As king, Dumuzi is identified with the harvest of the land." He is god of "new life in nature, vegetable, and animal" much like the Greek Goddess Demeter. In addition like Demeter's daughter, Persephone, Dumuzi is sacrificed by Inanna to the NetherWorld for half a year to insure fertility across the land.

Though "Inanna is hesitant when they first meet," wrote Elinor W. Gadon in THE ONCE AND FUTURE GODDESS (1989), "...Dumuzi's obvious delight in her arouses her passion."

Inanna -"My vulva, the horn,  
The boat of heaven,  
Is full of eagerness like the young moon.  
My untilled land lies fallow.

..Who will plow my vulva?  
Who will plow my high field?  
Who will plow my wet ground?

Dumuzi responds -"Great Lady, the king will plow your vulva.  
I, Dumuzi the King will plow your vulva.

Now I wonder what will Susan Ivanova say if Marcus Cole expressed his eagerness to satisfy her libido?

When Ranger Marcus Cole arrived on Babylon 5 seeking Captain Sheridan's assistance, Ivanova showed interest in his reasons for joining up with the Rangers. Having explained the loss of his brother (a former Ranger), Marcus promised to continue where his brother left off. A simple conversation as any,



but Marcus took a keener interest in Commander Ivanova. He made an effort to be by her side, though most of the time it's purely coincidental. Asked questions about her character while caged with good Dr Franklin ("Exo-Genesis"). And even ordered her a rare breakfast treat of bacon and eggs.

Commander Susan Ivanova, on the other hand, found him very persistent and a pain in the ass. She made an effort not to be around him returning what she believed was his gift of red roses left near her door.

Ivanova, like Inanna, refuses Marcus in matter of trust, but slowly she's succumbing to his charm, and virginity. (Although he did tell Ambassador Delenn of another love in "Ceremonies of Light and Dark".) And Marcus, like Dumuzi, is an immolator sacrificing himself for others.

Though Dumuzi's affair (with Inanna) seemed destined to failure each living in different galaxies -Inanna crossing the cosmos on her ballistics boat, while Dumuzi reigned as terrestrial shepherd- the theory of opposites attract sets forth the evitable out-come of this courtship between Ivanova and Marcus when Ivanova finally exclaims to Marcus of his love for her,

"Then plow my vulva, man of my heart!  
Plow my vulva!

NEXT ISSUE CONTINUES WITH...

EXO-TICA: THE SACRED MARRIAGE  
OF DELENN AND SHERIDAN



# AWAKEN! (SURYANAMASKAR)

by Lynda (Tam) Simpson

SEEN THE WRITING ON THE WALL  
NOW I'M STRONGER THAN BEFORE  
ALL THE LOVE YOU GAVE TO ME  
TAKE MY PAIN AND SET ME FREE

THE SUN AND MOON, THE DARK DEFEATS  
MY LOVE IS STRONG, SORROW RETREATS  
THE SUN AND MOON, SWEET FANTASY  
MY LOVE IS STRONG, SO LET ME BE

YOU CAME TO ME WHEN I WAS POOR  
GAVE ME RICHES SWEET AND PURE  
TOUCHED MY SOUL AND GAVE ME PEACE  
IN YOUR WARMTH LIFE'S NEW RELEASE

ALL THE WEALTH THAT MAN HAS SOLD  
CANNOT TOUCH LOVE THAT'S PURE GOLD  
ALL THE WINTERS THAT WAR BRINGS  
COULD, THROUGH LOVE, BE FOREVER SPRING.

(Artwork inspired by the original 1922)  
( "The Nuptials of God" )  
(By Eric Gill. London, Victoria & )  
( Albert Museum )



visit Hell for a while. "If I can come onto a show for a little while, or do a film or movie-of-the-week and play a completely unredeemable asshole, it's a blast." But "to get into the skin of a bad-person day in and day out, year after year, is 'not' my cup of tea."

Nevertheless, "I just loved the 'blood bowl' scene (in which Cartagia carries on a conversation with Londo and Vir while blithely cleaning off his hands after a lengthy torture session on G'Kar). It's not my wife's favorite, but I loved that scene; that's my favorite. And I loved the scene in the secret room where I offer Londo the bowl of 'snicks' to eat in front of all the decapitated heads, which was a really last-minute stroke of brilliance on Joe's part. It's funny; I worried in the beginning that Joe didn't like the darkly humorous side I was bringing to the character, but I guess he did, because he came up with that scene. Cartagia was so excited to show Londo this room; he was just so thrilled, and I really liked that. I loved the electrowhip

scene with G'Kar in 'The Summoning,' too. That was a hell of a scream from Andreas -he's an awesome actor, isn't he? He indicates so much with just his eyes despite the contact lenses on top of them; it's extraordinary. I also liked the moment where Cartagia decides which of G'Kar's eyes to have plucked out."

