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Today's Topics:
 THE RETURN OF THE JEDI (11 msgs)

Date: 31 May 83 14:25:11-PDT (Tue)
From: hplabs!hpda!fortune!grw @ Ucb-Vax
Subject: SPOILER -- Why did Darth know.....

It's not really surprising that Darth did not know about Leia.

Remember that Darth did not recognize Luke as his son when he first "felt" him in episode 4 ("The force is strong in this one" -- but no "Hey! That's my kid"). Only as he felt the Force growing in Luke did he recognize Luke as his offspring. Since the force has not yet grown strong in Leia, he did not "feel" her.

Clearly, Darth/Anakin was around for the twins conception, but not their birth. I wonder who mom was?

-Glenn

Date: 31 May 83 12:20:05-PDT (Tue)
From: ihnp4!ih1ap!pat @ Ucb-Vax
Subject: No More Lucas Films??

On Monday May 30th, the national program Nightline on ABC interviewed the VP of Lucasfilm about his future plans. Lucas is going to take time off before deciding on continuing the SW pictures. It was reported that the original SW cost \$10 million, TESB cost \$30 million and the new ROTJ cost over \$40 million to produce. Lucas feels this is too much and until costs can become more realistic, he will not make any more SW pictures.

As a side note, in this same program they had Siskel and Ebert confronting some asshole named Smith? who thought all of the SW movies were terrible. A pretty good confrontation, but Siskel and Ebert are so use to being good quippers that they provided better answers.

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Date: 1 Jun 83 7:21:41-PDT (Wed)
From: ihnp4!houxm!mhuxa!mhuxi!mhuxt!eagle!alice!alb @ Ucb-Vax
Subject: Re: Other Hope

Which movie are you talking about! RotJ most certainly cleared up who the other hope was!

Date: 1 Jun 83 20:42:00-PDT (Wed)
From: ihnp4!houxm!houxf!5941ux!kpk @ Ucb-Vax
Subject: Re: re RotJ (not a spoiler)

I read a review of RotJ, in NEWSWEEK, I believe, where the writer stated his or her disappointment in the failure of RotJ to give us an idea of what kind of government the Jedi establish. The problems and successes of an new Jedi-ocracy would be a good basis for the next trilogy.

Date: 3 Jun 83 15:52:47-PDT (Fri)
From: ihnp4!ihuxw!rtf @ Ucb-Vax
Subject: Re: RotJ

Give 'em hell Barb!

Date: 1 Jun 83 6:34:53-PDT (Wed)
From: hplabs!hao!seismo!rochester!heliotis @ Ucb-Vax
Subject: ROTJ complaints

First, a little problem with a scene. Down on the moon, R2D2 gets zapped while trying to talk to the computer in the bunker (to open the door) at Y.A. conveniently placed I/O port. He looks pretty bad to me after that; totally wiped out! Yet not much later we see him working just fine. In ANH, at least they said they'd fix him.

Now then, more thoughts on the ways this movie was disappointing. The main problem stems from their trying to wrap everything up, I think.

- Rescue Han
- Have Luke finish with Yoda
- Determine Vader's true identity
- Reveal the Emperor (corporeally)
- Reveal the "Other"
- Have the Empire die, or at least look like it's in deep trouble

Also,...

- Create a setting for a new space battle
- Introduce some new creature who will steal the show (R2D2, Yoda, Ewoks)
- Have Leia show some skin

With the additional requirements of:

- Don't make the movie too long
- Make it understandable and satisfying to little kids

Quite a lot, eh?

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Date: 1 Jun 83 7:53:45-PDT (Wed)
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Subject: Re: QUESTION - *non-spoiler*

An even better question than "Who trained the Emperor?" is "Who IS the Emperor?" As I seem to remember, the Emperor is the only one who actually drew visible (and apparantly deadly) energy from the force and used it DIRECTLY against a living thing (perhaps a characteristic of the Dark Side?).

I think the question of who the Emperor is is intended to encourage us to watch 1,2, and 3.

Comments?

Date: 1 Jun 83 22:35:53-PDT (Wed)
From: ihnp4!houxm!hocda!spanky!burl!duke!unc!bch @ Ucb-Vax
Subject: ROTJ *****SPOILER*****

First, some answers:

It seems clear that Anakin is not sufficiently redeemed to join the bright side of the force. It remains for Luke to perform one more task to fully free his father. Traditionally, the rite of fire is a purification rite, purifying the subject and freeing his soul. In this case one of the things which must be purified is the Vader persona, hence the burning of Vader's trappings. (It is also possible that most of Vader's garments are inseparable from Vader/Anakin himself.) Obviously, this works. If you look closely at the final appearance of the ectoplasmic trio (Anakin, Obi-wan and Yoda) you will see that Anakin materializes slightly later than his compatriots.

How did Luke know there was another? Yoda told him on his deathbed.

Second, some history:

According to an interview with Lucas in 1978, Vader's physical condition came about as the result of a duel with Luke's Father on a volcanic planet. Luke's father was killed, and Vader slipped into a pit of molten lava from which he crawled out by himself. From that time on he must wear a portable life-support system to survive, hence the garb and the heavy breathing. Clearly the plot has been rewritten: in the novelization of "Return of the Jedi" Vader's duel is with Obi-Wan. The results are roughly the same save that Obi-Wan lives to tell about it.

There is either a glaring error or a glaring rewrite of something in the novelization as well. Obi-wan tells Luke that Owen his *his* (Obi-wan's) brother. I thought it was very clear that Owen was Anakin's brother in SW IV -- "A New Hope".

Finally, some speculation:

I found the emperor to be the single most fascinating character in ROTJ. I sincerely hope that Episodes I-III (if they are made) trace his rise to power from a member of the Republican Senate, the seduction of Anakin Skywalker and the Fall of the Jedi Knights. Perhaps Lucas wants to trace an earlier history but there is much plot in the above.

At last:

Methinks that 'Bantha poodoo' does not translate from the Huttese to 'Bantha Fodder' like the subtitles say.

Byron

Date: 1 Jun 83 21:05:36-PDT (Wed)
From: ihnp4!houxm!hocda!spanky!burl!duke!unc!tim @ Ucb-Vax
Subject: What's the only piece of Imperial hardware ...

What's the only piece of Imperial hardware that doesn't blow up when you destroy it?

Darth Vader's personal armor.

If the Emperor was so smart, why did he leak the rebels correct information about the shield generator location?

Your guess is as good as mine.

Date: 27 May 83 20:03:40-PDT (Fri)
From: harpo!eagle!mhuxt!mhuxilcbosgd!mark @ Ucb-Vax
Subject: snowtroopers?

I have a friend who claims that the people in the white armor were at some point called "snow troopers" (in a previous Star Wars movie). I thought they were just "imperial storm troopers". Can anyone confirm or deny this, or add details?

Date: 27 May 83 18:42:12-PDT (Fri)
From: harpo!eagle!allegra!rba-dx @ Ucb-Vax
Subject: future episodes, **SPOILER** from ROTJ

After seeing "Return of the Jedi" Wednesday, I was left with a question. I'm pretty sure that Episodes I, II, and III will be about Anakin (Darth Vader) Skywalker and how he was drawn to the Dark Side of the force (what is the offer he couldn't refuse?). But, what will Episodes VII, VIII, and IX be about? Will the Empire rise into power once more, lead by a sinister, new leader? Or will a new enemy terrorize the galaxy?

"The emperor is less forgiving than I am . . ."
Danny Espinoza
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