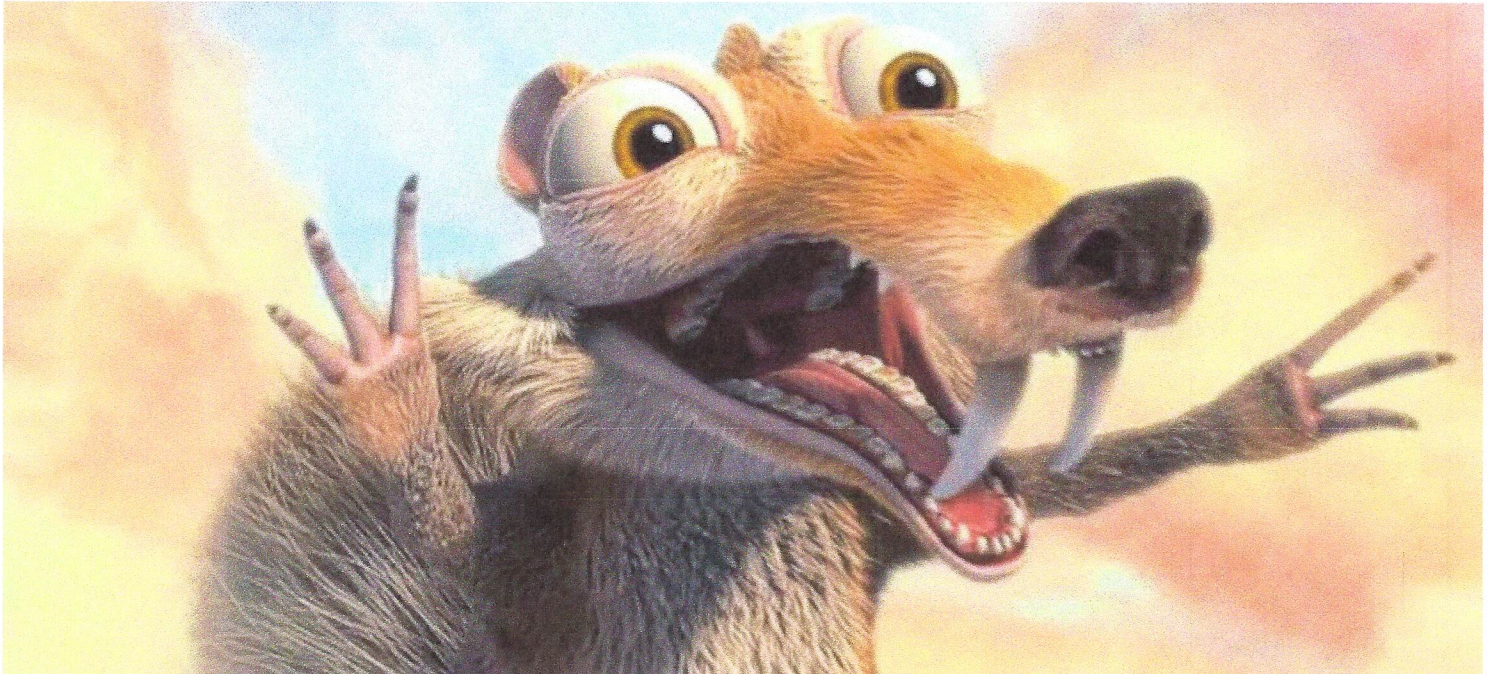


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Goodbye Scrat; "Ice Age" loses the rights to the character, what will happen to him?

A 20-year-long lawsuit. "Scratch," the character from "Ice Age," can no longer be used by Disney.



