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The main characters of the Division One series. Cover image credit: Darrell Osborn (c) 2021

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Echo

Agent Echo is the Department Manager for Alpha Line, the Assistant Director of Division One, and one of the Originals, agents who were present at the First Contact. Code Name: Echo Affiliation: Alpha One Titles & Awards: Department lead, Alpha Line; Assistant Director, Division One; Director Successor, Division One; Lord Commodore of the Grand Fleet of Emdali; Rryssheett urr Byirr Entiyti (Honor of the House Entiyti); the Wrotfl Medal of Edeptis Birth name: Alexander Ian Bryant Ethnicity: Lipan Apache/Caucasian Born: Ozona, TX, USA Year of birth: Unknown Age at time of induction into Agency: 17 Current age: Unknown Height: 6' 3.5" Weight: ~195lb. Hair: Black Eye: Brown Degrees: BA in Diplomacy, Linguistics from D1U; MA in Linguistics from D1U

Echo

Echo Bio

(Needs work. Needs to be put into narrative.)

Pre-Agency:

Grew up on the family ranch near Ozona Texas.

Raised by his father (James Robert Bryant), his mother (Nalin Iyaaye Chanzee), and his Apache grandfather (Nantan Lipa "Shiitsooyee" Chanzee).

His father died when he was 15 when the horse he was riding stumbled, fell & rolled over him.

Graduated high school at age 16.

Brought into The Agency at age 17.

Is an original member of what became known as The Agency.

Was going steady with Linda Martinez (a cute little brunette Chicano who was a few years behind him in school).

Was taught the things that an Apache brave should know by his maternal grandfather, to include tracking, stealthy movement (moving without leaving very much of a trace & being unobserved).

Echo's grandfather (who was an Apache medicine man) came to live at the ranch when Echo was a small boy, due to a staph infection in a cut on his leg that wasn't healing properly.

Echo was riding the fences when he encountered the First Contact, and due to his attempt to investigate what was happening on his ranch, got sucked into the events and became an Original Agent.

Agency:

First partner was X-Ray, who was killed in the line of duty.

Second partner was Romeo, Echo stepped aside so that Romeo could partner with agent India (medic).

Third partner is Omega.

Left the agency to try to create a life with Dr. Chase Martin who had helped out Echo during the Klydonian invasion attempt, returned to the agency when things didn't work out and she married someone else.

Learned Massage Therapy through DU1, to help X-ray with injuries.

Knows how to ice skate.

Echo

Echo Description

"The handsome man in the elegant Suit stood patiently beside his sleek black vehicle, waiting, hidden in the night shadows of the desert. His tall, lean but muscular build nevertheless bespoke power, rendered the more intimidating by his stark black attire and the incongruous sunglasses which hid his dark brown eyes. An observer—had there been one, at that late hour, in that remote location—would have had a hard time guessing Agent Echo's age, but the barest hint of silver just starting to distinguish the dark hair at the temples, and only visible in certain lights, might have placed him as in his mid-to late-thirties. Perhaps."

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

Omega

Agent Omega is the assistant department manager of Alpha Line, and advisor to department chief Echo, as well as his partner and wife. She is in charge of training for the department, and heads the Praetorians, the personal bodyguard team for Director Fox and Assistant Director Echo. Code Name: Omega Affiliation: Alpha One Titles & Awards: Alpha Line Assistant Lead; Alpha Line Training Lead; Lady Commodore of the Grand Fleet of Emdali; Rryssheett urr Byirr Entiyti (Honor of the House Entiyti); Wrothfl Medal of Edeptis Birth name: Megan Shayleigh McAllister Ethnicity: Caucasian (Celtic-American) Born: Huntsville AL, USA Year of birth: Unknown Age at time of induction into Agency: Unknown Current age: Unknown Height: 5' 10" Weight: 143lb. Hair: Blonde (platinum) Eye: Blue Degrees: BS in Physics, Chemistry; BS in Biology, Geology; MS in Aerospace Engineering; PhD in Astronomy/Astrophysics

Omega

Omega Bio

(Needs work. Needs to be converted into narrative.)

Pre-Agency:

Working with NASA @ Johnson Space Center in Houston when she first met Echo. Started NASA career at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville AL (hometown) as a payload flight controller. Was a timeline engineer at MSFC and a PAO at Houston before making astronaut. Wanted to be an astronaut all her life.

Started star gazing as a child.

Voice/accent/dialect more than a little reminiscent of Gone With The Wind.

Daughter of Jonathan McAllister & Robyn Murphy McAllister.

Birth name: Megan Shayleigh McAllister.

Has exceptionally good hearing

Peaches & cream complexion.

Celtic (Gaelic) fire in her temper.

Not egotistical.

Bio-Genetically altered as a child by Slug/AzelN (a gastropoid symbiote from Delta Scorpii) when she was 12-13 years old.

Immune to "Brain Bleach" thanks to modifications by AzelN.

Parents and Grandmother killed by Slug/AzelN.

