

Commander Adama

Started by K9Companion, Feb 05 2010 11:37 PM

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#1 K9Companion

Mansquito



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Posted 05 February 2010 - 11:37 PM

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#2 Pootmatoot

Peacekeeper



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Posted 06 February 2010 - 12:00 AM

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#3 **SixForPresident**

Mansquito



- Full Members
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Posted 06 February 2010 - 12:40 AM

Adama is human, but even still we have no idea of life span in BSG. Lots of people die in the show, but I don't recall one growing old and dying, so who knows.... A better way to measure his age in BSG could be through the rest of his family in the show. Maybe as the show progresses we'll see them come into the picture.

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#4 **SVRaven**

Superhero



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Posted 06 February 2010 - 02:51 AM

When BSG was just its own little 'verse Adama would have been 67 as of Season 3's episode 'Hero' (they showed his service record w/ birthdate briefly on screen) and so by the end of the series he would have been 68-69.

With Caprica they've definitely aged him up some more, but I suspect it might be a combination of casting, plot usefulness and timeline demands. Finding the right young actors in a close enough age range can be difficult and a six year old doesn't have a lot of plot options versus a pre-teen who can do things like skip school.

Theoretically Caprica could have taken place 53 years before the attacks if the development of the cylons and their spreading throughout the colonies had been unbelievably fast before the 12 year war and the 40 year armistice. 58 years prior gives their development and rebellion more time to simmer.

"Most relationships are over before they end."

There is no Y in Roslin.

#5 Pootmatoot

Peacekeeper



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Posted 06 February 2010 - 05:24 AM

SixForPresident, on Feb 6 2010, 12:40 AM, said:

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#6 dartzinvader

Caprican



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Posted 06 February 2010 - 09:39 AM

Pootmatoot, on Feb 6 2010, 05:24 AM, said: 🙄

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#7 **lucian78**

Cyborg



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Posted 06 February 2010 - 02:05 PM

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Posted 06 February 2010 - 02:07 PM

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Pfft well look at col tigh...i mean he has to be around 100 and he still gets around i know you will say "but he is a machine" but lets face it he hasn't had regular maintenance in years either.

#9 **Pootmatoot**

Peacekeeper



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Posted 06 February 2010 - 04:32 PM

darthzinvader, on Feb 6 2010, 10:39 AM, said:

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#10 **marzaholic**

Minbari



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Posted 06 February 2010 - 05:58 PM

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Sorry, nope. He WAS the commander. It was his last days as an active military officer. And that most surely meant Saul's last days as well.

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Posted 06 February 2010 - 06:07 PM

marzaholic, on Feb 6 2010, 06:58 PM, said:

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Posted 06 February 2010 - 06:33 PM

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Hey, they've got shore time too. Celebrating on Picon or wherever was a weekend thing. He'd still be in command one way or another until they decommissioned her...

I see what you're saying, coz as a flashback, it IS rather ambiguously presented, and BSG never did seem too worried about various continuity issues, but Adama was very much in command of that ship until the day he set foot on earth.

The day of the attack, his orders that every approach to the Galactica be a "hands-on" approach still stood in effect. His tone to the secretary of education as he explained his policy of networked computers says he was in command of that ship.

You can bet that if he were there under someone else's flag of command to preside over the ceremony, those orders would certainly not have been in effect.

And in a deleted scene from the first season, Adama and Saul detonate the very last of their ammunition stores in space before retirement preparations begin and the decommissioning delegates arrive.

He was even handed the indignity of having to watch a gift shop be installed into one of his flight bays while in command.

In the interview for his cushy post-military job, he was clear that he'd be spending the rest of his career (or whatever was left of it) on a broken down old ship.

And he did.

#13 **marzaholic**

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Continuity is soft throughout the timeline, to be sure.

But (without trying to sound glib), you could look at it as God's gift to Adama.

This is the man that will lead the human race to earth.

#14 Werthead

Minbari



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Posted 31 March 2010 - 08:28 AM

There is a significant continuity problem here.

Billy Adama is 11 years old in **Caprica**, which will make him 17 years old when the First Cylon War begins and 29 when it ends. The final battles of the First Cylon War take place on Tauron and in orbit over a remote ice world. William Adama takes part in the latter battle and this is his first combat mission as a Viper pilot during the war.

