

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.

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MAX RIDE

FINAL FLIGHT

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MAXIMUM RIDE AND **THE FLOCK** HAD BEEN LIVING A PEACEFUL, IF NOMADIC, EXISTENCE, BELIEVING THE THREAT OF THE ITEX CORPORATION WAS BEHIND THEM. MAX AND FANG WENT OFF IN SEARCH OF A PERMANENT HOME, BUT THE REST OF THE FLOCK WAS KIDNAPPED IN THEIR ABSENCE. THE SEARCH FOR THEIR FAMILY LANDED MAX AND **FANG** AS PRISONERS, TOO, BUT THE WHOLE CREW ESCAPED WITH THE HELP OF **ARI**, AN ERASER AND FORMER ENEMY OF THE FLOCK.

FREE ONCE MORE, THE FLOCK SPLIT INTO TWO FACTIONS, WITH FANG, **IGGY** AND **GAZZY** TRAVELING TO SPREAD THE WORD OF THEIR ONGOING STRUGGLE VIA THE MEDIA, WHILE MAX, **ANGEL**, **NUDGE**, **TOTAL**, AND **ARI** TOOK THE FIGHT TO ITEX'S VARIOUS FACILITIES. SNEAKING IN TO THE MAIN HEADQUARTERS, MAX AND HER TEAM WERE SPOTTED BY ITEX'S DIRECTOR, WHO LAID A SHOCKING TRUTH ON MAX: THAT SHE IS MAX'S MOTHER!

NUDGE WAS ABLE TO GET A MESSAGE OUT TO FANG AND CREW, WHO NOW RACE TO THE RESCUE. MEANWHILE, SINCE MAX AND THE FLOCK REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH THE DIRECTOR AND HER PARTNERS IN THE BY-HALF PLAN--ITEX'S SCHEME TO WIPE OUT HALF THE WORLD'S POPULATION--ITEX HAS MOVED FORWARD INTO THE NEXT PHASE OF THEIR GENETIC ENGINEERING, EVIDENCED IN THEIR NEWEST SPECIMEN: **OMEGA**.

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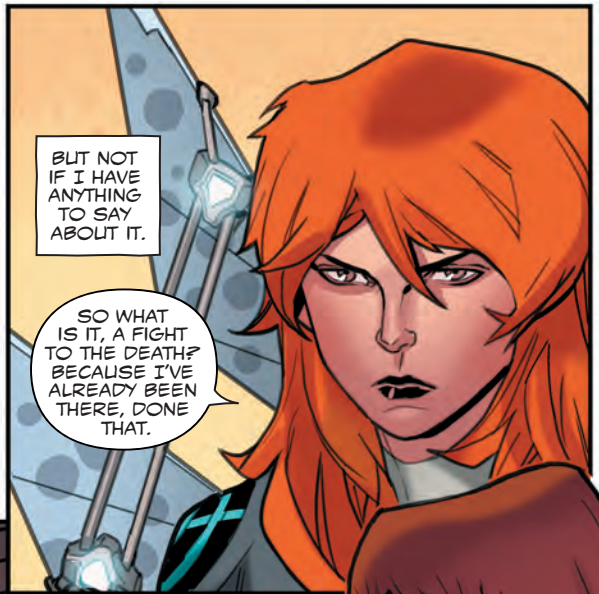
SO THIS IS WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO.



ME VERSUS THE LATEST IN HYBRID TECHNOLOGY FOR THE FATE OF THE WORLD.



ITEX, THE CORPORATION THAT MADE US ALL, WANTS TO KILL OFF HALF OF HUMANITY. REBUILD THE WORLD IN THEIR OWN IMAGE.



BUT NOT IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT.

SO WHAT IS IT, A FIGHT TO THE DEATH? BECAUSE I'VE ALREADY BEEN THERE, DONE THAT.



HAHAHAHA
HAHA!



STRENGTH.

ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FLOCK ARE FAR STRONGER THAN HUMANS.

BUT OMEGA ISN'T HUMAN. WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY MADE HIM OUT OF?

HM...MAYBE I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT AFTER ALL.

...OR MAYBE I DO.

WINNER: OMEGA!