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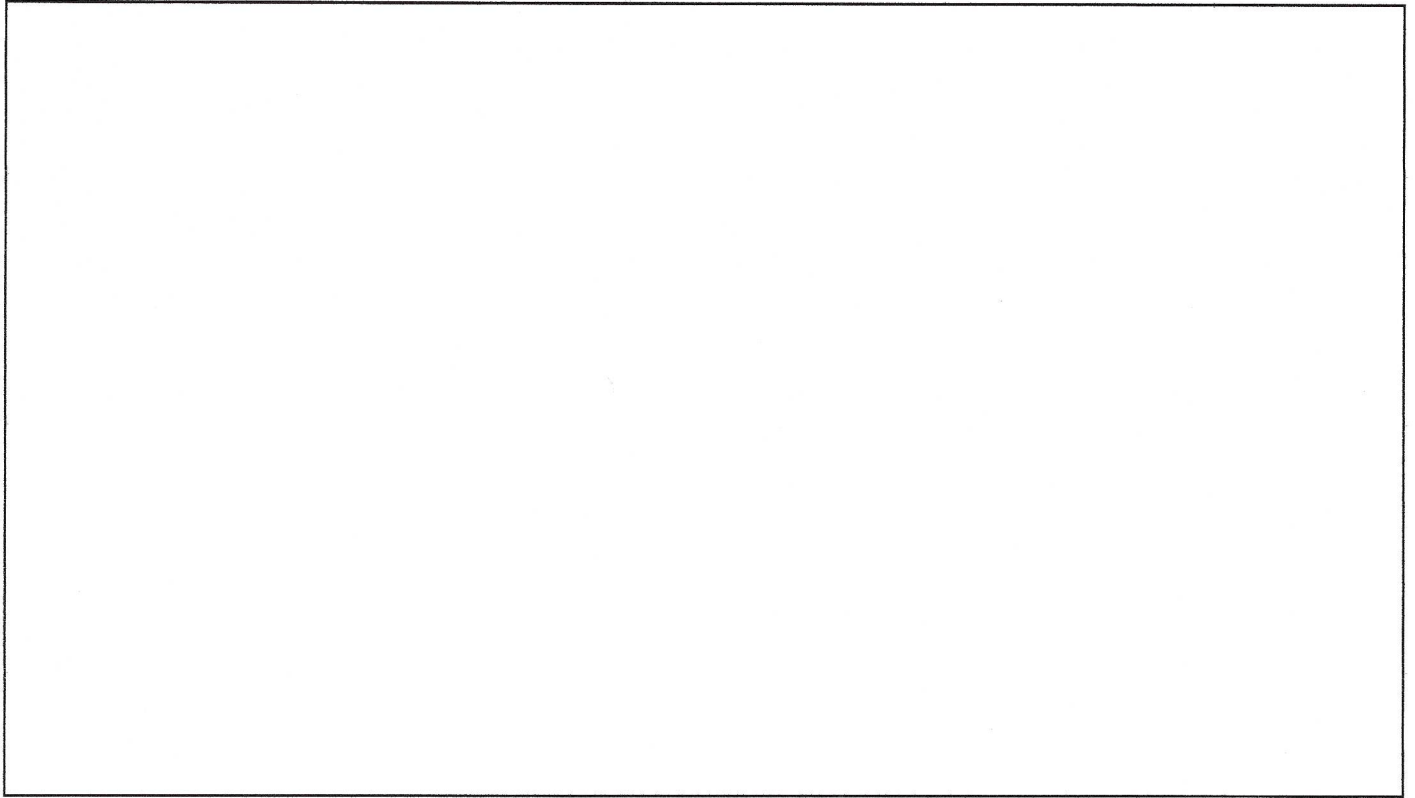


Scrat, one of the most beloved animated characters in children's cinema, will disappear from upcoming **"Ice Age"** productions after Disney and Fox lost a lawsuit in favor of his copyright.

"Ice Age" is one of the most successful animated **films** ever made. In 2002, the characters of Manny, Sid, and Diego won our hearts. But in a completely separate story, there was Scrat, a saber-toothed squirrel whose only wish was to collect acorns and live in peace .

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That eccentric character who didn't say a word won everyone over. He seemed to be one of the best ideas FOX had when making the film. That is, until a lawsuit came along that would reveal the character's true origins.



A cartoonist named Ivy Silberstein, better known as "Supersonic," won a lawsuit against Disney and FOX after claiming that the character of Scrat was her original design, which they rejected, and years later she saw it in a movie . In other words, FOX based the character on her design and didn't pay her a penny for it.

"No Scrat in Disney #IceAge 6. Thank you Walt Disney Company for respecting my trademarks and my character Scrat, which I created on May 19, 1999, 20 years ago. The first Ice Age was released on March 12, 2002. It's been a 20-year fight! I WON!" Ivy Silberstein wrote on Twitter , along with a photo of herself holding the document proving her ownership of the intellectual property rights to the character.



