

# S3\_E12\_CentaurusPopCulture

[00:00:00] **Jordan:** Hi, I'm Jordan

[00:00:15] **Kit:** and I'm Kit.

[00:00:18] **Jordan:** Welcome to Starry Time where Stars Plus Lines

[00:00:21] **Kit:** Equal Stories.

[00:00:23] **Jordan:** In this week's episode, we'll be getting a little silly and exploring the pop culture of the Constellation Centaurus .

[00:00:30] **Kit:** In this episode, we share our favorite and least favorite occurrences of this month's constellation in pop culture.

[00:00:37] **Jordan:** And our definition of pop culture folks is pretty broad, very broadly defined.

[00:00:45] **Kit:** And then we'll take over the brand by wishing upon a star for what we wish existed using the brand.

[00:00:54] **Jordan:** All right, so this month we went broad, really broad.

[00:00:57] **Kit:** Mm.

[00:00:58] **Jordan:** So our favorites, or least favorites [00:01:00] can include Centaurus Proper, along with specific centaurs or Chiron himself.

[00:01:05] So Kit. Would you start us off today with your favorite pop culture appearance?

## [00:01:11] Favorites

[00:01:11] **Kit:** Yeah, so I have one, uh, top number one favorite, and then I have a couple of honorable mentions, which we can get into later. But my favorite came to me immediately. As soon as centaurs broadly were on the table, you knew that I had to go to Leslie Knope depicted as a topless centaur from

[00:01:37] **Jordan:** Wow. Yes.

[00:01:39] **Kit:** From the Jerry's painting. Season three, episode 11 of the TV show Parks and Recreation. Essentially, uh, one of the characters paints another character accidentally as a centaur that's topless. The small Indiana city has a fit and um, that's my favorite centaur in pop culture.[00:02:00]

[00:02:00] **Jordan:** Wow. No, I did not think of that one. I think this is the whole reason why we do this pod. Thank you for reminding me. Um, at the end, does Leslie get to keep the painting? Yes. She gets a fake made in order to keep the painting. Uh, spoilers incredible choice. Can I give you my choice for my favorite Centaurus appearance in pop culture?

[00:02:27] **Kit:** Yeah, let's hear it.

[00:02:28] **Jordan:** Alright, so I went a little bit more literal and I went with the 1986

[00:02:35] **Kit:** mm-hmm.

[00:02:35] **Jordan:** Star Trek original series novel.

[00:02:38] **Kit:** Mm-hmm.

[00:02:38] **Jordan:** Crisis on Centaurus by Brad Ferguson.

[00:02:43] **Kit:** This was one of my honorable mentions, so carry on.

[00:02:46] **Jordan:** Yes. So first of all, great title.

[00:02:49] **Kit:** Mm-hmm.

[00:02:49] **Jordan:** Crisis on Centaurus. Love the alliteration. Second of all, I'll give you a brief description of the plot as described to me on Deep [00:03:00] Space Spines, A Chronicle of the Non-Canonical since 2017. Gravity and other assorted environmental controls are on the fritz. Sonic showers and toilets seem to have been uninvented because everyone is trying to avoid getting hit in the face by floating globs of dookie water.

[00:03:27] **Kit:** Ew.

[00:03:27] **Jordan:** Once a matter anti-matter snafu nearly blows up the entire ship, Kirk immediately diverts to Star Base Nine. No can-do however. Star Fleet re routes them to Centaurus where someone detonated an anti-matter bomb at the new Athens Spaceport and killed almost a million people.

[00:03:50] **Kit:** Hmm. Yeah, this definitely ended up on my honorable mentions. Uh, I haven't read this exact book, but I am just a fan of the novel verse of Star Trek. I love it as a [00:04:00] premise. I love the idea that people are just churning out these books about this beloved franchise. I am a huge Star Trek fan. As we've probably mentioned on the pod before. Uh, Jordan and I are gonna be going to Fan Nights to see the Enterprise bridge. That's the only thing I wanna see. So, um, yeah, I, I had to, I had to put in my honorable mentions because I was always gonna find an opportunity to shout out Star Trek. I did have one honorable mention for favorites, and this is again, just broadly centaurs in pop culture. And that is gonna go ahead and be the centaurs in Fantasia, those centaurs are hot.

