HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME (answer)

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The first stage of the puzzle was intended to train solvers for stage two. For each star, read the nth letter where n = the number of points the star has been rotated by. This yields:

NW CORNER CAFÉ NINE

Entering the café in building nine from the building's lobby and turning left reveals a trail of stars on the ground.

This walk of fame has no names, and instead of icons representing MOVIE, MUSIC, etc, each star features 2-5 icons representing other things. By correctly identifying the word each icon represents and removing a letter from each word, solvers can decode the star into the name of a celebrity.

CHARM ELTON CHEST ONE - MECE = CHARLTON HESTON

MAIL TONY BEAR LEG - AYAG = MILTON BERLE

BEAN ALF FLY NECK - ALYN = BEN AFFLECK

BARBER EAST ROE ISLAND - EEOL = BARBRA STREISAND

STAND CRAB GULL SOCK - TCGS = SANDRA BULLOCK

TWO BODY BALL PEN - TBBP = WOODY ALLEN

WALL TEAR CAR MONK BITE - LAAMB = WALTER KRONKITE

COWL REPORTER - WR = COLE PORTER

ANTS HONEY HOOP KINGS - SEOG = ANTHONY HOPKINS

JAR MESA DIE FAN - RAIF = JAMES DEAN

ATOMS WELL DECK - AWN = TOM SELLECK

ACE LION BED IRON - AOBR = CELINE DION

CARET HALF CRANK LINK - CLCK = ARETHA FRANKLIN

AWL PACK DINO - WKD = AL PACINO

XRAY BOLT GEAR - XTA = RAY BOLGER

SOAP PHI HALO RENO – ACHW = SOPHIA LOREN

SPIT KEEL EYE – TEY = SPIKE LEE

IRON HOWL CARD - ILC = RON HOWARD

HAIR PRISON FJORD - IPJ = HARRISON FORD

FIRE DASH TAXI REN - IHXN = FRED ASTAIRE

GENIE SHACK MANE - ISE = GENE HACKMAN

The icons in each star are rotated, and just as in stage 1 you must take the nth letter where n = the number of points of rotation. But not from the celebrity's name. The data you care about are the letters removed from the icons to get the celebrity's name. Indexing into *those* letters yields **MALE STAR OF WALK THE LINE**, which is **JOAQUIN PHOENIX**