

Maz_Kanata Wikipedia Content

Section 1

Fictional character Maz KanataStar Wars characterMaz Kanata in The Force AwakensFirst appearanceThe Force Awakens (2015)Last appearanceThe Rise of Skywalker (2019)Created by Lawrence Kasdan J. J. Abrams Michael Arndt Portrayed by Lupita Nyong'o (motion capture and voice) Arti Shah (motion capture double) Voiced by Lupita Nyong'o (Episodes VII?IX, Lego Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Star Tours: The Adventures Continue and Star Wars Forces of Destiny; archive audio on Rebels)[1] Grey Griffin (Lego Star Wars: The Freemaker Adventures, Lego Star Wars: The Resistance Rises and Star Wars Battlefront II) In-universe informationGenderFemaleOccupation Former pirate and smuggler Tavern keeper HomeworldTakodana Maz Kanata is a fictional character in the Star Wars franchise. Introduced in the 2015 film Star Wars: The Force Awakens, she is a computer-generated character voiced and performed through motion capture by Lupita Nyong'o. Maz, a former pirate and smuggler, is more than 1,000 years old and manages an interstellar tavern in a castle on the fictional planet Takodana.[2] While Maz's small role in the trilogy has been criticized, Nyong'o's performance and the technical aspects of the character have been praised by critics. For her performance in The Force Awakens, Nyong'o was nominated for a Saturn Award for Best Supporting Actress. Character[edit] Concept and creation[edit] The Force Awakens writer/director J. J. Abrams told Entertainment Weekly in November 2015, "I wanted to do [Maz] as a puppet originally, but once we figured out the things that she was required to do, it felt like performance capture was the way to go." [2] With most of the other creatures in her scenes being practical effects, Abrams noted: Maz needed to look and feel and be just like one of those creatures. And given her mobility, and given the role that she played, it became clear that that was one creature where we should use the tool

Section 2

Maz_Kanata Wikipedia Content

of CG. But the performance was all Lupita. She was there on set, and we did capture sessions afterwards as well.[2] Abrams said, "I had some specific ideas about how she would work and what she would do. I had this pitch about these goggles that she wore. Her eyes are an important aspect of her character, and you'll see how it plays out." [2] Abrams told his home town newspaper, the Palisadian-Post, that he based Maz on his late Palisades Charter High School English teacher Rose Gilbert.[3] He said: We really wanted the story to feel authentic, despite being a wild fantasy. I mentioned Rose in an early story meeting as a sort of timeless, wise figure that I'd actually known in my life ... While we experimented with many looks and styles before settling on the character's final design, Rose was always at the center of the inspiration for Maz.[3] For The Rise of Skywalker, Maz was created using animatronic puppetry.[4] Portrayal[edit] Lupita Nyong'o portrays Maz. Nyong'o's meeting with Abrams about an undisclosed role was reported in March 2014,[5] and her casting in the film was first announced on April 29, 2014.[6] Nyong'o was revealed to be playing a performance capture-CGI character, pirate Maz Kanata, in a May 2015 Vanity Fair photo shoot by Annie Leibovitz.[7] The character was first heard in the official TV spot for The Force Awakens, released in November 2015.[2] Days later Abrams confirmed fan speculation that Maz was pictured on the film's theatrical poster,[2] which had been previously released in October 2015,[8] as a diminutive alien wearing large goggles.[2] In December 2015, the orange-skinned character appeared briefly in a video for the Disney XD channel, featuring a scene in which John Boyega's character Finn draws his lightsaber.[9] Of Abrams' emphasis on the character's eyes,

Section 3

Nyong'o commented, "As an actor for films, your eyes are a lot of the way you communicate anyway. So it was definitely a gift to have that be the means to her magic as a motion-capture character." [2] Nyong'o was also coached on performance-capture work by her The Force Awakens

