

**MAXIMUM RIDE** DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HER PAST.

SHE KNOWS ABOUT THE **LAB** WHERE SHE WAS GIVEN WINGS AND THE ABILITY TO FLY. SHE KNOWS ABOUT **JEB**, THE MAN WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPERIMENTING ON HER. SHE KNOWS THAT SHE HAS TO PROTECT THE REST OF **THE FLOCK** -- FANG, NUDGE, IGGY, GASMAN, AND ANGEL -- AT ALL COSTS.

AND SHE KNOWS THAT SHE HAS ONE MISSION: TO SAVE THE WORLD.

JAMES PATTERSON

# MAX RIDE

## ULTIMATE FLIGHT

ADAPTED FROM THE NOVEL, *MAXIMUM RIDE: SCHOOL'S OUT FOREVER*, BY JAMES PATTERSON



FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME, **MAXIMUM RIDE** AND THE REST OF **THE FLOCK** ARE GETTING A CHANCE AT A NORMAL LIFE: SCHOOL, FILLING MEALS, AND A SAFE PLACE TO STAY WITH AN FBI AGENT, **ANNE**.

YET, THINGS SEEM ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. PLAGUED WITH WORRY, MAX HAS TAKEN EVERY PRECAUTION POSSIBLE TO PROTECT HER FAMILY FROM **ARI** AND THE **ERASERS**, DETERMINED TO NOT LET ANYONE HARM THE ONES SHE LOVES MOST, OR WORSE, BRING THEM BACK TO THE LAB.

MEANWHILE, THE NEVER-ENDING SEARCH FOR THEIR BIOLOGICAL FAMILIES CONTINUES, WITH **IGGY'S** PARENTS FINALLY BEING FOUND!

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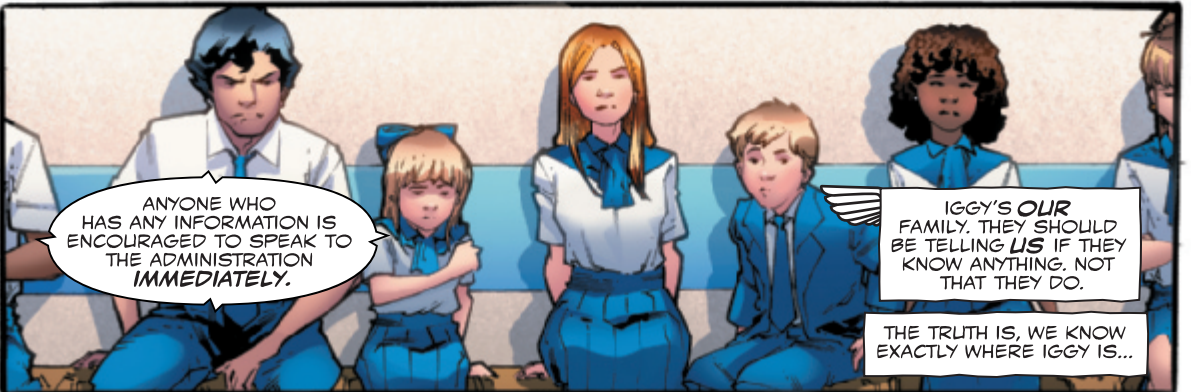
ONE OF OUR STUDENTS, **IGGY WALKER**, WAS REPORTED MISSING SEVERAL DAYS AGO BY HIS AUNT.



IGGY HAS ONLY BEEN A STUDENT WITH US A SHORT TIME.



HOWEVER, THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ANY OF OUR STUDENTS IS A CONCERN TO US.

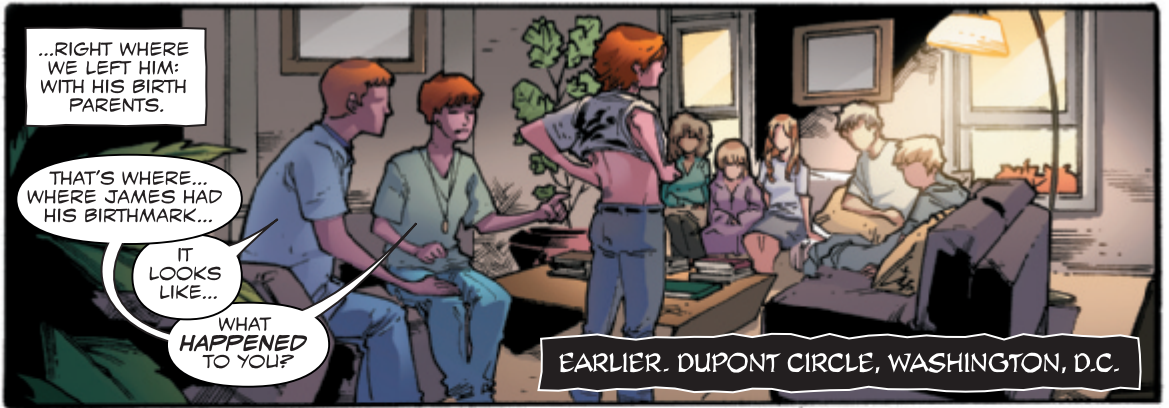


ANYONE WHO HAS ANY INFORMATION IS ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK TO THE ADMINISTRATION IMMEDIATELY.

