

GENESIS

HISTORY

While on sabbatical in Palestine in 1940, archaeology professor Alan Foster encountered antiquities dealer Ezekiel Planck, who claimed to have uncovered Moses' staff during a dig in a valley near Mount Nebo. Although skeptical, Foster dared not risk losing out on such a historic discovery, so he arranged to meet Planck later at a discreet location.

When Foster arrived at the rendezvous, he found Planck dead, clutching the staff. Despite the dangers, Foster reached for the staff to examine it. The instant he touched it, he was bathed in brilliant white light and the angel Gabriel appeared before him. Gabriel declared Foster to be God's chosen champion. Hereafter, grasping the staff would give him great powers to combat the forces of evil.

Returning to America with the staff, Foster dismissed his visitation as a hallucination, but months later, the staff called to

him in the middle of the night. He took it in his hands and was transformed. It led him to the university's engineering department where he uncovered and broke up a Nazi fifth column cell.

From then on, adopting the name Genesis, he fought alongside the allies during World War II, destroying munitions factories, helping the underground, and raiding Nazi laboratories where monstrous experiments were conducted. He tried and failed to convince President Truman to allow him to force Japan's surrender instead of using the atomic bomb. Years later, it was revealed he had been instrumental in liberating the concentration camps and hunting fugitive Nazis.

Genesis' career continued after the war. He assisted in the Berlin Airlift and helped rebuild European cities. He performed commando missions and provided support for United Nations troops during the Korean War. After

Korea, the staff called to him less and less, until, eventually, Genesis faded into retirement.

After nearly a decade of inactivity, the staff called. When Foster went to retrieve it from its hiding place, he was confronted by a blue-skinned alien levitating before him. The alien called himself the Infra-Magician and warned of the impending destruction of Earth by an ancient space-faring menace called the Memetic Revenant. Genesis joined a group of heroes recruited by the Infra-Magician and confronted the sentient, terra-forming android. Following Memetic Revenant's defeat, the heroes remained together as a team, calling themselves the Sentinels.

As a Sentinel Genesis repeatedly protected humanity from alien invasions, natural disasters, and super-villains. He retired for good in the 1980s when his daughter Eve began her own superhero career.



PERSONAL DATA

Real Name: Alan Foster

Occupation: Archaeologist

Known Relatives: Eve Foster

Group Affiliation: The Sentinels

First Appearance: Rousing Adventure #6 (May 1941)

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 160 lbs

Eyes: Brown

Hair: White

POWERS & WEAPONS

As Genesis, Foster can change shape into any animal in creation and assume their abilities. He can also transmute the elemental structure of objects up to human size by touching them. The staff of Moses can control the ambient light in a 20-foot radius around Genesis, making it lighter or darker and even affecting the parts of the spectrum invisible to human eyes. When laid upon another person, the staff reveals his or her true nature to both Genesis and themselves.

In human form, he possesses only typical human strength and endurance. He is a poor hand-to-hand combatant.

