



Bacic's first rather short-lived appearance

but still you can't help but feel a little emotional twinge when that happens. In my case, I was basically starting out on a TV show that I was familiar with and had worked on before. Finally, after three years I was being given the chance to really become a part of it."

As a Nietzschean, Telemachus, like his predecessor Tyr, has his own agenda when it comes to his presence aboard the *Andromeda*. However, from an acting standpoint, Bacic not only wants to make his character very different from that of Keith Hamilton Cobb's, but also from his previous role of Gaheris Rhade.

"There were certain characteristics in the Lou character I spoke of earlier that the producers liked but were far removed from what a Nietzschean is," says Bacic. "Nonetheless, they might try to introduce some of those elements into my character. Who knows? I can tell you that story-wise there are forces at work this year that could push Telemachus in a certain direction next season. For now, though, I'm playing him in a very traditional and straightforward manner.

"It's no secret that his goal is to learn as much as he can from Dylan and the rest of the crew, so none of them should feel 100% secure around him. I sure wouldn't," he chuckles. "Like Gaheris and Tyr, Telemachus has pledged his undying loyalty to Dylan, but like many people, when something calls that is of a stronger power



Telemachus and Beka wait for their toast

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or purpose he'll go towards that. I'm hoping my character will slowly develop into something outside the box. I'd love for him to be more unpredictable and for us to see a few cracks in his stoic personality. I realize, though, that we first have to lay some groundwork for the character and get fans accustomed to him, because he's not Tyr or Gaheris."

Having dealt with his fair share of Nietzscheans, Dylan Hunt is not about to leave himself vulnerable to Telemachus. "There's a history between Dylan and Gaheris and, of course, with him and Tyr. Being a Nietzschean, there's no telling what Telemachus is capable of," notes Bacic. "Dylan is no dummy. He has an ace

up his sleeve and if pushed far enough he'll play that ace. Obviously, there's a question of trust when Telemachus first arrives on the *Andromeda*. That's to be expected. Fortunately for him, Dylan is man enough to give my character the benefit of the doubt and assumes they can work together. Since then, Dylan has carried on doing his job and as his crew we do our jobs. On occasion he'll ask for advice from Telemachus. Dylan's feeling towards him is very much one of, 'Okay, come aboard, try to fit in and just do your thing', and sometimes my character's 'thing' is being the butt of the crew's jokes, which is fine with me." He laughs. "As this season continues to unfold and the more they work together, the level of trust between Telemachus and Dylan will become greater."

Of everyone onboard *Andromeda*, Telemachus is going to have a tough time trying to win over First Officer Beka Valentine (Lisa Ryder). "You could say there's some friction between these two characters," jokes Bacic. "Beka had her loyalties to Tyr and she's not at all pleased about what happened with him, nor is she happy about