

During the Battle of Yavin, 0 ABY, Rogue Squadron took part in the single most decisive battle in the history of the Rebellion and the Galactic Civil War. During the perilous moments of that battle, when the Death Star was moving into firing position around Yavin and lining up its planet destroying super-laser, a force of X-wings and Y-wings assaulted the moon-sized battle station in a desperate attempt to launch a proton torpedo into its unshielded exhaust port.

The assault was daring and fraught with peril, with many brave pilots losing their lives to ground fire and Imperial TIE fighters. In the heat of the battle, Jek Porkins was being shadowed by one such fighter, the Imperial pilot hot on his tail and forcing him ever downward towards the station's surface and a murderous crossfire.

Flying on his six, Biggs Silverlight instructed his fellow pilot to pull up, a risky maneuver that would expose him to the TIE, or eject. Jek followed his friend's recommendation, putting his faith in a fellow pilot as he raised the nose of his X-wing. The TIE swooped down for the kill, but Biggs had seen it coming and fired ahead of time. His lead was spot-on and the TIE detonated with only mild damage coming to Porkins' fighter, though still enough to knock him out of the fight.

Unable to contribute more, he limped back to base, only to sense the detonation of the space station behind him as Luke Skywalker successfully navigated the equatorial trench and managed to deliver the guided munition into the exhaust port against all odds.

Though disgraced by having to fall back while only a handful of pilots ultimately made it back alive, Porkins took upon himself to honor their memory and sacrifice. The lost Red and Gold squadron members had represented the finest of the Rebel fighter corps and the service needed new veterans and fast. As a surviving member of that elite unit, Jek began training new pilots with all the skill and expertise he had to offer, guiding them through raids and assaults on Imperial convoys and leading them into stubborn defences against the pursuing Imperial fleets.

On Hoth, Porkins was among the snowspeeder squadrons, fighting with Red Squadron to hold off the AT-ATs. Although the fight could never be won, Porkins and his trained wingmen were able to hold off the Imperial advance long enough for Han Solo and Chewbacca to finish repairs on the Millennium Falcon.

With their ship operational, they are able to successfully escape the Imperial blockade and reach Lando Calrissian in Cloud City. Distressed by the situation, but willing to help his friend out, Lando joins forces with Han and prepares to draw up plans on how to defeat the Empire. Unfortunately, an Imperial armada shows up in orbit, demanding Lando's allegiance on pain of death. Lando seemingly agrees, while helping Han escape.

Luke, undisturbed by conflicting fears for his friends, is able to complete his training on Dagobah while Han and Leia continue to evade the Empire and amass forces for a counter attack. By the time they learn of the second Death Star, Yoda has taught Luke as much as he knows, including the identity of Darth Vader.

During the ensuing Battle of Endor, the Alliance fleet is caught in a massive trap, but thanks to the heroic flying of Jek Porkins, are able to get a force of a few fighters inside the unfinished superweapon and destroy its reactor core from within. Firing the finishing salvo of proton torpedoes, Porkins became a celebrated hero of the Alliance and later, New Republic.

He would finally pass away as a retired Wing Commander in 34 ABY, living a life of comfort with his wife and two children when the Hosnian Cataclysm wiped out the Hosnian system. Even in his twilight years he helped keep funding open to the Resistance and some say it was his insistence on pilot training that helped the shattered New Republic fighter corps reorganize under the Resistance and finally defeat the First Order.