So, where is he for the rest of the war? If he's 17 when it starts, he should be drafted or able to volunteer immediately. If he chooses to pilot Vipers, he should be flying combat missions within a couple of years of that point, certainly not twelve years later. If he's in a different field (warship crewman or common

soldier), than it's odd he'd suddenly switch to piloting Vipers at the age of 29, or he'd even be able to, given that the war is not going well at that time. Yet *Razor* is adamant that this is Adama's first combat mission.

You then have to consider the fact that he doesn't look 29 in *Razor* and also that in **Caprica** young William lacks the distinctive blue eyes that he has both in *Razor* and in **BSG** itself, and in *Hero* his mother's name is Evelyn, not Shannon as **Caprica** claims. William Adama also never mentions to anyone, not his son or lover Laura Roslin, that his mother and sister were killed in a bombing carried out by monotheist terrorists, which you'd expect to have come up at some point.

Possible plausible explanation: Evelyn and Joseph have a romantic relationship and later get married, with Evelyn becoming William's stepmother. Adama joins the Colonial military during the First Cylon War as a *Raptor* pilot, not a Viper one. He transfers to Vipers late in the war and *Razor* is his first combat mission where he gets to shoot enemies down, although he's had a decade or more of missions as a Raptor ECO and pilot under his belt by that point.

Far-fetched but still possible explanation: The William Adama we've seen so far in **Caprica** is not the William Adama from **BSG**. He is killed in the near future. Joseph and Evelyn get together and have a baby a year or so from now in the show's continuity, whom they also name William, who grows up to be our familiar Admiral. That makes him 17 during the time of *Razor*, which matches up with him going on his first combat mission at that point (although conversely the actor also looks older than 17 in *Razor*; guess we can't win).

The latter is rather ludicrous (although we've seen worse in both shows) but reconciles the mother's name, eye colour and age during the war continuity errors and explains why he never mentions what happened to his father's first wife and daughter, as he never met them and was distant and removed from the incident, or the fact that his family was heavily involved in Tauron criminal activities (presumably this would be supplanted by the war as the primary formative experience of his childhood). It would also wrong-foot the audience.

All of that said, I think the first explanation is more plausible. The second would be a bit hard to swallow, despite its pleasing elimination of a number of minor continuity issues.

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#15 theenforcer2

Time Lord



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Posted 31 March 2010 - 09:04 AM

In the Razor webisode/flashback, young Adama is called a rookie by the woman he likes and he says that he is not a rookie, but that this is his first combat viper flight.

The Enforcer.



#16 dagojr

Contactee



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- 725 posts

Posted 31 March 2010 - 10:01 AM

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With that said, I think there are a lot of merits to your theory. In fact, I think it would make continuity a lot "cleaner" if it was true. But I also wouldn't be surprised if it wasn't true.

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The Enforcer.



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Battlestar Wiki says that Adama was a raptor pilot first and then became a Viper pilot.

The Enforcer.



#20 MissMeggles

Time Lord



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- 6,275 posts

Posted 31 March 2010 - 10:20 AM

theenforcer2, on Mar 31 2010, 11:11 AM, said:

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The Enforcer.

True, we also don't know if Willy is the Admiral yet. Sometimes those rumors we hear about come true.



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Started by K9Companion, Feb 05 2010 11:37 PM

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#21 ZathrasMax

Viper Pilot

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- 110 posts

Posted 31 March 2010 - 02:38 PM

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Laura Roslin and I come from the same home town !

They are Dead !!!! Believe it ! (Ginn, Amanda, Ashley, Osama Bin Laden)

Well, Ginn and Amanda's bodies anyway as of 03/28/2011. Ashley and OBL are history.

"As coroner, I must aver, I thoroughly examined them. And they are not only merely dead, They are really most sincerely dead."

#22 MissMeggles

Time Lord



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Which was exactly my point in another thread. Joseph's dead wife is Shannon not Evelyn, and Bill never talked about a sister did he. However that being said, Willy may just call Evelyn mom. It still doesn't explain the blue eyes though! *nod nod*



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#23 dagojr

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Posted 31 March 2010 - 03:37 PM

MissMeggles, on Mar 31 2010, 04:01 PM, said:

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#24 Werthead

Minbari



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Posted 31 March 2010 - 03:57 PM

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Not if Evelyn adopts him. It wouldn't be odd for her to be then listed as his mother.

