

Fox

Director Fox is the head of Division One, one of the "precincts" in the Pan-Galactic Coalition and the one in which Earth resides. (Excerpted from History of the Division One Agency, Division One Agent's Handbook, not yet released) Code Name: Fox Affiliation: Pan-Galactic Law Enforcement and Immigration Administration, Division One Titles & Awards: Lord Fox, Lord Levy, Director Birth name: Franz Aharon Levy Ethnicity: Caucasian (Ashkenazic Jew) Born: Leipzig, Germany Year of birth: 1930 Age at time of induction into Agency: 68 Current age: Unknown Height: 6' 0" Weight: 175lb. Hair: Brunet/gray Eye: Hazel Degrees: Unknown

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Fox Description

"Visible through the bay window, a somewhat older man sat at a desk in a large office, his grizzled head bowed over some paperwork. From time to time he sat back and glanced out the window, over the larger room. His features, visible even at that distance, were chiseled and clean-shaven.

"Huh. Wonder who that is?" she [Megan McAllister] thought. Some sorta manager, maybe? Very distinguished-looking guy."

~Stephanie Osborn, Division One book 1, *Alpha and Omega*

Fox Bio, Chapter 1: Before First Contact

Birth and WWII

The Agent currently in charge of Division One is Director Fox. Fox was born in the early years of the 20th century in Europe as Franz Aharon Levy. His hometown was in the Jewish ghetto of Leipzig, Germany, but his family was attempting to flee Nazi Germany and were captured in Poland when Levy was 11 years old.

Levy survived WWII as a child in the Majdanek concentration camp. He was the only surviving member of his family, who were among the first interns of the camp in late 1941. He was freed in July 1944 when the Soviet Army captured Majdanek. He was then 14.

Recognizing that the Soviet regime was unlikely to be much more beneficent than the Nazis, he used the skills he had learned in order to survive in the concentration camp to slip past the Soviets, and thus made his way into Western Europe before the war ended. There he spent the next three years living hand to mouth as a street urchin refugee, moving from town to town as necessity dictated, finding shelter wherever he could.

Aaliyah

As soon as the United Nations partitioned off the new, modern nation of Israel, Levy promptly stowed away on a ship bound for Tel Aviv from the French Mediterranean port town of Villefranche-sur-Mer, making aliyah in Israel twelve days after his 17th birthday.

He was welcomed with open arms by his fellow Jews, but the lone boy quickly found himself falling between the cracks as the new nation was flooded with immigrants, many of which were extended family groups. As war loomed on all horizons, the young nation began preparing for war, and Levy found his calling.

Enlisting in the Israeli Defense Forces, which not only gave him a sense of purpose but a means of living, Levy quickly moved through the various levels of military training and found himself a military field intelligence agent during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. There, his street urchin skills stood him in good stead, as did the fourth-level black belt in what eventually became known as Krav Maga, which he obtained in the course of his military training. He successfully executed several missions, bringing back important intelligence information for the IDF Command eachtime. For this, he was awarded the War of Independence ribbon and the Haganah ribbon. He was also 'posthumously' awarded the Medal of Distinguished Service (this award was not instituted by the Israeli Knesset until 1970).

Having thus distinguished himself during the war, he continued as an IDF intelligence officer, emerging from the War of Independence at the rank of First Sergeant, and later being promoted rapidly through the ranks until achieving First Lieutenant.

The Mossad

He was recruited by the HaMossad leModi'in uleTafkidim Meyuḥadim (Hebrew for 'The Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations,' aka the Mossad) upon its founding in 1949, where he again served well and honorably, through the Sinai War and other, lesser skirmishes and missions, until the events of the Six-Day War.

By that time, he was 37, and becoming somewhat long in the tooth to execute the job of a field intelligence agent, especially given the hardships of his youth, the deprivations of which were beginning to catch up to him in the form of an increasing number of chronic medical problems, some severe—the Mossad physicians gave him only a few more years before multiplying health issues would force his retirement.