Maz_Kanata Wikipedia Content

costar Andy Serkis, who portrays CGI character Supreme Leader Snoke and had previously portrayed numerous other motion-capture roles in other films.[2] She said, "The biggest advice he gave me, that was so important to hold on to, is a motion-capture character you develop the same way as any other. You have to understand who the character is and what makes them who they are." [2] Actress Arti Shah was cast as the motion capture double for the character's body movements.[10][11] Description[edit] Maz is a diminutive, humanoid alien with orange-tinted skin who wears large goggles.[2] A former pirate and smuggler, she runs an interstellar tavern in a castle on the planet Takodana.[12] Abrams said of her backstory: Her history is that she was a pirate for a long time. She's lived over a thousand years. She's had this watering hole for about a century, and it's like another bar that you'd find in a corner of the Star Wars universe.[2] Abrams added that "her eyes are an important aspect of her character".[2] Entertainment Weekly's Anthony Breznican noted, "Maz is this movie's wise, ancient alien with connections to the mystical side of the galaxy." [2] Of the character's alien species and planetary origins, Abrams said that though *The Force Awakens* does not answer these questions, more information about Maz is forthcoming "in other venues".[2] Appearances[edit] Film[edit] *The Force Awakens* (2015)[edit] In the film, Han Solo visits his old friend Maz at her tavern, seeking her aid in returning the wayward astromech droid BB-8 to the

Section 4

Resistance. Maz, who has a crush on Han's copilot, the Wookiee Chewbacca, is intrigued by Han's companions, the renegade stormtrooper Finn (FN-2187) and the scavenger Rey. First Order stormtroopers, led by Kylo Ren, attack Maz's castle in search of BB-8, who has been entrusted with an important map. Maz tries to give Luke Skywalker's long-missing lightsaber to the Force-sensitive Rey, but she refuses it after experiencing a disturbing vision from touching it. Maz then entrusts the lightsaber to Finn, who uses it multiple times before it is eventually claimed by Rey. It is still

Maz_Kanata Wikipedia Content

unknown how Maz found the lightsaber after it was supposedly lost forever in *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*. Deleted scene[edit] One trailer for the film included a shot of Maz handing Luke's lightsaber to General Leia Organa, though the corresponding scene was not included in the final cut of the film.[13] Abrams explained the removal, saying "Maz used to continue along with the characters back to the Resistance base, but we realized that she really had nothing to do there of value, except to be sitting around." [13] *The Last Jedi* (2017)[edit] In December 2015, producer Kathleen Kennedy confirmed that Nyong'o was among those who would reprise their roles in the forthcoming sequel to *The Force Awakens*, *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*. [14] In the film, Maz appears in one brief scene via hologram, aiding Poe Dameron, Finn and Rose Tico by instructing them to find the Master Codebreaker in Canto Bight. She is shown in the midst of a firefight, which she calls "a union dispute". *The Rise of Skywalker* (2019)[edit] Maz appears in a minor role in *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker*, with Nyong'o reprising the role. She is shown being a part of the Resistance, helping them prepare for war. [15] She is present

Section 5

in most scenes with Leia, who appeared using unused footage from *The Force Awakens*; Maz's main purpose in the film is to explain Leia's actions and mourn her upon her death. In the celebrations at the end of the film, Maz gives Chewbacca Han's old medal, a callback to the final scene of *A New Hope* in which Luke and Han received awards and Chewbacca did not. Animated series[edit] *Lego Star Wars* (2016)[edit] Maz appears in the short form animated series *Lego Star Wars: The Resistance Rises* in the 2016 episode "Hunting for Han". [16][17] The character also appeared in the *Lego Star Wars: The Freemaker Adventures* episode *The Test*. [18] *Forces of Destiny* (2017)[edit] Maz appears in the micro-series *Star Wars Forces of Destiny*, voiced by Lupita Nyong'o. [19] Video games[edit] Maz is a playable character in *Lego Star Wars: The Force Awakens*.