[00:04:44] **Jordan:** Bawdy. Very bawdy.

[00:04:46] **Kit:** Very bawdy. And I mean, listen, that component definitely has racist parts to it for sure, as with all of the Fantasia sort of categories. But just shout out [00:05:00] to Fantasia having a bunch of centaur. That's all.

[00:05:03] **Jordan:** Uh, no, wait, no, no. That's not all. A bunch of hot centaurs.

[00:05:07] **Kit:** Right, yeah. A bunch of hot centaurs.

## [00:05:09] Least Favorites

[00:05:09] **Jordan:** Fair. Alright, Kit, now can we get onto our least favorite appearances of Centaurus in pop culture?

[00:05:16] **Kit:** I'll go ahead and start because I had to pick, I have a least favorite and then I have an honorable mention least favorite. But the least favorite just has to be Centarus as a variant of the SARS Covid 2 Omicron variant.

[00:05:31] **Jordan:** Mm-hmm.

[00:05:33] **Kit:** Frankly, Chiron should be insulted because Centaurus is Chiron.

[00:05:40] **Jordan:** Yes.

[00:05:40] **Kit:** And if you don't know that you didn't listen to our Myths and Retcons episode, but it's waiting for you, don't worry. It's in the back catalog. Chiron is the founder of surgery and medicine, and then you are gonna go ahead and name a deadly pandemic virus after him? That [00:06:00] is, it's upsetting. It's frankly upsetting.

[00:06:02] **Jordan:** It's rude. It's, it's wrong. It's uncalled for.

[00:06:04] **Kit:** Uncalled for

[00:06:06] **Jordan:** Kit. I'm not gonna lie. This was also my least favorite.

[00:06:10] **Kit:** Yeah. I also wanna give a shout out to least favorite, um, a specific centaur. Again, I, I really went in deep on the list of fictional centaur and I'll post those over on our socials at Starrytimepod on the Universeodon server of Mastodon. Um, but my least favorite specific centaur in pop culture is probably gonna go ahead and be Nessus from Hercules the animated movie, which of course I love. Um, I don't like that he is essentially like sexually harassing Megara.

[00:06:43] **Jordan:** Yeah, he is a jerk.

[00:06:45] **Kit:** Jerk. Yeah. And so that, those are my least favorites. There's just some other things, not favorites not least favorites, but things that I saw online. Mm-hmm. I also saw the beetle that has Centaurus in it's sort of like final name. There's a [00:07:00] butterfly that also has Centaurus in its sort of second name. It's called Centaur Oak Blue. Blue or dull Oak Blue. There's also, and I'm surprised you didn't see this, a, a snail.

[00:07:12] **Jordan:** Hmm.

[00:07:14] **Kit:** That's called Tylo o melania.

[00:07:17] **Jordan:** Oh, I saw, saw, oh, I saw Tylomelania, Kit. Come on, Kit. What are we doing here?

[00:07:26] **Kit:** You know, uh, gotta be up on all the snails. Um, I saw also something called Centauri Therapeutics. I saw Centaurus fungicide. So there's definitely a lot more Centaurus out there than I expected.

[00:07:40] We also, of course. See Chiron literally in Rick Riordan's, Percy Jackson, and the Olympians in the books, as well as in the television show. And we did actually do a previous episode on the pilot episode of Percy Jackson and the Olympians and the Disney Plus series. So that'll be in our back catalog if you wanna know what we think about [00:08:00] Chiron there.

[00:08:00] But yeah, there's a ton of uses. I'll post this over on our socials and you can let us know if any of those pop culture appearances are your favorite specific centaurs.

[00:08:10] **Jordan:** And don't forget to check out the Parks and Rec episode Jerry's painting.

[00:08:14] **Kit:** Mm-hmm. It's so good.

## [00:08:26] Wishe upon a Star

[00:08:26] **Jordan:** All right, Kit, now that we've chose our favorite and least favorite appearances of Centaurus in pop culture, now let's take our own spin on the brand and decide what we wish existed.