Also we don't know (not even from the tattoo article, I don't think) where the symbolic first inking occurs.

It could easily be a circumcision tattooing parallel, and we've never seen - ahem - Adama's little Adama.

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#26 theenforcer2

Time Lord



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Posted 31 March 2010 - 07:26 PM

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The Enforcer.



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Posted 31 March 2010 - 07:31 PM

thenforcer2, on Mar 31 2010, 07:26 PM, said:

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The Enforcer.

I've listened to them all, and can't remember it being ever address (or....perhaps intentonally... him being refered to anything other than Willy rather than William or Bill or Billy)

David Eick does make the odd comment that sounds like he's suggesting the actor's awful and gets much much better in the second half of the season. That at least suggests he wasn't cast as a "We must have

him! To hell with the blue contacts!".

#28 MissMeggles

Time Lord



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I thought the same thing, they made a huge deal out of it with Nico and EJO, so for them to allow the actor who plays him to skip on that little detail seems off.



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#29 **Werthead**

Minbari



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Posted 31 March 2010 - 10:17 PM

Pootmatoot, on Apr 1 2010, 01:16 AM, said:

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It would make him 56-57 or so in the mini. Coincidentally (?) Edward James Olmos was 56 when they shot the mini-series, so that tracks.

However, IIRC the same fact document in *Hero* that gives us Adama's mother's name as Evelyn also suggests that Adama is 66 when the Fall of the Twelve Colonies takes place. **Caprica's** suggestion that Willy Adama is 11 is somewhat confusing as that would make him 69 at the time of the Fall.

So none of the sources really line up and agree. If we assume that the Colonials not only have longer lifespans but stay healthier for relatively longer periods of life (so if they live to 100 and are as healthy at 50 as 35-40 year olds are today), then that doesn't rule out the higher ages based on appearance either.

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#30 ShiningPathofLight

Time Lord



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Posted 01 April 2010 - 12:15 AM

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"I don't care what I do when I grow up as long as I don't have to wear a suit and fly." Clark Kent-"Smallville"

#31 Scrawny71

Wacky Professor



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- 1,553 posts

Posted 01 April 2010 - 03:10 PM

ShiningPathofLight, on Apr 1 2010, 06:15 AM, said:

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You'd do it for Randolph Scott.

#32 SunshineAlien

Contactee



- Full Members
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- 662 posts

Posted 01 April 2010 - 07:40 PM

Scrawny71, on Apr 1 2010, 03:10 PM, said:

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You got that right.

#33 stonewall_5

Mansquito



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Posted 01 April 2010 - 10:28 PM

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#34 malikwalker

Returnee

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Posted 01 April 2010 - 11:42 PM

stonewall_5, on Apr 1 2010, 11:28 PM, said:

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The following are a lot of my opinions and some fact interspersed therein:

- * We haven't seen every inch of William Adama, so we can't say he has no ink.
- * He has blue eyes to make him more resemble his son Lee(played of course by Jamie Bamber in BSG who happens to be a different ethnicity than EJO) and that bit of real world info aside, we have to remember that the Colonials are NOT directly us. Who's to say that "pure" humans from the BSG era didn't have irises that got lighter/changed color with age? And whose to say that somewhere along the line, from the 3 sources of DNA(Colonial human, Cylon, and Earth 2.0 human) that comprise "modern day" humans, that iris pigment no longer worked this way? And while i'm here Fun Fact: People with brown eye all had grey eyes in utero. Neat huh?
- * After watching Daybreak and The Plan, i think its safe to say that "The Fall" is clearly short for "The Fall of Man".
- * Look to the American Revolution, 13 colonies went from being separate British holdings to 1 unified nation recognized by Britain as a sovereign Country in 7~8 years. With a civilization where interplanetary space travel is already a norm and newly created, revolting robotic slaves breathing down their neck; i dont think that it was that hard for the Colonials to form up together to fight or quickly build warships.

That said i know we are on hiatus and will be for a while, and i like speculation as much as the guy, but really? The thread has gone from pondering William Adam's age to whether or not isn't in fact the same William Adama in BSG?

#35 stonewall_5

Mansquito



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Posted 02 April 2010 - 01:23 AM

Well...it was just a theory I had to possibly explain why he doesn't look as old as we think he should without trying to figure out how long a year is in a trinary star system. I knew the things about babies eyes changing as they develop...maybe, with Caprican tech being what it is, Adama gets a full eyeball transplant thus changing eye color.