And how about the lovely leg-fitting costume? "I loved the costume, thought it was great," he recalls. "It had this Adam Ant quality to it and I would joke about that constantly, to the chagrin of the costume designers! They did a great job. It was also very good for Elvis impersonations; after scenes, I was known to drop to my knees and go, 'Thank you, thank you very much.' I really did have fun."

If you want to see more of this charming brown-eyed hairy-chested beauty check out ONE LIFE TO LIVE where his character Rev. Andrew Carpenter as been resurrected after slowly deteriorating from the show (SOAP OPERA NEWS August 12,1997). \*

did we make up those hieroglyphics? No not at all, the symbols (originally carved in stone) are a prayer to Inanna and/or Ishtar the Sumerian/Babylonian Queen of the Gods dated 2250 B.C.E.

A nice coincidence, yes.

May Inanna's bosom  
shelter you,

editor's shadow

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Babylon 5 Convention Updates

## JASON "WILD MAN" CARTER

That's according to our regular con-contributor Pamela Truesdale of Virginia who met Jason Carter at NOVA CON on July 26-27, 1997 where she took these photos. She also won 3rd place at NOVA CON's masquerade Workmanship dressed as Ambassador Delenn. Doesn't she look lovely?

Thanx again Pam! Keep sending more of your con-events!

And if anyone wishes to tell their B5 convention event are free to send story and/or photos (optional) to Babylonian Scriptures, Linda Arroyo, 818 West 34th St., Baltimore, MD 21211.

Events are subject to change.

**RISING STAR 5** October 10-12 at Glenvar High School, Roanoke, VA. Guests include Richard Biggs and Pat Tallman. For more info: (540)389 9400

**FAR POINT** October 10-12 at Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, Maryland. Guest: Mira Furlan. For more info: (410)785 7000; <http://www.erois.com/sfcon>

**UNITED FAN CON** October 31-Nov. 2 at Marriott, Springfield, MA. Guest: Jason "Wild Man" Carter. For more info: [UFANCON@aol.com](mailto:UFANCON@aol.com); 617 986 TREK

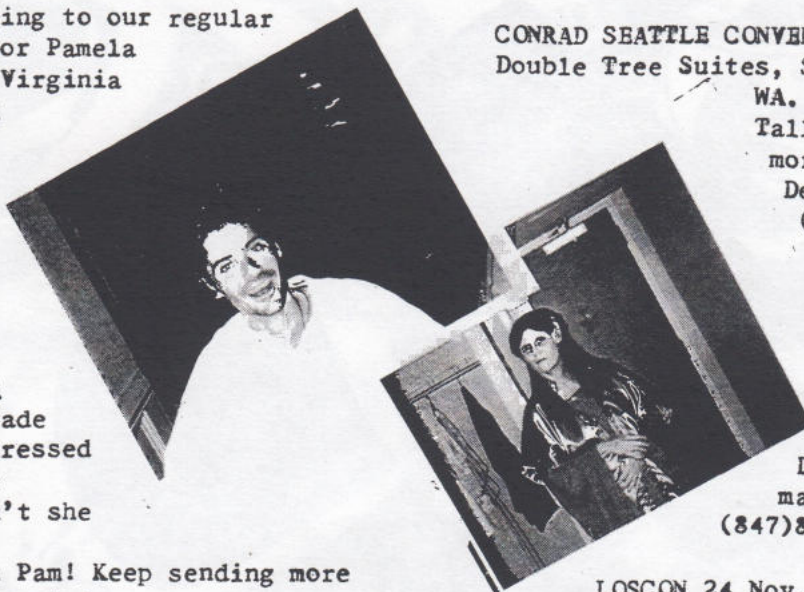
**CONRAD SEATTLE CONVENTION** Nov. 21-23 at Double Tree Suites, Southcenter, Seattle WA. Guests include Pat Tallman and Mojo. For more info contact DeeJay Driscoll (206)745 2700

**VISIONS '97** Nov. 28-30 at Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago, IL. Guests include Jerry Doyle and Pat Tallman. For more info: (847)882 8575

**LOS CON 24** Nov. 28-30 at Burbank Hilton Hotel, Burbank, CA. Guest: JMS will be Media GOM. For more info: LosCon 24, LASFS, 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601; [loscon24@aol.com](mailto:loscon24@aol.com)

**CREATION CON** Nov. 29-30 at Pasadena Center, Pasadena, CA. Guests include Bruce Boxleitner (tentative), Andreas Katsulas, Peter Jurasik, Claudia Christian, Mira Furlan, Stephen Furst, Jason Carter, and Jeff Conway. For more info: <http://www.creationent.com>

**CINCINNATI SCIENCE FICTION EXPOSITION** Dec. 5-7 at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cincinnati, OH. Guest: Michael O'Hare. For more info: (610)454 1197 or (410) 840 2021 for tickets; <http://www.galacticentertainment.com/sw-cinci.htm>







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