Maz_Kanata Wikipedia Content

Her role in the game is basically the same as in the film, although she has a prominent role during the battle of Takodana (in Chapter 6). Maz also appears in *Star Wars: Battlefront 2*, being in the campaign. She helps Han Solo by giving him information. Merchandising[edit] Maz is featured in a Lego Star Wars playset called Battle on Takodana,[20][21] and Hasbro's *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* Takodana Encounter action figure set.[22][23] The character also appears in the 2015 novelization of *The Force Awakens* by Alan Dean Foster.[24] Reception[edit] Time's Stephanie Zacharek described Maz as "a delightful minor character ... who looks like the love child of E.T. and Lena Horne".[25] Richard Roeper of the *Chicago Sun-Times* named Maz one of the film's "miraculous creatures",[26] and James Robins of the *New Zealand Listener* deemed the character "a charmingly rendered alien".[27] Writing for *Forbes*, Scott Mendelson called the scenes at Maz's castle "the film's best sequence".[28] Conversely, Matt Goldberg

Section 6

of Collider described the character as "the bar-owner/Yoda stand-in/exposition mouthpiece" and wrote, "What could have been a strong addition to the franchise instead reeks of the film's attempt to mimic what works well in the previous movies." [29] The *Force Awakens* received seven Visual Effects Society Award nominations, including one for Outstanding Animated Performance in a Photoreal Feature for Maz Kanata.[30][31] Nyong'o was nominated for a 2016 Saturn Award for Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal.[32] References[edit] ^ Britt, Ryan (March 5, 2018). "Every 'Star Wars'...Voice Easter Egg Explained". *Inverse*. Retrieved July 31, 2020. ^ a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o Breznican, Anthony (November 12, 2015). "Star Wars: The Force Awakens: J.J. Abrams reveals backstory of alien Maz Kanata". *Entertainment Weekly*. Retrieved January 14, 2016. ^ a b Sharpe, Frances (December 24, 2015). "Star Wars Character Based on Late Pali High English Teacher". *Palisadian-Post*. Retrieved January 14, 2016. ^ Perry, Spencer (January 7, 2020). "Star Wars: Maz

Maz_Kanata Wikipedia Content

Kanata Wasn't a Motion Capture Character in The Rise of Skywalker". ComicBook.com. Retrieved January 9, 2020. ^ Kit, Borys (March 14, 2014). "Lupita Nyong'o Meets With J.J. Abrams for Star Wars: Episode VII". The Hollywood Reporter. Retrieved March 17, 2014. ^ "Star Wars: Episode VII Cast Announced". StarWars.com. April 29, 2014. Retrieved December 20, 2015. ^ Robinson, Joanna (May 4, 2015). "Adam Driver and Lupita Nyong'o's Characters Revealed in Exclusive Star Wars: The Force Awakens Photos". Vanity Fair. Retrieved May 4, 2015. ^ "Star Wars: The Force Awakens Theatrical Poster First Look, In-Theater Exclusives and More". StarWars.com. October 18, 2015. Retrieved January 14, 2016. ^ Child, Ben (December 9, 2015). "Lupita Nyong'o's Maz Kanata revealed in new Star Wars: The Force Awakens video". The Guardian. Retrieved January 14, 2016. ^ "Interview: Arti Shah ? Maz

Section 7

Kanata from Star Wars". BBC Radio. January 31, 2016. Archived from the original on August 5, 2016. Retrieved August 5, 2016. ^ Malan, Rob (April 18, 2016). "Arti Shah: Bringing Maz Kanata To Life". ScififantasyNetwork.com. Archived from the original on April 18, 2016. Retrieved August 5, 2016. ^ "Databank: Maz Kanata". StarWars.com. Retrieved January 13, 2016. ^ a b Breznican, Anthony (December 22, 2015). "J.J. Abrams explains those missing scenes from Star Wars: The Force Awakens". Entertainment Weekly. Retrieved January 15, 2016. ^ Ruby, Jennifer (December 17, 2015). "Star Wars producer Kathleen Kennedy confirms that entire cast will return for eighth film". London Evening Standard. Retrieved December 17, 2015. ^ Kroll, Justin (July 27, 2018). "Star Wars: Episode IX Announces Cast; Carrie Fisher to Be Featured". Variety. Retrieved July 27, 2018. ^ Li, Shirley (February 12, 2016). "The Force Awakens characters to appear in new LEGO Star Wars series". Entertainment Weekly. Retrieved April 23, 2016. ^ "Lego Star Wars: The Resistance Rises: 'Hunting for Han'". Disney XD. Archived from the original on July 10, 2016. Retrieved June

