Characters D6 / Kendal Ozzel



Name: Kendal Ozzel
Homeworld: Carida
Died: 3 ABY (38:6:6), Executor, Hoth system
Species: Human
Gender: Male
Height: 1.7 meters
Hair color: Blond, later gray
Eye color: Blue
MOVE - 10

DEXTERITY: 2D+1
- Blaster: 5D+2
- Dodge: 5D
- Vehicle Blasters: 5D

PERCEPTION: 3D
- Command: 6D+1
- Con: 4D+2
- Search: 5D
- Persuasion: 6D

KNOWLEDGE: 3D+2
- Bureaucracy: 7D
- Tactics: 6D
- Tactics (Space): 7D
- Willpower: 4D+2

STRENGTH: 2D
- Brawling: 4D+1

MECHANICAL: 3D
- Communications: 5D
- Capital Ship Piloting: 5D+2
- Capital Ship Shields: 6D+2
- Capital Ship Weapons: 5D+2
- Repulsorlift Operation: 5D
- Sensors: 5D

TECHNICAL: 2D+2
- Capital Ship Repair: 4D+2
- Computer Programming/Repair: 5D+2
- Security: 5D

EQUIPMENT
Imperial Officers Uniform, E-11 Blaster Pistol: 4D, Datapad, Commlink, Code Cylinders

FORCE SENSITIVE - N
FORCE POINTS 2
DARK SIDE POINTS 3
CHARACTER POINTS 5

Description: Kendal Ozzel was a male Human born into a wealthy Caridan family. After studying at multiple Core World military institutes, Ozzel graduated as a Captain of the Line but was delegated to teaching positions because his superiors had doubts about his ability to serve as an effective field commander. Nonetheless, at the advent of the Clone Wars between the Galactic Republic and the Confederacy of Independent Systems, Ozzel was commissioned as a major in the Grand Army of the Republic by Supreme Chancellor Palpatine and went on to serve with the clone forces in multiple engagements. He continued to serve under Palpatine when the Republic was reorganized into the Galactic Empire.

Ozzel was eventually assigned as the captain of the Imperial-class Star Destroyer Reprisal, but he longed for a promotion to admiral. As commanding officer of the Reprisal, Ozzel oversaw campaigns against the Rebel Alliance in the Shelsha sector; on one such mission, Ozzel became involved in a plot to kill Emperor's Hand Mara Jade when he erroneously believed her arrival aboard the Star Destroyer was part of a high-level investigation into the desertion of a group of stormtroopers. Jade became suspicious of the captain, finding him to be either disloyal or dim-witted, and recommended that the Sith Lord Darth Vader keep an eye on him. Naval command ultimately agreed with the move, promoting Ozzel to Fleet Admiral and placing him in command of Vader's flagship, the Star Dreadnought Executor, believing that the man would not be foolish enough to butt heads with Vader.

His goals having come to fruition, Ozzel was charged with leading Vader's Death Squadron in the search for the headquarters of the Rebel Alliance. Some saw Ozzel as the Sith Lord's equal, but in actuality, he was nothing more than a figurehead—the true power rested in Vader's hands. Ozzel's personality more than often put him at odds with both Vader and his immediate subordinate Captain Firmus Piett, who both considered him inept. Thus, when a probe droid relayed data of a settlement on the supposedly-uninhabited planet Hoth, Ozzel disagreed with Vader's assertion that they had found the Rebel base. The Sith Lord overruled the admiral in favor of Piett's judgement and ordered the Executor and Death Squadron to the Hoth system. Ozzel attempted to surprise the Alliance by bringing the fleet out of hyperspace near Hoth rather than approach from the system's outskirts, but the tactical blunder only alerted the Alliance and bought them time to raise their base's energy shield and evacuate the world. Having tired of Ozzel's incompetence, Vader telekinetically executed the admiral.

Personality and traits

A by-the-books officer, Kendal Ozzel was generally viewed unfavorably, considered inept by many Imperials and others. There was a vast array of uncharitable opinions on the officer; BloodScar mercenary Caaldra saw Ozzel as predictable, while Emperor's Hand Mara Jade was unable to tell if he was treacherous, easily manipulated, or simply dim-witted. His superiors at the Coruscant naval academy were loath to give him a position of command. When on the verge of defeat on the battlefield, Ozzel opted to surrender rather than risk death in continued combat. If he were to be interrogated, Ozzel preferred to betray his allies to the enemy rather than risk execution, attempting to justify his betrayal to himself later on. His subordinate and successor, Firmus Piett, found Ozzel

to be mercurial and considered him too incompetent for his command. These traits made many wonder how he achieved his rank of admiral. Han Solo, who already had very low opinions of Ozzel, also admitted when reading his Innovations in Imperial Naval Tactics that his "innovations" were so bad that he was unwilling to mock him precisely because it would have been too easy to do so. Darth Vader shared this opinion of him throughout Ozzel's time as admiral, especially when he brought Death Squadron out of hyperspace too close to Hoth, a move with which the admiral had hoped would surprise the Alliance. Because of his actions, the Alliance was able to detect the fleet of approaching Star Destroyers, activate Echo Base's shield, and evacuate the majority of the base.

Ozzel was also noted as being argumentative, bullish, and lacking common sense—additional traits which often caused further problems. He never knew when to be quiet, and he always insisted on having a say in major decisions. He was a disciplinarian, and every detail had to be perfect. His tactical thinking was outdated, and his presence aboard the Executor was in part to satisfy the Navy's senior commanders and show a small amount of respect with regards to the chain-of-command, even though Vader held de facto command of Death Squadron. He was known to ridicule the ideas and findings of his subordinates to protect his own position. Ozzel let off-duty stormtroopers roam around without their armor on while serving aboard the Reprisal, which went against regulations. He did not like their presence on the ship, so he reached this unofficial agreement with the stormtrooper commanders, rather than having the troops confined to the barracks. He was also biased against women and non-Humans and intimidated lesser bureaucrats to increase his standing in the Navy.

Despite these flaws, Ozzel was a self-confident and ambitious man, often using his family name to further himself in Imperial society and politics. He was considered the ideal naval politician, and as far as he was concerned, he always won his arguments. He viewed the elimination of Rebels as the fastest path to success within the Imperial Navy, and he hoped that his attempt to destroy the Rebels would eventually grant him the rank of admiral. His ambition was such that, moments before his death, he implied a desire to take over the Empire using the Executor. Whenever he failed he would cast the blame onto his subordinates, which sparked an enmity between him and his subordinate and eventual replacement, Firmus Piett. Ozzel was willing to go to extreme measures to cover his mistakes, such as when he reluctantly agreed to kill Emperor's Hand Mara Jade to silence potential information on the desertion of stormtroopers from the Reprisal. He was confident, and he felt relaxed while in the presence of Vader, whom he came to resent over time.

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