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With GATTLESTAR GALACTICA ending its phenomenal run and thr STARGATEs getting creaky, SCI-FI is looking for some space opera to replace it.

FLASH GORDON ain't it.

Like the Peter David mishandling of Supergirl, I think I'd be less critical of this if they'd simply used different names.

But they didn't.

They took THE iconic SF comic strip (all bow in the direction of ALex Raymond) and THE iconic movie serial..... and made something that makes the Gil Gerard BUCK ROGERS lookthoughtful.

What were they thinking with the casting that guy as Ming? Not only is he a WASP blondie with a full head of hair, HE'S SHORT!!!!!!!!!!!!

And if the paranoid nut is supposed to be Zarkov, why the hell not actually say his name?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?

Two good things to say--

(1) Ming's solution to the problem of the father stealing water for his dying child-- good, disturbing, and true to character.

(2) The gratuitous nude scene of whatsername giving herself an oil bath in Flash's back yard-- I'm all for gratuitous nudity. And using the Roman custom of bathing in oil makes sense for a culture that's stuck in a water shortage.