

Name: Ark "Bumpy" Roose

Homeworld: Sump

Species: Nuknog

Gender: Male

Eye color: Yellow

Skin color: Purple

Move: 6

DEXTERITY: 3D

Blaster: 4D

Brawling Parry: 3D+2

Dodge: 4D+2

PERCEPTION: 1D+2

Bargain: 2D+1

Con: 3D

Gambling: 2D+2

KNOWLEDGE: 1D

STRENGTH: 2D

Brawling: 3D

Stamina: 5D

MECHANICAL: 2D+2

Repulsorlift Operation: 4D

TECHNICAL: 1D



Special Abilities:

Rush: Nuknog can temporarily improve their agility, reflexes and speed. A rushing Nuknog gains a temporary +1D to Dexterity (and all related skills) and moves at twice the normal speed. While using this ability, the Nuknog cannot use skills that require patience and concentration, such as sneak or any Force Skill. A rush lasts for a number of rounds equal to 4+ the number before D in the character's stamina. At the end of this duration, the Nuknog loses the benefits of the rush and suffers a -2 penalty to both Strength and Dexterity and must move slower than High Speed for a number of rounds equal to the charge's duration.

Acute Senses: +2 to Perception or search to notice something.

EQUIPMENT

CREDITS 100

Plug-8G 927 Cluster Array Podracer, Commlink, Datapad

FORCE SENSITIVE: N

FORCE POINTS 0

## DARK SIDE POINTS 0

## CHARACTER POINTS 2

Description: Ark Roose, sometimes known by the nickname "Bumpy", was a particularly dim-witted Podracing pilot who cared little for specialized tactics and maneuvers—his strategy on the track was simply to smash into whoever was nearby. A native to the Outer Rim planet of Sump, the world's sectarian government disapproved of the male Nuknog pilot, though they permitted Roose to race offworld only in a half-hearted hope that he might somehow improve the image of Nuknogs. Ark Roose actually performed fairly well in the Podracing circuits, despite his aggressive strategies that otherwise seemed counter-intuitive to the speed-centered sport. Roose notably performed well on the watery world of Aquilaris. He was also a fairly common sight on the desert world of Tatooine, where Roose became familiar with a young Human pilot named Anakin Skywalker.

Ark Roose was nearly bested by Skywalker during a race once, and even though Roose came out ahead, his near loss to a Human child turned him into a laughing stock, thus creating in Ark Roose a thirst for revenge. During 32 BBY, Roose was finally granted the chance to exact revenge on Skywalker after being hired by the aide of Gardulla the Hutt, Diva Funquita. Gardulla believed Skywalker could be detrimental to her betting, and as such Roose set out to sabotage Skywalker's podracer before the start of the upcoming Boonta Eve Classic. However, unfamiliar with Skywalker's pod, Roose unintentionally sabotaged Ben Quadinaros' podracer. Due to the mistake, Skywalker bested Roose in full during the Boonta race by winning the race outright. Roose on the other hand never finished, having become a victim of the equally rowdy pilot Dud Bolt. Roose ended up recovering in a Mos Espa med center.

### ***Biography***

#### *Early career*

Hailing from the Outer Rim planet of Sump, the dim-witted male Nuknog named Ark Roose made his way from his homeworld and went out into the galactic podracing circuits, despite the wishes of the Sump government. Purchasing a massive Vokoff-Strood Plug-G 927 with a cluster array styled engine, the vehicle could dominate the straightaways due to high end acceleration, and when upgraded, a top quality high speed. However, the vehicle was lackluster when it came to handling, thus making it difficult on sharper courses. However, Roose still managed to add some fame to his name by excelling at a course on the water covered world of Aquilaris known as Bumpy's Breakers, a course that got its name from the rough turns and harsh obstacles. At some point during his career, Ark Roose gained the nickname of "Bumpy" himself, and became professionally known as such since. Roose often showed little control over his vehicle, and due to his hot desire to keep the lead once attained, he took anyone trying to pass him as a personal offence. These traits made Roose an unpredictable and dangerous pilot on the course. Roose eventually took his career to the Outer Rim world of Tatooine. During a race there, he was nearly overtaken and beaten by the young Human boy Anakin Skywalker. Roose managed to take back the lead, but found that his near defeat had suddenly turned him and his career into a laughing stock. Furious and paranoid that Skywalker may beat him out in the future, Roose held onto a tight grudge against the young boy.

