
Subject: Re: What Did You Watch? 2018-07-16 (Monday)
Posted by [Ubiquitous](#) on Wed, 18 Jul 2018 00:49:35 GMT
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> strafing runs on the surface, literally shooting at individual people.
> One would think that they'd need to deploy nukes to take out whole
> cities in one blow or something like Imperial Star Destroyers' orbital
> bombardment. But no, they use fighters. It would be like us going to war
> with China and trying to take down the whole country with a dozen
> fighter planes.
>
> And why wouldn't the homeworlds have *any* kind of defense systems? This
> is a society that has-- according to the president of the Quorum of 12
> in his toast-- been at war with the Cylons for 1000 years. Yet their
> home planets have no way to defend themselves, not even a fighter wing
> or two they could have launched?
>
> There was some surprising locker room near-nudity from Maren Jensen
> (Athena) that I wouldn't have thought would make it past the network's
> censors back in 1970s for a family show.
>
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> solar system and a galaxy.
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> I enjoyed it for its nostalgia, but if this was a new show, I'd be
> skipping the rest.

I remember my friends and I liking that show in first run, but am
hesitant to watch it again and destroy the nostalgia.

Actually, I think SFC played it as part of their "lost SciFi" show,
back when they actually played SciFi.

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Mike Van Pelt | "I don't advise it unless you're nuts."
mvp at calweb.com | -- Ray Wilkinson, after riding out Hurricane
KE6BVH | Ike on Surfside Beach in Galveston

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Firefly is possibly the only more science impaired bring on the stupid set up than Galactica, and I'm including Galactica 1980 and flying around the Earth in different directions in order to go forward or backwards in time.

So they can't go translight, but they've got tech so powerful it can transform *any* rock or *any* size into a Class M environment; atmosphere, gravity, temperature, regardless of it's distance from the primary. And they spend hundreds of years getting to a system that's a 'whole galaxy of new Earths' because - why? When they could terraform every hunk of rock on Sol System into a habitable place? Including 'Earth-that-was'?

<http://www.fireflyfans.net/mthread.aspx?tid=8646>

Here are the 3 openings, and a listing of which episodes had which version:

ttj - book
 bw - book
 omr - book
 jt - book
 oog - mal1
 sd - mal1
 safe - mal2, followed by previously
 ariel - mal2
 ws - none, starts with a previously
 ois - none, starts with a previously

serenity - none

scifi uk airings:

hog - mal2

tm - none, starts with a previously

trash - none, starts with a previously

Mal1 : Here's how it is: Earth got used up, so we terraformed a whole new galaxy of Earths, some rich and flush with the new technologies, some not so much. Central Planets, them was formed the Alliance, waged war to bring everyone under their rule; a few idiots tried to fight it, among them myself. I'm Malcolm Reynolds, captain of Serenity. Got a good crew: fighters, pilot, mechanic. We even picked up a preacher, and a bona fide companion. There's a doctor, too, took his genius sister out of some Alliance camp, so they're keeping a low profile. You got a job, we can do it, don't much care what it is.

Mal2 : Here's how it is: The Earth got used up, so we moved out and terraformed a whole new galaxy of Earths, some rich and flush with the new technologies, some not so much. The Central Planets, them was formed the Alliance, waged war to bring everyone under their rule; a few idiots tried to fight it, among them myself. I'm Malcolm Reynolds, captain of Serenity. Shes a transport ship, Firefly class. Got a good crew: fighters, pilot, mechanic. We even picked up a preacher for some reason, and a bona fide companion. There's a doctor too, took his genius sister out of some Alliance camp, so they're keeping a low profile, you understand. You got a job, we can do it, don't much care what it is.

Book : After the Earth was used up, we found a new solar system and hundreds of new Earths were terra formed and colonized. The central planets formed the Alliance and decided all the planets had to join under their rule. There was some disagreement on that point. After the War, many of the Independents who had fought and lost drifted to the edges of the system, far from Alliance control. Out here, people struggled to get by with the most basic technologies; a ship would bring you work, a gun would help you keep it. A captain's goal was simple: find a crew, find a job, keep flying.

Then they tried to clarify it for the movie, but what they said doesn't match what we've seen, and we have no reason to assume an Alliance teacher even knows much less speaks the truth:

Earth-That-Was...

....could no longer sustain our numbers, we were so many.

We found a new solar system.

Dozens of planets and hundreds of moons.
Each one terraformed, a process taking decades...
....to support human life.
To be new Earths.
The central planets formed the Alliance.
Ruled by an interplanetary parliament...
....the Alliance was a beacon of civilization.
The savage outer planets were not so enlightened...
....and refused Alliance control.
The war was devastating.
But the Alliance's victory over the Independents...
....ensured a safer universe.
And now, everyone can enjoy the comfort...
....and enlightenment of true civilization.

Read more:

https://www.springfieldspringfield.co.uk/movie_script.php?movie=serenity

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Even if there was some reason they had to pass right by that planet, they could go over it, or under it, or wait for it to rotate around so that the gun was on the other side of the planet pointing in the other direction.

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If memory serves, that was a ripoff, err, homage to FORCE TEN FROM NAVARONE.

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THE GUN ON ICE PLANET ZERO

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It's the same principal as why the aliens on UFO always attack Earth by flying right past the Moon.

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The encores of the theme were the best part of the remake.

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