[00:08:41] **Kit:** I actually had two ideas.

[00:08:45] **Jordan:** Oh wow. Okay.

[00:08:45] **Kit:** I know. I really, I spent a lot of time with this.

[00:08:48] **Jordan:** That's phenomenal. Yes.

[00:08:49] **Kit:** So my first is pretty simple. I'm not the most proud of it, but sort of thinking about Centaurus Therapeutics, I think there should be a Centaurus first aid kit. [00:09:00]

[00:09:00] **Jordan:** Brilliant.

[00:09:00] **Kit:** It would have everything that you would need, including anecdotes to most poisons. This would be really like a poison heavy, uh, anecdote, uh, first aid kit for, you know, people who are in areas where they could be poisoned by things, just to really live up to the Centaurus brand. So that was my first one.

[00:09:19] **Jordan:** Love it.

[00:09:20] **Kit:** And my second one is more amorphous. It is, uh, maybe something that would show up on like a TV tropes, and I'm calling it the Centaurus Rule.

[00:09:34] **Jordan:** Mm.

[00:09:35] **Kit:** And it is a requirement that any depiction of Chiron revive the human front and legs depiction of Chiron that we discussed in our myth podcast last week.

[00:09:49] **Jordan:** That is a great rule. No comments, no notes.

[00:09:53] **Kit:** Okay, perfect. If you, again, if you don't know what I'm talking about, definitely check out that Myths and Retcons episode. [00:10:00] You will regret probably hearing about this.

[00:10:03] **Jordan:** Oh, you won't. No. You should just listen.

[00:10:06] **Kit:** So, Jordan, where did you go with this one?

[00:10:09] **Jordan:** Kit, I also like went with the low hanging fruit and tried to stick with the myth.

[00:10:12] **Kit:** Mm-hmm.

[00:10:13] **Jordan:** As well. I mean, you went with the whole med kit aspect of Chiron being a healer. I'm trying to go with more like the Chiron School.

[00:10:22] **Kit:** Mm-hmm.

[00:10:22] **Jordan:** You know, since he is a educator mentor.

[00:10:25] **Kit:** Yeah, I like that a lot. I like that. You know, we took sort of different elements of the Chiron character and used it, used it much more appropriately than Centurus, as a variant of the Omicron Covid virus.

[00:10:38] **Jordan:** Chiron University or Chiron Emergency Med Kit are both far more faithful than Chiron deadly disease. Uh, my second option, um, I'm not

proud of this one either, like you said. Um, but it's called the, uh, Cen- Tourism  
[00:11:00] bureau.

[00:11:00] **Kit:** Okay, well, I like it already Cen-Tourism.

[00:11:06] **Jordan:** The last thing I wish existed is a puzzle

[00:11:09] **Kit:** Uhhuh

[00:11:09] **Jordan:** that I found and it's, uh, so a bunch of these puzzles came out a long time ago that are interchangeable and half the puzzle is a train and the other half is a horse. So I want this Centaurus to exist 'cause it makes me less uncomfortable.

[00:11:29] **Kit:** Basically just, um, steampunk centaurs, I think.

[00:11:33] **Jordan:** I think so. Yeah.

[00:11:34] **Kit:** I would prefer this too. When you ever, you see like an image of a person riding a centaur, it's like, no. No.

[00:11:45] **Jordan:** I, it doesn't make me feel good. No. So yes, if we could just steampunk update the centaur, that would be something I'd also be okay with.

[00:11:54] **Kit:** And I will be sure to post this interesting puzzle [00:12:00] on our social. So make sure you're following us on at starrytimepod on the Universeodon server on Mastodon. There'll be a link in our show notes, so you can just click over there and see what we're up to.

[00:12:10] **Jordan:** And Kit, it's only a matter of time, before one of these wishes comes true.

[00:12:22] **Kit:** This has been, Kit.

[00:12:24] **Jordan:** And Jordan.

[00:12:25] **Kit:** Sisters who love stars and stories.

[00:12:29] **Jordan:** And we'll see you next week.

[00:12:31] **Kit:** On Starry Time.