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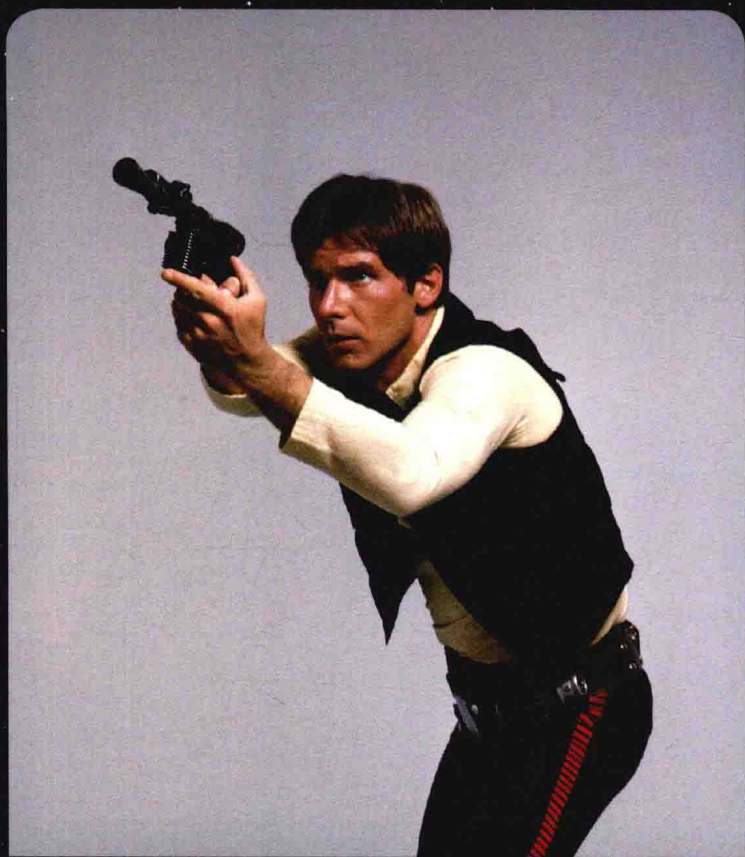
Luke Skywalker

Luke Skywalker is a Tatooine farmboy who rises from humble beginnings to become one of the greatest Jedi the galaxy has ever known. Along with his friends Princess Leia and Han Solo, Luke battles the evil Empire; discovers the truth of his parentage, and ends the tyranny of the Sith.



Leia Organa

Princess Leia Organa is one of the Rebel Alliance's greatest leaders, fearless on the battlefield and dedicated to ending the tyranny of the Empire. Daughter of Padmé Amidala and Anakin Skywalker, sister of Luke Skywalker, and with a soft spot for scoundrels, Leia ranks among the galaxy's great heroes.



Han Solo

Smuggler. Scoundrel. Hero. Han Solo, captain of the Millennium Falcon, is one of the great leaders of the Rebel Alliance. He and his co-pilot Chewbacca come to believe in the cause of galactic freedom, joining Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia Organa in the fight against the Empire.



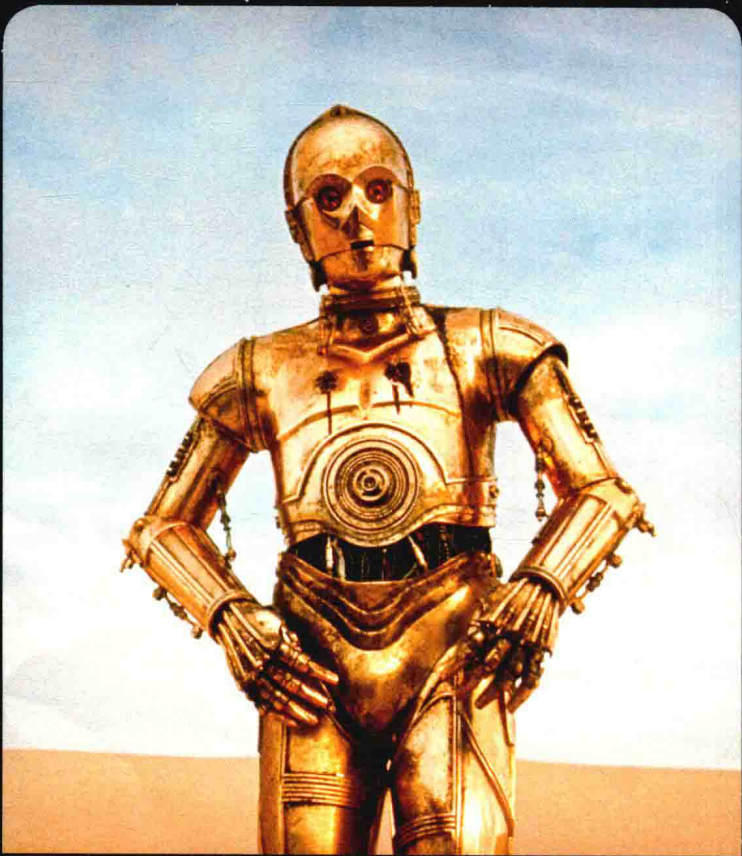
Chewbacca

A legendary Wookiee warrior and Han Solo's co-pilot aboard the Millennium Falcon, Chewbacca is part of a core group of Rebels who restore freedom to the galaxy. He has stuck with Han through years of turmoil that have changed both the galaxy and their lives.