IGGY'S OUR FAMILY. THEY SHOULD BE TELLING **US** IF THEY KNOW ANYTHING. NOT THAT THEY DO.

THE TRUTH IS, WE KNOW EXACTLY WHERE IGGY IS...





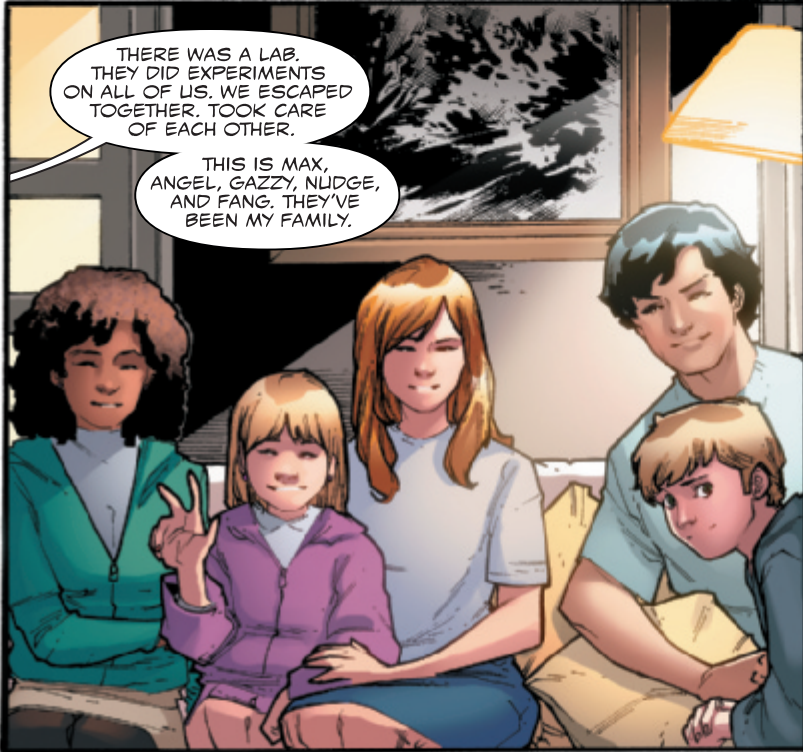
...RIGHT WHERE WE LEFT HIM: WITH HIS BIRTH PARENTS.

THAT'S WHERE... WHERE JAMES HAD HIS BIRTHMARK...

IT LOOKS LIKE...

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

EARLIER. DUPONT CIRCLE, WASHINGTON, D.C.



THERE WAS A LAB. THEY DID EXPERIMENTS ON ALL OF US. WE ESCAPED TOGETHER. TOOK CARE OF EACH OTHER.

THIS IS MAX, ANGEL, GAZZY, NUDGE, AND FANG. THEY'VE BEEN MY FAMILY.



EXPERIMENTS. IS THAT WHY YOU'RE...

BLIND? YEAH. THAT'S PART OF IT.



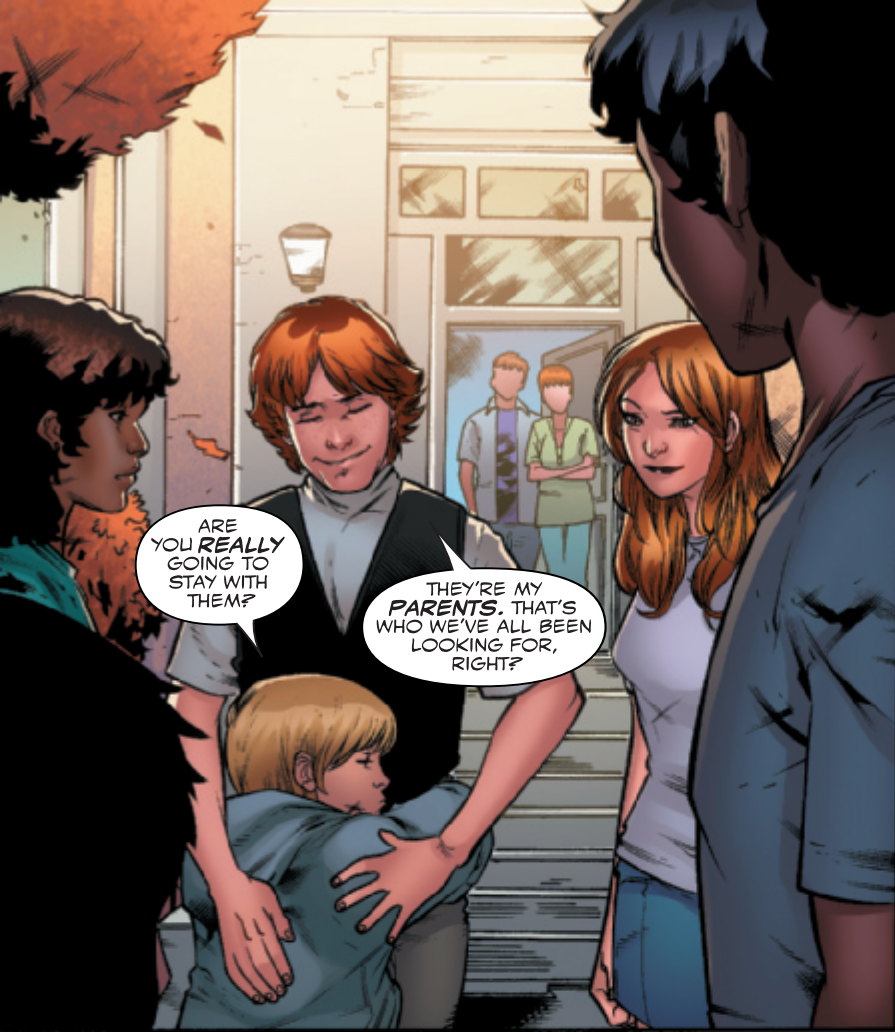
AND THIS IS THE REST.

