



Crossing Over

When two Atlantean tribes merged, they combined their mythological stories to engender unity. The “Book of Seasons” contains several resulting episodes, which are all quite bizarre. Scholars believe this is because they chose stories to combine based not on their content, but on some nominal link between them. But, what could those links be?

- 1) Seasons 1:4. Jim and Spock beam down to a planet modeled after twentieth-century London, where they discover a rogue named Harry living in a two-story house with a lot of female servants on the lower floor. Jim at first thinks the housemaids are happy, but soon discovers they are simply incapable of crying. ★
- 2) Seasons 1:4. A scheming housewife who believes she is in danger of being lethally defamed by the bandleader she married gets the lewd district attorney to bring the case before Judge Stone. ★
- 3) Seasons 2:8. Having departed Minneapolis to go to Manhattan, Mary's old friend considers leaving her fiance Joe Girard to move to Santa Monica and live with a man who already lives with two women. But when the man keeps insisting that she refer to him as an old woman, she decides to stay in New York. ★★★
- 4) Seasons 1:3. Competing interminably for third place at the Olympics are Superman and a Japanese master of pair-fighting card monsters who likes anime. Meanwhile, Superman wonders why he gets second billing after his wife. ★★★
- 5) Seasons 4:2. A balding man finds a skunk in his back seat left by the prankster Vinnie, triggering an escalating conflict that eventually embroils their friends: the self-absorbed comedian living in New York and the teenaged doctor. ★
- 6) Seasons 2:2. A wealthy Broadway producer seeks his nasal-voiced, flashily-dressed nursemaid's help in putting on a Broadway play about an idiotic but incredibly lucky secret agent who foils a KAOS plot to distribute poisonous lipstick. She recommends making it a musical featuring the song "As Time Goes By." ★★★
- 7) Seasons 4:9. A pacifist government agent is called in by a woman named Jessica who hears a man bludgeoned with a transparent FM receiver while on tour for her new mystery novel. He improvises a lie detector out of dryer lint and duct tape to help her solve the case. ★★
- 8) Seasons 6:5. In the disco era, a high school girl becomes the monarch of LSD, but her geeky boyfriend warns the red-headed feminist to be careful out there. Her reign only lasts 24 hours as police with troubled lives swoop in to confiscate her stash. ★★★★★
- 9) Seasons 6:5. A private detective takes the case of a quirky lesbian bookstore owner for \$200 a day, plus expenses, to help her evade fines for driving in the carpool lane. He tells her that all she has to do is bring along two male companions or at least realistic-looking mannequins. ★★★

- 10) Seasons 1:1. When an elaborate White House affair is thrown in honor of a foul-mouthed, over-the-hill heavy metal rock star, the president must try to hide his advancing multiple sclerosis. ★★
- 11) Seasons 8:1. The bigoted meathead really wants to watch the biggest football game of the year with every one of his kin but gets dragged to a picnic with a psychotic pharmacist who used to date an uptight perfectionist homemaker. ★
- 12) Seasons 2:4. A brassy, domineering working-class housewife in Illinois imagines what her life would have been like as a female physician in Wild West-era Colorado. In her daydream, she wins over the trust and admiration of the townspeople and their poultry.
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- 13) Seasons 2:4. The omnipotent and annoying being constantly taunting Picard and his crew consults a psychologist in 20th century Chicago because of gender confusion. Hartley suggests having people address him with a gender-specific title, and, on a whim, suggests also encrypting his name with a seven-position Caesar shift. ★★★★
- 14) Seasons 2:5. On location in Scranton, Donald Trump challenges the Dunder-Mifflin staff to design a system to allow people under the influence to drive safely. Somebody gets fired.
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- 15) Seasons 3:2. The residents of County General Hospital in Chicago, finding themselves at the dawn of the third age of Mankind, draw lots to decide who will donate kidneys and who will expose themselves to hazardous radiation to save the lives of refugees of the Centauri-Narn War. ★★★★
- 16) Seasons 5:7. Los Angeles police consultant Dr. Sloan examines the intentional killing of a member of an extremely secretive organization of people who gather to throw tomatoes at each other. When his investigation suggests that aliens may be involved, the FBI sends a conspiracy theorist and skeptic to help him crack the case. ★★