

= Rajiin =

" Rajiin " is the 56th episode of the American science fiction television series Star Trek : Enterprise , the fourth episode of season three . It first aired on October 1 , 2003 , on the UPN network in the United States . The episode was written by Brent V. Friedman and Chris Black from a story idea from Friedman and Paul Brown , and was directed by Mike Vejar .

Set in the 22nd century , the series follows the adventures of the first Starfleet starship Enterprise , registration NX @-@ 01 . Season three of Enterprise features an ongoing story following an attack on Earth by previously unknown aliens called the Xindi . In this episode , Captain Jonathan Archer (Scott Bakula) and the crew visit an alien bazaar seeking a formula to help protect the ship against the anomalies in the Delphic Expanse . They bring back on board a former slave called Rajiin (Nikita Ager) , whose motivations are not what the crew initially believe .

Several sets were built for the episode , including the alien bazaar . Filming took longer than the normal seven days , with secondary shoots taking an additional day and a half . It was the highest @-@ rated episode of the season so far , with 4 @.@ 52 million viewers watching the first broadcast . However , the critical reception was mixed with criticism levelled at the " gratuitous " female sexuality seen but the reviewers were pleased that it showed a sense of continuity in the overall Xindi arc with it described as a " space opera " .

= = Plot = =

The Xindi Council meet to discuss the progress of Enterprise . Although the Reptilians and Insectoids want to attack the humans , Degra advises them to continue with the plan to build the superweapon . On Enterprise , Sub @-@ Commander T 'Pol continues to help Commander Tucker with Vulcan neuropsychic sessions . The ship , seeking the formula for a compound to reinforce its hull against spatial anomalies , then approaches a planet with a vast floating alien bazaar . Captain Archer leads an away team to meet with B 'Rat Ud , a chemist who they have met before .

After bartering , he sells them the formula for liquid trellium @-@ D , and also informs them that the Xindi recently visited a merchant nearby . Archer meets the merchant , Zjod , a slaver who tries to sell him a female called Rajiin . Archer refuses and leaves , but Rajiin chases after him . Following a fight between Archer and Zjod , the away team leave with Rajiin , and Archer promises to return her to her home planet . Later she approaches Archer in his quarters , and as she nears him she puts him in a trance , and he no longer remembers her visit . Meanwhile , T 'Pol and Tucker attempt to replicate the chemical from B 'Rat 's formula but the first attempt fails .

Afterwards , T 'Pol returns to her cabin and is surprised to find Rajiin inside . She tries to resist , but is soon overcome . Rajiin attempts to flee using the transporter , but is quickly captured and placed in the brig . As Archer attempts to question her , Lieutenant Reed informs him that two Reptilian ships are on an intercept course . Rajiin admits she was gathering information for the Xindi . Reptilians , after running battles with the crew , retrieve Rajiin and take her back to one of the ships . Enterprise attempts to pursue , but the Xindi enters a subspace vortex . Afterwards , the Council convenes again to discuss the development and construction a new bio @-@ weapon , a project helped by Archer 's bio @-@ data that was stolen by Rajiin .

= = Production = =

Filming on " Rajiin " began on July 30 , 2003 , and primary shooting concluded after seven days filming on August 7 . The second unit continued on August 8 , with a further half day of shooting taking place the following week during the filming of the following episode " Impulse " . This was the first episode to be worked on by Brent V. Friedman , who had joined the staff as a Consulting Producer . He had previously been a producer on other similar genre television series such as Dark Skies and The Twilight Zone . " Rajiin " was directed by Mike Vejar , who had previously directed episodes of The Next Generation , Deep Space Nine and Voyager . This was his fifth episode of Enterprise , and his first of season three .

Several sets were built for this episode , including an alien bazaar and a chemical laboratory . As the Xindi council returned in Rajiin for the first time after the first episode of the season " The Xindi " , the guest stars who had appeared as their members returned . These included Tucker Smallwood , Randy Oglesby , Rick Worthy and Scott MacDonald . The titular character , Rajiin , was played by Nikita Ager . She had recently appeared in the television film Mermaids which had also been co @-@ written by Friedman . Main cast member Dominic Keating described Ager , saying " This girl is HOT ! Oh my word . I forgot my lines a couple of times . " Dell Yount appeared as B 'Rat ; he had previously appeared in the Deep Space Nine episode " Sons of Mogh " .

= = Reception and home media release = =

" Rajiin " was first aired on October 1 , 2003 on UPN . It received a 2 @.@ 7 / 4 % share , meaning that it was seen by 2 @.@ 6 percent of all households , and 4 percent of all households watching television at the time of the broadcast . This translated to approximately 4 @.@ 52 million viewers . It was the highest rated episode of season three at that point , despite it going up against Smallville on The WB for the first time this season .

In her review for TrekNation , Michelle Erica Green said that she was pleased with the continuity seen in " Rajiin " but felt that the female sexuality seen in this episode was the " most gratuitous ... I can remember on Trek " . She thought that the Rajiin character was a cliché , calling her a " trained slut who comes on to everyone around her " . Green described the overall plot as " feeble " , but praised the alien bazaar set . Jamahl Epsicokhan , on his website " Jammer 's Reviews " , said that " Rajiin " demonstrated that there was an intention for the Xindi story @-@ arc to be a fully fledged space opera . He thought that the episode was average for the third season , and wasn 't as good as " Anomaly " . However , he felt that the scenes were reminiscent of comic books , saying that " There 's nothing really wrong with that . Nothing great about it either . " He gave it a score of 2 @.@ 5 / 4 .

The only home media release of " Rajiin " has been as part of the season three DVD box set , released in the United States on September 27 , 2005 . The Blu @-@ ray release of Enterprise was announced in early 2013 , and released on January 7 , 2014 .