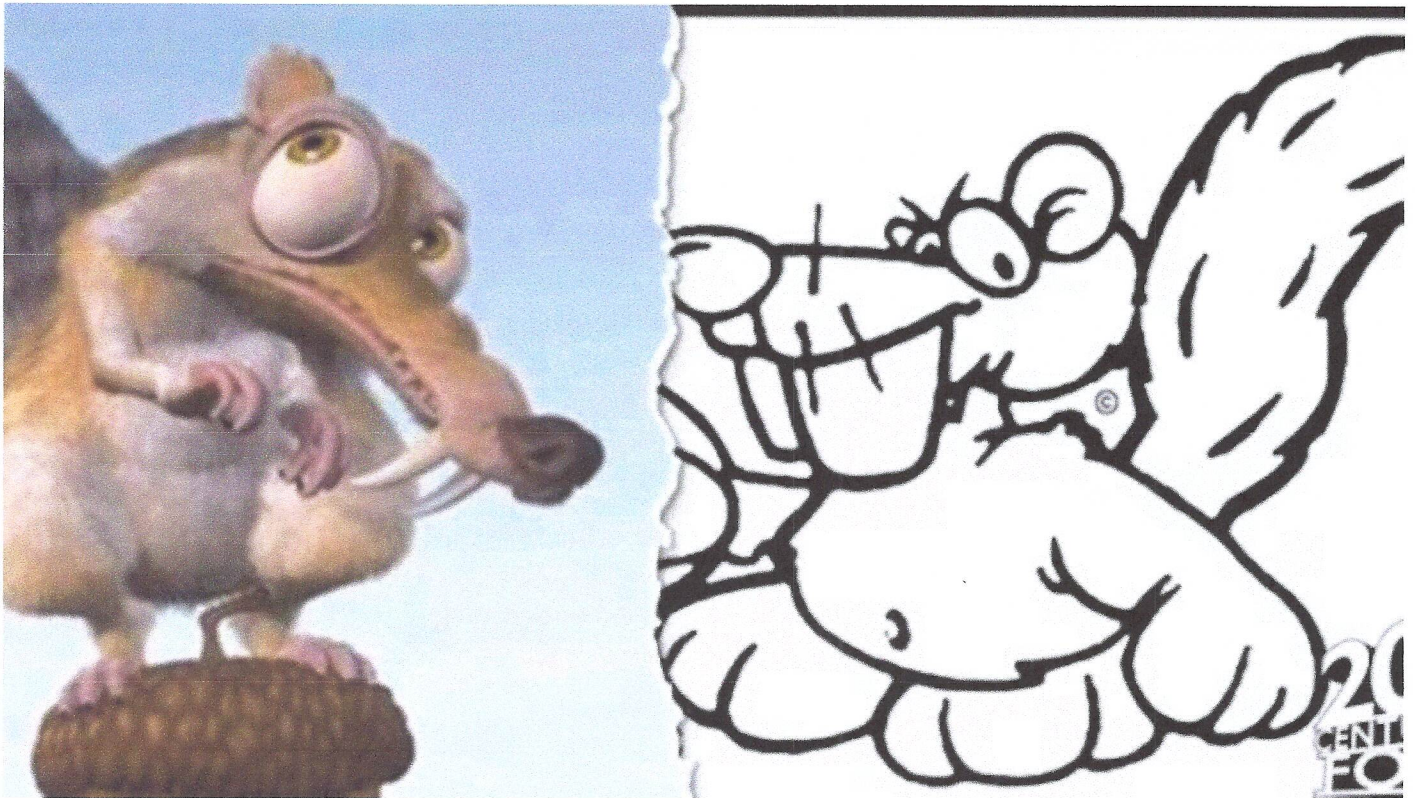
Disney loses the rights to Scrat from "Ice Age"

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How the character of Scrat was created

It was in 1999 that Ivy Silberstein was walking through a park in New York when she saw an animal that, due to its size and characteristics, she couldn't identify as either a squirrel or a rat. Thus, she came up with the idea of creating a character named "Sqrat," combining the words "squirrel" and "rat."

Ivy was so passionate about her character that she began promoting it to various film production companies. In 2000, she approached FOX, pitched the character, and they rejected it. To her surprise, in 2002, Scrat, a character with many of the characteristics of her creation, appeared on the poster for "Ice Age."



Scrat from Ice Age VS Scrat from Supersonic

Thus began a 20-year battle where, initially, both FOX (recently acquired by Disney) and Ivy shared the rights to the character. Now, she owns all the rights.

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What will happen to Scrat now that they've lost their rights?

Despite Ivy's victory in securing the rights to her character, her win means Disney can no longer include the character in any of its films. For this reason, it's unlikely we'll see Scrat again in a mini-movie, another "Ice Age" film, or even a solo feature. Unless, of course, Disney is willing to pay to use the character.

Internet users have expressed their disagreement with this decision, claiming that Sqrta, from "Supersonic", does not look much like Scrat from "Ice Age".

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