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Star Trek S1E02 "Who Mourns for Adonais?" #TOS #StarTrek https://t.co/LIkzMGcPIi has interesting features 1) sexism tempered by female crew members' competence, (2) advancement of Ancient Aliens theory & 3) use of Pre-Modern anti-Muslim slur 4) appearance of Walter Koenig: Chekov

For the 1st time, Michelle Nichols as Uhura performs a technical task. In previous episodes, she basically was a receptionist or a switchboard operator.

After Scotty the Chief Engineer oogles Leslie Parrish as Lt. Carolyn Palamas on the bridge, Capt Kirk basically states that women won't go far in Star Fleet because they end their careers for marriage. She's part of the landing party where she & Kirk exchange these lines:

Carolyn : What am I doing down here, Doctor?
Capt. Kirk : Well, you're the A-and-A officer, aren't you? Archaeology, anthopology, ancient civilizations?
Carolyn : Correct.
Capt. Kirk : Well, we're gonna need help in all those areas.

Apollo changes her miniskirt uniform into an alluring evening gown and does her hairdo quite elegantly. The camera gives viewers multiple shots of her the remainder of the episode. https://t.co/CpHBibAiNf

Despite her being tempted by the life Apollo offers her, she does her duty as a Star Fleet Officer and spurns him, thus draining him of his power so that the Enterprise's crew and the landing party could free themselves.

.@JasonColavito wrote that this episode does the Ancient Aliens "theory" with more sophistication than its most prominent contemporary mouthpieces https://t.co/F1YGVF1A7k

When Apollo takes Lt Palamas away, Scotty in a jealous rage lunges for him & shouts "You bloodthirsty Saracen, what have you done with her?" So several centuries in the future, people continue to use that pre-modern European anti-Muslim nomenclature. BTW, if you search "Saracen"

on Twitter, you'll find contemporary anti-Muslim bigots, rugby fans & players of Age of Empires II.

Finally, I love me some Chekov!



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