#### *Boonta Race*

Around 32 BBY, right before the upcoming Boonta Eve Classic on Tatooine, Roose generally found

himself drinking his anger away while wondering why no one had tried to eliminate Skywalker yet. However, having wondered these thoughts aloud after being harassed by the Dug pilot Sebulba, Roose's complaints were overheard by Diva Funquita. Diva Funquita was both a slave and aide to Gardulla the Hutt, and had been tasked by Gardulla to find a way to bring an end to Skywalker as she sorted her bets out with Jabba the Hutt. Ark Roose eagerly accepted Funquita's bribe to sabotage Skywalker, and followed up by mistakenly drinking cleaning fluid. Ark Roose made his way to the Podracer hangar bay some time later, but had difficulty in identifying which Pod was Skywalker's. Roose eventually found Sebulba, who was busy sabotaging Mars Guo's Podracer, and asked the Dug if he knew what Skywalker's Pod looked like. Sebulba brushed Roose off, unhelpfully noting that it probably looked like a piece of junk. Roose spotted Ben Quadinaros' BT310 quadra-Podracer, and having never seen it before and believing it to be in a state of disrepair, Roose sabotaged it, rigging it so it wouldn't accelerate. Believing he had accomplished his job, Roose began to make his own preparations for the Boonta.

Ark Roose started in the fourth row on the outside, and was given a hearty introduction from the Troig race announcer Fodesinbeed Annodue. Upon his introduction, a band began playing from the Mos Espa Grand Arena grand stands and Roose cheerfully waved back before entering his pod. When the race began the contestants burst from the grid and into the track with the exception of two—Anakin Skywalker and Ben Quadinaros. Skywalker however was able to move his pod into the race shortly after, whereas Ben's podracer, due to Roose's tampering, ended up losing control of the engines when the power couplings failed. Roose managed to stay near the front of the pack for most of the race and navigated the course well, and even managed to avoid being destroyed by Tusken Raiders who had camped out on one of the turns. However, at the beginning of the second lap, Roose needed to make a pit-stop where his DUM-series pit droid team administered the maintenance that was needed before Roose could speed off again. Conversely, the pilot Ody Mandrell also stopped into the pits, but his left engine was destroyed when a Pit Droid was sucked into the engine's intake.

Near the end of the second lap, Roose's nemesis, Skywalker, zoomed past him to take place behind Sebulba, who had for the majority of the race kept the lead. Sebulba and Skywalker, enemies in their own right, dueled each other for the remainder of the race. However, as Roose began to make his way through a part of the track known as The Coil, Sebulba's in-race bodyguard, Dud Bolt, slammed into his podracer. "Bumpy" ended up biting the dust, but managed to take Bolt down with him, becoming one of the last wrecks in the race. Ark Roose and Dud Bolt were both recovered shortly thereafter and were taken to the Mos Espa med center to recover. As it turned out, Skywalker won the race entirely.

#### *Later years*

By coincidence, Roose was present on the same transport that carried Obi-Wan Kenobi and the infant Luke Skywalker to Tatooine. He did not recognize them, but Roose's conversation with an unnamed Dug gave Kenobi the idea of adopting "Ben" as an alias.

#### ***Personality and traits***

Ark Roose was a paranoid individual who for a time believed Anakin Skywalker was out to get him. However, the feeling was in no way unusual, as Roose was known to take offense at anyone who tried to overtake him. Even though Skywalker was only a child at the time, Roose was not above searching for a way to bring about Skywalker's demise, though he never came upon the idea of doing it himself until he

was hired to do so by Diva Funquita. Roose was generally aggressive on the track towards Anakin Skywalker anyways. Despite such, Roose was a scatterbrained dim-wit, and on one occasion was referred to as a lunkhead, an insult which he hotly detested. Roose wasn't even particularly liked by his own homeworld, who only half-heartedly hoped he could improve the image of Nuknogs by performing well. As it turned out, Roose, as dim-witted as he was, was a fairly skilled pilot. Ark Roose had skin that was a deep purple in color, and small yellow eyes. Standing at 1.63 meters tall, he was much taller than any of the other Boonta contestants, with the exception of Ben Quadinaros, who matched in height.

### ***Skills and abilities***

Ark Roose's idea of a Podrace was nothing more than ramming into the competition as hard as he could in order to clear a path for himself. However, Roose could perform well on occasion, as proven by his successes on Aquilaris and Tatooine. Roose performed well during he Boonta Eve Classic as well, avoiding many of the obstacles that destroyed other pilots, his reflexes keeping him on his toes at each hairpin turn. As it turned out, Roose was not demolished by the course, and was instead wiped out by another pilot. Roose also scored record time on Aquilaris, proving that his aggressive racing style was not without merit. The Nuknog was a fairly adept mechanic, and knew how to disable Podracers. When assigned to sabotage Anakin Skywalker's Podracer, however, Roose, as opposed to doing any real research, simply wrecked the ugliest and most unfamiliar Podracer he could find, which happened to be the rented Podracer owned by Ben Quadinaros.

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