

“What if Luke Skywalker never shot Womp Rats on Tatooine?”

Luke Skywalker as we know him grew up on the boring, sand covered planet known as Tatooine. Luke worked for his aunt and his uncle as a moisture farmer in the family business and had to find ways of entertaining himself, for Luke and his friends this came in the form of shooting Womp Rats. Luke and his friends were clearly an unruly bunch who turned the murder of a species native to Tatooine into a sport where they competed to see who could shed the most Womp Rat blood. It was in this activity that Luke developed the ability to fly while practicing in a T-16 Skyhopper. This reckless abandon and the ability to hit a target not much bigger than two meters made for a combination that would later make Luke Skywalker even more deadly and destructive.

If Luke’s guardians had kept him on a much shorter leash he may not have fallen in with the crowd he called “friends” and he wouldn’t have become the allegedly skilled pilot he later became. Without his target practice, Luke would not have been able to successfully make the shot that ended up destroying the first Death Star, making it the only Death Star and allowing the Emperor to continue to use it as a weapon of peace and order in the galaxy. Without its destruction, the rebellion would have become disheartened and eventually crushed and the galaxy as we know it would exist under the just rule of Emperor Palpatine.