Two weeks before the war's outbreak, Levy was notified that he had Stage Four lung cancer, presumed at the time to be as a result of long-term exposure to dilute levels of Zyklon B in the air of the concentration camp where he had spent a significant part of his youth. (In point of fact, the cause of the lung cancer was never truly determined, but the long-term cyanide exposure likely did cause quite a few of his other medical problems.) Regardless of cause, the cancer was well advanced, had already metastasized past the lungs, was inoperable, and too widespread for successful radiation or chemotherapy. Doctors gave him less than a year to live.

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Inadvertent Intervention

It was at this time that the Six- Day War broke out, and Levy inadvertently and unexpectedly found himself protecting an alien potentate—visiting Earth to obtain first- hand data on conditions, his cover was that he was on vacation as a human tourist—who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Despite discovering the obvious alien nature of his fugitive, Levy recognized that the extraterrestrial was an innocent, caught up in a conflict not its own, and at risk of perishing as a result. Levy’s personal background and morality dictated that he assist the stranded being.

In order to successfully extract the potentate, who proved to be no less a personage than Lord Pulgey Entiyti of Emdali, the then- head of the Pan- Galactic Council of Nine (otherwise known as the Ennead) relatively early in his first stint as galactic president, Levy opted to make what was essentially a suicide move, acting as a decoy by stepping into the path of a Syrian force invading the Golan Heights, and opening fire with -- rumor had it -- two Uzis in double- tap mode. (It was one, in semi-auto mode, but Levy was fast, and he was accurate, as expected of a top Mossad agent. When asked about his decision, Levy was heard to remark that he thought it would be faster, and prove more useful, than “letting the cancer have me.”) This enabled Lord Entiyti to reach his spacecraft and crew in safety, but Levy took several rounds to the torso, at least one of which nicked his descending aorta, as well as causing considerable internal lacerations. He managed to stagger to shelter in a back alley before succumbing to his wounds, and the cover identity he was using at the time is listed as the only Israeli officer to die in that skirmish—with certain changes to the details made, in order to hide the involvement of a Mossad agent.

Rescue and Galactic Travel

However, Lord Entiyti, in gratitude for his rescue, ordered his crew to use all its ship’s devices—to include active cloaking and tractor fields—to capture and bring aboard Levy’s body, whereupon he set his personal physicians to work on the nearly-dead human, with the most advanced treatments galactic medicine could bring to bear.

When Levy awoke—much to his surprise—three weeks later, he found himself not only healed of both cancer and bullet wounds, but rejuvenated, with all health problems eliminated, now a perfectly healthy human with a physiological age of approximately 28.

More, he was on Entiyti’s homeworld of Emdali, and on retainer to Entiyti as one of his personal bodyguards, a position he filled for some three decades. This was much to Levy’s liking, as he was

fascinated by all the new worlds he visited, learning everything he could on each planet, and leaving behind a myriad of friends and contacts. Over time, he became Entiyti's chief and favorite bodyguard—and his closest friend.

It was during this time that he became known to the galactic community as "Lord Franz Levy," the title bestowed as a consequence of his diligent service to Lord Entiyti, and his honor and honesty.

Division One

When the decision was made to incorporate Earth into the Pan-Galactic Coalition, Entiyti visited Earth once more to oversee the negotiations, and Levy came along as his chief bodyguard; it would prove to be his last mission caring for Entiyti. The galactic leader had decided that it was time for Levy to return to his homeworld, and had given him one last round of medical rejuvenation treatments; upon his return to Earth, Levy had a physiological age of approximately 32, but a chronological age of 68, with the corresponding experience and knowledge of a seasoned galactic traveler.

Entiyti put Levy into the hands of Director Oboe, instructing his faithful, curious bodyguard to work with the organization they were forming, and serve as a kind of formal liaison between it and the Council. He was given the codename 'Fox,' and would also eventually found the Diplomacy department of the budding Agency, serving as Earth's first representative to the Council.

Fox, Oboe, and the others present at that historic meeting, to include young Agent Echo and his older partner X-ray, would become known collectively as The Originals.

Over time, as the Agency integrated more fully into the galactic government, Fox rose through the ranks to succeed Oboe as Director of Division One.