

= Jonas Quinn =

Jonas Quinn is a fictional character in the Canadian @-@ American television series Stargate SG @-@ 1 , a science fiction show about a military team exploring the galaxy via a network of alien transportation devices . Played by Corin Nemec , Jonas is introduced in the season 5 episode " Meridian . " Jonas fills Daniel Jackson 's empty spot on the SG @-@ 1 team in season 6 and the beginning of season 7 , and last appears in the mid @-@ season 7 episode " Fallout " .

Nemec 's character replaced Daniel Jackson (portrayed by Michael Shanks) during season 6 after Shanks had left the show amid controversy after season 5 . The producers based Jonas 's motivation to join Stargate Command on his momentary reluctance to actively prevent Daniel 's death , and his feelings of responsibility afterwards . Jonas was slowly integrated into the story in a prolonged transition stage over the first half of season 6 . Nemec was open to continue playing Jonas Quinn after season 6 , but a new contract was reached with Michael Shanks for Daniel to return in season 7 . The role of Jonas was reduced to recurring status in season 7 .

= = Role in Stargate SG @-@ 1 = =

= = = Character arc = = =

Jonas Quinn is introduced in the penultimate season 5 episode " Meridian " as a scientist of the human nation of Kelowna on Langara , a planet with an industrial level comparable to Earth of the 1940s , and that is also locked in a cold war with two rival states . He is an exceptionally quick learner , which becomes useful in memorizing SG mission reports and earth culture . The Kelownans are experimenting with naqahdriah (an unstable but extremely powerful native element related to naqahdah) to build a bomb against their two rival nations , Terrania and the Andari Federation . Jonas is present when SG @-@ 1 team member Daniel Jackson gets radiation @-@ poisoned with naqahdriah in an attempt to prevent a catastrophe in Kelowna , but when the Kelownan leaders respond with glee to Daniel 's imminent death , Jonas steals a small amount of naqahdriah and offers it to Earth for more peaceful uses . Still wracked by guilt in the season 6 premiere " Redemption " over his hesitation to step in , Jonas helps Major Samantha Carter find a solution to save Earth from an attack by the Goa 'uld Anubis . Although Colonel Jack O 'Neill is reluctant to add a new fourth member to SG @-@ 1 , he allows Jonas to join the team , partly to prevent a Russian from being assigned .

After several missions with SG @-@ 1 , Jonas is confronted with his past in " Shadow Play " and learns more of the effects of naqahdriah on people . In " Metamorphosis " , the Goa 'uld Nirrti learns via an Ancient DNA Resequencer that Jonas is different from other humans , but she is killed before this is further investigated . In " Prophecy " , Nirrti 's experiments cause clairvoyant visions in Jonas , and the doctors remove a potentially lethal tumor from his brain . After SG @-@ 1 finds the de @-@ ascended Daniel on another planet in the season 7 premiere " Fallen " / " Homecoming " , Jonas and Daniel join forces and succeed in driving Anubis away from Kelowna . The three Langaran nations agree to meet for peace talks for the greater good of the planet , and Jonas decides to become a peace negotiator for his people . While Jonas returns to his planet , Daniel rejoins SG @-@ 1 . Jonas last appears in season 7 's " Fallout " to ask Earth for help saving his homeworld from the destructive powers of naqahdriah in the planet 's core . Season 10 's " Counterstrike " mentions that the Ori conquered Langara , Jonas 's homeworld . Langara 's story arc is resumed in Stargate Universe 's " Seizure " , where Earth eventually agrees to protect Langara from the Lucian Alliance , while the Langarans remove the Stargate from their facility .

= = = Characterization and relationships = = =

After Daniel 's death and Jonas 's subsequent move to Earth , Major Carter is the SG @-@ 1 team member around whom Jonas Quinn feels most comfortable . Nevertheless , Amanda Tapping (

Carter) felt that " there is a hesitancy on [Carter] ' s part to be too familiar with Jonas [or] make this big emotional investment " in him because he is not Daniel . Jonas hopes that Carter and the alien SG @-@ 1 member Teal 'c can persuade Colonel O 'Neill to give him a chance to prove himself worthy of a place on the SG @-@ 1 team , but according to Richard Dean Anderson (O 'Neill) , " O 'Neill feels that Jonas is directly responsible for the demise or at least the damaging of Daniel Jackson [and thus] harbors some resentment towards Jonas " . Although O 'Neill is suspicious of aliens in general (except of Teal 'c) , O 'Neill begins to accept Jonas at the end of " Redemption " yet finds it hard to ever significantly warm up to Jonas , something which Nemec felt " makes things much more interesting " . Tapping added that Jonas inadvertently brings the three remaining SG @-@ 1 members closer together again . Jonas 's " easy @-@ going nature " later helps him to also establish relationships with the supporting characters Dr. Janet Fraiser and General George Hammond , whom Nemec regarded " very much [as] a father figure in Jonas 's eyes " .

