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**INTRODUCING
THE NEW
FALCON**

And an update on his creator – Dr. Karl Malus!

The New Falcon!










In the past, The Marvel-Phile was one of the best resources for new and updated information pertaining to the Marvel Super Heroes Role-Playing Game. We are hoping to continue that fine tradition with the "New Marvel-Phile". We are certain that each edition will bring something new and exciting for those that still enjoy this great game. However, we are still not 100% on the format that we will be using. What is coming down the line in the future is still up in the air. Let us know if you like what we are doing here, or if you want to see something different. Requests are also welcome, but please bear in mind, that we cannot possibly

accommodate all requests. However we are hoping that this new format will be for the better, as in our opinion provides more options to our gamers.

Please enjoy and feel free to give us feedback.

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Apply Glue Here <small>™ & © 2017 MCG</small>	 Dr. Karl Malus	 Dr. Karl Malus	 Dr. Karl Malus
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STATISTICS:

F GD (10)
A EX (20)
S GD (10)
E IN (40)
R GD (10)
I EX (20)
P TY (6)

Health: 80

Karma: 36

Resources: TY (6)

Popularity: 5

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Joaquín Torres

Occupation: Adventurer

Legal Status: Mexican citizen, illegally residing in the United States

Identity: Secret

Other Known Aliases: None

Place of Birth: Mexico

Marital Status: Single

Known Relatives: Mariana Torres (grandmother)

Base of Operations: Mobile; formerly The Mount, Nevada; Captain America's HQ, Harlem, New York City, New York State; Tucson, Arizona

Past Group Affiliations: None

Present Group Affiliation: Champions

KNOWN POWERS:

Human/Bird/Vampire Hybrid: As a result of Karl Malus' experiments, Joaquín was turned into a hybrid between a falcon and a human. However, the falcon used to transform Joaquín was in-turn vampiric, giving the young man additional abilities which mostly manifested in being unable to revert his transformation. This provides him with the following powers:

Flight: Falcon is able to fly at Excellent Speed. The Falcon can carry up to 200 pounds in flight, or 400 if he makes a successful Strength FEAT roll, but must keep his arms in an outstretched, rigid position. He typically carries people with his legs.

Regeneration: Falcon regains 10 Health points per hour, or 1 every 6 minutes.

Psychic Link: Similarly to Sam Wilson, Joaquín shares a psychic link with Redwing. Because of that, Joaquín and Sam indirectly share a mental link, as



they can use Redwing as sort of a messenger to share thoughts with each other. He has used this indirect psychic link with Sam Wilson to increase his Fighting to Remarkable when they are in visual range (3 areas) from each other and Sam is able to see both Joaquín and his opponent.

Talents: Joaquín is new to the adventuring business, and has not yet acquired any talents.

Contacts: Joaquín can count on the new Captain America (Sam Wilson), Misty Knight, D-Man, and Ironheart.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Joaquín is still very young (having just graduated from high school) and idealistic, but he is also very enthusiastic about his new-found abilities. He also enjoys using social media to advertise his adventures. He is very passionate about the plight of immigrants in the United States.

HISTORY: Joaquín Torres came to the United States with his mother and grandmother when he was six years old. He lived in Tucson, Arizona, and he graduated from high school in the honor roll.

Joaquín also cared for the Mexican community, especially those trying to come to the United States. He would leave water, food and medicine for the people trying to cross the border. He was kidnapped by the Sons of the Serpent, as part of their agenda to capture people on the border to send them Karl Malus for experimenting.

Captain America was informed of Joaquín's disappearance by his grandmother Mariana, and the hero investigated the case and ultimately came to face Malus. Cap found Joaquín in Malus' New York base, where he had been experimenting on and turned into a falcon/human hybrid using Cap's own avian partner, Redwing. After Malus' defeat, Joaquín was rescued, and remained under Cap's care.

Unlike the condition of those experimented on by Malus, Joaquín's mutations didn't revert. It was discovered by Claire Temple that because Redwing himself was vampiric, some of the aspects of that condition were transferred over into Torres, most notably a regenerative factor that prevented the regression of his condition.

Joaquín played an important role in Captain America's fight against the Serpent Society. When the hero was kidnapped and thrown off a building, Redwing detected that his owner was in danger. Because Joaquín shared the

same psychic bond with Redwing as Sam did, he received the message, and flew to Captain America's location, successfully catching him in mid-air. However, the Serpent Society soon ganged up on Joaquín. Using the shared psychic link with Redwing, Wilson transmitted to Joaquín the moves he would use, allowing the young boy to hold his own against the serpent-themed villains.

Following the defeat of the Serpent Society once reinforcements arrived to help Cap and Joaquín, mainly in the form of Misty Knight and D-Man, Joaquín decided to become Captain America's sidekick, and assumed the mantle of the Falcon.

At the time when Hydra rose to power and conquered America, Joaquin and Ironheart joined the Champions as part of the resistance group.

