

= Be All My Sins Remember 'd =

" Be All My Sins Remember 'd " is the 71st episode of the science fiction television series Stargate Atlantis , and the eleventh episode of the series ' fourth season . The episode was written by Atlantis co @-@ executive producer , Martin Gero , his third script of the season , and directed by Andy Mikita . The episode originally aired on the Sci Fi Channel in the United States on January 4 , 2008 , and aired on Sky One in the United Kingdom on January 8 . The episode 's title is derived from the line , " The fair Ophelia ! Nymph , in thy orisons / Be all my sins remember 'd " from the famous " To be or not to be " soliloquy in William Shakespeare 's Hamlet .

The episode is the second installment of a three @-@ episode arc that began with the mid @-@ season finale " This Mortal Coil " ( also taken from Hamlet 's soliloquy ) , in which nanite @-@ created copies of Lieutenant Colonel John Sheppard and his team give their real counterparts on Atlantis a device that reveals the presence of over thirty Asuran battleships in the Pegasus galaxy . The episode resolves the main Asuran storyline with their permanent defeat at the hands of the Atlantis Expedition . The episode received generally positive critical reviews .

= = Plot = =

The Earth ships Apollo and Daedalus , which have been upgraded with Asgard plasma beam weapons , arrive in the Pegasus galaxy to battle the Asurans . After some initial successes against their enemy , they learn that the Asurans have retreated back to the safety of their homeworld to rebuild their numbers . Rodney McKay ( David Hewlett ) works with Todd , a Wraith prisoner ( Brendan Penny , Christopher Heyerdahl ) to create a computer virus to deactivate the Asurans , but they do not succeed . However , McKay develops an alternate plan to enhance the attractive forces between the Asuran nanites , pulling them together into a superdense mass that the Expedition can then implode by overloading ZPMs around it . To carry out this plan , he creates another humanoid Replicator to serve as a nucleus , later dubbed " FRAN " ( " Friendly Replicator Android " , played by Michelle Morgan ) .

For the plan to be successful , the Expedition must also prevent the Asuran ships from escaping into hyperspace . The Wraith prisoner convinces seven Wraith hive ships to join the Earth ships ' attack . Concerned about the Asuran threat , the Travelers under Larrin contribute some of their ships as well . Back on Atlantis , Teyla ( Rachel Luttrell ) is forced to admit that she is pregnant , and is pulled off duty . The combined fleet arrives over the Asuran homeworld and engages the enemy fleet , while Fran beams down to the surface and begins to pull the other nanites towards her . However , the nanite mass collapses the power grid , meaning that the ZPMs cannot be overloaded . McKay and Colonel Carter ( Amanda Tapping ) determine that , if they increase the mass 's attraction to the ultra @-@ dense neutronium in the planet 's crust , the additional mass will cause it to sink into the core of the planet . The pressure and heat in the core initiates a fusion reaction so that the planet explodes , shortly after the allied fleet escapes . One Asuran ship survives at the end of the episode , revealing its commander as Elizabeth Weir ( Torri Higginson ) , who notes that their " work " can now begin without interference .

= = Production = =

Writer Martin Gero completed the script of " Be All My Sins Remember 'd " by May 7 , 2007 . The script included a conversation between Carter and Colonel Caldwell ( Mitch Pileggi ) , where he talks to her as an " equal " , but the filmed scene was cut when the episode was longer than anticipated . The production crew felt the scene was not important enough , but Gero also noticed with surprise that Mitch Pileggi acted it out as if it were a " romance scene " .

Mitch Pileggi returned as Colonel Caldwell , who has not appeared in the series since season three 's twelfth episode , " Echoes " , due to Pileggi 's commitments in The Batman animated series . He also appeared alongside Michael Beach , who last played Colonel Abe Ellis in " Lifeline " . Christopher Heyerdahl returned as the Wraith character who would be named " Todd " in the next

episode . However , Heyerdahl was unavailable to appear for " Be All My Sins Remember 'd " , so Brendan Penny filled in for the part . Penny was made to look like Heyerdahl as convincingly as possible , but Heyerdahl was asked to provide the voice for the character since the producers feared that the audience would later pick up on Penny 's voice otherwise .

Michelle Morgan played " FRAN " , the " Friendly Replicator Android " . Morgan was originally set to play Linara , Davos ' daughter from a previous episode , " The Seer " . However , the role was given to Kimberley Warnat when Morgan had to participate in a reshoot of her role in Diary of the Dead . Morgan was disappointed that she did not get the role of Linara , but stated after her casting as FRAN that it was fun to play a character that is highly dangerous and yet completely innocent . Jill Wagner returned as Larrin for this episode , after her debut appearance in " Travelers " . Torri Higginson returned as Elizabeth Weir in her fourth appearance in the season , at the very end of the episode . The script intended her to have two lines of dialog in the episode , but producers knew that the audience would recognize Higginson 's voice and hence used a stand @-@ in to say the first line instead .

The visual effects were done by the Vancouver @-@ based Image Engine . Before the broadcasting , Atlantis visual effects supervisor Mark Savelle revealed that the episode would have the " biggest effects sequence viewers will ever have seen , " which involved the epic space battle in the climax of the episode . Savelle intended the visual effects to top the minute @-@ long sequence of the Horizon missiles firing to the Asuran homeworld in the season three finale " First Strike " . The sequence was reportedly so complicated that for the first time in the series , models were used to physically map out the action before creating the initial animatics . Gero later stated that the episode had a battle sequence that " we will not be able to top . It is the greatest special effects sequence that the show has ever done . " The episode used an extent of special effects and had one of the highest budgets in the entire series , comparable with the series ' pilot episode " Rising " .

= = Reception = =

When " Be All My Sins Remember 'd " aired on the Sci Fi Channel on January 4 , 2008 , the episode received a total household ratings of 1 @.@ 4 , a ratings record for the series ' fourth season , and the highest in the series since the 1 @.@ 5 rating of the season three finale , " First Strike " . " Be All My Sins Remember 'd " made Stargate Atlantis SCI FI 's highest rated original series of the week , and the second most viewed broadcasting in total , second to the Television movie " Beyond Loch Ness " , which starred Stargate veterans Don S. Davis and Paul McGillion and had a rating of 1 @.@ 7 . In its UK airing on Sky One on January 8 , 2008 , the episode was watched by approximately 485 @, @ 000 viewers , making the series the most @-@ watched series of the week , even beating The Simpsons .

IGN 's Tory Ireland Mell gave the episode an " incredible " rating of 9 @.@ 6 out of 10 , praising the return of Larrin and the introduction of " FRAN " . He described the space battle against the Replicators as " legendary " , but didnot feel that the visual effects were as good as Battlestar Galactica . GateWorld rated the episode with four stars ( out of a possible four ) , only one of two episodes in the season to do so . " Be All My Sins Remember 'd " achieved 9 @.@ 52 out of 10 from the GateWorld fan rating , making it one of only seven episodes in the Stargate franchise to have a fan rating higher than 9 @.@ 5 at the time . The space battle earned the visual effects team a nomination for " Best Visual Effects " in the 23rd Annual Gemini Awards , but they lost to The Tudors . Four days after the episode 's first broadcast , Stargate Atlantis won a People 's Choice Award for " Best Sci @-@ Fi Show " , beating Battlestar Galactica and Doctor Who .