I KNOW IT'S A LOT. I KNOW I'M...



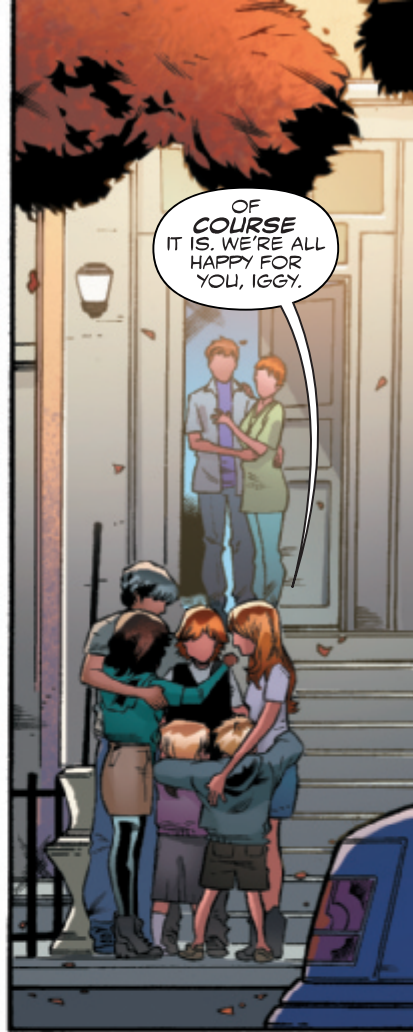
YOU'RE HOME, JAMES. YOU'RE HOME. AND THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS.





ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO STAY WITH THEM?

THEY'RE MY PARENTS. THAT'S WHO WE'VE ALL BEEN LOOKING FOR, RIGHT?



OF COURSE IT IS. WE'RE ALL HAPPY FOR YOU, IGGY.



YOU GUYS ARE NEXT. I KNOW YOU ARE.

AND THAT'S HOW OUR FAMILY BROKE.



LYING TO ANNE WAS THE HARDEST PART. SHE'S TRIED SO HARD TO TAKE CARE OF US.

AND NONE OF YOU SAW HIM LEAVE? NO IDEA WHERE HE MIGHT HAVE GONE?

NO. HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO US.

THE OTHERS DON'T KNOW, BUT SHE TOLD ME BEFORE THANKSGIVING THAT SHE WANTED TO ADOPT US. MAKE US ALL A REAL FAMILY.

DO YOU THINK *MAYBE* WE SHOULDN'T BE EATING BIRDS? IS IT SOME KIND OF SEMI-CANNIBALISM?

THE ONLY PERSON WHO EVER TRIED TO MAKE US INTO A FAMILY WAS JEB.

AND THE WHOLE TIME HE WAS JUST ANOTHER SCIENTIST GETTING HIS KICKS TOYING WITH OUR HEADS.

WHAT ARE YOU--

THAT'S... NOT THE MATTER AT HAND NOW, NUDGE.

I KNOW IGGY THINKS HE'S SELF-RELIANT, BUT FOR ALL HIS POWERS, HE IS STILL *BLIND*.

DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT PLANNING TO TELL ANYONE YOUR SECRET.

BUT IT'S TIME TO GET THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES INVOLVED.

MAYBE THIS TIME IT COULD HAVE REALLY WORKED.

BUT I *PROMISED* THE KIDS WE'D FIND THEIR BIRTH PARENTS. AND FEELING SORRY FOR SOME FBI AGENT WE'VE ONLY KNOWN A COUPLE MONTHS DOESN'T CHANGE THAT.

HELLO, I'D LIKE TO REPORT A MISSING MINOR...

