

# LOST MOMENTS OF THE "EMPIRE" TRAILERS

We all love a good teaser trailer, don't we. It's the excitement of seeing the first footage of a big new film, and when that big new film is a STAR WARS adventure then we're absolutely on cloud nine at seeing even the itsy bitsiest frames of it-the feel of it, our first glimpses of characters old and new, the new weapons, planets and vehicles. In 1979 there was no trailer more eagerly anticipated than the one for THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK. How were the producers going to top themselves this time, we asked. Could they top themselves? That first look at the full footage trailer certainly put paid to rest any ideas that EMPIRE was just going to be a cheapie sequel. Just from those few minutes the new film reeked of quality and excitement. And there was also cut scenes or alternate angles galore, too. So, in celebration of those moments, we at AFICIONADO thought we'd do a nice little pictorial feature on those great trailer bits that didn't quite make it.



An intriguing unused angle shot showing the Wampa flex its claws looking at it's next meal: Luke Skywalker.



Above: another unused close-up angle-this time showing Luke in the Bacta Tanks being treated by 21-B. Below: a close-up shot of See-Threepio in the medical centre as he watches the repaired Luke being removed from the Bacta Tank.



Above: close up shot of the full scale prop of the Imperial Probe Droid (Probot) that was moved on a track during filming in Finse, Norway during early 1979. It is unknown, though we think doubtful due to filming time pressures, as to whether the scenes where it detects a Wampa, camouflages itself, or destroys Station 38 (as described in the book or comic book) were ever shot or completed. Below: Artoo covers in fear as a vicious Wampa ice creature breaks into one of the ice corridors of Echo Base, ready to kill anything it considers unknown to it.