Darth Vader

Once a heroic Jedi Knight, Darth Vader was seduced by the dark side of the Force, became a Sith Lord, and led the Empire's eradication of the Jedi Order. He remains in service of the Emperor – the evil Darth Sidious – for decades. But there is still good in him...



C-3PO (See-Threepio)

C-3PO is a golden droid programmed for etiquette and protocol and is fluent in over six million forms of communication. Over the years, he has been involved in some of the galaxy's most defining moments and thrilling battles. He is an essential companion to his master Luke Skywalker and to the Rebel Alliance.



R2-D2 (Artoo-Detoo)

The ever-faithful R2-D2 is a feisty astromech droid of surprising determination and resourcefulness. R2-D2 shows great bravery in rescuing his masters and their friends from many perils. A skilled starship mechanic and fighter pilot's assistant, he forms an unlikely but enduring friendship with the protocol droid C-3PO.



Yoda

Yoda is a legendary Jedi Master and stronger than most in his connection with the Force. Small in size but wise and powerful, he trains Jedi for over 800 years, playing integral roles in the Clone Wars, the instruction of Luke Skywalker, and unlocking the path to immortality.



Lando Calrissian

Once a smooth-talking smuggler, Lando Calrissian changes from a get-rich-quick schemer to a selfless leader in the fight against the Empire. From adventures with the Ghost crew of rebels to the attack on Death Star II, his quick wit and daring prove to be invaluable.



Stormtrooper

Imperial stormtroopers are highly trained soldiers of the Galactic Empire. These elite shock troops are deployed in overwhelming numbers to carry out the Emperor's will and maintain oppressive order throughout the galaxy.

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TIMELINE



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PROLOGUE

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away....

During the Battle of Yavin, Sith Lord Darth Vader piloted his own Imperial TIE fighter to defend the Death Star space station against a Rebel Alliance assault. While engaged in a dogfight with an X-wing starfighter, he sensed the enemy pilot was strong with the Force. Vader was about to fire upon the X-wing when he and his two wingmen were attacked by a Corellian YT-1300 transport. Vader survived, but his damaged TIE fighter went spinning^① out of control. Seconds later, the Death Star was blown into a billion pieces.

After Darth Vader brought his crippled spacecraft to an Imperial outpost, he began his investigation. He did not have to identify the Corellian transport. He'd seen it before, when it had been captured by a Death Star tractor beam and deposited in hangar 3207. The transport had been readily identified as the Millennium Falcon: the same ship that had eluded^② Imperial soldiers on Tatooine during their search for an

① spin v. 旋转 ② elude v. 逃避, 躲避

R2 unit that had carried the plans for the Death Star.

Among the Millennium Falcon's passengers from Tatooine was Vader's former Jedi Master, Obi-Wan Kenobi. On the Death Star, Kenobi's allies succeeded in their mission to rescue Princess Leia Organa, the Rebel leader who'd placed the Death Star plans in the R2 unit. Because Darth Vader had once lived on Tatooine, he was nagged^① by two questions: How long had Obi-Wan been there? And why?

① nag v. 困扰, 烦扰

CHAPTER 1

The lone Star Destroyer traveled silently across interstellar^① space with the precision of a massive dart. An Imperial-class warship, it measured 1,600 meters long from its aft ion engines to its sharp-tipped bow, and was equipped with enough firepower to reduce a civilization to ashes. Even without its sixty turbolaser batteries and equal number of ion cannons, the wedge-shaped^② starship looked like it was ready to cut through anything in its path. The ship's name was the Avenger; its commanding officer was Captain Needa.

The Avenger arrived at its designated^③ coordinates, then deployed its cargo of hyperdrive pods from a recessed launch bay. Each 3.4-meter-long pod was programmed to travel thousands of light-years on a one-way trip to a specific destination, never to return to the Avenger or any other Imperial ship.

Across the galaxy, other Star Destroyers carried out the same task, releasing hyperdrive pods into space. Soon, thousands of pods were

① interstellar *adj.* 星际的 ② wedge-shaped *adj.* 楔形的, V形的

③ designated *adj.* 指定的, 委派的