But oh well...back to guessing his age.

#36 SweetZombieJesz

Minbari



- Full Members
- 278 posts

Posted 02 April 2010 - 11:32 AM

Pootmatoot, on Feb 6 2010, 06:07 PM, said:

Then why in Daybreak is Tigh celebrating his retirement, and Adama doing an interview for a security firm, post-military?

I got the impression that they were subsequently on the Galactica because they were called back for the swan-song.

I thought that was when he decided on the cushy desk job, before he balked at the lie detector test -- relegating him back to Commander of the decrepit old Battlestar.

#37 dagojr

Contactee



- Full Members
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- 725 posts

Posted 03 April 2010 - 02:48 AM

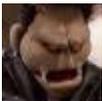
Scrawny71, on Apr 1 2010, 04:10 PM, said:

Probably correct. *BSG* wasn't too concerned with backwards continuity, so for *Caprica* to be similarly unconcerned just makes it consistent with *BSG*.

Or they completely screw everything up by being too concerned with backwards continuity. Remember The Plan?

#38 Scrawny71

Wacky Professor



- Full Members
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- 1,553 posts

Posted 04 April 2010 - 08:48 PM

dagojr, on Apr 3 2010, 08:48 AM, said:

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I do. I quite liked it, but it didn't really stick very well to the mission statement. It answered a few questions but also failed to answer others and even introduced one or two, as well as apparently contradicting established events.

You'd do it for Randolph Scott.

#39 **konig**

Mansquito



- Full Members
- 9 posts

Posted 07 April 2010 - 07:05 PM

Like my father old Adama had face scaring from bad acne/zits and stuff but the kid has a clean face?

#40 **theenforcer2**

Time Lord



- Full Members
- ●●●●●
- 5,532 posts

Posted 07 April 2010 - 07:06 PM

konig, on Apr 7 2010, 05:05 PM, said:

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The Enforcer.



Commander Adama

Started by K9Companion, Feb 05 2010 11:37 PM

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#41 solecist

Cyborg



- Full Members
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- 1,227 posts

Posted 08 April 2010 - 02:57 PM

i have avoided this thread because i figured i wouldn't care much about the content, but oh how wrong i have been! this is fascinating!

there is no 'caprica' on caprica.

#42 Pootmatoot

Peacekeeper



- Full Members
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- 531 posts

Posted 08 April 2010 - 05:04 PM

thenforcer2, on Apr 7 2010, 08:06 PM, said:

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The Enforcer.

I'm hoping it's a severe burn, not acne/small pox.

Got in a horrible manner.

#43 theenforcer2

Time Lord



- Full Members
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- 5,532 posts

Posted 08 April 2010 - 05:35 PM

I did a quick google search and the consensus is that he has scars from cystic acne.

The Enforcer.



#44 Pootmatoot

Peacekeeper



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- Full Members
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- 531 posts

Posted 08 April 2010 - 05:39 PM

theenforcer2, on Apr 8 2010, 06:35 PM, said:

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The Enforcer.

I was thinking Caprica/BSG plot wise, rather than what happened to Olmos in real life.

#45 CrackShotJr

Sleestak



- Full Members
- ●
- 60 posts

Posted 09 April 2010 - 02:56 PM

dagojr, on Mar 31 2010, 04:37 PM, said:

As weird as this sounds, this more than anything else makes me suspicious that Caprica Willy isn't BSG Willy. They went out of their way to give Adama blue eyes in the series and in Razor. And suddenly they conveniently forgot?

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Possibly, the Bill Adama was named after his grandfather or an uncle or someone else. Especially if Will Adama grows up, and does something remarkable, I can see someone in the Adama family lineage naming their newborn after him.

#46 malikwalker

Returnee

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- Full Members
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- 863 posts

Posted 09 April 2010 - 03:23 PM

dagojr, on Mar 31 2010, 04:37 PM, said:

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Sure, it could be an oversight on their part, but it just seems so weird that they would care about his eye color for several years, and then as soon as Caprica starts, cease caring.

