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'A Galaxy Far Far Away'

Returning to DVD in a 10th anniversary "special edition" is "A Galaxy Far Far Away," Tariq Jalil's homemade documentary about the world of "Star Wars" fanatics.

As Jalil explains in his voice-over, he likes the "Star Wars" films but can't quite comprehend the mania surrounding them. Particularly puzzling to him was why so many people would put their lives on hold to camp on the sidewalk outside theaters where the new "Star Wars" film — "The Phantom Menace" — wouldn't be opening for another 45 days.

The doc doesn't take sides. If you think these people are hopeless geeks who desperately need to get a life, "Galaxy" won't change your mind. If you're more charitably inclined, the movie allows you to celebrate their obsession.

There's an amusing/ appalling sequence in which hundreds of fans besiege a Toys "R" Us store where new "Star Wars" toys are going on sale at midnight. In an interview, exploitation king Roger Corman gives what may be the best analysis of the "Star Wars" phenomenon I've ever heard.

And for sheer delirium, it's hard to beat the two dudes in full Klingon makeup who flawlessly sing their planet's war song.

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