

the set and said, "This came for ya," and I opened it up and there were these dry muffins and these brownies. And I kinda looked at the brownies, you know. Everyone looked at the brownies. There was a five minute pause where we all (laughing) kinda eyed the whole thing. They either could contain arsenic, or pot, or just be bad cooking. (laughing) And who was gonna "bell the cat" was the idea. Finally, one of the stuntmen said, "I can't take it any longer!" He grabbed one of the brownies (laughing) and he shoved it in his mouth and spit it out and he said, "It's just bad cooking is all it is!" And that was one of the more exotic gifts.

Karen: In some of the larger shows, there are many extras. How many extras do you usually have?

Mr. Shatner: Well, that depends mostly on the budget of a show because extras and things like that cost money that doesn't go into script and film time. So, if the show has a large budget or is budgeted as a large show, it'll have 20-30-40 people. If it's not a large show, if they have to save money, it'll be a crowd of 3....or 5.

Karen: And they use them often.

Mr. Shatner: Oh, yeah. They'll cut back to the crowd of three.

Mr. Nicholson: With a low budget, that's when you get stranded on a planet?

Mr. Shatner: That's right! (laughing) Alone, you know, haunted by a voice!

OTHER LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS ABOUT "STAR TREK"

1. All the special effects on "Star Trek" are done in a special laboratory. Highly skilled men develop the film so that the crew of the Enterprise appear to "beam up" and "beam down" to the various "planets" they encounter in space.
None of the cast of "Star Trek" knows how the special effects will look until they watch the show on TV.
2. Mr. Spock's pointed ears are made of plastic. It takes about an hour to put them on and these "props" are so heavy that the makeup artist must tape Leonard Nimoy's ears against his head.
The ears are very painful and Mr. Nimoy can hardly wait to take them off at the end of the day's shooting. He pops them off in a second. Mr. Shatner says, "I don't know how he could stand them! I know I couldn't."
3. William Shatner does not believe in UFO's. He has on several occasions tried to spot a UFO while riding his motorcycle through the desert at night, but he never saw one.
Although Mr. Shatner does not believe in flying saucers, he does believe there are other intelligent beings in the universe.

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