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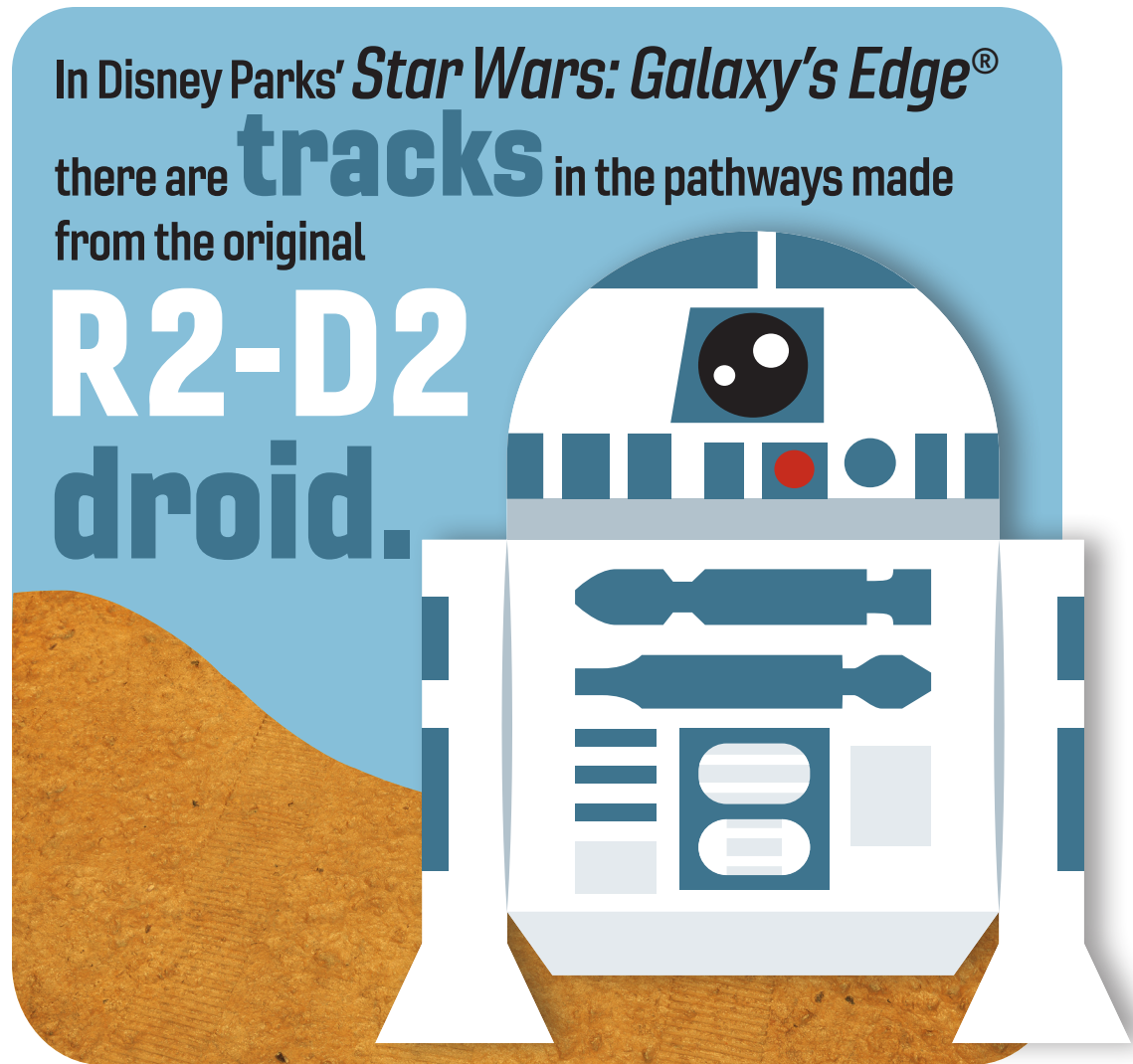


**STAR
WARS**

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A GALAXY FAR,
FAR AWAY...



AT THE END OF
THE CREDITS IN
*STAR WARS:
THE PHANTOM
MENACE*
YOU CAN
HEAR THE
SOUND OF
**DARTH
VADER
BREATHING.**



In Disney Parks' *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge*[®]
there are **tracks** in the pathways made
from the original

**R2-D2
droid.**



An **EARLY**
IDEA for **YODA**
involved using a
TRAINED
MONKEY
instead of
A PUPPET.