= = Conceptual history = =

When actor Michael Shanks (Daniel Jackson) announced his decision to leave Stargate SG @-@ 1 at the end of season 5 for concerns over being under @-@ utilized , the Sci Fi Channel wanted to fill the void with a new character for season 6 . Corin Nemec happened to be at the courtyard of Metro @-@ Goldwyn @-@ Mayer 's Santa Monica offices rehearsing audition dialog for an independent film when some casting agents recognized him from previous projects . They briefly mentioned Stargate SG @-@ 1 to him and informed Nemec 's manager of their strong interest in him the same afternoon . Although Nemec was familiar with the Stargate film , he had never watched the television show and was sent videotapes to familiarize himself with the series . Nemec was cast for the penultimate season 5 episode " Meridian " after several more meetings , but both sides agreed to await the character 's look on film before deciding on a long @-@ term involvement .

Producer Brad Wright announced in September 2001 that an actor had been cast and that the new character would be someone whom fans would recognize . An MGM Sci @-@ Fi newsletter revealed Corin Nemec to play the role of Liander [sic] Quinn in " Meridian " in November 2001 , fueling fan speculation of the identity of the new character . Soon afterwards , producer Joseph Mallozzi revealed that Nemec 's character appears in the first five episodes of season 6 . Meanwhile , Nemec started to work out six days a week in @-@ between seasons and gained about 25 pounds (11 kg) to look bigger around the tall SG @-@ 1 cast .

Mallozzi stated before the airing of season 6 that " Jonas will bring a unique alien perspective and ability to the team [that] will allow him to contribute in areas of expertise usually owned by [Carter] and Daniel . " Brad Wright hoped that " what Corin , as Jonas , will bring to the show is a renewed sense of amazement " of traveling around the galaxy although older characters have grown accustomed to it . The season 6 opening two @-@ parter " Redemption " intended to establish Jonas as a team player who can contribute ideas , although writer Robert C. Cooper felt the need to acknowledge and not " trivialize what the [Daniel Jackson] character meant to the team and to the show for five seasons " . The writers incorporated the initial viewer resistance to the change by making O 'Neill the most resistant to Jonas ' presence , allowing viewers to grieve Daniel and gradually come to terms with his absence . The producers based Jonas 's motivation to join SG @-@ 1 on his former reluctance to shut off the machine that indirectly killed Daniel , and his feelings of responsibility for Daniel 's death . Jonas was slowly integrated into the story in a prolonged transition stage over the first half of season 6 .

Nemec was open to continue playing Jonas Quinn after season 6 or in a feature film or a spin @-@ off series , but a new contract was reached with Michael Shanks for Daniel to return in season 7 . The role of Jonas was therefore reduced to recurring status in season 7 . Nemec welcomed the producers ' openness for story pitches and offered several story ideas . He wrote the mid @-@ season @-@ 7 episode " Fallout " and considered pitching more stories afterwards , but he became busy with other projects . Jonas is seldom mentioned in the series after this point but after Season

10 's " Counterstrike " stated that the Ori conquered Jonas 's homeworld , Stargate producer Joseph Mallozzi said in his blog that " in [his] mind , Jonas went underground and is still alive somewhere , resisting the Ori army . "

= = Reception = =

The audience reception of Jonas Quinn was sparked with controversy over Michael Shanks ' departure from the show . When rumors began late in 2001 that Showtime would also not be renewing Stargate SG @-@ 1 after its fifth season , panicking fans rallied to save the show and Daniel 's character , starting massive write @-@ in campaigns and setting up websites such as the " Save Daniel Jackson " site . The SciFi Channel eventually ordered a sixth season of the show , but the character of Jonas continued to be distrusted by loyal fans , who were concerned that Daniel 's death might cause the SG @-@ 1 team to lose its moral compass . Robert C. Cooper summarized that " there 's been quite a bit of ire directed by fans towards Daniel 's replacement " after the airing of " Meridian " , but he hoped that the character would grow on fans eventually . Producer Joseph Mallozzi claimed at the beginning of season 6 to still get the " odd incoherent rambling death threat passed along to me from the [Save Daniel Jackson] site " .

Amanda Tapping admitted that it had been easier to establish relationships with her co @-@ stars at the beginning of the series , comparing Nemec 's situation to " being the new kid in school ; we 're still trying to make [Corin] comfortable , but it 's not the same " . Nevertheless , the Stargate SG @-@ 1 actors and producers complimented Corin Nemec and the character . Richard Dean Anderson was impressed with Nemec 's performance in " Meridian " , saying " he really struck me as a bright guy , very respectful of the dynamic of the set , but with an awareness of what he wanted to bring . " Don S. Davis (General Hammond) noted during the filming of season 6 that " Corin is a wonderful [and well @-@ liked] young man with a tremendous personality and he 's had a great deal of experience in the business " , agreeing with writer Robert C. Cooper that Nemec had done a " fine " and " wonderful " job .

TV Zone 's Jan Vincent @-@ Rudzki expected Jonas to be " pushed out of the way " in season 7 's " Fallen " / " Homecoming " , but considered the character 's departure as " keeping with previous events " and " quite plausible " . The writers ' decision to team up Jonas with Daniel for a significant part of the two @-@ part episode " gives credence to Jonas 's exit " , although " it 's a great shame that this new ' partnership ' couldn 't have continued " since " the two [characters] worked so well together " . Nemec stated in a 2008 interview that " the initial backlash from a very small core , outspoken group of the fandom had a bit of a volatile reaction to it , which is totally natural ... I 'd say 95 @-@ plus percent of the fan base grew to like the character and accepted the character overall . Especially by the time season 6 ended , I think people were pretty much , ' Eh , OK ? I 'm cool with that . ' For the most part . "