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After Spielberg made it big with "Jaws" in 1975, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" in 1977 and directing the first Indiana Jones movie in 1981, he reconciled with his father and learned the truth.

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Instead, the little alien was an animatronic puppet from the planet Ork to report his findings to his superiors. Orson, he's aided by a music store employee he befriends.

FURTHER REVIEW

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