CrackShotJr, on Apr 9 2010, 03:56 PM, said: ☺

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#47 theenforcer2

Time Lord



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- Full Members
- ●●●●
- 5,532 posts

Posted 09 April 2010 - 03:26 PM

I've tried contacts several times and they don't work for me either. I have to wear glasses.

The Enforcer.



#48 CrackShotJr

Sleestak



- Full Members
- 60 posts

Posted 10 April 2010 - 08:06 AM

malikwalker, on Apr 9 2010, 04:23 PM, said:

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being done, changing Will Adama's eye color to match Bill Adama's would have been trivial. If they really wanted Will to be the younger Bill.

Probably could have digitally added a bad case of acne too.

#49 malikwalker

Returnee

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- Full Members
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- 863 posts

Posted 10 April 2010 - 12:02 PM

CrackShotJr, on Apr 10 2010, 09:06 AM, said:

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hehe good point. But i bet that the un-budgeted CGI would have put them over cost

#50 Scrawny71

Wacky Professor



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- Full Members
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- 1,553 posts

Posted 10 April 2010 - 02:28 PM

CrackShotJr, on Apr 9 2010, 08:56 PM, said:

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Works for me, as long as his dad is also a criminal defence lawyer named Joseph . (This was established in *BSG*).

You'd do it for Randolph Scott.

#51 lucian78

Cyborg



- Full Members
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- 1,479 posts

Posted 10 April 2010 - 02:53 PM

theenforcer2, on Apr 9 2010, 03:26 PM, said:

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The Enforcer.

Lasik surgery?

#52 theenforcer2

Time Lord



- Full Members
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- 5,532 posts

Posted 10 April 2010 - 03:51 PM

lucian78, on Apr 10 2010, 12:53 PM, said:

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With lasik surgery, I would still need reading glasses. I read all day as part of my job so basically I would still have to wear glasses.

The Enforcer.



#53 lucian78

Cyborg



- Full Members
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- 1,479 posts

Posted 10 April 2010 - 04:10 PM

theenforcer2, on Apr 10 2010, 04:51 PM, said:

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The Enforcer.

<http://lasik-truth.c...orks-very-well/>

You could have a double trouble surgery....of course i'm sure it costs double the price too.

#54 dagojr

Contactee



- Full Members
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- 725 posts

Posted 10 April 2010 - 04:37 PM

Scrawny71, on Apr 10 2010, 03:28 PM, said:

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Agree here. There's really no way William Adama's father can't be named Joseph. There's a little more leeway with regard to the mother.

#55 lucian78

Cyborg



- Full Members
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- 1,479 posts

Posted 11 April 2010 - 08:52 AM

CrackShotJr, on Apr 9 2010, 02:56 PM, said:

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For the time to work it would have to be him.

#56 K9Companion

Mansquito



- Full Members
- 3 posts

Posted 05 January 2011 - 06:51 AM

I guess the last episode explains the age and eye color question.

#57 twentyfivestars

Peacekeeper



- Full Members
- ●
- 571 posts

Posted 05 January 2011 - 09:02 PM

'Pootmatoot', on 06 Feb 2010 - 15:07, said:

Then why in Daybreak is Tigh celebrating his retirement, and Adama doing an interview for a security firm, post-military?

Isn't it that Adama, and therefore Tigh, were going to retire but Adama walked away from the civilian job and stayed in the military? Isn't that why Ellen was angry at Adama?

#58 yongjin02

Returnee

- Full Members
- ●●
- 883 posts

Posted 05 January 2011 - 11:18 PM

You can look to "husker, the early years" or "Ep 18-Aptheosis" to find an excellent discussion of this topic

#59 naiad

Wacky Professor



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- Full Members
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- 1,719 posts

Posted 06 January 2011 - 12:24 PM

I watched most of the last five eps.....unless I missed something.....Willy Adama was shot in the gut and killed so he could not have grown up to be the admiral?????????

Technical info nerd
CEO and Mad Hatter #68
AKA TINemo and Furlow

#60 Terran77

Viper Pilot



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- Full Members
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- 162 posts

Posted 06 January 2011 - 12:48 PM

'naiad', on 06 Jan 2011 - 09:24, said:

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I think it was planned all along that "Willy" would not be the Bill Adama of BSG.

The eye color for one thing, his age, other little clues... but I think it was unfortunate the way it was handled. I never could like Willy because of the way he was written, so his death and the subsequent naming of little Bill didn't have much power.