

Ask the Authors, Part II

Q: What would you do if you had one hundred Death Stars during the events of The Empire Strikes Back?

Andrew: I'd start by destroying Naboo, then the Vong. Then, I'd give all but one Death Star to Thrawn, along with several million paintings. That should keep him occupied. The remaining Death Star would be my personal flagship.

Ryan: What would you do with it?

Andrew: Pick up chicks.

Ryan: Way to aim high.

Andrew: What else am I supposed to do with a fully armed and operational battle station?

Ryan: You could end the Galactic Civil War and make yourself the new Emperor.

Andrew: Or I could turn the Death Star's superlaser to minimal power and use it to burn dirty limericks into Tatooine's crust.

Q: Why did you make bagels a recurring theme in your parodies?

Ryan: Because they're delicious.

Andrew: Next question!

Q: How can Joseph McCarthy, Mr. Burns, and the USS Enterprise exist in the Star Wars universe?

Andrew: Isn't it obvious? McCarthy is a politician, Burns is an Imperial industrialist, and the Enterprise got lost on the way to the alternate universe where everyone has a goatee. You'd be surprised how often that happens to them. Next question!

Q: What in the world is taking you so long to finish Episode III?

Ryan: Let's just say that this is going to be the best one yet. We have a few surprises planned, to say the least.

Andrew: It was his sled. Vader is Luke's father! It was Earth all along! The South African's diplomatic immunity was revoked! Harvey Dent becomes Two-Face! Optimus Prime dies!

Ryan: What are you doing?

Andrew: Ruining every surprise ever. Now, where was I? Oh, right. Samus is a girl, Charlie Brown never kicks the football, Candy Mountain is-

Ryan: Next question.

Q: What would you do if you were George Lucas?

Andrew: Declare the original trilogy non-canon, just to mess with the hardcore fans.

Ryan: But **we**'re hardcore fans.

Andrew: Oh well.

Ryan: Personally, I'd fire Karen Traviss.

Andrew: That should go without saying.

Q: What would you do if you were Mussolini?

Andrew: Invade Ethiopia.

Ryan: Next question.

Q: Why are you so hostile towards Traviss? Mandos are awesome!

Andrew: Let's see how canon has treated Mandalorians. They were tricked by the Sith into starting the Mandalorian Wars, which they lost decisively. Then they worked as mercenaries with no sense of honor at all. Four thousand years later the finest example of a Mandalorian warrior was killed by Mace Windu in three seconds. Roughly thirty years later Boba Fett lost a fight with a half-trained Jedi and a blind smuggler and got dumped into Tatooine's garbage disposal. At that point it was just about universally agreed that the Mandos were extinct, Boba Fett was dead, and the Mandalorian race had been nothing but normal humans with cool armor,

not supermen trained from birth to be the invulnerable, Jedi-hunting heroes of the Star Wars universe. Yes, Traviss has done interesting things with the Mandos, but she's stayed about as faithful to Lucas' original intent as Star Trek writers have to the original concept of the Borg.

Ryan: Wow, that wasn't funny at all.

Andrew: Quiet. I'm making... TOAST!

Q: Why must you beat a dead horse?

Andrew: If it's still recognizable as a horse, it's not beaten enough yet.

Q: Who's GLaDOS?

Ryan: This person must be suffering from a critical case of "Hasn't Played Portal!" Quick, get them to the intensive care unit!

Q: What do you think of the new Clone Wars TV show?

Ryan: Jar Jar as a Force user.

Andrew: We called it!

Q: Who would win – a stormtrooper or a redshirt?

Andrew: Neither. The trooper would fall into a bottomless pit, and the redshirt's phaser would spontaneously explode, obviously.

Ryan: People should put more thought into these.

Andrew: Next question!

Q: Why are you working on stuff not related to Star Wars now?

Andrew: Hey! It's not like we have a one-track mind!

Ryan: We're more like an eight-track.

Andrew: Next question!

Q: Are you going to parody the Holiday Special?

Andrew: It already is a parody.

Ryan: Next-

Andrew: NO! No more questions! Ever!

Q: Really?

Andrew: Yes, really.

Q: Really really?

Andrew: Oh, shut up.