STATISTICS:

F EX (20)
A RM (30)
S RM (30)
E IN (40)
R RM (30)
I EX (20)
P EX (20)

Health: 120

Karma: 70

Resources: PR (4)
(RM (30) when employed)

Popularity: -10

BACKGROUND

Real Name: Karlin Malus

Occupation: Criminal scientist; former surgeon, researcher, founder of Institute for Supranormality Research

Legal Status: US citizen with a criminal record

Identity: Malus does not use a dual identity

Other Known Aliases: Karl Malus, Doctor Malus, Carnage

Place of Birth: Mud Butte, South Dakota

Marital Status: Single

Known Relatives: Carnage Symbiote (former symbiote; genetic contributor)

Base of Operations: 68 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York City, New York; formerly San Francisco, California; Alaska; Titan; Avengers Mansion, Manhattan, New York City, New York; Montclair, New Jersey; Centerville, California

Past Group Affiliations: Formerly Frightful Four, Power Broker, Inc., Corporation, Institute for Supranormality Research; employed by the Fly, Power Man, creator of Armadillo, Ms. Marvel, and most of the Unlimited Class Wrestling Federation

Present Group Affiliation:

KNOWN POWERS:

Human/Symbiote hybrid: Dr. Karl Malus has somehow become a hybrid of a human and a symbiote after his final encounter with the Carnage symbiote. This provides him the following powers:

Symbiote Tendrils: Am, it can stick to In strength material. When it is disconnected for the symbiote, it dissolves in 1D10 x 5 minutes. It can be used to entangle or transportation (3



areas/round). Malus's tendrils can reach out a distance of up to 10 yards.

Claws: Ex Edged damage

Teeth: Gd Edged damage

Regeneration: Malus regains 3 Health points per hour, or 1 every 20 minutes.

WEAKNESSES:

Sensitivity to Sound: Malus is -3CS vs. Sonic attacks. Additionally, he must make a Yellow Endurance FEAT in order to avoid being stunned.

Sensitivity to Fire: Malus is -1CS vs. fire attacks.

Talents: Dr. Malus's degree is in biology, and he has Incredible reason in that field. His knowledge of chemistry and radiology gives him Amazing reason in the study of superhuman

physical structure and genetic manipulation techniques.

Contacts: Malus has contacts with the Corporation, and with Power Brokers, Inc. (now defunct), and possibly other high-tech criminal organizations (such as AIM, HYDRA, and Serpent Society). Additionally, he has worked with the Wizard and Klaw (although may not be on greatest of terms with them now).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Malus is a typical mad scientist who cares nothing for the people on whom he experiments, only for himself. Malus's chief goal is to get rich using his process of augmenting human abilities, a process which has led to tragedy for many of the test subjects. Malus is a cowardly man who does not want to get anywhere near superheroes, but whose activities inevitably involve them. It is not likely that he will give up his experiments, and any changes in them will be to improve the effectiveness of the superbeings, not decrease the hazards to the participants.

Since gaining his newfound powers, he has gained significant confidence. While he has the ability to confront heroes in battle, he still prefers to focus on his experiments and have them fight his battles for him.

HISTORY: Dr. Karl Malus was fascinated by the subject of superhuman powers since the first time he read a newspaper account of the Fantastic Four. Upon graduating with a degree in biology from the University of California at Los Angeles, he applied to various institutions for a grant to study supernormal capacities in depth. Unable to get any funding through legal means, Malus contacted certain wealthy investors active in the Los Angeles underworld. They set him up with a laboratory facility he immodestly called the Institute for Supranormality Research, despite the fact that he comprised its entire staff. The underworld provided him with human test subjects to experiment upon, usually individuals the mob sought to liquidate. Malus hoped eventually to find an individual who already had superhuman powers he could study. In the course of research, Malus came up with a number of special toxins and other chemical-based weaponry which he sold to such Los Angeles criminals as the Enforcer.

Malus's first recorded encounter with a superhuman being occurred when the criminal Fly sought out Malus to bolster his waning powers. Malus sent the Fly to steal some special equipment, but the theft led the Fly into battle with the original Spider-Woman. Malus determined to transfer the

Spider-Woman's powers into the Fly. He lured her to his laboratory by stealing the comatose body of the Spider-Woman's then-partner, criminologist Scott McDowell, who had been stricken by one of the Enforcer's toxic bullets. After the Spider-Woman defeated the Fly, Malus offered to resuscitate McDowell in exchange for lenient treatment. While reviving him, Malus injected McDowell with an extract of the Fly's blood, which days later caused McDowell's body temporarily to develop certain of the Fly's superhuman powers.

McDowell donned a costume Malus anonymously sent him and for several days wore it, calling himself the Hornet. Malus wanted McDowell to capture the Spider-Woman for study, but the ploy failed, and McDowell eventually returned to normal. About the same time, Jack Russell, unaware of Malus's criminal connections, contacted Malus in hope of finding a chemical means to curb his rampages as a werewolf on the three nights of the full moon. Malus instead placed a control-collar device on him which enabled him to force the Werewolf to battle Spider-Woman. When Spider-Woman freed the Werewolf, he attacked Malus, wounding him.