Maz_Kanata Wikipedia Content

28, 2016. ^ Fitzpatrick, Kevin (June 10, 2016). "Maz Kanata, Lando and More Pop Up in New LEGO Star Wars: The Freemaker Adventures Trailer". ScreenCrush. Retrieved July 5, 2016. ^ Breznican, Anthony (April 13, 2017). "Star Wars highlights female heroes in Forces of Destiny". Entertainment Weekly. Retrieved April 13, 2017. ^ "75139-1: Battle on Takodana". Brickset.com. 2016. Retrieved January 13, 2016. ^ "Minifigs: sw703: Maz Kanata (75139)". Brickset.com. 2016. Retrieved January 13, 2016. ^ Cochran, Jay (February 11, 2016). "Star Wars The Force Awakens 3.75" Takodana Encounter Set with Maz Kanata Figure". JedilInsider.com. Retrieved July 27, 2016. ^ Breznican, Anthony (February 11, 2016). "Maz Kanata action figure among new Star Wars: The Force Awakens toys". Entertainment Weekly. Retrieved July 27, 2016. ^ Foster,

Section 8

Alan Dean (2015). "Chapter XI". The Force Awakens (e-book). Random House Worlds. ISBN 9781101965504. ^ Zacharek, Stephanie (December 15, 2015). "Review: The Force Awakens Is Everything You Could Hope for in a Star Wars Movie?and Less". Time. Retrieved December 16, 2015. ^ Roeper, Richard (December 15, 2015). "Star Wars: The Force Awakens: The thrills are strong with this one". Chicago Sun-Times. Archived from the original on December 18, 2015. Retrieved December 16, 2015. ^ Robins, James (December 17, 2015). "Film review: Star Wars: The Force Awakens". New Zealand Listener. Retrieved January 13, 2016. ^ Mendelson, Scott (December 15, 2015). "Star Wars: The Force Awakens Review: The Empire Strikes Out". Forbes. Retrieved December 16, 2015. ^ Goldberg, Matt (December 22, 2015). "Star Wars: The Force Awakens: The Many Problems with Maz Kanata". Collider. Retrieved January 15, 2016. ^ "Star Wars: The Force Awakens Dominates Visual Effects Society Nominations". IGN. January 12, 2016. Retrieved January 15, 2016. ^ "Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for the 14th Annual VES Awards". Visual Effects Society. January 12, 2016. Archived from the original on June 7, 2017.

Maz_Kanata Wikipedia Content

Retrieved January 15, 2016. ^ "The 42nd Annual Saturn Awards nominations are announced for 2016!". Saturn Awards. February 24, 2016. Archived from the original on June 26, 2012. Retrieved March 4, 2016. External links[edit] Maz Kanata in the StarWars.com Databank Maz Kanata on Wookieepedia, a Star Wars wiki vteStar Wars sequel trilogyFilms The Force Awakens (2015) accolades box office records The Last Jedi (2017) The Rise of Skywalker (2019) Duel of the Fates Series The Resistance Rises (2016) Resistance (2018?2020) Specials The Holiday Special (2020) Terrifying Tales (2021) Summer Vacation (2022) CharactersResistance Admiral Ackbar BB-8 C-3PO Chewbacca Finn (FN-2187) General Leia Organa Han Solo Lando Calrissian Maz Kanata Nien Nunb Poe Dameron R2-D2 Rose Tico Vice-Admiral Holdo Wedge Antilles