The sound
designer for
Star Wars: A New Hope
considered
creating
a sound
for Darth Vader's
heartbeat.



SOUNDS
FROM
A MICROPHONE
INSIDE
A SCUBA MASK
WERE USED TO
CREATE
THE SOUNDS OF
DARTH VADER
BREATHING.



*That's
weird!*



BB-8 beeps
705
times in
the sequel
trilogy
films.



JABBA THE HUTT'S
PET KOWAKIAN
MONKEY-LIZARD,
SALACIOUS
B. CRUMB,

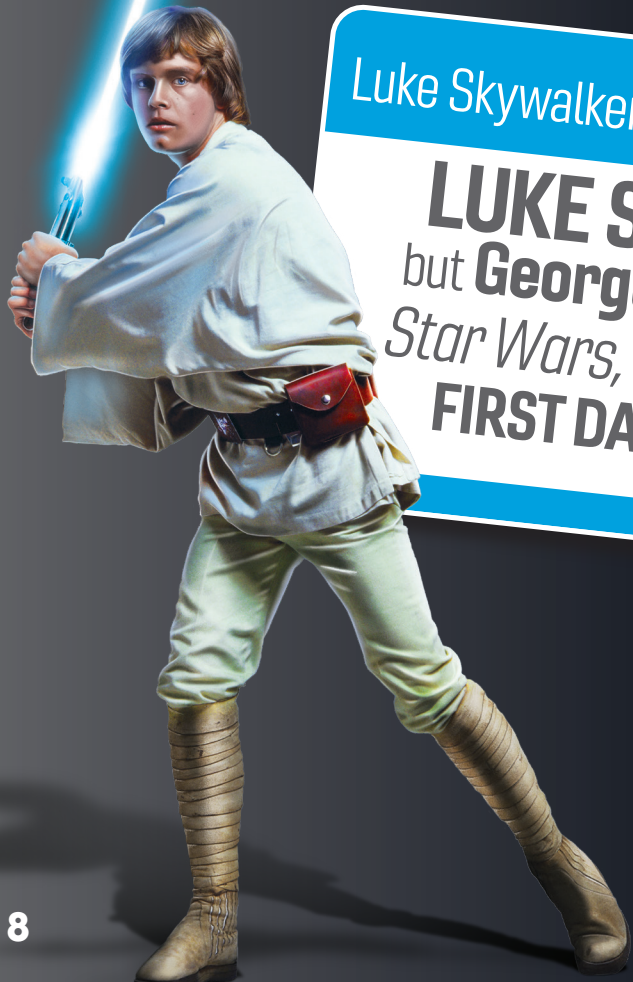
IS ONE OF ONLY TWO
STAR WARS
CHARACTERS



TO PROMINENTLY
DISPLAY
A MIDDLE INITIAL.
(THE OTHER IS WICKET W. WARRICK.)

The director of
Star Wars: The Last Jedi
PLAYED
a Death Star
GUNNER in
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story.





Luke Skywalker's name was originally

LUKE STARKILLER,
but **George Lucas**, the creator of
Star Wars, changed it on the
FIRST DAY OF FILMING.

THE CHARACTER OF NUBS
IN *YOUNG JEDI ADVENTURES*
WAS INSPIRED BY THE
SHOWRUNNER'S WISH TO
SEE A BLUE TEDDY BEAR
SWINGING A LIGHTSABER.



NUBS WAS
NAMED AFTER
THE SHOWRUNNER'S
FAMILY DOG.

For *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*,


the **HAIR**
on **CHEWBACCA'S**
FACE was
attached with
a needle, one strand at
a time.





That's weird!

Visual effects artists studied **large animals hunting prey** to create the motion of the **AT-AT WALKERS** in *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*.



PEOPLE WALKED ON **EGGS** AND SLABS OF **BEEF FAT** TO MIMIC THE SOUND OF WALKING THROUGH **A SPACE SLUG** IN *THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK*.

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MAY THE FACTS BE WITH YOU!**

Did you know that
during **THE DESIGN PROCESS**
for *The Force Awakens*, **BB-8'S**

nickname was **“SURLY”?**

Or that

15,000 FEATHERS were
attached by **HAND** to **EVERY PORG**
created for **THE LAST JEDI?**



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