Agency:

Always willing to learn new things - always willing to teach others.

Professor of Astronomy at Division One University.

Sometimes omits info for the sake of the mission.

Holds record for solving the hypercube puzzle in Alpha Line admissions testing; tied Echo for record in the shooting range testing for Alpha Line admissions; came in second in the obstacle course.

Omega Description

"Megan McAllister was a very attractive woman, somewhat taller than the average—around five feet eight or nine inches, by Echo's estimate, give or take; and with a fair, peaches-and-cream Celtic complexion. Her long, platinum blonde—almost silver—hair was currently in a French-braided updo, wrapped around her head. She appeared to be in her mid-twenties, with a figure that was at once strong and athletic, and full and feminine. *Like something out of a comic book, almost*, the agent thought. *Easy on the eyes, I'll admit.*

"And complexion wasn't the only place her Celtic genetics resided. When Megan had discovered the primary mirror of her telescope lying in more than half a dozen pieces on the desert floor, the mop-up team had learned that she also had a bit of Gaelic fire in her temperament as well—in no uncertain terms."

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

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

Fox

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 each time. 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.

Fox Bio, Chapter 2: First Contact and Beyond

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.

Romeo

Agent Romeo is the third in command in the Alpha Line special forces department, husband to his partner India, and a former Navy SEAL. Code Name: Romeo Affiliation: Alpha Two Titles & Awards: Alpha Line Assistant (backup) Birth name: Unknown Ethnicity: Negro Born: Unknown Year of birth: Unknown Age at time of induction into Agency: Unknown Current age: Unknown Height: 6' 0" Weight: 165lb Hair: Black Eye: Brown Degrees: None. Other: Former Navy SEAL

Romeo Bio

A Navy SEAL when he was recruited to the Agency by Echo, Romeo had already been on numerous missions as a SEAL. On one of these, he lost his best friend from childhood. He also had a commanding officer who was prone to making comments about missions that blew up in his face, such as, "We've got it from here," just before all hell broke loose on the team.

After being recruited by Echo after Echo's first partner, X-ray, sacrificed himself during a mission, the pair were inadvertently separated during the course of a mission. Romeo was injured, and the ER doctor of record was later recruited herself and became Agent India. Some adventures apparently ensued during Romeo's treatment -- possibly including an attack on the ER, which the physician put down with martial arts skills and whatever medical equipment came to hand -- and the two became emotionally attached. Once Echo located his partner, however, the woman who became India was duly brain-bleached, and Romeo moved on.

However, when he severely broke his leg in a gym accident, he discovered that she had been recruited to the medlab, and they rekindled their relationship after Fox gave permission to download her memories of the incident. Echo stepped aside for the relationship, and Romeo and India became partners and lovers. After Alpha One became the first successful partnership in the new Alpha Line department, Echo put Romeo and India through testing, and they were inaugurated as Alpha Two. They became engaged the following Christmas.

As of the events of *Break, Break, Houston*, they are officially married as well.

Romeo

Romeo Description

A handsome young black man, slightly under six feet tall, with a military crew cut, and a muscular build.

~Stephanie Osborn, Division One book 3, A Very UnCONventional Christmas

India

Agent India is the department medic for Alpha Line, as well as an advisor to the department leads.
Code Name: India Affiliation: Alpha Two Titles & Awards: Alpha Line Medic Birth name: Unknown
Ethnicity: Oriental (Korean)/Negro Born: Unknown Year of birth: Unknown Age at time of induction
into Agency: Unknown Current age: Unknown Height: 5' 9" Weight: 128lb. Hair: Light Brown Eye:
Amber Degrees: BS Pre-Med; M,D, Other: specialized in Emergency Medicine

India Bio

An emergency room physician when she was recruited to the Agency, the woman who became India encountered Romeo when he became separated from Echo and subsequently injured during the course of a mission. She was the physician of record at the ER where she worked. Some adventures apparently ensued during Romeo's treatment -- possibly including an attack on the ER, which the quick-thinking physician put down with martial arts skills and whatever medical equipment came to hand -- and the two became emotionally attached. Once Echo located his partner, however, the woman who became India was duly brain-bleached.

However, after the events of the Klydonian invasion left the Agency's Medical department depleted overall, Fox heard of the woman who had fought by Romeo's side, and recruited her to the medlab. There, she encountered Romeo once again, and they rekindled their relationship after Fox gave permission to download her memories of the incident. Echo stepped aside for the relationship, and Romeo and India became partners and lovers. After Alpha One became the first successful partnership in the new Alpha Line department, Echo put Romeo and India through testing, and they were inaugurated as Alpha Two. They became engaged the following Christmas.

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India

India Description

“'India!?' Romeo had cried in recognition, as Echo settled him on the gurney and the former ER physician began treating him—the same lovely woman with the silky, short dark hair, almond eyes, and pale milk chocolate skin who, as a civilian, had treated Romeo for an alien acid saliva burn the year before...”

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