Section 9

First Order General Hux Captain Phasma Supreme Leader Kylo Ren / Ben Solo Emperor Palpatine / Darth Sidious Supreme Leader Snoke Jedi Order Kanan Jarrus Qui-Gon Jinn Obi-Wan Kenobi Rey Anakin Skywalker Luke Skywalker Ahsoka Tano Mace Windu Yoda Soundtracks The Force Awakens The Last Jedi The Rise of Skywalker Novelizations The Force Awakens (2015) Video games Lego Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2015) Battlefront II DLCs (2017?2020) Inspired media The Love Hypothesis (2021) Robot Chicken Season 11 (2021?2022) vteFictional universe of Star WarsConcepts The Force Architecture Clone Wars Languages Physics CharactersFilms Admiral Ackbar Padmé Amidala Cassian Andor Wedge Antilles BB-8 Tobias Beckett Jar Jar Binks C-3PO Lando Calrissian Chewbacca Poe Dameron Count Dooku / Darth Tyranus Jyn Erso Boba Fett Jango Fett Finn (FN-2187) Bib Fortuna Saw Gerrera Greedo General Grievous Vice-Admiral Holdo Jabba the Hutt General Hux Qui-Gon Jinn K-2SO Maz Kanata Obi-Wan Kenobi Orson Krennic Darth Maul Mon Mothma Nien Nunb Leia Organa Sheev Palpatine / Darth Sidious Captain Phasma Admiral Piett Qi'ra R2-D2 Kylo Ren / Ben Solo Rey Anakin Skywalker / Darth Vader Luke Skywalker

Maz_Kanata Wikipedia Content

Supreme Leader Snoke Han Solo Grand Moff Tarkin Rose Tico Quinlan Vos Wicket W. Warrick
Watto Mace Windu Yoda Televisionseries The Armorer Cad Bane Ezra Bridger The Client Cara
Dune Moff Gideon Din Grogu IG-11 Kanan Jarrus / Caleb Dume Greef Karga Bo-Katan Kryze Kuiil
The Mandalorian / Din Djarin Migs Mayfeld Captain Rex / CT-7567 Fennec Shand Hera Syndulla
Ahsoka Tano Asajj Ventress Paz Vizsla Sabine Wren Video games HK-47 / B-1 (Mister Bones) Cal
Kestis Iden Versio Other Doctor Aphra Darth Bane Black Krrsantan Darth Plagueis Ren Grand
Admiral Thrawn / Mitth'raw'nuruodo Cobb Vanth LegendsBooks Mara Jade Jacen Solo / Darth
Caedus Tag and Bink Video games Juhani Kreia / Darth Traya Vette / Ce'na Lists The Clone

Section 10

Wars Rebels The Mandalorian The Book of Boba Fett Legends Knights of the Old Republic Groups
Skywalker family Max Rebo Band Military groups Clone troopers Stormtroopers
OrganizationsRepublican factions Jedi Galactic Republic High Republic Rebel Alliance Resistance
Imperialist factions Sith Galactic Empire First Order Independent factions Confederacy of
Independent Systems Guardians of the Whills Mandalorians Planetsand moons Alderaan Coruscant
Dagobah Endor Hoth Jakku Mustafar Naboo Tatooine Mos Eisley Yavin CreaturesSapient species
A?E Ewok F?J Hutt K?O P?T Tusken Raiders U?Z Wookiee Other creatures Bantha Droid Sarlacc
TechnologyWeapons Blaster Lightsaber Terrestrial vehicles Landspeeder Sandcrawler Speeder
bike Walker Starfighters A-wing X-wing Y-wing TIE fighter Spacecraft Death Star Millennium Falcon
Star Destroyer Tantive IV Games Dejarik Sabacc Category Retrieved from
"https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Maz_Kanata&oldid=1223436342"