Upon his recovery, Malus served only a short sentence before being paroled. He returned to his laboratory to continue his experiments. The dancer calling himself Daddy Longlegs, who had ingested some of the growth formula invented by Henry Pym, sought Malus's help to cure him of his freakish condition. In treating him, Malus acquired a sample of Pym's serum taken from Daddy Longlegs' blood. When Erik Josten, the original Power Man, came to Malus for a means to renew the superhuman strength that the original Baron Zemo had given him, Malus decided to give Josten the Pym growth compound in addition to his strength-augmenting treatment. Hoping to finally have a superhuman accomplice, Malus gave Josten a new costume and suggested he call himself Goliath. Goliath was too powerful for Malus to control, however, and he abandoned him.

Malus later acquired yet another test subject when an ex-convict named Antonio Rodriguez requested Malus's

help to cure his wife of an undiagnosed ailment. Malus agreed if Rodriguez would submit to treatment. Malus transferred genetic material from an armadillo into Rodriguez's body, transforming him into a human armadillo. Malus then dispatched Armadillo to free Goliath from the custody of the West Coast Avengers, hoping to assemble a team of henchmen. Captain America defeated the Armadillo, however, and alerted the authorities to Malus's parole-violating activities.

While serving another short term in prison, Malus was contacted by Power Broker, Inc., a mysterious underworld corporation whose major business is the supplying of superhuman manpower to various clients. Malus agreed to join the company in return for getting out of jail. Power Broker, Inc., now supplies Malus and his fellow criminal scientists with all of the test subjects they can manage. One of Power Broker, Inc.'s major sources of clients is wrestlers who wish to have their strength augmented so they can qualify for the new Unlimited Class Wrestling Federation.

Malus utilizes the process by which he restored Erik Josten's strength to augment the power of the wrestlers. To ensure that the wrestlers keep paying twenty percent of their earnings to Power Broker, Inc., Malus has been administering a highly addictive synthetic drug to the wrestlers, who are told they will die without the drug to stabilize their power, but in reality they will only experience intense withdrawal symptoms. Only five out of ten persons who undergo the treatment emerge with superhuman strength; the rest become brain-damaged or physically disfigured. Among those treated who escaped addiction is Sharon Ventura, who became the new Ms. Marvel.

Malus's experiments were discovered by Captain America, who exposed them to legal authorities, with the help of Demolition Man and Night Shift. Malus was arrested and placed in prison.

Dr. Malus was then recruited by The Wizard to be the newest member of the Frightful Four, however after Carnage's resistance to be controlled, both The Wizard and Klaw subdued Dr. Malus long enough to transfer the

symbiote into his more easily controllable brain.

Along with a new "superior" Carnage, the villains attacked the City Hall in order to take over New York, but they found themselves against the Superior Spider-Man. During the battle, The Wizard lost control over Carnage, and Malus went rogue. Using a vibranium blade he found in the Wizard's hideout, Carnage stabbed Klaw in revenge. The disruption of Klaw's sonic body caused by the vibranium made the villain explode, blasting the symbiote off of Malus in the process. He was later eaten by the Wizard who was controlled by the newly freed Carnage symbiote.

Remarkably, Malus survived being ingested by the symbiote, and instead gestated inside its digestive track and emerged as a Human/Symbiote hybrid. He continued his experiments on human subjects, as an employee of the Serpent Solutions.

Most of his subjects were illegal immigrants, captured by the Sons of the Serpent in the Mexican/American border. These individuals were later brought to New York, where Malus experimented on them, turning them into animal hybrids. When Captain America (Sam Wilson) tracked his operations down, Malus used his symbiotic abilities to capture him and turn him into "Cap-Wolf." After being liberated from Malus' old warehouse by Misty Knight, Captain America followed him and subdued him, taking advantage of the Symbiotes' natural weakness against high pitched sounds by using his companion Redwing's sonic cannon.

Dr. Malus's experiments:

- Armadillo (Antonio Rodriguez)
- Bantam (Roberto Velasquez)
- Battleaxe (Anita Ehren)
- Battlestar (Lemar Hoskins)
- Falcon II (Joaquín Torres)
- Gladiatrix (Robin Braxton)
- Hammerhand (Rico Lazar)
- Hardball (Roger Brokeridge)
- Left-Winger (Hector Lennox)
- Letha (Helen Feliciano)
- Magilla (Sandy Stalmaster)
- Misfit (Mitchell Godey)
- Ms. Marvel (Sharon Ventura)
- Poundcakes (Marian Pouncy)
- Right-Winger (Jerome Johnson)
- Screaming Mimi/Songbird (Melissa Gold)
- Sushi (Susan Hayakawa)
- Titania/Lascivious (Davida Devito)
- U.S. Agent (John Walker)
- Vagabond (Priscilla Lyons)